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TOWN REPORT
Year Ending June 30, 2024

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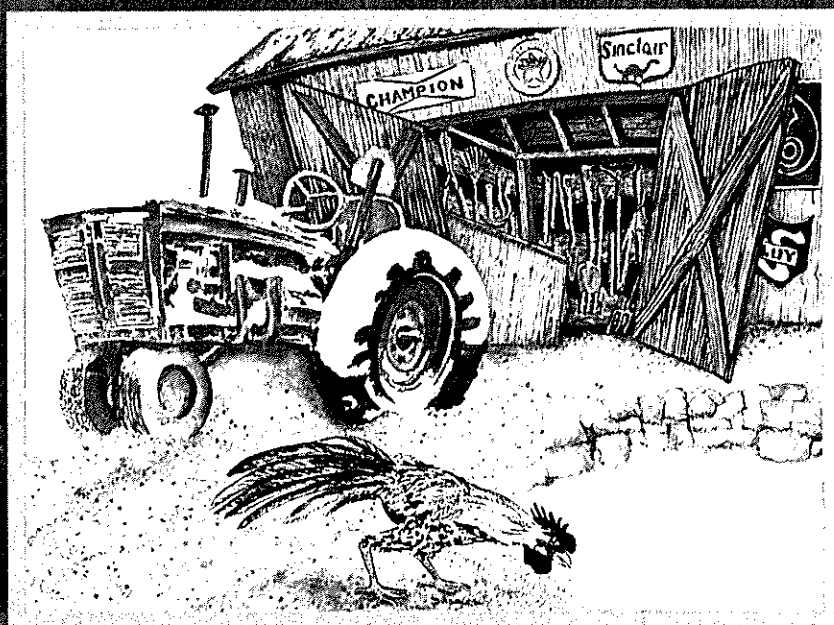
AUTUMN NON-SONNET

*All day there is a fire
 in the yellow maples behind
 the house and the mind
 in back of the eyes never tries
 or tries of sensing treetops
 penetrating a blue field
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*so plain and plangent
 beneath the open gaze
 of everything dumb
 the black soil becoming
 just the way it is
 dead flies on the sill*



Char Gardner, *Flanders Hill*, watercolor



John Bindrum, *Hubbard's Farm*, watercolor



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The Select Board
Town of Rochester, Vermont

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rochester, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 (not presented herein), which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. Our independent auditor's report and the Town's audited financial statements are available at the Town Office.

We have not been engaged to audit the financial data as presented in the Town Report. Accordingly, we express no opinion on such financial data.

Pace & Hawley, LLC

Berlin, Vermont
January 10, 2025

WARNING

Town of Rochester, Vermont ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD

**MONDAY NIGHT ~ March 3, 2025~ 7:00 PM
Rochester School Auditorium**

The legal voters of the Town of Rochester, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Rochester School Auditorium, 222 South Main Street, in said town on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. to transact the following business:

Article 1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To elect all Town Officers required by law:

1. To elect a Selectboard Member ~ 3-year term.
2. To elect a Selectboard Member ~ 1-year term.
3. To elect a Town Clerk ~ 3-year term
4. To elect a Town Treasurer ~ 3-year term
5. To elect a Lister ~ 3-year term.
6. To elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes ~ 1-year term.
7. To elect a Library Trustee ~ 5-year term.
8. To elect a Library Trustee ~ 1-year term.
9. To elect a Trustee of Public Funds ~ 3-year term.
10. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner ~ 5-year term.

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791?

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize payment of real taxes in four (4) installments, with due dates being Friday, August 15, 2025; Monday, November 17, 2025; Tuesday, February 17, 2026, and Friday, May 15, 2026, by physical delivery to the tax collector before 4:00 PM on those dates with postmarks not accepted as proof of delivery?

Article 5. Shall the voters authorize total highway and general fund expenditures of \$1,572,988 of which \$1,227,915 shall be raised by taxes?

Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate \$52,313 towards operating expenses of the Rochester Public Library?

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate \$21,420 to continue funding recycling with North Star Rubish Removal LLC from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026?

Article 8. Shall the voters approve the transfer of any remaining FY26 Fire Department budgeted funds to the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article 9. Shall the voters approve the transfer of any remaining FY26 Skatespace budgeted funds to the Skatespace Reserve Fund?

Article 10. Shall the voters support the White River Headwaters Pilot Project to create and leave our kids a prosperous, deep-topsoil valley that is safe from flooding, led by participating farmers, loggers and other community members, and supported by Land Care Cooperative and LandWEB?

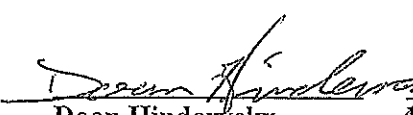
Article 11. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the following sums as requested by these community agencies:

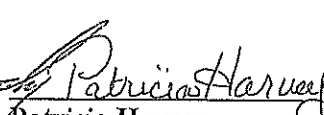
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| Central VT Council on Aging | 1,500.00 |
| Clara Martin Center | 1,033.00 |
| Green Up Vermont | 50.00 |
| Orange County Parent Child Center | 150.00 |
| Quintown Senior Center | 4,925.50 |
| SafeLine, Inc. | 125.00 |
| Tri-Valley Transport (formerly Stagecoach) | 650.00 |
| VNH – Visiting Nurse Association | 2,400.00 |
| White River Partnership | 437.50 |
| WomenSafe | 125.00 |
| Total | \$11,396.00 |

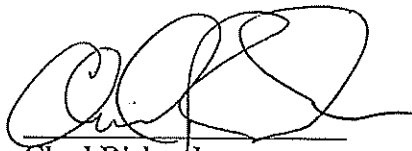
Article 12. To transact any other legal and proper business to be brought before said meeting.

Dated at Rochester, Vermont this _____ day of February 2025.

ROCHESTER SELECTBOARD


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Patricia Harvey


Chad Richardson

Received at _____ this _____ day of February 2025 for Recording

Attest: _____, Julie Smith, Rochester Town Clerk

Daniel F. McKinley
3/31/24

**Annual Town Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2024
7:00 PM
Rochester High School Auditorium**

Dan McKinley called the meeting to order at 7pm. Dan shared the invocation he borrowed from the Town of Danville to bring the community together. He led the assembly to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. He reviewed the governance of the state law in Robert's Rules of Order. Dan noted there were two microphone runners this evening, Caden Ostro and Mariah Swedick. He said the business of tonight's meeting will be conducted from pages 4-6 in the Town Report. He noted there is one typo he wanted to call out in Article 10. The amount in that article is stated 'Voters to appropriate \$20,400'. The real number that is in the budget is \$21,420 and can be found on page 38 of the Town Report. He asked that any non-registered voters to raise their hand. He asked voters if they did not object to allowing them to speak during the meeting. There were no objections.

Dan introduced Senator Ruth Hardy to share some words. Senator Ruth Hardy gave a brief update about what was happening in the legislature. She shared that she serves on the Health and Welfare Committee and how last year passed the large childcare bill, ACT 76. She also chairs the Government Operations Committee where she shared a couple of the updates that the committee has been working on. One, is an update to the open meeting laws. During the pandemic, public bodies are all subject to open meeting laws to allow for the public to attend. The meetings were allowed to meet during the pandemic through ZOOM. That allowance will end on June 30th of this year. The committee has updated the open meeting laws to allow for flexibility so any advisory or subcommittee boards, small non taxing or legislative capabilities can still meet through zoom fully or hybrid. All other boards and committees will have to meet in person or if remotely will need an in-person location for them to attend. The other big bill she explained, was the government response to flooding. She said this would update the emergency response system, emergency alert system and state statutes related to storm water districts and utilities. This also updates provisions related to first responders, specifically to public works departments. This also provides a grant program for towns to apply for upgrades to the infrastructure to avoid flooding in the future. She shared that the legislature has been working on housing issues like ACT 250. She said they have also been working closely on school funding issues. She said they did pass a bill known as H850 that did limit some of the tax increases. She encouraged us to talk to school board members and read about the school budget proposal before voting on it.

Representative Kirk White shared his roles in the past year. He shared how they are working on affordable housing and ways to combat the homeless. He works on the Public Safety committee to improve the justice and corrections systems. Working support with working lands, farmers, and loggers. He worked on the Commerce and Economic Development Committee. Commerce is everything that regulates business, such as insurance, consumer protection and economic development. He shared how in the last year his committee spent a lot of time on the work force development piece to upskill programs for better jobs. He said they set up grants for forgivable loans for nurses and teachers that would forgive the loans if they stayed in Vermont after they graduated. He shared how his committee worked on Baby Bonds to help with generational poverty. He shared how he is working on Captive Insurance and Vermont is #1 domicile in the world to have captive insurance. He said they worked on various other programs such as Vt film commissions and data privacy.

Article 1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

Martha Slater nominated Dan McKinley, seconded by Judy Jensen. No further nominations. The moderator asked the clerk to cast one ballot for Dan McKinley.

Article 2. To elect all Town Officers required by law:

1. Selectboard member~3-year term. Sandy Haas nominated Pat Harvey, seconded by Kathryn Schenkman. No further nominations. The moderator asked the clerk to cast one ballot for Pat Harvey.
2. Lister~3-year term. Frank Russell nominated Jessica Arsenault, seconded by Pat Harvey. No further nominations. The moderator asked the clerk to cast one ballot for Jessica Arsenault.
3. Collector of Delinquent Taxes. ~1-year term. Rebecca Klein was nominated by Kristen LaPell and seconded by Judy Jensen. No further nominations. The moderator asked the clerk to cast one ballot for Rebecca Klein.
4. Library Trustee~5-year term. Frank Russell nominated Kelly Kelly. Kelly Kelly respectfully declined the nomination. Lauren Scogin was nominated by Kelly Kelly and seconded by Richard White. No further nominations. The moderator asked the clerk to cast one ballot for Lauren Scogin.
5. Trustee of Public Funds~3-year term. Nancy Woolley nominated Barb DeHart and was seconded by Frank Russell. No further nominations. The moderator asked the clerk to cast one ballot for Barb DeHart.
6. Cemetery Commissioner~5-year term. Tom Paquette nominated Nancy Woolley and was seconded by Frank Russell. No further nominations. The moderator asked the clerk to cast one ballot for Nancy Woolley.

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in four (4) installments, with due dates being Thursday, August 15, 2024, Friday, November 15, 2024, Monday, February 17, 2025, and Thursday, May 15, 2025, by physical delivery to tax collector before 4:00 PM on those dates with postmarks not accepted as proof of delivery?

David Marmor moved the article, seconded by Judy Jensen. No discussion. Ayes have it. Article 3 passes.

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize total highway and general fund expenditures of \$1,386,286.00 of which \$1,013,384.00 shall be raised by taxes?

Barbara Shenton moved the article, seconded by Judy Jensen. No discussion. Ayes have it. Article 4 passes.

Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate \$50,789.48 towards operating expenses of the Rochester Public Library?

Judy Jensen moved the article, seconded by Barbara Shenton. No discussion. Ayes have it. Article 5 passes.

Article 6. Shall the voters approve to transfer any remaining FY24 Fire Department budgeted funds to Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?

Sandy Haas moved the article, seconded by Barbara Shenton. No discussion. Ayes have it. Article 6 passes.

Article 7. Shall the voters approve to transfer any remaining FY24 Recreation Department budgeted funds to the Recreation Reserve Fund?

Barbara Shenton moved the article, seconded by Frank Russell. No discussion. Ayes have it. Article 7 passes.

Article 8. Shall the town give the Selectboard general authority to enter into tax stabilization contracts with owners, lessees, bailees, or operators of commercial or industrial property, pursuant to 24 V.S.A §2741(b) (1)?

Frank Russell moved the motion, seconded by Dick White. Frank Russell looked at this specific statute online and asked if (b) (1) is the wording correct to how we conduct business, asking the selectboard? Doon shared the wording given by legal counsel to be proper on the warning would give the general authority to the selectboard and the opportunity to present any issue to the voters and not so much the

selectboard deciding. Frank asked if that is the authority the board has generally? Doon said this would give the voters a voice to make the decision. Frank asked if it is limited authority for the selectboard. Frank asked if they were expecting a lot of applications for stabilization. Doon said this is one step towards the ability to stimulate economic development and to support it. Rob Meadows asked for an explanation of what the stabilization would mean. Doon said one example of this was when Advanced Illumination moved to the former Oatmeal Studios building, part of the transfer with the help of Vermont Economic Development was an arrangement for a 5-year tax stabilization to allow them time to get back on their feet after Tropical Storm Irene and generate more jobs. Kathryn Schenkman asked if this article had appeared before the voters prior, and asked if this is new and what is the circumstances brought this article to this year's vote. Doon said this is new and looking forward to being supportive to new businesses and economic development in town. Rob Meadows stated to give the selectboard general authority to enter contracts there is nothing in the article that says they will do the prework and then come to the voters, and yes, we will give a tax break. He said it seems vague and that he is not against it, just the wording is giving general authority entering a contract and shouldn't it say general authority to enter a conversation and then bring it to the voters since it has a significant impact on the tax. Doon suggested moving to amend the article. Dane Cooley asked if there is a formula for the stabilization process. Doon said this would be tailored to each specific case. Judy Jenson asked to amend the article to say that they can enter into discussions pursuant to tax stabilization contracts of which will come before the voters, with owners, lessees, bailees, or operators of commercial or industrial property, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2741? Doon seconded the motion. Dan reread the amended article. Shall the town give the selectboard general authority to enter discussions pursuant to tax stabilization contracts with owners, lessees, bailees, or operators of commercial or industrial property pursuant to state statute which would then come before voters? Robin Bebo-Long asked if this was for new property owners or existing property owners. Pat shared it is for economic growth for existing or new businesses. Robin Fiske asked how it would come before the voters. Doon said they would call a special public meeting. Mary Fratini said the language needs to be changed to the amendment to include brought before the voters. Carrie Burkhard asked if it is the statutory intent to have a vote, saying pursuant to the statute, if the statute is taking about the selectboard having the power to enter contracts that would be the statutory language not bring it to conversations. She is concerned about the statutory language wording by amending it. Frank Russell said the statutory language is written in (b) (1) perhaps it should be changed to (b) (2) that already gives the proper statutory language and reads provide limited authority to its legislative branch to negotiate contracts, which shall be effective upon ratification by a majority of those present and voting at an annual or special meeting warned for that purpose. Doon amended the amendment scratching the language and substituting the (b) (1) with (b) (2) and Marmor seconded. No discussion. Dan reread the statute. Shall the town give the Selectboard general authority to enter into tax stabilization contracts with owners, lessees, bailees, or operators of commercial or industrial property, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2741 (b) (2)? No discussion. Martha called the question. Debate ended. Ayes have it. Reread the amended article. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 9. Shall the voters vote to appropriate the following sums as requested by these community agencies:

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| Central VT Council on Aging | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Clara Martin Center | \$ 2,066.00 |
| Green Up Vermont | \$ 100.00 |
| Orange County Parent Child Center | \$ 250.00 |
| Quintown Community Center | \$ 9,849.00 |
| Safeline, Inc | \$ 250.00 |
| Tri-Valley Transport | \$ 1,300.00 |
| Vermont Rural Fire Hydrant | \$ 100.00 |
| VNH-Visiting Nurse Association | \$ 4,800.00 |
| White River Partnership | \$ 875.00 |

Martha Slater moved the article, seconded by Sandy Haas. Larry Pleasant asked what SAFELINE Inc is. Pat Harrinton, representative for Safeline spoke and explained they are an organization out of Chelsea that provides services for woman and children of sexual abuse. She said they have a hot line, and she can provide the phone number for that organization. Mary Fratini said Safeline has a report on page 86 in the Town Report. No further discussion. Ayes have it. Article 9 passes.

Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate \$21,420.00 to continue funding the North Star Rubbish Removal, LLC recycling program from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025?

Moved by Larry Straus, seconded by Frank Russell. Martha expressed gratitude and kindness for the owners of North Star. Larry Straus amended the article to correct the clerical error to read \$21,420.00 because it was warned incorrectly. Judy Jensen seconded the amendment. Dan reread the amendment. No further discussion. Ayes have it. Dan reread the amended article for vote. Ayes, have it. Article 10 passes.

Article 11. Shall the voters approve to transfer \$8,000 from the Reappraisal Reserve Fund to the General Fund on July 1, 2024, for the purpose of reducing taxes for the coming fiscal year?

Kathryn Schenkman moved the article, and Carrie Burkhart seconded the article. Diane White asked when we will have our next reappraisal and why we are moving this money out of the reserve account. Pat Harvey explained last year they thought the reappraisal would be happening soon, so they voted to have \$8,000 moved into the reserve fund to make sure to have sufficient funds to cover the costs. She said since then the state had asked the town to be reappraised. She explained they sent out quotes for reappraisal and will have enough money to cover the costs and asked to return last year's contribution to the general fund. No further discussion. Ayes, have it. Article 11 passes.

Article 12 Shall the voters approve to transfer \$10,000 from the Cemetery Reserve Account to the General fund to offset cemetery budgeted expenses?

Barbara Shenton moved the article and Nancy Woolley seconded. Judy Jensen asked if you are transferring \$10,000 out of the account to offset cemetery budgeted expenses, does that mean there is more than they need in there. Doon explained the cemetery expenses lined up for the budget this year, there is a reserve fund for maintenance and such and was generously offered by the cemetery commission to help keep the budget to a moderate increase. Discussion closed. Moved to vote. Ayes, have it. Article 12 passes.

Article 13. Shall the voters approve to transfer \$8,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to the General Fund?

Carrie Burkhart moved the article and Judy Jensen seconded it. Frank Russell asked what is the purpose of the Revolving Loan Fund? Doon shared it was started in the 50's and 60's to pay for various things. Someone asked if the loan still exists, and Doon said this did not close out the fund. Kathryn asked if it was used to help people with issues. Carrie asked how much was in the fund and Kristen shared \$8,008.00. No further discussion. Moved to vote. Ayes, have it. Article 13 passes.

Article 14. Shall general obligation notes or bonds of the Town of Rochester in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty-Three Dollars and Zero Cents (\$359,243.00) payable from the Town's general fund, derived from the taxation of real property for a period not to exceed thirty years, and subject to reduction by available grants-in-aid or other funding sources, be issued to finance the cost of removing and replacing the existing West Hill Road (TH-37) bridge with a bridge on a modified alignment, and associated roadway and channel work (together, the "Project")?

Dan reminded this article can only be discussed and voted by Australian Ballot. Moved by John White, seconded by Nancy Woolley. Martha asked if this work had already been done and if this was the money to pay for it. Kathryn asked if grant money paid for it, and this is the balance left over. Frank shared the

project was started in 2019, going through the pandemic the government had designed the bridge. The government awarded us with a grant. The original cost was \$660,000. We secured \$775,000 in grant funds. The bid finally went out in February 2023. The four bids received the lowest was 1.2 million and we were subject to lose \$775,000 in funds. The board decided to build the bridge with the lowest bidder. The balance was \$359,243. He said we decided to build knowing the cost would not go down. He explained that if the article does not pass the taxpayers will be subject to the costs divided over 4 years. That would be a hard hit to the tax base for the next four years. The funds we received came from the US Forest Service (\$600,000) and VTrans (\$175,000). Frank Russell asked if there are any other funding sources. Frank stated there are no further funding sources. Discussion ended.

Article 15. Shall the Town adopt the following Declaration of Inclusion?

The Town of Rochester condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, age, disability, or socioeconomic status, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community. As a town, we formally condemn all discrimination in all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community, and will strive to ensure all of our actions, policies, and operating procedures reflect this commitment. The Town of Rochester has and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinions.

Barbara Shenton moved the article and was seconded by Dane Cooley. Pat said the selectboard strongly suggests inserting five words in between operating procedures and reflect this commitment to say and operating procedures from this day forward reflect this commitment. She said they do not want to go back and amend old policies. The amendment has been seconded by Dane Cooley. Dan reread the amended article. Mason Wade asked if the delinquencies on page 88, could have the names replaced with account numbers in reference to this article if passed. Doon said it is a good point and could be further discussed if this article passes. Mary Fratini said the current amended article would need to be passed, the specific question of this example of whether posting someone's name for being delinquent of taxes is an example of a policy that would discriminate against them for their socioeconomic status would be something to bring up a subsequent selectboard meeting to be a change in policy moving forward. Dane Cooley how does the inclusion affect the town. Doon said not in any way. Tom called the question. Ayes have it to move to a vote. Dan reread the sentence where the amendment was made. As a town, we formally condemn all discrimination in all its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community, and will strive to ensure all of our actions, policies, and operating procedures from this day forward reflect this commitment. The Town of Rochester has and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinions. Ayes have it for the amended article. Doon said how did this come across our desk. Doon said it was presented to the board and they wanted to bring it to the community to decide. Kathryn Schenkman shared in the towns past there was a list of people who were listed on the Poor Farm supported by the town and every penny spent on them. She said we do not have the Poor Farm anymore, but we do have a charitable fund. She said we have evolved from that and now more confidential. Lizzy Shackelford shared its very low cost and very low risk. She said it can give grounds for concerns in the future. Rob Gardner felt Mason brings a good point for the Delinquent Tax list. Mary Fratini shared that what she understands is it is a principle the town commits to. Walt Wells called the question. Ayes, have it to end the discussion. Amended article was read. The Town of Rochester condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, age, disability, or socioeconomic status, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community. As a town, we formally condemn all discrimination in all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community, and will strive to ensure all of our actions, policies, and operating procedures from this day forward reflect this commitment. The Town of Rochester has and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinions. Aye, have it. Article 15 passes as amended.

Article 16. To transact any other legal and proper business to be brought before said meeting.

Mason spoke about reminding everyone about the climate emergency initiative that was passed and when he read the four-page report from the US Forest Service to the town. He stated this is the biggest issue of our lives right now and to read the report and not see the climate issues in the report and our expectations of what they are doing. The large fires that are migrating. He feels we need more response to the environmental concerns. Kathryn Schenkman asked about the lighting in the parking lot and who is responsible for the lighting. The board shared it was the school's responsibility. Deb Sherer said the electric company must do something about the lights. She asked that we applaud Mariah for running the microphones this evening. Kelly Kelly made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Julie Smith

Who's Who in Local Government
A Publication of the Office of the Secretary of State ~ 2018

Serving in local office is a great way to give something back to our community. So why don't you take a turn? Here are the offices you can choose from:

Officials Elected at Town Meeting

Moderator ~ Runs the Annual and Special Town/School Meetings. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Roberts Rules of Order.

Selectboard Member ~ General supervision and control over town; enacts ordinances, regulations, and policies for town; oversees town property and personnel; prepares, presents, and manages budget; oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing and reclassifying roads. Sits as local board of health, liquor control commission and sewer commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin.

Town Clerk ~ Records, preserves, and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, marriage, civil union licenses and motor vehicle, snowmobile, and motorboat renewals. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the Board of Civil Authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town.

Town Treasurer ~ Keeps the town and school accounts (unless a separate school treasurer is elected), invests money (with the approval of the legislative body), keeps a record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him or her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.

Lister ~ Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm, and not oversensitive to criticism.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes ~ Collects delinquent taxes for the town and conducts tax sales. Should be good with numbers and able to work with people who are in difficult circumstances.

Trustee of Public Funds ~ Manages, invests, and reports on real and personal property held in trust by the town. This includes cemetery trust funds. Should like investing money.

Cemetery Commissioner ~ Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. Terms are for five years.

Justices of the Peace ~ Elected every two years. Duties of the Justices of the Peace fall into five categories of responsibilities: elections, tax abatement & appeals, marriages, oaths & Notary and Magistrate.

Board of Civil Authority ~ Members of Selectboard, Town Clerk, Justices of Peace

Local Officials Appointed by the Legislative Body

Health Officer ~ Appointed by the Commissioner of Health to a 3-year term upon recommendation of the Selectboard. Enforces rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.

Constable (First & Second) ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Operating under Vermont Statutes, in some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all powers of search, seizure and arrest within the town. In other towns the constable only has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and, if the First Constable, to collect taxes, if no tax collector is elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts.

Planning Commissioners ~ Appointed unless town votes to elect. Duties include preparing a municipal plan, making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation, and to participate in a regional planning program. Makes site plan and subdivision permit decisions unless there is a Development Review Board in town. Should have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.

Zoning Administrator ~ Appointed by the Planning Commission with the approval of the Selectboard. Approves or denies applications for zoning permits. Administers the municipal bylaws literally. Enforces regulations pertaining to the Zoning Ordinance.

Fire Warden ~ Appointed by the State Fire Commissioner with approval of the Selectboard. Prevents forest fires in the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires. Issues permits for open burning within the Town. Term is for five years.

Road Commissioner ~ Appointed by the Selectboard, the Road Commissioner has no independent authority, but assists the Selectboard in overseeing town highways. Should have experience with town highways and be a good communicator.

Regional Planning Commission Representative ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Helps develop the regional plan and assess municipal land use plans but has no independent authority.

Animal Control Officer (Pound keeper) ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Enforces ordinances and cares for the animals that are impounded within the town.

Humane Officer ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Enforces State and Federal regulations surrounding the humane and proper treatment of all animals. Works closely with Animal Control Officer & Constables.

Emergency Management Coordinator ~ Responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the Town's committee that is formed for emergency management. The coordinator is under the direct control of the Selectboard but may coordinate his or her emergency management efforts with neighboring towns and cities and with the state emergency management division, and with the federal government.

Tree Warden ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Plans and implements a shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public places. Recommends the removal of diseased, dying, or dead trees which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs.

**Town of Rochester
Elected Officials**

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Moderator | Dan McKinley | 2025 |
| Selectboard: | Doon Hinderyckx, Chair | 2025 |
| | Chad Richardson-appointed | 2025 |
| | Patricia Harvey | 2027 |
| Town Clerk | Julie Smith | 2025 |
| Town Treasurer | Julie Smith | 2025 |
| Listers: | Caroline Meagher | 2025 |
| | Louis Donnet | 2026 |
| | Jessica Arsenault | 2027 |
| Collector of Delinquent Taxes | Rebecca Klein | 2025 |
| Library Trustees: | Anthony Goupee | 2025 |
| | Vincent Martinez-appointed | 2025 |
| | Barbara Shenton | 2027 |
| | Doreen Jones | 2028 |
| | Lauren Scogin | 2029 |
| Trustees of Public Funds: | Ann Pierce | 2025 |
| | Michael Harvey | 2026 |
| | Barbara DeHart | 2027 |
| Cemetery Commissioners: | Marvin Harvey | 2025 |
| | Joe Schenkman | 2026 |
| | Michele Schnabel | 2027 |
| | Thomas Paquette | 2028 |
| | Nancy Woolley | 2029 |
| Justices of the Peace: | Kevin Dougherty | Feb. 1, 2027 |
| | Brenda Goupee | Feb. 1, 2027 |
| | Michael Harvey | Feb. 1, 2027 |
| | Annette West | Feb. 1, 2027 |
| | Amy Braun | Feb. 1, 2027 |
| Board of Civil Authority: | Town Clerk | Term Expiration |
| | Selectboard | Term Expiration |
| | Justices of the Peace | Term Expiration |
| Windsor-Rutland Rep. | Kirk White | 2025 |
| Addison County Senators | Christopher Bray | 2025 |
| Representing Rochester | Ruth Hardy | 2025 |

Appointments

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------|
| Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer | Kristen LaPell | |
| Selectboard Clerk | Julie Smith | |
| Road Commissioner | Selectboard Members | 2025 |
| Road Department: | John Champion, Foreman | |
| | Dana Spalding | |
| | Ted Smith | |
| Water Commissioners | Selectboard Members | 2025 |
| Sewer Commissioners | Selectboard Members | 2025 |

Appointments (continued)

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sewer Plant Operator | Terry Severy | 2025 |
| Sewer Plant Operator Assistant | Cody Bowen | 2025 |
| Water Plant Operator | Terry Severy | 2025 |
| Water Plant Operator Assistant | Cody Bowen | 2025 |
| On-Site Wastewater Officer | Doon Hinderyckx | 2025 |
| On-Site Wastewater Officer | Frank Severy | 2025 |
| Planning Board & Board of Adjustment | Sandy Haas | 2025 |
| | Julie Martin | 2025 |
| | Christine Meagher | 2025 |
| | Greg White | 2025 |
| | David Curtis | 2026 |
| | Mary Fratini | 2026 |
| | Dan McKinley | 2027 |
| | Doon Hinderyckx | ex officio |
| Zoning Administrator | Patricia Harvey | 2025 |
| Fire Chief (elected by Fire Dept) | Terry Severy | 12/31/2026 |
| 1 st Asst. Chief (elected by Fire Dept) | Raymond Harvey | 12/31/2026 |
| 2 nd Asst. Chief (elected by Fire Dept) | Troy LaPell | 12/31/2026 |
| Fire Warden | Raymond Harvey | 6/30/2027 |
| Health Officer | John White | 10/31/2025 |
| Emergency Management Director | Larry Plesent | 2025 |
| Emergency Management Alternate | Mickaela Richardson | 2025 |
| Regional Emerg. Mgt Coord. | Larry Plesent | 2025 |
| Regional Emerg. Mgt Coord. 2nd | Terry Severy | 2025 |
| WRVA Representative | Kristen LaPell | 2025 |
| WRVA Alternate | Katelyn Bowen | 2025 |
| Valley Rescue Representative | Kristen LaPell | 2025 |
| Tree Warden | Selectboard | 2025 |
| Law Enforcement | Windsor County Sheriff's Dept. | Contract |
| Constable | Dillon Dudley | 2025 |
| 2 nd Constable | Dave Harvey | 2025 |
| TRORC Transportation/Plan. Rep. | Pat Harvey | 2025 |
| TRORC Transportation Adv. Com. | Doon Hinderyckx | 2025 |
| TRORC Energy Representative | Jeff Gephart | 2025 |
| TRORC Energy Representative Alternate | Frank Severy | 2025 |
| Energy Coordinator | Jeff Gephart | 2025 |
| White River Alliance-Royalton Advisory | Troy LaPell | 2025 |
| Recycling Coordinator | Julie Smith | 2025 |
| Park Committee | Selectboard | 2025 |
| Recreation Committee: | Norm Christiansen | Dean Mendell |
| | Carrie McDonnell | Joe Schenkman |
| | Martha Slater | |
| Animal Control Officer/Humane Officer | Jeff Brown | 2025 |
| Tri-Valley Transit | Timothy Crowley | 2024 |
| E-911 Maintenance | Angus McCusker | 2025 |

Appointments (continued)

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Budget & Finance Committee | Lois Bond | Barb Dehart |
| | Greg White | Nancy Woolley |
| | Selectboard Members | Julie Smith |
| | Kristen LaPell | |
| Website Administrator | Norm Christiansen | |
| Capital Planning Committee | Greg White | Barb Dehart |
| | Nancy Woolley | Lois Bond |
| | Julie Smith | Kristen LaPell |
| | Selectboard Members | |
| Green-Up Day Coordinator | Nick Piccicuto | 2025 |
| Librarian | Maya Newroot | |
| Assistant Librarian | Jeannette Bair | |
| Children's Librarian | Maya Newroot | |
| Auditors | Pace & Hawley, LLC | |
| Official Newspaper | <i>The Herald of Randolph</i> | |
| Videography - Meetings | Orca Media | 2025 |

Dates to Remember

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|--|---|---------|
| Selectboard Meeting | 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at Town Office Other meetings at the Town Office as warned. | 6:15 PM |
| Planning Commission | 1st Tuesday of the month at Town Office | 6:30 PM |
| Trustees of Public Funds | Meetings when needed – will be posted | |
| ValleyEnergy/ClimateAction | 2 nd Thursday of the month | |
| Dog Licenses (State Mandated) | On or before April 1: Male & Female: \$11 neutered or spayed; \$15 unneutered After April 1: Male & Female: \$16 neutered or spayed; \$20 unneutered (includes \$5 *late fee) *After April 1 there is a \$5.00 fine for unlicensed dogs. NO Exceptions A leash and fouling law are in effect for the entire Town, not just the village. <i>See Ordinance at Town Office.</i> | |
| Property Taxes | 1/4 due on/before Friday, August 15, 2025 ; 1/4 due on/before Monday, November 17, 2025 ; 1/4 due on/before Tuesday, February 17, 2026 ; 1/4 due on/before Friday, May 15, 2026. Payments are due by 4pm . Interest at rate of 1% per month for 3 months, and 1 ½% per month thereafter added. 8% collection fee added after 4:00pm Friday, May 15, 2026. Postmarks not accepted | |
| Water & Sewer User Fees | ¼ due January 31 ; ¼ due April 30 ; ¼ due July 31 ; ¼ due October 30 . Due no later than the above dates. Interest rate of 1% per month for 3 months and 1 ½% per month thereafter added for delinquent water/sewer fees. | |
| Recycling & Trash | Each Saturday of the month at Town Office parking lot – 8:00am – 11:00am | |

Winter Parking Ordinance: No person shall park a motor vehicle on any street or in any public parking area within the Town of Rochester between the hours of 12:00am & 6:00am from November 1 to April 1 inclusive. Ordinance also applies to the west side of Park on Main Street, VT State Highway Route 100.



Town of Rochester Permit Fee Schedule

Administration

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|--|----------------------------|
| Certified Copies-Birth, Death, Marriage | \$ 10.00 |
| Copies per page-black & white | \$ 0.25 |
| Copies per page-color | \$ 0.35 |
| Clerk assist w/ lister cards/deed copies, etc. | \$ 1.00 per page |
| Dog License Fees-intact | \$ 15.00 |
| Dog License Fees-spayed/neutered | \$ 11.00 |
| Additional Fee for unlicensed dogs after April 1 | \$ 5.00 |
| Examination of Town Records by clerk fee | \$ 5.00 per hr or \$25/day |
| Excess Weight Permit Fee-Fleet | \$ 10.00 |
| Excess Weight Permit Fee-Single | \$ 5.00 |
| Fax per page | \$ 0.25 |
| Fish & Game Posting Fee | \$ 5.00 |
| Green Mountain Passport Fee | \$ 2.00 |
| Notary Services | \$ no fee |
| Recording Fees per page | \$ 15.00 |
| Recording of Plat Maps | \$ 25.00 |
| Uncertified Copy of Birth, Death, or Marriage | \$ 1.00 |
| Vault Time per hour fee | \$ 4.00 |
| Vehicle Registration Clerk Fee | \$ 3.00 |

Zoning Permit Fees

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|---|------------|
| Building Permits | \$ 50.00 |
| Conditional Use/Waiver Request Permit | \$ 20.00 |
| Driveway Permit | \$ 100.00 |
| Municipal Sewer/Water Hookup Permit-residential | \$ 750.00 |
| Municipal Sewer/Water Hookup Permit-commercial | \$ 1500.00 |
| Open Trench & Road Boring in Town Right of Way Permit | \$ 50.00 |
| Subdivision Permit-Minor/Major | \$ 50.00 |

INVENTORY - EQUIPMENT & PROPERTY - 2024

Town

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Office Building | New Firehouse | Old Firehouse |
| Library & Contents | TS Irene FEMA Buy-outs | Office Equipment |
| Town Garage Building | Ballfield Lot & SkateSpace | Emergency Shelter Generator |
| Creamery Building | Wood Lots: Townline Rd & Cemetery | 10 K Generator |
| Bandstand & Parks | Lion's Club Picnic Area | Town Office Generator |

Road Department

| | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2022 Western Star Tandem Dump Truck, 11 ft. 1-way plow, 10 ft. wing & sander | | |
| 2018 Ford F-550 One-ton truck with 2-way plow and sander & wing | | |
| 2018 International Tandem Dump Truck, with 1-way plow, wing & sander | | |
| 2024 Ford F-350 4-Wheel Drive Pickup with Plow, with Stainless Sander | | |
| 2016 Cat 930 Loader with bucket & forks | | |
| 2011 Cat 140M Grader with wing | | |
| 1989 Eager Beaver Wood Chipper | 2007 Downeaster Trailer | 8 Two-Way Radios |
| 1 11-ft. Angle Plow | 1 10-ft. Angle Plow | Salt House |
| One-Way Plow | Sand | Sand Screen |
| 3,000 gallon Chloride Tank | Chloride | Gravel |
| Truck Tire Chains | Salt | 4 Jack Stands |
| 2021 Stihl FS111R Weed Trimmer | Generac 10KW Generator Set | 16 spare truck tires |
| 2014 Shandania Power Broom | 20 Drawer Tool Box (1) | 2012 Power Pruner (1) |
| Pressure Washer | 1/3 Sump Pump | Chain Saws (2) |
| Snow Plow Blades ~ 2 sets | Grader Blades ~ 2 sets | 1 Front Mount York Rake |
| Loader (2) & Grader Chains (4) | Shop Air Compressor | 1 Tow Behind York Rake |
| Drill Press (1) | Shop Metal Cut-Off Saw (1) | Culvert Cut-Off (1 WP |
| 550 Nelson Plate Compactor | Small Tools | Signs (50) ~ Cones |
| 6-Ton Bottle Jack (1) | 20-Ton Bottle Jack (2) | 1 Eastwood Mig Welder |
| 3-Ton Floor Jack (1) | 1 Set Dump Body Safety Stands | 16 Class III Barriers |
| Cutting Torches (1 set) | Lincoln Arc Stick Welder (1) | |
| 1 Buffalo Turbine – BT-CKB7 | | |
| Hydraulic Hose Machine, Hose & Fitting | | |

Water Department

Well House, Reservoir & Miscellaneous Parts; 1/3 Pump; 33 Hydrants

Sewer Department

3 Sites & Miscellaneous Equipment, including a Generator; 1/3 Pump

Fire Department

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 2022 Ford F550 Crew Cab 4x4 Truck | 2017 International Truck | 12 Scott 2.2 Air Packs |
| 1991 Tanker/Pumper/3 heat guns | | 2 Kohler Generators |
| 2 Portable Pumps | 2 Air Compressors | 2 Portable Tanks |
| 1 Pressure Washer | 3,500 ft. 2 ½" Hose | 1,800 ft. 1 ¾" Hose |
| 4 Chain Saws | 2,500 ft. 4" Hose, incl. other misc. | Hoses, Tools & Equipment |
| 1 Base Radio | 1,000 ft. – 1" hose | 4 1" reels & hose (Booster Line) |
| 2024 Jaws of Life | 16 Port. Radios, 3 Truck Radios, 28 Pagers | |
| 1 Stretcher, with wheel | 14 pairs of Snowshoes | 1 Deck Gun |
| 30 Air Bottles | 4 5-foot high Large Air Bottles | 5 Ladders |
| 8 Nozzles | 30 Sets Turn-Out Gear | 130 chairs |
| 18 Tables | 40 Sets Boots | Gloves & Coats |
| Floor Cleaner | 12 Backpacks | 12 Ski Poles |
| 2 Lighted Stop Signs | Cordless tools: cut-off saw & sawzall | |

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
RESERVE ACCOUNTS
June 30, 2024

| Cemetery Reserve | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 17,644.46 |
| Deposits and Int. | 195.78 |
| Withdrawals | 5,000.00 |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>12,840.24</u> |

| Cemetery Trust | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 15,636.51 |
| Deposits and Int. | 816.55 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>16,453.06</u> |

| Emergency Mgmt | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 2,103.45 |
| Deposits and Int. | 25.59 |
| Withdrawals | 571.99 |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>1,557.05</u> |

| Fire Dept Building | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 2,270.05 |
| Deposits and Int. | 34.22 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>2,304.27</u> |

| Fire Dept Equipment | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 5,744.90 |
| Deposits and Int. | 86.59 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>5,831.49</u> |

| Highway Equipment | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 13,340.55 |
| Deposits and Int. | 201.06 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>13,541.61</u> |

| Highway Grant Projects | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | |
| Deposits and Int. | 12,130.39 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>12,130.39</u> |

| Lease Land | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 353.64 |
| Deposits and Int. | 5.33 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>358.97</u> |

| P & Z Reserve | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 3,108.25 |
| Deposits and Int. | 46.85 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>3,155.10</u> |

| Rapid Response | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 2,936.28 |
| Deposits and Int. | 44.25 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>2,980.53</u> |

| Reappraisal Fund | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 95,522.87 |
| Deposits and Int. | 17,683.86 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>113,206.73</u> |

| Record Preservation | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 26,248.18 |
| Deposits and Int. | 343.18 |
| Withdrawals | 10,112.40 |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>16,478.96</u> |

| Revolving Loan Fund | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 8,230.64 |
| Deposits and Int. | 124.04 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>8,354.68</u> |

| Sewer Reserve | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 12,863.89 |
| Deposits and Int. | 193.87 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>13,057.76</u> |

| Skatespace Reserve | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | |
| Deposits and Int. | 51,646.97 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>51,646.97</u> |

| Tennis Reserve | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 5,060.46 |
| Deposits and Int. | 1,090.17 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>6,150.63</u> |

| Town Buildings | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 19,746.02 |
| Deposits and Int. | 235.72 |
| Withdrawals | 5,654.14 |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>14,327.60</u> |

| Tri Town Baseball Reserve | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 3,696.92 |
| Deposits and Int. | 2,905.02 |
| Withdrawals | 280.96 |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>6,320.98</u> |

| Water Reserve | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 18,047.82 |
| Deposits and Int. | 272.00 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>18,319.82</u> |

| Youth Sports/Rec | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 6,554.99 |
| Deposits and Int. | 98.79 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Balance 6/30/24 | <u>6,653.78</u> |

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
GRANT REPORT
June 30, 2024

BEN & JERRY'S GRANT

| | |
|----------|-------------|
| Expenses | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Revenue | \$ 1,500.00 |
| | <u>\$ -</u> |

GRANT IN AID WEST HILL PROJECT

| | |
|----------|-------------|
| Expenses | \$ 571.92 |
| Revenue | \$ 571.92 |
| | <u>\$ -</u> |

MERP MINI GRANT

| | |
|----------|--------------------|
| Expenses | |
| Revenue | \$ 4,000.00 |
| | <u>\$ 4,000.00</u> |

WEST HILL BRIDGE DESIGN

| | |
|----------|--------------------|
| Expenses | |
| Revenue | \$ 1,787.65 |
| | <u>\$ 1,787.65</u> |

GRANT IN AID NHOLLOW & COOPER RUN PR

| | |
|----------|--------------------|
| Expenses | \$ 5,381.63 |
| Revenue | \$ 8,311.28 |
| | <u>\$ 2,929.65</u> |

WEST HILL BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

| | |
|----------|------------------------|
| Expenses | \$ 1,126,483.85 |
| Revenue | \$ 593,981.50 |
| | <u>\$ (532,502.35)</u> |

FY24 BACK ROAD GRANT ROGERS BROOK

| | |
|----------|--------------------|
| Expenses | \$ 24,853.58 |
| Revenue | \$ 26,856.50 |
| | <u>\$ 2,002.92</u> |

VT AOT WEST HILL BRIDGE CONST

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| Expenses | |
| Revenue | \$ 175,000.00 |
| | <u>\$ 175,000.00</u> |

FEMA 7/10/2023 STORM FLOOD CAT C

| | |
|----------|--------------------|
| Expenses | \$ 9,647.10 |
| Revenue | \$ 8,766.53 |
| | <u>\$ (880.57)</u> |

ARPA GRANT BANK INTEREST

| | |
|----------|--------------------|
| Expenses | |
| Revenue | \$ 2,667.01 |
| | <u>\$ 2,667.01</u> |

HS REPURPOSING PROJECT

| | |
|----------|----------------|
| Expenses | \$ 18,569.24 |
| Revenue | \$ 18,569.45 |
| | <u>\$ 0.21</u> |

FY24 ARPA GRANT

| | |
|----------|--------------|
| Expenses | \$ 37,312.19 |
| Revenue | \$ 37,312.19 |
| | <u>\$ -</u> |

FY24 PARK TREES GRANT

| | |
|----------|-------------|
| Expenses | \$ 3,411.00 |
| Revenue | \$ 3,411.00 |
| | <u>\$ -</u> |

TRANSFER IN FOR TOWN SHARE MATCH

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| Expenses | |
| Revenue | \$ (3,184.00) |
| | <u>\$ (3,184.00)</u> |

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Rochester, as with many other towns in Vermont, faces challenges in budgeting for the next year. We have no control over the statewide education tax increases, which make up nearly 75% of your property tax bill. This is an important fact to keep in mind when you look at the municipal side of the budget. Our Budget and Finance committee works hard to keep the increase to the municipal tax rate as low as possible. For this next year, we are looking at a 16% increase in the amount to be raised by taxes, bringing our average increase over the last 8 years to 5.19%.

Payroll expenses have increased by \$43,452 to cover wages, benefits and insurance for our invaluable staff in the office and on the roads. Emergency services from WRVA and VRS have risen by \$16,673. Road maintenance (sand, gravel, salt, ditching, paving and mowing) have increased by \$13,000. Buildings, grounds and cemetery maintenance account for a \$12,924 increase. Our bonds for the West Hill Bridge, the Library addition, and the septic site renovation are ongoing expenses and it all adds up.

One significant line item pushing this budget higher is the \$49,500 set aside to support operational costs for the high school building as its renovation begins. The town will be delegating this project to the Valley Hub, Inc., the non-profit entity formed to manage the renovation and re-use of the high school building. This amount is scheduled to reduce to Zero over the next 5 years as ownership of the building transfers from the Town to Valley Hub, Inc. The new Valley Hub, Inc. is in development, and the support from townsfolk in their vote to buy the building proves that there is interest in the community and its future. Many new tenants are eagerly awaiting their new space in Rochester, and we welcome the growth.

We work closely with the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission in searching out and applying for grants of all sorts to assist us in the betterment of the town. Most recently we were awarded a Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) grant of \$384,440 for efficiency improvements to the Town Office and Town Garage, with no match from the town. Thank you Jeff Gephart for volunteering as our Energy Coordinator and working with TRORC on this. The Budget and Finance committee has been working with Two Rivers this fall to re-introduce a capital planning section to the budget in an effort to save for recurring major expenses like trucks and bridges, improving our budgeting process in the future.

Rochester has been tagged by the state to perform a town-wide reassessment of property values, which will commence in 2025 and be completed in 2027.

Some of the accomplishments from the past year are:

- Paving the town garage area and Brook Street.
- Replacing another culvert on Bethel Mt Rd
- Investigation into what it will take to stabilize the Library siding so it will hold paint!
- Painted the Town Office roof and library second floor.

We have finished dispersing the ARPA funds through several projects:

- Purchase of a Ford F350 truck to replace an aging model.
- Reconstructed the brook retaining wall near the town office that had been compromised.
- Removed trees from our village park that were vulnerable to disease
- Road work at Woodlawn Cemetery
- Contributed to the renovation of SkateSpace

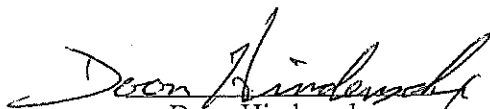
The Resiliency Zone being installed by GMP will provide days of back-up power to the village center and is expected to become functional next Summer.

The Flo EV charger station at the Park and Ride is functional and being used.

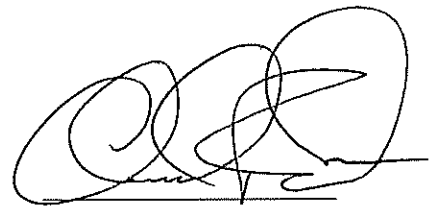
There may be an application by Vertex to install a Verizon cell tower on the ridge to the South of Town. In this case there will be a 30-day public comment period to the Public Utility Commission.

Lastly, we have enjoyed the influx of new volunteers and board members in our town government. It is this commitment that makes Rochester a unique and enjoyable place in which to live. With the permanent adoption of Zoom access to public meetings and the collected recording of those meetings by Orca Media it is easier than ever to become involved in the workings of our Town.

We are grateful to Frank Severy for his 5 years of service to the Town. Frank was instrumental in pushing several projects forward and brought a deep understanding of the history of Rochester to his tenure on the board. We all wish him the best in retirement.


Doon Hinderyckx


Pat Harvey


Chad Richardson

Road Foreman Report

The town water drainage system consists of nearly 700 culverts and approximately 80 miles of ditch stretched out over 59 miles of road.

We replaced 8 of the worse culverts including the Roger Brook culvert on Bethel Mountain Road which we upsized from a 3 foot culvert to a 4 foot culvert.

The upper portion of West Hill Road was ditched which has been needed to be done but we were unable to due to the condition of the bridge that has since been replaced.

Brook Street, Cannon Drive and Rock Garden Terrace were resurfaced.

Sincerely,
John Champion
Road Foreman

Rochester Listers' Report Grand List 2024

As we explained last year, the Town of Rochester is under contract with the New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) to reappraise the whole town effective for the 2027 Grand List.

We received the 2023 Vermont State Department of Taxes determination of our common level of appraisal and coefficient of dispersion too late to be included with last year's report. Those numbers are CLA = 73.8% and COD = 31.07. These numbers indicate a growing difference between listed values and current sale prices and an increasing disparity between the listed values of comparable properties. We look forward to the whole town reappraisal that will address these issues. We do not think that the sales during 2024 that will be used to determine the 2024 end of year CLA and COD will change this trend.

Your local listers will be responsible for producing the 2025 Grand List.

Respectfully submitted,
Jess Arsenault, Caroline Meagher, Louis Donnet

Rochester Volunteer Fire Department

Volunteer members of the Rochester Fire Department are most grateful to the Rochester community and Selectboard for their continued support and confidence.

Our Department currently has 22 members, which includes 1 junior member. We're an aging department with 50% of our volunteer firefighters in their 60s. We are actively recruiting new members, especially those individuals who work in Rochester, or close by, and who can be readily available to report to calls during daytime hours. Meetings are twice monthly, one a regular planning meeting, while the other is a work/training session. We and your Town need your participation and assistance for us to safely protect you. For information in learning about and/or joining your Volunteer Fire Department, contact Chief Terry Severy, or discuss your participation with any member of the department.

During 2024, RVFD responded to 45 calls:

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| 2 Chimney Fire | 5 House Fires | 3 Automobile Fires |
| 11 Motor Vehicle Accidents | 2 Fire Alarms | 2 Brush Fires |
| 5 Carbon Monoxide | 2 Mutual Aid Calls | 5 Downed Power Lines |
| 4 False Alarms | 1 Gas Spill | 3 Dart Calls |

The Town enthusiastically comes out for the Fire Department's annual Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast. This Breakfast, our largest fundraiser, raises funds to allow the Fire Department to purchase items not covered in its annual budget. Join us at the Fire House on Easter Sunday, March 20, 2025, from 7:00 to 10:00am. Convenient parking is available under the able direction of Charlie Martin. Join your friends and neighbors to enjoy plenty of pancakes, with local syrup, and sausage prepared by your firefighters. Take-out is available, although it will be more fun for you to come in and talk and eat. We all look forward to seeing and serving you!

In the last year we sent a letter out to raise money for a new set of Jaw's and Cordless Tools. We would like to thank everyone who donated. We got the jaws and 2 guys came up and trained us on how to use them. Less than a week after training we had to use them at a call.

We've had some problems with the tanker and it put us over budget a little bit.

Each year the Fire and Rescue Departments remind all homeowners, for your safety, that your homes be properly identified with reflective 9-1-1 house or street numbers which are required to be at least 4-inches in height. If you live on a long driveway or road, ensure that your name and street number are prominently displayed at the entrance to your driveway. Many of our volunteers may not be familiar with all road and family names. Fire and Rescue will certainly appreciate your efforts, and you will be the beneficiary.

Reminder: Each home should be prepared with smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. Change batteries twice annually - when turning clocks from standard to daylight savings time, and vice versa. Before you contemplate cleaning projects in your yard, please know that a burn permit is required. This can be obtained from Fire Warden Ray Harvey at (802) 767-3241 or Fire Chief Terry Severy at 802 353-3727.

We had elections of officers this year with Kevin and Eric both stepping down. Many thanks for the years and time that they have given. Both have given many extra hours and I could always count on them for most anything.

I would like to thank the firemen for going to school. Also the time they give for meetings and training and time for **Easter, 4th of July, Santa, and the ice rink**. Not just fire people but family's that give their time. As well as time spent working on trucks and the building.

I would like to thank all the officers and their families for the extra time it takes. People need to know that we are all Volunteers.

If you have any questions regarding the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department, please contact Fire Chief Terry Severy, or Rochester's Assistant Fire Chiefs, Ray Harvey and Troy LaPell.

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| Terry Severy, Chief | Ray Harvey, 1st Asst. Chief | Troy LaPell, 2nd Asst. Chief | Chad Richardson, Captain |
| Katelyn Bowen, Lieutenant | Kristen LaPell, Treasurer | Kenleigh Manseau, Secretary | Mike Harvey |
| Kevin Dougherty | Charles Martin | Jim Parrish | Eric Belanger |
| John Fitzpatrick | Justin Welter | Rob Gearwar | David Hamlin |
| Brady Huntley | Joe O'Leary | Kegan Stone Jr member | Ben Harvey |
| | | | Marc Blaine |
| | | | Dan Slavin |

Cemetery Commissioner Annual Report
For the Year Ending June 30, 2024

The Rochester Cemetery Commission is a five-member board elected at Town Meeting. The Cemetery Commission oversees the seven cemeteries located in the Town of Rochester, including the care and maintenance of the cemetery property and roads, the sale and conveyance of cemetery lots and oversight of cemetery finances. The Cemetery Commission may make and change necessary bylaws and regulations relating to the Town's cemeteries.

- The cost of a single burial lot, typically 4 1/2' x 9', is \$640 and includes the sale price of the land, four corner markers and their installation. In addition, a one time fee of \$800 per lot will be charged and added to the perpetual care fund, which is invested and managed by the Trustees of Public Funds. The current total cost of a single lot is \$1440. The income from these funds must be used to build, repair and maintain cemetery lots and grounds. Currently, the income from these investments are not enough to cover all the expenses.
- There are lots available in North Hollow, Bingo, Little Hollow and Woodlawn Cemeteries. Lot sales are by authority of the Cemetery Commission. Contact Cemetery Commission Chair Tom Paquette with inquiries about lot availability and rates.

There are established regulations for all the cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Rochester Cemetery Commission, which were adopted on January 1, 2024.

Current regulations include:

- Lot cornerstones must be purchased from the Cemetery Commission at the time of the sale.
- No burials shall be performed after Nov. 15 or before May 1, except under certain conditions.
- All full burials as well as cremation burials must be coordinated with the Cemetery Commission.
- No more than eight cremated remains may be buried in a single lot.
- All grave decorations must be removed when they become unsightly and, in any case by November 15.
- Repair/Replacement/Cleaning of stones on lots is the responsibility of the lot owner.
- The right to plant permanent flowers, shrubs or trees shall be only with permission of the Cemetery Commission. Any planting done without permission will give the Cemetery Commission the right to remove it.

For a copy of the complete regulations, contact any Commissioner.

Routine maintenance continues at all seven cemeteries. Thanks to Steve Twitchell and his crew for their continued efforts in every aspect of cemetery needs and maintenance. The Cemetery Commissioners were allocated a portion of the Town's ARPA funds. Several maintenance projects, including fence maintenance, grub control and fertilizing Woodlawn Cemetery, and the removal of dead and hazardous trees around the perimeter of several cemeteries, were completed in 2024. The remaining funds will be used in 2025 to improve the roads in Woodlawn. Special thanks to Cody McCullough for removing several trees and branches damaged in late winter, early spring storm damage. Volunteers are appreciated under the direction of the Cemetery Commission. Please ask a Cemetery Commissioner member for their recommendations of specific stone cleaning solutions, as some products can damage the stone.

Rochester Cemetery Commissioners:

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|---------------------|---------------|
| Tom Paquette, Chair | Marv Harvey |
| Michele Schnabel | Joe Schenkman |
| Nancy Woolley | |

Trustees of Public Funds FY 2024

People often ask who are “trustees of public funds” and what is their role in the town? Where do the funds under their management come from, and why do the Trustees not distribute more monies to the town each year? And are there limitations as to how the funds are managed and made available to the town?

To answer these questions, first the Vermont statutes affect the investment options and second, the trustees define the investment and distribution policy in their policy, as described in more detail below.

According to Vermont statutes, trustees of public funds are elected officials for a 3-year term and are responsible for managing the funds endowed to the town. Per Vermont Statute 24V.S.A: 2431, funds in the trust “are under the charge and management of the Town’s public funds *through the advisement of the professional financial advisor.*” (Our financial advisor is Wilmington Trust of Rutland)

Investments must be in accordance with state regulations which define certain limitations. For example, investment in publicly traded securities must be listed on a national securities exchange. As regards the cemetery funds, “up to 35 percent of the association’s assets may be invested in common or preferred stocks”. Regulations protect against investing in highly volatile and high-risk funds. Consequently, the return on our investments may not be as high as those made by individuals. And accordingly, the funds available for distribution to the town may not be as high as might be under different scenarios.

As mentioned, our investment policy also affects what monies can be made available to the town and others. As our objective is to invest prudently with a mixture of stocks and bonds our total returns will not equal those of a roaring stock market. Further, we wish to maintain the principal adjusted for the cost-of-living index. It is important to note that the principal being preserved is the amount originally bequeathed to the town. As an example, the Townsend endowment in 1977 was \$299,032. In 2023 dollars that would be the equivalent of \$1,508,426 and the actual asset value was \$1,537,731. And significantly that is after years of valuable distributions to the town!

To determine the funds available to distribute annually we use a 3-5 year average of the funds’ performance (after CPI adjustment and net of expenses), thus averaging out the good or bad years of investment returns.

Given the scenario, we can provide monies in most years while also protecting the endowments for the benefit of future generations.

We again encourage folks to consider adding to our funds thereby increasing the dollars available for the town in the future.

Rochester Trustees of Public Funds

Barb DeHart

Mike Harvey

Sandy Pierce

Trustees of Public Funds Year Ending June 30, 2024

| Fund Name | Cemetery | Guernsey | Forest | Kirkpatrick | Leland | Townsend | Total Funds w/out Cemetery | Total Funds w/out Forest & Cemetery |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Additions | | | | | | | | |
| Lot Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Perpetual Care | 500 | | | | | | | |
| Total Contributions | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Investment Earnings | | | | | | | | |
| Net Increase(decrease) in fair market value of Investments | 14,436 | 478 | 1,049 | 23,134 | 16,583 | 116,975 | 158,219 | 157,170 |
| Interest and Dividends | 9,122 | 84 | 186 | 5,220 | 2,872 | 34,384 | 42,746 | 42,560 |
| Total Earnings | 23,558 | 562 | 1,235 | 28,354 | 19,455 | 151,359 | 200,965 | 199,730 |
| TOTAL EARNING AND CONTRIBUTIONS | 24,058 | 562 | 1,235 | 28,354 | 19,455 | 151,359 | | |
| Deductions | | | | | | | | |
| Distribution to School | | | | | | | | |
| Distribution to Town | | | | | | -10,000 | | -10,000 |
| Distribution to Food Shelf | | | | | | | 0 | |
| Distribution to Rebuild Rochester | | | | | | | 0 | |
| Distribution to summer music | | | | | | -3,000 | -3,000 | -3,000 |
| Distribution to Cemetery | -5,000 | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Management Fees | -2,135 | -30 | -66 | -1,836 | -1,010 | -12,091 | -15,033 | -14,967 |
| Total Deductions | -7,135 | -30 | -66 | -1,836 | -1,010 | -25,091 | -28,033 | -27,967 |
| Change in net assets | 16,923 | 532 | 1,170 | 26,519 | 18,445 | 126,268 | 172,934 | 171,764 |
| Net Assets Beginning 7/1/2023 | 271,809 | 3,557 | 7,890 | 227,078 | 121,108 | 1,532,689 | 1,892,322 | 1,884,432 |
| Net Assets Ending 6/30/24 | 288,732 | 4,089 | 9,060 | 253,597 | 139,553 | 1,658,957 | 2,065,256 | 2,056,196 |

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

| | July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 | | July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 | | July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | FY 24 | | FY 25 | | FY 26 | |
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | 6 months | Budget | |
| FUND BALANCE FORWARD | \$91,585.00 | | \$52,802.00 | | -\$33,467.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300 General Town Income | 410,389.00 | 249,789.77 | 459,616.00 | 391,419.21 | 644,545.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.005 Current Taxes | | 166,449.40 | | 76,418.84 | | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.010 Delinquent Taxes | 15,000.00 | 27,819.56 | 20,000.00 | 12,230.56 | 24,000.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.015 Interest on Taxes | 5,600.00 | 5,623.42 | 5,600.00 | 5,623.42 | 5,600.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.025 Pilot Payment - Forest/Payment | 0.00 | 952.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.032 VT Equalization Study | 65,000.00 | 63,496.00 | 65,000.00 | 67,397.00 | 67,397.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.035 State Current Use | 2,869.00 | 3,102.00 | 2,869.00 | 3,035.00 | 3,035.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.045 Pilot Payment - State Building | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.216 Insurance Settlements | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8,000.00 | 16,000.00 | 3,361.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.235 Reserve Transfer In | 0.00 | 0.11 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.237 Transfer in from Tri Town | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | 590,443.00 | 517,232.26 | 613,887.00 | 572,124.03 | 714,471.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-303 Trustees of Public Funds | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-303.010 Kirkpatrick Fund | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | 20,000.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-303.015 Townsend Hutch | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-303.020 Forest Fund | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 18,000.00 | 0.00 | 22,000.00 | |
| Subtotal | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 18,000.00 | 0.00 | 22,000.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304 Fees | | | | | | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.001 Clerk/Admin Fees | | | | 21.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.005 Animal Fines | 100.00 | 355.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.009 TOPF Forest Interest | 1,500.00 | 4,836.71 | 1,500.00 | 3,613.38 | 3,000.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.014 Tri Town Youth Sports Bank Int | 0.00 | 3.74 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.020 Building Permits | 500.00 | 485.00 | 1,000.00 | 900.00 | 1,500.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.025 Dog Licenses - town portion | 1,200.00 | 1,241.00 | 1,200.00 | 30.00 | 1,200.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.030 Driveway Construction Permits | 200.00 | 200.00 | 400.00 | 200.00 | 400.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.034 Fish & Game Postings | 30.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 | 15.00 | 30.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.035 Fleet Permits | 375.00 | 425.00 | 375.00 | 30.00 | 400.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.036 Green Mountain Passport | 26.00 | 36.00 | 26.00 | 16.00 | 30.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.040 Judicial Fines | 5,000.00 | 4,806.93 | 5,000.00 | 1,016.08 | 5,000.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.045 Liquor Licenses - town portion | 600.00 | 490.00 | 600.00 | 70.00 | 500.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.046 Cannabis Control Fees | | 200.00 | 300.00 | 100.00 | 200.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.050 Marriage License - town portion | 150.00 | 45.00 | 150.00 | 135.00 | 150.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.055 Copies | 2,500.00 | 1,383.20 | 3,000.00 | 1,079.15 | 3,000.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.056 Certified Copies | 400.00 | 630.00 | 400.00 | 280.00 | 500.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.057 Vault Time fees | 400.00 | 252.00 | 400.00 | 224.25 | 400.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.065 Recording fees | 11,000.00 | 12,574.00 | 11,000.00 | 5,704.00 | 12,000.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.070 Youth Sports Income | 2,275.00 | 2,353.00 | 2,000.00 | 1,272.00 | 2,000.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.075 Refunds to Town | 0.00 | 655.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.080 Rent | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.085 Subdivision P & Z Fees | 100.00 | 75.00 | 200.00 | 50.00 | 200.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.090 Vehicle Registrations | 100.00 | 81.00 | 100.00 | 51.00 | 100.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.105 Utility Billing Reimbursements | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.106 Utility Postage Reimbursements | 500.00 | 500.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.107 Utility Generator Reimbursement | | | | | 300.00 | |

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

| | July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 | | July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 | | July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | FY 24 | | FY 25 | | FY 26 | |
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | 6 months | Budget | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.301 Rec Program Donations | 0.00 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.302 General Donations | 500.00 | 200.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.303 Park Donations | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.305 SkateSpace Bank Interest | 0.00 | 19.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.306 Tri Town Donations | | 1,300.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-304.999 Miscellaneous Income | 100.00 | 1,789.24 | 0.00 | 1,357.08 | 0.00 | |
| Subtotal | 28,756.00 | 37,915.85 | 30,131.00 | 17,988.94 | 33,385.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-306 Cemetery Income | | | | | | |
| 100-6-10-00-306.005 Sale of Cemetery Lots | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-306.011 Cemetery Income - Other | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 2,865.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-306.012 Burial Transit Permits | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-306.015 Trustee Inc - Cemetery Fund | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-306.016 Cemetery Inc from Townshend | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-310.010 Cemetery Donations | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Subtotal | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,005.00 | 7,865.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-930 High School Building Income | | | | | | |
| 100-6-10-00-930.001 Donations | | | | | 32,000.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-930.002 User Fees/Rental | | | | | 14,797.00 | |
| Subtotal | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 46,797.00 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 634,199.00 | 570,148.11 | 672,018.00 | 600,117.97 | 824,518.00 | |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-10 Finance Expenses | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-10-330.002 Courthouse Bond | 3,383.00 | 3,382.86 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-330.015 USDA Sever Bond Principal | 2,414.00 | 2,430.70 | 2,481.00 | 1,231.95 | 2,550.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-330.016 USDA Sever Bond Interest | 1,668.00 | 1,651.30 | 1,601.00 | 809.05 | 1,532.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-330.025 VMBB Refi Bond Principal | 27,440.00 | 27,440.12 | 28,441.00 | 28,441.42 | 29,480.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-330.026 VMBB Refi Bond Interest | 13,494.00 | 6,730.67 | 12,474.00 | 3,295.49 | 11,417.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-330.027 RPL Phase 3 Bond Principal | 8,750.00 | 8,750.00 | 8,750.00 | 8,750.00 | 8,750.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-330.028 RPL Phase 3 Bond Interest | 3,648.00 | 3,648.17 | 3,371.00 | 1,311.87 | 3,084.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-330.029 Site 3 Bond Exp Principal | 11,362.00 | 11,362.44 | 11,590.00 | 11,589.69 | 11,821.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-330.030 Site 3 Bond Exp Admin fees | 4,236.00 | 4,235.76 | 4,009.00 | 4,008.51 | 3,777.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-330.031 FD Station refi Mascoma Mtg. Prin | 13,850.00 | 12,684.12 | 14,224.00 | 6,162.36 | 14,599.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-330.032 FD Station refi Mascoma Mtg. Int | 3,831.00 | 3,522.73 | 3,456.00 | 2,677.74 | 3,082.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-330.034 West Hill Bridge Principal | | | 5,300.00 | 11,975.00 | 11,975.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-330.035 West Hill Bridge Interest | | | 17,842.00 | 6,249.09 | 14,614.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-331-000 Prior Year Balance Corrections | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-7-10-10-533-000 Bank Charges | 0.00 | 79.01 | 0.00 | 20.00 | 0.00 | |
| Subtotal | 94,076.00 | 85,917.88 | 113,539.00 | 86,522.17 | 116,681.00 | |
| 100-7-10-20 Capital Purchase Expense | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-20-830.001 Fire Truck Lease Principal | 17,274.00 | 53,544.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-7-10-20-830.002 Fire Truck Lease Interest | 1,761.00 | 3,209.63 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-7-10-20-830.005 Fire F550 Loan Principal | 12,626.00 | 12,621.94 | 12,968.00 | 0.00 | 13,328.00 | |
| 100-7-10-20-830.006 Fire F550 Loan Interest | 1,416.00 | 1,420.34 | 1,074.00 | 0.00 | 715.00 | |
| 100-7-10-20-830.007 '22 Dump Truck Loan Principal | 19,530.00 | 20,603.95 | 20,063.00 | 20,051.71 | 20,619.00 | |
| 100-7-10-20-830.008 '22 Dump Truck Loan Interest | 2,238.00 | 1,164.80 | 1,706.00 | 1,742.04 | 1,150.00 | |
| 100-7-10-20-830. Freightliner w/ sander & plow Prin | | | | | 2,500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-20-830. Freightliner w/ sander & plow Int | | | | | 180.00 | |
| 100-7-10-20-830.100 Mascoma TAN/BAN Interest | | | | | 0.00 | |
| Subtotal | 54,845.00 | 92,564.96 | 35,811.00 | 21,793.75 | 38,492.00 | |

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

| | July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 FY 24 | | July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 FY 25 | | July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 FY 26 | |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | 6 months | Budget | |
| 100-7-10-21 Salaries | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-21-110.000 Salaries Assistant Clerk/Treasurer | 37,128.00 | 34,499.79 | 39,998.00 | 20,768.40 | 49,920.00 | |
| 100-7-10-21-110.005 Salaries Animal Control | 750.00 | 750.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 750.00 | |
| 100-7-10-21-110.015 Salaries Health Officer | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-21-110.016 Salaries Constable | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-21-110.020 Salaries Housekeeping | 1,125.00 | 1,070.71 | 1,159.00 | 656.30 | 1,310.00 | |
| 100-7-10-21-110.030 Salaries Selectboard | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 0.00 | 3,500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-21-110.035 Salaries Town Clerk/Treasurer | 43,105.00 | 43,097.60 | 45,252.00 | 23,500.80 | 54,080.00 | |
| 100-7-10-21-110.041 Selectboard Secretary | 1,500.00 | 1,687.50 | 1,500.00 | 750.00 | 1,500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-21-110.050 Selectboard Admin Assistant | 0.00 | 4,193.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Subtotal | 88,108.00 | 89,799.24 | 92,909.00 | 45,675.50 | 112,060.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25 General Office Expenses | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-25-330.000 Outside Audit | 16,000.00 | 9,875.00 | 15,675.00 | 10,375.00 | 8,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-330.005 Domain Host | 500.00 | 42.34 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-333.000 Legal Services | 5,000.00 | 3,865.15 | 3,000.00 | 5,449.00 | 3,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-340.000 Tax Mapping | 1,975.00 | 1,975.00 | 2,100.00 | 0.00 | 2,100.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-410.000 Electricity | 1,500.00 | 1,811.89 | 1,700.00 | 948.66 | 1,800.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-411.000 Water & Sewer | 520.00 | 650.00 | 400.00 | 130.00 | 500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-440.000 Equipment/Repair/Rental | 3,000.00 | 2,329.47 | 2,500.00 | 1,133.58 | 2,400.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-530.000 Telephone | 1,800.00 | 1,543.86 | 1,700.00 | 1,187.82 | 2,300.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-531.000 Postage | 3,000.00 | 3,397.29 | 3,200.00 | 2,353.02 | 3,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-540.000 Printing & Advertising | 4,000.00 | 4,818.38 | 4,500.00 | 467.65 | 5,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-565.000 Meetings/Education | 600.00 | 632.51 | 750.00 | 276.00 | 600.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-610.000 Supplies | 2,500.00 | 2,508.94 | 2,800.00 | 2,064.02 | 3,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-624.000 Fuel | 2,000.00 | 2,327.53 | 2,500.00 | 0.00 | 2,300.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-641.000 IT Services & Software | 10,000.00 | 7,982.99 | 7,020.00 | 3,037.04 | 7,500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-641.005 NEMRC | 5,789.00 | 6,927.24 | 6,700.00 | 905.58 | 7,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-740.000 Equipment | 1,000.00 | 130.48 | 1,500.00 | 158.98 | 1,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-740.001 Elevator Maintenance | 800.00 | 575.00 | 600.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-25-990.000 Miscellaneous | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | |
| Subtotal | 60,084.00 | 51,393.07 | 57,245.00 | 28,486.35 | 50,300.00 | |
| 100-7-10-26 Buildings & Grounds | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-26-422.000 Sidewalk Plowing | 18,000.00 | 18,000.00 | 18,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 19,500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-26-430.000 Grounds - General M/R | 0.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 | |
| 100-7-10-26-430.005 Athletic Fields | 3,060.00 | 3,060.00 | 3,060.00 | 2,040.00 | 5,400.00 | |
| 100-7-10-26-430.025 Office Repairs | 500.00 | 318.88 | 500.00 | 112.00 | 500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-26-430.026 Office Mowing | 1,224.00 | 1,224.00 | 1,224.00 | 816.00 | 2,160.00 | |
| 100-7-10-26-430.035 Window Cleaning | 500.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | |
| 100-7-10-26-430.040 Town Trash | 1,000.00 | 1,065.00 | 1,000.00 | 665.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-26-440.000 Porta Toilets | 3,334.00 | 4,313.00 | 3,334.00 | 2,446.00 | 3,334.00 | |
| 100-7-10-26-532.000 Alarm Monitoring | 300.00 | 272.50 | 300.00 | 30.00 | 300.00 | |
| 100-7-10-26-622.000 Street Lights | 7,977.00 | 8,390.31 | 8,000.00 | 4,328.87 | 8,750.00 | |
| Subtotal | 35,895.00 | 36,943.69 | 36,118.00 | 16,437.87 | 41,644.00 | |

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| | | FY 24 | | FY 25 | | FY 26 | |
| | | Budget | Actual | Budget | 6 months | Budget | |
| 100-7-10-27 Solid Waste | | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-27-421.000 | Solid Waste (Bethel/Royalton) | 14,590.00 | 14,590.08 | 14,590.00 | 14,590.08 | 14,590.00 | |
| | Subtotal | 14,590.00 | 14,590.08 | 14,590.00 | 14,590.08 | 14,590.00 | |
| 100-7-10-28 General Employee Expenses | | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-28-210.000 | Health Insurance | 24,978.00 | 30,678.88 | 34,751.00 | 17,661.89 | 39,534.00 | |
| 100-7-10-28-210.001 | HRA 720 Excise Tax Exp | 0.00 | 12.88 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-7-10-28-210.002 | Hickock & Boardman Mgmt. | 840.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,220.00 | 230.00 | 1,220.00 | |
| 100-7-10-28-210.005 | Life & Disability Ins. Madison | 720.00 | 814.84 | 750.00 | 424.44 | 842.00 | |
| 100-7-10-28-210.010 | MVP Select Care | 1,300.00 | 344.07 | 1,300.00 | 412.73 | 1,300.00 | |
| 100-7-10-28-220.000 | Social Security | 6,989.00 | 8,217.63 | 7,414.00 | 5,050.71 | 8,974.00 | |
| 100-7-10-28-230.000 | VMERS Retirement | 5,416.00 | 5,635.84 | 6,598.00 | 3,190.43 | 7,410.00 | |
| 100-7-10-28-240.000 | Child Care Contribution | | 0.00 | | 161.08 | 560.00 | |
| 100-7-10-28-250.000 | Unemployment Compensation | 225.00 | 654.00 | 322.00 | 383.00 | 155.00 | |
| 100-7-10-28-260.000 | Worker's Compensation | 552.00 | 300.02 | 769.00 | 273.82 | 1,016.00 | |
| 100-7-10-28-270.000 | Insurance Discounts & Credits | -1,200.00 | 0.00 | -1,200.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | Subtotal | 39,820.00 | 48,008.16 | 51,924.00 | 27,790.10 | 61,011.00 | |
| 100-7-10-29 Dues & Fees | | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-29-490.000 | County Tax | 8,403.00 | 8,220.98 | 10,499.00 | 10,499.26 | 13,596.00 | |
| 100-7-10-29-560.000 | Green Min Economic Dev | 544.00 | 544.00 | 544.00 | 544.00 | 549.00 | |
| 100-7-10-29-560.005 | Two Rivers - Ottaquechee | 1,791.00 | 1,791.00 | 1,846.00 | 1,846.00 | 1,901.00 | |
| 100-7-10-29-560.010 | VLCT Dues | 2,546.00 | 0.00 | 2,625.00 | 2,625.00 | 2,683.00 | |
| | Subtotal | 13,284.00 | 10,555.98 | 15,514.00 | 15,514.26 | 18,729.00 | |
| 100-7-10-30 General Town Expenses | | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-30-310.000 | Dog Tags/Control | 200.00 | 121.21 | 200.00 | 134.90 | 200.00 | |
| 100-7-10-30-340.000 | Generator Maint | 1,100.00 | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | |
| 100-7-10-30-424.000 | Cemetery Upkeep | 31,478.00 | 29,174.37 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-7-10-30-493.001 | Repeater Expenses | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | |
| 100-7-10-30-520.000 | Property Insurance | 5,000.00 | 4,771.90 | 5,000.00 | 2,686.69 | 6,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-30-950.000 | Kirkpatrick Scholarship | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | Subtotal | 39,978.00 | 35,267.48 | 7,600.00 | 4,021.59 | 8,600.00 | |
| 100-7-10-31 Emergency Services/Ambulance | | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-31-000.001 | WRVA Rescue Services | 79,128.00 | 86,004.00 | 86,821.00 | 43,819.02 | 103,588.00 | |
| 100-7-10-31-000.002 | Valley Rescue Squad | 6,748.00 | 6,748.00 | 10,137.00 | 10,137.00 | 10,043.00 | |
| | Subtotal | 85,876.00 | 92,752.00 | 96,958.00 | 53,956.02 | 113,631.00 | |
| 100-7-10-32 Shelter Team/Emergency Management | | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-32-540.000 | Printing/Postage | | | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | |
| 100-7-10-32-565.000 | Shelter Education | | | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | |
| 100-7-10-32-565.001 | CPR Courses | | | 440.00 | 0.00 | 440.00 | |
| 100-7-10-32-565.002 | Emerg. Mgmt. Education | | | 250.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 | |
| 100-7-10-32-565.003 | Annual Meeting | | | 250.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 | |
| 100-7-10-32-610.000 | Supplies | | | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | |
| | Subtotal | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,340.00 | 0.00 | 1,340.00 | |
| 100-7-10-42 Cemetery Expenses | | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-42-110.000 | Commissioner Stipend | | | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-42-430.000 | Mowing & Landcare | | | 24,440.00 | 12,830.02 | 28,750.00 | |
| 100-7-10-42-430.001 | Tree & Brush Maintenance | | | 2,500.00 | 1,980.00 | 6,780.00 | |
| 100-7-10-42-430.002 | Road Maintenance | | | 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-7-10-42-430.003 | Boundary & Fence Maintenance | | | 2,000.00 | 2,398.97 | 0.00 | |
| 100-7-10-42-990.000 | Misc. Expense | | | 1,620.00 | 108.81 | 400.00 | |
| | Subtotal | 0.00 | 0.00 | 32,060.00 | 17,317.80 | 36,930.00 | |

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| | FY 24 | | FY 25 | | FY 26 | |
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | 6 months | Budget | Budget |
| 100-7-10-43 Park Expenses | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-43-430.000 Repairs | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 9.79 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 100-7-10-43-430.001 Mowing | 2,652.00 | 2,652.00 | 2,652.00 | 1,768.00 | 4,680.00 | 4,680.00 |
| 100-7-10-43-430.002 Tree Maintenance | 1,750.00 | 2,915.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 100-7-10-43-430.003 Lawn Maintenance | 1,000.00 | 210.00 | 750.00 | 0.00 | 1,250.00 | 1,250.00 |
| 100-7-10-43-430.006 Electricity | 400.00 | 377.04 | 400.00 | 250.57 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| 100-7-10-43-430.007 Miscellaneous Expense | 500.00 | 10.90 | 500.00 | 405.78 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal | 6,402.00 | 6,164.94 | 4,902.00 | 2,434.14 | 6,430.00 | 6,430.00 |
| 100-7-10-44 Recreation Dept | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-44-220.000 Social Security | 107.00 | 0.00 | 107.00 | 0.00 | 107.00 | 107.00 |
| 100-7-10-44-250.000 Unemployment | 6.00 | 0.00 | 8.00 | 0.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 |
| 100-7-10-44-260.000 Work Comp | 64.00 | 150.01 | 62.00 | 77.55 | 64.00 | 64.00 |
| 100-7-10-44-346.001 Summer Concerts | 2,600.00 | 3,149.00 | 3,300.00 | 2,848.00 | 3,300.00 | 3,300.00 |
| 100-7-10-44-346.002 July 4th Parade | 500.00 | 1,230.58 | 590.00 | 0.00 | 620.00 | 620.00 |
| 100-7-10-44-346.003 Youth Sports | 2,000.00 | 3,485.54 | 2,000.00 | 742.52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 100-7-10-44-346.004 Miscellaneous Expense | 400.00 | 0.00 | 700.00 | 167.34 | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| 100-7-10-44-346.005 Salaries | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 | 0.00 | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 |
| 100-7-10-44-346.007 One Planet Program | 3,125.00 | 3,125.00 | 3,125.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 100-7-10-44-346.008 Skatespace/Winterfest | 2,800.00 | 0.00 | 2,800.00 | 1,045.50 | 2,800.00 | 2,800.00 |
| 100-7-10-44-346.009 Youth Sports donations to reserve | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal | 13,002.00 | 12,540.13 | 14,092.00 | 4,880.91 | 8,997.00 | 8,997.00 |
| 100-7-10-60 Constable Expenses | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-60-115.000 Windsor County Sheriff | 30,000.00 | 29,386.40 | 32,500.00 | 13,334.00 | 32,500.00 | 32,500.00 |
| 100-7-10-60-520.000 Constable/Animal Control W/C Liab | 500.00 | 601.83 | 500.00 | 380.53 | 320.00 | 320.00 |
| Subtotal | 30,500.00 | 29,988.23 | 33,000.00 | 13,714.53 | 32,820.00 | 32,820.00 |
| 100-7-10-70 Fire Dept. Expenses | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-70-110.000 Salaries | 7,500.00 | 7,739.00 | 9,000.00 | 9,265.00 | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-110.001 Workers Compensation | 1,280.00 | 1,219.00 | 1,300.00 | 609.50 | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-430.000 Building Repair/Maintenance | 500.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-430.001 Sprinkler Alarm | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-431.000 Air Compressor | 1,000.00 | 377.50 | 1,400.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-431.001 Air Pack Replacement | 2,000.00 | 2,512.62 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-432.000 Truck Maintenance | 2,500.00 | 3,812.71 | 2,500.00 | 4,530.83 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-520.000 Property/Auto Insurance | 7,000.00 | 7,432.36 | 7,000.00 | 3,701.78 | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-530.000 Phone/Public Safety | 2,700.00 | 2,574.56 | 2,600.00 | 600.87 | 2,600.00 | 2,600.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-532.000 Water & Sewer | 700.00 | 666.80 | 500.00 | 144.20 | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-540.000 Printing/Advertising | 200.00 | 242.76 | 250.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-560.000 Dues | 900.00 | 409.00 | 400.00 | 437.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-565.000 Meetings/Education | 1,000.00 | 3,100.68 | 1,500.00 | 40.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-610.000 Hoses | 4,500.00 | 0.00 | 4,500.00 | 0.00 | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-610.005 Bunker Gear | 6,000.00 | 12,697.35 | 6,300.00 | 1,480.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-610.020 Supplies/Repair | 8,000.00 | 6,996.32 | 8,500.00 | 360.25 | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-622.000 Electricity | 1,800.00 | 1,791.90 | 2,000.00 | 932.75 | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-626.000 Gas/Oil/Grease | 2,000.00 | 782.64 | 2,000.00 | 355.09 | 2,200.00 | 2,200.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-626.001 Heat | 3,000.00 | 2,180.75 | 2,000.00 | 211.60 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-740.000 Radios/Pagers | 2,500.00 | 2,316.70 | 3,000.00 | 2,662.15 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 100-7-10-70-990.000 Miscellaneous | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 58,350.00 | 58,350.00 |
| Subtotal | 55,580.00 | 56,852.65 | 58,050.00 | 25,331.02 | 58,350.00 | 58,350.00 |

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| | Budget | Actual | Budget | 6 months | Budget | |
| 100-7-10-80 Listers Expenses | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-80-110.000 Salaries | 3,500.00 | 4,856.25 | 4,000.00 | 573.75 | 5,500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-80-220.000 Social Security | 268.00 | 362.33 | 306.00 | 43.89 | 421.00 | |
| 100-7-10-80-260.000 Work Comp | 17.00 | 0.00 | 29.00 | 0.00 | 43.00 | |
| 100-7-10-80-565.000 Meetings/Education | 200.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 275.00 | |
| 100-7-10-80-580.000 Mileage | 55.00 | 211.42 | 55.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 | |
| 100-7-10-80-610.000 Supplies | 500.00 | 580.32 | 550.00 | 0.00 | 550.00 | |
| Subtotal | 4,540.00 | 6,010.32 | 4,940.00 | 617.64 | 7,089.00 | |
| 100-7-10-82 Planning & Zoning Expenses | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-82-220.000 Social Security | 46.00 | 0.00 | 77.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-82-540.000 Printing/Advertising | 350.00 | 416.82 | 350.00 | 48.24 | 0.00 | |
| 100-7-10-82-540.010 Clerk/Assistant | 650.00 | 48.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-7-10-99-110.006 TRORC Zoning Regs. Agreement | 0.00 | 489.53 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Subtotal | 1,046.00 | 954.35 | 1,427.00 | 48.24 | 500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-99 Grant Expenses | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-99-999.000 Transfer out Grants Match | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-7-10-93 High School Repurposing | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-93-930.001 Heat | | | | | 49,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-93-930.002 Utilities | | | | | 300.00 | |
| 100-7-10-93-930.003 Electricity | | | | | 14,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-93-930.004 Phone/Internet | | | | | 1,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-93-930.005 Trash | | | | | 0.00 | |
| 100-7-10-93-930.006 Janitorial | | | | | 4,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-93-930.007 Plowing/Mowing | | | | | 1,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-93-930.008 Maintenance | | | | | 2,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-93-930.009 Insurance | | | | | 20,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-93-930.010 Admin | | | | | 0.00 | |
| 100-7-10-93-930.011 Audit | | | | | 8,000.00 | |
| Subtotal | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 99,300.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 637,626.00 | 670,303.16 | 672,019.00 | 379,131.97 | 827,494.00 | |

TOWN OF ROCHESTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

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| | FY 24 | | FY 25 | | FY 26 | |
| | Budget | Actuals | Budget | 6 months | Budget | |
| HIGHWAY INCOME | | | | | | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.005 Current Taxes | 511,578.00 | 511,578.00 | 553,768.00 | 264,099.12 | 583,369.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.040 State Aid to Roads | 130,000.00 | 120,254.38 | 120,000.00 | 124,726.66 | 124,600.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.055 Forest Service Rd. Agree. | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.205 Pittsfield W/M | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.210 Bethel W/M | 0.00 | 5,737.26 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 100-6-10-00-300.210 Fed PLT FS Land-Hwy | 35,000.00 | 39,763.00 | 38,000.00 | 0.00 | 38,000.00 | |
| Subtotal non tax income | 167,500.00 | 168,254.64 | 160,500.00 | 124,726.66 | 165,100.00 | |
| TOTAL HIGHWAY INCOME | 679,078.00 | 679,832.64 | 714,268.00 | 388,825.78 | 748,469.00 | |
| HIGHWAY EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-50-110.000 Highway Regular Time | 152,175.00 | 146,098.96 | 156,759.00 | 61,919.70 | 164,663.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-130.000 Highway Overtime | 30,900.00 | 24,303.45 | 30,900.00 | 8,837.24 | 30,900.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-210.000 Highway Health Insurance | 19,563.00 | 20,226.72 | 22,072.00 | 7,927.12 | 25,116.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-210.002 Health Ins Opt Out | 5,955.00 | 6,329.89 | 6,200.00 | 3,102.93 | 6,500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-210.005 Life/Disability Ins Madison | 1,425.00 | 1,416.71 | 1,460.00 | 567.24 | 1,464.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-210.010 MVP Select Care | 1,300.00 | 166.73 | 1,300.00 | 486.83 | 1,300.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-220.000 Social Security | 14,005.00 | 13,184.56 | 14,356.00 | 5,426.34 | 14,984.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-230.000 Municipal Retirement | 12,358.00 | 11,949.26 | 13,136.00 | 5,127.92 | 13,955.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-240.000 Child Care Contribution | | | | 329.51 | 862.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-250.000 Unemployment | 282.00 | 0.00 | 315.00 | 0.00 | 282.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-260.000 Work Comp | 13,895.00 | 11,672.11 | 13,605.00 | 5,891.77 | 14,494.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-411.000 Garage-Water/Sewer | 720.00 | 900.80 | 800.00 | 166.60 | 950.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-411.005 Town of Braintree W/M | 7,000.00 | 4,405.00 | 9,500.00 | 0.00 | 9,500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-424.000 Moving/Brush Removal | 18,000.00 | 16,548.99 | 19,000.00 | 20,222.99 | 22,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-430.000 Garage-Bldg Maint/Repair | 3,000.00 | 1,753.55 | 3,000.00 | 1,556.81 | 2,500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-431.000 EQ Parts/Repairs/Supplies | 63,000.00 | 95,161.75 | 70,000.00 | 47,758.79 | 75,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-431.005 Town Garage Radio Expense | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,162.97 | 1,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-441.010 Town of Stockbridge W/M | 1,700.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,700.00 | 0.00 | 1,700.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-442.000 Contracted Services/Rental | 15,000.00 | 8,686.00 | 20,000.00 | 6,340.00 | 21,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-460.005 Culverts & Bands | 7,000.00 | 8,185.97 | 13,000.00 | 9,151.76 | 13,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-460-014 Erosion Control/Seed | | | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-460.015 Resurfacing | 50,000.00 | 55,524.05 | 40,000.00 | 1,486.25 | 45,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-520.000 Hwy Prop/Auto/Liab Ins | 12,700.00 | 11,664.09 | 12,700.00 | 4,698.11 | 12,700.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-530.000 Garage-Telephone | 1,200.00 | 1,323.27 | 1,300.00 | 869.61 | 1,300.00 | |

TOWN OF ROCHESTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

| | July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 | | July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 | | July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | FY 24 | | FY 25 | | FY 26 | |
| | Budget | Actuals | Budget | 6 months | Budget | |
| 100-7-10-50-565.000 Highway - Education | 200.00 | 72.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-610.000 Gas. Oil. Grease | 68,000.00 | 54,376.59 | 72,000.00 | 12,492.58 | 72,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-610.005 Small Tools | 3,000.00 | 1,810.02 | 2,000.00 | 790.08 | 2,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-610.010 Supplies | 1,000.00 | 910.98 | 2,000.00 | 187.61 | 2,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-610.015 Clothing Allowance | 1,800.00 | 1,506.30 | 1,800.00 | 288.89 | 2,600.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-611.000 Chloride | 9,900.00 | 5,909.50 | 12,000.00 | 5,138.32 | 12,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-611.005 Salt | 49,000.00 | 35,070.59 | 53,900.00 | 5,789.70 | 55,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-622.000 Garage-Electricity | 2,000.00 | 1,753.51 | 2,000.00 | 670.07 | 2,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-624.000 Garage-Heat | 5,000.00 | 3,194.10 | 4,000.00 | 296.39 | 4,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-650.000 Gravel | 60,000.00 | 61,308.29 | 60,000.00 | 25,984.53 | 62,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-650.005 Sand | 41,000.00 | 37,519.75 | 42,000.00 | 15,510.51 | 45,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-651.000 Paint Crosswalks | 500.00 | 107.47 | 1,500.00 | 452.19 | 1,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-651.005 Road Signs & Posts | 1,500.00 | 1,240.98 | 2,000.00 | 467.76 | 2,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-651.015 Municipal Road Permit/Fee | 1,600.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,765.00 | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-651.020 Gravel Pit Lease Exp | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-50-999.001 Grant Over Expenditure | 0.00 | -3,184.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Subtotal | 679,078.00 | 646,347.94 | 714,268.00 | 264,099.12 | 748,470.00 | |
| TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES | 679,078.00 | 646,347.94 | 714,268.00 | 264,099.12 | 748,470.00 | |

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
WATER COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET

| | July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 | | July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 | | July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 | |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | FY 24 | | FY 25 | | FY 26 | |
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | 6 months | Budget | |
| Water Income | | | | | | |
| 300-6-00-20-020.005 Current Fees | 56,000.00 | 54,425.98 | 56,000.00 | 28,977.49 | 56,000.00 | |
| 300-6-00-20-020.010 Delinquent Fees | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 300-6-00-20-020.015 Connection Fees | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 300-6-00-10-000.007 Reserve Bank Interest | 0.00 | 272.00 | 0.00 | 139.05 | 0.00 | |
| 300-6-00-20-020.020 Bank Interest | 0.00 | 409.77 | 0.00 | 211.33 | 0.00 | |
| 300-6-00-20-020.025 Misc Income | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| TOTAL WATER INCOME | 56,000.00 | 55,107.75 | 56,000.00 | 29,327.87 | 56,000.00 | |
| Water Expenses | | | | | | |
| 300-7-10-20-110.000 Operator | 18,000.00 | 16,731.58 | 18,000.00 | 10,028.67 | 15,000.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-110.005 Operator Assistant | 1,500.00 | 1,012.50 | 3,000.00 | 1,275.81 | 4,000.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-220.000 FICA/MEDI Expense | 1,500.00 | 1,259.22 | 1,400.00 | 750.80 | 1,454.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-220.001 Work Comp & Unemployment | 1,380.00 | 1,236.07 | 1,380.00 | 580.77 | 2,774.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-230.000 Child Care Contribution | | | | 0.00 | 84.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-340.000 Telemetering | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-340.005 Testing/Samples | 1,500.00 | 895.00 | 2,000.00 | 150.00 | 2,000.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-424.000 Grounds Maint | 850.00 | 886.00 | 1,000.00 | 544.00 | 2,500.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-424.001 Truck Use Reimbursement | 1,560.00 | 1,560.00 | 1,560.00 | 780.00 | 1,600.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-430.000 Building Maint | 1,500.00 | 465.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-431.000 Equipment Maint | 4,000.00 | 5,639.43 | 4,000.00 | 113.30 | 5,000.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-431.015 Generator Expense | 100.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-520.000 Property & Liability Insurance | 350.00 | 338.02 | 350.00 | 154.80 | 350.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-531.000 Postage | 250.00 | 250.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 400.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-531.005 Heat @ Pump House | 1,500.00 | 1,114.09 | 1,200.00 | 536.45 | 1,300.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-560.000 Dues/Memberships | 350.00 | 335.00 | 300.00 | 42.00 | 400.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-560.005 VACD Dry Hydrant Program | | | | | 100.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-565.000 Education | 500.00 | 252.00 | 500.00 | 48.00 | 500.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-570.000 Permit/Licenses | 700.00 | 482.20 | 1,200.00 | 177.70 | 1,200.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-610.000 Billing | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 700.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-610.005 Supplies | 2,500.00 | 1,464.19 | 2,500.00 | 2,041.02 | 3,000.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-622.000 Electricity | 3,500.00 | 3,161.42 | 3,200.00 | 2,134.43 | 3,500.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-655.000 Special Projects | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-740.000 Equipment | 100.00 | 1,104.59 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| 300-7-10-20-990.000 Misc Expense | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| TOTAL WATER EXPENSES | 42,440.00 | 38,786.31 | 44,440.00 | 20,257.75 | 49,612.00 | |

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
SEWER COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET

| | July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 | | July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 | | July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 | |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| | FY24 | | FY25 | | FY26 | |
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | 6 months | Budget | |
| Sewer Income | | | | | | |
| 300-6-00-10-000.005 Bank Interest | | 1,336.39 | | 871.94 | | 0.00 |
| 300-6-00-10-000.006 Reserve Bank Interest | | 193.87 | | 99.11 | | 0.00 |
| 300-6-00-10-010.005 Current Fees | 80,000.00 | 75,819.29 | 80,000.00 | 40,281.00 | | 80,000.00 |
| 300-6-00-10-010.010 Delinquent Fees | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 300-6-00-10-010.015 Connection Fees | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 300-6-00-10-010.020 Bank Interest | | 711.10 | | 371.27 | | 0.00 |
| 300-6-00-10-010.030 Misc Income | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| TOTAL SEWER INCOME | 80,000.00 | 78,060.65 | 80,000.00 | 41,623.32 | | 80,000.00 |
| Sewer Expenses | | | | | | |
| 300-7-10-10-110.000 Operator | 18,000.00 | 15,880.13 | 18,000.00 | 8,337.52 | | 15,000.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-110.005 Operator Assistant | 1,500.00 | 923.23 | 2,500.00 | 854.76 | | 4,000.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-220.000 FICA/MEDI Expense | 1,400.00 | 1,255.26 | 1,200.00 | 623.75 | | 1,321.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-220.001 Work Comp & Unemployment | 1,280.00 | 1,199.97 | 1,280.00 | 580.77 | | 2,774.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-230.000 Child Care Contribution | | | | 92.24 | | 84.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-330.000 Engineering | 3,500.00 | 3,200.00 | 4,500.00 | 0.00 | | 3,500.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-340.000 Testing/Samples | 3,300.00 | 1,741.97 | 3,000.00 | 2,643.22 | | 3,000.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-340.001 Telemetry | 1,600.00 | 0.00 | 1,600.00 | 0.00 | | 1,600.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-424.000 Grounds Maint | 3,000.00 | 2,448.00 | 3,000.00 | 1,632.00 | | 4,320.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-424.001 Truck Use Reimbursement | 1,560.00 | 1,560.00 | 1,560.00 | 780.00 | | 1,600.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-431.000 Repairs | 3,000.00 | 2,770.30 | 3,000.00 | 1,448.77 | | 3,000.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-431.005 Tanks Maint | 18,000.00 | 18,347.06 | 17,000.00 | 5,030.59 | | 21,000.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-431.015 Generator | 100.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | | 150.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-520.000 Property & Liability Insurance | 1,300.00 | 1,014.09 | 1,200.00 | 393.76 | | 1,200.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-531.000 Postage | 250.00 | 250.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | | 400.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-565.000 Education | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 100.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-570.000 Permits/Licenses | 2,600.00 | 2,940.25 | 2,700.00 | 220.00 | | 3,000.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-610.000 Billing | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | | 700.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-610.005 Supplies | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-622.000 Electricity | 2,500.00 | 2,731.17 | 2,400.00 | 1,244.92 | | 2,500.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-655.000 Special Projects | 500.00 | 0.00 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | | 10,000.00 |
| 300-7-10-10-990.000 Misc Expense | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | | 100.00 |
| TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES | 65,090.00 | 56,861.43 | 74,090.00 | 24,782.30 | | 80,349.00 |

TOWN OF ROCHESTER APPROPRIATIONS AND VOTED ARTICLES - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

| | July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 | | July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 | | July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 | |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | FY 24 | | FY 25 | | FY 26 | |
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | 6 months | Budget | |
| 100-7-10-91 Appropriations | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-91-950.015 Central VT Council on Aging | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 1,500.00 | |
| 100-7-10-91-950.020 Clara Martin Center | 2,066.00 | 2,066.00 | 2,066.00 | 2,066.00 | 1,033.00 | |
| 100-7-10-91-950.025 Green Up Vermont | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 50.00 | |
| 100-7-10-91-950.029 Orange Cty Parent Child C | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 150.00 | |
| 100-7-10-91-950.030 Quintown Senior Center | 9,849.00 | 9,849.00 | 9,849.00 | 9,849.00 | 4,925.00 | |
| 100-7-10-91-950.035 Tri -Valley Transit | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | 650.00 | |
| 100-7-10-91-950.045 Visiting Nurses VT/NH | 4,800.00 | 4,800.00 | 4,800.00 | 4,800.00 | 2,400.00 | |
| 100-7-10-91-950.050 White River Partnership | 875.00 | 875.00 | 875.00 | 875.00 | 438.00 | |
| 100-7-10-91-950.060 Women Safe Inc | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 125.00 | |
| 100-7-10-91-950.064 VACD Dry Hydrant Program | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | moved-water budget | |
| 100-7-10-91-950.070 Safeline | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 125.00 | |
| Subtotal | 22,840.00 | 22,840.00 | 22,840.00 | 22,840.00 | 11,396.00 | |
| 100-7-10-92 Rsvy Transfrs/Voted Articles | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-92-000-005 Hwy Equip Reserve Trsf Out | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-92-000.010 Tennis Rsv Trsf Out | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-92-000.014 Town Building Res Trsf Ou | | | | | | |
| 100-7-10-92-000.015 Reappraisal Res Trsf Out | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | | | | |
| 100-7-10-92-000.018 Library Transfer Out | 49,935.00 | 49,935.00 | 50,790.00 | 25,395.00 | 52,313.00 | |
| 100-7-10-92-000.019 Fast Trash and Recycling | 21,420.00 | 21,335.00 | 21,420.00 | 10,710.00 | 21,420.00 | |
| 100-7-10-92-000.020 Hwy Grant Prjct Res Trsf Out | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 6,000.00 | |
| 100-7-10-92-000.021 SkateSpace Res Trsf Out | | 16,550.09 | | | | |
| 100-7-10-99-999.000 Tri Town Youth Trsf Out | | 5,000.77 | | | | |
| Subtotal | 92,355.00 | 113,820.86 | 85,210.00 | 49,105.00 | 80,733.00 | |
| TOTAL ARTICLES and APPROPRIATIONS | 115,195.00 | 136,660.86 | 108,050.00 | 71,945.00 | 92,129.00 | |

ROCHESTER TOWN GENERAL ACCOUNT
Summary of Budget, Revenue and Expense

| | FY 24 | | FY 25 | | FY 26 | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Voted Budget | Actual 12 months | Voted Budget | Actual 6 months | Proposed Budget | difference vs FY23 |
| Rochester Town | | | | | | |
| REVENUE: | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes: | 410,389 | 249,790 | 459,616 | 391,419 | 644,545 | 29% |
| Non-Tax Revenue: | 223,810 | 320,358 | 212,402 | 208,699 | 179,973 | -18% |
| X. TOTAL REVENUE: [Prop + Non-tax rev] | 634,199 | 570,148 | 672,018 | 600,118 | 824,518 | 18% |
| EXPENSE: | | | | | | |
| Total Finance Expenses: | 94,076 | 85,918 | 113,539 | 86,522 | 116,681 | 3% |
| Total Capital Purchase Expense: | 54,845 | 92,565 | 35,811 | 21,794 | 38,492 | 7% |
| Total General Town Salaries: | 88,108 | 89,799 | 97,909 | 45,676 | 112,060 | 17% |
| General Office Expense: | 60,084 | 51,393 | 57,245 | 28,486 | 50,300 | -14% |
| Buildings and Grounds: | 35,895 | 36,944 | 36,118 | 16,438 | 41,644 | 13% |
| Solid Waste: | 14,590 | 14,590 | 14,590 | 14,590 | 14,590 | 0% |
| General Employee Expenses: | 39,820 | 48,008 | 51,924 | 27,790 | 61,011 | 15% |
| Dues and Fees: | 13,284 | 10,556 | 15,514 | 15,514 | 18,729 | 17% |
| General Town Expenses: | 39,578 | 35,267 | 7,600 | 4,022 | 8,600 | 12% |
| Emergency Services: | 85,876 | 92,752 | 96,958 | 53,956 | 113,631 | 15% |
| Shelter Team/Emergency Management: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,340 | 0% |
| Cemetery: | 0 | 0 | 32,060 | 17,318 | 36,930 | 13% |
| Park Expenses: | 6,402 | 6,165 | 4,902 | 2,434 | 6,430 | 24% |
| Recreation Dept. Expenses: | 13,002 | 12,540 | 14,092 | 4,881 | 8,997 | -57% |
| Constable Expenses: | 30,500 | 29,988 | 33,000 | 13,715 | 32,870 | -1% |
| Fire Department Expenses: | 55,580 | 56,853 | 58,050 | 25,331 | 58,350 | 1% |
| Listers Expenses: | 4,540 | 6,010 | 4,940 | 618 | 7,089 | 30% |
| Planning/Zoning Expenses: | 1,046 | 954 | 1,427 | 48 | 500 | -185% |
| Transfer out Grants Match | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| A. Grand Total GEN. FUND EXPENSE: | 637,626 | 670,303 | 672,019 | 379,132 | 728,134 | 8% |
| HIGHWAY: | | | | | | |
| REVENUE: | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes: | 511,578 | 511,578 | 553,768 | 264,099 | 583,369 | 5% |
| Non-Tax Revenue: | 167,500 | 168,255 | 160,500 | 124,727 | 165,100 | 3% |
| Y. Total REVENUE: | 679,078 | 679,833 | 714,268 | 388,826 | 748,469 | 5% |
| EXPENSE: | | | | | | |
| Highway Expenses | 679,078 | 646,348 | 714,268 | 226,686 | 748,470 | |
| Highway Grant Expense | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| B. Total HIGHWAY EXPENSE: | 679,078 | 646,348 | 714,268 | 264,099 | 748,470 | 5% |
| APPROPRIATION REQUESTS: | | | | | | |
| Total Community Requests: | 22,840 | 22,840 | 22,840 | 22,840 | 11,396 | -100% |
| Total Voted Articles: | 92,355 | 113,821 | 85,210 | 49,105 | 80,733 | -6% |
| C. TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS: | 115,195 | 136,661 | 108,050 | 71,945 | 92,129 | -17% |
| Total Income: X + Y + C | 1,478,472 | 1,386,642 | 1,494,336 | 1,060,889 | 1,665,116 | 10% |
| Total Expense : A + B + C | 1,431,899 | 1,453,312 | 1,494,337 | 715,176 | 1,568,793 | 5% |
| Audit Reconciliation FY 24 | | | | | | |
| Total Income | \$ | \$ 1,386,642 | \$ | \$ 1,453,312 | Total Expense | |
| Cemetery funds | | (5,000) | | | (42,551) Reserve trailers out | |
| | | | | | (49,935) Library | |
| | | | | | 19,601 Mascoma TAN | |
| | | | | | 3,184 Grant Funds | |
| Audited Income | \$ | \$ 1,381,642 | \$ | \$ 1,383,811 | Audited Exp | |

| BUDGET AND TAX SUMMARY | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--|------------------|---|--|--------------|
| | FY 24 | FY 25 | FY 26 | Proposed More or (Less) than last Year's Budget | | |
| 2023-2024 Budget | 634,199 | 2024-2025 Budget | 2025-2026 Budget | 152,500 | | 22.7% |
| General Town Budget | (223,810) | 672,018 | 824,518 | 32,429 | | -15.3% |
| General Town Revenue (non-tax) | | (212,402) | (179,973) | 184,929 | | 40.2% |
| Town Funds Required | \$ 410,389 | \$ 459,616 | \$ 644,545 | | | |
| Highway Budget | 679,078 | 714,268 | 748,470 | 34,202 | | 4.8% |
| Highway Revenue (non-tax) | (167,500) | (160,500) | (165,100) | (4,600) | | 2.9% |
| Highway Funds Required | \$ 511,578 | \$ 553,768 | \$ 583,370 | 29,602 | | 5.3% |
| Community Agencies Requests | 22,840 | 22,840 | 11,396 | (11,444) | | -50.1% |
| Voted Articles | 92,355 | 85,210 | 80,733 | (4,477) | | -5.3% |
| Appropriation Funds Required | \$ 115,195 | \$ 108,050 | \$ 92,129 | (15,921) | | -14.7% |
| Grand Total Budget and Appropriations: X + Y + C | \$ 1,428,472 | \$ 1,494,336 | \$ 1,665,117 | \$ 170,781 | | 11.4% |
| Grand Total Property Tax Required: A + B + C | \$ 1,037,162 | \$ 1,121,434 | \$ 1,320,044 | \$ 198,610 | | 17.7% |
| FY 26 Budget Article and Property Tax Summary | | | | | | |
| To raise from taxes: | | | | | | |
| Town and Highway Budget Article: | | | | | | |
| X. General Town Budget: | 824,518 | A. Town Funds Required: | | | | 644,545 |
| Y. Highway Budget: | 748,470 | B. Highway funds required: | | | | 583,370 |
| Total amount for Town Budget Article: | \$ 1,572,988 | Total amount to raise from taxes for Town and Highway: | | | | \$ 1,227,915 |
| C. Proposed Appropriations and Voted Articles: | \$ 92,129 | C. Proposed Appropriations and Voted Articles: | | | | \$ 92,129 |
| Grand Total Appropriations, Town, and Highway Budgets: | \$ 1,665,117 | Grand Total of Property Tax to be raised: | | | | \$ 1,320,044 |

Annual Report of the Rochester Public Library
Grateful for your support!

The library, in case you missed it, has been busy!

There are many programs happening each month, for babies on up through every age. There have been crafting get-togethers to make lovely hanging decorations, earrings, socks, embroidered handkerchiefs, as well as supply swaps, discussions of current global events, babies, science, dragons, movies, and—of course—lots and lots of great books. Our Library of Things continues to loan out tools and items of all types--free of charge. We've held events and programs in our beautiful space, gone to the farmers' market and the school to share stories and fun with children, and greatly increased the books and services available to our youngest patrons. Tween kids have been enjoying a monthly gathering in Pierce Hall, a wonderful demonstration of community collaboration that benefits everyone! Families have come to RPL to do art projects or science experiments together, to sing songs, learn how to read, watch movies, play games, hide in boxes, find dragon eggs, and read. And now, free snacks for all!

We've been very fortunate in having some work done to the exterior of the building—have you seen how beautiful the second-story paint looks? Our stained glass is being expertly restored; we've all stood at the park at dusk to admire those lovely windows. There is still more to be done, as one would expect from an old building. The accessibility ramp needs work, as the rails are no longer stable. And the first floor exterior walls are in need of overhaul.

We trust you will support your library by voting “yes” on the article providing funding for our budget at Town Meeting. If you have any questions about our budget, just stop by any Tuesday or Thursday, 11-6, or Saturday, 9-12.

The Trustees look forward to working with the Select Board in 2026, and invite everyone to stop in for a book, a program, or some quiet time.

Thank you for your support!

Your Library Trustees: Doreen Jones, Chair; Tony Goupee; Vincent Martinez; Lauren Scogin; Barbara Shenton

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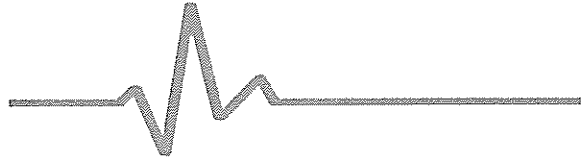
| | July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 | July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 | July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget |
| Total Finance Exp | | | |
| 200-7-10-15 Finance Expenses | | | |
| 200-7-10-15-533.000 Bank Charges | 25.00 | 1.25 | 0.00 |
| 200-7-10-15-830.000 Interest Expenses | 10.00 | 18.17 | 0.00 |
| | 35.00 | 19.42 | 0.00 |
| 200-7-10-20 Grant Expenses | | | |
| 200-7-10-20-345.000 ILL Grant Expenses | 1,178.32 | 1,327.50 | 1,300.00 |
| 200-7-10-20-345.013 Dept Lib Children's Program | 200.00 | 294.08 | 200.00 |
| 200-7-10-20-345.021 Winnie Belle Learned Grant | | 1,028.06 | 500.00 |
| 200-7-10-20-345.022 CLIF Grant | | 178.91 | 0.00 |
| Total Grant Exp | 1,378.32 | 2,828.55 | 2,000.00 |
| 200-7-10-25 General Library Expenses | | | |
| 200-7-10-25-411.000 Utilities (Water/Sewer) | 544.00 | 576.40 | 544.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-431.000 Equipment (computer) | 500.00 | 305.77 | 500.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-431.001 Database Contract | 750.00 | 0.00 | 750.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-431.002 Website Maintenance | 200.00 | 22.17 | 200.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-431.005 Systems Main/IT | 600.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-530.000 Telephone | 1,373.00 | 1,502.46 | 1,390.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-531.000 Postage & Shipping | 239.00 | 134.58 | 250.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-531.001 PO Box Rental | 160.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-531.005 ILL Postage | 100.00 | 56.82 | 100.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-560.000 Memberships | 450.00 | 576.96 | 600.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-560.001 Adv/printing/publishing | 50.00 | 110.90 | 60.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-560.002 Zoom/Video Conference | 180.00 | 31.98 | 0.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-580.000 Mileage | 100.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-610.000 Supplies | 1,200.00 | 705.31 | 1,200.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-610.001 COVID 19 Supplies | | | 145.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-610.002 Library Snacks | | | 0.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-615.000 Volunteer Expenses | 200.00 | 100.00 | 200.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-616.000 Petty Cash | | 100.00 | 200.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-622.000 Electricity | 1,400.00 | 1,254.97 | 1,400.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-624.000 Fuel | 2,500.00 | 2,216.13 | 3,000.00 |
| 200-7-10-25-655.000 Fund Raising | 600.00 | 310.50 | 600.00 |
| Total General Library Exp | 11,146.00 | 8,004.95 | 11,789.00 |
| 200-7-10-30 Programs | | | |
| 200-7-10-30-655.000 Adult Programs | 1,000.00 | 472.33 | 1,000.00 |
| 200-7-10-30-655.005 Childrens Programs | 520.00 | 490.72 | 3,250.00 |
| Total Programs Exp | 1,520.00 | 963.05 | 4,250.00 |

Rochester Public Library Budget

| | July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 | July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 | July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget |
| 200-7-10-35 Media/Books | | | |
| 200-7-10-35-640.000 Adult Books | 2,000.00 | 2,603.00 | 3,925.00 |
| 200-7-10-35-640.001 Memorial Fund Pymt | 400.00 | 554.95 | 600.00 |
| 200-7-10-35-640.005 Audio/DVDs/Kanopy | 1,200.00 | 932.19 | 1,400.00 |
| 200-7-10-35-640.006 Library of Things Exp | | 514.89 | 0.00 |
| 200-7-10-35-640.010 Childrens Books | 700.00 | 1,079.38 | 800.00 |
| 200-7-10-35-640.015 Magazines/Subscriptions | 100.00 | 176.36 | 175.00 |
| 200-7-10-35-655.000 Adopt an Author | 1,200.00 | 1,430.50 | 1,200.00 |
| Total Media/Books Exp | 5,600.00 | 7,291.27 | 8,100.00 |
| 200-7-10-37 Investment transfer out | | | |
| 200-7-10-37-000.005 Infinex Transfer Out WING | | | |
| 200-7-10-37-000.006 Infinex Transfer Out KIRK | | | |
| Total Investment transfer out | | 0.00 | |
| 200-7-10-40 Payroll Expenses/Reimb | | | |
| 200-7-10-40-110.000 Librarian Salaries | 22,880.00 | 20,685.00 | 26,066.40 |
| 200-7-10-40-110.005 Asst Librarian | 752.00 | 856.00 | 1,700.00 |
| 200-7-10-40-110.010 Childrens Library Salaries | 3,200.00 | 2,860.00 | 0.00 |
| 200-7-10-40-110.015 Custodial Salaries | 2,496.00 | 2,304.00 | 2,652.00 |
| 200-7-10-40-110.016 Consulting | 5,654.00 | 1,260.00 | 200.00 |
| 200-7-10-40-210.002 Work Comp Expense | 175.00 | 263.92 | 303.76 |
| 200-7-10-40-210.003 Unemployment Comp Exp | 112.00 | 0.00 | 118.00 |
| 200-7-10-40-220.000 FICA/MEDI | 2,030.00 | 1,914.71 | 2,030.00 |
| 200-7-10-40-220.050 HRA Employers Cont. | 0.00 | 56.34 | 2,000.00 |
| 200-7-10-40-230.000 VMERS | | 1,403.27 | 985.34 |
| 200-7-10-40-240.000 Child Care Contribution | | | 64.65 |
| Total Payroll/Reimb Exp | 37,299.00 | 31,603.24 | 35,070.16 |
| 200-7-10-45 Maintenance and Repairs | | | |
| 200-7-10-45-120.020 Landscaping-summer maint | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 200-7-10-45-120.025 Snow Remove-winter maint | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| 200-7-10-45-419.000 Library Bldg Ins. Exp | 4,200.00 | 4,056.33 | 4,039.32 |
| 200-7-10-45-420.000 General Repairs/Maint. | 2,000.00 | 1,139.64 | 2,000.00 |
| 200-7-10-45-420.001 Boiler Maintenance | 750.00 | 913.84 | 700.00 |
| 200-7-10-45-420.002 Elevator Inspect/Maint | 750.00 | 806.30 | 750.00 |
| 200-7-10-45-420.009 Window Restoration Exp | | | 0.00 |
| 200-7-10-45-420.015 Maintenance Supplies | 500.00 | 60.39 | 600.00 |
| 200-7-10-45-532.000 Annual Alarm Monitoring | 1,400.00 | 1,626.35 | 400.00 |
| 200-7-10-55-655.000 Annual Campaign purchases | 5,000.00 | 2,560.50 | 10,000.00 |
| 200-7-10-55-990.000 Misc Expenses | | 437.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Maint & Repairs | 15,600.00 | 12,600.35 | 19,489.32 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 72,578.32 | 63,310.83 | 80,698.48 |
| | | | 24,815.18 |
| | | | 94,499.54 |

Valley Rescue Squad

5051 VT Route 100
Granville, VT 05747
Tel.: (802) 967-5556



"Proudly serving Granville, Hancock, and Rochester, Vermont."

Re: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

To: Residence of Rochester

November 20, 2024

Fellow Community Members,

Valley Rescue Squad formally known as Granville First Response has experienced some changes and updates this year. We have decided to focus our attention on goals to aid in internal certification advancement and recruitment. Doing this we have also decided to remove the 2026 deadline for a transport ambulance in the valley.

Valley Rescue Squad has had a change in leadership with a new EMS Chief. Along with the leadership change has come some new short-term and long-term goals. Valley Rescue Squad currently has 15 certified EMS members ranging from Vermont Emergency First Responder to Paramedic. Valley Rescue Squad has also purchased and equipped our first response truck Medic-1 with Advance level care equipment to the Advanced EMT level. Our goal of internal advancement is to encourage members to advance in EMS if they wish to. This also increases our advanced certified providers, allowing us to provide advance care and treatment while waiting for a transport ambulance.

Valley Rescue Squad is also looking forward strengthening the relationships with each department we serve alongside. A future achievement of ours is to have Valley Rescue Squad branch between the three towns within the valley.

Valley Rescue Squad would also like to introduce our new EMS Chief Rebecca Yon. Rebecca is a graduate of Vermont Technical College with a Fire Science Degree and holds a certificate in Paramedicine. She became interested in Firefighting following her father's footsteps in joining Granville Fire Department in 2014 as a junior firefighter. Becca then found a strong interest in Emergency Medical Services starting her career in 2020 as a EMT Basic at White River Valley Ambulance. She has continued her EMS career becoming a Paramedic in 2023. Today, she continues to work full time at WRVA as a Paramedic and volunteer for the Valley Rescue Squad.

I look forward to what the future brings!

Rebecca Yon, EMS Chief

Valley Rescue Squad

Email: Rebecca.yon@granvillevolunteerfire.org

Cell Phone: (802)-431-5127

WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support of White River Valley Ambulance. In 2024 we celebrated our 50th year in service. We are a non-profit, professional emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge, an area of over 500 square miles. We are designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensed skill level that the state recognizes. With our 14 full-time staff and several part-time staff we maintain two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2024, through November 15, 2024, White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,650 emergency calls and transfers. This includes Advanced Life Support transfer between medical facilities.

Training in emergency medical response is also an important part of our mission. We are a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont. WRVA issued 442 AHA certifications so far in 2024. We also provide advanced practice training to emergency response professionals and volunteers throughout the state. WRVA held 4 Vermont First Responder (VFR) courses, certifying nearly 50 community members.

Funding for WRVA comes from billed insurance and budget allocations from the towns we serve. Every town pays the same amount per capita. In 2025, the per capita amount will increase from \$79.00- \$87.00.

Looking back on 2024 and ahead to 2025, we are ever grateful for the numerous first responders and fire departments with whom we work with and who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough. **3190 Pleasant St., Bethel, VT 05032 802-234-6800** www.wvra.org

**Matthew Parrish,
Executive Director**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES & CHANGES
INCOME TAX BASIS

2025 WRVA BUDGET

| ** GENERAL OPERATIONS ** | 12/31/2023 Actual | 12/31/2024 Budget | 2025 Budgeted | \$ Inc/(Dec) over 2024 Budget | % Inc/(Dec) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | | |
| In house billing | 8,300.00 | 20,374.97 | - | | |
| Gross Patient Revenue | 1,301,744.00 | 1,354,947.04 | 1,300,000.00 | -54,947.04 | -4.1% |
| Less: Contractual Allowance | -451,792.26 | -582,627.24 | {360,000.00} | 222,627.24 | -38.2% |
| Net Patient Revenue | 849,951.74 | 772,319.80 | 940,000.00 | 167,680.20 | 21.7% |
| Education Center | 13,276.00 | 8,700.00 | - | | |
| Donations | 4,889.00 | 3,500.00 | - | | |
| Municipal Share | 903,960.12 | 991,845.00 | 1,092,285.00 | 100,440.00 | 10.1% |
| Misc Revenue | 2,359.85 | 0.00 | - | | |
| Total Revenues | 1,782,736.71 | 1,796,739.77 | 2,032,285.00 | 235,545.23 | 13.1% |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | |
| Payroll & Benefits | 1,499,824.84 | 1,504,747.97 | 1,561,083.36 | 56,335.39 | 3.7% |
| Education Center | 9,983.65 | 9,593.52 | 10,427.81 | 834.29 | 8.7% |
| Supplies/Operations | 41,423.44 | 44,100.00 | 48,050.00 | 3,950.00 | 9.0% |
| Utilities | 48,390.75 | 54,096.00 | 55,100.00 | | |
| Maintenance & Repairs | 55,586.97 | 50,572.00 | 109,392.00 | 58,820.00 | #DIV/0! 116.3% |
| Administration/Office | 311,497.97 | 365,242.37 | 332,679.57 | -32,562.80 | -8.9% |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 1,966,707.62 | 2,028,351.86 | 2,116,732.74 | 88,380.88 | 4.4% |
| OPERATING CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | (\$183,970.91) | (\$231,612.09) | (\$84,447.74) | 147,164.35 | -63.5% |
| Non Income Statement Items | | | | | |
| | | -93140.53 | -82096.05 | 11,044.48 | -11.9% |
| | | -96000 | | 96,000.00 | -100.0% |
| | | -6224.16 | -2012.16 | 4,212.00 | -67.7% |
| Total | | -195364.69 | -84108.21 | 111,256.48 | -56.9% |
| TOTAL OTHER INCOME & (EXPENSE) | 9,532.95 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | (\$174,437.96) | (\$36,247.40) | (\$339.53) | 35,907.87 | -99.1% |

Letter from the Emergency Management Director

Hi Folks,

Once again, our lovely valley managed to skirt the teeth of the extreme weather that has impacted so many of our riverside towns. A big sigh of relief that we did not experience multiple floods this year! Those that pay attention to the water levels in our roadside culverts and ditching know that had the flooding rains of this year lasted another day, I would be writing a much different report.

Emergencies happen unexpectedly. And they bring with them a raft of uncertainty and unknowns. Will you be able to travel? How long can your household go without food? Or without electricity and fuel? It is impossible to prepare for every contingency. But a little forethought can avoid a whole lot of pain later.

Remember the motto of the boy scouts? I don't know if they are still in business, but it was Be Prepared. Here are a few preparedness basics:

Go through your First Aid kit and beef it up. Keep 5 gallons of gas in a legal container stored in a cool area. Invest and learn to maintain a small generator. Hint: Synthetic oil starts small generators easier in cold weather. Carry a length of chain or a tow strap in your vehicles. Make sure to have a couple of weeks of emergency food put away. Learn CPR.

You're probably doing some or even all these things already. As Vermonters being prepared is as normal as changing out your summer tires. Remember the lessons of Hurricane Irene. It's not a question of will-we have another Irene event. It's only a question of how-long until the next one.

In the event of a widespread event here are two go-to apps: Newengland511.org has up to date information on road conditions in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. However, road conditions on smaller local roads are not always listed in a timely fashion. Vermont211.org has emerged as a clearing house for emergency help and information. Check both of these apps out so you are familiar with them, and please register with VT211 if you require special attention as part of a vulnerable population. This helps direct emergency workers to those most likely to need assistance.

A big thank you to the dedicated town officials, employees and volunteers for providing their areas of expertise relating to emergency response. The volunteer firefighters are there when you need them. So are the area EMTs and our many other First Responders. Your Rochester Shelter Committee is ready to house people quickly and efficiently should the need arise.

Thank you All. It is an honor to serve.

Larry Plesent
Emergency Management Director, Town of Rochester

SHELTER TEAM REPORT 2024

The Rochester Shelter Team gathered October 10th for our annual meeting. We attended a training on de-escalation skills and how to deal with people exhibiting stress. During the past year, we continued to rehearse our set-up and assignments procedures in our shelter location, the Elementary School Gym. There is a core group of ten volunteers who are ready to open the shelter when the select board makes that decision. We have cots, towels and hygiene kits available for shelter guests. We will use the kitchen at the gym to cook food, if needed.

Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to join with us and volunteer for the Shelter Team please contact Lesley Straus or Jan McCann.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan McCann and Lesley Straus

Local Emergency Management Plan Municipal Adoption Form

The Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) must be (re)adopted annually, after town meeting day, and submitted to the appropriate Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) Regional Coordinator by June 1st.

If VEM needs to contact municipal leaders to determine status and support requirements during an emergency, the Emergency Management Director (EMD) and two other local points of contact who should have authoritative local information and authority to request resources are listed at right.


VEM will share the town's contact information with emergency partners who have a life safety need during an emergency.

☐ Mark this box to request Vermont Emergency Management not share the town's contact information with emergency partners (Dam owners, utility providers, elected officials, neighboring EMDs, American Red Cross, FEMA) outside of an emergency.


| REMC Representatives | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| REMC Emergency Services Appointee | |
| Email | |
| EMD REMC Representative | |
| Email | |

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Municipality | ROCHESTER |
| LEMP Adoption Date | 01/27/2025 |
| NIMS Adoption Date | 4/22/20219 |
| EMD Name | LARRY PLESENT |
| Position | EMD |
| Primary Phone | 802-349-5848 |
| Alternate Phone | NONE |
| Email | larry@vtsoap.com |
| Public contact information | TERRY SEVERY |
| POC 2 Name | MICKAELA RICHARDSON |
| Position | EMC |
| Primary Phone | 802-345-3538 |
| Alternate Phone | NONE |
| Email | mickaelarichardson@gmail.com |
| POC 3 Name | PATRICIA HARVEY |
| Position | SELECTBOARD MEMBER |
| Primary Phone | 802-767-3280 |
| Alternate Phone | NONE |
| Email | selectboardharvey@gmail.com |

I hereby certify that the LEMP meets Vermont National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements and current LEMP Implementation Guidance as on page 2:

Signed*  Printed Name: Larry Plesent
 Certifying individual must have taken, at a minimum, ICS402 or ICS100/IS-100 training

I hereby attest that the municipality has adopted NIMS and the LEMP at a **warned public meeting**, as stated above:

Signed*  Printed Name: Dawn Hinderyckx
 Attesting individual must be a selectboard member, town manager, council member, city manager, mayor

Once completed, send adoption form (2 pages) and copy of Local Emergency Management Plan to VEM Regional Coordinator.

*A typed name is acceptable as an electronic signature if it represents an act of that person in accordance with 9 V.S.A. § 278.

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2024

White River Junction Local Health Office | 118 Prospect Street, Suite 300 WRJ, VT 05001
Phone 802 -295-8820 | AHS.VDHWhiteRiverJct@vermont.gov

Our twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connections with the Vermont Department of Health. **The White River Junction Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to 22 towns in northern Windsor and southern Orange counties. Here are some of our highlights from the past year.** For more information on our work, visit www.HealthVermont.gov/local/white-river-junction



Promoting Healthy Eating

In 2024, the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program celebrated its 50th Anniversary of helping pregnant people and families with children under age 5. Our WIC staff provide WIC program participants with healthy food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to community resources. To reduce transportation barriers, our office provides the most WIC program access points in the state with clinics at eight sites across the region. Learn more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction/wic-white-river-junction>



Protecting the Community from Environmental Harm

Lead poisoning is a serious health risk, especially to young children. Our local Healthy Homes representative reports that 29% of children in our region have some detectable level of lead in their blood. No amount of lead is safe. The Lead Prevention Network brings together community and state partners from both VT and NH who are committed to seeing that all kids are screened for lead exposure and protected from the dangers of lead. To learn more, visit: <https://uvpublichealth.org/lead-poisoning/>



Improving Access to Dental Care

Our community has identified the lack of dental services in the region as a major health concern. In February, we helped to bring together dental providers and other volunteers to host a free dental clinic at the Hartford State Office Building. Our Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist facilitates an Upper Valley Dental Health Workgroup that is working to find solutions for making dental care more affordable and accessible. To learn more, visit: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/wellness/oral-health>



ECFiber and the Town of Rochester

Rochester is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, the state's first communications union district (CUD), whose mission is to provide world-class fiber-optic based internet service to all on-grid homes and businesses in its member towns. The District consists of 31 member towns and owns the business which operates under the trade name ECFiber. The business added over 900 new customers, and now serves nearly 9,500 customers, via 1,800 miles of network. When completed, the ECFiber network will be available to about 32,000 premises over more than 2,000 miles network. ECFiber is a miracle of collective action; without it few customers in our mostly rural towns would have decent internet.

Construction in 2024 was focused on mainline underground work in the White River Junction, Wilder, and Quechee villages in the Town of Hartford; completing all of the Fairlees and Bradford except for the Bloodbrook/Wild Hill area in West Fairlee, where GMP is putting everything underground; finishing the Newbury cabling and starting the interconnection work at the central hub, with first customers coming on line in the winter; finishing the make-ready work and starting to cable Topsham.

The remaining towns along our northern tier, Corinth and Washington, will see make-ready work completed by spring with cable being run immediately afterwards. Windsor will see the northwest section of town built out. At this point, all "unserved" or "underserved" locations in our 31 towns will have multi-gigabit fiber service available on the nearest utility pole, and ECFiber on its own will have solved 20% of Vermont's rural broadband crisis with only a fraction of its funding – about 15% -- coming from grants.

ECFiber dates its legal existence back to Town Meetings in 2008, when a two-year organizing effort paid off with 23 towns agreeing to create an internet service provider. The first customers began receiving service in 2011, just before the Irene floods; ECFiber became a CUD in June, 2015, opening the way to issuing revenue bonds. In 2020, eight new towns joined; in 2023 the last of the original towns came online, and in November, its Series 2023A municipal revenue bond received a "BB" rating from Standard & Poor's Global Credit arm, a historic moment in US financial history: the first time a municipal revenue bond not backed by taxes, and not for a regulated utility or exclusive service territory, received a rating. This was extended to the six earlier bonds as well.

We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber and encourage you to subscribe. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

John White

Rochester@ecfiber.net | 802-ECFiber

Sign up today: www.ecfiber.net | About the District: www.ecvtd.gov

Energy Coordinator's Report

Green Mountain Power (GMP) Resiliency Zone

GMP's Resiliency Zone is an emergency power generator comprised of photovoltaic solar panels, commercial battery storage, and controls. In the event of a loss of electric power to the village, the Resiliency Zone would draw power for most of the village from its battery storage and/or solar panels. GMP will also have the ability to tap the stored power in the batteries during periods of peak electrical demand to reduce the need to purchase expensive peak power fossil-fuel.

This year power lines in the village have been upgraded to move electricity from the generation field and battery storage (in the gravel pit on Route 73) to the substation on Peavine Drive.

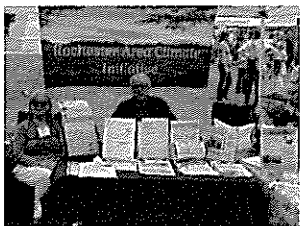
Norwich Technologies (a GMP contractor) explained that they and GMP will, "continue to work through the details of procurement of very long lead time items, financing and interconnection/operations of the complex battery/solar system. With this in mind, we are targeting construction in 2025 and operation by the end of the year."

Electric Vehicle Charging

The Green Mountain Power (GMP) electric vehicle (EV) charging station in Rochester had 625 charging sessions this year per GMP's utilization data. The average connection time was 39 minutes and 26 seconds. This average is within the normal timeframe for Direct Current (DC) fast charging.

Outreach to the community

The Energy Coordinator in Rochester also chairs the Valley Energy & Climate Action Committee (VECAC).



Throughout the year the VECAC has participated in community outreach within the Route 100 valley including; the Rochester Area Climate Initiative's Housing Committee events, Rochester Farmer's Market, Harvest Fair, Federated Church of Rochester Food Distribution Center, Feeding the Valley Alliance, etc. At these events VECAC operates a resource table to identify technical and financial support available to anyone in the state from Efficiency Vermont, GMP, and others. Come see us at one of these events

and tell us about your home or business and let us help connect you to services that are available to you.

The VECAC meets virtually on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We have a small, smart, very dedicated group that has accomplished quite a bit. We could do so much more with your help. Electrifying Rochester by 2050 is a big lift and more hands lessen that burden.

MERP Community Capacity Building Mini-Grants¹

Rochester applied for and was awarded a Mini-Grant of \$4,000 from the Vermont Agency of Administration's Buildings and General Services department. So far, those funds have been used in areas shown below:

¹ Mini-Grant – appropriate uses: bgs.vermont.gov/municipal-energy-resilience-program/mini-grants

- Establishing a municipal energy committee and/or amplifying existing committee work.
- Printing energy resilience materials including posters or mailers for local residents and businesses.

WindowDressers

For the second year in a row Rochester has collaborated with Bethel and Randolph to offer inexpensive WindowDressers interior storm window inserts.² The storm inserts are built by volunteers and by those buying or at no charge for income qualified families or individuals.

This year there were 87 WindowDressers storm inserts installed in 11 Rochester homes and at the Rochester Town Office. Rochester's installations are on all of the Town Office's first-floor windows and are estimated to save 244 gallons of oil per year.

Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP)³

According to the website of the Agency of Administration's Buildings and General Services department, "The Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) provides staff support, application and technical assistance, and funding to increase energy resilience, reduce energy use and operating costs, and curb greenhouse gas emissions by promoting weatherization, thermal improvements, fuel switching, renewable energy, battery storage, electric vehicle charging, and enhanced comfort in municipal buildings."

After two Level Two Energy Audits were completed in late September, Rochester applied for a MERP Implementation Grant. Grant awards made available by the state could be up to \$500,00 per town. Grant awards do not require any matching funds. One hundred twenty-six Vermont towns are receiving grants. The grant award for Rochester totals \$384,440 with \$237,980 designated for the Town Office and \$146,460 for the Town Garage. The Scope of Work will focus on air sealing and insulating these buildings as well as updating the heating, ventilation, and cooling. Once a Scope of Work is complete these building upgrades can be put out to contractors to bid on.

Rochester Public Library

The paint and some of the building framing on north wall at the library is in very bad shape. In the fall the Select Board contracted with the Bread Loaf Corp. out of Middlebury to remove some of the cladding (clapboards and faux stone block) from the library's north wall to see whether there was any weather resistive barrier (WRB) behind the cladding. There is no WRB on that wall. A Scope of Work will be developed to enable the Select Board to put this project out to bid to find a contractor for this repair.

Rochester High School Repurposing

The Energy Coordinator assisted the RHS Repurposing Committee in the selection of an Architectural firm to develop project and design details.

Rochester Energy Coordinator - Jeffrey Gephart vtwise@together.net

² WindowDressers Vermont Community Builds - windowdressers.org/vermont-community-builds/

³ Municipal Energy Resilience Program - bgs.vermont.gov/municipal-energy-resilience-program/implementation-grant

The Rochester Housing Committee hosted several events this year.

The Rochester Housing Committee organized a "speed dating" event for anyone interested in taking advantage of the state's incentives for creating housing. Representatives from Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP), Homeshare Program, Banks, Randolph Area Community Development Corporation (RACDC), Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC), Efficiency Vermont, Two Rivers Ottauquechee, Rochester Planning and Zoning representatives, and many others participated. Attendees were able to meet with these experts and get questions answered.

The second Hey Neighbor event took place in April. The timing of the event was not conducive to high numbers of participants. There was great enthusiasm at the event by the participating vendors. We appreciated the participation and a huge thanks to the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the event and helping with set up and clean up.

The Rochester Housing Committee in partnership with the Rochester Library offered an Intergenerational Conversation which was facilitated by Sarah Danly with the White River Consortium and Meghan Asbury from Two Rivers Ottauquechee. It was an evening of storytelling, a yummy dinner, and the warm company of your neighbors at the Rochester Library.

The library was an empathetic, cross-generational, and open-minded space to share stories, strengthen connections, and enhance a mutual understanding of our communities' dynamics. The event was hosted in Rochester and geared towards the local community (Rochester and its neighbors), but it was open to anyone who considered themselves a part of that community whether living in the area, working in Rochester or a nearby town, from the area, etc. This event was attended by folks from Rochester and a few from the wider valley.

We have been fortunate to work with Sarah Danly from the White River Consortium, The White River Valley Consortium is a collaboration between diverse partners serving the communities of Braintree, Bethel, Brookfield, Chelsea, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Royalton, Rochester, Sharon, Strafford, Stockbridge, and Tunbridge. Since 2019, organizations and community members from these 14 towns have been building relationships and exploring community issues as part of the Working Communities Challenge program, and in 2022 began a three-year project focused on availability of housing that is affordable for young people.

White River Solid Waste Alliance
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

The Transfer Station just recently renewed our 10 year recertification. We had to replace our leachate tank (collects the liquids from the tipping floor). We upgraded from a 500 gallon tank to a 1,000 gallon tank. The Transfer Station is newly certified until March of 2034. The Leachate Tank needed to be replaced in order to obtain a new certification.

From July 1st, 2023, through June 30th, 2024, a total of 3,312.33 tons of solid waste and 267.97 tons of recycling were collected. The solid waste was collected at the Transfer Station "Tipping Floor". This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to an in-state lined landfill. Recycling was directed to various facilities for processing. Various special wastes are regularly collected in addition to the usual recyclables. These include paint, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid batteries and electronic waste. All fees vary depending on the material involved and the current expenses to the program for handling the materials.

Collection events for Household Hazardous Waste were held in April 2024 at the Royalton Transfer Station and in September 2024 at the Rochester Town Hall parking lot. A total of 225 families participated in the two events. These events provided a means for citizens of the member towns to safely dispose of materials, particularly those not normally taken at the facility such as pesticides, various cleaning compounds, acids, bases, contaminated fluids, etc. The events are open to all member towns at no cost for up to 10 pounds or 10 gallons of materials. Small Quantities of materials generated by businesses are also acceptable at collection events, but a fee corresponding to program costs is assessed on business participants and an appointment must be made in advance. There will be 2 events in 2025. One at the Royalton Transfer Station in April and one in Rochester in the Town Hall parking lot in September. This will allow access for towns not located near the Transfer Station.

New Public Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7-1 and Saturday 7-2

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

Information may be obtained during those hours by calling 802-763-2232

Web Address: whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org

Submission by John Leighton, White River Alliance/Facility Manager



GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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

In FY2024, dues from member towns contributed \$17,360 of our annual operating budget of \$317,308. Town dues are assessed at \$0.50/resident, as determined by population data from the VT Department of Health and the U.S. Census Bureau. Further operating revenue comes from business memberships and federal, state, and other funding sources. ***Your support helps provide client-specific economic development services free of charge and available to municipalities, new entrepreneurs, established and expanding businesses.*** Services include business development guidance, relocation support, and project development; for requests that are beyond our level of expertise, GMEDC has a ready referral network to meet client needs. Additionally, the RDCs work collectively throughout the legislative session to promote the needs and interests of the business community across the state. GMEDC and our local partners have assisted 140+ businesses and municipalities seeking additional information on economic development activities, local business projects, funding opportunities, legislative action and more.

FY2024 activities included:

- Supporting numerous funding applications for capital investment, brownfield assessment and redevelopment, project planning and pre-development, totaling **over \$6 million in funding to our service area.**
- Hosting the Orange and Windsor County program coordinator for the Small Business Technical Assistance Exchange program, **bringing ~\$120,000 in services to 30 businesses in the two-county service area**
- Providing one-on-one support for businesses affected by the July 2023 and 2024 flooding and serving as local point of contact for state and Federal officials disseminating flood response, relief and recovery information.
- Securing a Vermont Department of Marketing and Tourism two-year Grants for Relocation and Outreach Work (GROW) program award, to provide information and guidance to those considering a move to the state.
- Ongoing support to the \$300,000 Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Working Communities Challenge White River Valley Consortium project, working to improve housing opportunities in 14 towns in the White River Valley.
- Partnered with Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission and the Town of Hartford to reimagine the White River Junction Downtown Committee scope and structure, supported by the state Downtown Vibrancy Fund.
- Ongoing partnership with Orange County Parent and Child Center to develop a new childcare facility offering 88 new seats in the Randolph region.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. For further information, call us at (802) 295-3710 or visit our website at www.gmedc.com

Erika C. Hoffman-Kiess, Executive Director

2024 Year End Report

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission, governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work to make the area better today, and to articulate a vision for a thriving regional economy that enhances the Region's outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work in 2024.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

With more than 104 years of combined experience, our staff support your local officials in many areas. We provide advice on zoning, budgeting and capital planning, and reducing flood damage. We are engaged with state and federal initiatives, ensuring as a local government, you can take advantage of these. The Municipal Technical Assistance Program has supported eligible towns in identifying project opportunities and funding sources to undertake those projects. Additionally, TRORC staff have assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws, and studies.

Economic Development

TRORC is part of the East Central Vermont Economic Development District, working to provide resources and opportunities for individuals, businesses, and communities. TRORC supports workforce needs and business growth by providing trainings, financial assistance research, and support for promotion and expansion planning. TRORC works with partners to maintain a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that identifies and proposes strategies to address economic challenges in the area, allowing the partners to seek EDA funding. Additionally, we work on initiatives to increase availability and access to health care services and preventative practices for all populations. This year, we worked on food security efforts, and helped towns with health planning and policy development.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve as liaisons between Vermont Emergency Management and local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials on emergency planning. We worked with communities in updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, which assist the reduction of future damages from disasters and enable greater state and federal funding when they happen. When disasters occur, TRORC actively becomes part of the state and local long-term recovery process. Most recently, we aided communities in recovery efforts from the July 2023 and July 2024 floods.

Energy/Climate Change

TRORC worked with towns on Enhanced Energy Plans, aiming to save money and further the State energy goal of meeting 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC worked with member towns in assessing town buildings and identifying funding sources for energy conservation upgrades. We also work on state-level climate policy and local adaptation measures.

Transportation

TRORC worked with towns to identify needs and obtain funding for road improvement projects. We assist partners with managing transportation-related projects and ensuring compliance measures are maintained with the State. We also support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and help towns with traffic counts and speed studies.

TRORC helped the Town of Rochester update their Local Emergency Management Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Planning. Staff also helped plan and budget for future capital purchases. We provided guidance for managing federal grant funds and helped with an energy audit and application for funding to upgrade the energy efficiency of the town office and garage. TRORC provided guidance on different policies related to housing in Rochester, such as Act 250. TRORC began environmental assessment of two sites that are slated for future redevelopment. Staff assisted with the assessment for the high school site, provided project management on a state grant for planning the Rochester High School repurposing project, and assisted in seeking additional funding for the project. Staff provided managed a ditching project at West Hill Road.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
William B. Emmons III, Chairperson, Pomfret

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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.

Member Benefits – All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 140 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, and fire districts. As members, municipal officials and staff can tap into specialized benefits, expertise, and services, such as:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to thousands of questions on how to comply with state and federal requirements. VLCT also creates and publishes guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs to simplify the day-to-day work of municipal officials and staff. In 2024, members used VLCT's consultation, resources, and government-specific finance training to help them obtain federal infrastructure funding, respond to flooding, and manage grants. Staff even helped state leaders design and implement grant programs to be easier for municipalities to use.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials.** VLCT provides training via webinars, classes at members' locations, and its annual member conference. In the wake of the 2023 floods, VLCT became a crucial information hub for local officials, and in 2024 VLCT helped members understand the local effects of updates to the Open Meeting Law, Act 250, and other state laws. VLCT's Equity Committee assists local officials in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in their municipalities' decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped secure flood relief for municipalities, increase local transportation funding, expand remote meeting authority, improve emergency medical services, exempt downtowns from Act 250, and create local option tax authority. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Not-for-profit 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 Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members group rates on desirable employee benefits. 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.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org. Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/AuditReports.

Windsor County Courthouse

It has been a busy year at the Windsor County Building.

There has been a great deal of activity and changes here in Windsor County. We have been having difficulty with our aging heating system for several years. The Assistant Judges secured a grant for the county to replace an old boiler with a new efficient boiler system. The grant will pay for about 50% of the cost of the boiler replacement and installation. We are already seeing the effects of the new, more efficient system in both the comfort level of the building and in reduced energy costs.

This fall Assistant Judge David Singer retired from his position with the county. We thank him for his contribution to the county and wish him well.

Michael Ricci was re-appointed in November to fill the remaining 2 years of the assistant judge position. We welcome back Assistant Judge Ricci. He has once again embraced this position and its challenges.

Recently, the courthouse in White River Junction has closed for renovations. Criminal court and a number of staff members have moved to the Woodstock courthouse for approximately 18 months. There will be much more activity at the Woodstock courthouse than it has experience in the past years. Some minor renovations were made to the courthouse in Woodstock to accommodate this move. Though there have been several challenges, through the dedication of the court staff, all is going along very smoothly.

We thank the Rotary Club of Woodstock who cleaned the War Monument in front of the courthouse in Woodstock. The monument looks very bright and clean.

We are thankful to each of the towns in Windsor County for their trust and support of our work. We welcome your thoughts and questions on the management of the affairs of the County and our court.

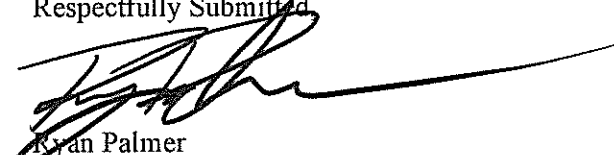


**Office of The Windsor County Sheriff
Sheriff Ryan Palmer
62 Pleasant Street
Woodstock, Vermont
www.WindsorSheriff.org**

Dear Residents of Rochester,

First and foremost, I would like to say thank you for choosing the Windsor County Sheriff's Department as your Law Enforcement Service Provider. We are working hard every day to build strong relationships with our communities and improve our product. Since July 1st of this year (Letter was written on Nov 9th) we have generated 74 calls for service, most of which are directed patrols or motor vehicle stops, however we have responded to several citizens disputes or assist, two animal problems, 1 burglary, family fight, suspicious person and a robbery. Rochester is a special town with a wonderful sense of community. We always enjoy being involved in your parades and other community events; however, Halloween seems to be the hands down favorite. On average, we patrol town 8 hours a week, both day and evening shift, weekday or weekend. We try to be unpredictable with scheduling to give more of an omnipresence feel. Again, thank you for partnering with us. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ryan Palmer
Windsor County Sheriff

DOG LICENSING & THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka "VSNIP"!

Pursuant to: 20 VS.A. §3581 of the Vermont Statutes Title 20: Internal Security and Public Safety, Chapter 193: Domestic Pet or Wolf-hybrid Control. Sub-chapter 002: Licenses: A dog must be licensed (registered) by six months of age at your town office to be legal. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required. Dogs not licensed can be seized and euthanized per state statute.

Registering identifies your dog. It's proof of protection against rabies in case an animal or person is bitten. Immediate medical attention is needed. Animals not vaccinated and registered could be quarantined or possibly seized and euthanized, enabling the brain to be tested. Rabies is deadly. PLEASE LICENSE NOW!

Vermont Statutes Title 20 - Internal Security and Public Safety Chapter 193 - Domestic Pet or Wolf-Hybrid Control §3621. Issuance of warrant to impound; complaint.

(a)(1) The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a warrant to one or more police officers, constables, pound keepers, or appointed animal control officers, directing them to promptly impound all dogs or wolf-hybrids within the town or city not licensed according to the provisions of this subchapter, except as exempted by section 3587 of this title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers of the impounded dogs and wolf-hybrids.

A puppy (or kitten) can have their first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Community Animal Aid hosts a Wellness Clinic, including rabies vaccinations, for those unhoused or those receiving state benefits usually on the 2nd Saturday of the month: East Barre Fire Station. Check for updates: AnimalAidVT@gmail.com or 802-734-0259. Tractor Supply Stores host a monthly rabies clinic, and some VT Humane Societies and veterinarians offer a rabies clinic in March.

THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka "VSNIP"

VSNIP helps income eligible Vermonters have dogs and cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated at a very reduced cost to them. Veterinary offices are throughout the state and we invite other veterinarians to join this altruistic effort to help continue eliminating routine euthanasia of mostly, an over population of cats and kittens. For an application, call 802-672-5302. Push #2 for instructions, or visit:

VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator

TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Green Mountain National Forest Town Meeting Report

The GMNF depends on support from municipalities, volunteers, partners, and contractors, and thanks Rochester for their support in the management of the approximately 400,000-acre GMNF, a Vermont treasure and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Following is a summary of happenings in 2024:

Land Acquisition - The Small Tracts Act (STA) was enacted to help the Forest Service resolve land disputes and boundary management problems for parcels that generally are small in size. It includes the authority to sell, exchange, or interchange small parcels that are 40 acres or less, are physically isolated, inaccessible, or lack National Forest character.

Road & Facility Construction & Maintenance - The GMNF Engineering staff repaired and maintained many roads and bridges.

Forest Facility Improvements & Maintenance - Security camera upgrades at offices in Mendon, Rochester and Manchester.

Forest Road Cooperative Aid to Towns - Continued to work with Hancock on its Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) project funded by grants from FHWA Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division. This grant will complete a bridge design at Texas Falls in Hancock that accesses the Texas Falls recreation area. This project is important to improve access to the GMNF.

Forest Road Improvement & Maintenance Projects - The GMNF improved over 30 miles of National Forest System roads.

Recreation Programs - Outdoor recreation is an important part of Vermont's economy. The Forest Service encourages participation in outdoor recreational activities and asks users to recreate responsibly by packing out all trash you bring in; adhere to site or trail closures; and seek alternative locations when facing packed parking lots or sites.

Forest-wide Activity - "Local Efforts" highlights 2024 Recreation and Trail Program successes. \$375,000 was allocated to 15 partners for trail bridge replacements and shelter improvements along the Appalachian and Long Trails. Partner contributions totaled over \$75,000 in these agreements, and over \$1.4 million in contracted projects resulted in improved recreation amenities such as the new accessible fishing platform and colorblind viewers at Lefferts Pond. The Great American Outdoors Act provides opportunities to deliver benefits through major investments in recreation infrastructure, public lands access, and land and water conservation:

Local Efforts

Brandon: with Ridgeline Outdoor Collective, continued maintenance on backcountry ski zones in the Brandon Gap area.

Goshen / Ripton / Leicester: Moosalamoo Campground to Silver Lake Connector Trail is under construction.

Goshen: A timber contract expanded the allowing for expansion of the blueberry picking area.

Hancock: Forest Service staff installed new picnic grills and a bench at Texas Falls. Trail tread maintenance was completed on the Texas Falls Nature Trail and a contract to reconstruct the Texas Falls Observation Area was awarded.

Pittsfield: Working with VAST, replacement of the California Lot trail bridge.

Rochester: Working with Ridgeline Outdoor Collective, portions of the Contest Trail were relocated to reduce trail steepness and legacy maintenance needs. Brushed out the Chittenden Brook Trail network and performed maintenance and reconstructed portions of the trail. Repaired two Chittenden Brook trail bridges damaged by tree strikes.

Wilderness - Throughout 2024 Wildernesses on the GMNF continued to see increased use. All eight designated Wilderness areas met the National Standard for Wilderness Stewardship Performance (WSP).

Joseph Battell Wilderness located in Chittenden, Goshen, Hancock, Ripton, and Rochester. Trail maintenance/improvements were conducted along the AT/LT and side trails. Dispersed recreation sites/campsites were monitored for impacts to protect natural resources. The Great Cliffs on Mount Horrid were monitored to protect peregrine falcons during the nesting season. Wilderness boundaries were monitored for encroachments.

Special Uses - Recreation - 31 recreation special use permits were issued, including isolated cabins, huts, outfitters and guides, recreation events and ski areas. 95% of the fees collected from permits are returned to the Forest where the use occurs.

Botany Program - Botanical inventory for rare plants and/or non-native invasive plants was completed in support of the following: ts:

- GMNF Wildlife opening surveys in Goshen, Granville, Hancock, Peru, Ripton,
- Velomont project: multiple surveys in Dorset, Mount Tabor, Peru, Stratton, Wilmington and Winhall
- Proposed small project sites in Middlebury and Peru

Non-native Invasive Plant Treatments - A project aimed at treating large-scale non-native invasive plant (NNIP) infestations was achieved in the Robinson IRP timber sale area. In Rochester (20 acres) of wild chervil and wild parsnip infestations were manually removed. In Hancock (30.7 acres) of wild chervil was removed.

Forest Vegetation Management - GMNF manages forests to provide diverse habitats for wildlife and healthy forests that are resilient to stressors such as changing climate conditions, invasive insects and disease. GMNF showcases the latest science and techniques while contributing to sustainable local supply of forest products. Commercial timber harvest is used as a tool, including timber stand improvement, planting, and restoration of declining tree species. GMNF includes growing older and larger trees, and regenerating forests to promote multiage trees. Annual harvest levels from the GMNF are roughly 2% of Vermont harvests. Planning of ecological forestry entails a resource specialist and stakeholder input that exceeds that of any other ownership in New England. The GMNF works with a broad range of partners in the conservation community to manage forests. Accomplishments for 2024 include:

- Awarded timber sale contracts of sawtimber and pulpwood in Hancock.
- Prepared 2025 timber sales associated with the Robinson Integrated Resource Project in Hancock and Rochester.
- Prepared sites for forest regeneration by removing damaged or diseased trees in Pittsfield and Stockbridge.
- Provided maple tapping opportunities to permit and contract holders in Stockbridge.
- Awarded a timber sale contract and prepared for two sales, part of the Robinson Integrated Resource Project, which included restoration activities and timber harvest on nearly 10,000 acres in Rochester, Hancock, Goshen, Pittsfield and Chittenden.
- Sold permits for the collection of approximately 318 cords of firewood, 840 pounds of wild apples, 1 ton of balsam boughs, and 600 pounds of fungi.

- Continued work in restoring native trees (butternut, American chestnut and beech) with research partners.
- Continued to treat ash trees to make those trees more resilient to emerald ash borer infestation.

Environmental Planning - Forest staff completed National Environmental Policy Act decision and analysis documents for multiple resource projects designed to implement the Forest Plan. Highlights include:

- Multiple special use permits issued for use of National Forest System lands primarily for recreation events.
- Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project located in Brandon, Chittenden, Goshen, Killington, Mendon, Pittsfield, Pittsford and Stockbridge. The final environmental assessment and draft decision notice were publicly released in December for a 45-day administrative review objection period. A final decision is anticipated in March 2025 pending the objection review.
- Velomont Trail – A proposed state-wide, multiple-use, non-motorized border to border trail from Canada to the Massachusetts state line coordinated by a consortium of non-profit recreation organizations. This portion of the project would formally designate a mountain bike route across the Manchester Ranger District from Dorset to Massachusetts of which about 72 miles are located on National Forest lands. The proposed trail includes new construction with existing roads and trails. The public was invited to submit comments for the proposal through mid-December to help identify issues of concern. A final decision is anticipated in March 2025.

Fisheries Improvement - Forest staff monitored fish populations throughout the GMNF as part of a long-term data collection effort to understand fish population trends on the Forest. Streams in Rochester were sampled during the field season. The Forest maintains a network of water temperature monitoring sites across the Rochester/Middlebury and Manchester Ranger Districts.

The Forest Service continued work with partners identifying and eliminating barriers to aquatic organism passage in 2024. Project partners include the White River Partnership, USFWS, the State of Vermont, Trout Unlimited, and the Vermont Natural Resource Council. Stream restoration by reintroducing large wood material occurred on forested streams in Rochester and Stockbridge, enhancing aquatic habitat. This work was completed via an agreement with Trout Unlimited.

Wildlife Habitat Improvement & Monitoring - Wildlife habitat was improved and maintained through maintenance of openings on the Forest, both permanent and temporary, by mowing, or mastication in Granville, Goshen, Hancock, Rochester, Stockbridge. Apple trees, which provide wildlife forage, were “released” by cutting competing vegetation in old orchards. Butterfly surveys were conducted across the Middlebury and Rochester Districts to understand the effects of forest management on Pollinator species. Surveys, the first of a multi-year project, were conducted in Rochester, Stockbridge, Hancock, Granville, Ripton, Goshen, and Chittenden. Peregrine falcon nest sites on or near the GMNF in Rochester, Salisbury, Stockbridge, and Wallingford continue to be monitored, and closures to protect sensitive nesting habitat continue seasonally from March 15th to August 1st each year at all sites except Wallingford. A new nest site was identified and is being monitored in Rochester. This location successfully fledged at least one chick in 2024. The GMNF and Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department developed a study on the effects of habitat, density, and climate on moose and winter tick ecology.

Wildfire & Prescribed Fire Activities - Fire management personnel had a successful prescribed fire season. The GMNF Fire program hosted multiple Job Corp Students from centers across the country, providing valuable training opportunities and accomplishing prescribed fire objectives. We were assisted on several prescribed fires by State of Vermont personnel, Pomfret FD and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. 26 prescribed fires were completed on the Forest, covering 444 acres, and conducted over 6 days. Prescribed fire treatment objectives focused on hazardous fuel reduction in the Forest, improving wildlife habitat, stimulating oak regeneration, and reinvigorating blueberry patches.

Local Wildfire Response - GMNF responded to 3 on-forest wildfires, two of which were caused by abandoned campfires.

Public Outreach / Conservation Education - GMNF employees spent a valuable time at local and state-wide events, a fun and refreshing way for staff to be out and about with members of the community. GMNF staff and Smokey Bear joined patients and staff at Boston Children’s Hospital, hosting our annual Forest Service Bingo game. We are always open to working with local schools, towns and other organizations that are holding events that Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl and our staff might be able to participate in. Last year we launched our “Fire in Our Forests” program, introducing school age kids to northeast fire ecology and differentiating between harmful wildfires and helpful prescribed fires. If you are interested in having the Forest Service attend a school event or another community celebration, please reach out to us so that we can discuss the nature of the event and our schedules.

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| Martina Barnes District Ranger, South Half -- Manchester Ranger District 802-362-2307 | Christopher Mattrick District Ranger, North Half -- Rochester & Middlebury Ranger Districts 802-767-4261 |
| /s/ John A. Sinclair, January 3, 2025 JOHN A. SINCLAIR Forest Supervisor Mendon -- Supervisor’s Office 802-747-6700 | |

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Rochester Historical Society

With assistance from Rochester's recyclers, the Rochester Historical Society has continued to raise funds to complete the Veteran's plaza at the entrance to Woodlawn Cemetery. This plaza honors members of the Armed Services from Rochester who are or who have served the United States of America since World War II. A Rochester Verde Antique monument was erected this past spring next to the World War I - II granite and verde antique memorial bench, both anchored by a lighted flagpole. The use of verde antique symbolizes the many service members who grew up in our Valley and the Green Mountains. The Fabboli family who own North Hollow's Vermont Verde Antique LLC donated and transported the marble block for the monument, and Harvey's Plumbing and Excavating, LLC have been responsible for the landscaping. The Historical Society is grateful to the many individuals who have made both monetary contributions and personal expertise in landscape design work, and vehicles and time for transporting bottles! We've got more to do, including the installation of a pavement area. Watch for us at Rochester's weekly Trash/Recycling at the Town Office where we collect returnable bottles and cans for the project. We're hoping to have the pavers installed for Memorial Day 2025.

The Historical Society has also been asked to sponsor another project for Woodlawn Cemetery, and we've accepted the charge. In the 1970s a bronze water fountain was stolen from the Cemetery. What is left is a cracked concrete pond. Our charge is to raise funds to replace the fountain and repair the pond and water line to the Cemetery. Thanks to Marvin Harvey's 90th birthday celebration, the Historical Society is the beneficiary of birthday gifts designated to replace the fountain. We'll continue collecting bottles and cans at Recycling until we have sufficient funds.

We hope for your enthusiasm and invite you to join with us in making these projects a reality with your contribution which can be sent to Rochester Historical Society, PO Box 428, Rochester, VT 05767. Any questions you might have can be directed to the Rochester Historical Society at admin@rochesterhistorical.org.

The Society continues to receive historical photographs and artifacts particularly from families from outside of Rochester. We are in hopes that our Museum located at the Rochester Public Library can be open this summer and that these gifts can once again be shared with all. We are grateful also for a generous anonymous donation given through the Vermont Community Foundation.

Rochester's history book, *Rochester, Vermont, Its History, 1780 – 1975*, is scheduled for reprinting, along with Rochester notecards. All will be available for purchase locally.

We're always interested in expanding our membership and would be delighted to have you join the RHS membership (\$10.00 annually), and become actively involved with Rochester's long and interesting heritage. For information, visit our website, www.rochesterhistorical.org, or write to the Rochester Historical Society, POB 428, Rochester, VT 05767.



PIERCE HALL Community Center

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Committed to preserving, promoting, and enhancing the historic, cultural, social, and wellness vitality of the White River Valley for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

2024 TOWN REPORT

Twenty years ago we embarked on a journey to restore Pierce Hall—a gift to our White River Valley from Ellen and Julia Pierce. It was the vision and hope of the 9 founding board members (listed below), the 2 years of weekly negotiations under the watchful eyes of David Hunt and Dr. Val Levitan, and the willingness and collaboration of the Masons of Rural Lodge #29 F&AM that this all became possible. We honor and remember them this year.

It seems hard to believe that it's been 20 years since we started this process, but through the dedication of so many volunteer hours and efforts, we have arrived where we are today: an ADA accessible space where we can gather to celebrate and build community—through classes/meetings, music and theater, celebrations, blood drives, memorial receptions, library activities, PHCC events, and our ever-popular Fitness Center.

We are delighted to report that in 2024 the Rochester library is using the auditorium for tween activities monthly on Friday evenings, Green Mountain Suzuki camp held music classes and their contra dance, and that we could be the alternate performance space for the WRVP performing arts camp. Young people making use of our building makes us so happy. We also were the site for the Rochester Historical Society showing of Kate Youngdahl-Stauss's documentary film on Rochester farmer Riley Bostwick, a HS graduation party, a 90th birthday party (congrats to Marvin Harvey), the 45th anniversary of the White River Valley Players, Ridgeline Outdoor Collective's hosting of the Back Country forum, the Land Care Cooperative's 3-day conference plus two meetings led by Abe Collins, four Red Cross blood drives, and three funeral receptions. Busy, busy!

Pierce Hall's own hosted events once again included the summer Ice Cream Social and Historic Car Show; the 4th of July 5K walk/run (jointly with Ridgeline Outdoor Collective); the 4th of July Chicken BBQ; our community Halloween party; and sponsorship of the Rochester Farmer's Market and Exchange Winter Market. We also staged a very successful Memorial Day "yard sale" with many hall treasures finding new homes!

It's also been 5 years since we opened our Fitness Center's fully equipped gym and yoga/exercise/dance studio. The studio is currently offering 4 different yoga classes (Tues, Wed, Fri, and Sat) by Bernice Davis, Sara Martire, Charles Martley, and Caitlin Layne and aerobics on Mon and Thurs by Muffie Harvey. The studio also has a 70" smart TV where members are streaming other fitness options. Fitness Center members are choosing 1-month, 3-month, or 12-month memberships or our 10-day Daily Usage contract—all with key fob access 6 days a week. We give enormous thanks to our volunteer staff that keeps this popular center up and running and sparkling clean: Janet Brown, Denise Chapin, Becky Donnet, Bruce Flewelling, and Ross Parker.

Restoration work at the hall also continued. This year's focus has been finishing the windows of our auditorium and the balcony and important repair of our original slate roof.

We remain proud to provide a gathering space for the valley towns we serve—Rochester, Hancock, Granville, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield—where good health and fitness, creative arts and learning, good times and fellowship, and the joy of being in community can happen. We look forward to future times together in Pierce Hall in 2025!

2024 Board of Directors: President Jeanie Levitan; VPs: Bruce Flewelling, Frank Rea, and Ross Parker;
Treasurer/Rental Manager Becky Donnet; Directors: Janet Brown, Sandy Pierce, Hannah Rice, and Nancy Sanz.

2024 Support Team: Jeff Brown, Denise Chapin, Norm Christiansen, Bernice Davis, Mette Rea, and Lesley Straus.

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Dear Friends,

Do you realize that Park House is an extremely unique and rare asset that not many other communities can claim to have? There are few options out there for older adults who might be struggling to "keep house" on their own but are not in need of nursing care yet. No other housing option offers a true HOME like we do. We are pretty proud of what we have going here, and we think our valley should be pretty proud of having Park House in the community too.

Our mission reads, "To provide and operate a congregate Home in our 5-town area for seniors and other qualifying adults where they can live with dignity in a safe, pleasant, and positive environment." For the past 30 odd years, every Staff member who has ever worked at Park House, every Board Member who has ever served here, every Volunteer who has ever given their time has contributed towards that mission.

Each year, ALL of the expenses required to provide this HOME continue to increase. Each year, our older adults struggle with dwindling financial resources. While we are diligent about keeping our expenses in check and about maintaining our commitment to affordability, there are so many factors that are just beyond our control.

For the last several years, we have had an extensive waiting list for our rooms. The need for affordable housing is great and never ending, most especially for our older adults. One of our most fervent wishes is to be able to provide a HOME to even more deserving people.

Our non-profit organization is reliant on grants, fundraising, and on your generous donations and appropriations to help cover our expenses and to remain an Affordable HOME. Our dedicated service to this community and its elders simply would not be possible without each of our 5 towns' support. We sincerely THANK EACH OF YOU for your past support and hope that you will continue that support.

Please do stop in for a visit with us sometime, we would love to have you here for a meal, a musical performance, or just a good old-fashioned porch sit to slow down and watch the day go by!

With best wishes,

Lolly Lindsey

Executive Director

Together with the Park House Board of Trustees and Staff

Rochester Community Care Home, Inc. (Park House) is recognized as a 501 (c) (3) corporation under the Internal Revenue Code. Our Federal ID number is 22-2672836

RHS REPURPOSING PROJECT 2024 Town Report
Submitted by Kathryn Schenkman and Vic Ribaudo

On November 5, 2024, the Town of Rochester voted 520 to 165 in favor of acquisition of the former Rochester High School (RHS) building from the Rochester Stockbridge Unified District (RSUD) for \$1.00. The property transfer is scheduled for 6/30/25. RSUD will cover the cost the building's heat, power, and maintenance until 6/30/25. Below are highlights of the RHS Repurposing Project's progress in 2024:

Environmental Assessment (BRELLA) Completed in May 2024: Phase 1 and 2 of the BRELLA assessment was completed and a report provided to the Town on 5/22/24 by Caitlyn Bain, Environmental Analyst for the Dept of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Ms Bain's report stated, "the SMS has completed its review of the revised Site Investigation report for the former Rochester High School (#2023-5229) (dated 4/16/24). The site investigation has met the objectives of § 35-302, has adequately defined the degree and extent of contamination, and risks to sensitive receptors have been appropriately evaluated and are absent. . . . the site is eligible for a Certificate of Completion (COC). The COC has been drafted and reviewed by management and can be issued following the property transaction."

In September, the Rochester Stockbridge Unified District (RSUD) agreed to become a tenant in the west wing of the building, which will allow the district to expand the Elementary School's creative arts curriculum, using the art room, music room, auditorium, and eventually the shop. Although the required investigatory work for all other environmental conditions has been satisfied, any areas of the building that will be used for school, triggers an Act 74 that requires an investigation of PCBs in building materials and indoor air. DEC cannot issue a COC until the requirements of Act 74 have been satisfied. This will start in early 2025, with grant funding from Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC).

Floodplain mitigation update: The location of the property in the floodplain has been resolved by a with a floodplain mitigation installation in the HS auditorium and in the storage space underneath the Music room. On December 9, 2024, Dubois & King engineer Andy Hoak reported that "The floodgates have been reinstalled and inspected and everything seems to be satisfactory now." A FEMA certification form has since been issued.

Establishment of nonprofit entity: The Valley Hub, Inc. (VHI) nonprofit is now as a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit that meets monthly. The current Board of Directors includes: Vic Ribaudo, President, Kathryn Schenkman, V. President, Sara Martire, Secretary, Lesley Straus, Treasurer, Andrew Fersch, Walter Golub, Drew Hudson, Asia Lebejsza, Robert Meagher, Gabrielle Ostrow, Pam Reit, and Midge Scanlan. The Advisory Board includes: Jeff Gephart, Jeanie Levitan, Mickaela Richardson, Dick Robson, Larry Straus, and Maureen Young.

The mission of VHI is to be a primary resource for community action and investment in the vitality and sustainability of the greater Rochester Community. The initial project is the repurposing of the former Rochester High School building into multi-functional facility designed to meet community identified needs. We are currently working to realize the Phase 1 construction plan to upgrade the building envelope for maximum energy efficiency for tenant occupancy. Individual donations and Town support will contribute to this Legacy Project, supported by Senator Sanders that will serve and enrich our cherished community well into the future. Contributions can be made to: Valley Hub, Inc., P.O. Box 27, Rochester, VT 05767

State Delegation Reception: On August 15, Erika Hoffman Kiess, Dir. of Green Mountain Economic Development Corp (GMEDC) led a state delegation to tour the RHS building that included staff from Senator Welch's, Senator Sanders's, and Representative Balint's offices.

RHS Building Clean up: In December 2024 Vic Ribaudo, Walter Golub, and RSUD Superintendent Jamie Kinnarney reviewed an inventory the HS building contents, in preparation for a clean up of the property that will be led by Mickaela Richardson.

Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) Award: Senator Sanders visited Rochester on July 4th and inquired about the project's progress; his office checks in regularly re the project. The \$2,329,000 earmark funding through USDA Community Facilities requires a match. VHI is working to raise the required matching funds that to date amounts to \$436,000 from private donors towards the Phase 1 construction. Many of our pre-construction costs will additionally be counted towards the match. Additionally, Maureen Young, who is the leading the development of the Hub's Early Childhood Center, secured a \$15,000 panning grant from First Children's Finance.

VCDB Planning Grant Extension completed: In January, VCDB approved our request for an additional \$10,000 to our original \$50,000 planning grant to cover preliminary architectural work by consulting architect Gregg Gossens of gbA Architectural firm, completed in August 2024. Gregg attended the September 4 public informational meeting about the project, held in the HS auditorium.

NEPA Compliance confirmed: Yvonne Benney Basque from VT Dept. of Housing and Community Development sent an approved Section 106 Preliminary Review Form from Historic Preservation, approving our request for a waiver from Historic Review.

Wiemann / Lamphere Architectural Firm: On behalf of the Town, consulting architect Dick Robson and Sarah Wraight of TRORC collaborated in the drafting of a technically comprehensive architectural RFP soliciting bids from interested firms. On 11/1/24, a HS walkthrough for applicants was conducted. On 11/24/24, the Rochester Select Board reviewed three architectural proposals, choosing the firm of Wiemann / Lamphere. The official "kickoff" meeting took place on 12/16/24.

Committed Tenant MOUs/Management Agreement: VHI has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) from 7 tenants and expect one from the RSUD by their next board meeting. A Management Agreement between the Town and VHI is being negotiated with members of the Select Board, Vic Ribauda and Walter Golub.

Town Ownership/Operational Management: VHI has prepared and shared at public meetings a 5-year pro forma financial plan for the operation of the repurposed high school building, beginning on July 1, 2025. It projects getting to a break-even point before the end of that 5-year period, with Phase 1 construction completed to enable tenant rental of spaces in the current classroom wing and major improvements to the energy efficiency of the building. As shared in public meetings and mailers to Rochester residents in the fall, we expect the operating cost to be supported by Rochester taxpayers to average no more than \$60,000 per year for the first five years. After that, we anticipate VHI to take ownership of the property. This compares with the certainty of over \$94,000 per year every year for 30 years for a bond to pay for demolition.

Beginning with the first year of Town ownership from July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026, RSUD will no longer be paying the building's operating expenses. Those first year expenses are estimated to be \$99,300, as shown elsewhere in this annual report. Partially offsetting that cost will be \$39,797 from a combination of rental income in the auditorium wing, tax exempt donations and user fees, also noted elsewhere in this report. That leaves a net request of \$59,503 in the annual Town budget to support the high school building in fiscal year 2025/2026.

Public Outreach: Throughout the year the RHS Repurposing Committee and VHI did extensive public outreach, including numerous project updates at Rochester Select Board meetings, presentations at public informational meetings held at the Rochester Public Library, Spice Studios, the Town Office, and 3 warned meetings at High School auditorium on 6/10, 9/4 and on 10/29. A *Current Facts Card* re the project updates was regularly updated and distributed at public events, and mailed to Rochester residents. A "Get Out the Vote" campaign; supported by the RSUD trustees of funds, that used banners, yard signs, social and print media, and a video created by sixth graders students of teacher Andrew Fersch. Please visit to our website—RHS Repurposing Project.org—for more details, project updates, and RHS Repurposing Committee members.

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FY 24-25 Annual Report
To the Constituents of Rochester:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Rochester/Stockbridge Unified District (RSUD) to provide the constituents of Rochester with updates specific to the unified school district; while reminding everyone that we will also be providing an annual school district report later in the spring prior to the annual school district meeting/budget vote in May.

The RSUD Board has recently created a Community Engagement Task Force that is made up of representatives from many different stakeholder groups including but not limited to community members, parents/guardians, teachers/staff, administrators, and Board members. This group is charged with surveying the stakeholders of the Rochester/Stockbridge Unified District. We (the Board and Administration) are very interested in learning more about how our communities feel about the work that has been occurring throughout our unified district merger and gathering additional important information and data to inform future strategic planning. The Task Force will begin meeting in the middle of January and they will be warned and open public meetings. We hope that you continue joining us for these important conversations as we work to gather meaningful data in order to inform future strategic planning for the school district.

We have once again built the RSUD Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) budget from the approach and philosophy of zero-based budgeting. It's important to note that we anticipate announced tuition from many of our secondary receiving schools to be up as much as 6-8% for the FY26 school year, while also navigating health insurance premiums that are also up 11.9%. Therefore, we are going to work on preparing a budget for RSUD that is fiscally responsible, while prioritizing the support needed to continue our progress towards increasing student outcomes. That isn't an easy task this budget season, but I encourage you to visit our website to review our budget process and to learn more about the current state of the FY26 RSUD budget.

I would be remiss if I didn't highlight the work that has occurred over the past three years by the High School Repurposing Committee to reach a very positive vote for the Town of Rochester to reacquire the Rochester High School Building. The school district Board is working on finalizing the purchase and sale agreement with the selectboard and we expect action on this to occur in either January or early February with an acquisition date of July 1, 2025. There has been an incredible amount of effort to secure federal grants and to create a sustainability plan for the building.

I would like to emphasize that we continue to make investments into our school buildings due to the support you've provided us in setting aside capital reserve funds. Those funds have been used over the past several months to allow for installation of some much needed exterior doors, interior and exterior painting, and we anticipate window replacements to begin in the early spring. It is critical that we continue our progress of addressing deferred maintenance issues.

Finally, I want to also encourage any/all members of the Rochester community to reach out to the school directly to learn more about the opportunities we are offering to better connect with the greater community in order to share the wonderful learning that is occurring either in or outside the school walls.

With continued enthusiasm and optimism,

Jamie Kinnarney,
Superintendent of Schools, WRVSU

Rochester Recreation Department

SkateSpace Thank You!

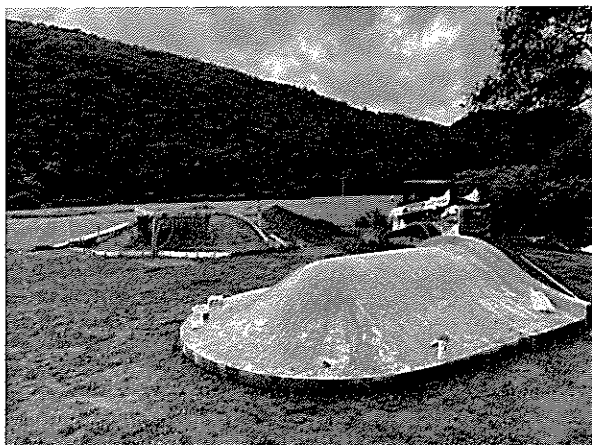
To all the individuals, families, and businesses in our area that have generously donated to SkateSpace. We have completed the project and foresee it to be a fun 4-season facility for years.

Sources of Funding

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| Individual and Business Donations | \$20,500 |
| Corporate/Private Foundation Grants & Gifts | \$35,000 |
| State of VT Recreational Grant | \$15,000 |
| ARPA Funding (through town of Rochester) | \$22,000 |
| Ridgeline Outdoor Collective | \$1,500 |
| Total | \$94,000 |

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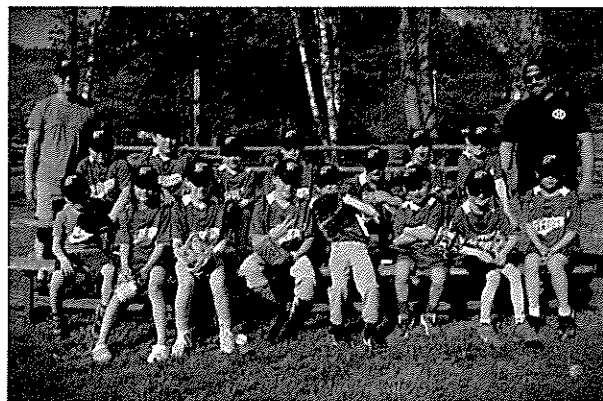
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Reinforced concrete construction of the "Twinkie" at SkateSpace.

Mission

The Rochester Recreation Department's mission is to provide fun activities, opportunities, and events to our residents of Rochester and its neighbors. We want to get people outside and engaged, meeting friends, and staying fit and healthy in an active lifestyle. Our department has to be creative because it works on a very limited yearly budget, which alleviates any large burden to the taxpayers.



2024 Tri-Town Rookie Team



2024 Tri-Town Tee Ball Team

Get Involved!

There is strength in numbers: Rochester's Recreation Department is always seeking more volunteers. Become part of a team that can improve everybody's lives. We are always seeking input and fresh ideas from our residents to make Rochester vibrant.

Volunteers are needed to assist various activities such as fundraising, grant writing, working with contractors, and to become involved in other projects and events such as the Summer Concert Series, July 4th Parade, and Winterfest. If you are interested or want to talk more about it, please contact Norm at norm@blindpigment.com.



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Rochester Park

It's been a busy year for the Park with multiple activities taking place.

The Town applied for a second grant through Vermont's Forests, Parks and Recreation Urban & Community Forestry Program, and was approved for a \$5,000 "Caring for Canopy Grant". Additional problem trees were removed in the spring and replaced with Vermont trees supplied by Cobble Creek Nursery. Stumps were ground up by Jim Crawford of Brandon, and with assistance from Rochester's Highway crew and Four Season Property Management and Excavation, new trees were planted, mulched, staked and fenced for protection. Watering of these new trees took place throughout the summer. Frank Severy, Nancy Woolley and Lois Bond supervised the project. We'd like to apply for a third grant in 2025.

Taking care of the Park and its trees is quite an expense for the Town as you'll note when you review the Park budget. Mowing is a large part of the budget. We certainly would appreciate any assistance in raking and in removing downed branches, particularly the white pine branches that break off during wind and snow storms. We're particularly grateful to Frank Severy and Davey Domina for their attention in clearing limbs and fallen twigs. People and dogs love to walk around the Park. We hope that dog owners will follow instructions and pick up after their dogs. There has been an increase in people using metal detectors which by Ordinance is not allowed.

Zeus Lary again volunteered to paint needed areas on the bandstand, particularly the steps to ensure their continued safety. The Library held weekly events for children on and around the bandstand throughout the summer, and particularly on Farmer's Market days. As we all know, kids love climbing, and the spindles on the bandstand took their share of abuse. Dick White generously replaced several broken spindles. The Friday Farmer's Market brought lots of enthusiastic vendors and customers – and lookers. We hope the vendors found success with their variety of products, and everyone enjoyed the music. Harvest Fair, sponsored by the White River Valley Players, provided us with a variety of vendors, food, music and a beautiful flower show. It was a great gathering of old friends on a beautiful day. The Town-sponsored Sunday evening concerts, organized by Joe Schenkman, brought out many people to enjoy the music, picnic and the nice weather.

Norm Christiansen and Nancy Woolley prepared the bandstand with Christmas lights and decorated the Christmas tree donated by the Rochester Hardware. The Fire Department coordinated seasonal festivities with firetrucks, firemen, candy canes and Santa Claus, followed by the arrival of the S. D. Ireland pink-lighted cement mixer.

And there was a 'formal' wedding on the bandstand when Michael Crickard and Hope Sornborger said their marriage vows in front of their many friends and well-wishers. It was quite the colorful event.



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Saxophone

Scott Paulson
Trombone
Trumpet
Percussion

The Summer Music For Kids camp celebrated its third year of providing access to instrumental music education to all students in the Valley communities regardless of financial constraints or other barriers. Thanks to the Trustees of Public Funds and our generous donors, Valley businesses and residents, we were able to hire top-notch area teachers. This year, due to demand, we hired an additional string teacher. We continue to grow!

The high school has provided a wonderful place for the young people of our area to gather each summer for music, sports, drama, and art lessons, lots of yummy food – and companionship with each other.

Our teen counselors, bring their musical expertise as well as various athletic and arts talents to camp. This year we added an improvisation program, where campers could gather and continue to play their instruments with the teen counselors and other campers and staff. We also enjoyed having a float in the July 4th parade helping to provide parade music. Our campers decorated the float with creativity and were delighted to be part of the celebration.

Our Board of Directors remains entirely volunteer, enabling us to hire our teachers, teen counselors, and enrichment personnel from various areas of the arts.

We are looking forward to even more students as we enjoy both a new crop of beginning students as well as our more advanced instrumentalists. Thank you for supporting Summer Music For Kids!

Summer Music for Kids appreciates the diversity of human beings and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, sex or gender identity.



2024 brought many notable events, projects, and milestones! The incredible opportunities we have today built around ideas from years past coming to fruition are all because of the great community rallying around common goals and interests. We have so many to thank! Our board and staff, volunteers, coaches, trail builders, members, donors, sponsors, land partners, land owners, community partners and so many more! Below are some major highlights from this past year.

- Ridgeline Outdoor Collective's recreation network has grown to over 95 miles of multi-use trails plus 6 backcountry glade zones that involve the communities of Bethel, Brandon, Braintree, Hancock, Goshen, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge.
- Over 1200 volunteer hours were spent clearing blowdowns, cutting back brush, raking, improving trail heads including the installation of rock hardenings, keeping fields mowed, building crossings, digging trenches and adding and improving grade reversals. All of this hard work helps to keep trails and glades in optimum condition.
- Our amazing network of supportive private landowner partners allow Ridgeline Outdoor Collective the opportunity to help steward their land holdings that provide outdoor recreation opportunities.
- The much lauded 38 mile "Heart of the Greens" loop opened in May and now connects the multi-use trail networks in Pittsfield and Rochester. This is an important segment of the Velomont Trail Collective and features the opportunity to stay along the way in two different Vermont Huts Association huts.
- We hosted a very successful 3rd annual Peavine White Water Race in May which included a delicious chili lunch and after party.
- We had a well attended Safe Trails mountain bike first aid course in June.
- Over 100 kids participated in 5 sessions of summer Mountain Bike Camps that took place in Rochester and Randolph. These are provided by Ridgeline Outdoor Collective and the Randolph Rec Department.
- Students from Rochester and Stockbridge continue to enjoy the after school mountain bike club.
- We maintain a fleet of bikes and helmets for the free use of kids who might not otherwise be able to participate.
- The Ridge Riders Mountain Bike Team had another impressive season and participated in the Vermont Youth Cycling Series that resulted in several podium performances.
- In June we put on the 2nd Annual Ridgefest celebration along with the Vermont Youth Cycling group ride. This successful event included group rides and hikes followed by a delicious cookout at Green Mountain Bikes.
- The Thursday Night Women's Rides included a series of rides throughout the season and was well attended by women of all ages and abilities.
- In July, Ridgeline in partnership with Pierce Hall held the July Fourth 5K Run / Walk event on multi-use trails in Rochester. This fun event draws participants from all over the Northeast.
- We participated in the Braintree Bluegrass Brunch Series in June, July and August by offering morning group rides and Ridge Riders bike demos.
- In November we once again hosted the Vermont Backcountry Forum with the Catamount Trail Association. This year's forum included our popular potluck, a FREE viewing of the Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival and an awesome raffle.

None of this would be possible without the incredible people throughout our great Central Vermont communities. We are so grateful for all the involved and passionate folks, it takes all kinds! From the Ridgeline Board, Staff and Membership, we thank you!

We look forward to another year of collaboration and fun in the great outdoors!



Supporting Central Vermonters to Age with Dignity and Choice
CVCOA Helpline: 1-802-477-1364

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) 2024 Report for Town of Rochester:

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice throughout the 54 towns in Central Vermont. CVCOA services are available to those age 60 and up, caregivers, and to adults with disabilities. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible.

CVCOA makes a difference in the lives of older Vermonters by connecting them to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive, free of charge. CVCOA utilizes town funding to provide individualized support to residents through case management, information and assistance, options counseling, resource and benefit enrollment, long-term care planning, health insurance counseling, family caregiver support, nutrition education, connection to wellness and social activities, and more.

CVCOA served 4,531 unduplicated clients from 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024, **58 residents of Rochester**. CVCOA mobilized 247 Central Vermont volunteers, who donated 18,000 hours of their time, valued at over \$600,000.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of **Rochester for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Rochester community.**

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| Community Support Services P O Box 278, Bradford, VT 05033 (802) 222-4477 | East Valley Academy 579 VT Rte. 14 S., East Randolph, VT 05041 (802) 728-3896 | Chelsea Health Center 356 VT Route 110, Chelsea, VT 05038 (802) 728-4466 |
| Safe Haven/Chris's Place 4 Highland Ave., Randolph, VT 05060 (802) 728-4466 | Wilder PO Box 816, Wilder VT 05088 (802) 295-1311 | Adult Outpatient Services 11 N. Main Street, Randolph, VT 05060 (802) 728-4466 |

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| ➤ Outpatient Counseling | ➤ Hospital Diversion |
| ➤ Psychiatric Services | ➤ Walk-in Clinic |
| ➤ Short-term crisis intervention | ➤ Vocational Services |
| ➤ School and Home-based services | ➤ Substance Use Services |
| ➤ Education for families | ➤ Justice Involved Services |
| ➤ Community resource assistance | ➤ 24-hour emergency system |

With 58 years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. Clara Martin Center remains committed to meeting both the short and long-term mental health and substance use care needs that the pandemic has impacted.

Clara Martin Center is proud to be in the process of becoming the first Certified Community Based Integrated Health Centers (CCBHC) in the State of Vermont, a federal model of care designed to ensure access to a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use services regardless of ability to pay, including crisis mental health services, screening, assessment and diagnosis, patient-centered treatment planning, outpatient mental health and substance use services, primary care screening and monitoring, targeted case management, psychiatric rehabilitation services, peer support and family support services, and services for members of the armed services and veterans.

| FY24 TOTAL SERVICES PROVIDED AT CMC | | TOTAL SERVICES PROVIDED | Rochester |
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| Children & Family Services | 504 | Children & Family Services | 9 |
| School Services | 118 | School Services | 13 |
| Vocational Services | 70 | Vocational Services | 0 |
| Adult Services | 747 | Adult Services | 14 |
| CSP Services | 145 | CSP Services | 5 |
| Supportive & Transitional Housing | 26 | Supportive & Transitional Housing | 0 |
| Substance Use Services | 265 | Substance Use Services | 7 |
| Corrections Services | 99 | Justice Involved Services | 0 |
| Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic | 368 | Emergency/Mobile Crisis | 3 |
| Access | 598 | Access | 6 |
| Peer Services | 55 | Peer Services | 0 |
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| Total Served - unduplicated individuals | 1913 | Total unique individuals seen: | 41 |



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

**Success on
Green Up Day
May 4, 2024**



Green Up Day, saw a 30% growth in volunteers over 2023, picked up over four tons of litter and 15,813 tires. In flood clean-up projects we took care of an additional 10,000 tires. We also attempted a Guinness World Records® title and succeeded! The record is: “The Most Pledges Received to Pick Up Trash in 24 Hours.” Vermont is the only State in the nation that can boast this achievement and the only State that offers a program like Green Up Day. As one of Vermont’s favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We received a special flood recovery donation from Subaru of New England and have been able to rally volunteers and pay for many flood clean-up projects across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2025.

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play.

Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on **Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form** or at www.greenupvermont.org.

2025 Green Up Day is May 3rd.


Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.

The Orange County Parent Child Center is one of 15 Parent Child Centers in Vermont.

The MISSION of Orange County Parent Child Center is to help families and children thrive and build a sense of belonging within their communities by connecting them to education, support, advocacy, and wellness opportunities. Since 1989, families and providers have come to know us and access us as their primary community resource for any topic or need related to children and families.

OCPCC's programs include Children's Integrated Services Family Support which provides, among other efforts: home visits, identification of any nursing needs, mental health referrals, and referral for other family assistance. We also provide Welcome Baby visits, free community playgroups, Early Care & Education for children 6 weeks to 5 years, parent education, fresh fruit and vegetables offered at our food shelf, concrete supports and resource & referral services. We are a public pre-K partner under Act 166. Starting later in 2024 or early in 2025 we will be adding a Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and Special Investigation Unit (SIU) to serve child victims of abuse. You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org.

In the first 11 months of 2024, with the continued support of your community, we were able to provide 106 services to residents of Rochester, 36 of which served children under the age of 6.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lindsey Trombley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lindsey" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Trombley".

Lindsey Trombley

Executive Director

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens
PO Box 113
1097 Route 100
Hancock VT 05748

802-767-2024
quintownsc@gmail.com

October 20204

To the Town of Rochester Select Board/Budget Committee and Community Members:

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is base in Hancock and since 1972 has given senior citizens in the area a place to go for on-site meals each Mondays, Wednesday and Friday at noon. We also provide nutritionally balanced meals delivered to homebound members through our Meals on Wheels Program.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our senior center. To keep our clients safe, we have had to temporarily change our onsite dining, currently serving onsite meals on Wednesdays. However, we continue to provide nutritionally balanced meals to help meet the dietary requirements of our seniors by offering our To-Go Meals Program and continue delivering Meals on Wheels each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our Meals on Wheels Program not only provides healthy meals to seniors, but also provides us with an opportunity to perform a wellness check for our senior neighbors.

The Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is requesting a donation from each of our surrounding towns. Our request from Rochester is **\$9,849.00** for the coming year. The donation is well spent. We have supplied over 5,000 meals this past year to seniors at the center including our To-Go Meals Program and our Meals on Wheels program. The past year we have served 20 Rochester residents thru the Meals on Wheels program, 7 days a week, 7,300 meals. The recent increased need for food in the community aggravated by this summer's catastrophic flooding, and present economy, builds on the economic devastation caused by COVID-19 Pandemic, as a record inflation in 2024.

Your donation will cover a portion of our operating budget not reimbursed by our contract with the Central Vermont Council on Aging. Therefore, each contributing town and its citizens become participants in the successful operation of our program that provides quality meals and social enrichment for our aging neighbors and relatives.

We continue to supplement our funds with a very successful annual appeal each fall and have increased our search for grants and other fundraising events. We would be glad to meet with you if you have any questions. Thank you for your generous support in the past and for considering our current request.

Board of Directors

Natalie Clook, President ~ Kent Butterfield, Vice President/Treasurer ~ Secretary (open position)

Members

Annette West

Staff

Phyllis Deering, Executive Director/Cook

TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT) REPORT TO ROCHESTER

October 2024

Thank you for supporting TVT's vital public transportation programs in Rochester!

TVT's Dial-a-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems **provided a total of 203,645 rides last year – a 13% increase over 2023!** TVT's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

Your ongoing support helped us provide a four year annual average of 907 free Dial-a-Ride trips for Rochester residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles, and an additional 1,137 riders boarded bus stops in Rochester.

Dial-a-Ride Programs meet specific needs of specialized populations including older adults, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who can't access transportation on their own. These programs offer direct access from home to: medical treatments, nutrition programs, adult day services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, and critical medical needs like radiation, dialysis, and substance abuse treatment.

Public Bus Routes are open to everyone and have been operating without fares since 2020. These commuter and local routes promote economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. In Rochester, residents can access:

- The Rochester Extension of the 89'er South Commuter Route, providing year-round access to South Royalton, Sharon, and the White River Jct./Lebanon/Hanover area.
- The Randolph Shopper that offers weekly access to pharmacies, grocery shopping, and other services in Randolph.

State and Federal grants contribute 80% of our operating funds and require the remaining 20% to come from local sources. TVT strives to raise 5% of these local funds through municipal contributions based on each municipality's population and access to service using our "fair share" formula. Your continued support of these important programs is greatly appreciated and if you have any questions, would like to learn more about our services, or are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, please visit www.trivalleytransit.org or contact us by email at info@trivalleytransit.org or by phone at 802-728-3773.



Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is one of the oldest and largest non-profit providers of in-home healthcare services in the region. VNH is committed to providing the highest quality of care throughout all stages of life, from maternal child care to end of life hospice care, and everything in between. Providing individuals and families with the services they need at home allows them to maintain comfort and dignity throughout their recovery, rehabilitation, or final days.

VNH services reduce cost associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital stays and emergency room visits.

Between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, VNH made 47,875 in-home visits to 2,429 residents of Vermont and New Hampshire

Residents served in the Town of **Rochester** include:

- **Hospice Services:** 3 in the final stages of their lives.
- **Long-Term Care:** 1 for long-term care case management and personal care assistance

VNH serves many of our Region's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, at-risk families, individuals with terminal illnesses, children with chronic medical needs, and the uninsured or underinsured. We are dedicated to delivering outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve.

It is with your help that we are able to provide services to those in need. Annual appropriations to VNH help to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

White River Partnership 2024 Annual Report to Rochester

The White River Partnership (WRP) is a membership-based, nonprofit organization formed in 1996 by a group of local people who shared an interest in keeping the White River healthy. The WRP envisions a White River watershed in which individuals and communities work together to make informed decisions that result in clean water, fewer flood damages, improved access to the river, and more. Here are some highlights from our work in 2024:

- WRP staff and 30 volunteers completed the 7th year of our White River Water Trail Stewardship Program, **monitoring river access sites every month during the summer** to remove trash and to report hazardous conditions. We also started and ended the season with river cleanup events – in sum, 120 volunteers **removed 6,000 pounds of trash and 110 tires** from the river.
- WRP staff and 20 trained volunteers **completed the 24th year of our Swim Smart monitoring program**, testing bacteria, conductivity, and turbidity at 22 swimming holes in 13 towns – including Lions Club Park-Rochester – every two weeks from late-May through early-September. We shared results via new signs at Water Trail sites, email, our website, and our Facebook/Instagram pages.
- The WRP worked with willing landowners, partners, and a youth work crew to **plant 3,310 native trees and shrubs along the White River and its tributaries** at 6 sites to improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood resilience.
- The WRP engaged 1,500 students and teachers from 24 schools – including Rochester Elementary School – in **hands-on education programs that raise awareness about watershed health**, including Freshwater Snorkeling with the Green Mountain National Forest, Trout in the Classroom with the Greater Upper Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, crayfish and waterbugs sampling & identification, and more!

For more information

White River Partnership
PO Box 705, S. Royalton, VT 05068
(802) 763-7733, info@whiteriverpartnership.org
www.whiteriverpartnership.org and www.facebook.com/WhiteRiverPartnership



Advocacy, education, & social change
to end gender-based violence.

October 30, 2024

Julie Smith, Town Clerk
Town of Rochester
townclerk@rochestervermont.org
PO Box 238
Rochester, VT 5767

Dear Julie,

We appreciate the support Atria Collective, *formerly WomenSafe*, receives from the Town of Rochester. Your support is an important part of our budget and ensures that we can continue to respond to and eliminate gender-based violence in Addison County and the Town of Rochester, Vermont.

I have included with this email our report for inclusion in the Rochester Annual Town Report. This year we are requesting a town appropriation from the Town of Rochester for \$250. Our annual report will be available on our website, www.atriavt.org, by December 31, 2024.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, we provided services to 12 residents, this number reflects both adults and children who were exposed to violence. Survivors often choose not to give us any identifying information out of fear for their safety and that of their children; therefore, our statistics for those served in any given town may be understated. Your Town allocation will be used to support the services we provide to our service users, such as our 24/7 hotline, Supervised Visitation program, education and support groups, and transitional housing support for survivors of dating, domestic, sexual violence and stalking.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to email me at carol@atriavt.org.

In Community,

Carol Rule
Finance Coordinator



Formerly

WomenSafe

We've launched our new brand, Atria Collective, to capture the diverse breadth of services our organization provides for Addison County & the Town of Rochester, VT.

SAFELINE, INC.
P.O. Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038
safelineinfo@safelinevt.org
(802) 685-7900 office
(800) 639-7933 24/7 hotline

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

In FY2024, Safeline provided 2,532 services for 285 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse.

8 services were provided for 2 victims who identified themselves as residents of Rochester. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Both victims were women with one experiencing domestic violence and the other woman experiencing a rape. Services that were provided included crisis intervention, emotional support, safety planning and legal advocacy.

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

Safeline provides free and confidential services, including: crisis support, safety planning, medical advocacy, economic empowerment, financial education and legal advocacy. Day shelter services, a resource library and information and referrals are also available.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource to the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence in our society. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full-range of prevention education activities for community organizations, faith communities, youth groups and other groups seeking information about domestic and sexual violence.

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

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AS OF January 21, 2025

| NAME | TAX YEAR | TOTAL DUE |
|------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| BHR, Inc. | 2022-2023 | 13.41 |
| BHR, Inc. | 2023-2024 | 4,166.14 |
| Calnan, James | 2023-2024 | 2,808.66 * |
| Cocci, Steven | 2023-2024 | 2,119.95 |
| Gendron, Oscar | 2018-2019 | 4,172.27 |
| Gendron, Oscar | 2019-2020 | 5,150.61 |
| Gendron, Oscar | 2020-2021 | 4,706.20 |
| Gendron, Oscar | 2021-2022 | 4,331.57 |
| Gendron, Oscar | 2022-2023 | 3,832.38 |
| Gendron, Oscar | 2023-2024 | 2,890.10 |
| King, Nicholas | 2023-2024 | 82.68 |
| Montgomery, Barbara | 2022-2023- | 60.96 |
| Montgomery, Barbara | 2023-2024 | 2,173.42 |
| Mountain Brook Assoc. | 2023-2024 | 3,740.42 |
| Shebairo, Brian | 2023-2024 | 3,422.95 |
| Tanner, David | 2022-2023 | 119.04 |
| Tanner, David | 2023-2024 | 443.66 |
| V&R Withholdings LLC | 2023-2024 | 3,215.57 |
| Warner, Hannah | 2023-2024 | 187.94 |
| White, J & Ruzicka C | 2023-2024 | 450.85 * |
| TOTAL TAXES DUE | | \$ 48,088.78 |

*Payment plan

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
DELINQUENT UTILITIES TAXES AS OF January 21, 2025

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Nationstar Mortgage | 1,536.45 |
| BHR INC | 435.63 |
| Holaday, Duncan | 1,434.37 * |
| Homick, Spencer | 386.21 * |
| McCandles, Carol | 174.24 |
| Meagher, Christine | 258.45 |
| Paige, Tony | 3,537.62 |
| Piccicuto, Nick | 344.18 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS DUE | \$ 8,107.15 |

* Payment Plan

Vital Statistics ~ 2024

BIRTHS

Ayala, Fina
Biederman, Heidi
Caouette, Mattimeo
Patrick, Margot
Russell, Madelyn

DEATHS

Beers, Donna
DeSantis Patsey
Foley, Marjorie
Hunt, David
Lanpher, Sally
Mitchell, Kurt
Mitchell, Scott
O'Brien, Anthony
Pruiksma, Walter

MARRIAGES

Daniel Slavin & Kaitlin Sherman
Stephen Perez & Sara Huntley-Jones
Michael Crickard & Hope Sornborger
Craig Ellsworth & Julie Streeter
Benjamin Hayes & Emily Marascia
Jeremy Wong & Emily Tessier
Larry Plesent & Sandra Lincoln
Edward Saunders & Kathleen Murray
Angus Biederman & Jessica Hardisty

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

2024

| GRANTOR | GRANTEE | # | PRICE |
|--|--|----------|--------------|
| DEERING, PHYLLIS E & JAMES F | RICHARDSON, CHAD G & MICKAELA J | 24-01 | \$0.00 |
| LLOYD S. WOODS REVOCABLE TRUST | VASILIOU, IAKOVOS & WORMAN, NANCY | 24-02 | \$35,000.00 |
| MEARES, WILLIAM G & KORNER, KAREN A | CHURCH, LORI & SOLOMON, SHARON | 24-03 | \$730,000.00 |
| BEEBO, TODD & BEBO-LONG, ROBIN | BEBO, DAKOTA; BEBO, SAHARA | 24-04 | \$0.00 |
| BENSON, JAMIN E | SOARES, MARK | 24-05 | \$409,625.00 |
| MIGNUCCI ESTATE ANDRES L | WILSON, ERICK | 24-06 | \$85,000.00 |
| SCHNABEL, THOMAS & MICHELE | SCHNABEL FAMILY TRUST | 24-07 | \$0.00 |
| SLATER, MARTHA | TOWN OF ROCHESTER | 24-08 | \$0.00 |
| FLEMING, PERRY D & WENDY | BIRDY DOG LLC | 24-09 | \$255,000.00 |
| SMEAD, IRENE J | SMEAD, IRENE J; COLLINS, ELENA A | 24-10 | \$0.00 |
| DELUCA, MEA | FERSCH, ANDREW L & STEINAUER-SCUDDER, CHELSEA | 24-11 | \$291,500.00 |
| KENDALL BUILDING LLC | C & T LANDIS CHILDREN'S TRUST | 24-12 | \$0.00 |
| LANDWEHR, TIMOTHY J | US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION | 24-13 | \$148,132.73 |
| PECK, JOSEPH W & SANDS-PECK, PAMELA J | AUSTIN HILL ACRES LLC | 24-14 | \$0.00 |
| WOOD, LINDA R | WOOD, LINDA R; WOOD, ADAM L; WOOD, MICHAEL A | 24-15 | \$0.00 |
| HILL, PAMELA | MURPHY MICHAEL T & SARA A | 24-16 | \$1.00 |
| ROBERT H HARVEY FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST | HARVEY, WILLIAM H & SHARI D | 24-17 | \$759.04 |
| ROBERT H HARVEY FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST | HARVEY, MICHAEL P & NANCY E | 24-18 | \$8,240.96 |
| HARVEY, MICHAEL P TTE; ROBERT H HARVEY REVOCABLE TRUST | HARVEY, MICHAEL P; LARY, BEVERLY H; HARVEY, JAMES R; HARVEY MARK P; HARVEY WILLIAM H | 24-19 | \$0.00 |
| MCCUSKER, KRISTEN F | FELLOWS, THAYER R & JUDITH M | 24-20 | \$0.00 |
| BURGEE, REBECCA | GOGERTY, LYDIA M | 24-21 | \$0.00 |
| ESTATE OF MERLE MCINTYRE | MCINTYRE, NANCY | 24-22 | \$0.00 |
| FELLOWS, THAYER R & JUDITH M | FELLOWS, PETER L; MCCUSKER, KRISTIN F | 24-23 | \$0.00 |
| HARDIMAN, THERESA A & O'GRADY, GERARD A | ROGERS PEAK FOREST LLC | 24-24 | \$19,600.00 |
| ANDERSON, PAUL B & SHARON C | JACOBS, JEFFREY P | 24-25 | \$215,000.00 |
| US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION | KUHN, CHELSEY E | 24-26 | \$250,000.00 |
| EDWARD J KELTY REVOCABLE TRUST; MIRIAM C KELTY REVOCABLE TRUST | MIRIAM C KELTY REVOCABLE TRUST | 24-27 | \$0.00 |
| HEITMANN, PETER A | HEITMANN, PETER A; HEITMANN, ELLEN F | 24-28 | \$0.00 |
| ESTATE OF EARL L MCINTYRE | MCINTYRE FAMILY TRUST | 24-28 | \$0.00 |
| MCINTYRE FAMILY TRUST | LEPESQUEUR, THOMAS & JUSTINE | 24-29 | \$113,000.00 |
| MAILHIOT, JOSEPH | MAILHIOT, RITA | 24-30 | \$0.00 |
| WHITLEY, JAMES W & JOSPHINE E | WHITLEY, PATRICK J | 24-31 | \$0.00 |
| GONZALEZ, PATINO TOMAS A & MARIA G | BRANDON MTN LLC | 24-32 | \$0.00 |
| MCINTYRE, NANCY | WEST, VICKI; MENIX, WANDA | 24-33 | \$0.00 |
| LINDSEY, DONNA | EBERHARDT, TODD J | 24-34 | \$0.00 |
| FOLEY, JOHN E | FOLEY, JOHN E; FOLEY, JOHN JR; WHEELER, PATRICIA F; FOLEY, SHIRLEY R | 24-35 | \$0.00 |

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

2024

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| VAN STEEN, ALEXANDER C; VAN STEEN, JOHN C | MOYLE, JAMES & KLINGLER, ROBIN | 24-36 | \$366,790.80 |
| ALEXANDER, MARK | RODRIGUEZ, RAYMOND | 24-37 | \$319,000.00 |
| MARTIN, NANCY G | KRATTLI, ROBERT W | 24-38 | \$0.00 |
| BUNIN, ALISA S | BURNHAM, JACK A | 24-39 | \$91,500.00 |
| CIPPRI, ROCCO R SR | ROCCO RAYMOND CIPRI SR 2024 TRUST | 24-40 | \$0.00 |
| BEERS, MICHAEL D; LIPPE, ANDREW V | WALKER, TROY W | 24-41 | \$170,000.00 |
| ERNST, ANDREW M | ALBERT, BRETT D & DROWN, ALIX S | 24-42 | \$21,000.00 |
| MENDELL, DEAN & CONSTANCE W | MEDELL, DEAN W & CONSTANCE M | 24-43 | \$0.00 |
| REIS, DEBORAH P | MEARS, TREVOR | 24-44 | \$50,000.00 |
| HARVEY, MICHAEL P & NANCY E | KERR, MOLLY C; HARVEY MEGAN E | 24-45 | \$0.00 |
| SCHWARTZ, JACK | HAGHSETA, FARNAZ & FIROOZABADI, FARAZ | 24-46 | \$2,575.00 |
| TENER, KINLEY & CAROL | BLAINE, MARC C & KAREN C | 24-47 | \$0.00 |
| BLAINE, MARC C & KAREN C | TENER, KINLEY & CAROL | 24-48 | \$0.00 |
| VAN DER WAAG, ALBERT JR; VAN DER WAAG, DAVID CHRIS JONATHAN | SCOTT, HEIDI & FLAHERTY, COLLEEN | 24-49 | \$615,000.00 |
| MACDONNELL, PETER F & JULIE A | MACDONNELL FAMILY 2024 TRUST | 24-50 | \$0.00 |
| MACDONNELL, PETER F & JULIE A | MACDONNELL FAMILY 2024 TRUST | 24-51 | \$0.00 |
| ROCHESTER, TOWN OF | PALIFKA, ROBERT M | 24-52 | \$13,081.35 |
| ROBERTS, LORRAINE | ROBERTS, DAVID M; ROBERTS, DON | 24-53 | \$0.00 |
| ROBERTS, REBECCA | ROBERTS, DAVID M; ROBERTS, DON | 24-54 | \$0.00 |
| MOULTON, DONALD G & KIM M | MOULTON FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST | 24-55 | \$0.00 |
| MOULTON, DONALD G & KIM M | MOULTON FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST | 24-56 | \$0.00 |
| GARDNER, ROBERT H & CHAR J | GARDNER, ROBERT H & CHAR J; GARDNER, CARRIE R; GARDNER, NICHOLAS M | 24-57 | \$0.00 |
| GOODRICH, BONNIE B; BILLINGS, JEREL A; MERRILL, NANCY B; MCGILL, PATRICIA B | WHITE, ETHAN | 24-58 | \$198,000.00 |
| LEWIS, CARY A & CINDY K | KAYAL, NIHARIKA | 24-59 | \$350,000.00 |
| RAINWATER, CAMDEN | JUSTIN GRIFFIN 2012 REVOCABLE TRUST | 24-60 | \$93,000.00 |
| BADANT REALTY TRUST | TRURAN, ERIC J & SALYER, DIANA L | 24-61 | \$48,500.00 |
| FIFIELD, JAMES E | FIFIELD, JAMES H; FIFIELD, JEFFREY R; HIER, ANDREA | 24-62 | \$180,000.00 |
| ROGOWSKI, JAMES & LAURA | SHERMAN, BRIAN & LAVENSON, SUSAN | 24-63 | \$0.00 |
| MCDONALD, WILLIAM III ESTATE | MCDONALD, DIANNE H | 24-65 | \$0.00 |
| MCCANN, JANICE | QUIMBY, PATRICK | 24-66 | \$0.00 |
| ARIZONA PROPERTIES LLC | ROCHESTER VT PO REALTY LLC | 24-67 | \$388,500.00 |
| ANDREWS, MICHAEL P | ANDREWS, JARED M | 24-68 | \$0.00 |
| ALMEIDA, DONALD J JR | NOLAN, JUDY L & SORRELL, ANDREW J | 24-69 | \$45,000.00 |
| SEVERY, FRANCIS & FAYE | SEVERY FAMILY 2024 TRUST | 24-70 | \$0.00 |

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

2024

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|--|--|-------|--------------|
| SEVERY, FRANCIS & FAYE | SEVERY FAMILY 2024 TRUST | 24-71 | \$0.00 |
| MILLS, RICHARD ESTATE OF | KLINGINGSMITH, MICHAEL & ELISSA | 24-72 | \$141,000.00 |
| LUFF, WENDA M | CURRIER, KATIE | 24-73 | \$176,500.00 |
| FINKLE, ROBERT M | MELIKFINKLE MUSEUM TR | 24-74 | \$0.00 |
| MENGEDOHT, DANIEL & ERIN | ALTEBRANDO, NICHOLAS | 24-75 | \$610,000.00 |
| HARVEY, MICHAEL P; LARY, BEVERLY L; HARVEY, JAMES R; HARVEY, MARK P; HARVEY, WILLIAM H | TREADWAY, IAN P | 24-76 | \$285,000.00 |
| MARSH BROOK FARMS LLC | SLYVKA, YUKHYM & VERONIKA | 24-77 | \$3,500.00 |
| SEVERY, FRANCIS & FAYE; MAILHIOT, RITA | SEVERY, FRANCIS & FAYE; MAILHIOT, RITA | 24-78 | \$0.00 |
| SAK, STEVEN C | BOMPASTORE, CYNTHIA N | 24-79 | \$179,400.00 |
| GENDRON FAMILY TRUST | HEIT, SCOTT & SNITIKER, LEIGH | 24-80 | \$129,000.00 |
| GENDRON FAMILY TRUST | WILSON, JAKOB & ASHLEY | 24-81 | \$189,000.00 |
| PHAN, THANH DIEU | LAWRENCE S JONES & THANH DIEU PHAN LIVING TRUST | 24-82 | \$0.00 |
| SHABELSKY, ALEX & LARISA | MARTIRE, SARA | 24-83 | \$325,000.00 |
| BLAIR, RONALD & LESLIE | BACH, BRIAN & CARYN | 24-84 | \$150,000.00 |
| TURNBULL, DEBORAH TTE | MARCOTTY, KARINA & KLEO TALIADOUS | 24-85 | \$562,500.00 |
| REIS, TIMOTHY & DEBORAH | ZALINGER, ROGER III & LAWLESS, MORGAN | 24-86 | \$630,000.00 |
| SHEA PROPERTY SERVICES LLC | EMERALD VALLEY LLC | 24-87 | \$750,000.00 |
| NOBLE, STEVEN S & DENISE A | STEVENS, WADE W & MAUREEN M | 24-88 | \$34,000.00 |
| DAVIDSON, CHRISTOPHER R | ESSENSA, FIELDING & KIMBERLY | 24-89 | \$26,500.00 |
| THEIN, OTTO NICLAS | OTTO AND NANCY THEIN TRUST | 24-90 | \$0.00 |
| CARBONE FAMILY TRUST | VERMONT HUTS ASSOCIATION LTD | 24-91 | \$0.00 |
| SUTHERLAND, CINDY M | KIMBALL, EMILY S | 24-92 | \$275,000.00 |
| NAVARRO, LOUIS & HILDA | BURNHAM, RICHARD G | 24-93 | \$460,000.00 |
| KALISH, JANET M | KALISH, BRYAN A; KALISH, EVAN M | 24-94 | \$0.00 |
| HASSETT, STEVEN E | HASSETT, DEVIN A | 24-95 | \$0.00 |
| VAN DEN BERG, GLORIA G | BIEDERMAN, ANGUS R & HARDISTY, JESSICA L | 24-96 | \$800,000.00 |

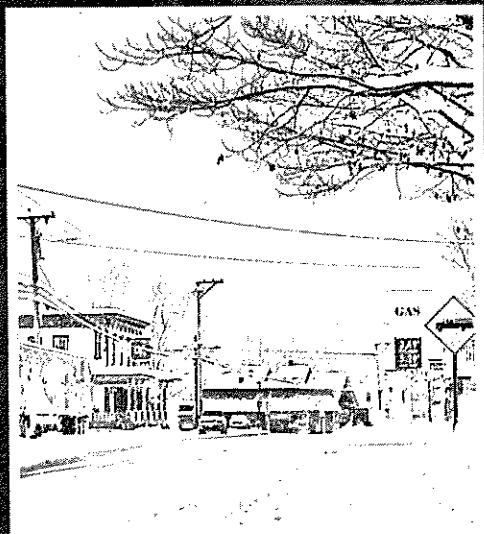


*glass icicles clash
prismatic on Mt. Cushman
one's gaze refracted*

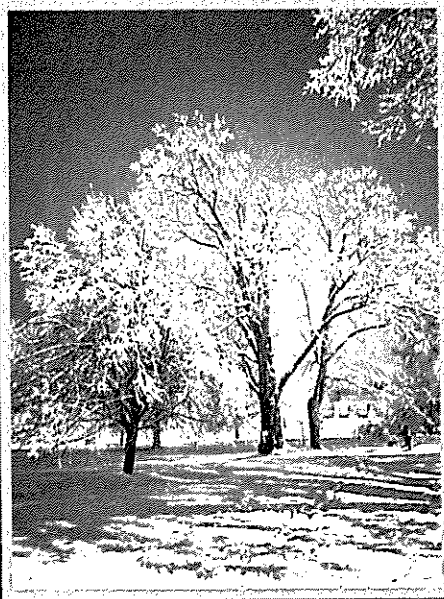


Jerry LaBlond

Jeffrey Mather



Peg McKinley



Peg McKinley

SPRING SNOW

*All the way north we sought for snow
the eye a deprived editor
until we came over the crest and turned
into our microclimate valley*

*Then it was snow creamed and massed
in curds and quiet to receive the fire studs
biting into the hard-packed surface
with a confidential crunch*

*Out on the skis then through the laden firs
to the upper field and lookout north
away to the peaks
and inward north's continuation*

*Aaahh! The hell with society
really
this whole earth was once
a giant iceball*

All poetry by Peter Schneider



PRE-TOWN MEETING

In person and Zoom

Monday
February 24th 2025
6:15 PM

Town Office
Conference Room

Pre-Town Meeting Zoom:
Meeting ID: 840 9599 0116
Passcode: 910116

MARCH

twigs streak in the wind
against gray slate of cold sky
raindrops quickening



TOWN MEETING

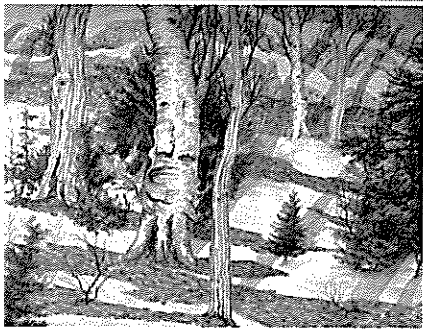
In person and Zoom

Monday
March 3rd 2025
7:00 PM

Rochester School
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