

# Town of Mendon

## Vermont



2021  
Annual Report

Financial Reports  
July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021

Budget Proposals  
July 1, 2022— June 30, 2023

# Town of Mendon Vermont

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## Town Office Staff

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Collector of Delinquent Taxes-Nancy Merrill		775-4689
Constable _____	*in emergency dial 911	775-1662
Dir. Emergency Management _____	*in emergency dial 911	775-1662
Fire Warden – Seth Bridge		558-1944
Health Officer – Sara Hebert Tully	<a href="mailto:mendonadmin@comcast.net">mendonadmin@comcast.net</a>	775-1662 or 558-3935
Planning Commission – Therese Corsones		773-3413
Road Commissioner – Bill Ellis		773-4402
Selectboard: Larry Courcelle		775-2852
Val Taylor		353-2737
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Tax Assessor – Spencer Potter	<a href="mailto:vtassessor@gmail.com">vtassessor@gmail.com</a>	496-9689
Town Administrator – Sara Hebert Tully	<a href="mailto:mendonadmin@comcast.net">mendonadmin@comcast.net</a>	775-1662 or 558-3935
Town Clerk- Nancy Gondella	<a href="mailto:mendontown@comcast.net">mendontown@comcast.net</a>	775-1662
Town Treasurer- Nancy Gondella	<a href="mailto:mendontown@comcast.net">mendontown@comcast.net</a>	775-1662
Zoning Administrator – _____		_____

### *Meeting Schedule*

Planning Commission	First Monday at 5:15 PM at Town Office
Selectboard	Second and fourth Monday at 5:00 PM at Town Office
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Meets as required

### *Important Dates*

February 22, 2022	Barstow Unified Union School District Meeting, 6:30 PM
February 28, 2022	Town Meeting at Mendon Garage, 157 Park Lane, Mendon 6:00PM
March 01, 2022	Town of Mendon Annual Meeting polls open 8:00 AM- 7:00 PM, Town Office
March 14, 2022	Taxes Due at the Town Office
April 04, 2022	Dog License registration due at the Town Office
August 09, 2022	Statewide Primary, polls open 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
September 12, 2022	Taxes Due at the Town Office
November 08, 2022	General Election, polls open 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

\*Please check the website [www.mendonvt.org](http://www.mendonvt.org) regularly for additions or changes to the above information.

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Cover: Arial view of Route 4 Mendon heading West from the Killington Town line. Photo credit to Gina Stewart



## Barstow Graduating Class of 2021

The Town of Mendon is proud of all of the students of the 2021 graduating class and wish them future success as they continue their education.

A special congratulations goes to:

Riley Quesnel  
daughter of Barstow School Board  
member  
Jessica Quesnel

Evan Taylor  
daughter of Selectboard member  
Val Taylor

Cassidy Wells  
daughter of Selectboard member  
Geoff Wells

## Elected Town Officers

Office	Official	Term Ends
Moderator (one year)	Christopher Corsones	2022
Selectboard (three years)	Richard Wilcox	2022
	Larry Courcelle	2023
	Val Taylor	2024
Delinquent Tax Collector (three years)	Nancy Bridge Merrill	2022
Justice of the Peace (two years)	Rich Carlson	2023
	Marie Conway	2023
	Al Wakefield	2023
	Lindsey MacCuaig	2023
	Betsy Reddy	2023
	Ann Singiser	2023
	Jim Reddy	2023
Constable (two years)	Phil Douglas	2022

## Appointed Town Officers

Title	Name	Term Ends
Town Clerk (three years)	Nancy Gondella	3/31/23
Town Treasurer (three years)	Nancy Gondella	3/31/23
Assistant Clerk (Appointed by the Town Clerk)	Jesse Bridge	3/31/23
	Marie Conway	3/31/23
Assistant Treasurer (Appointed by the Town Treasurer)	Marie Conway	3/31/23
Road Commissioner (one year)	William Ellis	3/31/22
Road Commissioner Admin. (one year)	Sara Hebert Tully	3/31/22
Fire Warden (three years)	Seth Bridge	1/31/23

Town Service Officer (one year)	Mary Ann Reich	4/14/22
Planning Commission (four years) (7 member board)	Gary Sihler Therese Corsones, Chair Justin Lindholm Vacancy Vacancy Fred Bagley Phil Douglas	3/31/23 3/31/24 3/31/24 3/31/24 3/31/25 3/31/25 3/31/25
Zoning Administrator (three years) Jesse Bridge appointed Interim Zoning Administrator November 2021	Steve Cosgrove (until Nov. 2021)	3/31/22
Zoning Board of Adjustment (three years)	Therese Corsones Mike Curran Andrew Zak Harvey Zara Jack Kennelly, Chair	3/31/22 3/31/22 3/31/22 3/31/23 3/31/24
Town Recreation (four years)	Betsy Reddy Jesse Bridge Jim Reddy Larry Courcelle Liam Fracht-Monroe Leo Lawrence, <i>member emeritus</i>	3/31/23 3/31/24 3/31/24 3/31/25 3/31/25
Cemetery Commission (one year)	Val Taylor William Ellis Dennis Charles	3/31/22 3/31/22 3/31/22
Rutland Regional Transportation Commission (three years)	Phil Douglas Larry Courcelle, Alternate	3/31/22 3/31/22
Emergency Management (two years)	Phil Douglas	3/31/23
E911 Coordinator (two years)	Jesse Bridge	3/31/23
Rutland Regional Planning Commission (three years)	Larry Courcelle	3/31/24
Rutland Regional Emergency Management Committee	Phil Douglas Val Taylor	
Town Health Officer (three years)	Sara Hebert Tully	4/30/22
Deputy Town Health Officer (three years)	Mary Ann Reich	4/14/24

Regional Ambulance Service (three years)	Mary Ann Reich	3/31/24
Rutland County Solid Waste District Representative (three years)	Susannah Loffredo	3/31/24
Otter Creek Communications Union District Representative	Larry Courcelle Richard Wilcox, Alternate	12/1/22 12/1/22
Fence Viewers (one year)	Larry Courcelle Richard Wilcox Justin Lindholm	3/31/22 3/31/22 3/31/22
Animal Control Officer/Poundkeeper (one year)	Rod MacCuaig	3/31/22
Tree Warden (one year)	William Ellis	3/31/22
Irene Celebration Committee:	Jennifer Bagley Ann Clark Larry Courcelle Phil Douglas Jim Reddy Ann Singiser	Jesse Bridge Teri Corsones Wanda Courcelle Betsy Reddy Mary Rizk

The Town of Mendon is always looking for volunteers to fill various positions in Mendon. Town government can not operate without our volunteers. The time commitment of each appointment varies greatly from a few hours per year to a few hours per week. Please reach out to the Town Office to discuss what role you may be able to fill to help your local government run smoothly and efficiently.

# Highlights and Objectives

**Financial:** The town ended FY21 with a surplus balance of \$258,000. The Selectboard rolled \$100,000 of surplus funds into the amount to be collected in taxes for FY21. The Selectboard rolled \$60,000 of unspent highway funds into the Highway Improvement Fund. The Selectboard has an article on the warning for Town Meeting to transfer an additional \$50,000 to the Highway Improvement Fund. The proposed budget for 2022-2023 reflects a \$58,530 increase in operating expenses over the 2021-2022 budget. The Selectboard proposed rolling \$48,000 of FY21 surplus funds into this tax rate, lowering the budget to a less than 1% increase. The appropriation requests total \$10,342. The budget experienced a significant decrease in law enforcement revenue and increases in salaries & benefits, fuel and the Garage Bond payment.

**Tropical Storm Irene** Mendon received notification in May 2020 that FEMA has closed out all Tropical Storm Irene related projects. A balance of \$309,236 will remain in Irene Reserve Fund until the conclusion of the audit period in May 2022. Article 4 asks the voters to close out the Irene Fund and transfer the balance to the Highway Improvement Fund. Mendon celebrated the 10 year anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene with a picnic at the Mendon Recreation Area. In addition, Mendon paid tribute to Doug Casella with a monument recognizing his work and dedication to not only assist Mendon, but also the State of Vermont in its recovery after Irene. We are honored to have Doug as a member of our community both as a resident and business owner.

**Town-wide Reappraisal:** After being delayed for a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the reappraisal was completed by Vermont Municipal Assessor for the 2021 Grand List in April. There were 164 grievances and 44 appeals to the Board of Civil Authority. The Board of Civil Authority was busy from June through October hearing those appeals. Seven property owners have chosen to go further in the appeal process. Two property owners appealed to Superior Court and five have appealed to the State Appraiser. The total cost of the reappraisal will not be finalized until these appeals have been determined. The total amount spent on the reappraisal to date is \$87,215. This includes the cost of the Vermont Municipal Assessor contract (\$74,750), photocopier (\$5,113), postage & printing (\$4,005), supplies/misc. (\$267), and additional staff payroll (\$3,080). The 2020 Grand List totaled \$1,767,023 and the 2021 Grand List increased to \$2,399,976. The 2021 Equalization Study Results reported Mendon's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) at 114.09% and the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) at 16.42%.

**Infrastructure Improvements:** The Town completed an erosion control project on Wheelerville Road that consisted of ditching for Hydrologically Connected Road Segments 179079 and 179080. The Mendon Road Crew completed the project at a cost of \$28,961.58 of which \$7,820 was reimbursed through Grants-in-Aid with the remaining paid by the town in the General Fund budget. The town submitted a letter of intent to participate in this year's Grants-in-Aid Program for FY22 and the town will soon identify Hydrologically Connected Road Segments to improve to acceptable stormwater standards with these funds. The Town contracted with Wilk's Paving Inc. to resurface Old Turnpike Road totaling \$131,465. The Selectboard anticipates the need for additional funds in the Highway Improvement Fund to keep up with a significant increase in the cost for work as well as need to improve infrastructure. The town must meet state regulations and deadlines in 2023 and 2025 required by the Municipal Roads General Permit.

**Truck #4 Replacement:** The Town replaced truck #4, a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck with the purchase of a 2021 Ford F150 under a state contracted price of \$33,780. The F150 went into operation in December 2021. The Town sold the Silverado for \$14,000.

**Mendon Town Plan** The Planning Commission, with the assistance of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, redrafted the Town Plan to include an Enhanced Energy Plan. The Town Plan with the Enhanced Energy Plan is posted on the Mendon website. It will be warned for a Public Hearing and adoption by the Selectboard on March 14, 2022.

**Mendon Town Website, Facebook Page and Front Porch Forum:** The Town is utilizing the Mendon Town Website, Facebook Page and Front Porch Forum as primary sources to distribute information. The website provides recent news in town and information on important dates, minutes and agendas of meetings, town contact information, permits and forms and emergency information. Please go to the website at [www.mendonvt.org](http://www.mendonvt.org) for the most up to date information. Current events, due dates for taxes, dog registrations and emergency information will also be posted on the Town of Mendon, VT Facebook Page and Front Porch Forum. Please follow our page or sign up for Front Porch Forum.

**COVID-19 Pandemic:** Life dramatically changed in Vermont due to the COVID-19 pandemic starting in March 2020. Governor Scott issued an Executive Order on March 13, 2020, declaring a State of throughout the year experiencing spikes with the Delta and Omicron variants. COVID-19 vaccines rolled out in March 2021 for ages 16+, followed by vaccines for 12-15 year-olds in May 2021 and by November 2021 ages 5-11 were able to be vaccinated. The Town Office continued reduced hours of operation to the public with safety precautions in place. The Selectboard continued to require remote meetings until June before returning to in person meetings at the Town Office. The Selectboard and Health Officer continue to monitor community spread and make safety recommendations in response to the ongoing pandemic.

**Firearm Discharge Ordinance:** The Selectboard spent a considerable amount of time in 2021 researching and gathering community input regarding a proposed Firearm Discharge Ordinance. A very well attended Public Hearing overwhelmingly demonstrated opposition to the ordinance. In June, the Selectboard determined the town has completed its research and decided not to pursue adoption of a Firearm Discharge Ordinance. Safety is a priority to the Mendon Selectboard. The Selectboard encourages individuals that choose to discharge firearms and hunt in Mendon to do so safely and in accordance with state statute. The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife is a tremendous resource for learning the safe operation of a firearm as well as how to participate in safety courses in Vermont. [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com)

**Hazard Mitigation Plan Update** The Hazard Mitigation plan is one tool the Town utilizes to identify all hazards facing the community and identify strategies to begin reducing risks from these hazards. The Plan outlines goals and actions to prevent future loss of life and property. The Town of Mendon secured a grant to assist in updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Once adopted by the Selectboard, the town will seek Regional Planning Commission approval and FEMA approval. The town will be eligible to receive additional funding from FEMA in the event of a declared disaster with a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Otter Creek Communication Union District:** The Selectboard approved a resolution to join the Otter Creek Communications Union District, and its qualification as a communications union district

under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. chapter 82. The Selectboard appointed Larry Courcelle as Mendon's representative on the Governing Board. The Otter Creek Communications Union District (OCCUD) exists for the purpose of bringing the quality and speed of internet needed to compete in a global economy, access the health services needed, study and work from home as wanted or needed, and overall have the same communication resources as those that live in more urbanized areas.

[www.occud.org](http://www.occud.org)

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):** The State of Vermont received \$1.25B from ARPA. The Town of Mendon received \$302, 214 which will be paid in two installments. There are federally imposed project eligibility requirements for these funds. The Treasury Department issued the final rule in January 2022. The town must obligate the funds by December 2024 and all moneys spent by December 2026. The Selectboard conducted an ARPA Community Outreach Meeting on January 20, 2022 to solicit project ideas from the community.

**Elected Officials, Appointed Officials and Staff:** The community welcomed Val Taylor to the Selectboard in March 2021. The Selectboard appointed a three-member Cemetery Commission: Val Taylor, Bill Ellis and Dennis Charles. The town is lucky to have Dan Hendee working as a part time employee to assist with plowing in the winter and mowing in the summer. We still have a vacant full-time position on the Road Crew. Richard Wilcox and Phil Douglas are not seeking re-election for the office of Selectboard and Constable respectively. The Town will elect these offices at Town Meeting. In November 2021, Steve Cosgrove, Zoning Administrator passed unexpectedly, and is truly missed. The Selectboard with the support of the Planning Commission appointed Jesse Bridge, Interim Zoning Administrator until a permanent appointment can be made.

The Selectboard is currently looking to fill positions on the Planning Commission, Mendon Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Cemetery Commission. **\*\*WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS\*\*** Please contact the Town Office!



## Independent Auditor's Report Town of Mendon

The Town contracted with Batchelder Associates, PC to complete the annual audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information as of and for the year ending June 30, 2021.

The process also included auditing the financial statements of each of the District's non-major governmental funds for the same period. The audit includes Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information.

The audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Mendon's basic financial statements.

Batchelder Associates, PC has stated the audit was in accordance with auditing standards that require them to plan and perform the audit in order to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

*A copy of the annual audit can be obtained at the Town of Mendon Office or on the Town's website [www.mendonvt.org](http://www.mendonvt.org).*

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Tanner Merrill checking out with poll worker Ann Singiser after voting.



# Batchelder Associates, PC

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Mendon  
Mendon, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Mendon, Vermont ("Town"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town, for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3-9 and 40-41, respectively, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability on Schedule 1 and the Schedule of Contributions on Schedule 2 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who consider it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements, the individual non-major fund financial statements and budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

### *Other Reporting Required by "Governmental Auditing Standards"*

In accordance with "Government Auditing Standards", we have also issued our report dated January 3, 2022 on our consideration of the Town of Mendon, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of the testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" in considering the Town of Mendon, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Batchelder Associates, PC*

Batchelder Associates, PC  
License #945  
Barre, Vermont  
January 3, 2022

TOWN OF MENDON, VERMONT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

As management of the Town of Mendon, Vermont ("Town") we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the year ended June 30, 2021. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal, which can be found at the beginning of this report.

### Financial Highlights

The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$7,869,650 (*net position*). Of this amount, \$496,961 (*unrestricted net position*) may be used by the various funds of the Town to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors.

The Town's total net position for governmental activities increased by \$147,360.

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,684,187, an increase of \$256,634 from the prior year end. Of the total ending fund balances, \$2,644,686 is available for spending at the government's discretion. Of this amount, \$2,131,646 is assigned and \$513,040 is unassigned.

The Reserve Funds reported a surplus this year of \$247,528 which resulted in a fund balance of \$2,131,646 as of June 30, 2021.

### Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) Government-wide financial statements, 2) Fund financial statements, and 3) Notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### **1. Government-wide Financial Statements**

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Town that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Town include general government, public safety, public works, health and social services, conservation and development.

The government-wide financial statements are designed to include not only the Town itself (*known as the primary government*), but also any legally separate entities for which the Town is financially accountable (*known as component units*). The Town has no such entities that qualify as component units.

The government-wide financial statements can be found in Exhibits A and B of this report.

TOWN OF MENDON, VERMONT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

**2. Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be classified as governmental funds.

**A. Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Town maintains one (1) individual governmental funds, the General Fund and fifteen (15) Reserve Funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund and Reserve Funds. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found in Exhibits C through E of this report.

**B. Proprietary Funds**

The Town has no Proprietary Funds.

**C. Fiduciary Funds**

The Town has no Fiduciary Funds.

**3. Notes to the Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the basic financial statements in this report.

**4. Other Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain supplementary information to provide additional financial information not included in the basic financial statements. This supplementary information includes combining statements for various funds, and budgetary comparison statements. The supplementary information can be found immediately following the notes to the financial statements in this report.

TOWN OF MENDON, VERMONT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

**The Town as a Whole – Net Position**

*Governmental Activities* - As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town, assets exceeded liabilities by \$7,869,650 at the close of the fiscal year end.

By far the largest portion of the Town's net position, reflective of 69.26% of the balance, is the investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

The remaining balance of unrestricted net position of \$496,961 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. Included in unrestricted net position are amounts that management has assigned for particular purposes, such as special revenue funds capital project funds and reserves for expenditures in subsequent years.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town is able to report positive balances in both categories of net position for the government as a whole.

	Governmental Activities		Total	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current and other assets	\$ 2,749,442	\$ 2,496,616	\$ 2,749,442	\$ 2,496,616
Capital assets, non-depreciable	265,934	265,934	265,934	265,934
Capital assets, depreciable	5,184,609	5,289,744	5,184,609	5,289,744
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>8,199,985</b>	<b>8,052,294</b>	<b>8,199,985</b>	<b>8,052,294</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>57,653</b>	<b>37,530</b>	<b>57,653</b>	<b>37,530</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Other liabilities	21,230	41,637	21,230	41,637
Long-term liabilities outstanding	366,417	325,229	366,417	325,229
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>387,647</b>	<b>366,866</b>	<b>387,647</b>	<b>366,866</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>668</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Unavailable for spending	39,501	45,590	39,501	45,590
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,201,542	5,277,678	5,201,542	5,277,678
Assigned	2,131,646	1,884,118	2,131,646	1,884,118
Unrestricted	496,961	514,904	496,961	514,904
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 7,869,650</b>	<b>\$ 7,722,290</b>	<b>\$ 7,869,650</b>	<b>\$ 7,722,290</b>

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**The Town as a Whole – Changes in Net Position**

Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$147,360 during the current fiscal year.

REVENUES	Governmental Activities		Total	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Program revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 63,685	\$ 33,680	\$ 63,685	\$ 33,680
Operating grants and contributions	267,422	135,817	267,422	135,817
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-
General revenues				
Property taxes	972,786	1,035,573	972,786	1,035,573
Unrestricted investment earnings	14,038	36,905	14,038	36,905
Fees and licenses	7,973	36,528	7,973	36,528
Other revenues	21,945	6,446	21,945	6,446
Total Revenues	<u>1,347,849</u>	<u>1,284,949</u>	<u>1,347,849</u>	<u>1,284,949</u>
EXPENSES				
Governmental activities				
General government	426,723	426,571	426,723	426,571
Public safety	196,839	191,144	196,839	191,144
Public works	526,972	567,916	526,972	567,916
Cultural and recreation	6,123	-	6,123	-
Health and social services	579	8,172	579	8,172
Conservation and development	36,497	34,915	36,497	34,915
Interest on long-term debt	6,756	7,657	6,756	7,657
Total Expenses	<u>1,200,489</u>	<u>1,236,375</u>	<u>1,200,489</u>	<u>1,236,375</u>
Change in net assets	147,360	48,574	147,360	48,574
Net position-beginning of year	<u>7,722,290</u>	<u>7,673,716</u>	<u>7,722,290</u>	<u>7,673,716</u>
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 7,869,650</u>	<u>\$ 7,722,290</u>	<u>\$ 7,869,650</u>	<u>\$ 7,722,290</u>

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Below is a table showing cost of each of the Town's six largest programs – general government, public safety, public works, health & social services, conservation and development, and cultural and recreation – as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenue generated by the activities). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the Town's taxpayers by each of these functions:

	2021		2020	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
General government	\$ 426,723	\$ 95,616	\$ 426,571	\$ 316,014
Public safety	196,839	196,839	191,144	191,144
Public works	526,972	526,972	567,916	508,976
Cultural and recreation	6,123	6,123	-	-
Health and social services	579	579	8,172	8,172
Conservation and development	36,497	36,497	34,915	34,915
Interest	6,756	6,756	7,657	7,657
	<u>\$ 1,200,489</u>	<u>\$ 869,382</u>	<u>\$ 1,236,375</u>	<u>\$ 1,066,878</u>

**Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds**

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**1. Governmental Funds**

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,684,187 an increase of \$256,634 in comparison to the prior year.

**a. General Fund**

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year the General Fund unrestricted balance was a surplus of \$513,040. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it would be useful to compare total fund balance to total general fund expenditures and operating transfers. The general fund balance represents 42.31% of the total general fund expenditures and operating transfers for the year ended June 30, 2021.

The General Fund balance increased by \$15,195 during the fiscal year.

**b. Reserve Funds**

Reserve funds include Town Office Maintenance, Garage Maintenance, Shop Maintenance, Recreation, New Office Equipment, Reappraisal, Preservation, Cemetery, Truck and Other Road Equipment, Highway Improvement, Bridge Improvement, Law Enforcement, Mendon Economic Development Committee and Irene Funds.

Total Reserve Fund balances are \$2,131,646.

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The table below compares actual to budget for the General Fund. The most significant variances of actual to budget is as follows:

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
General Government	\$ 928,481	\$ 1,221,791	\$ 293,310
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 928,481</u>	<u>\$ 1,221,791</u>	<u>\$ 293,310</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
General Government	\$ 928,481	\$ 1,212,685	\$ (284,204)
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 928,481</u>	<u>\$ 1,212,685</u>	<u>\$ (284,204)</u>

**Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

**1. Capital Assets**

The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities for the year ended, amounted to \$5,450,542 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, infrastructure, furniture, vehicles and equipment.

	Governmental Activities		Total	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Capital assets				
Land	\$ 265,934	\$ 265,934	\$ 265,934	\$ 265,934
Buildings and improvements	528,781	550,080	528,781	550,080
Equipment and furnishings	54,571	17,939	54,571	17,939
Vehicles	407,754	456,977	407,754	456,977
Infrastructure	<u>4,193,503</u>	<u>4,264,748</u>	<u>4,193,503</u>	<u>4,264,748</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 5,450,543</u>	<u>\$ 5,555,678</u>	<u>\$ 5,450,543</u>	<u>\$ 5,555,678</u>

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found on page 10 of the notes to financial statements.

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**Capital Asset and Debt Administration (continued)**

**2. Long-term Debt**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Notes payable, bank	\$ 249,000	\$ 278,000	\$ 249,000	\$ 278,000
Net pension liability	115,147	77,326	115,147	77,326
Uncompensated balances	<u>2,270</u>	<u>3,903</u>	<u>2,270</u>	<u>3,903</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 366,417</u>	<u>\$ 359,229</u>	<u>\$ 366,417</u>	<u>\$ 359,229</u>

At the end of the current year, the Town had total long-term debt outstanding of \$249,000. This debt was a result of the building improvement bonds for both the Town Offices and Garage.

The Town's total debt increased by \$7,188 during the year.

State statutes limit the amount of bonded debt any governmental entity may issue to 10 times its total assessed valuation. The current debt limit for the Town is significantly in excess of the Town's outstanding bonded debt.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

Recent data on Vermont economic conditions indicate that the performance of the Vermont economy has generally outperformed the developments in the U.S. economy overall during the past 12 to 18 months.

All of these factors were considered in preparing the Town's budget for the year ended June 30, 2021 and fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

The Town approved a general fund budget for the year ended June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$1,156,139 and for the fiscal year 2022 in the amount of \$1,211,999. This represents an annualized increase of \$55,860 (4.83%) from the approved budget for the prior fiscal year.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the Town's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Town Treasurer, 2282, US Route 4, Mendon, VT 05764 (802)775-1662. Or by email: Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk/Treasurer at [Mendontown@comcast.net](mailto:Mendontown@comcast.net).

# Budget History

<b>Budget History Summary</b>	<b>2019-2020 Actual</b>	<b>2020-2021 Budget</b>	<b>2020-2021 Actual</b>	<b>2021-2022 Budget</b>
Cash Balance Forward	0	55109	55109	25000
Total Property Taxes Collected				
On-Time	999712	958497	928750	1011866
Delinquent	61442		85953	
Non-Property Tax Revenue				
Revenue Allocated to Administration	148890	64375	113831	96475
Revenue Allocated to Infrastructure	58940	44000	57476	44000
Revenue Allocated to Public Safety	26994	45000	39563	45000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1295978</b>	<b>1166981</b>	<b>1280682</b>	<b>1222341</b>
Total Expenses				
Expenses Allocated to Administration	352596	376028	377766	423335
Expenses Allocated to Infrastructure	592261	590906	549314	615940
Expenses Allocated to Public Safety	185810	200047	188011	183066
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1130666</b>	<b>1166981</b>	<b>1115091</b>	<b>1222341</b>

<b>Administration Budget History</b>	<b>2019-2020 Actual</b>	<b>2020-2021 Budget</b>	<b>2020-2021 Actual</b>	<b>2021-2022 Budget</b>
<b>Revenue Allocated to Administration</b>				
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	67097	28000	51188	55000
Interest Late Taxes 1%	11086	10000	11310	10000
Delinquent Tax 8%	14049	10000	17887	10000
Investment Interest	14806	2000	4416	3200
Grant Income	8500	0	0	0
Licenses & Fees				
Recording Fees	17767	8000	18269	10000
Marriage Licenses	125	125	70	125
Dog Licenses	896	1000	2157	900
Zoning and Building Permits	7120	2000	4595	4000
Site Plan Review and Warning Fees	451	300	425	300
Truck Permits	440	400	440	400
Copying Fees	1913	2000	2394	2000
Liquor Licenses	480	460	575	460
Miscellaneous	4161	90	105	90
<b>Total Revenue Allocated to Administration</b>	<b>148890</b>	<b>64375</b>	<b>113831</b>	<b>96475</b>

<b>Admin. Budget History Cont.</b>	<b>2019-2020 Actual</b>	<b>2020-2021 Budget</b>	<b>2020-2021 Actual</b>	<b>2021-2022 Budget</b>
<b>Administration Expenses</b>				
Wages and Salaries				
Town Clerk/Treasurer	47278	48693	51420	50154
Bookkeeper/Asst Clerk	29613	29120	26905	29702
Selectboard	7000	7000	6583	7000
Town Administrator	37237	38360	43647	42804
Zoning Administrator	8000	8000	8000	8000
Tax Collector	1500	1500	1500	1500
Fees Paid				
Tax Collector	7563	6300	7005	6300
Office Expenses				
Advertising and Warning	550	1000	0	1000
Animal Control	583	800	582	800
Appraisal Services	9204	9000	19539	18000
Auditing	10035	10000	10035	11000
Computer Services	6889	9040	7970	9040
Continuing Education	1809	3500	384	3500
Copier Service	514	600	206	600
Election Expenses	221	1500	2441	500
Grant Expense	4000	0	0	0
Insurance	16596	32000	32646	36000
Landscaping	160	200	0	200
Legal	11571	2000	2169	3000
Mendon Economic Development	0	2000	307	2000
Office Supplies and Maintenance	4930	4000	4052	4000
Planning and Zoning Expense	1091	1000	867	1000
Postage and Printing	3367	3500	2778	3500
Street Lights	3987	5500	4088	5500
CAI/Tax Maps	700	3500	2400	3100
Town Office Utilities	5996	6000	7076	6000
Miscellaneous	3440	3200	1767	3200
Payroll Taxes and Benefits				
Health Insurance	75791	83500	80392	104337
Disability Insurance	1629	1800	1559	1800
Payroll Taxes	21675	21560	20339	22378
Retirement Fund	13667	13855	13109	14920
Unemployment Insurance	0	0	0	4500
Reserve Funds				
Town Office Maintenance	4000	4000	4000	4000
Recreation Fund	3000	5000	5000	5000
New Office Equipment	5000	5000	5000	5000
Contingency	500	500	500	500
Reappraisal	0	0	0	0
Preservation	1000	1000	1000	1000
Cemetery	500	500	500	500
Mendon Economic Development	2000	2000	2000	2000
<b>Total Administration Expenses</b>	<b>352596</b>	<b>376028</b>	<b>377766</b>	<b>423335</b>
<b>Percent of Total Expenditures</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>35%</b>

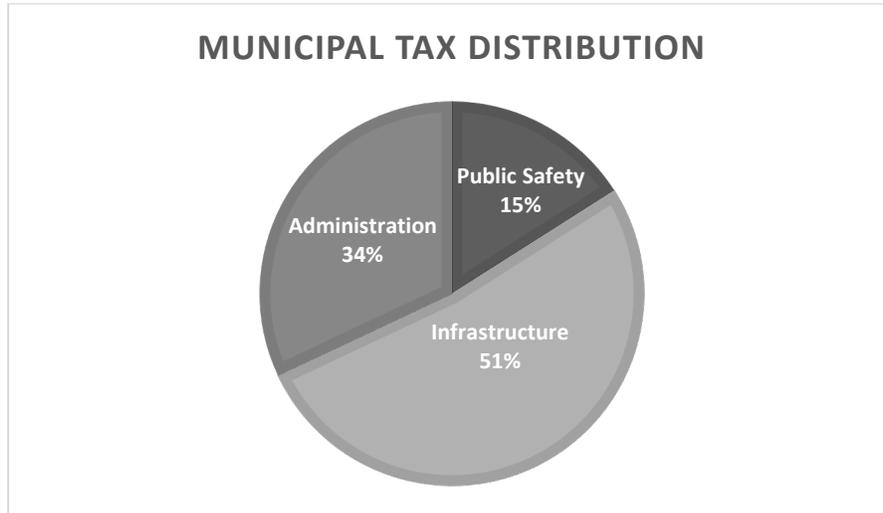
<b>Infrastructure Budget History</b>	<b>2019-2020 Actual</b>	<b>2020-2021 Budget</b>	<b>2020-2021 Actual</b>	<b>2021-2022 Budget</b>
<b>Revenue Allocated to Community Infrastructure</b>				
State Aid to Highways	44940	37000	57476	37000
Road Maintenance Revenue	14000	7000	0	7000
Grant Income Infrastructure	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenue Allocated to Community Infrastructure</b>	<b>58940</b>	<b>44000</b>	<b>57476</b>	<b>44000</b>
<b>Community Infrastructure Expenses</b>				
<b>Salaries</b>				
Winter	65631	74855	55506	82865
Summer	49544	47161	41479	50220
Road Commissioner	3250	3250	3250	3250
Administrative Road Commissioner	1750	1750	1750	1750
<b>Winter Roads</b>				
Fuel	8492	11000	7984	11500
Salt	34831	45600	42679	45600
Liquid Chloride	3810	7500	2459	7500
Sand	16988	17000	16169	18000
Repairs and Supplies	2499	3500	1720	3500
Equipment Hire	0	4300	2375	4300
<b>Summer Roads</b>				
Fuel	4470	5000	4234	5500
Gravel	15157	17000	14776	17000
Repairs and Supplies	3773	3500	1599	3500
Equipment Hire	5548	6500	217	2500
<b>Miscellaneous Road Expenses</b>				
VT DEC Municipal Roads General Permit	200	1500	740	1500
Robinwood Roads	4000	5000	4000	5000
Garage Utilities	10415	9000	10855	9000
Grant Expense Infrastructure	0	0	0	0
Sign Replacement	894	1500	0	1500
Vehicle Maintenance	32490	25000	24494	30000
<b>Reserve Funds</b>				
Garage Maintenance	10000	10000	10000	10000
Highway Equipment	50000	50000	50000	50000
Highway Improvement	110000	110000	110000	110000
Bridge & Culvert	50000	50000	50000	50000
Tropical Storm Irene	0	0	0	0
<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>	6837	7042	955	8320
Field Maintenance	953	540	369	810
<b>Other Community Infrastructure Expense</b>				
Recreation Programs & Barstow Youth Club	3000	3500	3071	3500
Library	24315	24680	24680	24680
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	975	975	975	975
Vermont League of Cities and Towns	2384	2384	2384	2384
Mendon Historical Society	500	500	0	500
Rutland County Tax	14659	13770	13996	15548

Appropriations				
ARC	0	1500	1500	1500
Boys and Girls Club	5000	0	0	
Marble Valley Regional Transit	1200	1200	1200	1200
Mendon Seniors	0	500	500	
Retired & Senior Volunteers	700	700	700	700
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse	2600	2600	2600	2600
Rutland Mental Health	1242	1242	1242	1242
Southwest Council Aging	0	600	600	600
Wonder Feet	2500	2500	2500	2500
Town Office Bond				
Principal	15000	10000	10000	10000
Interest	1968	1397	1397	890
Garage Bond				
Principal	19000	0	19000	9000
Interest	5688	5360	5359	5006
<b>Total Community Infrastructure Expenses</b>	<b>592261</b>	<b>590906</b>	<b>549314</b>	<b>615940</b>
<b>Percent of Total Expenditures</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>50%</b>

<b>Public Safety Budget History</b>	<b>2019-2020 Actual</b>	<b>2020-2021 Budget</b>	<b>2020-2021 Actual</b>	<b>2021-2022 Budget</b>
<b>Revenue Allocated to Public Safety</b>				
Law Enforcement Income	21744	45000	31313	45000
Alarm Ordinance Fines	5250	0	8250	0
Grant Income Public Safety	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenue Allocated to Public Safety</b>	<b>26994</b>	<b>45000</b>	<b>39563</b>	<b>45000</b>
<b>Public Safety Expenses</b>				
Wages and Salaries				
Constable	2923	3000	3003	3000
Director of Public Safety	5000	5000	5000	5000
Law Enforcement Staff	83445	91811	70319	74830
Constable Training	135	500	75	500
Fire Protection				
Rutland Fire Department Equipment	60000	60000	60000	60000
Rutland Fire Department Variable	27625	30000	42750	30000
Fire Warden - Salary	1200	1200	1200	1200
Fire Warden - Expenses	0	100	110	100
Law Enforcement Expenses				
Vehicle #1 Expense	169	1000	1143	1000
Vehicle #1 Fuel	314	1200	87	1200
Grant Expense Public Safety	0	0	0	0
Equipment Replacement & Repairs	262	1000	89	1000
Barstow Shelter	0	500	0	500
Rutland Regional Ambulance	4236	4236	4236	4236
Law Enforcement Reserve Fund	500	500	0	500
<b>Total Public Safety Expense</b>	<b>185810</b>	<b>200047</b>	<b>188011</b>	<b>183066</b>
<b>Percent Total Expense</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>15%</b>

NOTES:

## 2022/2023 Estimated Municipal Tax Rate



- (a) Amount to be raised by taxes \$1,040,653\*
- (b) Estimated Grand List \$2,399,976
- (c) Estimated Tax Rate \$.4337

\* Assumes the voters pass all appropriation articles totaling \$10,342 and Article 3 to transfer \$50,000 of surplus funds to the Highway Improvement Fund.

### Calculation of Municipal Tax Rate

The *Municipal Tax Rate* is expressed as the amount of tax to be paid for each \$100 of assessed value.

**Tax Rate** = Amount to be raised by taxes / (Grand List / 100)

**Amount to be raised by taxes** = total expenditures for general government and roads, reduced by other sources of revenue.

**Grand List** = the total value of all taxable real estate and personal estate taxable to the town.

### 2021/2022 Tax Rate:

*(reappraisal completed April 1, 2021)*

**Homestead = \$1.5377**

(\$0.3793+\$1.1578+\$0.0006)

**Non-Residential = \$1.6040**

(\$0.3793+\$1.2241+\$0.0006)

Municipal Tax Rate: \$0.3793

2021-2022 Amount to be raised by taxes

\$911,866 (included carry forward of \$125,000)

2021-2022 Municipal Grand List

\$2,404,229

Education Tax Rate:

Homestead = \$1.1578

Non-Residential = \$1.2241

Local Agreement Tax: \$0.0006

**2021-2022 Total Taxes Billed**

**\$2,404,229**

# 2022-2023 Budget

<b>2022-2023 Budget Summary</b>	<b>2022-2023 Budget</b>
Cash Balance Forward	48000
Total Property Taxes Collected	
On-Time	1030311
Delinquent	
Non-Property Tax Revenue	
Revenue Allocated to Administration	95875
Revenue Allocated to Infrastructure	44000
Revenue Allocated to Public Safety	35000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1253186</b>
Total Expenses	
Expenses Allocated to Administration	429819
Expenses Allocated to Infrastructure	639189
Expenses Allocated to Public Safety	184178
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1253186</b>

<b>2022-2023 Administration Budget</b>	<b>2022-2023 Budget</b>
<b>Revenue Allocated to Administration</b>	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	55000
Interest Late Taxes 1%	10000
Delinquent Tax 8%	10000
Investment Interest	2600
Grant Income	0
Licenses & Fees	
Recording Fees	10000
Marriage Licenses	125
Dog Licenses	900
Zoning and Building Permits	4000
Site Plan Review and Warning Fees	300
Truck Permits	400
Copying Fees	2000
Liquor Licenses	460
Miscellaneous	90
<b>Total Revenue Allocated to Administration</b>	<b>95875</b>

<b>2022-2023 Admin. Budget Cont.</b>	<b>2022-2023 Budget</b>
<b>Administration Expenses</b>	
Wages and Salaries	
Town Clerk/Treasurer	52656
Bookkeeper/Asst Clerk	31502
Selectboard	7000
Town Administrator	44257
Zoning Administrator	8000
Tax Collector	1500
Fees Paid	
Tax Collector	6300
Office Expenses	
Advertising and Warning	1000
Animal Control	800
Appraisal Services	18000
Auditing	11000
Computer Services	9040
Continuing Education	3500
Copier Service	600
Election Expenses	2000
Grant Expense	0
Insurance	36000
Landscaping	200
Legal	3000
Mendon Economic Development	2000
Office Supplies and Maintenance	4500
Planning and Zoning Expense	1000
Postage and Printing	3500
Street Lights	5500
CAI/Tax Maps	3100
Town Office Utilities	6000
Miscellaneous	3200
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	
Health Insurance	104337
Disability Insurance	1800
Payroll Taxes	23497
Retirement Fund	17530
Unemployment Insurance	4500
Reserve Funds	
Town Office Maintenance	4000
Recreation Fund	5000
New Office Equipment	500
Contingency	0
Reappraisal	0
Preservation	1000
Cemetery	500
Mendon Economic Development	2000
<b>Total Administration Expenses</b>	<b>429819</b>
<b>Percent of Total Expenditures</b>	<b>34%</b>

<b>2022-2023 Infrastructure Budget</b>	<b>2022-2023 Budget</b>
<b>Revenue Allocated to Community Infrastructure</b>	
State Aid to Highways	37000
Road Maintenance Revenue	7000
Grant Income Infrastructure	0
<b>Total Revenue Allocated to Community Infrastructure</b>	<b>44000</b>
<b>Community Infrastructure Expenses</b>	
<b>Salaries</b>	
Winter	87008
Summer	52731
Road Commissioner	3250
Administrative Road Commissioner	1750
<b>Winter Roads</b>	
Fuel	14950
Salt	45600
Liquid Chloride	7500
Sand	18000
Repairs and Supplies	3500
Equipment Hire	4300
<b>Summer Roads</b>	
Fuel	7150
Gravel	17000
Repairs and Supplies	3500
Equipment Hire	2500
<b>Miscellaneous Road Expenses</b>	
VT DEC Municipal Roads General Permit	1500
Robinwood Roads	5000
Garage Utilities	9000
Grant Expense Infrastructure	0
Sign Replacement	1500
Vehicle Maintenance	30000
<b>Reserve Funds</b>	
Garage Maintenance	10000
Highway Equipment	50000
Highway Improvement	110000
Bridge & Culvert	50000
Tropical Storm Irene	0
<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>	18304
Field Maintenance	810
<b>Other Community Infrastructure Expense</b>	
Recreation Programs & Barstow Youth Club	3500
Library	25174
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	1000
Vermont League of Cities and Towns	2529
Mendon Historical Society	500
Rutland County Tax	17900

Appropriations	
ARC	0
Marble Valley Regional Transit	0
Retired & Senior Volunteers	0
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse	0
Rutland Mental Health	0
Southwest Council Aging	0
Wonder Feet	0
Town Office Bond	
Principal	9801
Interest	307
Garage Bond	
Principal	19000
Interest	4625
<b>Total Community Infrastructure Expenses</b>	<b>639189</b>
<b>Percent of Total Expenditures</b>	<b>51%</b>

<b>2022-2023 Public Safety Budget</b>	<b>2022-2023 Budget</b>
<b>Revenue Allocated to Public Safety</b>	
Law Enforcement Income	35000
Alarm Ordinance Fines	0
Grant Income Public Safety	0
<b>Total Revenue Allocated to Public Safety</b>	<b>35000</b>
<b>Public Safety Expenses</b>	
Wages and Salaries	
Constable	1500
Director of Public Safety	5000
Law Enforcement Staff	77442
Constable Training	500
Fire Protection	
Rutland Fire Department Equipment	60000
Rutland Fire Department Variable	30000
Fire Warden - Salary	1200
Fire Warden - Expenses	100
Law Enforcement Expenses	
Vehicle #1 Expense	1000
Vehicle #1 Fuel	1200
Grant Expense Public Safety	0
Equipment Replacement & Repairs	1000
Barstow Shelter	500
Rutland Regional Ambulance	4236
Law Enforcement Reserve Fund	500
<b>Total Public Safety Expense</b>	<b>184178</b>
<b>Percent Total Expense</b>	<b>15%</b>

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## Schedule of Outstanding Bond Payments

### Town of Mendon Office

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2022-2023	9,800.68	505.50	10,306.18
2023-2024	9,785.46	254.50	10,039.96
2024-2025	8,860.87	0.00	8,860.87
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28,447.01</b>	<b>760.00</b>	<b>\$29,207.01</b>

### Town of Mendon Garage Improvement

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2022-2023	19,000.00	4,625.55	23,625.55
2023-2024	19,000.00	4,221.60	23,221.60
2024-2025	19,000.00	3,796.75	22,796.75
2025-2026	19,000.00	3,349.10	22,349.10
2026-2027	19,000.00	2,874.85	21,874.85
2027-2028	19,000.00	2,375.90	21,375.90
2028-2029	19,000.00	1,862.70	20,862.70
2029-2030	19,000.00	1,340.95	20,340.95
2030-2031	19,000.00	810.65	19,810.65
2031-2032	19,000.00	271.80	19,271.80
<b>Totals</b>	<b>190,000.00</b>	<b>25,529.85</b>	<b>\$215,529.85</b>

## Reserve Fund Balances

<b><u>Office Maintenance</u></b>		<b><u>Restoration/Preservation</u></b>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$29,394	Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$42,102
Income: Interest	111	Income: Interest	172
Annual Appropriation	4,000	Annual Appropriation	1,000
Expense: Office Maint.	373	Digitization Grant Income	28,984
Grinder Pump Replace.	2,535	Recording Fees	6,621
Town Park Project	7,636	Expense: Digitization Expense	33,870
Ending Balance 06/30/21	\$22,961	Ending Balance 06/30/21	\$45,009
 <b><u>New Office Equipment</u></b>		 <b><u>Reappraisal</u></b>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$19,959	Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$113,083
Income: Interest	104	Income: Interest	418
Annual Appropriation	5,000	Annual Appropriation	0
Ending Balance 06/30/21	\$25,063	State Payment	7,199
		Expense: 2021 Reappraisal	8,817
		Ending Balance 06/30/21	111,883
 <b><u>MEDC</u></b>		 <b><u>Contingency</u></b>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$11,717	Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$21,884
Income: Interest	59	Income: Interest	195
Annual Appropriation	2,000	Annual Appropriation	500
Expense: Community Visit	579	Voter Approved Surplus	75,000
Ending Balance 06/30/21	13,197	Ending Balance 06/30/21	97,579
 <b><u>Recreation</u></b>		 <b><u>Public Safety</u></b>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$15,816	Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$36,875
Income: Interest	38	Income: Interest	252
RCLL Field Use	320	Annual Appropriation	500
Annual Appropriation	5,000	Dry Hydrant Grant Income	15,000
Expense: Basketball Ct.	11,475	Expense – Gen. Repair (Shelter)	1,500
Ending Balance 06/30/21	\$9,699	Ending Balance 06/30/21	\$51,127
 <b><u>Cemetery</u></b>		 <b><u>T.S. Irene</u></b>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$11,925	Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$309,236
Income: Interest	64	Income: Interest	1,937
Annual Appropriation	500	Ending Balance 06/30/21	\$311,173
Burial Fees	700		
Ending Balance 06/30/21	\$13,189		

<b><u>Highway Equipment</u></b>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$236,224
Income: Interest	1,163
Annual Appropriation	50,000
Sale of Truck 4 – 2008 Chevy	14,000
Expense: Sulky	855
John Deere Mower	6,099
Blower	8,504
Ending Balance 06/30/21	285,929

<b><u>Bridge and Culvert</u></b>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$260,094
Income: Interest	628
Annual Appropriation	50,000
Grant Revenue 07-61	60,207
Expense: Culvert 07-42	118,013
Bridge 14 & 20 (5 of 5)	9,173
Ending Balance 06/30/21	243,743

<b><u>Highway Improvement</u></b>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$713,579
Income: Interest	3,792
Annual Appropriation	110,000
Ending Balance 06/30/21	827,371

<b><u>Garage Maintenance</u></b>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/20	\$95,027
Income: Interest	482
Annual Appropriation	10,000
Ending Balance 06/30/21	\$105,509

# Mendon Office Maintenance Fund

Fiscal Year 2023

Assumptions:	Life Expectancy:	Facts:		
Paint	10 years	Paint	2019	\$7,750
Carpeting	15 years	Carpeting	2005	\$5,000
Drainage	30 years	Drainage	2005	\$10,000
Water Pump	20 years	Water Pump	2005	\$7,500
Grinder Pump #1 & #2	12 years	Water Treatment	2014	\$1,650
		Grinder Pump #1	2015	\$2,200
Interest rate	0.30% percent	Grinder Pump #2	2020	\$2,535
Inflation rate	3.0% percent	Boiler	2005	\$2,200

Fiscal Year	Opening Balance	Annual Contribn	Available Cash	Project	Cost (inflation adj)	Interest Earned	Maint	Closing Balance	Bond	Total Annual
2021	\$29,394	\$4,000	\$33,394	Grinder Pump #2	\$2,596	\$88	\$500	\$22,750	11396	\$15,396
				Town Park Informational Signs	\$7,636					
2022	\$22,750	\$4,000	\$26,750	Heat Pumps	\$8,660	\$68	\$500	\$17,658	10890	\$14,890
2023	\$17,658	\$4,000	\$21,658	Carpeting	\$7,700	\$53	\$500	\$13,511	10106	\$14,106
2024	\$13,511	\$4,000	\$17,511		\$0	\$41	\$500	\$17,052	8798	\$14,798
2025	\$17,052	\$4,000	\$21,052		\$0	\$51	\$500	\$20,603	8868	\$14,868
2026	\$20,603	\$6,000	\$26,603	WaterPump	\$12,225	\$62	\$500	\$13,940	0	\$6,000
2027	\$13,940	\$6,000	\$19,940	Grinder Pump #1	\$2,992	\$42	\$500	\$16,490	0	\$6,000
2028	\$16,490	\$6,000	\$22,490		\$0	\$49	\$500	\$22,039	0	\$6,000
2029	\$22,039	\$6,000	\$28,039		\$0	\$66	\$500	\$27,605	0	\$6,000
2030	\$27,605	\$6,000	\$33,605	Paint	\$10,308	\$83	\$500	\$22,881	0	\$6,000
2031	\$22,881	\$6,000	\$28,881		\$0	\$69	\$500	\$28,449	0	\$6,000
2032	\$28,449	\$6,000	\$34,449	Grinder Pump #2	\$3,322	\$85	\$500	\$30,713	0	\$6,000
2033	\$30,713	\$6,000	\$36,713		\$0	\$92	\$500	\$36,305	0	\$6,000
2034	\$36,305	\$6,000	\$42,305	Drainage	\$18,700	\$109	\$500	\$23,214	0	\$6,000
2035	\$23,214	\$6,000	\$29,214		\$0	\$70	\$500	\$28,783	0	\$6,000
2036	\$28,783	\$6,000	\$34,783	Boiler	\$8,000	\$86	\$500	\$26,370	0	\$6,000
2037	\$26,370	\$6,000	\$32,370		\$0	\$79	\$500	\$31,949	0	\$6,000
2038	\$31,949	\$6,000	\$37,949	Carpeting	\$9,950	\$96	\$500	\$27,595	0	\$6,000
2039	\$27,595	\$6,000	\$33,595	Grinder Pump #1	\$3,784	\$83	\$500	\$29,393	0	\$6,000
2040	\$29,393	\$6,000	\$35,393	Paint	\$12,633	\$88	\$500	\$22,349	0	\$6,000
2041	\$22,349	\$6,000	\$28,349		\$20,800	\$67	\$500	\$7,116	0	\$6,000

# Mendon Preservation Fund

Fiscal Year 2023

Projects			
Book Preservation	4000	annually	
Land Records Computers	2025	\$5,650	
Humidifier Vault	2022	\$1,500	
Map Cabinet	2021	\$1,000	
Roller Shelving	2024	\$5,000	
Interest rate	0.30%	percent	

Fiscal Year	Opening Balance	Annual Contribn	Recording Fees & Grant Income	Available Cash	Books Preservation	Projects	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
2021	\$42,102	\$1,000	\$35,605	\$78,707	\$3,000	Digitization of Records	\$33,870	\$41,963
2022	\$41,963	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$46,963	\$3,000	Map Cabinet	\$1,000	\$43,089
2023	\$43,089	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$48,089	\$3,000	Humidifier Vault	\$1,500	\$43,718
2024	\$43,718	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$48,718	\$3,000			\$45,850
2025	\$45,850	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$50,850	\$3,000	Roller Shelving	\$5,000	\$42,987
2026	\$42,987	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$47,987	\$3,000	Land Records Computers	\$5,650	\$39,466
2027	\$39,466	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$44,466	\$3,000			\$41,585
2028	\$41,585	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$46,585	\$3,000			\$43,709
2029	\$43,709	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$48,709	\$3,000			\$45,840
2030	\$45,840	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$50,840	\$3,000			\$47,978
2031	\$47,978	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$52,978	\$3,000	Land Records Computers	\$6,000	\$44,122
2032	\$44,122	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$49,122	\$3,000			\$46,254
2033	\$46,254	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$51,254	\$3,000			\$48,393
2034	\$48,393	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$53,393	\$3,000			\$50,538
2035	\$50,538	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$55,538	\$3,000			\$52,690
2036	\$52,690	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$57,690	\$3,000	Land Records Computers	\$6,300	\$48,548
2037	\$48,548	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$53,548	\$3,000			\$50,693
2038	\$50,693	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$55,693	\$3,000			\$52,846
2039	\$52,846	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$57,846	\$3,000			\$55,004
2040	\$55,004	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$60,004	\$3,000			\$57,169
2041	\$57,169	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$62,169	\$3,000	Land Records Computers	\$6,600	\$52,741
2042	\$52,741	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$57,741	\$3,000			\$54,899

# Mendon Office Equipment Fund

Fiscal Year 2023

Assumptions:	Life Expectancy	Facts:	Year	Cost
Server Computer (1)	4 years	Server Computer	2017	\$2,000
Computers (6)	4 years	Computer (replace 2 per year)		\$1,600
Printer	10 years	Photocopier (Sharp)	2016	\$5,220
Photocopier	10 years	Photocopier (Canon)	2020	\$5,220
Laptop Computers (3)	5 years	Printer	2010	\$800
		Laptops	2020	\$1,800
Interest rate	0.30% percent			

Fiscal Year	Opening Balance	Annual Contribn	Available Cash	Project		Computer Replacement	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
2020	\$19,959	\$5,000	\$24,959			\$3,200	\$60	\$21,819
2021	\$21,819	\$5,000	\$26,819	Printer	\$920	\$3,200	\$65	\$22,764
2022	\$22,764	\$5,000	\$27,764	Security Upgrades	\$2,000	\$3,200	\$68	\$22,633
2023	\$22,633	\$5,000	\$27,633			\$3,200	\$68	\$24,501
2024	\$24,501	\$5,000	\$29,501			\$3,200	\$74	\$26,374
2025	\$26,374	\$5,000	\$31,374	Laptops	\$1,890	\$3,200	\$79	\$26,363
2026	\$26,363	\$5,000	\$31,363	Photocopier	\$6,003	\$3,200	\$79	\$22,239
2027	\$22,239	\$5,000	\$27,239			\$3,200	\$67	\$24,106
2028	\$24,106	\$5,000	\$29,106			\$3,200	\$72	\$25,978
2029	\$25,978	\$5,000	\$30,978			\$3,200	\$78	\$27,856
2030	\$27,856	\$5,000	\$32,856	Laptops	\$1,985	\$3,200	\$84	\$27,755
2031	\$27,755	\$5,000	\$32,755			\$3,200	\$83	\$29,639
2032	\$29,639	\$5,000	\$34,639			\$3,200	\$89	\$31,527
2033	\$31,527	\$5,000	\$36,527			\$3,200	\$95	\$33,422
2034	\$33,422	\$5,000	\$38,422			\$3,200	\$100	\$35,322
2035	\$35,322	\$5,000	\$40,322	Laptops	\$2,084	\$3,200	\$106	\$35,145
2036	\$35,145	\$5,000	\$40,145	Photocopier	\$6,264	\$3,200	\$105	\$30,786
2037	\$30,786	\$5,000	\$35,786			\$3,200	\$92	\$32,678
2038	\$32,678	\$5,000	\$37,678			\$3,200	\$98	\$34,576
2039	\$34,576	\$5,000	\$39,576			\$3,200	\$104	\$36,480
2040	\$36,480	\$5,000	\$41,480	Laptops	\$2,188	\$3,200	\$109	\$36,202
2041	\$36,202	\$5,000	\$41,202			\$3,200	\$109	\$38,110

# Mendon Highway Equipment Fund

Fiscal Year 2023

The Highway Equipment Fund combines the Truck Fund, Backhoe Fund, Grader Fund and New Road Equipment Fund as approved by the voters at Town Meeting 2014

Assumptions:		Facts:			
Big Trucks have a life expectancy of	12 years	Big Truck #1	Mack	2014	\$168,000
Small Truck has a life expectancy of	7 years	Big Truck #2	Freightliner	2020	\$175,333
Grader has a life expectancy of	30 years	Small Truck	Ford	2015	\$86,000
Backhoe has a life expectancy of	15 years	Grader	CAT	1993	\$100,000
Pickup Truck has a life expectancy of	12 years	Backhoe	JCB	2018	\$149,600
Roadside Mower	25 years	Pickup	Ford F150	2021	\$33,780
Riding Lawnmower	10 years	Roadside Mower	John Deere	2016	\$79,300
Walk Behind Mower	10 years	Riding Lawnmower	John Deere	2021	\$6,099
		Walk Behind Mower	John Deere	2017	\$5,450
Interest rate	0.10% percent				

Fiscal Year	Opening Balance	Annual Contribn	Available Cash	Equipment Replaced	Cost (inflation adj)	Trade In/Grant	Net Expend	Interest Earned	Closing Balance	
2021	\$236,224	\$50,000	\$286,224	Pickup	\$33,780		\$14,000	\$19,780	\$236	\$266,680
2022	\$266,680	\$50,000	\$316,680	Riding Lawnmower Blower	\$6,099		\$0	\$6,099	\$267	\$310,848
					\$8,504		\$5,600	\$2,904		\$307,944
2023	\$307,944	\$50,000	\$357,944	Small Truck	\$92,450		\$17,200	\$75,250	\$308	\$283,002
2024	\$283,002	\$50,000	\$333,002						\$283	\$333,285
2025	\$333,285	\$50,000	\$383,285						\$333	\$383,618
2026	\$383,618	\$50,000	\$433,618	Big Truck # 1	\$193,200		\$33,600	\$159,600	\$384	\$274,402
2027	\$274,402	\$50,000	\$324,402	Walk Behind Mower	\$6,268		\$500	\$5,768	\$274	\$318,909
2028	\$318,909	\$50,000	\$368,909	Grader	\$300,000		\$60,000	\$240,000	\$319	\$129,228
2029	\$129,228	\$50,000	\$179,228						\$129	\$179,357
2030	\$179,357	\$60,000	\$239,357	Small Truck	\$99,384		\$18,490	\$80,894	\$179	\$158,642
2031	\$158,642	\$60,000	\$218,642						\$159	\$218,801
2032	\$218,801	\$60,000	\$278,801	Pickup	\$38,847		\$6,756	\$32,091		\$186,710
				Big Truck #2	\$201,633		\$35,067	\$166,566	\$219	\$80,362
2033	\$80,362	\$60,000	\$140,362	Backhoe	\$172,040		\$29,920	\$142,120	\$80	(\$1,677)
2034	(\$1,677)	\$60,000	\$58,323	Riding Lawnmower	\$7,014		\$500	\$6,514	\$0	\$51,809
2035	\$51,809	\$60,000	\$111,809						\$52	\$111,861
2036	\$111,861	\$60,000	\$171,861	Walk Behind Mower	\$6,268		\$500	\$5,768	\$112	\$166,205
2037	\$166,205	\$60,000	\$226,205	Small Truck	\$106,838		\$19,877	\$86,961	\$166	\$139,411
2038	\$139,411	\$60,000	\$199,411	Big Truck # 1	\$231,878		\$60,000	\$171,878	\$139	\$27,672
2039	\$27,672	\$60,000	\$87,672						\$0	\$87,672
2040	\$87,672	\$60,000	\$147,672						\$0	\$147,672
2041	\$147,672	\$60,000	\$207,672						\$0	\$207,672
2042	\$207,672	\$60,000	\$267,672						\$0	\$267,672

2020 Mendon and Rutland Town jointly purchased a 2016 John Deere Tractor with Tiger Boom to do roadside mowing. Mendon paid for 1/3 of the purchase price.

### Highway Improvement Fund

Fiscal Year 2023

Town Roads:						
	Last Paved	Cost		Last Paved	Cost	
Townline Road	2013	100,000		Cream Hill	2018	66,387
Brookwood	2014	50,000		Old Turnpike Road	2010	122,521
Eastridge	2014	60,000		Woodward Road	2014	59,000
Pond Road	2014	6,300		Journey's End	2013	56,000
Mountain Road	2014	11,620		Meadowlake Drive	2019	200,296
Garage Pavement	2014	15,500		Sherwood Drive	2012	91,720
Cedar Lane	2018	31,175		Terra Lane	2008	13,000
Park Lane	2018	98,271		Medway	2008	13,000
South Mendon Road	2014	54,000		Falls Road		220,000
Notch Road	2010	119,400		Town Office	2004	25,000

Beginning Balance	Fund Contribution	Interest Earned	Other Income	Planned Projects: Road	Road	Road	Road	Road	Road	Normal Maintenance	Total Cost	Ending Balance
2022	713,579	110,000	3,792					Old Turnpike 131,465		20,000	151,465	675,906
2023	675,906	(110K+60K+50K+311K)* 531,000	3,700	Sherwood 125,000	Notch Road 339,000	Town Office 25,000	Terra Lane 12,000	Medway 28,000		30,000	559,000	651,606
2024	651,606	110,000	3,700	Journeys End 235,000 (60K paving+175K end of road)	Falls Road 275,000					30,000	540,000	225,306
2025	225,306	110,000	3,200	Townline Road 100,000						30,000	130,000	208,506
2026	208,506	110,000	3,200	Brookwood 50,000		South Mendon Road 55,000				30,000	135,000	186,706
2027	186,706	110,000	3,200	Woodward Road 60,000	Eastridge 60,000	Pond Road 8,000	Mountain Road 12,000	Garage 20,000		30,000	190,000	109,906
2028	109,906	110,000	3,200							30,000	30,000	193,106
2029	193,106	110,000	3,200	Cedar Lane 30,000		Park Lane 65,000	Cream Hill 80,000			30,000	205,000	101,306
2030	101,306	110,000	3,200	100,000	Meadowlake Drive 125,000					30,000	155,000	159,506
2031	159,506	110,000	2,552							30,000	30,000	242,058
2032	242,058	110,000	3,700	Notch Road 150,000		Old Turnpike 125,000				30,000	305,000	50,758
2033	50,758	110,000	3,200	Sherwood 125,000						30,000	155,000	8,958
2034	8,958	110,000	3,000	Journeys End 60,000		Terra Lane 12,000	Medway 28,000			30,000	130,000	(8,042)
2035	(8,042)	110,000	3,000	Townline Road 100,000		Eastridge 60,000	Pond Road 8,000	Mountain Road 12,000		30,000	210,000	(105,042)
2036	(105,042)	110,000	2,500	Brookwood 50,000		South Mendon Road 55,000				30,000	135,000	(127,542)
2037	(127,542)	110,000	2,500	Woodward Road 60,000						30,000	90,000	(105,042)

\* 110,000 Annual Contribution, \$60,000 rollover unspent Highway Funds FY21, Assumes Article 3 & 4 passes transferring \$50K in surplus FY21 funds and \$311K from the Irene Reserve Fund

# Bridge & Culvert Fund

FY 2023

Year	Beginning Balance	Fund Contribution	Interest Earned	Grant Income	Available Balance	Projects	Cost	Ending Balance
2021	\$260,094	\$50,000	\$780	\$60,207	\$371,081	Bridge 14 & 20 Past Due culvert 07-42	\$9,173 \$118,013	\$243,895
2022	\$243,895	\$50,000	\$732	\$111,080	\$405,707	culverts 07-20, 07-28, 07-29	\$200,000	\$205,707
2023	\$205,707	\$50,000	\$617		\$256,324	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$196,324
2024	\$196,324	\$50,000	\$589		\$246,913	culverts bridge maintenance	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$186,913
2025	\$186,913	\$50,000	\$561		\$237,474	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$177,474
2026	\$177,474	\$50,000	\$532		\$228,006	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$168,006
2027	\$168,006	\$50,000	\$504		\$218,510	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$158,510
2028	\$158,510	\$50,000	\$476		\$208,986	culverts bridge maintenance	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$148,986
2029	\$148,986	\$50,000	\$447		\$199,433	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$139,433
2030	\$139,433	\$50,000	\$418		\$189,851	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$129,851
2031	\$129,851	\$50,000	\$390		\$180,241	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$120,241
2032	\$120,241	\$50,000	\$361		\$170,601	culverts bridge maintenance	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$110,601
2033	\$110,601	\$50,000	\$332		\$160,933	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$100,933
2034	\$100,933	\$50,000	\$303		\$151,236	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$91,236
2035	\$91,236	\$50,000	\$274		\$141,510	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$81,510
2036	\$81,510	\$50,000	\$245		\$131,754	culverts bridge maintenance	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$71,754
2037	\$71,754	\$50,000	\$215		\$121,969	culverts bridge maintenance	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$61,969
2038	\$61,969	\$50,000	\$186		\$112,155	culverts bridge maintenance	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$52,155
2039	\$52,155	\$50,000	\$156		\$102,312	culverts bridge maintenance	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$42,312

\* A comprehensive capital improvement plan is annually evaluated based on meeting the State of Vermont's Codes and Standards as well as requirements of the Municipal Roads General Permit. Projects receive priority based on the condition of a bridge, culvert and/or roadway as well as if they are located on a hydrologically connected road segment.

# Mendon Public Safety Fund

Fiscal Year 2023

Assumptions:			Facts:		
Vehicle #1 has a life expectancy of	12	years	Vehicle #1: Ford Explorer	2016	\$29,700
Interest rate	0.3%	percent	Town Office Generator		\$5,000
Inflation rate	3.0%	percent	Barstow Generator		\$50,000
			(total cost \$100K split with Chittenden)		
trade in value	15.0%	percent	AED Heart Defibrillator	2020	\$1,180

Fiscal Year	Opening Balance	Annual Contribn	Law Fines	Fine Split	Available Cash	Equipment Replaced	Cost (inflation adj)	Trade In	Net Expend	Interest Earned	Barstow Generator	Closing Balance
2020	\$65,803	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$66,303	AED Heart Defibrillator	\$2,360		\$5,360	\$181	\$500	\$60,624
						Dry Hydrant Replacement	\$18,000	\$15,000				
2021	\$60,624	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$61,124	Barstow Shelter Generator	\$1,500		\$1,500	\$167	\$500	\$59,291
2022	\$59,291	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$59,791	Town Office Generator	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$170	\$500	\$56,911
2023	\$56,911	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$57,411	Hazard Mitigation Plan	\$2,550		\$2,550	\$163	\$500	\$54,525
2024	\$54,525	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$55,025					\$164	\$500	\$54,688
2025	\$54,688	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$55,188					\$164	\$500	\$54,852
2026	\$54,852	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$55,352					\$165	\$500	\$55,017
2027	\$55,017	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$55,517					\$165	\$500	\$55,182
2028	\$55,182	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$55,682					\$166	\$500	\$55,347
2029	\$55,347	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$55,847	Vehicle #1	\$41,283	\$4,455	\$36,828	\$56	\$500	\$18,575
2030	\$18,575	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$19,075					\$56	\$500	\$18,631
2031	\$18,631	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$19,131					\$56	\$500	\$18,686
2032	\$18,686	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$19,186					\$56	\$500	\$18,743
2033	\$18,743	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$19,243					\$56	\$500	\$18,799
2034	\$18,799	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$19,299					\$56	\$500	\$18,855
2035	\$18,855	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$19,355					\$57	\$500	\$18,912
2036	\$18,912	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$19,412					\$57	\$500	\$18,968
2037	\$18,968	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$19,468					\$57	\$500	\$19,025
2038	\$19,025	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$19,525					\$57	\$500	\$19,082
2039	\$19,082	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$19,582					\$57	\$500	\$19,140
2040	\$19,140	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$19,640					\$57	\$500	\$19,197
2041	\$19,197	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$19,697	Vehicle #1	\$51,975	\$6,192	\$45,783	(\$80)	\$500	(\$26,665)

**Notes:**

Effective 1/1/17: 100% of fine revenue is deposited in the General Fund and 0% to the Reserve Fund

**Barstow Generator:**

2018-2019	500
2019-2020	500
2020-2021	500
2021-2022	500
2022-2023	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>2500</b>

The Towns of Mendon and Chittenden are each setting aside \$500 per year earmarked for the replacement of the generator at Barstow.

## Remembering Irene: 10 Years Later

The Mendon Historical Society invited the Vermont Folk Life Center to conduct a story circle reflecting on the impacts of Tropical Storm Irene. On July 14, 2021, Mary Wesley with the help of intern Reilly Brown facilitated the discussion while twelve residents of Mendon and Town Officials remembered the events of 10 years ago.

*“You look at the embankments of the rivers and the trees falling into them and they slowly erode away with every rainstorm that we have. And you drive the roads and every embankment that you see that is rock lined. You say that that was from Irene and that was from Irene and that was from Irene. This road was gone and that road was gone and that doesn't go away. After 10 years, you still drive these roads and you think that the disaster is still there, the signs are still there and that doesn't go away.” - **Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk***

*“I had a lot of adventures with Doug Casella, who is the chief guy putting Route 4 back together in 18 days, which is part of a miracle.” - **Larry Courcelle, Selectboard***

*“If we had an Irene tomorrow, you'd see the same people out there doing the same stuff all over again. And I'm not fearful of the community not coming right back together again. I know we would have complete faith in this group and everybody who lives in this town that if we had an Irene and we probably will someday, that everybody will come back out of the woods and do what they got to do to make it work. So hopefully you don't lose your front yard again.” - **Cort Jones, Mendon Resident***

*“It didn't end after Route 4 was open. We were charged with working with FEMA and completing the paperwork which extended multiple years into the future. And I think we finally completed most of the paperwork about a year ago.” - **Sara Tully, Town Administrator***

Reilly Brown's documentation of the story circle can be found at

<https://www.vermontfolklifecenter.org/fieldnotes/mendon-story-circle>



# Mendon Town Picnic – Remembering Irene



The Mendon Town Picnic – Remembering Irene was on Saturday September 18, 2021 from 12:00pm-3:00pm at the Mendon Recreation Area on South Mendon Rd. The Town provided burgers, hot dogs and drinks. In addition to the BBQ, there were kid’s games and a presentation about the 10-year anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene that happened on August 28, 2011. Townspeople gathered and recalled where they were when it started raining. The stories continued from remembering the road to recovery and

rebuilding Mendon to the Woodchip Parkway, and being stuck on the Mendon-Killington “island”, as well as stories of residents, neighbors and visitors coming together to help those in need. Larry Courcelle, Mendon Selectboard, spoke about the days following the storm and how the community worked together to help rebuild the Town.



# The Storm of Storms

By Larry Courcelle, Mendon Selectboard

Sunday Aug. 28th, 2011. A decade ago. Adjectives like “epic” and “historic” seemed hardly adequate as the worst weather event in 84 years gave Vermonter’s a lesson in the destructive power of water unlike any seen since the flood of 1927.

In the 8 or so hours that Tropical Storm Irene coursed through Vermont, four people died, at least 700 homes and businesses were destroyed or severely damaged, more than 270 roads, including sections of Routes 4, 7, and 100 were closed, and 35 bridges were wrecked or undermined- so much so that the state and local officials were overwhelmed by emergencies.

Irene was also one of the costliest storms in US history. Here in Mendon, approximately 11 ¾ inches of rain fell in a few hours. In



Vermont, more than 500 miles of roads needed repairs. Following the flood, 270 roads and 200 bridges were damaged and property disappeared. Route 4 in Mendon, which is the state's major east/west artery and sees approximately 12,000 vehicles per day was destroyed and rebuilt in just 18 days using app. 100,000 tons of material. About a dozen communities including Mendon were cut off by the storm and islands were created. For days many went without electricity or phone service. Governor Shumlin lifted regulations that would prevent contractors from moving quickly to repair roads devastated by the

flood.

Route 4 in Mendon had three contractors working around the clock; Casella Construction located here in Mendon, Markowski Excavating, and Belden Co. along with the Maine National Guard all led by Doug Casella. Life got a little easier when Route 4 reopened, but the work for the town Selectboard and administration staff was just beginning. The total damage in Mendon from



Tropical Storm Irene, including Route 4 and the damage to our town infrastructure, came to approximately 9 million dollars.

The Woodchip Parkway became Alternate Route 4 and a labor of love for many volunteers. The power of rushing water also revealed something else. That in times of trouble people come together. Neighbors reach out to neighbors. Strangers become allies, and the indomitable spirit of Vermonters holds strong. Irene stimulated a wave of solidarity and compassion among Mendon residents eager to reach out to their neighbors. Mendon's resilience, resourcefulness and self-sufficiency proved to be strong. There is a sense of unity in Mendon that holds strong to this day. A sense of pride that Mendon residents find the determination and strength required to live in this rugged mountain town. The strength of our community was evident immediately. The Mendon community came together and we are a model of resiliency. We are Vermont strong.



In closing, I'd like to read a quote from President Calvin Coolidge after the 1927 Flood.

"I love Vermont because of her hills and valleys, her scenery and invigorating climate, but most of all because of her indomitable people. They are a race of pioneers who have almost begged themselves to serve others. If the spirit of liberty should vanish in other parts of the Union and support of our institutions should languish, it could all be replenished from the generous store held by the people of this brave little state of Vermont."

10 Year Anniversary Irene Committee Members: Larry Courcelle (chair), Jennifer Bagley (vice chair), Ann Singiser (clerk), Jesse Bridge, Ann Clark, Teri Corsones, Wanda Courcelle, Phil Douglas, Betsy & Jim Reddy, Mary Rizk

For more pictures from the event go to:

<https://www.mendonvt.org/mendon-town-picnic-remembering-irene/>



# Irene Volunteers

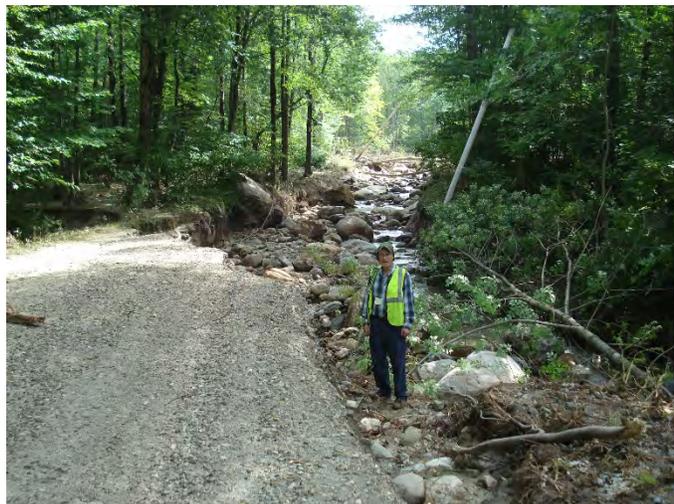
Mendon's village of volunteers put Mendon on the road to recovery.

Abby Jones	George Gulick	Malik Wakefield	Tina Hebert
Abigail Blair	Gerald Guppy	Margaret Dugan	Todd Keehan
Al Wakefield	Greg Bishop	Margery Anderson	Viv Gulick
Amy Merrill	Greg Newton	Maria Fish	Wanda Courcelle
Andrew Rappaport	Greg Sierman	Mark Bergstrom	Wendy Pallotta
Ann Clark	Greg Stahle	Megan Metivier	Zach Reich
Ann Singiser	Gwen Allard	Meghan Carey	
Anne Lezak	Gwen Dolce	Meghan Kennedy	<b>Office Staff</b>
Anne Wells	Hale Cochran	Melissa Hayden	<b>&amp; Town Officials</b>
Austin Capone	Harry Chen	Mick Jennings	Tracy Adams
Autumn Gee	Helen Lawrence	Mike Anderson	Jeff Bradley
Barb Wood	Jack Kennelly	Mike Barone	Scott Bradley
Ben Clark	Jane DeBlasio	Nancy Cristelli	Denise Clark
Ben Tyler	Janice VanDyke	Nancy Stevens	Matt Conway
Betty Ann Limpert	Jeanie Magoon	Ned Pike	Larry Courcelle
Betty Hughes	Jeanne Bradley	Neil Langer	Bill Ellis
Bill Mercier	Jeannie Garrow	Nidhi Purohit	Michele Erickson
Brian Metivier	Jeff Chabot	Pam O'Connor	Nancy Gondella
Brogan McGrath	Jenn Conley	Pat McGee	Greg Smith
Charlotte Tyler	Jennifer Bagley	Patti Lancaster	Sara Tully
Chris Adams	Jennifer Conway	Patty McGrath	
Chris Gandin	Jim LaPlaca	Paul Phillips	
Chris Kirbach	Jo Salisbury	Phil Douglas	
Ciera Sharp	Joan Lazzaro	PV Hall	
Cindy Bergstrom	John DeBlasio	Rebecca Langer	
Connor McGrath	John Feenick	Riley Bates	
Cort Jones	Josh Shum	Robert Osnoe	
Crawford Jones	Judy Chudzik	Ron Lazzaro	
Cortland Hussak	Judy Dark	Roy Prior	
Cristina Caliguiri	Julie Tyler	Saskia Groom	
Darren Snitker	Justin Lindholm	Sharon Stahle	
Dave Lewis	Kayla Metivier	Sheryl Rapee-Adams	
David Hoffenbers	Kevin Stevens	Sophia Hussak	
Debbie Poplawski	Kim Lake	Stacey Metivier	
Dick Howe	Leo Lawrence	Steve McCauley	
Don Messenger	Leslie Groth	Sue Adams	
Elaine Latzky	Leslie Tschaikowsky	Sue Leroux	
Ellen Prior	Lisa Chabot	Sue Wilson	
Emily Metivier	Lisa Swett	Susan Feenick	
Erica McLaughlin	Logan Kenyon	Susan Lipkin	
Ernie Smalley	Lon Brettell	Susan Starr-Adams	
Fred Bagley	Lucas Magoon	Suzanne Jones	
Gail Buck	Lynn Acker	Tamra Jaurigue	
Gary Sihler	Madelyn Kirbach	Ted Pratt	
Gene Poplawski	Justin Lindholm	Tim O'Connor	

## Contractors, Donors and Sponsors

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Central Vermont Motorcycles  
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Mendon Mountain Orchards  
Mendon Mountainview Lodge  
Mendon Trucking  
Nancy Merrill

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Rutland County Sheriff, Steve Benard  
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Gerhard & Sigrid Sihler  
Snow Angel Tavern  
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Ted's Pizza  
Thomas Dairy  
Town of Benson  
Town of Pittsford  
Towne Logging & Trucking  
Vermont Community Foundation  
Vermont Quarries  
VTrans  
Vaillancourt Tree Service  
Vergennes Lions Club  
Wilk Paving  
Woodstock Cookie Company



# Tribute to Doug Casella

On August 28, 2011 Tropical Storm Irene caused devastating damage to roads and bridges in Mendon. Within hours, Mendon resident Doug Casella spearheaded the rebuilding of Route 4 in just 18 days.

Working around the clock showing considerable courage and resiliency, at great risk to his personal health, always thinking of others first.

This monument and park area will forever serve as a commemoration of local hero Doug Casella's selfless bravery, personal sacrifice and commitment to the public good.  
Dedicated August 2021



Maureen Casella, Doug Casella, Governor Phil Scott, and Larry Courcelle and Richard Wilcox, Mendon Selectboard

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene, the Town dedicated a monument, placed at Sugar and Spice Restaurant, to pay tribute to Doug Casella. The monument is made from Vermont's Danby Marble, Verde Antique serpentine stone and surrounded by river rock.

## 2021 Town Clerk Report

Greetings and Happy New Year from the Town Clerk's Office! For the second year, there have been many changes in the Clerk's Office due to the seemingly ever-present COVID-19. The early part of the year saw Jesse and I alternating days between working in the office and at home, allowing us to continue to serve the public, while still maintaining the safety protocol prescribed by the Selectboard. We've both been back in the office full time since April 19.

The office is currently open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. In the event social distancing cannot be achieved, or you are not fully vaccinated, we ask that you wear a face mask. Title research is currently conducted either online or by appointment in order to maintain social distancing. We have hand sanitizer and masks readily available for your use.

Use of our online records continues to increase, as an alternative to having to come into the office to do research. If you have questions on how to use any of the software, please call the office and we will be happy to assist.

For the first time, Town Meeting was held remotely and all articles to be voted on were by Australian ballot voting. While in person voting was available at the Mendon Town Garage, 146 of the 242 votes cast were voted by absentee/early ballot. Many of the absentee ballots were submitted completely remotely, either by mail, or in the drop box at the office.

Late spring brought about the completion of the town-wide reappraisal. We posted a great deal of information to the town website in order to help property owners determine whether or not they grieve their assessments and later appeal those assessments. It is with much appreciation that I thank the Board of Civil Authority for the countless hours spent hearing testimony, visiting properties, reporting on those visits, and determining the outcome of forty-five appeals. This dedicated group of volunteers spent two evenings a week, and many hours during the day, from July through mid-November to complete the process. The Board of Civil Authority (BCA consists of the Selectboard (Dick Wilcox, Larry Courcelle, and Val Taylor), the Justices of the Peace (Rich Carlson, Marie Conway, Larry Courcelle, Betsy Reddy, Jim Reddy, Ann Singiser, and Al Wakefield), and myself. In addition, Assistant Clerk Jesse Bridge served as Secretary, typing the minutes from every meeting.



In addition to the reappraisal, the BCA had to deal with issue of re-apportionment. Every ten years, the legislature is required to redistrict for legislative representation based on population. The current proposal to the legislature has the Town of Mendon paired with the towns of Chittenden, Killington, and Pittsfield.

In the coming months, the State will be purchasing new tabulators, as the ones currently in use are outdated. We should receive those and be trained on their use in time to be used for the General Election in November.

In addition, we will be submitting a proposal to the Selectboard to use some of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to assist with further digitization in the office. Under this Act, each town receives funding from the federal government, based on population. The Town will receive a total of approximately \$300,000, which can be used only for specific purposes.

A special thanks to Assistant Clerk, Jesse Bridge. Jesse's great attitude, willingness to learn, knowledge and helpfulness does not go unnoticed. In the nearly four years that Jesse has been here, she has jumped in to learn as much as possible and help in any way she can. She is a real asset to the Town, and I am grateful to have her as my assistant.

Please check our website, Facebook page, or Front Porch Forum for news and updates. As always, if you have any questions, please contact either Jesse or myself at 802-775-1662 or [mendonclerk@comcast.net](mailto:mendonclerk@comcast.net).

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Gondella, CVC, CVT  
Town Clerk/Treasurer



New England Clerk's Conference at the Lodge at Spruce Peak, Stowe, Vermont

Mendon's own Stefanie Schaffer was a guest speaker on The Gifts of Adversity. Pictured

here is Nancy Gondella, Jesse Bridge, Stacey Bender and Stefanie Schaffer

## Constable/Director of Public Safety

2021 continued to be a challenge for everyone. The Covid-19 restrictions continued to cause a change in staff operations since last March of 2020. We continued to cut back the patrol operations for the Constable. Despite these cuts, Mendon remains one of the safest Towns in the County. We have maintained the patrol hours for the Rutland County Sheriff's Department at 32 hours per week. Staffing for all Vermont law enforcement communities continues to be a challenge. In 2021 our Sheriffs wrote 617 Tickets, issued 122 Warnings, performed 9 arrests. Tickets resulted in \$94,204 in fines, of which the town receives about \$38,000 from the Judicial Bureau. The breakdown in calls is as follows for the year: 2 Injury Accident reports; 3 arrests for driving on a Criminally suspended license; 1 Domestic Assault; 1 DUI, 1 Violation of Conditions of Release, 4 Violations of An Abuse Prevention Order, 8 Agency Assists, 8 Citizen Assists, 5 Motorist Assists, 2 Burglary Reports, 4 Citizen Disputes, 7 Directed Patrols, 3 Drug-Related arrests, 2 Found Property reports, 2 Fraud reports, 3 Motor Vehicle Complaint reports, 8 Suspicious Activity reports, 2 Theft reports, 1 Theft of Service report, 3 Trespassing reports, 1 Vandalism report, 3 VIN Inspections, 3 Welfare checks and 1 WRIT of Possession service. It is evident that the Sheriffs don't just drive around and write traffic tickets. Their patrol duties help keep the community the safe place that it is. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department, Vermont State Police and Mendon Constable patrol the roadways and community to a greater degree than many of the surrounding towns. Mendon has always been very pro-active when it comes to the safety of its residents and visitors, especially on our local roads.

Our False Fire Alarm Ordinance was updated last year to help reduce the number of false fire alarms charged back to the residents. The major change was the provision whereby the first false alarm in each calendar year, for any resident, is not charged to the property owner/manager. Each successive false alarm after that during the calendar year is charged to the property owner/manager to recover the \$750 Rutland City Fire Department charge to the Town. Valid alarm calls are never charged to the property owner. Likewise, automobile accidents within the town boundaries are not charged to drivers. The State Police continue to take major accident reports in town. In 2021 the Rutland Fire Department responded to 40 calls for fire/smoke alarms or other accidents/incidents. The breakdown of Rutland Fire Department responses are as follows: 11 Motor Vehicle Accidents; 10 Smoke Detector Activations; 2 Vehicle Fires; 2 Cooking Fires; 2 Medical Assists, 1 Biological Hazard, 1 Lost Hiker Incident, 1 Chemical Spill, 1 Water/Steam Leak, 1 Outside Fire, 1 Smoke Removal, 1 Downed Power Line, 6 other miscellaneous calls. Property owners are reminded to change batteries every year and replace old smoke/CO detectors every 10 years.

Residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with Mendon's Ordinances. They are all found on the Town website. It is illegal to burn brush without a permit from the Town. Burn Permits can be applied for from Mendon Fire Warden, Seth Bridge. Failure to obtain the proper permits may result in a ticket from the town. It is illegal to transport or possess fireworks in Mendon without a permit from the Fire Warden or Constable.

Mendon continues to work with the Vermont Rural Fire District to upgrade the existing dry hydrants in town. We apply for grants that pay up to 75% of the improvements with a 25% match from the town.

As in past years, Mendon's Animal Control Officer is Rod MacCuaig, he is reached at 802-775-1545. If ACO MacCuaig cannot be reached, the Rutland County Sheriff's Department can be called at 802-775-8002 or, in an emergency, the Mendon Constable can be called. Dog bites should be reported to Sara Tully, the Mendon Health Officer.

We continue to work with the Town of Chittenden funding the cost of operation of the emergency shelter at the Barstow Memorial School, available to Mendon and Chittenden residents during emergencies. We have a team of volunteers that has been taking the training required to operate a local shelter. We are always looking for additional volunteers if any Mendon residents are interested in joining the team. The shelter will be able to house people and small pets in a controlled environment during a crisis. Donations of goods and storage works for the shelter are always in demand. Each year both towns allocate \$500 to fund supplies for the shelter. Contact the Constable if you would like to donate money or goods for the shelter. Small animal crates, clean blankets, bath towels, harnesses and leashes will be accepted for the shelter. We are also budgeting \$500 each year in the public safety reserve fund for maintenance and eventual replacement of the shelter generator at the school. The Town of Chittenden is doing the same.

As in past years, some residents have not yet picked up and installed their green 911 reflective house numbers from the town office. Your life or the life of a loved one may depend on the police, fire department or Regional Ambulance being able to quickly locate your residence in an emergency. If you do not have your green reflective house numbers posted at your driveway entrance, please contact the town staff about obtaining them at the town office.

After 8 years as your Constable and Emergency Management Director, I have decided to retire. I appreciate the cooperation that the residents and town staff have shown me for the past eight years. Lema Carter, formerly a patrol Sergeant with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department and current Mendon resident, is slated to take over the Constable/Emergency Management Director's position in March as he is running unopposed. Lema's considerable training and experience will definitely be a huge benefit to the Town of Mendon. His contact information will be on the town website when it is official.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Douglas, Constable/Emergency Management Director

# Mendon Delinquent Tax Collector

Turned over for collection on March 24, 2021 were 101 delinquent taxes some for multiple years totaling \$231,221.58.

On January 18, 2022 there are 4 delinquent taxes totaling \$4,743.87

AC Acquisitions	\$	15.98
Gowans, Paige	\$	792.51
R 4 R	\$	2,785.92
Raymond, Krista	\$	201.79

No tax sales were held this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Bridge Merrill, Delinquent Tax Collector

## Dog License Report

Neutered males or spayed females		\$1,708
Males not neutered		90
Females not spayed		112
Late fees		221
	Total	\$2,131
State of Vermont Rabies Control		844
Total to General Fund		\$1,287

Please register your dog on or before April 4, 2022 to avoid a late charge. The fee to register Spayed or Neutered dogs is \$11.00, while the fee for unaltered dogs is \$15.00. The State of Vermont requires a current rabies vaccination certificate to be on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

Failure to register your dog is a VIOLATION of the Mendon Animal Control Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk

# Record of Vital Statistics-Mendon, VT 2021

## Births

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Parents Names</u>
Brennen James Weaver	M	Jan 25, 2021	Rutland	Kaleena Marie Meighan James Allen Weaver Jr.
Ella Rose Coburn	F	Apr 07, 2021	Rutland	Summer Marie Miracle Folsom
Adalina Carr	F	May 23, 2021	Rutland	Daniela Blaga Carr Kirtan Carr
Nellie-Lyn Marie King	F	Jun 16, 2021	Rutland	Cassie Marie Clark Jeffrey Alan King
Maclin John Mcauliffe	M	Aug 08, 2021	Rutland	Alison Shappy Mcauliffe Timothy Joseph Mcauliffe
Mia Margaret Potter	F	Oct 14, 2021	Rutland	Catherine Elizabeth Potter Corey Stephen Potter

## Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Carol McKeen	90	Feb 21, 2021	Mendon, VT
Joseph Clarence Jones	97	Jul 17, 2021	Rutland Town, VT
Alan Louis Liguori	55	Aug 17, 2021	Mendon, VT
Louis Clyde Stevens	54	Oct 22, 2021	Mendon, VT
Stephen Cosgrove	71	Nov 08, 2021	Rutland, VT

## Marriages

<u>Party A</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Party B</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>
Morgan Elizabeth Gibeault	NY	Tyler Christian Garvey	NY	Jul 31, 2021
Amber Paige Menard	VT	Dylan Andrew Shaimas	VT	Aug 19, 2021
Annika Rose Conway	ME	Peter Alexander Schnell	ME	Aug 19, 2021
John Franklin Gatland	NY	Elizabeth Margaret Wemyss	NY	Sep 18, 2021
Myla Helen Rose Simons	VT	Chad Michael Lindroos	VT	Sep 30, 2021
Alyssa Nicole Raub	VT	Camien Michael Lackney	VT	Oct 02, 2021

## Mendon Planning Commission

The Mendon Planning Commission includes members Phil Douglas, Justin Lindholm, Fred Bagley, Gary Sihler and Teri Corsones. The Planning Commission has jurisdiction over subdivision permit applications and applications for building development for other than one or two-family residences. It meets on the first Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. at the Mendon Town Offices. If a monthly meeting falls on a state or federal holiday, the meeting for that month is typically held on the next ensuing Monday.

In conjunction with its work updating the Mendon Town Plan, the Mendon Planning Commission worked with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission this year to prepare an Enhanced Energy Plan. Towns with an Enhanced Energy Plan are entitled to a “substantial deference” standard in Public Utility Commission review of energy projects. The Enhanced Energy Plan is currently in the public hearing process. Please contact the Mendon Planning Commission regarding any questions or suggestions you have about our work, or if we can be of assistance to you.

We currently have two vacancies on the Mendon Planning Commission. Please contact any of the members if you have an interest in serving.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teri Corsones

## Zoning Administrator

With the passing of our long time Zoning Administrator, Steve Cosgrove, Jesse Bridge has been appointed Interim Zoning Administrator.

2021 was an average year in terms of zoning permit applications, with 25 permits issued.

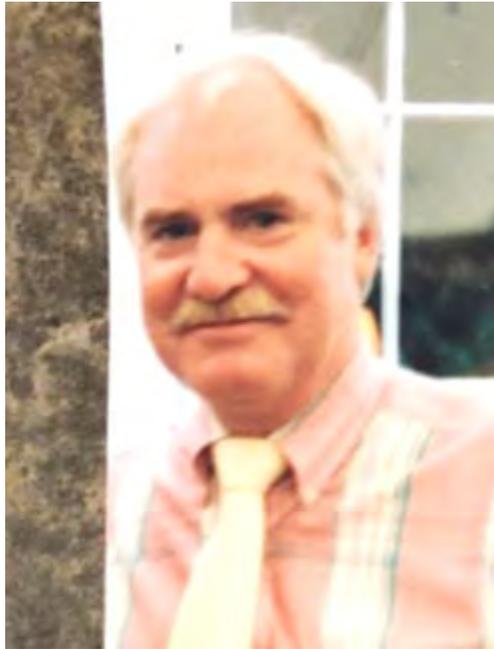
The breakdown of permits issued in 2021 is as follows:

- 3 new single family homes;
- 10 assorted additions for bedrooms, sheds, garages, and decks;
- 8 certificates of occupancy;
- 2 new signs;
- 1 refile;
- 1 amendment.

I can be reached by phone at 802-775-1662 during Town Office hours Monday thru Thursday from 9am-4pm to answer your questions. I am also available by email at [mendonbookkeeper@comcast.net](mailto:mendonbookkeeper@comcast.net). If you hear or see any apparent zoning violations, please call me to investigate.

Respectfully submitted  
Jesse Caroline Bridge, Interim Zoning Administrator

In memory of  
**Stephen Cosgrove**



**Mendon Zoning Administrator**  
June 2007-November 2021

Steve was a lifelong Vermonter. Born and raised in Rutland, he attended Christ the King School and Rutland Highschool. He continued his higher education at the University of Vermont and Vermont Law School. Steve moved to Mendon in August 1983 when he purchased a house on Townline Road.

Steve served as the Mendon Zoning Administrator for 15 years. He had a deep knowledge of the laws governing zoning in Vermont. One of Steve's first projects as Zoning Administrator was to completely redesign the filing system for permits by property instead of by name. This allowed for complete and accurate research to be conducted on a particular property. Steve kept meticulous records including a permit log that enabled office staff to know the status of a permit at any given time.

Steve was quick witted and never veered from an opportunity to express his knowledge and opinion, always with a smile on his face. His friends in the Town Office will miss his stories of his weekend adventures golfing, traveling with the Shriners or getaways with his wife, Jane.

Sadly, Steve passed unexpectedly in November. He was a man of deep faith and may he rest in peace.

## Assessor's 2021 Report

The 2021 reappraisal is done at the local level. 164 property owners filed a grievance appeal. 44 property owners appeal their assessment to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). The Mendon BCA has completed the rigorous task of hearing all of the appeals. The Mendon BCA should be complemented for conducting the appeals professionally and in a civil manner. This reappraisal was conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic and an unprecedented real estate market. Five property owners have appealed the BCA decisions to the State Division of Property Valuation and Review. Two property owners have appealed the BCA decisions to the Vermont Superior Court. These appeals have not been scheduled for hearings.

Assessment data can be found at <https://www.axisgis.com/mendonvt/>

My email is [vtassessor@gmail.com](mailto:vtassessor@gmail.com) My Waitsfield Vermont office phone is 802-496-9689. If you want to schedule a telephone call from me (instead of playing telephone tag) you can use <https://VermontAssessor.as.me/Telephone> and I will call you at the scheduled time.

If you are a Vermont resident and you own your residence, you are required by the State to file a Homestead Declaration. The State has a website:

<https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration>

That can get you started. Please note that this is not an optional filing. If you meet the requirements, you must file. Also note that there is no extension for filing this declaration. If you get an extension to file your Vermont taxes the extension does not apply to the Homestead Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Spencer Potter, Vermont Municipal Assessor

## Cemetery Report

In March, the Selectboard appointed a three-member Cemetery Commission. Val Taylor, Bill Ellis, and Dennis Charles are the appointed members. The Cemetery Commission manages the maintenance of the town cemeteries and plans for future projects or development of new cemeteries. There were no projects conducted at the cemeteries this year besides seasonal clean up and regular mowing maintenance. Mowing is performed by the Buildings and Grounds Maintenance employee for the town. There are currently no plots available for sale in Mendon. There was one full burial and 2 cremation burials at the Tenney Cemetery in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Val Taylor

# Recreation Report

Through COVID-19, the recreation facilities on South Mendon Rd have been enjoyed by many residents as a way to get outdoors in a safe environment. The BYC and Barstow completed the 2021 baseball season with games at the field. The play structure was reopened for use by the children of the community, and the newly created basketball court saw continued use through the summer.

The committee looks forward to continuing improvements at the park including developing a plan to replace the aging play structure and working closely with the Mendon on the Move Outdoor Rec committee to increase awareness and use of the surrounding trails.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betsy Reddy, Clerk (353-0335)  
Jim Reddy (345-0185)  
Larry Courcelle, Vice Chair  
Liam Fracht-Monroe, Chair (345-0245)  
Jesse Bridge  
Leo Lawrence, member emeritus



# Road Commissioner Report

The winter of 2020-2021 was a normal winter of snow and ice. We did have to wing back the snow a few times with the grader.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to alter highway operations through 2021 with the implementation of safety procedures. It certainly changed how we operated, but we were lucky to be able to continue to maintain the roads free from illness.

The town was short handed in the highway department and buildings and grounds maintenance with a vacant full-time position. The town welcomed Dan Hendee to work part time to help assist with snow plowing operations in the winter and mowing in the summer. Dan operates his own maintenance garage in Rutland Town and we greatly appreciate his help in Mendon while we continue to look for a full time employee.

In accordance with the Municipal Roads General Permit, the Town continues to update road segment and culvert inventories in order to plan for future projects. We are on target to meet the state's first deadline of upgrading 10% of non-compliant road segments by 2022. The next requirement will be to upgrade to meet standards all non-compliant segments listed as high priority by 2025. The Grants in Aid Funding helps offset some of these costs annually.

We received Grants in Aid Funding for \$7,820 that helped offset the cost of some ditch work that was completed in 2021 by the Mendon Highway Department on a hydrologically connected road segments 197079, and 197080 on Wheelerville Road. Total project cost was \$28,962 of which \$23,025 was paid by the town through labor and equipment. We have requested to utilize the Grants in Aid Funding for 2022. A project has not yet been approved.

The Town of Mendon received a Better Road Equipment Grant for \$5,600 to purchase a blower for \$8,504 of which \$2,904 was paid out of the New Highway Equipment Fund.

The Town of Mendon replaced the 2008 Chevrolet Silverado with the purchase of a 2021 Ford F150 for \$33,836 which went into operation in December 2021. The town was able to sell the Silverado for \$14,000 off setting the cost of new truck.

I issued one Access Permit in 2021.

The Town paved Old Turnpike Road. The next roads to be paved are Notch Road and Sherwood Drive. We continue to plan for upgrades to the Falls Road to access properties off Notch Road, Northam Road and Clark Mason Road. We also have plans to perform some erosion control mitigation at the end of Journeys End and continue the pavement to the end of the road.

I would like to thank Newt Jones and Dan Hendee for their dedication and hard work on the Road Crew. I would also like to thank Sara Tully, Jesse Bridge and Nancy Gondella for all the help they give me on the paper & computer work.

## Mailboxes Missing?

The Town of Mendon Highway Protection and Specifications Ordinance, "Section 9: Mailboxes, the Town of Mendon is not responsible for mailboxes in the rights-of-way damaged by snowplows or other municipal equipment." The Mendon Highway Department is careful not to damage structures in the town's right of way, however there are times unintentional damage does occur to mailboxes and other structures. It is the ordinance of the town not to replace these structures.

## Snow in the Right-Of-Way

The Mendon Selectboard would like to remind residents that pushing excess snow from private walks and driveways onto the roadside is prohibited by Vermont law. It is also illegal to plow snow across a town road. The excess snow in the roadway may obstruct traffic or create safety hazards for drivers. Please remember when removing snow that under 19 VSA §1105, violators can be held personally liable for any damage caused, and are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000. Please help keep our roads safe and clear. We thank you for your cooperation.

## Residential Sand Shed Policy

In February 2019, the Selectboard adopted a Residential Sand Shed Policy. The Town of Mendon makes sand available to Mendon residents to help with icy sidewalks and driveways. The Residential Sand Shed is located outside the Town Garage gate on Park Lane for 24/7 access. You may fill, by shovel, up to **three** 5-gallon pails with sand in anticipation of or response to a storm event or weather pattern that creates icy and slippery conditions. The complete policy is posted on the Residential Sand Shed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Ellis  
Road Commissioner



2021 Ford F150

## 2022-2023 Appropriation Requests

TOTAL \$10,342

### ARC Rutland Area Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

128 Merchants Row, Suite 401, Rutland, VT 05701 [www.ARCRutlandArea.org](http://www.ARCRutlandArea.org) 802-775-1370

ARC requests \$1,500 to advocate for the rights of individuals and families with developmental disabilities to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as a non-disabled individual, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community. It is important to note ARC does not charge for services to its members. ARC relies on grants, individual group, company and town donations to provide services to our members in Rutland County.

ARC reports serving 1000 individuals in Rutland County.

### Marble Valley Regional Transportation District “The Bus”

158 Spruce St., Rutland, VT 05701 [www.thebus.com](http://www.thebus.com) 802-773-3244

Marble Valley Regional Transportation District “The Bus” requests \$1,200 to provide safe, reliable, accessible and coordinated public transit service to enhance economic, social and environmental quality of life throughout Rutland County and surrounding communities. The Bus has been providing transportation for over 45 years.

### RSVP & The Volunteer Center

6 Court St., Rutland, VT 05701 [www.volunteersinvt.org](http://www.volunteersinvt.org) 802-775-8220

Retired Senior Volunteer Program requests \$700 to help defray the financial impact of COVID-19 on the organization. Their volunteers are continuing to support the communities through the COVID-19 pandemic with new initiatives such as mask making for local agencies and schools and making wellness calls to isolated seniors.

In fiscal year 2021 Mendon residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation and our free osteoporosis prevention classes. Currently in Mendon RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: AARP Tax Program, Bridges & Beyond, One-2-One, RSVP Operation Dolls and More, and RSVP Bone Builders.

### Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice

7 Albert Cree Dr., Rutland, VT 05701 [www.vermontvisitingnurses.org](http://www.vermontvisitingnurses.org) 802-775-0568

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice requests \$2,600 to provide Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. RAVNAH’s mission is to provide medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of a client’s ability to pay, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In 2020 VNAHSR’s dedicated staff provided 765 visits to 19 individuals in Mendon.

### Rutland Mental Health Services

78 South Main St., Rutland, VT 05701 [www.rmhsccn.org](http://www.rmhsccn.org) 802-775-2381

Rutland Mental Health Services requests \$1,242 to provide individual counseling for children, adults and families, substance abuse treatment services, emergency/crisis services, and developmental disability services. Rutland Mental Health Services and is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay.

During fiscal year 2021, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 403 hours of service to 29 Mendon residents.

### Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

143 Maple St., Rutland, VT 05701 [www.svcoa.org](http://www.svcoa.org) 802-786-5990

The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging requests \$600. This funding will be used to help support the work they do on behalf of Mendon residents. The services provided are: Nutrition Support, Case Management Assistance, and a variety of other services.

In 2021, the Council helped provide 491 meals that were delivered to the homes of 4 elders in your community (Meals on Wheels). In addition, 20 Mendon elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 157 meals were provided. Additionally, SVCOA provided 2 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 2 residents of Mendon. SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 6 elders in your community for a total of 48.25 hours. Other Services and Support include "Senior Helpline" assistance, Medicare and health benefit counseling, Legal service assistance, information about elder issues and opportunities, Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues, Transportation assistance, Caregiver support, and Money Management programs.

### Wonderfeet Kids' Museum

11 Center St., PO Box 6243 Rutland, VT 05702 [www.wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org](http://www.wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org) 802-282-2678

Mission: "We learn and play together to build healthy children, stronger families, and a more vibrant community."

Wonderfeet persevered in 2021: While operating under social distancing and capacity restrictions, Wonderfeet provided class field trips, afterschool, and summer enrichment programs. Wonderfeet also showed just how big our impact can be: our staff was integral in the planning, packing and distribution of 10,000 free activity kits for kids as part of the "Out of the Boxes" summer program. Our primary fundraiser the Lip Sync Battle featured some of Rutland's pandemic heroes- its teachers. The Battle had wonderful participation from six Rutland County elementary schools. We look forward to continued growth in the coming years, as we expand Wonderfeet's "footprint" throughout our community.

## Barstow Youth Club 2020-2021 Annual Report

This report covers the following sports seasons for children in grades PreK-6: 2020-2021 basketball, 2021 indoor soccer, 2021 running group, 2021 baseball, 2021 fall soccer and 2021 flag football seasons. The following were the grade level sport and number of participants who participated:

Pre-K to 2 basketball: 0 - we did not have a season due to COVID-19  
3/4 & 5/6 boys & girls basketball: 0 - we did not have a season due to COVID-19  
3/4 & 5/6 boys & girls indoor soccer: 45  
Prek-6 Baseball/Softball: 59  
Pre-K-8 Running Group - 20  
Pre-K - 6 fall soccer: 78  
3/4 & 5/6 flag football: 19

BYC has continued to maintain its leadership structure while remaining strictly a volunteer organization. We are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization capable of offering tax write-offs for charitable donations. Our leadership team includes a director, secretary, treasurer, communications, and marketing chairs. Our organization is active on social media.

BYC is an organization aimed at providing the children of Chittenden and Mendon with athletic opportunities that include baseball/softball, soccer, basketball, flag football, running, and rock climbing. We offer free programs for children in grades Pre-K to 2, 3rd & 4th grade programs are \$40 and 5th & 6th grade programs are \$50. We offer free registration for those families in need. Chittenden and Mendon contributed \$3,000 each to our program this past year.

BYC has continued to purchase insurance to use the Barstow School facilities. A requirement of our policy is that all volunteer coaches are fingerprinted and background checked by the State of Vermont. Collectively, this has increased our costs to approximately \$2000 per year, which also includes our fees to pay the State to access these records.

Our executive board meets four times per year (August, November, March, June) to discuss upcoming seasonal issues, as well as any needs that need to be addressed. These meetings take place at the Mendon town office.

Donations and charitable giving make our program a success. This past Chittenden Day, we offered door prizes which were donated by Sugar and Spice restaurant, Mendon Mini Golf and Snack Bar, Dick's Sporting Goods, Blue Ridge Outfitters, and Johnny Boys Pancake House.

In May of 2021 we purchased a new lining machine for the baseball fields and over the summer of 2021 we purchased a new soccer goal for the field at Barstow Memorial School. Next year we hope to gather sponsors to help purchase an outdoor scoreboard to be used at the school.

Executive board members are Jesse Bridge, Director ([thebarstowyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:thebarstowyouthclub@gmail.com)); Chris Blanchard, Secretary ([Chris@cwbtvlaw.com](mailto:Chris@cwbtvlaw.com)), Vicki Napolitano, Treasurer ([vmnapolitano@yahoo.com](mailto:vmnapolitano@yahoo.com)) at-large members: Lacey Ramage, Val Taylor & Larry Napolitano.

Respectfully Submitted.

# Mendon Historical Society

for calendar year 2021

The Mendon Historical Society was not able to physically get involved with some of our projects due to the ongoing pandemic. Given the constraints of Covid, we agreed to keep the society going at a more modest rate, awaiting a time when we can meet in person. We were able to participate in the town remembrance of Irene and the Mendon hiking guide that Fred Bagley designed continued to be a popular item to buy at the town office.

Our annual meeting in September was a **thank you** to Ann Singiser, Ann decided to step down as president. She has been a huge presence in the Historical Society for the last 22 years. We cannot thank Ann enough for all she has done for the historical society.

The historical society hopes to continue with the project of trails and signage at Tamarack Notch, research of the Mendon Mountain Orchard and cemetery preservation and signage

The book that the historical society compiled on Irene was referenced and quoted on the website of the National Weather Service commemorating ten years after the storm. We were happy to support the dedication of the sign for John Casella recognizing his work restoring Route 4 after Irene.

Thanks to all our members for their support, feel free to contact any of us for more information.

The Mendon Historical Society is a registered 501(c) 3 non-profit organization “with the intent to educate and preserve Mendon’s history for the future”

Shelly Scott Susina, President

Jennifer Bagley, Secretary

Fred Bagley, Vice President

Richard Kaufman, Treasurer

## Mendon on the Move

In the spring of 2021, Mendon on the Move brought the community together with the help of the Community Visit Program through the Vermont Council on Rural Development. The goal was to engage residents in reviewing the town's assets, addressing challenges, and setting key priorities for the future. Through the Mendon on the Move process, community members identified and prioritized goals, fostered local leadership, connected to resources and developed achievable action plans. The Mendon on the Move process consisted of two phases:

Phase 1: Over 75 residents came together virtually for community forums on March 24th to review assets and challenges and brainstorm action ideas.

Phase 2: Over 60 residents attended a virtual community meeting on April 21st to review action ideas shared in March, discuss what is most important, vote on top priorities, and then build action plans to advance those priorities. At the end of the evening, community members signed on to continue to work in these key priority areas: Reimagine and Improve the Route 4 Corridor and Boost Outdoor Recreation Opportunities. Local leaders Megan Smith and Jessica Sardelli stepped up to chair the new task forces. A full copy of the Mendon on the Move Report and Action Plan dated June 2021 can be found on the town website [www.mendonvt.org](http://www.mendonvt.org).

### Reimagine and Improve the Route 4 Corridor

Megan Smith, Mary Camilleri, Roy Copans, Teri Corsones, Patti Lancaster, Adam Loffredo, and Al Wakefield

The committee got to work by reaching out to all the existing businesses, operating and otherwise, to discuss their concerns and plans. After hearing from the owners, we decided to pull together a zoom seminar sharing resources that are available to them. The zoom seminar was well attended, recorded, and hopefully area businesses found resources for their success.

We are writing a grant to study the concept of a Community Center for Mendon that would include a place to gather, host events, and hold town meeting, with potential other uses such as a food shelf, fitness classes, commercial kitchen and more.

### Mendon on the Move Route 4 Safety and Access Subcommittee

Hannah Abrams, Jessica Quesnel, Carolyn McBain, Fred Bagley

Our committee members met many times in the spring of 2021 to discuss safety on Route 4. The goal was to identify how Mendon's six mile stretch of state highway could be made safer for town residents and the visiting public while developing a sense of place and maintaining Mendon's numerous scenic attributes.

The committee met virtually, met in person and/or drove the highway with Mendon's Constable, Mendon's Road Commissioner, representatives of the Vermont State Police and the Rutland County Sheriff, and numerous members of VTrans. The committee identified several existing intersections of town roads with Route 4 that were problematic (Journey's End, Old Turnpike, etc.) and potentially problematic new intersections (US Forest Service headquarters going in across from Woodward Road.), reviewed speed limits and No Parking Signs in the Village District, and discussed unused historic state Right of Ways. The committee recommended the Selectboard pursue a comprehensive scoping study to present safety improvements to the State.

With the Selectboard approval, the committee worked with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to identify grant opportunities to pay for such a study and assist with drafting the grant application. The Selectboard submitted a Transportation Alternative Grant to VTrans (under the community enhancement category) for \$36,000, which the Town would match with \$9,000.

Boost Outdoor Recreation

Jess Sardelli Cameron Sardelli, Jeff Baran, Jamie Belchak, Cort Jones, Nicole Kesselring, Bryan Sell, Andy Weinberg

The Boost Outdoor Recreation Committee is focused on increasing opportunities for outdoor activity and outdoor tourism in Mendon. Early goals identified were to map and market the current trails in Mendon and to add local trails, particularly those that can be used for mountain biking. In order to accomplish these goals, the task force established Mendon Mountain Club, Inc. as a 501c3 in order to apply for grant opportunities and establish a VMBA (Vermont Mountain Bike Association) chapter. The committee is currently looking for local land where a new trail can be established.

**Barstow Youth Club**



5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> soccer



Pre-K & Kindergarten soccer



5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball

# Annual Report Rutland Free Library

The Library weathered COVID without closing its doors to the public during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2021. We remained open to the public more than most libraries in the state, understanding that not everything we provide can be supplied online. This includes tangible services like computers, copiers, and reference books, but also intangibles like a resting place out of inclement weather, the experience of browsing the stacks, or simply providing a place to see other people, the need for which the COVID lockdown brought dramatically to light.

Our goal was and remains to do what is needed to be a low-risk environment, as defined by Vermont OSHA. We have had a variety of mask policies, time limits, item quarantines, and so on in an attempt to ensure visiting the Library is as safe as we can make it. We reduced discretionary spending to ensure the Library remained an affordable part of the town's budget, including a 5 percent cut in administrative salaries.

We introduced curbside pickup, which has morphed into "concierge service," where users call ahead for material. Staff retrieve the items that are then waiting at the front desk. We expect this will be popular with many patrons for the foreseeable future and are happy to offer the service even though it requires more staff time per item than the traditional borrowing model, where users browse for their own items.

We also used the Nella Grimm Fox Fund -- our endowment restricted to supplying materials and programs -- to meet greatly increased demand for downloadable items, particularly audiobooks. During FY21, electronic borrowing accounted for more than 20 percent of all loans, a four-fold increase from FY18. The corresponding drop-off in demand was for DVDs, as increasing numbers of homebound viewers chose streaming services.

Also as a result of COVID, we had to eliminate or move most of our programs online, including our flagship First Wednesday speaker series. We also participated in the very successful Out of the Box kids activity kits, built outdoor storywalks, recorded Vermont Bound, a series of interviews with local authors, and used a Vermont Community Foundation grant to provide outdoor seating with WiFi access.

Joan Gamble approached us about joining Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which ships age-appropriate books to kids monthly from birth until their fifth birthday. That partnership is off to a quick start, with signups exceeding expectations.

From a staffing point of view, we lost longtime children's librarian June Osowski to cancer, with Amanda Begin hired in that position. Ron Lurvey retired after 35+ years of maintaining our building. Speaking of the building, the Library pursued a move to the former Giorgetti Library at the College of St. Joseph, but the developer chose not to follow through with a verbal agreement to consider the move and for now at least, we plan on remaining at 10 Court St.

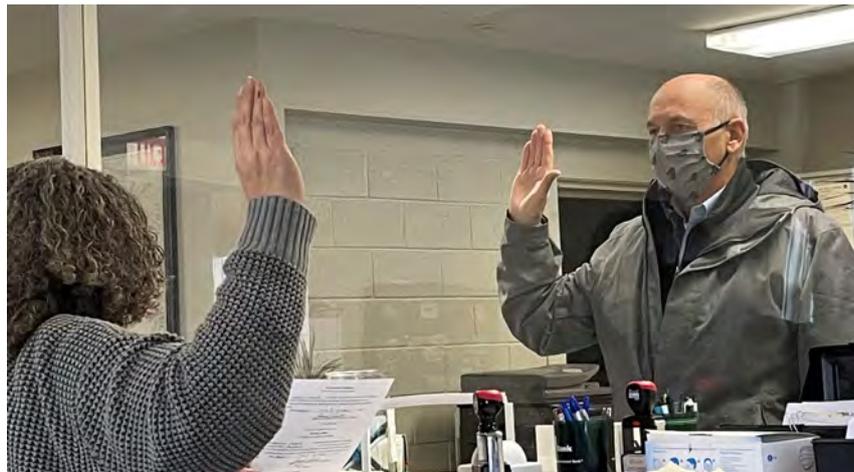
As could be expected during a statewide lockdown, our numbers of items loaned dropped sharply, down almost one-third through the first nine months of the fiscal year, but we rebounded by more than 25 percent in the fourth quarter, comparing one COVID-disrupted year to another. Once we are able to host programs in-house, we expect numbers to return to pre-COVID levels.

It has been an historically difficult year, but I am proud to report that with much good will from the staff and public that Rutland Free Library has made it through largely intact and ready to serve.

*-- Randal Smathers, Director, Rutland Free Library*

Library Trustees, 2021/22

- Sharon Courcelle – President (Rutland City)
- Ed Ogorzalek – Vice President (Rutland Town)
- Barry Cohen – Treasurer (Tinmouth)
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- Chris Booth (Rutland City)
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- Matt Britt (Rutland City)
- Clare Coppock (Rutland City)
- Allyn Kahle (Ira)
- Sarah Marcus (Rutland City)
- William Notte (Rutland City / mayoral appt.)
- Olivia Tipton (Rutland City)
- John Skinner (At large)



Val Taylor and Larry Courcelle being sworn in as Selectboard members by Town Clerk Nancy Gondella



The RRPC is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas, and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come

The RRPC and Town of Mendon continued working together in 2021 on many community development initiatives, including:

- Worked with Town and Mendon on the Move to prepare VTrans Transportation Alternatives Program application for Route 4 Corridor Plan.
- Conducted traffic study of Journey's End Rd.
- Worked with the town to support identification of recreational assets to include in the pilot mapping project, Rutland Regional Asset Mapping Project, alongside Brandon and West Haven.
- Worked with Road Commissioner and Town Administrator to complete FY21 Grants in Aid construction project (2 segments improved), purchase leaf blower through FY21 GIA equipment purchase program, and applied for FY22 GIA construction program funding.
- Worked with the town Planning Commission on its Enhanced Energy Plan.
- Worked with Mendon's Otter Creek Communications Union District (OCCUD) town representative, Larry Courcelle, to continue the growth and work of the CUD in its pursuit of expanded high speed internet access in the region.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning; want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community, or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call - we'd love to hear from you!

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**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION**  
**ANNUAL BOARD REPORT**  
**January 2022**

The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union (RNESU) Board has been busy this year continuing to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Our two districts, Barstow Unified Union and Otter Valley Unified Union, have been doing everything they can to continue educating our kids during this turbulent time.



The Board voted to continue the pilot preschool lottery program that allows five of our preschoolers to attend preschools outside of our district for another year. Currently, our preschool program approval only allows our preschoolers to attend state approved preschool programs within our supervisory union. The voucher to an out of district program can be requested by a family. If more than five students request a voucher, then a lottery will pick the students who will be given a voucher.

The Board creates the budget for Special Education, Technology, Central Office, and Transportation. This year we are pleased to present a budget that reflects a moderate 2.75% increase in spending. We have made no significant changes in staffing or programming.

However, the most important work that the Board is doing, is looking for our next innovative Superintendent. Superintendent Jeanne Collins has submitted her letter of Retirement as of June 30, 2022 and we are busy with the process of finding her replacement. So far, the Board has put out two thought exchanges and held a public forum where we have asked what you are looking for in a new superintendent. We hope to select the new Superintendent before Town Meeting Day.



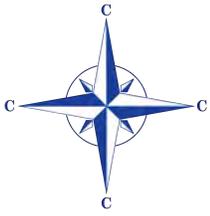
I would like to thank Superintendent Collins for her eight years here at RNESU. She has helped us through our Act 46 Consolidation and she has worked tirelessly during the COVID 19 Pandemic to keep our schools open and safe and continues to do so. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Brenda Hummel for her tireless work on behalf of the RNESU Board, as she is not seeking re-election. Thank you for your support of our schools, staff and students! We look forward to continuing our mission of educating life-long learners. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a board member or use the Let's Talk button on any school website.

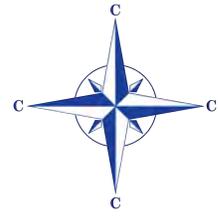
Respectfully Submitted,

**Laurie Bertrand**  
RNESU Board Chair





**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION  
SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT  
DECEMBER 2021**



Dear Residents of Brandon, Chittenden, Goshen, Leicester, Mendon, Pittsford, Sudbury, & Whiting:

I am pleased to write this report to capture RNESU, Otter Valley Unified Union and Barstow Unified Union activities for 2021. It has been 6 years since merging into OVUU and BUU and we continue to work together toward achieving the vision and mission of educating every child in our eight towns.

For nearly two years, our nation, the world, and our schools have been impacted by COVID19. In March, 2020, we closed schools and moved to remote learning for the remainder of that school year. Seniors did not get to experience the rituals of senior year, with no prom, a virtual award ceremony and a creative car based graduation on the fields at OV. Barstow 8th graders and OVUU 6th graders had individual send-offs as they transitioned to their next school. We headed into that summer with a great deal of anxiety and so much unknown.

Last school year, 2020-2021, was a hybrid year. We opened with K,1,2 in school five mornings while everyone else started remotely. By early October, we settled into a routine of all K-6 graders (K-8 at Barstow) in school four days a week, with Wednesday being a remote learning day across the district. Half of OV 7-12th graders attended 2 days a week, with 3 days remote, so that we could keep social distancing measures in place. We continued to provide meals for free, delivered on Wednesdays. As we all wore masks, and classrooms were sectioned off at desks 6 feet apart and facing forward, we fielded a few cases of COVID but had clear guidelines that kept a consistent, though different, schedule for the year. We ended the year moving to three foot distancing, which allowed students to return to school four days a week at all grade levels. Teachers taught both online and in person, simultaneously, all year- an exhausting way to keep all students engaged and progressing. The conditions required we all, parents and students included, did what we could to keep our communities healthy as the virus raged through.

This fall, we had high hopes for a normal school year; however it was not to be. As the Delta variant ramped up, we returned to in person learning 5 days a week, still with masks and 3 foot distancing, yet with fewer state guidelines and many, many more cases of COVID shutting down classrooms and sports teams. Contact tracing, Test to Stay, remote learning all became standard parts of our vocabulary.

Despite all of this, we achieved many things. OVUHS refurbished its auditorium and built a new entrance that will not be undermined by the weather and will keep the school safer from unexpected visitors. The school boards approved an equity policy that will focus on ensuring all of our students receive the support and opportunities they deserve. We said goodbye to Principal Judi Pulsifer after decades of service at Neshobe School and welcomed Principal Vicki Wells and Assistant Principal Daniel Raabe at Neshobe School this fall.

The pandemic brought federal funds to our district. These funds are for three years and were committed based upon input from staff and community alike. With these funds, we were able to

- Increase custodial and nursing staff;
- Add academic coaches and interventionists to help both students and faculty;

- Offer a Virtual Learning Academy during the 2021-2022 school year to support students who were not ready to return to in person schooling;
- Offer extended 2021 summer programming to help support student mental health and wellbeing, reengagement with school and academic recovery;
- Offer credit recovery at OVUHS;
- Increase school based mental health clinicians;
- Begin an equity audit to help build the capacity of RNESU educators' universal instruction and knowledge of interventions and supports to improve student engagement and performance across all indicators, toward developing a 3-year plan; and
- Develop teacher leader teams to support staff professional development and curricular work around a multi tiered system of support throughout the district..

Another area strongly supported by federal COVID funds is educational technology. With a sudden pivot to remote learning, we provided Chromebooks to every student, some with hot spots if wifi was needed at home. This initiative supported more than 2500 students, parents/guardians and staff members. We also worked to improve our internal internet speed to accommodate the devices in school, and have been working steadily to modernize all school equipment, which should be completed by Feb. 2022. Through this, our small tech staff completed 5,269 tickets from Dec. 1, 2020-2021, with a 98% satisfaction rate. In the midst of this massive project, the state introduced a statewide data reporting system that we have begun implementing during this past year.

There are many people to thank this year, starting with students, staff and parents who have had to quickly respond to positive cases that forced classrooms to close unexpectedly. I thank all faculty and staff, for doing everything within their power to learn the technology and distance learning skills, maintain relationships, and move academic achievement forward throughout a turbulent school year. Our custodians have our gratitude for keeping our buildings clean throughout the anxious time of the pandemic and ongoing. Thank you to our bus drivers and monitors for incredible flexibility, delivering meals instead of students and driving through the winters with masks on and windows down. Our admin assistants in each school kept the motor humming, with a constant thumb on the pulse of all, and our administrators and nurses who worked tirelessly around the clock seven days a week to keep our schools open and our students healthy. Together, we are #RNEUSUStrong and I am proud to be part of this district.

Alas, this is the year I say farewell to RNESU. I will retire in June 2022, as my personal life has exciting changes ahead. I have enjoyed my eight years here, with the many friends and relationships made. This crew of faculty, staff and administrators are top notch, dedicated to the children of these communities and I am so thankful for the opportunity to lead with this team in place.



Respectfully,  
**Jeanné Collins, Superintendent**  
 RNESU

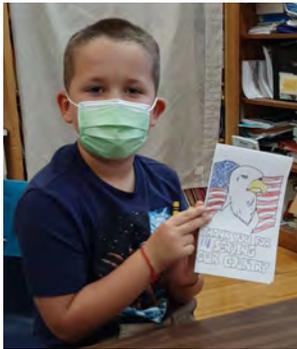
**Please read the full Barstow Unified Union School District Annual Report, available February 1, 2022 online at [www.rnesu.org](http://www.rnesu.org) or contact RNESU (802) 247-5757 to request a hardcopy.**

**BARSTOW UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'  
LETTER TO THE TOWNS OF  
CHITTENDEN AND MENDON  
January 2022**



Dear Neighbors,

Over a century ago, a British bishop wrote, crises “...do not make heroes or cowards; they simply unveil them...” (Brooke Foss Westcott). This year Barstow staff, students and community shone as heroes amid many crises:



- Ongoing COVID challenged Barstow, but learning continued with safety precautions honored.
- Controversial issues arose, but the community and board discussed with respectful, civil discourse.
- Two beloved educators announced their retirements: Superintendent Jeanné Collins after a 40 year career including eight years with RNSU, and Teacher Bev Tredtin after six years at Barstow and over 30 years in education. Both of these educators will be missed, but they leave behind an indelible impact on our students’ lives.

Below, specific Board activities are categorized under the Board’s four annual goals for 2021-22:

**GOAL 1. Provide legislative advocacy regarding necessary and appropriate financial conditions for short and long-term planning for public education while ensuring policies and decisions reflect current equity and inclusion goals.**

- Consultations with Rep. Jim Harrison on education legislation
- Participation in advocacy through Vermont School Board Association
- Written testimony, Feb. 2, 2021, to the Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs in support of H.63 to provide appropriate access to health care benefits and reasonable cost containment to ensure the financial sustainability of the benefits

**GOAL 2. Update our community linkage plan with emphasis on engaging in a remote environment and ensuring stakeholder voice is sought for board decisions.**

- Regular updates in Mendon and Chittenden Town Facebook pages, the Front Porch Forum, and Principal St. Germain’s newsletter
- Thought Exchange surveys on logistics of board meetings and equity
- Public forum (Zoom and in-person) on equity questions
- Communications via email and Let’s Talk app (<https://www.k12insight.com/Lets-Talk/embed.aspx?k=WY4D6BLT>)
- Public participation via Zoom, phone or in-person at the allotted time (usually 6:05) during our monthly meetings (<https://www.rnesu.org/page/calendars>)



- Shared Barstow brochures with project "reimagining... Rt. 4 corridor in Mendon...small walkable town center with affordable first homes for young parents who might be attracted by our great school and affordability...."

**GOAL 3. Support diversity, equity and inclusion by revisiting BUUSD’s policies after the equity audit findings are released.** (Equity audit is ongoing, and the Board will review the final report.)

**GOAL 4. Recruit and transition new board members and engage in leadership planning and development for current members.**



- Participation in trainings (case studies, parliamentary procedure, Policy Governance, land acknowledgement) with Vermont School Board Association, Shelburne Farms, Policy Governance Consultant Val Gardner, and Superintendent Jeanné Collins
- Completion of online Policy Governance course (new member)
- Shared overview linked online [\*The Magic of Meaningful Board Meetings Using Policy Governance\*](#) (Passcode: *by02v?W&*)
- Live question/answer session for potential board members, Jan. 10, 2022.

To staff, community and students, we thank you for your dedication during times of crises and for making Barstow the bright star of Mendon and Chittenden.

We close with another bishop quotation—this one from a contemporary American: “A setback is setup for a comeback” (T. D. Jakes). And, a special note to Jeanné and Bev—enjoy your well-deserved next chapters!

Your 2021-22 Barstow Board of Directors,



Ethan Bodin      Robin Crossman      Brenda Vicars Hummel      Jacob Powsner      Jessica Quesnel



# Mendon Town Informational Meeting Minutes

**Monday, March 01, 2021**

**Call to order** -The informational meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Selectboard Chair Richard Wilcox.

The Chair of the Town of Mendon Selectboard has found that, due to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Scott as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Addendum 6 to Executive Order 01-20 and Act 92, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. In accordance with Act 92, there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting. However, in accordance with the temporary amendments to the Open Meeting Law, I confirm that we are: Providing public access to the meeting by video with additional access offered through telephone. We are using Gotomeeting.com for this remote meeting. All members of the Selectboard have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if desired, participate in the meeting by joining the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

- a) Providing public notice of instructions for accessing the meeting. We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing this meeting, including how to access the meeting using telephone and video in our posted meeting agenda. Instructions have also been provided on the town website at: [www.mendonvt.org](http://www.mendonvt.org).
- b) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access. If anybody has a problem, please e-mail [mendonclerk@comcast.net](mailto:mendonclerk@comcast.net)
- c) Continuing the meeting if necessary. In the event the public is unable to access this meeting, it will be continued to a time and place certain.

**Add/Delete items to the Agenda – Dick Wilcox made a motion to add Representative Jim Harrison and Mendon on the Move to the Agenda. Geoff Wells seconded the motion.** The motion passed unanimously.

**Jim Harrison** – Representative Harrison thanked the Selectboard for allowing him to join the meeting. He mentioned that describing the past year as challenge would be an understatement. He is very optimistic that with the rollout of the vaccine we are approaching the tail end of the crisis. Jim has been assigned to the House Appropriations Committee which reviews all bills which have money issues attached. Jim stated that the Governor’s budget does not rely on new taxes or fees. He spoke of some issues that are being addressed in Montpelier and stated that Dr. Levine & Governor Scott deserve a lot of praise and Town’s a lot of credit for the way they have handled the virus.

Jennifer Bagley thanked Jim for his thorough, consistent, and sometimes humorous newsletters. Teri Corsones thanked Jim for excellent advocacy and wonderful reports.

Chris Corsones thanked office for their efforts in pulling this unusual Town meeting together. He is sure it will work well because of those efforts.

**Mendon on the Move** – Jenna Koloski from the Vermont Council for Rural Development (VCRD) spoke about a Community Visit Program offered by the VCRD. This program is being offered for the first time this year as a Virtual Program. The goal of the program is to bring people from the community together to discuss issues important to the community. The program then brings professionals from across the State to help create goals, set action plans, and find funding to bring those ideas to fruition.

A steering committee has already met to determine some issues in Town that warrant further discussion. These include, the future of recreation, community connection, identity & sense of place, vitality of the economy, and quality of life & supporting families. Jenna invited everyone to attend a meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and a follow up meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>. More information will be forthcoming soon.

**Thank you** – Larry thanked Geoff Wells for his seven years of service as a Selectboard member and his 5 years as Fire Warden. The Town is grateful for efforts in a thankless job. The board presented Geoff with local gift certificates as a token of their thanks. Geoff thanked Larry and said that he truly enjoyed being on the board.

**Candidates** – Candidates Chris Corsones, Rich Carlson, Larry Courcelle, Bryan Sell & Valorie Taylor introduced themselves and the positions they were running for.

**Article 1 - Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to set the rate of compensation for non-salaried employees and Town Officers appointed mid-term?** There were no comments or questions regarding this article.

**Article 2 – Shall the Town vote to approve the 2021-2022 Municipal Budget at \$1,211.999?**

Selectboard Chair, Richard Wilcox, presented information regarding the upcoming budget which has a 2% increase over the current budget. He discussed several revenue increases – payment in lieu of taxes, recording fees, and investment interest, as well as expense decreases – equipment hire, and law enforcement. He also discussed some of the expense increases that drove the budget – Administrator Salary, appraisal costs, insurance costs, garage bond principal, and other salary related costs.

Dick stated that the Town ended last fiscal year with a \$155,000 surplus. With that surplus, the town applied \$55,000 into the current 2020-21 budget to reduce taxes. In addition, the Selectboard is recommending that \$25,000 of the surplus be added to revenue for the 2021-22 budget making the budget neutral with a \$0 increase and the remaining \$75,000 be put into the town’s contingency. These are articles 3 and 4 on the ballot, respectively.

**Article 3 – Shall the Town retain \$25,000 in surplus funds from the 2019-2020 budget to offset taxes to be collected in the 2021-2022 fiscal year?**

**Article 4 – Shall the Town transfer \$75,000 in surplus funds from the 2019-2020 budget to the Contingency Fund?**

Chris Corsones stated that since all three of the above articles were related and a part of the budget presentation it would be appropriate to discuss them all together. Chris asked the attendees for comments and questions. Al Wakefield stated that a \$9,000 increase for appraisal seems like a lot. Dick Wilcox explained that the increase was due to contract negotiations. Nancy Gondella further explained that the Town had discussed the increase with other appraisers and found it to be fair.

**Article 5 – Shall the Town appropriate \$1,500 for the support of ARC Rutland Area Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities to advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities?** There were no comments or questions.

**Article 6 – Shall the Town appropriate \$1,200 for the support of the Marble Valley Regional Transit District (The Bus) for public transportation for Mendon residents, visitors, and surrounding communities?** There were no questions or comments.

**Article 7 – Shall the Town appropriate \$700 for the support of the RSVP Retired Senior Volunteer Program which allows older Americans the opportunity to apply their life experience to help meet community needs?** Wanda Courcelle, speaking on behalf of RSVP, thanked the Selectboard for allowing organizations that had been approved last year to be automatically added to this year’s ballot without the need for petitions. Wanda discussed some of the activities RSVP supports. These include Bone Builders, community care, assisting seniors with income tax preparation, Operation Dolls and More. Wanda is very involved with Operation Dolls and More. In a normal year, over 20,000 dolls, toys and books are distributed to over 1,500 kids in the county. Wanda asked the taxpayers to support this worthy organization.

Al Wakefield said that it’s very nice when organizations ask for money that someone shows up to advocate for their cause.

Rich Carlson said that it’s important that representatives are available to state why they need the money. He also congratulated Wanda on the work the organization does.

Tom Soriano thought we said if you want money, you need to show and tell us why. Al Wakefield said people may think differently about showing up if we don’t allow the funds.

**Article 8 – Shall the Town appropriate \$1,242 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services formerly Rutland Area Community Services to ensure early intervention and mental health treatment and support as needed?** There were no questions or comments.

**Article 9 – Shall the Town appropriate \$2,600 for the support of VNA and Hospice of the Southwest Region to provide services when in-home care is needed?** There were no questions or comments.

**Article 10 – Shall the Town appropriate \$600 for the support of the Southwest Council on Aging to be a community force in creating and sustaining opportunities for elders and caregivers?** There were no questions or comments.

**Article 11 – Shall the Town appropriate \$2,500 for the support of Wonderfeet Kids’ Museum to foster curiosity and exploration, inspiring creativity and igniting the imagination of children through the power of play?** Danielle Monroe, speaking on behalf of Wonderfeet describe the activities the museum was able to conduct during the past year. Some of these include activity boxes that were created to distribute to children over the summer. Over 10,000 kits were handed out to children. In class programs at area schools, home school programs, and a playgroup for new moms and babies were also among the offerings. Wonderfeet is also working with Mendon on the Move to help make youth feel engaged and want to stay in Vermont as adults.

Jennifer Bagley mentioned a lip sync fundraiser which was held virtually this year but still managed to raise almost as much money as it does when held at the Paramount.

Val Taylor said that Danielle is very involved, her name is everywhere, she does a great job and really cares.

#### **Other Business –**

Susannah Loffredo introduced herself as a write-in candidate for the school board and asked for voter support.

Tom Soriano asked if Mendon was considering regulating short term rentals. He questioned if the house is rented on a short term basis every day of the year, if it should be regulated and zoned as a hotel. Dick Wilcox stated that we are in the very early stages of looking into it.

Rich Carlson asked for the status of the town wide reappraisal. Sara Tully gave an update saying the reappraisal is coming to an end and booklets should be mailed out in May. She also mentioned that visits are not being conducted in person, but by answering questions via telephone.

Rich Carlson asked about the status of the ordinance banning the discharge of firearms in Mendon. Sara Tully gave a history of how the ordinance came to be considered and let people know that a copy of the draft ordinance was available on the Town website. The ordinance has not yet been adopted and will continue to be considered at future Selectboard meetings.

Tom Soriano asked if people there is a problem in Mendon with people moving here full time but not being considered full time from a tax perspective. Sara Tully explained that if people wished to be considered full time, they would need to declare full time residency and file their income taxes here. Mendon's residential property tax rate is lower than its non-residential property tax rate, which is not the case in all towns.

Chris Corsones announced that polls would be open on Tuesday March 2, 2021 at the Mendon Town Garage from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

(Approximately 35 people attended the meeting.)

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Wilcox, Selectboard Chair  
Geoff Wells, Selectboard  
Larry Courcelle, Selectboard  
Nancy Gondella, Acting Clerk



Mendon's first ever remote Town Meeting

**Warning**  
**Town of Mendon Annual Meeting –March 1, 2022**  
**Mendon Town Garage**  
**157 Park Lane, Mendon, Vermont**

The legal voters of the Town of Mendon are hereby notified and warned to meet at the **Mendon Town Garage** on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:00 PM to transact all business except Articles 13 and 14. The meeting will adjourn until March 1, 2022 at 8:00 AM, at the Mendon Town Office, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 13 and 14. Voting will close at 7:00 PM.

- Article 1 - Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to set the rate of compensation for non-salaried employees and Town Officers appointed mid-term?
  
- Article 2 - Shall the Town vote to approve the 2022-2023 Municipal Budget at \$1,253,186?
  
- Article 3 - Shall the Town transfer \$50,000 in surplus funds from the 2020-2021 budget to the Highway Improvement Fund?
  
- Article 4 - Shall the Town vote to close out the Irene Fund and transfer the balance of the funds to the Highway Improvement Fund?
  
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Article 12 - Shall the Town adopt all budget articles and public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 VSA § 2680 (c)(d)?

Article 13- Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a First Constable and if needed, a Second Constable, in accordance with 17 VSA§ 2651 (a)?

Article 14: To elect the following town officers:  
Constable for a 2 year term.  
Delinquent Tax Collector for a 3 year term.  
Town Moderator for a 1 year term.  
Selectboard Member for a 3 year term.

Dated at Mendon, Vermont on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Mendon:

Richard Wilcox  
Larry Courcelle  
Val Taylor



Thad Omand with his daughter Hailey, who was a first time voter



Poll Workers Al  
Wakefield  
and Assistant Clerk  
Jesse Bridge



**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
TOWN MEETING 2022  
MENDON, VERMONT  
MARCH 1, 2022**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- Use BLACK PEN or PENCIL to fill in the oval.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval  to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval  to the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

**FOR TOWN MODERATOR -  
ONE YEAR**  
Vote for not more than ONE

**RICH CARLSON**

**CHRISTOPHER CORSONES**

(Write-in)

**FOR SELECTBOARD - THREE  
YEARS**  
Vote for not more than ONE

**YES**

**NO**

**BRYAN SELL**

(Write-in)

**FOR CONSTABLE - TWO  
YEARS**  
Vote for not more than ONE

**LEMA CARTER**

(Write-in)

**FOR DELINQUENT TAX  
COLLECTOR - THREE YEARS**  
Vote for not more than ONE

**NANCY BRIDGE MERRILL**

(Write-in)

Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a First Constable and if needed, a Second Constable, in accordance with 17 VSA §2651 (a)?

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED  
VOTING**

## Recognition of Service

# Phil Douglas



Constable Phil Douglas was elected in March 2014 and has continued to serve as Constable in Mendon for the past 8 years. Previously, Phil spent 17 years in law enforcement with the San Bernardino County, CA Sheriff's Department.

At the time of his election, Phil was appointed the Director of Emergency Management where he has been overseeing both Rutland City Fire Department and Rutland County Sheriff contracts. During these past eight years, he has also coordinated emergency services in Mendon's Local Emergency Operation Plan.

Phil has served as Mendon's representative to the Rutland Regional Transportation Council since 2016 and as elected Grand Juror from 2015 until 2017, when the office was eliminated.

Phil continues to serve as a member of the Mendon Planning Commission, a position he was appointed to 18 years ago in 2004.

In the immediate aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene, Phil was instrumental in surveying the damage to Mendon's roads. Along with Justin Lindholm, he hiked all of Mendon's rural roads and documented the damage the storm left behind. This information proved crucial as the Town worked with FEMA in the months and years following the storm.

Phil's generosity is always present as he contributes supplies and equipment and lends a helping hand with annual town picnics at the Mendon Recreation Area.

You are a cherished member of the community, Phil, and we thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the Town of Mendon.

## Recognition of Service

# Richard Wilcox



Richard “Dick” Wilcox was appointed to fill a vacant seat on the Selectboard in July 2015. Dick completed 7 years of service on the Selectboard serving as Chair for 5 of those years. Dick’s experience in business management as owner/operator of Wilcox Pharmacy has served the Town of Mendon well.

Dick led the Selectboard facing many challenges in his tenure on the board. He guided the town through the second half of Tropical Storm Irene recovery. He oversaw projects like the building of the new salt shed and multiple infrastructure projects. Dick spent countless hours as a Board of Civil Authority member hearing appeals and visiting properties as part of the town wide reappraisal. During his tenure, he was instrumental in dealing with the unprecedented challenge of the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic.

In addition to his service on the Selectboard, Dick is committed to serving the children of Mendon and Chittenden volunteering as a basketball coach. He has coached many ages, but currently is guiding the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Barstow Bobcats to a winning season.

Thank you, Dick, for your dedication and service to the Mendon Community.