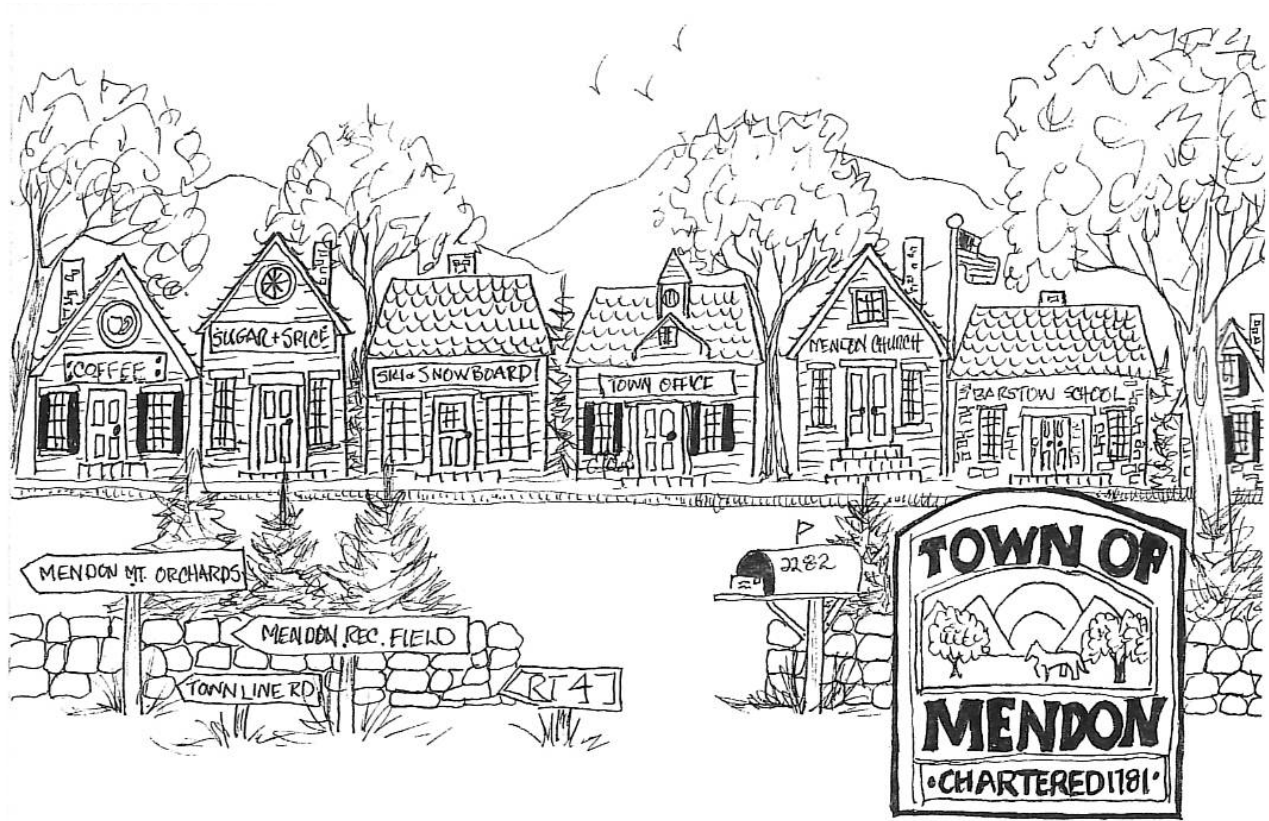


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July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024

Town of Mendon, Vermont

www.mendonvt.gov*

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Dir. Emergency Management - Lema Carter	in emergency dial 911	802-775-1662
Fire Warden – Seth Bridge		802-558-1944
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Planning Commission – Therese Corsones		802-773-3413
Road Commissioner – Bill Ellis		802-773-4402
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Val Taylor		802-353-2737
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Zoning Administrator – Fred Bagley	mendonzoningadmin@comcast.net	802-775-1662

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/Remote
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Meets as required

Important Dates

February 28, 2023	Barstow Unified Union School District Meeting, 6:30 PM
March 6, 2023	Town Meeting at VTRANS Office Building, 61 Valley View, Mendon 6:00 PM
March 7, 2023	Town of Mendon Annual Meeting polls open 8:00 AM- 7:00 PM, Town Office
March 13, 2023	Taxes Due at the Town Office
April 3, 2023	Dog License registration due at the Town Office
September 11, 2023	Taxes Due at the Town Office

*Please check the website www.mendonvt.gov regularly for additions or changes to the above information.

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Barstow Graduating Class of 2022



The Town of Mendon is proud of all the students of the 2022 graduating class and wish them future success as they continue their education.

A special congratulations goes to:

Annabelle Bridge
Daughter of Assistant Clerk and
Bookkeeper Jesse Bridge and Fire
Warden and Selectboard member Seth
Bridge

MacKenze Taylor
Daughter of Selectboard member
Val Taylor

Elected Town Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Moderator (one year)	Christopher Corsones	2023
Selectboard (three years)	Larry Courcelle	2023
	Val Taylor	2024
	Bryan Sell (resigned 9/30/22)	2025
	Seth Bridge (appointed 1/9/23 until Town Meeting)	
Delinquent Tax Collector (three years)	Nancy Bridge Merrill	2025
Justice of the Peace (two years)	Rich Carlson	2025
	Susannah Loffredo	2025
	Lindsey MacCuaig	2025
	Betsy Reddy	2025
	Jim Reddy	2025
	Ann Singiser	2025
	Al Wakefield	2025
Constable (two years)	Lema Carter	2024

*Voters approved Article 13 at Town Meeting 2021 to appoint the Constable effective at the conclusion of this term in 2024.

Appointed Town Officers

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
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	3/31/23
Road Commissioner Admin. (one year)	Sara Hebert Tully	3/31/23
Fire Warden (three years)	Seth Bridge	6/30/27

Town Service Officer (one year)	Mary Ann Reich	4/14/23
Planning Commission (four years) (7 member board)	Gary Sihler Therese Corsones, Chair Justin Lindholm Dick Howe 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
Energy Committee (four years)	Therese Corsones Justin Lindholm Gary Sihler	3/31/23 3/31/24 3/31/25
Zoning Administrator (three years)	Jesse Bridge Susannah Loffredo (resigned 11/30/22) Fred Bagley (appointed 1/9/23 until 4/1/23)	3/31/22 3/31/25 3/31/25
Zoning Board of Adjustment (three years)	Harvey Zara Jack Kennelly, Chair Therese Corsones Mike Curran Andy Zak (retired October 2022) Vacancy	3/31/23 3/31/24 3/31/25 3/31/25 3/31/25 3/31/25
Town Recreation (four years)	Lisa Brooks Betsy Reddy Jesse Bridge Jim Reddy Larry Courcelle Liam Fracht-Monroe Leo Lawrence, <i>member emeritus</i>	3/31/23 3/31/23 3/31/24 3/31/24 3/31/25 3/31/25 3/31/25
Cemetery Commission (one year)	Val Taylor William Ellis Dennis Charles	3/31/23 3/31/23 3/31/23
Rutland Regional Transportation Commission (three years)	Larry Courcelle	3/31/22
Emergency Management (two years)	Lema Carter	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	Lema Carter Val Taylor	3/31/24 3/31/24
Town Health Officer (three years)	Sara Hebert Tully	4/30/25
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	3/31/25
*The office of Fence Viewers was eliminated.		
Animal Control Officer/Poundkeeper (one year)	Rod MacCuaig	3/31/23
Tree Warden (one year)	William Ellis	3/31/23

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Committee Larry Courcelle
 Fred Bagley
 William Ellis
 Lema Carter
 Justin Lindholm
 Sara Tully, Administrative support

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 FY22 with a surplus balance of \$140,000. The Selectboard rolled \$140,000 from FY22 and \$48,000 from FY21 of surplus funds into the amount to be collected in taxes for FY22. The proposed budget for 2023-2024 reflects a \$34,015 increase in operating expenses over the 2022-2023 budget. The appropriation requests total \$10,342. The budget experienced a significant decrease in law enforcement and infrastructure revenue and increases in salaries & benefits, cost of services and inflationary increases in costs of fuel, materials and utilities.

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. A full recap of the reappraisal is included as a separate report.

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 was adopted by the Selectboard on March 14, 2022.

Infrastructure Improvements: The Town completed an erosion control project on Wheelerville Road that consisted of ditching for Hydrologically Connected Road Segments 197093 and 197094. The Mendon Road Crew completed the project at a cost of \$12,238.75 of which \$6,700 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 FY23 and the town will soon identify Hydrologically Connected Road Segments to improve to acceptable stormwater standards with these funds totaling \$12,500. The town will be responsible for matching funds of \$3,125 that will be paid out of the General Fund budget. The Town contracted with Fuller Sand and Gravel to reclaim and resurface Sherwood Drive, Terra Lane and pave the Town Office Parking Lot totaling \$277,914. The town was awarded a Better Roads Grant for \$18,800 to perform erosion control measures at the end of Journeys End. The Town will be responsible for \$4,700 to be paid for out of the Highway Improvement Fund. The town plans to reconstruct the roadway and pave the dirt section of Journeys End. This construction will occur in the spring.

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities The purpose of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program is to provide grants to States and Indian Tribal government or territory that, in turn, provide Subawards to local governments for cost-effective mitigation activities. Funds will be used to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program to reduce overall risk to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations. Mendon updated the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan with BRIC grant funding of \$7,612 and match funding of \$2,537.

Transportation Alternatives Program Grant The Town received a Transportation Alternatives Program grant for \$36,000 to conduct a scoping study to create a comprehensive plan to reimagine and improve the Route 4 corridor in the Town of Mendon. The study is broken down into two general areas, the Village Zoning District from Townline Rd to Meadow Lake Drive and the Commercial Zoning District from Meadow Lake Drive to the Killington Town

Line. The study will highlight access and safety, particularly within the Village Zoning District, with a key focus on traffic calming, access management, bicycle and pedestrian crossings, public transit stops, intersections, and right-of-way. The study is necessary to further understand these complex transportation issues within the State Highway, so the Town can work towards creating more public spaces, improving the gateway, slowing traffic, and enhancing the quality and sense of place. \$9,000 in matching funds will be paid for out of the Mendon Economic Development Fund.

AARP Vermont Livable Community Program – Winter Placemaking Mendon was awarded \$4,000 to enhance an underutilized space at the Mendon Recreation Area for all ages and abilities while boosting winter outdoor recreation activities. The project’s goal is to build more social opportunities and promote outdoor recreation by advertising the diverse array of activities the park provides, while creating a vibrant and welcoming space. The project includes purchasing two ADA compliant picnic tables and creating and implementation of the Snowshoe Saturday Program.

VLCT PACIF Safety Grant Mendon successfully received \$1,475 to create three ergonomic work spaces at the Town Office. The funds purchased three standing desks, anti-fatigue mats, three office chairs and a keyboard that meet ergonomic standards.

Additional Grant Funding Opportunities Mendon has submitted two additional applications for a Homeland Security Grant to increase Cybersecurity and an Emergency Operations Center Grant for a generator at the Town Office.

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 new news in town and information on important dates, minutes and agendas of meetings, town contact information, permits and forms and emergency information. **The Town updated the website address this year changing from a .ORG address to a .GOV address.** Please go to the website at www.mendonvt.gov 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: Vermont continued to experience fluctuating levels of the COVID-19 variants through 2022. The Town Office continued reduced hours of operation to the public with safety precautions in place. The Town continued to offer services remotely by mail or email. Most public meetings were conducted in person with some having the option of a hybrid meeting.

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 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 continued to support the OCCUD through the appointment of Larry Courcelle to represent Mendon. The Otter Creek CUD (OCCUD) serves 18 towns in the Rutland region, and they are working to provide a fiber optic internet connection of at least 100Mbps (download and upload) to each and every on-grid premise that is classified by the state as being Underserved (below 25/3 to 4/1) or Unserved (less than 4/1).

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): The State of Vermont received \$1.25B from ARPA. The Town of Mendon received \$302,285 which was received in two installments. These funds have been deposited in an ARPA Fund as required by the Treasury Department. There are federally imposed project eligibility requirements for these funds. The Selectboard approved expending funds on municipal services. 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 a ARPA Community Outreach Meeting on January 20, 2022 to solicit project ideas from the community. The Selectboard has worked this year prioritizing the projects. To date, the Selectboard has obligated \$173,756 on priority projects.

Elected Officials, Appointed Officials and Staff: Richard Wilcox chose not to run for re-election to the Selectboard and voters elected Bryan Sell to the Selectboard in March 2022. Bryan resigned this position in September 2022. Seth Bridge was appointed by the remaining members of the Selectboard in January 2023 to serve until the election. Larry Courcelle is not seeking re-election to the Selectboard. Larry has served the town twice on the Selectboard totaling 9 years. The Town of Mendon can't thank him enough for stepping in during difficult times dealing with a global pandemic. The voters will elect two seats on the Selectboard at Town Meeting. Mendon welcomed Lema Carter as Constable in March and the Selectboard subsequently appointed Lema as the Emergency Management Director. We continue to have a vacant full-time position on the Road Crew. Jesse Bridge served as the Interim Zoning Administrator until March 2022. The Selectboard with the recommendation of the Planning Commission appointed Suzannah Loffredo as Zoning Administrator. Suzannah resigned this position in November 2022. Fred Bagley was appointed Zoning Administrator in January 2023 and has expressed his willingness to step in until April 2023. The town is currently seeking a part-time Zoning Administrator. Marie Conway did not run for re-election as Justice of the Peace in November 2022. The voters elected Susannah Loffredo to fill this position. Andy Zak retired as a long-time member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Selectboard is currently looking to fill positions on the Planning Commission and Mendon Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Selectboard is looking to hire a full-time Road Crew position and a part-time Zoning Administrator ****WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS**** Please contact the Town Office!



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, 2022, 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, 2022, 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 October 20, 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
October 20, 2022

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, 2022. 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 \$8,029,539 (*net position*). Of this amount, \$484,840 (*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 \$159,889.

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$3,077,014, an increase of \$392,828 from the prior year end. Of the total ending fund balances, \$3,014,561 is available for spending at the government's discretion. Of this amount, \$2,506,533 is assigned and \$508,029 is unassigned.

The Reserve Funds reported a surplus this year of \$223,780 which resulted in a fund balance of \$2,355,426 as of June 30, 2022.

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.

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.

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 \$8,029,539 at the close of the fiscal year end.

By far the largest portion of the Town's net position, reflective of 61.9% 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 \$484,840 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	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
ASSETS				
Current and other assets	\$ 3,149,747	\$ 2,749,442	\$ 3,149,747	\$ 2,749,442
Capital assets, non-depreciable	265,934	265,934	265,934	265,934
Capital assets, depreciable	4,929,779	5,184,609	4,929,779	5,184,609
Total assets	8,345,460	8,199,985	8,345,460	8,199,985
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	35,496	57,653	35,496	57,653
LIABILITIES				
Other liabilities	63,650	21,230	63,650	21,230
Long-term liabilities outstanding	242,720	366,417	242,720	366,417
Total liabilities	306,370	387,647	306,370	387,647
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	45,047	341	45,047	341
NET POSITION				
Unavailable for spending	62,453	39,501	62,453	39,501
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	4,975,713	5,201,542	4,975,713	5,201,542
Assigned	2,506,533	2,131,646	2,506,533	2,131,646
Unrestricted	484,840	496,961	484,840	496,961
Total net position	\$ 8,029,539	\$ 7,869,650	\$ 8,029,539	\$ 7,869,650

The Town as a Whole – Changes in Net Position

Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$159,889 during the current fiscal year.

REVENUES	Governmental Activities		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Program revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 49,517	\$ 63,685	\$ 49,517	\$ 63,685
Operating grants and contributions	271,212	267,422	271,212	267,422
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-
General revenues				
Property taxes	923,287	972,786	923,287	972,786
Unrestricted investment earnings	16,435	14,038	16,435	14,038
Fees and licenses	18,226	7,973	18,226	7,973
Other revenues	149,720	21,945	149,720	21,945
Total Revenues	<u>1,428,397</u>	<u>1,347,849</u>	<u>1,428,397</u>	<u>1,347,849</u>
EXPENSES				
Governmental activities				
General government	401,282	426,723	401,282	426,723
Public safety	151,750	196,839	151,750	196,839
Public works	665,537	526,972	665,537	526,972
Cultural and recreation	3,429	6,123	3,429	6,123
Health and social services	1,240	579	1,240	579
Conservation and development	39,374	36,497	39,374	36,497
Interest on long-term debt	5,896	6,756	5,896	6,756
Total Expenses	<u>1,268,508</u>	<u>1,200,489</u>	<u>1,268,508</u>	<u>1,200,489</u>
Change in net assets	159,889	147,360	159,889	147,360
Net position-beginning of year	<u>7,869,650</u>	<u>7,722,290</u>	<u>7,869,650</u>	<u>7,722,290</u>
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 8,029,539</u>	<u>\$ 7,869,650</u>	<u>\$ 8,029,539</u>	<u>\$ 7,869,650</u>

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:

	2022		2021	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
General government	\$ 401,282	\$ 174,985	\$ 426,723	\$ 95,616
Public safety	151,750	123,511	196,839	196,839
Public works	665,537	599,344	526,972	526,972
Cultural and recreation	3,429	3,429	6,123	6,123
Health and social services	1,240	1,240	579	579
Conservation and development	39,374	39,374	36,497	36,497
Interest	5,896	5,896	6,756	6,756
	<u>\$ 1,268,508</u>	<u>\$ 947,779</u>	<u>\$ 1,200,489</u>	<u>\$ 869,382</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 \$392,828 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 \$508,029. 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 51.5% of the total general fund expenditures and operating transfers for the year ended June 30, 2022.

The General Fund balance increased by \$17,941 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 \$2,355,426.

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

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
General Government	\$ 1,222,341	\$ 1,124,489	\$ (97,852)
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 1,222,341</u>	<u>\$ 1,124,489</u>	<u>\$ (97,852)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	\$ 1,222,341	\$ 1,106,549	\$ 115,792
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,222,341</u>	<u>\$ 1,106,549</u>	<u>\$ 115,792</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 \$5,195,713 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, infrastructure, furniture, vehicles, and equipment.

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Capital assets				
Land	\$ 265,934	\$ 265,934	\$ 265,934	\$ 265,934
Buildings and improvements	494,301	528,781	494,301	528,781
Equipment and furnishings	47,708	54,571	47,708	54,571
Vehicles	382,882	407,754	382,882	407,754
Infrastructure	4,004,888	4,193,503	4,004,888	4,193,503
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 5,195,713</u>	<u>\$ 5,450,543</u>	<u>\$ 5,195,713</u>	<u>\$ 5,450,543</u>

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

Capital Asset and Debt Administration (continued)

2. Long-term Debt

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Notes payable, bank	\$ 220,000	\$ 249,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 249,000
Net pension liability	51,136	115,147	51,136	115,147
Uncompensated balances	<u>5,584</u>	<u>2,270</u>	<u>5,584</u>	<u>2,270</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 276,720</u>	<u>\$ 366,417</u>	<u>\$ 276,720</u>	<u>\$ 366,417</u>

At the end of the current year, the Town had total long-term debt outstanding of \$220,000. This debt was a result of the building improvement bonds for both the Town Offices and Garage.

The Town's total debt decreased by \$89,697 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, 2022, and fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

The Town approved a general fund budget for the year ended June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$1,222,341 and for the fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$1,253,186. This represents an annualized increase of \$55,860 (2.5%) 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.

2023-2024 Budget History

Budget History Summary	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Budget
Cash Balance Forward	55109	25000	125000	188000
Total Property Taxes Collected				
On-Time	928750	1011866	885246	900653
Delinquent	85953		10538	
Non-Property Tax Revenue				
Revenue Allocated to Administration	113831	96475	118095	95875
Revenue Allocated to Infrastructure	57476	44000	73613	44000
Revenue Allocated to Public Safety	39563	45000	28238	35000
Total Revenue	1280682	1222341	1240731	1263528
Total Expenses				
Expenses Allocated to Administration	377766	423335	367249	429819
Expenses Allocated to Infrastructure	549314	615940	622743	649531
Expenses Allocated to Public Safety	188011	183066	149333	184178
Total Expenses	1115091	1222341	1139325	1263528

Administration Budget History	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Budget
Revenue Allocated to Administration				
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	51188	55000	60887	55000
Interest Late Taxes 1%	11310	10000	12959	10000
Delinquent Tax 8%	17887	10000	17690	10000
Investment Interest	4416	3200	2115	2600
Grant Income	0	0	0	0
Licenses & Fees				
Recording Fees	18269	10000	16549	10000
Marriage Licenses	70	125	50	125
Dog Licenses	2157	900	1397	900
Zoning and Building Permits	4595	4000	3150	4000
Site Plan Review and Warning Fees	425	300	220	300
Truck Permits	440	400	400	400
Copying Fees	2394	2000	2412	2000
Liquor Licenses	575	460	230	460
Miscellaneous	105	90	36	90
Total Revenue Allocated to Administration	113831	96475	118095	95875

Admin. Budget History Cont.	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Budget
Administration Expenses				
Wages and Salaries				
Town Clerk/Treasurer	51420	50154	50149	52656
Bookkeeper/Asst Clerk	26905	29702	29173	31502
Selectboard	6583	7000	7000	7000
Town Administrator	43647	42804	42997	44257
Zoning Administrator	8000	8000	6631	8000
Tax Collector	1500	1500	1500	1500
Fees Paid				
Tax Collector	7005	6300	8432	6300
Office Expenses				
Advertising and Warning	0	1000	168	1000
Animal Control	582	800	654	800
Appraisal Services	19539	18000	19579	18000
Auditing	10035	11000	10645	11000
Computer Services	7970	9040	9123	9040
Continuing Education	384	3500	1730	3500
Copier Service	206	600	248	600
Election Expenses	2441	500	446	2000
Grant Expense	0	0	0	0
Insurance	32646	36000	17289	36000
Landscaping	0	200	129	200
Legal	2169	3000	490	3000
Mendon Economic Development	307	2000	1240	2000
Office Supplies and Maintenance	4052	4000	4263	4500
Planning and Zoning Expense	867	1000	251	1000
Postage and Printing	2778	3500	4365	3500
Street Lights	4088	5500	4218	5500
CAI/Tax Maps	2400	3100	2400	3100
Town Office Utilities	7076	6000	7544	6000
Miscellaneous	1767	3200	2260	3200
Payroll Taxes and Benefits				
Health Insurance	80392	104337	74712	104337
Disability Insurance	1559	1800	1859	1800
Payroll Taxes	20339	22378	21212	23497
Retirement Fund	13109	14920	13869	17530
Unemployment Insurance	0	4500	4674	4500
Reserve Funds				
Town Office Maintenance	4000	4000	4000	4000
Recreation Fund	5000	5000	5000	5000
New Office Equipment	5000	5000	5000	500
Contingency	500	500	500	0
Reappraisal	0	0	0	0
Preservation	1000	1000	1000	1000
Cemetery	500	500	500	500
Mendon Economic Development	2000	2000	2000	2000
Total Administration Expenses	377766	423335	367249	429819
Percent of Total Expenditures	29%	35%	30%	34%

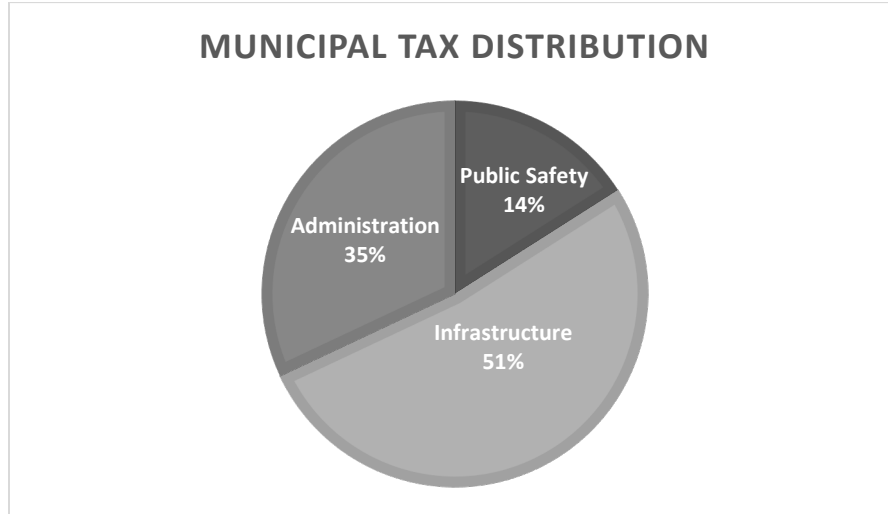
Infrastructure Budget History	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Budget
Revenue Allocated to Community Infrastructure				
State Aid to Highways	57476	37000	50733	37000
Road Maintenance Revenue	0	7000	15060	7000
Grant Income Infrastructure	0	0	7820	0
Total Revenue Allocated to Community Infrastructure	57476	44000	73613	44000
Community Infrastructure Expenses				
Salaries				
Winter	55506	82865	56274	87008
Summer	41479	50220	44194	52731
Road Commissioner	3250	3250	3250	3250
Administrative Road Commissioner	1750	1750	1750	1750
Winter Roads				
Fuel	7984	11500	14723	14950
Salt	42679	45600	44567	45600
Liquid Chloride	2459	7500	4215	7500
Sand	16169	18000	17861	18000
Repairs and Supplies	1720	3500	1086	3500
Equipment Hire	2375	4300	1450	4300
Summer Roads				
Fuel	4234	5500	5998	7150
Gravel	14776	17000	16983	17000
Repairs and Supplies	1599	3500	7904	3500
Equipment Hire	217	2500	1929	2500
Miscellaneous Road Expenses				
VT DEC Municipal Roads General Permit	740	1500	500	1500
Robinwood Roads	4000	5000	4000	5000
Garage Utilities	10855	9000	10420	9000
Grant Expense Infrastructure	0	0	0	0
Sign Replacement	0	1500	808	1500
Vehicle Maintenance	24494	30000	23401	30000
Reserve Funds				
Garage Maintenance	10000	10000	10000	10000
Highway Equipment	50000	50000	50000	50000
Highway Improvement	110000	110000	160000	110000
Bridge & Culvert	50000	50000	50000	50000
Buildings and Grounds	955	8320	0	18304
Field Maintenance	369	810	429	810
Other Community Infrastructure Expense				
Recreation Programs & Barstow Youth Club	3071	3500	3000	3500
Library	24680	24680	24680	25174
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	975	975	975	1000
Vermont League of Cities and Towns	2384	2384	2529	2529
Mendon Historical Society	0	500	500	500
Rutland County Tax	13996	15548	14078	17900

Appropriations				
ARC	1500	1500	1500	1500
Marble Valley Regional Transit	1200	1200	1200	1200
Mendon Seniors	500	0	0	0
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	600	600	600	600
Wonder Feet	2500	2500	2500	2500
Town Office Bond				
Principal	10000	10000	10000	9801
Interest	1397	890	890	307
Garage Bond				
Principal	19000	9000	19000	19000
Interest	5359	5006	5006	4625
Total Community Infrastructure Expenses	549314	615940	622743	649531
Percent of Total Expenditures	43%	50%	50%	51%

Public Safety Budget History	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Budget
Revenue Allocated to Public Safety				
Law Enforcement Income	31313	45000	28238	35000
Alarm Ordinance Fines	8250	0	0	0
Grant Income Public Safety	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue Allocated to Public Safety	39563	45000	28238	35000
Public Safety Expenses				
Wages and Salaries				
Constable	3003	3000	2505	1500
Director of Public Safety	5000	5000	5000	5000
Law Enforcement Staff	70319	74830	46628	77442
Constable Training	75	500	75	500
Fire Protection				
Rutland Fire Department Equipment	60000	60000	60000	60000
Rutland Fire Department Variable	42750	30000	28500	30000
Fire Warden - Salary	1200	1200	1200	1200
Fire Warden - Expenses	110	100	100	100
Law Enforcement Expenses				
Vehicle #1 Expense	1143	1000	0	1000
Vehicle #1 Fuel	87	1200	93	1200
Grant Expense Public Safety	0	0	0	0
Equipment Replacement & Repairs	89	1000	17	1000
Barstow Shelter	0	500	478	500
Rutland Regional Ambulance	4236	4236	4236	4236
Law Enforcement Reserve Fund	0	500	500	500
Total Public Safety Expense	188011	183066	149333	184178
Percent Total Expense	15%	15%	12%	15%

NOTES:

2023/2024 Estimated Municipal Tax Rate



- (a) Amount to be raised by taxes \$1,130,157*
- (b) Estimated Grand List \$2,399,987
- (c) Estimated Tax Rate \$.4710

* Assumes the voters pass all appropriation articles totaling \$10,342.

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.

2022/2023 Tax Rate:

Homestead = \$1.6057
 (\$.3744+\$1.2305+\$0.0008)

Non-Residential = \$1.6602
 (\$.3744+\$1.2850+\$0.0008)

Municipal Tax Rate: \$.3744

2022-2023 Amount to be raised by taxes	\$900,653 (rollover \$48K FY21, \$140K FY22)
2022-2023 Municipal Grand List	\$2,405,726

Education Tax Rate:

Homestead = \$1.2305
Non-Residential = \$1.2850

Local Agreement Tax: \$.0008

2022-2023 Total Taxes Billed **\$3,918,792**

2023-2024 Budget

Budget Summary	2023-2024 Budget
Cash Balance Forward	0
Total Property Taxes Collected	
On-Time	1119815
Delinquent	
Non-Property Tax Revenue	
Revenue Allocated to Administration	101645
Revenue Allocated to Infrastructure	47000
Revenue Allocated to Public Safety	27000
Total Revenue	1295460
Total Expenses	
Expenses Allocated to Administration	449865
Expenses Allocated to Infrastructure	658322
Expenses Allocated to Public Safety	187273
Total Expenses	1295460

Administration Budget History	2023-2024 Budget
Revenue Allocated to Administration	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	55000
Interest Late Taxes 1%	11000
Delinquent Tax 8%	15000
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	230
Miscellaneous	90
Total Revenue Allocated to Administration	101645

Admin. Budget Cont.	2023-2024 Budget
Administration Expenses	
Wages and Salaries	
Town Clerk/Treasurer	56879
Bookkeeper/Asst Clerk	34553
Selectboard	7000
Town Administrator	47803
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	500
Grant Expense	0
Insurance	36000
Landscaping	200
Legal	3000
Mendon Economic Development	2000
Office Supplies and Maintenance	5000
Planning and Zoning Expense	1000
Postage and Printing	3500
Street Lights	5500
CAI/Tax Maps	2400
Town Office Utilities	7000
Miscellaneous	2500
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	
Health Insurance	109013
Disability Insurance	1900
Payroll Taxes	24648
Retirement Fund	16429
Unemployment Insurance	5300
Reserve Funds	
Town Office Maintenance	4000
Recreation Fund	5000
New Office Equipment	5000
Contingency	500
Reappraisal	0
Preservation	1000
Cemetery	500
Mendon Economic Development	2000
Total Administration Expenses	449865
Percent of Total Expenditures	35%

Infrastructure Budget	2023-2024 Budget
Revenue Allocated to Community Infrastructure	
State Aid to Highways	40000
Road Maintenance Revenue	7000
Grant Income Infrastructure	0
Total Revenue Allocated to Community Infrastructure	47000
Community Infrastructure Expenses	
Salaries	
Winter	97835
Summer	61623
Road Commissioner	3250
Administrative Road Commissioner	1750
Winter Roads	
Fuel	18000
Salt	48500
Liquid Chloride	5000
Sand	18000
Repairs and Supplies	3500
Equipment Hire	4300
Summer Roads	
Fuel	8650
Gravel	17600
Repairs and Supplies	3500
Equipment Hire	2500
Miscellaneous Road Expenses	
VT DEC Municipal Roads General Permit	1000
Robinwood Roads	5000
Garage Utilities	10500
Grant Expense Infrastructure	0
Sign Replacement	1500
Vehicle Maintenance	30000
Reserve Funds	
Garage Maintenance	8000
Highway Equipment	50000
Highway Improvement	100000
Bridge & Culvert	50000
Buildings and Grounds	19219
Field Maintenance	1200
Other Community Infrastructure Expense	
Recreation Programs & Barstow Youth Club	3500
Library	26432
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	1000
Vermont League of Cities and Towns	2612
Mendon Historical Society	500
Rutland County Tax	20589

Town Office Bond	
Principal	9785
Interest	255
Garage Bond	
Principal	19000
Interest	4222
Total Community Infrastructure Expenses	658322
Percent of Total Expenditures	51%

Public Safety Budget History	2023-2024 Budget
Revenue Allocated to Public Safety	
Law Enforcement Income	27000
Alarm Ordinance Fines	0
Grant Income Public Safety	0
Total Revenue Allocated to Public Safety	27000
Public Safety Expenses	
Wages and Salaries	
Constable	1500
Director of Public Safety	5000
Law Enforcement Staff	80537
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	500
Barstow Shelter	500
Rutland Regional Ambulance	4236
Law Enforcement Reserve Fund	1000
Total Public Safety Expense	187273
Percent Total Expense	14%

NOTES:

Schedule of Outstanding Bond Payments

Fiscal Year	Town of Mendon Office		Total
	Principal	Interest	
2023-2024	9,785.46	254.50	10,039.96
2024-2025	8,860.87	0.00	8,860.87
Totals	18,646.33	254.50	\$18,900.83

Fiscal Year	Town of Mendon Garage Improvement		Total
	Principal	Interest	
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
Totals	171,000.00	20,904.30	\$191,904.30



Mendon Town Garage Complex

Reserve Fund Balances

<u>Office Maintenance</u>		<u>Restoration/Preservation</u>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$22,961	Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$45,009
Income: Interest	27	Income: Interest	91
Annual Appropriation	4,000	Annual Appropriation	1,000
Heat Pump Rebate	800	Recording Fees	5,597
Expense: Alarm System	1,292	Ending Balance 6/30/22	\$51,697
Heat Pump	8,690		
Ending Balance 6/30/22	\$17,806		
 <u>New Office Equipment</u>		 <u>Reappraisal</u>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$25,063	Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$111,883
Income: Interest	46	Income: Interest	158
Annual Appropriation	500	Annual Appropriation	0
Ending Balance 06/30/22	\$25,609	State Payment	7,216
		Expense: 2021 Reappraisal	15,174
		Ending Balance 06/30/22	\$104,083
 <u>MEDC</u>		 <u>Contingency</u>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$13,197	Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$97,579
Income: Interest	25	Income: Interest	184
Annual Appropriation	2,000	Annual Appropriation	0
Ending Balance 06/30/22	\$15,222	Ending Balance 06/30/22	\$97,763
 <u>Recreation</u>		 <u>Public Safety</u>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$9,699	Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$51,127
Income: Interest	20	Income: Interest	252
Annual Appropriation	5,000	Annual Appropriation	500
Ending Balance 06/30/22	\$14,719	Ending Balance 06/30/22	\$51,879
 <u>Cemetery</u>		 <u>T.S. Irene</u>	
Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$13,189	Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$311,173
Income: Interest	27	Income: Interest	740
Annual Appropriation	500	Annual Appropriation	0
Burial Fees	650	Expense: Irene Picnic	253
Ending Balance 06/30/22	\$14,366	Memorial	2,729
		Transfer to Highway Imp.	\$308,931
		Ending Balance 06/30/22	0

Highway Equipment

Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$285,929
Income: Interest	486
Annual Appropriation	50,000
Grants in Aid Blower	5,600
Expense: New Truck 4	33,836
Ending Balance 06/30/22	\$308,179

Highway Improvement

Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$827,371
Income: Interest	2,151
Annual Appropriation	110,000
Transfer from Irene Fund	\$308,931
Prior year surplus funds	110,000
Expense: Old Turnpike Pav	131,466
Crack Sealing	20,000
Ending Balance 06/30/22	\$1,206,987

Bridges and Culverts

Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$243,743
Income: Interest	604
Annual Appropriation	50,000
Culvert 07-42	111,080
Culvert BRO 693-BRG	18,060
Ending Balance 06/30/22	\$423,487

Garage Maintenance

Opening Bal. 07/01/21	\$105,509
Income: Interest	200
Annual Appropriation	10,000
Ending Balance 06/30/22	\$115,709



Nicholas Paquette Jr., a young visitor to the Town Office.



First Time Voter Luke English

Mendon Office Maintenance Fund

Fiscal Year 2024

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	0.15%	percent		Grinder Pump #2	2020 \$2,535
Inflation rate	5.0%	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	\$22,961	\$4,000	\$26,961	Heat Pumps	\$7,890	\$27	\$0	\$17,806	\$10,890	\$14,890
				Alarm System	\$1,292					
2022	\$17,806	\$4,000	\$21,806		\$0	\$27	\$500	\$21,333	\$10,306	\$14,306
2023	\$21,333	\$4,000	\$25,333	Carpeting	\$9,500	\$32	\$500	\$15,365	\$10,040	\$16,040
2024	\$15,365	\$4,000	\$19,365		\$0	\$23	\$500	\$18,888	\$8,861	\$14,861
2025	\$18,888	\$6,000	\$24,888	WaterPump	\$15,000	\$28	\$500	\$9,416	\$0	\$6,000
2026	\$9,416	\$6,000	\$15,416	Grinder Pump #1	\$3,410	\$14	\$500	\$11,520	\$0	\$6,000
2027	\$11,520	\$6,000	\$17,520		\$0	\$17	\$500	\$17,037	\$0	\$6,000
2028	\$17,037	\$6,000	\$23,037		\$0	\$26	\$500	\$22,563	\$0	\$6,000
2029	\$22,563	\$6,000	\$28,563	Paint	\$11,625	\$34	\$500	\$16,472	\$0	\$6,000
2030	\$16,472	\$6,000	\$22,472		\$0	\$25	\$500	\$21,997	\$0	\$6,000
2031	\$21,997	\$6,000	\$27,997	Grinder Pump #2	\$3,960	\$33	\$500	\$23,570	\$0	\$6,000
2032	\$23,570	\$6,000	\$29,570		\$0	\$35	\$500	\$29,105	\$0	\$6,000
2033	\$29,105	\$6,000	\$35,105	Drainage	\$24,000	\$44	\$500	\$10,649	\$0	\$6,000
2034	\$10,649	\$6,000	\$16,649		\$0	\$16	\$500	\$16,165	\$0	\$6,000
2035	\$16,165	\$6,000	\$22,165	Boiler	\$8,000	\$24	\$500	\$13,689	\$0	\$6,000
2036	\$13,689	\$6,000	\$19,689		\$0	\$21	\$500	\$19,209	\$0	\$6,000
2037	\$19,209	\$6,000	\$25,209	Carpeting	\$13,000	\$29	\$500	\$11,738	\$0	\$6,000
2038	\$11,738	\$6,000	\$17,738	Grinder Pump #1	\$4,730	\$18	\$500	\$12,526	\$0	\$6,000
2039	\$12,526	\$6,000	\$18,526	Paint	\$15,500	\$19	\$500	\$2,545	\$0	\$6,000
2040	\$2,545	\$6,000	\$8,545		\$0	\$4	\$500	\$8,048	\$0	\$6,000
2041	\$8,048	\$6,000	\$14,048		\$0	\$12	\$500	\$13,560	\$0	\$6,000

Mendon Preservation Fund

Fiscal Year 2024

Projects					ARPA requests:	
Book Preservation	4000	annually	Digitization	50000		
Land Records Computers	2025	\$5,650	Vault Upgrades	15000		
Humidifier Vault	2022	\$1,500	(roller shelving, map cabinet)			
Map Cabinet	2021	\$1,000	Humidity Control			
Roller Shelving	2024	\$5,000				
Interest rate	0.15%	percent				

Fiscal Year	Opening Balance	Annual Contribn	Recording Fees & Grant Income	Available Cash	Books Preservation	Projects	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
2022	\$45,009	\$1,000	\$5,597	\$51,606	\$0		\$91	\$51,697
2023	\$51,697	\$1,000	\$5,957	\$58,654	\$3,000	Map Cabinet	\$1,000	\$54,732
2024	\$54,732	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$59,732	\$3,000	Humidifier Vault	\$1,500	\$55,314
2025	\$55,314	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$60,314	\$3,000		\$83	\$57,397
2026	\$57,397	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$62,397	\$3,000	Roller Shelving	\$5,000	\$54,483
2027	\$54,483	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$59,483	\$3,000	Land Records Computers	\$5,650	\$50,914
2028	\$50,914	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$55,914	\$3,000		\$76	\$52,991
2029	\$52,991	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$57,991	\$3,000		\$79	\$55,070
2030	\$55,070	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$60,070	\$3,000		\$83	\$57,153
2031	\$57,153	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$62,153	\$3,000		\$86	\$59,239
2032	\$59,239	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$64,239	\$3,000	Land Records Computers	\$6,000	\$55,327
2033	\$55,327	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$60,327	\$3,000		\$83	\$57,410
2034	\$57,410	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$62,410	\$3,000		\$86	\$59,497
2035	\$59,497	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$64,497	\$3,000		\$89	\$61,586
2036	\$61,586	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$66,586	\$3,000		\$92	\$63,678
2037	\$63,678	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$68,678	\$3,000	Land Records Computers	\$6,300	\$59,474
2038	\$59,474	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$64,474	\$3,000		\$89	\$61,563
2039	\$61,563	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$66,563	\$3,000		\$92	\$63,655
2040	\$63,655	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$68,655	\$3,000		\$95	\$65,751
2041	\$65,751	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$70,751	\$3,000		\$99	\$67,849
2042	\$67,849	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$72,849	\$3,000	Land Records Computers	\$6,600	\$63,351
2043	\$63,351	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$68,351	\$3,000		\$95	\$65,446

Mendon Office Equipment Fund

Fiscal Year 2024

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
Photocopier	10 years	Photocopier (Sharp)	2016	\$5,220
Laptop Computers (3)	5 years	Photocopier (Canon)	2020	\$5,220
		Printer	2010	\$800
Interest rate	0.30% percent	Laptops	2020	\$1,800

Fiscal Year	Opening Balance	Annual Contribn	Available Cash	Project		Computer Replacement	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
2021	\$19,959	\$5,000	\$24,959			\$0	\$104	\$25,063
2022	\$25,063	\$500	\$25,563			\$0	\$46	\$25,609
2023	\$25,609	\$5,000	\$30,609	Security Upgrades	\$2,000	\$3,200	\$77	\$25,486
2024	\$25,486	\$5,000	\$30,486			\$3,200	\$76	\$27,362
2025	\$27,362	\$5,000	\$32,362			\$3,200	\$82	\$29,244
2026	\$29,244	\$5,000	\$34,244	Laptops	\$1,890	\$3,200	\$88	\$29,242
2027	\$29,242	\$5,000	\$34,242	Photocopier	\$6,003	\$3,200	\$88	\$25,127
2028	\$25,127	\$5,000	\$30,127			\$3,200	\$75	\$27,002
2029	\$27,002	\$5,000	\$32,002			\$3,200	\$81	\$28,883
2030	\$28,883	\$5,000	\$33,883			\$3,200	\$87	\$30,770
2031	\$30,770	\$5,000	\$35,770	Laptops	\$1,985	\$3,200	\$92	\$30,678
2032	\$30,678	\$5,000	\$35,678			\$3,200	\$92	\$32,570
2033	\$32,570	\$5,000	\$37,570			\$3,200	\$98	\$34,467
2034	\$34,467	\$5,000	\$39,467			\$3,200	\$103	\$36,371
2035	\$36,371	\$5,000	\$41,371			\$3,200	\$109	\$38,280
2036	\$38,280	\$5,000	\$43,280	Laptops	\$2,084	\$3,200	\$115	\$38,111
2037	\$38,111	\$5,000	\$43,111	Photocopier	\$6,264	\$3,200	\$114	\$33,761
2038	\$33,761	\$5,000	\$38,761			\$3,200	\$101	\$35,663
2039	\$35,663	\$5,000	\$40,663			\$3,200	\$107	\$37,570
2040	\$37,570	\$5,000	\$42,570			\$3,200	\$113	\$39,482
2041	\$39,482	\$5,000	\$44,482	Laptops	\$2,188	\$3,200	\$118	\$39,213
2042	\$39,213	\$5,000	\$44,213			\$3,200	\$118	\$41,131
2043	\$41,131	\$5,000	\$46,131			\$3,200	\$123	\$43,054

Mendon Highway Equipment Fund

Fiscal Year 2024

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 \$33,836
Riding Lawnmower	12 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	0.15% percent		

Fiscal Year	Opening Balance	Annual Contribn	Available Cash	Equipment Replaced	Cost (inflation adj)	Trade In/Grant	Net Expend	Interest Earned	Closing Balance	
2022	\$271,929	\$50,000	\$321,929	Pickup Blower Grant	\$33,836		\$14,000 \$5,600	\$19,836	\$486	\$308,179
2023	\$308,179	\$50,000	\$358,179	Small Truck	\$92,450		\$17,200	\$75,250	\$462	\$283,391
2024	\$283,391	\$50,000	\$333,391						\$425	\$333,816
2025	\$333,816	\$50,000	\$383,816						\$501	\$384,317
2026	\$384,317	\$50,000	\$434,317	Big Truck # 1	\$193,200		\$33,600	\$159,600	\$576	\$275,294
2027	\$275,294	\$50,000	\$325,294	Walk Behind Mower	\$6,268		\$500	\$5,768	\$413	\$319,939
2028	\$319,939	\$50,000	\$369,939	Grader	\$300,000		\$60,000	\$240,000	\$480	\$130,419
2029	\$130,419	\$50,000	\$180,419						\$196	\$180,615
2030	\$180,615	\$60,000	\$240,615	Small Truck	\$99,384		\$18,490	\$80,894	\$271	\$159,992
2031	\$159,992	\$60,000	\$219,992						\$240	\$220,232
2032	\$220,232	\$60,000	\$280,232	Pickup Big Truck #2	\$38,911		\$6,767	\$32,144		\$188,087
2033	\$81,851	\$60,000	\$141,851	Backhoe	\$201,633		\$35,067	\$166,566	\$330	\$81,851
2034	(\$146)	\$60,000	\$59,854	Riding Lawnmower	\$172,040		\$29,920	\$142,120	\$123	(\$146)
2035	\$53,340	\$60,000	\$113,340		\$7,014		\$500	\$6,514	\$0	\$53,340
2036	\$113,340	\$60,000	\$173,340	Walk Behind Mower	\$6,268		\$500	\$5,768	\$80	\$113,420
2037	\$167,823	\$60,000	\$227,823	Small Truck	\$106,838		\$19,877	\$86,961	\$170	\$167,823
2038	\$141,114	\$60,000	\$201,114	Big Truck # 1	\$231,878		\$60,000	\$171,878	\$252	\$141,114
2039	\$29,448	\$60,000	\$89,448						\$212	\$29,448
2040	\$89,448	\$60,000	\$149,448						\$0	\$89,448
2041	\$149,448	\$60,000	\$209,448						\$0	\$149,448
2042	\$209,448	\$60,000	\$269,448						\$0	\$209,448
2043	\$269,448	\$60,000	\$329,448	Backhoe	\$175,000		\$29,920	\$145,080	\$0	\$184,368

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 2024

Town Roads:					
	Last Paved	Cost		Last Paved	Cost
Townline Road	2013	100,000	Cream Hill	2018	66,387
Brookwood	2014	50,000	Old Tumpike 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	2022	239,828
Cedar Lane	2018	31,175	Terra Lane	2022	25,000
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:					Normal Maintenance	Total Cost	Ending Balance
				Road	Road	Road	Road	Road			
2022 827,371	110,000	2,151	418,931	Old Tumpike 131,465					20,000	151,465	1,206,988
2023 1,206,988	110,000	3,700	110,000	Sherwood Drive & Terra Lane reclaim and resurface 264,828			Town Office 13,086		30,000	307,914	1,122,774
2024 1,122,774	100,000	3,700		Journeys End 235,000 (60K paving+175K end of road)	Falls Road 275,000	Notch Road 339,000		Medway 28,000	30,000	907,000	319,474
2025 319,474	110,000	3,200		Townline Road 100,000					30,000	130,000	302,674
2026 302,674	110,000	3,200		Brookwood 50,000		South Mendon Road 55,000			30,000	135,000	280,874
2027 280,874	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	204,074
2028 204,074	110,000	3,200							30,000	30,000	287,274
2029 287,274	110,000	3,200		Cedar Lane 30,000		Park Lane 65,000	Cream Hill 80,000		30,000	205,000	195,474
2030 195,474	110,000	3,200	100,000	Meadowlake Drive 125,000					30,000	155,000	253,674
2031 253,674	110,000	4,059							30,000	30,000	337,733
2032 337,733	110,000	3,700		Notch Road 150,000		Old Tumpike 125,000			30,000	305,000	146,433
2033 146,433	110,000	3,200		Sherwood 125,000					30,000	155,000	104,633
2034 104,633	110,000	3,000		Journeys End 60,000		Terra Lane 12,000	Medway 28,000		30,000	130,000	87,633
2035 87,633	110,000	3,000		Townline Road 100,000		Eastridge 60,000	Pond Road 8,000	Mountain Road 12,000	30,000	210,000	(9,367)
2036 (9,367)	110,000	2,500		Brookwood 50,000	South Mendon Road 55,000				30,000	135,000	(31,867)
2037 (31,867)	110,000	2,500		Woodward Road 60,000					30,000	90,000	(9,367)

Bridge & Culvert Fund

FY 2024

Year	Beginning Balance	Fund Contribution	Interest Earned	Grant Income	Available Balance	Projects	Cost	Ending Balance
2021	\$260,094	\$50,000	\$628	\$60,207	\$370,929	Bridge 14 & 20 Past Due culvert 07-42	\$9,173 \$118,013	\$243,743
2022	\$243,743	\$50,000	\$604	\$129,140	\$423,487	culvert upsizing	\$0	\$423,487
2023	\$423,487	\$50,000	\$847		\$474,334	culverts 07-20, 07-28, 07-29 culvert upsizing	\$200,000 \$50,000	\$224,334
2024	\$224,334	\$50,000	\$449		\$274,783	culverts bridge maintenance	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$214,783
2025	\$214,783	\$50,000	\$430		\$265,212	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$205,212
2026	\$205,212	\$50,000	\$410		\$255,623	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$195,623
2027	\$195,623	\$50,000	\$391		\$246,014	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$186,014
2028	\$186,014	\$50,000	\$372		\$236,386	culverts bridge maintenance	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$176,386
2029	\$176,386	\$50,000	\$353		\$226,739	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$166,739
2030	\$166,739	\$50,000	\$333		\$217,072	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$157,072
2031	\$157,072	\$50,000	\$314		\$207,386	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$147,386
2032	\$147,386	\$50,000	\$295		\$197,681	culverts bridge maintenance	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$137,681
2033	\$137,681	\$50,000	\$275		\$187,956	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$127,956
2034	\$127,956	\$50,000	\$256		\$178,212	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$118,212
2035	\$118,212	\$50,000	\$236		\$168,449	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$108,449
2036	\$108,449	\$50,000	\$217		\$158,666	culverts bridge maintenance	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$98,666
2037	\$98,666	\$50,000	\$197		\$148,863	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$88,863
2038	\$88,863	\$50,000	\$178		\$139,041	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$79,041
2039	\$79,041	\$50,000	\$158		\$129,199	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$69,199
2040	\$69,199	\$50,000	\$138		\$119,337	culverts bridge maintenance	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$59,337
2041	\$59,337	\$50,000	\$119		\$109,456	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$49,456
2042	\$49,456	\$50,000	\$99		\$99,555	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$89,555
2043	\$89,555	\$50,000	\$179		\$139,734	culverts culvert upsizing	\$10,000 \$50,000	\$79,734

* 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.

Recreation Fund

Fiscal Year 2024

Project	Year	Project Cost	Fundraise	Grants	Recreation Fund	
Picnic Tables	2022	4,000		0	4000	-
Playground Equipment	2024	75,000		7500	60000	7,500

Beginning Balance	Fund Contribution	Interest Earned	Other Income	Planned Projects:	Total Cost	Ending Balance
2021	15,816	5,000	38	RCLL fee 320 Basketball/Pickleball Court 11,475	11,475	9,699
2022	9,699	5,000	20		-	14,719
2023	14,719	5,000	37		-	19,756
2024	19,756	5,000	49	ARPA/Fundraise 67,500 Playground Equipment 75,000	75,000	17,305
2025	17,305	5,000	43		-	22,348
2026	22,348	5,000	56		-	27,404
2027	27,404	5,000	69		-	32,473
2028	32,473	5,000	81		-	37,554
2029	37,554	5,000	94	-	-	42,648
2030	42,648	5,000	107		-	47,755
2031	47,755	5,000	119		-	52,874
2032	52,874	5,000	132		-	58,006
2033	58,006	5,000	145		-	63,151
2034	63,151	5,000	158		-	68,309
2035	68,309	5,000	171		-	73,480
2036	73,480	5,000	184		-	78,663
2037	78,663	5,000	197		-	83,860
2038	83,860	5,000	210		-	89,070
2039	89,070	5,000	223		-	94,292
2040	94,292	5,000	236		-	99,528
2041	99,528	5,000	249		-	104,777

Mendon Public Safety Fund

Fiscal Year 2024

Assumptions:			Facts:		
Vehicle #1 has a life expectancy of	12	years	Vehicle #1: Ford Explorer	2016	\$29,700
Interest rate	0.2%	percent	Town Office Generator		\$5,000
Inflation rate	3.0%	percent	Barstow Generator		\$50,000
trade in value	15.0%	percent	(total cost \$100K split with Chittenden)		
			AED Heart Defibrillator	2020	\$1,180

Fiscal Year	Opening Balance	Annual Contribn	Law Fines	Fine Split	Available Cash	Equipment Replaced	Cost (inflation In adj)	Trade In	Net Expend	Interest Earned	Barstow Generator	Closing Balance
2021	\$51,127	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$51,627					\$69	\$500	\$51,196
2022	\$51,196	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$51,696	Town Office Generator	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$50	\$500	\$33,246
2023	\$33,246	\$500	\$0	100/0	\$33,746	Dry Hydrant Replacement	\$18,000		\$18,000	\$23	\$500	\$15,269
2024	\$15,269	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$21,369					\$23	\$500	\$20,892
2025	\$20,892	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$26,992					\$31	\$500	\$26,523
2026	\$26,523	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$32,623					\$40	\$500	\$32,163
2027	\$32,163	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$38,263					\$48	\$500	\$37,811
2028	\$37,811	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$43,911					\$57	\$500	\$43,468
2029	\$43,468	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$49,568	Vehicle #1	\$41,283	\$4,455	\$36,828	\$10	\$500	\$12,250
2030	\$12,250	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$18,350					\$18	\$500	\$17,868
2031	\$17,868	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$23,968					\$27	\$500	\$23,495
2032	\$23,495	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$29,595					\$35	\$500	\$29,130
2033	\$29,130	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$35,230					\$44	\$500	\$34,774
2034	\$34,774	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$40,874					\$52	\$500	\$40,426
2035	\$40,426	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$46,526					\$61	\$500	\$46,087
2036	\$46,087	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$52,187					\$69	\$500	\$51,756
2037	\$51,756	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$57,856					\$78	\$500	\$57,433
2038	\$57,433	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$63,533					\$86	\$500	\$63,120
2039	\$63,120	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$69,220					\$95	\$500	\$68,814
2040	\$68,814	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$74,914					\$103	\$500	\$74,518
2041	\$74,518	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$80,618					\$112	\$500	\$80,229
2042	\$74,518	\$500	\$5,600	80/20	\$80,618	Vehicle #1	\$52,866	\$6,192	\$46,674	\$42	\$500	\$33,486

Notes:

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

Effective 7/1/23: 80%/20% split of fine revenue deposited in the General Fund to the Reserve Fund

Barstow Generator:

2018-2019	500	
2019-2020	500	
2020-2021	500	The Towns of Mendon and Chittenden are each setting aside \$500 per year
2021-2022	500	earmarked for the replacement of the generator at Barstow.
2022-2023	500	* Chittenden increased their appropriation to \$5,000
2023-2024	500	
Total	3000	

2022 Town Clerk Report

It is with gratitude to all of you, that Jesse and I wish you a very Happy New Year! We feel very fortunate to work in a Town with such wonderful residents. 2022 has been a busy year for us. As is true everywhere, COVID-19 continues to affect all of us. We still ask, if you are feeling unwell, to call or e-mail and we will do our best to help you remotely.

The office is open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Any office closings or changes in hours will be posted with as much advance notice as possible. We post closings, changes, and other news on the front door, the Mendon website – www.mendonvt.gov, Facebook, and Front Porch Forum.

The 2022 Town Meeting was held at the Mendon Town Garage. At this meeting, voters chose to continue holding a floor vote for article questions, rather than voting by Australian ballot. Your vote is your voice. I cannot express strongly enough how important it is to participate in your local government. If at all possible, please plan on attending the annual Town Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6th at the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTRANS) building located at 61 Valley View Drive. Voting of elected officials and school issues will be held the following day, Tuesday March 7th, from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Mendon Town Office. If you'd like, you can also request an early ballot.

This past year, the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) heard four appeals. I'd like to thank BCA members Larry Courcelle, Val Taylor, Rich Carlson, Lindsey MacCuaig, Jim and Betsy Reddy, Ann Singiser, and Al Wakefield for their time and dedication in completing this process. I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Justice of the Peace – Susannah Loffredo, who was elected to the position in November. I'm certain that Susannah will be a valued addition to an already great team.

The Statewide Primary in August was the first time we used our new tabulator. This went very smoothly and we had no problems with the new machine. The new tabulator allows voters to see that their vote has been counted and allows them to determine for themselves if there is a problem with the ballot they are entering into the tabulator.



First time voter Sophia Hussak has just cast her ballot.



Long time voter Leo Lawrence, completing his ballot in the Helen Lawrence Conference Room.

The General Election in November marked the permanent enactment of ballots being mailed to all active registered voters in the state. Going forward, ballots will be mailed automatically for every General Election. Please be sure to keep your mailing address updated in order to be certain you receive your ballot. You can your check your voter status at any time at www.mvp.vermont.gov.

We have requested and are hopeful for approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to further digitize land records, purchase a large scanner/copier to scan and copy large maps, vault upgrades, and update cyber security measures. The streamlining of these processes make it much easier for residents, future residents, and researchers to obtain the information they require.

We continue to look for ways to make records as easily accessible to all as possible. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, as to what you'd like to see going forward, please let us know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gondella

Photos from the General Election in November

Jay Bruno sharing a piece of cake with his son Jacob after voting.



A busy day at the polls.

JP Rich Carlson working at the polls on election day.



2021 Reappraisal Wrap-up

This has been a 5 ½ year process from beginning to end. Countless hours have been spent by the BCA, Town Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, to see this process through. Special thanks to BCA members (current & former) Rich Carlson, Marie Conway, Larry Courcelle, Lindsey MacCuaig, Betsy Reddy, Jim Reddy, Ann Singiser, Val Taylor, Al Wakefield, and Dick Wilcox for their time, hard work, and commitment to this lengthy process. In order to hear cases, none of the BCA members chose to grieve their own assessments in 2021, as they would have then had to recuse themselves from all hearings for that year.

Timeline/Process

Jan 2017	Town receives order from State to reassess its properties.
Nov 2017 – Jan 2018	Bid requests sent/Contract awarded to Vermont Municipal Assessor (VMA) for town wide reappraisal
Apr 2018 – Apr 2021	Assessor inspects properties for valuation. This was extended by a year due to COVID.
May 2021	Booklet sent out to property owners with proposed values. Owners meet informally with Assessor to discuss their property values.
June 2021	Assessor sends out official “Change of Appraisal” notices to every property owner. There were approximately 850 notices sent out.
Late June 2021	Property owners officially grieve their assessments if they are not satisfied with the results. There were approximately 170 grievances.
Mid July – Mid Fall	Results of grievance notices were mailed to those property owners who had grieved their assessments. Owners dissatisfied with the results appeal their assessment to the BCA. These appeals were heard two evenings a week until all appeals were heard. 56 appeals were heard.
Within 30 days of BCA decision	Property owners still not satisfied could appeal the BCA decision to either the State Appraiser or Superior Court. 6 appeals went to the State Appraiser, 2 appeals went to Superior Court.
January 2023	Final decision returned by the State.

Beginning with grieving the assessment, each step must be followed in a timely manner in order to move on to the next step. For example, if a property owner doesn’t appeal the assessment, he/she could not appeal to the BCA.

The total costs incurred for the reappraisal were just over \$114,000. The base contract for the Assessor was \$75,000. In addition, a new copier was purchased for the project, supplies, mailings, and additional payroll totaled about \$12,500. Finally, costs as a result of appeals beyond the BCA, including legal fees, attorney fees, and Independent Appraiser fees totaled approximately \$27,000.

Prior to the appeals themselves, BCA members attended outside trainings regarding the appeal process in addition to time spent reviewing Town specific information provided by the Town Clerk. Total time spent on each BCA appeal was just under 5 hours. Significant additional time was required for the eight appeals that went beyond the BCA level. Once a case moves beyond the BCA level, it is up to the Selectboard to make decisions regarding how that case is handled, i.e., hiring an attorney, hiring an independent appraiser, discussions with the Assessor, discussion with the appellant, etc.

On the whole, the reappraisal ran very smoothly. The biggest decision was one to be made by the Selectboard. How far do you go to support the process, and at what point do you say, we've spent enough money on the reappraisal? It is a fine line to walk, but it's important to be as certain as possible that every property is assessed fairly.

Further, as new Justices of the Peace and Selectboard members come on, training needs to be ongoing, both from outside sources and from within the Town. Throughout the post-BCA appeals, I've learned how heavily the hearing officers rely on the evidence. Of the six owners that appealed to the State Appraiser, only two were actually visited by that Appraiser. Although it's interesting to see what surrounding properties are valued at, what's important is what surrounding properties have recently sold for. Further, we want to look at errors on the property record card in order to determine if the property is fairly valued.

The most important part of this process is to make sure that all parties, both BCA members and property owners understand the process and the expectations of them. To that end, before the next town wide reappraisal, I would favor holding a mock hearing for property owners to help them understand the process beforehand.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Gondella, BCA Chair

Assessor's 2022 Report

There are still three properties that the 2021 reappraisal values have not been finalized. Two are being heard at the State Board level and one at the Superior Court level. All of the appeals for the 2022 Grand List have been completed by the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). None of these have appealed past the BCA.

I am now working on the April 1, 2023, Grand List. The Grand List software that Mendon has used for over 20 years is being replaced by a Vermont State system that is known as Vermont Property Information Exchange (VTPIE). Information about the project can be found at <https://tax.vermont.gov/municipal-officials/vtpie/project>

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

My email is 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.

Sincerely

Spencer B. Potter
Assessor

Cemetery Report

Val Taylor, Bill Ellis, and Dennis Charles are the Cemetery Commission. 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 in any of the cemeteries this year besides regular mowing maintenance. The cemetery commission manages maintenance of the town cemeteries and plans for any needed projects down the road. We had one cremation burial, and the town bought back two plots in Tenney Cemetery this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Val Taylor

Delinquent Tax Collector Report

Turned over for collection on March 24, 2022 were 108 delinquent taxes some for multiple years totaling \$244,091.00.

On January 15, 2023 there are 5 delinquent taxes totaling \$ 563.30.

Udayan Dholakia	\$ 17.26
Brian English	392.04
MDLG Consultants LLC	20.18
Michael Parillo	41.14
Krista Raymond	92.68

No tax sales were held this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Merrill, Delinquent Tax Collector

Dog License Report

Neutered males or spayed females	\$1,760
Males not neutered	105
Females not spayed	105
Late fees	<u>293</u>
Total	\$2,263
State of Vermont Rabies Control	870
Total to General Fund	1,393

Please register your dog on or before **April 3, 2023** 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

Emergency Management Director/Constable

2022 began with us welcoming Deputy Ricketts to the town and his presence was highly noticed as he worked to keep our roadways and community safe. I am happy to welcome Deputy Soulia to the town as he has taken over the assignment. Deputy Soulia spent time in law enforcement working previously for the Pittsford Police Department. Deputy Soulia also worked as an EMT for Regional Ambulance Service during that period. His law enforcement and medical background are a welcome addition to the town.

We have maintained the contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department at 32 hours per week. Staffing for all Vermont law enforcement continues to be a challenge across the state. During the year of 2022, the Deputy Sheriff's wrote 364 Tickets, issued 236 Warnings, responded to 114 calls for service and had 33 criminal arrests. We worked with the Sheriff's department to ensure a variety of coverage times through varied shift hours. There has also been an increase in residential area patrol. Increased time in residential areas is a known deterrent to criminal activity. Mendon continues to be pro-active and take pride in the safety of its community and roadways.

Mendon updated it's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Local Emergency Management Plan this last year. Many people were involved in those processes and it wouldn't be possible with out them. Mendon is further pursuing grants to assist with making the town an even safer and more prepared community. Besides preparing us for emergencies, this also helps identify areas of improvement to lessen the impact of certain events.

As a reminder, residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Town Ordinances which can all be found on the Town website. Burn permits can be applied for from the Mendon Fire Warden. Fireworks permits can be applied for from the Fire Warden or Constable. These permits are crucial as the Town coordinates activities with the Rutland City Fire Department. Properly filed and followed permits, help eliminate unnecessary responses from the Fire Department. Per the ordinances, responses due to lack of the proper permit can be charged to the owner via a municipal ticket to recover the charge to the Town. Valid fire calls are not charged. As always, please test in-home smoke/CO detectors and make sure to replace the batteries.

Mendon continues to be involved with the Barstow school, both in the way of working with Chittenden to ensure a proper emergency shelter is available to the residents of both towns and has also been working with the school to ensure a safe environment for the children. The latter has included a security evaluation and an initial conversation with the students. Ensuring a safe learning environment for children is something I personally view as an extremely important objective.

I would like to thank the Town of Mendon, specifically our incredible office staff for assisting me with the transition of taking over these roles. I look forward to being involved with making the Town an even better prepared and safer community.

Respectfully submitted,
Lema Carter, Emergency Management Director/ Constable

Record of Vital Statistics – Mendon, VT 2022

Births

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Parents Names</u>
Quinn Elizabeth Quigley	F	Apr 12	Rutland	Emily Elizabeth Morrison Connor John Quigley
Emmaline Skye Bos	F	Apr 14	Middlebury	Ellen Maureen Merrill Eric Drew Bos
Kiara Kay Spinney	F	May 04	Randolph	Susannah Kay Baumer John Winthrop Spinney
Octavia Rose Trask	F	May 28	Rutland	Kylie Ann Trask
Alina James Lindroos	F	Aug 19	Middlebury	Myla Helen Rose Simons Chad Michael Lindroos
Hattie-Mae Grace King	F	Sep 22	Rutland	Cassie Marie Clark Jeffrey Alan King
Ezra Phillip Sell	M	Nov 24	Burlington	Emily Byrne Feinberg Bryan Keith Sell
Elizabeth Audrey Gillen	F	Dec 08	Burlington	Kristy Hamilton Anderson Theodore Gillen III

Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
LeRoy E Prior	82	Jan 26	Mendon
John C Hughes	87	Feb 08	Mendon
Harold Herman Rosenzweig	90	Feb 22	Mendon
Kevin Patrick O'Hagen	71	Mar 25	Mendon
Jean Ann Ford	85	Mar 31	Mendon
Cora Ann Drake	79	Apr 17	Mendon
Christine M Holzschuh	69	May 02	Mendon
Dorothy A Severance	87	May 14	Rutland
Joseph Albert Teer Jr.	51	Jul 19	Mendon
Jane Caroline Walker	83	Jul 30	Rutland
Janice McLaughlin	93	Aug 04	Mendon
Theane Corsones	88	Aug 13	Mendon
Kenneth Tracy Lindquist	85	Sep 30	Mendon
Justin D'Erechia	41	Oct 12	Mendon
Robert John Griswold	78	Oct 20	Mendon
Karen P Bowles	85	Dec 12	Mendon
James R Ruth	82	Dec 28	Rutland

Marriages

<u>Party A</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Party B</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>
Rebecca Jolynne Ellison-Powell	VT	John Randall Greene	VT	Jan 01
Hannah Ruth Abrams	VT	Anthony Mark Accurso	VT	Mar 20
Erin Shane Bucksbaum	NH	Erik Matthew Selberg	NH	May 26
Eric David Lenser	VT	Carol Ann Lenser	VT	Jun 05
Claire Elizabeth Kershko	VT	Graeme Michael Butler	VT	Jul 16
Ashlee Dianne Wheeler	NH	Kyle Raymond Goudreau	NH	Aug 20
Kristina Marie Shaw	VT	Charles Joseph Booher	VT	Sep 10
Adaline Belle Dailey	VT	Shaun Michael Godair	VT	Sep 17
Courtney Ann Patterson	VT	Sebastion Charles Lury	VT	Sep 24
Katherine Rebecca Horner	PA	John Robert Domanski	PA	Oct 01
Nicholas J Eaton	VT	Kelly Corcoran Oliver	VT	Oct 08
Carli Marie Lamb	VT	Brendan Joseph Drexler	VT	Oct 08
Paul Anson Dunbar Jr.	VT	Russell Henry Steward Perry III	VT	Nov 12



Mendon Planning Commission

The Mendon Planning Commission includes members Phil Douglas, Justin Lindholm, Fred Bagley, Gary Sihler, Richard Howe 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 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 received regional approval by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission Board of Commissioners on April 19, 2022.

The Mendon Planning Commission also worked with the Mendon Hazard Mitigation Planning Team as part of the process to update Mendon’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The LHMP has been submitted to Vermont Emergency Management for approval. 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 would like to express our deep appreciation to Gary Sihler for his many invaluable contributions to the Mendon Planning Commission throughout his years of service on the Commission. Gary will be stepping down in March resulting in a vacancy on the Commission. Please contact any of the members if you have an interest in serving.

Respectfully submitted,
Teri Corsones

Zoning Administrator

It was a busy year in terms of zoning permit applications with 39 permits issued as of December 31, 2022.

The breakdown of permits issued in 2022 is as follows:

Single Family Home	4	Solar Array	1
Accessory Structure	18	Certificate of Occupancy	12
Addition	3	Sign	1

There was also one Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearing, and five Zoning Violations issued.

Fred Bagley has been appointed as the Zoning Administrator until April 2023. The Zoning Office can be reached by phone at 802-775-1662 x 4 or at mendonzoningadmin@comcast.net. If you hear or see any apparent zoning violations, please report this information to the Zoning Office to investigate.

The Town is seeking a qualified candidate to serve as Zoning Administrator. This is a paid part-time position of approximately 8 hours per week. Please submit resumes and letters of interest to Sara Tully, Town Administrator at mendonadmin@comcast.net.

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse Bridge, Zoning Administrator (resigned March 2022)
Susannah Loffredo, Zoning Administrator (resigned November 2022)

Recreation Report

The outdoor recreation in Mendon continues! In the past year we saw a resurgence in baseball thanks in large part to the Rutland County Little League organization which held games at the ball field on a regular basis throughout the spring. The basketball court continues to be used by many during the summer months, and the trails get a surprising amount of traffic.

The committee met multiple times over the past year to discuss fundraising efforts for a new play structure to replace the aging structure that is at the Mendon Park at the moment. The committee is actively searching out grants and potential ARPA funding to help offset the cost of a new play structure.

Additionally, we were recently awarded a grant from the AARP to provide walking trail signage along with two brand new ADA-compliant picnic tables which will be installed at the field this spring. This is a fantastic opportunity for the town to receive much needed equipment. The committee will also be focusing on field maintenance this spring, working to increase the health of the grass on the ball field.

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



Summer fun at the Mendon Recreation Field.

Road Commissioner Report

The winter of 2021-2022 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 2022 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 remains short handed in the highway department and buildings and grounds maintenance with a vacant full-time position. Dan Hendee continued 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 (MRGP), the Town continues to update road segment and culvert inventories in order to plan for future projects. We hope to work with the regional Planning Commission to update our inventories last fully completed in 2017. We are currently not in compliance of upgrading at least 10% of non-compliant road segments by 2022. We will rectify this in the Spring of 2023. The next MRGP 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 mandated by the Agency of Natural Resources.

The Town completed an erosion control project on Wheelerville Road that consisted of ditching for Hydrologically Connected Road Segments 197093 and 197094. The Mendon Road Crew completed the project at a cost of \$12,238.75 of which \$6,700 was reimbursed through FY22 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 FY23 and the town will soon identify Hydrologically Connected Road Segments to improve to acceptable stormwater standards with these funds totaling \$12,500. The town will be responsible for matching funds of \$3,125 that will be paid out of the General Fund budget.

I issued three Access Permits in 2022.

The Town paved Sherwood Drive, Terra Lane and the Town Office Parking Lot for \$277,914 which was paid out of the Highway Improvement Fund. We did not successfully obtain a Class 2 Roadway Grant to help pay for the Notch Road so this will be a goal for 2023. We continue to plan for upgrades to the Falls Road to access properties off Notch Road, Northam Road and Clark Mason Road.

The Town was awarded a Better Roads Grant for \$18,800 to perform erosion control measures at the end of Journeys End. The Town will be responsible for \$4,700 to be paid for out of the Highway Improvement Fund. The town plans to reconstruct the roadway and pave the dirt section of Journeys End. This construction will occur in the spring.

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 paperwork & computer assistance.

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

2023-2024 Appropriation Requests

TOTAL \$10,342

ARC Rutland Area Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

128 Merchants Row, Suite 401, Rutland, VT 05701 www.ARCRutlandArea.org 802-775-1370

ARC requests \$1,500 to support community inclusion and social opportunity for local citizens with developmental and intellectual disabilities. This mission is supported by two internal local clubs, Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered and Aktion Club with the Kiwanis, holding dances and other social activities. The Great Outdoor Initiative, Representative Payee Services for those who cannot manage their own funds, The Wing Center sensory room and attending state and local meetings to keep informed of issues that affect the population we serve. With a generous grant from the Marble Valley Regional Transportation, ARC is able to provide transportation for our members to attend events educational and recreational activities.

ARC reports serving 1000 individuals in Rutland County.

Marble Valley Regional Transportation District “The Bus”

158 Spruce St., Rutland, VT 05701 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 802-775-8220

Retired Senior Volunteer Program requests \$700 to provide a volunteer management program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service.

In fiscal year 2022 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, Community Cupboard and RSVP Bone Builders.

Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice

7 Albert Cree Dr., Rutland, VT 05701 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.

Last year VNAHSR’s dedicated staff provided 249 visits to 19 individuals in Mendon.

Rutland Mental Health Services

78 South Main St., Rutland, VT 05701 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 2022, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 270 hours of service to 19 Mendon residents.

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

143 Maple St., Rutland, VT 05701 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 2022, the Council helped provide 397 meals that were delivered to the homes of 9 elders in your community (Meals on Wheels). In addition, 19 Mendon elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 222 meals were provided. Additionally, SVCOA provided 6.25 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 8 residents of Mendon. SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 6 elders in your community for a total of 95.25 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 802-282-2678

Wonderfeet Kids' Museum is a gem in the heart of Downtown Rutland. Wonderfeet serves families in our community, and lives by its mission to foster curiosity and exploration, inspire creativity and ignite the imagination of every child through the power of play.

In 2022, the community made it resoundingly clear that a children's museum is a needed and valued resource with Wonderfeet welcoming over 14,000 guests. This number matches our pre-pandemic visiting numbers - with over 1,000 guests attending free community events, over 800 visits during our free postpartum support and play group, and over 700 students served through school programs.

In 2023, Wonderfeet will expand its impact in the community as we move to our new, larger location on Merchant's Row in Rutland which will allow us to welcome more guests, provide more summer camps and school programs, and partner on more enriching community events for families and children.

Mendon Historical Society

calendar year 2022



The Mendon Historical Society was able to meet in person this year.

We are continuing with our project to have signs at the seven Mendon cemeteries. The iron signs will be placed at Tenney, Saunders, Eggleston, Parker, Orchard, Lydia's and Wilkins cemeteries. The photo is a mock up done by blacksmith Kevin Mulholland. We hope to install them in the spring.

The historical society will continue to help the State with the trails and signs that are being built at Tamarack Notch. We plan to investigate where an 8th cemetery was located. Our Mendon trail pamphlet is for sale at the town office and will continue to be updated.

Thanks to all our members for their support, feel free to contact any of us for more information or to be added to our email list for meeting dates.

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

Reimagine and Improve the Route 4 Corridor Committee

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

Last year we worked with the existing businesses on Rt. 4 presenting resources that are available to them through regional and state organizations. This year, thanks to Teri Corsones and Patti Lancaster, we were able to achieve Village Center Designation. This status is meant to support efforts of small and medium sized historic centers and brings financial incentives, training and technical assistance needed to attract new business and vitality to Vermont's smaller communities.

Our survey results showed interest in pursuit of a Community Center. After looking at new construction on land currently owned by the town, we are now focusing on existing buildings on Rt. 4. We are asking for \$10,000 in the town budget this year that we could add to with Grants and a Capital Campaign. We have received 2 grants so far to review the piece of town land and an inspection of an existing property. If the vote shows support for the \$10,000 investment, we will pursue fundraising.

Route 4 Safety and Access Sub-committee

Fred Bagley, Hannah Abrams, Jessica Quesnel and Carolyn McBain

The Town of Mendon received a \$45,000 grant from the Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) to "reimagine Route 4". This grant will be for a scoping study and will be managed in cooperation with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.

In January of 2023, a request for proposal was sent to an engineering firm to solicit a bid for the scoping study. That bid should be finalized and a contract signed by March 1, 2023.

The purpose of the scoping study is to look at bus stops, street lighting, pedestrian crossings (Appalachian Trail/Long Trail, VAST etc.), speed reduction, bike lanes and other traffic calming opportunities. The engineering firm will conduct local talk-back meetings and develop a comprehensive proposal on how Mendon's six miles of Route 4 can be improved. A report will be submitted to the AOT by this fall.

Beautification Sub-committee

We are hoping to restart this committee and ask anyone interested in participating to email Megansmith55@comcast.net.



Otter Creek communications union district

2022 Annual Summary and Proposed Budget

During 2022, the Otter Creek Communications Union District (OCCUD) completed a high level engineering study and business plan. These documents allow OCCUD to move forward in an informed manner, not going blind into conversations with potential partner-providers. Additionally, these documents affirmed the business case (based on cost and time efficiencies) for OCCUD to partner as opposed to standup an ISP (internet service provider) on its own.

As OCCUD moved forward, it issued Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for potential partner-providers as well as for project management support. These RFPs, while issued along the same time frame, were closed and processed at different times. The RFP for project management was closed and confirmed in June, identifying AO Consulting LLC as the provider for project management services. The RFP process to identify one or more partner-providers closed in August with negotiations beginning in the same month.

As conversations with potential partner-provider(s) continue, OCCUD hopes to have one or more contracts signed before the close of 2022 with cost and timeline confirmed. As such, the following proposed budget for 2022-2023 includes numbers for general operating needs and not the buildout.

OCCUD received \$30,000 grant funding from Vermont Community Foundation in 2020 that has been carefully used to cover some operational expenses. In 2021, OCCUD received \$126,000 grant funding through Vermont's H315 CUD Capacity Building Grant Program, funds from which OCCUD also continues to apply towards operational expenses and which funded the engineering study. In July 2022, OCCUD was fortunate to also be awarded funding through Vermont's Act 71 PreConstruction Grant funding. This award of \$441,000 will allow OCCUD to cover expenses that were previously paid for by the past two grants and sustain those expenses for 18 months. This is critical to ensure OCCUD has full capacity to successfully move forward from identifying its partner-provider(s) through to complete buildout.

Proposed 2023 Budget Overview

To support the OCCUD with its goals and strategy over the next 12 months, it has and will need to retain the expertise and services such as:

- a full time project manager
 - OCCUD anticipates needing a full time project manager as construction ramps up. It currently is contracted with a project manager for part time services. Having gone through an RFP process to identify a contractor for these services, OCCUD found that contractors providing project manager services have a potential fee range of \$120 to \$200 per hour. Estimating at the rate of \$120 per hour for full time work over 12 months results in a potential cost of \$207,360 and a potential cost as low as \$57,600 if the project manager works as few as 10 hours per week. For the sake of budgeting, the high end will be used in this proposed budget. A project manager ensures that the CUD pushes forward towards its goal of universal high speed internet access for member towns by applying for funding, managing grants, overseeing reporting, coordinating meetings, updating website content, document management, town and partnership management, and pulling together any resources or parties necessary to drive work towards completion.
- legal services
 - Throughout all of this process, concerted need for legal presence will be in demand. This involves a substantial investment. The investment in legal services is undoubtedly absolutely necessary and having the funds available to pay for it if necessary as well. An estimated cost of \$11,000 was provided by Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer in 2021 for needs such as this, which was anticipated to last for 6 months. Taking this historical estimate combined with the recent expense the CUD incurred to have two RFPs given a legal review as a means to gauge current costs and applying it to a 12 month timeframe, OCCUD estimates a potential need for \$34,000 in possible legal expenses.
- an accountant
 - OCCUD currently has an accountant contracted for a monthly fee of \$695. These services are a critical support for fiscal oversight and management. Should the same business and rate be retained for 18 months, this cost would be \$8,340.
- technical support for its website
 - Technical support and hosting fees for OCCUD's website are \$1,200 a year.
- strategic support for its partnership development
 - When negotiations and discussions of potential contracts such as a likely PPP begin, the OCCUD must also have experts in the field alongside them. Bringing on a consultant that has that expertise and experience to shepherd the organizational formation and contract development is critical as that expertise does not currently exist in the volunteer board base that is working to get the CUD up and running. To this end, the OCCUD received a proposal of services from CTC Consulting – a consultant who has experience and expertise working not only in this field but also in Vermont. This proposal and cost estimate was received in 2021 as part of OCCUD's H315 grant application. CTC would be providing support to include:
 - Evaluation of public private partnership proposals and business terms (technical and business parameters).
 - Negotiation of one or more definitive public private partnership agreements
 - Additional business planning or financial modeling as needed.

- CTC's experience in Vermont both with the State as well as with individual CUD's would greatly supported a business outcome that is informed by and connected to state level work and that of other CUD's. They provided a proposal with a blended rate of \$180/hr. The OCCUD estimates a potential need of 200 hours of support, resulting in the estimated cost of \$36,000.

Funding will additionally be needed expenses such as Google voice, Zoom, Front Porch Forum, cost of insurance, banking fees, and estimated annual VCUDA fees. These fees can be broken down as depicted in the table below:

Proposed Expenses

Project Mngmt	\$120/hr @ 36hrs/wk	\$207,360.00
Legal	est. \$34,000	\$34,000.00
Strategic Support	\$36,000	\$36,000
Accounting	\$695/mo	\$8,340.00
Website	\$1200/mo	\$1,200.00
Google Voice	\$12/mo	\$144.00
Google LLC	\$60/mo	\$720.00
Zoom	\$150/yr	\$150.00
Bank	\$3/mo	\$36.00
Insurance	\$600/yr	\$600.00
VCUDA	\$9500/yr	\$9,500.00
		\$298,050.00

RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY

Rutland Free Library honored its past and prepared for its future this year.

Thanks to Green Mountain Power and donors Joan Gamble, Mary Moran, and Mary Powell, a statue of our founder, Julia C.R. Dorr, was erected on the southwest corner of the lot overlooking downtown. The Board of Trustees also reprinted and published a new collection of Dorr's poetry, *To the Bending Sky*, and hosted a fundraiser to mark the occasion.

Normal service resumed in our public meeting rooms with in-person activities; many civic organizations took advantage, and library-sponsored programs started back up. Some children's activities are outside as weather allows, largely in response to popular demand. Children's librarian Amanda Begin also became a regular visitor at after-school Tapestry programs.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library partnership begun last year continues to exceed expectations, with valuable community partnerships with local health care providers who introduce the service to parents of newborns. DPIL mails free, age-appropriate books to children monthly from birth until their fifth birthday.

Outdoor seating on the WiFi-enabled front patio continues to be well-used. And we purchased a book bike to allow library staff to do more and better programming outside of the building.

We purchased the bike with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, made available through the Institute for Museum and Library Services and Vermont Dept. of Libraries. A statewide grant was allocated by size of library and income level, with Rutland getting the second-largest grant in the state, totaling some \$33,000. Grant restrictions encouraged spending on equipment and forbidding its use on any building work. We also purchased an automated return system and two self-checkout stations, replacing 10-year-old, Windows 95-based machines. We bought equipment and portable shelving for the children's area. A second, smaller grant for FY2023 has been secured but not yet used.

The Library pays for all its materials and programs through the Nella Grimm Fox endowment, which like the rest of the stock market took a significant hit this year. However, due to careful reinvestment during bull years, the library is able to continue supplying new books and other materials uninterrupted. The Fox Fund also provides online materials through participation in statewide e-book and audiobook downloads via the Libby platform, plus streaming video service Kanopy and streaming audio via Freegal. And the Fund buys the very popular museum and park passes.

In staffing, longtime circulation assistant Liz McRae retired.

Items borrowed decreased during COVID, particularly during the Omicron surge in early fall of 2021, but rebounded with six consecutive months of year-over-year increases. Usage finished the year up by 6 percent. Online borrowing that peaked during the early days of the pandemic has settled in at about 15 percent of all loans.

Users with valid cards are up year over year, to 11,459 from 10,002 (14.5% increase), which is not a surprise given the influx of new Vermonters. A lot of home-shoppers stop by the local library before they even move to a community, so we get to meet many of our new neighbors when they are still just curious visitors.

Last but certainly not least, the City of Rutland paid to replace our boilers (a cost that was not passed onto our supporting towns). They failed within months of each other having served well past their 30 expected years. RFL remains constantly grateful for our community's ongoing support.

Randal Smathers, *Director*

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TOWN OF MENDON

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (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 2022 on many community development and planning initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Worked with Mendon on the Move Committee to secure planning grant to fund a Route 4 Master Plan and serving as the municipal project manager for the study.
- Completed work on Phase 1 of the Rutland Regional Asset Mapping (RAMP) project that includes data from Mendon and began working on a planning grant application to fund Phase 2.
- Worked with the Town Planning Commission to finalize its Enhanced Energy Plan so that it could receive a Determination of Energy Compliance from RRPC on April 19, 2022.
- Worked with EMD and Town Administrator to update 2022 Local Emergency Management Plan, adopt Rutland Region Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement, and exercise the Local Emergency Management Plan.
- Worked with Town Administrator to appoint Regional Emergency Management Committee voting members for 2022-2023 fiscal year.
- Worked with Town Planning Team to update Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Worked with Road Commissioner and Town Administrator to complete FY22 Grants in Aid construction project (2 segments improved) and apply for FY23 GIA construction program funding.
- Worked with Road Commissioner and Town Administrator on MRGP and erosion inventory trainings to ensure permit compliance and meet 2022 15% milestone.
- Provided GIS and mapping support for village center designation.
- Conducted regional bus stop inventory for MVRTD – The Bus.

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! Because together, we grow strong communities!

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COOPERATIVE PLANNING IN THE REGION

RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION ANNUAL BOARD REPORT January 2023

The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union (RNESU) Board has been busy this year making sure that our two school districts (Barstow and Otter Valley) have the resources they need to continue to educate our children. The most important work we did this year was to hire our next Superintendent upon the retirement of Jeanne Collins in June 2022. After two rounds of advertising and interviews, we were successful in hiring our very own Curriculum Director, Kristin Hubert. We are super excited to have her with us, as she already knows our district and what our goals are. She will lead us well into the future! Kristin was successful in hiring Tyler Weideman as our new Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director. Welcome Kristin and Tyler!



The Board has been managing the use of over \$10 million in ESSER and COVID monies over the last three years. We have used this money to provide more support staff in our schools to help our students get back on track with their learning. We have also used some of those funds to buy three modular units to alleviate space issues at OCA-Leicester, Neshobe and Otter Valley. We have the use of these funds for one more year and are already looking at how we will continue to educate our children once these funds are no longer available. We are calling this the ESSER Cliff, and will need to make some hard decisions about what is most beneficial to our kids and how to fund those needs going forward.

We were able to complete successful Negotiations for new three-year contracts with our Teacher and Para/Bus Driver Unions. This will allow for stability of staff and hopefully allow us to attract new staff to our ranks. We are currently hiring for bus drivers and paraprofessionals, so if you or someone you know is looking for a rewarding position, check us out!

The other important work of our board was creating the budget for Special Education, Technology, Central Office, and Transportation. We are committed to a 1:1 device initiative for our students. This means that all students will have a chromebook to help with learning. This year our budget reflects a 10.41% increase in spending. We are changing our Curriculum, Instructions & Assessment Director to an Assistant Superintendent. Essentially this means that we are not hiring new staff, but giving Tyler more responsibilities and will allow him to do his job more effectively. We have made no significant changes in programming.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jacob Powsner for his tireless work on behalf of the RNESU Board, as he 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 should 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





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 2022. Although each town and school within our system is unique, we are committed to supporting OVUU and BUU working together toward achieving RNESU’s vision and mission of educating every child in our eight towns.

In my first year as the RNESU Superintendent, I feel a deep sense of pride in this great district and what we have collectively accomplished in providing an excellent education experience for each and every learner at all grade levels. Although we were all hopeful that COVID was behind us, the 2021-2022 school year was one that challenged all of us with unknowns and transitions back to the school buildings. In and out of masks and with evolving guidance from state and national leaders, students continually acknowledged the circumstances put in front of them by the ongoing pandemic... and yet they persisted. As we worked together as a community and state to make sense of the world around us, we also explored opportunities to innovate and maintain a sense of purpose amidst the challenges. We are grateful for our staff, students, families and community partners – all of whom stood up to the challenges and engaged in the hard work of becoming comfortable with discomfort and figuring it out together. Some of the lessons we learned were not easy, and others were not flattering, but I deeply believe that this is a community that is committed to doing what is best for our students and our schools.

Despite staffing shortages, rising costs, and the looming threat of a pandemic turned endemic, RNESU continues to thrive in many ways. From new bleachers at OV, to modular units to support space needs, our facilities are in good shape and under the direction of a new Coordinator, Rich Vigue. Veteran Superintendent of Schools, Jeanne Collins, departed the District and we welcomed a new Curriculum Director, Tyler Weideman to the team. We said goodbye to long-time Principal Jim Avery and AP Geoffrey Lawrence and welcomed a new Principal, Michael Ruppel and a new Assistant Principal, Patrick Binder. Otter Creek Academy’s Principal Thom Fleury retired, and we welcomed a former instructional coach, Brian Crane into the role. Although change is hard in many ways, it also presents us with new opportunities to create strong schools and build connections with the community. In addition to changes in leadership, we saw many instructional and support staff changes as well. Without these individuals, our buildings could not operate. Thank you to everyone who has continued

Brandon Chittenden Goshen Leicester Mendon Pittsford Sudbury Whiting



to step up and step forward to keep our schools open and thriving, prioritizing student learning and well-being.

Finally, I want to thank this outstanding community for such strong and consistent support, which has enabled us to be the district we've been throughout the pandemic and beyond. The last several years haven't been easy. When together we support the work, we're able to keep moving through hard times. Together, let's continue to re-imagine the possibilities and commit to what we want RNESU schools to look like, for students, staff and families. Thank You.



Respectfully,
Kristin Hubert, Superintendent
RNESU



Please read the full Annual Report, available online at www.rnesu.org or contact RNESU (802) 247-5757 to request a hardcopy.



Brandon Chittenden Goshen Leicester Mendon Pittsford Sudbury Whiting

**BARSTOW UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS’
LETTER TO THE TOWNS OF
CHITTENDEN AND MENDON
January 2023**



Hello Barstow Community,

It has been a year marked with fresh starts, and for the Barstow Unified Union (BUU) Board of Directors it has meant finally returning to an in-person meeting format. A virtual option will continue to be offered for our monthly meetings as well, however it has been such a welcome change to see everyone at the library again.



We would also like to welcome Superintendent Kristin Hubert. It has taken Superintendent Hubert no time at all to get acclimated to our Board Policies and we appreciate her extensive knowledge and thorough interpretations that she provides.

The BUU Board has continued to govern with a Policy Governance model and through our board monitoring processes. We have additionally spent time this year further discussing and amending our Ends Policy to ensure that our goals for student outcomes were clear, obtainable, and measurable.

Our annual board goals for this past year have not changed. We continued in our efforts to provide legislative advocacy regarding financial conditions for public education. We have discussed some of the obstacles that new board members may face and ways to improve our on-boarding and the professional development of new members.



Our support of diversity, equity and inclusion remains steadfast.

Community linkage is vital to us as a board, and we want to hear from you. You can contact the BUU Board through the Let’s Talk app, through the school website, or by joining our monthly meetings. In closing, thank you all for your support of our district and most importantly our children.

Respectfully,

Jessica Quesnel (Chair)
Jacob Powsner (Clerk)
Ethan Bodin
Robin Crossman
Susannah Loffredo



Minutes of Town Meeting February 28, 2022 Mendon Town Garage

34 Voters Present

Moderator Chris Corsones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Chris thanked Bill Ellis and the road crew for preparing the garage for town meeting.

With permission from the audience, State Representative Jim Harrison updated the voters on what is being discussed in Montpelier. Jim first asked voters to take a moment to think and remember the people of Ukraine during this difficult time. Jim thanked the BCA for its work on reapportionment and explained that currently Mendon is paired with Chittenden, Killington, and Pittsfield in one legislative district. While this could still change, it is fairly certain at this point. Jim discussed the two Constitutional amendments currently being discussed in the Statehouse which will be on the ballot in November. Among other items reviewed, Jim updated voters on the underfunded pension liability fund, ARPA funding received at the State level, surplus taxes, and the political backdrop in Montpelier with several high ranking officials looking to replace the retiring Congressman Leahy. Jim encouraged voters to contact them if they had any questions or issues that he might be able to help with.

Rich Carlson thanked Jim for sending out newsletters on a regular basis. Upon a question from Tom Soriano, Jim reviewed the regulation of short-term rentals,

Larry Courcelle thanked Dick Wilcox for his service to the Town as a Selectboard member for the past seven years and presented him with a gift certificate as a thank you from the Town.

Larry Courcelle thanked Phil Douglas for his service to the Town as Constable and Director of Public Safety for the past eight years and presented him with a gift certificate as a thank you from the Town.

Larry Courcelle spoke of the passing of Zoning Administrator Steve Cosgrove this past fall. He will be missed.

Larry Courcelle recognized the BCA for its hard work during BCA appeals as a result of the town-wide reappraisal and stated that the town is always in need of volunteers. There are many positions available with a wide range of time commitment, with as little as a few hours to serving on boards with lengthier commitments and encouraged interested residents to contact Town Administrator Sara Tully.

Larry Courcelle thanked all town employees and stated that the Town would not be able to operate without all of them.

Larry Courcelle spoke of the tribute to Doug Casella for his efforts following Tropical Storm Irene. A monument and park area has been placed near Sugar & Spice as a tribute to Doug.

Article 1 – Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to set the rate of compensation for non-salaried employees and Town Officers appointed mid-term? Cort Jones made a motion

to approve, which was seconded by Gary Sihler. With no discussion, the motion **passed unanimously**.

Article 2 – Shall the Town vote to approve the 2022-2023 Municipal Budget at \$1,253,186? Larry Courcelle gave a presentation regarding the timeline of the budgeting process, as well as the highlights of the budget presented. Phil Douglas made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Jennifer Bagley. Rich Carlson questioned insurance cost increases, which were explained by Sara Tully. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Article 3 – Shall the Town transfer \$50,000 in surplus funds from the 2020-2021 budget to the Highway Improvement Fund. Larry Courcelle reviewed the need for additional funds in the Highway Improvement Fund. Tom Soriano made a motion to approve, which was seconded by John Rizk. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Article 4 – Shall the Town vote to close the Irene Fund and transfer the balance of the funds to the Highway Improvement Fund? Tom Soriano made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Michael Tully. Rich Carlson asked for clarification of what the funds would be used for. Sara Tully referred him to Highway Improvement Fund timeline on page 35 of the town report. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Cort Corsones made a motion to consider articles five through eleven as one question. Chris Corsones explained that this would mean all of those articles would be voted at one time and either pass or fail as one article. Steve Singiser seconded the motion. Tom Soriano asked if someone was sent from each organization to explain why they need the funds. Sara Tully explained how articles get on the ballot. **The motion carried.**

Article 5 through 11 – Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,500 for the support of ARC Rutland Area Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, \$1,200 for the support of Marble Valley Regional Transit District (The Bus), \$700 for the support of RSVP Retired Senior Volunteer Program, \$1,242 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services, \$2,600 for the support of VNA and Hospice of the Southwest Region, \$600 for the support of Southwest Council on Aging, and \$2,500 for the support of Wonderfeet Kids’ Museum? Betsy Reddy made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Rich Carlson. Danielle Monroe from Wonderfeet Museum discussed what the museum does and the usefulness of the funds. Wanda Courcelle from RSVP discussed the many programs RSVP has and the usefulness of the funds. **The motion carried.**

Article 12 – Shall the Town adopt all budget article and public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A § 2680 (c) (d)? Fred Bagley asked how this article got on the ballot. Larry Courcelle explained the Selectboard was not taking a position one way or the other, just presenting the article for voter consideration, since the voters voted by Australian Ballot last year. Gary Sihler, Jennifer Bagley, Tom Soriano, Justin Lindholm, Liam Fracht-Monroe, Lacey Ramage, Ann Singiser, and Sigrid Sihler spoke against the article. Sara Tully spoke in favor of the article. Mike Tully made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Steve Singiser. **The motion failed.**

Article 13 – Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a First Constable and if needed, a Second Constable, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651 (a)? This article will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 01, 2022 at the Town Office.

Article 14 – To Elect the following town officers: Constable – 2 year term, Delinquent Tax Collector – 3 year term, Town Moderator – 1 year term, and Selectboard Member – 3 year term. This article will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 01, 2022 at the Town Office. Candidates running for these positions introduced themselves.

Other Business - Megan Smith, Fred Bagley, and Bryan Sell gave updates from the committees they are serving on as a result of the Community Visit last spring.

Jennifer Bagley asked for a round of applause for those running for town positions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/s Nancy Gondella, Town Clerk
s/s Dick Wilcox, Selectboard Chair
s/s Chris Corsones, Moderator



Warning
Town of Mendon Annual Meeting –March 7, 2023
VTRANS Building
61 Valley View, Mendon, Vermont

The legal voters of the Town of Mendon are hereby notified and warned to meet at the **VTRANS Office Building** on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM to transact all business except Article 11. The meeting will adjourn until March 7, 2023 at 8:00 AM, at the Mendon Town Office, to vote by Australian ballot on Article 11. 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 2023-2024 Municipal Budget at \$1,295,460?
- Article 3 - Shall the Town vote to create a Community Center Reserve Fund and appropriate \$10,000?
- Article 4- 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?
- Article 5 - 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?
- Article 6- 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?
- Article 7 - 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?
- Article 8 - 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?
- Article 9 - 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?
- Article 10 - 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?
- Article 11: To elect the following town officers:
 - Town Moderator for a 1 year term.
 - Selectboard Member for 2 years to complete a 3 year term.
 - Selectboard Member for a 3 year term.

Dated at Mendon, Vermont on this 23rd day of January, 2023

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Mendon:

/s/ Larry Courcelle
/s/ Val Taylor
/s/ Seth Bridge

SAMPLE BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MENDON, VERMONT
MARCH 7, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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

<p style="text-align: center;">MODERATOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Three Year Term _____ more than ONE</p> <p><u>CHRISTOPHER CORSONES</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SELECTBOARD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Two years to complete a Vote for not Three Year Term _____ more than ONE</p> <p><u>LISA A. BROOKS</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SELECTBOARD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Three Year Term _____ more than ONE</p> <p><u>SETH BRIDGE</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">SAMPLE BALLOT</p>



Town Meeting, 1930's

Recognition of Service
Andrew Zak



41 Years
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Dr. Andy Zak has been a staple around the Town of Mendon since anyone can remember. Andy was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment in 1981 where he participated in hearings and made decisions on land use permit applications and heard appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator.

Andy elected to retire from this appointment in October 2022.

On behalf of the Town of Mendon, thank you Andy for your long-term dedication to your community.

Recognition of Dedicated Work

**The members of the Board of Civil Authority
and support staff**

Each year we highlight a person or people who have had a positive impact on the town over the years. This year those people are the members of the Board of Civil Authority and their support staff that served during the Townwide reappraisal between 2021 and 2022 - **Jesse Bridge, Rich Carlson, Marie Conway, Larry Courcelle, Nancy Gondella, Lindsey MacCuaig, Betsy Reddy, Jim Reddy, Bryan Sell, Ann Singiser, Val Taylor, Al Wakefield, Geoff Wells, Richard Wilcox.**



(pictured above) Lindsey MacCuaig, Jesse Bridge, Larry Courcelle, Nancy Gondella, Ann Singiser, Rich Carlson and Al Wakefield.



(pictured above) Geoff Wells, Richard Wilcox and Marie Conway.

The Board of Civil Authority spent countless hours hearing testimony, conducting site visits, deliberating and rendering decisions on the appeals during the Townwide Reappraisal. Much of this work was done during the COVID-19 pandemic. Members sacrificed their right to issue an appeal for their own property during the process because they served on the Board of Civil Authority. The work conducted over the past two years is a true demonstration of their dedication and commitment to the Town of Mendon. It is with sincere gratitude that the 2022 Town Report recognized this group for their work.