

TOWN OF
POMFRET, VERMONT



2023 Annual Report

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION

2020 U.S. Census Population 916
..... Housing Units 546

Town Office

5218 Pomfret Road, North Pomfret, Vermont 05053
<http://pomfretvt.us/>

Town Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
(802) 457-3861 (phone) | (802) 457-8180 (fax)

Clerk..... clerk@pomfretvt.us Treasurer treasurer@pomfretvt.us

Town Garage
(802) 457-2767 (phone)
(802) 369-0225 (cell)

Volunteer Fire Department
Teago Station | 2026 Pomfret Road | (802) 457-1125
Pomfret Station | 7373 Pomfret Road | (802) 457-3730

Road Foreman jim.potter@pomfretvt.us Fire Chief kricevt@gmail.com, (802) 457-2364

EMERGENCIES, FIRE AND AMBULANCE..... 911

Abbott Memorial Library

15 Library Street, South Pomfret, Vermont 05067
<https://www.abbottmemoriallibrary.org/>

Library Hours

Tuesday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM | Thursday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
(802) 457-2236

Regular Meetings

Selectboard..... 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Town Office
Planning Commission..... 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:00 PM, Town Office
Trustees of the Abbott Memorial Library 3rd Monday, 7:00 PM, Abbott Memorial Library

State Representatives

General Assembly, Windsor County 4-1

Heather Surprenant (Barnard)..... hsurprenant@leg.state.vt.us | (802) 272-7943

Senate, Windsor County

Alison Clarkson (Woodstock)..... (802) 457-4627
Richard “Dick” McCormack (Bethel)..... (802) 234-5497
Rebecca White (Hartford)..... (802) 777-4517

Community Reminders

The Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator remind residents that new residential, commercial and certain agricultural buildings, most renovations, home businesses and ponds require a permit application to the Town **before** construction begins. Sewage disposal system and access permits are required before a building permit can be issued. Sewage disposal system permits are issued by the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Failure to observe this procedure constitutes a violation of our zoning ordinance, and could result in serious penalties or other financial losses to those involved.

Residents are required to have an annual permit sticker (valid July 1 through June 30) and coupons to use the GUVSWMD/Hartford Transfer Station located at 2590 North Hartland Road (Route 5) in Hartford. Both are available at the Town Clerk’s office. The cost of a permit is \$30.00 and the coupons are \$51.50 for a punch card of ten.

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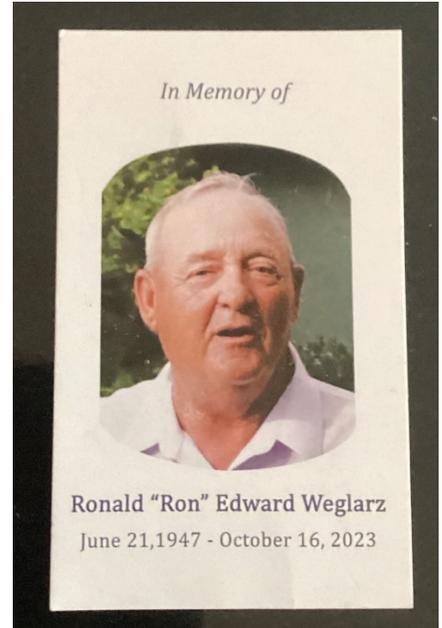
TRIBUTE

Ronald "Ron" Węglarz

(1947–2023)

The character of a town is no more and no less than the character of its inhabitants. Our town, Pomfret, Vermont, from its very beginning, has been a rural community of hard-working, frugal yet generous neighbors. People who all knew each other, watched out for each other, helped each other unstintingly, showed up whenever needed without being asked, knew they would have help when it was needed and at the same time stayed out of each other's business. People who didn't feel the need for more and didn't ask for more. A combination of self-reliance and inter-dependence.

Ron Węglarz was one of those people. Ron was the personification of all those characteristics. Unfailingly positive. Quietly friendly. Happy to stop for a conversation, and always welcome when he showed up. And always, always, ready to pitch in and help. Always ready as well with a story, and in the tradition of the finest story-tellers, Ron knew when a story needed a little seasoning, the kind of truth that's more universal than specific.



Ronald "Ron" Węglarz was born on June 21, 1947 in Franklin, New Hampshire, and with his sunny disposition, it seems appropriate that he arrived with the summer solstice. He moved with his family to North Pomfret as a teenager, where he discovered the girl next door, Sally DeCoff. They married in 1966, lived briefly in Bethel and then moved back to Pomfret. Ron and Sally lived their lives happily married for fifty-seven years, surrounded by family within a stone's throw of where they met. Kids came along, Eric, Barb, and Mark, and grandkids followed.

Ron wasn't born here, but he was born to be here, right here in Pomfret, Vermont. He belonged here. He was one of those people we know will always be there when we need them. He worked hard, he loved working in the construction business and excelled as a heavy equipment operator. He loved hunting and fishing with his family and friends. He loved working in his garden and every summer grew the biggest garden in the neighborhood. He loved and fiercely protected his family. He knew how to have fun. He loved dancing with Sally and the joy it added to life.

Ron died on October 16, 2023 and took a ray of sunshine with him. He belongs to Pomfret history now. We'll miss him and we won't forget him.

SUMMARY OF TOWN MEETING

MARCH 7, 2023

Town Meeting was again held by Australian Ballot by authority of the Vermont Legislature, rather than in an open meeting format. Ballots were mailed to all active voters in the Town of Pomfret. The voting results are as follows:

1. The following Town Officers were elected: Kevin Geiger, Moderator; Rebecca Fielder, Clerk; Benjamin Brickner, Selectboard 3yr; Emily Grube, Selectboard 2yr; Meg Emmons, Selectboard 1yr; Ellen DesMeules, Treasurer; Susan Burgess, Cemetery Commissioner; Neil Lamson, Lister; Anne Mears Abbott, Auditor; Douglas Abbott, Library Trustee 3yr; Betsy Rhodes, Library Trustee 3yr; Mary Worrell, Library Trustee 1yr of a 3yr term; Marjorie Wakefield, Trustee of Public Funds.
2. The voters authorized the Treasurer to be the collector of current taxes.
3. The FY24 General and Highway Budget totaling \$1,766,444 was approved.
4. \$42,500 was appropriated to the Abbott Memorial Library.
5. \$12,500 was appropriated to the Pomfret Cemetery Commission.
6. \$3,950 was appropriated to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH.
7. \$3,800 was appropriated to the Woodstock Area Council on Aging (Thompson Senior Center).
8. \$979 was appropriated to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS).
9. \$2,500 was appropriated to Empower Up – Windsor Central Mentoring Program.
10. \$750 was appropriated to the Spectrum Teen Center.
11. \$900 was appropriated to Pentangle Arts.
12. \$400 was appropriated to the Women’s Information Service (WISE) of the Upper Valley.
13. \$2,500 was appropriated to the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF).
14. \$50 was appropriated to Green Up Vermont.
15. It was voted to re-appropriate the sum of \$145,375 from the unassigned General Fund balance to reduce FY24 taxes to be raised.
16. It was voted to have the Town Treasurer collect taxes in two installments, on August 18, 2023 and February 2, 2024. Late payments will be subject to interest of 1% per calendar month or a portion thereof. All taxes outstanding on February 3, 2024 shall be delinquent and subject to a penalty of 8%.

368 ballots were cast out of a total of 787 registered voters.

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 20, 2023

An open/floor vote special town meeting convened at the Prosper Valley School, with 65 registered voters present. The following articles were voted by voice vote:

1. It was voted to elect town officers by Australian ballot; Moderator Kevin Geiger called for a division of the house following an inconclusive voice vote. The results were 44 AYE and 19 NAY.
2. It was voted to adopt all budget articles by Australian ballot, with an amendment made that an informational meeting would be held before the warning is finalized. The amended article passed by voice vote.
3. The article to vote on all public questions by Australian ballot passed by voice vote.
4. The article to change the date of the annual town meeting to the third day preceding the first Tuesday of March was defeated by voice vote. Town Meeting will remain on the first Tuesday of March.

**WARNING
TOWN OF POMFRET
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2024**

The legal voters of the Town of Pomfret, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Pomfret Town Offices, 5218 Pomfret Road, on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, between 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM, to vote by Australian ballot upon the articles of business listed herein.

An informational hearing to discuss the articles to be voted upon will occur in the Pomfret Town Hall, 5233 Pomfret Road, and via Zoom on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 9:00 AM. Instructions for joining the informational hearing appear at the end of this Warning.

The legal voters of the Town of Pomfret, Vermont are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said voting by Australian ballot shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. For more information, please visit <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/early-absentee-voting/> or call the Pomfret Town Offices at (802) 457-3861 during normal business hours (Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM).

1. To elect the following Town officers:
 - Town Moderator, 1-year term;
 - Town Clerk, 1-year term;
 - Selectboard Member, 3-year term;
 - Selectboard Member, 2-year term (*see Note below*);
 - Treasurer, 1-year term;
 - Cemetery Commissioner, 3-year term;
 - Lister, 3-year term;
 - Auditor, 3-year term;
 - Library Trustee, 3-year term;
 - Library Trustee, 3-year term; and
 - Trustee of Public Funds, 3-year term.

Note: Term length of the two additional Selectboard members was changed from 1 year to 2 years by approval of Article 2 at the 2022 Town Meeting.

2. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4791?
3. Shall the voters approve the combined budget for Fiscal Year 2025 of \$1,805,950 for general purposes (\$516,599) and for highway purposes (\$1,289,351), of which \$1,114,433 will be raised by current year taxes and \$691,517 by other sources?

Note: The amounts in this Article 3 exclude the appropriations proposed in Articles 4 through 14 below.

4. Shall the voters appropriate \$42,500 to the Abbott Memorial Library?
5. Shall the voters appropriate \$12,500 to the Pomfret Cemetery Commission?
6. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,950 to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH in support of care provided in patients' homes?

7. Shall the voters appropriate \$4,800 to the Woodstock Area Council on Aging (d.b.a. The Thompson Senior Center) to be used for operational expenses to provide meals on wheels, transportation, wellness and social activities, medical equipment, and other Aging at Home support services to benefit Town residents?
8. Shall the voters appropriate \$979 to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services for support of services provided to residents of Windsor County?
9. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Empower Up - Windsor Central Mentoring Program (formerly known as the Ottauquechee Community Partnership) to support their Mentor and Buddy Program?
10. Shall the voters appropriate \$750 to the Spectrum Teen Center for support of activities at the center?
11. Shall the voters appropriate \$900 to Pentangle Arts for providing artistic endeavors in the community?
12. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF) for funding and support for individuals with limited financial means to help meet critical health and wellness needs such as medical and dental care, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prescription co-payments and short-term caregiver services?
13. Shall the voters appropriate \$400 to the Women's Information Service (WISE) of the Upper Valley for support of activities at the service?
14. Shall the voters appropriate \$50 to Green Up Vermont for Green Up Day supplies and services?
15. Shall the voters exempt the real properties of Pomfret-Teago Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. from taxation for a period of five years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 3840?
16. Shall the voters re-appropriate \$118,717 of the unassigned General Fund balance to reduce Fiscal Year 2025 taxes to be raised?

Note: Approval of this article would leave \$79,145 in the General Fund balance, which amount would remain subject to re-appropriation by the voters at a later date.

17. Shall the voters require that taxes be paid in U.S. funds in two installments, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4773, and that the first installment of such taxes be due and accepted at the Treasurer's office on or before 2:30 PM on August 16, 2024, and that the balance be due at the same location on or before 2:30 PM on February 7, 2025, and that overdue taxes bear interest at a rate of 1.0% per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4873, and that all delinquent taxes be subject to an 8.0% penalty pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 1674?

Dated this 24th day of January, 2024,
by the Selectboard of the Town of Pomfret:

John Peters Jr., Chair
Benjamin Brickner, Vice-Chair
Steve Chamberlin
Jonathan Harrington
Emily Grube

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
INFORMATIONAL HEARING INSTRUCTIONS

An informational hearing to discuss the articles to be voted upon will occur in the Pomfret Town Hall, 5233 Pomfret Road, and via Zoom on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 9:00 AM. You may join this informational hearing by telephone, computer or smartphone as follows:

Computer or Smartphone

<https://zoom.us/j/95395079923?pwd=ZjBEEd3ZuZWgvWmx2M0tpOE8zbjg2dz09>

Landline or Mobile Phone

Dial (301) 715-8592. When prompted, enter Meeting ID 953 9507 9923 and Passcode 306922.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

The Auditors are required by state law to examine and, if necessary, adjust the accounts and financial records of all town officers and any other persons authorized to draw orders on the Town Treasurer. To this end, the Auditors have verified stated account balances, confirmed that expenditures have been duly authorized, and that income has been received into the appropriate accounts of the town.

The Auditors also are required to present detailed statements of the financial condition of the town, classified summaries of receipts and expenditures, lists of trust fund assets, and certain information about indebtedness, if any. To the extent applicable, these statements, summaries, lists and information are presented elsewhere in this Annual Report. To the best of our knowledge, these materials collectively and accurately portray the financial condition of the Town of Pomfret as of June 30, 2023.

Initiatives completed:

The Financial Management Committee, appointed by the Selectboard representing the Auditors, Town Treasurer and Selectboard, continued to work on town financial policies. During fiscal year 2024, the following policies were adopted by the Selectboard:

- Rainy Day Reserve Funds Policy
- Reserve Fund Policy
- Purchasing Policy
- Credit and Debit Card Policy

We are grateful for the continuing invaluable assistance of Ellen DesMeules, Town Treasurer, and Becky Fielder, Town Clerk, throughout the year. We also thank the town departments, contributors, and other organizations who submit their annual summaries for the Pomfret Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Matthews
Kristen Esty
Annie Mears Abbott

TREASURER'S REPORT

TOWN

Total revenue was \$92,575 over budget due to collection of delinquent tax accounts.
Total expenses were \$8,369 under budget.

While that looks like it should have increased the unallocated fund balance, the expenses were \$20,821 greater than the income, so the cumulative fund balance decreased by that amount, leaving the fund balance at \$343,237 at year end. However, \$121,767 of that is already promised as a contribution toward taxes. And \$145,375 is similarly promised for the fiscal year 2023-24. These entries will significantly reduce the fund balance.

HIGHWAY

Highway revenue was \$6,741 shy of budget, because anticipated grant income did not materialize. Expenses were \$16,613 over budget, with a variety of expense groups over and under spent: payroll-related costs were \$56,96 over budget, though road maintenance materials were \$46,498 under budget. The cost of maintaining equipment, both large and small, exceeded budget by \$24,389, while contracts and other category was underspent by \$29,835, though this was partially offset by spending on garage renovations. At the end of the year, highway spending outpaced income by \$105,434. This shortfall entirely consumed the accumulated fund balance, leaving a deficit of \$3,304.88, which was repaid from the Highway Rainy Day Reserve. Budget plans call for giving \$20,050 from the highway fund toward reducing taxes in FY 2023-24; it remains to be seen if there will be an adequate surplus next fiscal year to cover that expense.

For those who search the financial reports to locate the amounts going toward taxes each year, they are the result of planned deficit spending, such that the budgeted expenses are greater than the anticipated income. There are no such numbers in the line-item details of the budget reports.

The town has made a significant effort to reduce delinquent tax balances. This means late tax payments will be considerably smaller in coming years, no longer providing a source of money for unexpected spending, or for funds to put toward subsequent year taxes. Instead, the rainy day reserves will be relied upon for unexpected expenses or revenue shortfalls, and must be replenished.

By the end of 2024, all the ARPA funds must be spent; the town is using these COVID-era federal funds to complete projects that had been on a "dream list", such as digitizing land records and surveys, purchasing equipment to improve remote/ZOOM meetings, purchasing generators, installing a handicapped accessible door at the Town Office, and undertaking a study to renovate the Town Hall. These are all significant projects that would have been difficult to fund through taxes.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen DesMeules, Pomfret Treasurer

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS

The Town of Pomfret had no indebtedness as of December 31, 2023.

SURETY BOND

All Town officers are covered by a blanket \$500,000 bond through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

PROPERTY TAX RECONCILIATION

as of June 30, 2023

Beginning Balance, Delinquent Taxes	93,990.68	<i>receivables beginning of the year</i>
Billings per NEMRC status report	5,049,119.83	<i>from grand list tax book summary</i>
Late fee retained by Town	150.00	<i>from final education report</i>
Less Payments sent directly to School	(263,614.35)	<i>from final education report</i>
Less Current Year Taxes	(4,628,908.31)	<i>from GF trial balance</i>
Less Town Delinquent Taxes recorded	(199,121.28)	<i>from GF trial balance</i>
Adjustments/Rounding	(4.95)	
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Net	51,611.62	
Delinquencies per List	(51,611.62)	<i>receivables at the end of the year</i>
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Difference	(0.00)	

TREASURER'S TAX REPORT

as of June 30, 2023

Below is the funding schedule on which the 2022-2023 tax bills are based. On Town Meeting Day 2023, the town voted to raise \$1,067,927 in taxes, plus the local agreement tax to pay the education tax associated with certain qualifying veterans, of which Pomfret has 4. The State sets the Education tax rates to budgets and Pomfret's contribution to State equalization spending.

Rate name	FY 2022-23 Tax rate	Grand list value	Total taxes raised
Homestead education	1.5062	1,588,968.47	2,393,304.72
Non-residential education	1.5571	1,019,130.44	1,586,888.08
Local agreement	0.0007	2,615,132.11	1,830.47
Town tax	0.4084	2,615,132.11	1,068,016.97
Total tax			5,050,040.24

School payments	
Windsor Central Unified Union District	1,900,407.00
State of Vermont	1,809,210.70
State payments toward local school	263,464.35

HISTORIC POMFRET TAX RATES

Residential Rate	1H 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Town rate		0.3261	0.3767	0.3852	0.3882	0.3613	0.3616	0.3650	0.3776	0.4084	0.3479
Local agreement	No taxes assessed	0.0023	0.0012	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0005	0.0005	0.0007	0.0007
Residential edu. rate		1.5707	1.3642	1.4459	1.5437	1.6738	1.6586	1.5735	1.5031	1.5571	1.4632
Total residential rate		1.8991	1.7421	1.8315	1.9323	2.0355	2.0206	1.9390	1.8812	1.9662	1.8118

Non-Residential Rate	1H 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024
Town rate		0.3261	0.3767	0.3852	0.3882	0.3613	0.3616	0.3650	0.3776	0.4084	0.3479
Local agreement	No taxes assessed	0.0023	0.0012	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0005	0.0005	0.0007	0.0007
Non-res. edu. rate		1.3614	1.4427	1.4559	1.4993	1.5937	1.6372	1.5472	1.4995	1.5062	1.337
Total non-res. rate		1.6898	1.8206	1.8415	1.8879	1.9554	1.9992	1.9127	1.8776	1.9153	1.6856

POMFRET COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

It has been an ongoing process with the delinquent properties in getting the past due taxes resolved. There was one tax sale in 2023. To view the Delinquent Tax Collection Policy, you can find this on the Pomfret website www.pomfretvt.us under Documents, subsection Policies. Or you can contact me for a copy.

While I do not hold regular office hours at the Town Office, please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the day on my cell phone number of 1-802-299-8211 or by email karen.hewitt@pomfretvt.us or if you wish to meet in person, we can schedule a time.

Karen Hewitt Osnoe
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

**STATEMENT OF OPERATING AND HIGHWAY RECEIPTS,
DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND BALANCE CHANGES**

For Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023

General Fund Receipts:

Property taxes, gross collection	4,628,908.31
Education taxes paid to State	(1,809,210.70)
Education taxes paid to local school To Highway Fund	(1,900,407.00)
Current Use reimbursement + penalties	(959,513.00)
Delinquent taxes, late fees, penalties	275,186.00
Payments in lieu of taxes	236,530.83
Donations	11,152.59
Other fees and income	37,101.29
	21,526.45

Total income **541,274.77**

General Fund Disbursements:

To reserves	85,800.00
Personnel, insurance, benefits	128,895.06
Town and charitable appropriations	69,329.00
Buildings, grounds, repeater expenses	25,855.85
Fire Department, Ambulance, dispatch	152,151.79
Professional fees (legal, accounting)	27,532.73
Assessments (VLCT, 2 Rivers, etc)	20,407.76
Computer related expenses	20,324.53
Special projects (Town Plan, zoning)	16,776.87
Other expenses	15,022.72

Total expenses **562,096.31**

Fund balance as of July 1, 2022 **364,058.86**

Change during FY 2022-23 (20,821.54)

Fund balance as of June 30, 2023 **343,237.32**

Highway Fund Income

State aid to Highways	142,163.11
Tax support	959,513.00
Miscellaneous income	2,495.10

Total income **1,104,171.21**

Highway Fund Disbursements

Personnel, insurance, benefits	447,618.73
Road materials and garage supplies	345,680.74
Vehicle and large equipment costs	38,810.41
Building expenses	16,188.56
Contract and grant spending	7,306.49
To reserves	354,000.00

Total expenses **1,209,604.93**

Fund balance as of July 1, 2022 **102,128.84**

Change during FY 2022-23 (105,433.72)

Fund balance as of June 30, 2023 **(3,304.88)**

Funds taken from Highway Rainy Day reserve to cover this deficit.

LISTERS' REPORT

Pomfret has 589 taxable parcels for the tax year 2023-24. There are an additional 15 non-taxed parcels, including the Town Hall, Town Offices, cemeteries, the North Pomfret Congregational Church, town garage, and other town owned land. There are two voted exemptions (the two Fire Department buildings); five partial Veteran exemptions, one partial Statutory exemption (Purple Crayon Productions, Inc. dba ArtisTree) and one special exemption (the ski lifts at Saskadena Six). We receive Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) funds for the Appalachian Trail land (federal) as well as State owned land off Joe Ranger Road and Allen Hill Road (Amity Pond Natural Area). 167 parcels are enrolled in the Current Use program.

In the summer of 2023 our contractor completed a townwide reappraisal. The Town of Pomfret had not undergone a full reappraisal since 2008-09, and our property values were an average of 30% lower than market value. The main goals of the reappraisal were to update our property records, put all properties back on a level playing field, and equalize the tax burden fairly. Even with the higher valuations, the sales prices we have been seeing since the reappraisal are above the new values, meaning the market shows no sign of cooling off. Good for sellers, not so good for buyers as inventory remains low and prices are going up to meet demand.

The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) following the reappraisal was 104.04%, though at the end of the year our updated CLA for 2024 is 100.53% and the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is currently at 9.18%.

Homestead Declarations (VT HS-122 form) are required annually by April 15th and are to be filed with your Vermont Income Tax forms or online. There is a penalty applied by the State for anyone filing after this date, and if not filed, your property tax will be calculated based on the non-residential rate and you will be ineligible for a state payment toward the education tax. Filing an extension for your income taxes does NOT extend the deadline for the Homestead Declaration, so be sure to file it on time!

Pomfret Board of Listers

Norm Buchanan
Becky Fielder
Neil Lamson

GRAND LIST DATA SUMMARY

as of December 31, 2023

(Taxable properties only; State and Non-tax status properties are not included - see list below for "NON -TAX" parcels)

	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Education Listed Value	Non- Residential Education Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
<u>REAL ESTATE</u>					
Residential I	178	66,774,120	46,547,410	20,226,710	66,774,120
Residential II	291	290,810,650	106,732,610	184,078,040	290,810,650
Mobile Home-U	1	31,680	-	31,680	31,680
Mobile Home-L	4	454,320	218,360	235,960	454,320
Seasonal I	4	358,600	-	358,600	358,600
Seasonal II	5	2,986,750	-	2,986,750	2,986,750
Commercial	9	6,890,430	-	6,890,430	6,890,430
Commercial Apartments	1	945,730	-	945,730	945,730
Utilities-Electric	1	4,320,230	-	4,320,230	4,320,230
Farm	7	12,310,110	3,893,560	8,416,550	12,310,110
Miscellaneous	88	31,574,350	239,550	31,334,800	31,574,350
TOTAL LISTED R.E. VALUE	589	417,456,970	157,631,490	259,825,480	417,456,970
<u>EXEMPTIONS</u>					
Veterans 10,000	5	50,000	40,000	10,000	50,000
Veterans >10,000	5	150,000	-	-	-
Total Veterans	5	200,000	40,000	10,000	50,000
Grandfathered (<i>Fire Depts</i>)	2	615,300	-	615,300	615,300
Current Use	167	82,850,550	18,980,300	63,870,250	82,850,550
Special Exemptions (<i>Ski Area</i>)	1	-	-	703,320	703,320
Partial Statutory (<i>PCP Inc.</i>)	1	2,955,910	-	2,955,910	2,955,910
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS		86,621,760	19,020,300	68,154,780	87,175,080
LISTED VALUE MINUS EXEMPTIONS		330,835,210	138,611,190	191,670,700	330,281,890
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		3,308,352.10	(This amount equals 10% of the total Grand List)		
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			1,386,111.90	1,916,707.00	3,302,818.90
NON-TAX PARCELS*	17				
Abbott Memorial Library		North Pomfret Church	Pomfret Town Hall		
Appalachian Trail (US Dept. of Interior)		Pomfret Stump Dump	Pomfret Town Offices		
Bunker Hill Cemetery		Pomfret Town Forest	Pomfret Town Picnic Area		
Burns Cemetery		Pomfret Town Brick Building	Tax Sale parcel - Handy Road		
Hewittville Cemetery		Pomfret Town Garage	The Prosper Valley School (TPVS/WCUUSD)		

*Non-tax parcel list above does NOT include State owned land off Joe Ranger Road and Amity Pond Natural Area, for which the Town receives PILOT funds (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes), and the "Harrington Condominium" land on Pomfret Road where the taxes are divided and paid by the individual building owners, not the condo association.

CLERK'S REPORT

In 2023 the clerk's office received 278 documents for recording (including 48 property transfers), issued 10 marriage licenses, notarized 59 documents, registered 232 dogs, sold 113 landfill permits and 146 punchcards, and registered 34 new voters. We also handed out over 1000 free COVID test kits, provided at no charge by the State of Vermont's Department of Health.

This year was a fairly quiet one in the clerk's office, aside from the general day-to-day work of recording and licensing and being an informational hub. We were able to dedicate time to scanning and indexing the survey records, which should be uploaded to the online land records portal sometime this coming fall. We also embarked on an extensive cleanout of obsolete files and overhauled the vault space to make room for new records to be stored.

Curious about your deed or the history of your property? Pomfret's land records can be found at <https://pomfret.lr-1.com/> - there is no fee to search, but a \$2.50 per page fee to print non-watermarked copies from the website. The physical records books are located in the vault at the Town Office, and are searchable in person by appointment.

In September the Board of Civil Authority (consisting of the Town Clerk, Selectboard, and Justices of the Peace) voted to obtain a tabulator machine for elections starting with 2024. The tabulator was delivered in December and will drastically cut back on the time it takes to tally our ballots and produce results for reporting. I am excited to see how it works out for our upcoming Town Meeting as well as the 3 state/federal elections this year!

Speaking of elections, this year the Presidential Primary is on March 5th, followed by the State Primary on August 13th, and the General Election on November 5th. Voters can log into their MyVoterPage at <https://mvp.vermont.gov/> to verify their mailing address and request absentee ballots for the Primaries. General election ballots will be automatically mailed to all voters in late September.

Becky Fielder
Town Clerk

CLERK'S DOG ACCOUNT REPORT

Fees from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

130	Neutered/Spayed	@ 10.00	\$1,300.00
8	Unaltered dogs	@ 14.00	\$112.00
74	Neutered/spayed with penalty	@ 12.00	\$888.00
20	Unaltered with penalty	@ 18.00	\$360.00
232	Dogs		\$2,660.00

Total: 232 dogs = \$2,660.00

**NOTE – By State Law, all dogs and wolf-hybrids 6 months of age or older must be licensed with the Town Clerk each year on or before April 1st.
A current Rabies Certificate is required for licensing.**

For the purposes of licensing a dog or wolf-hybrid, a current vaccination against rabies means that:

1. All dog and wolf-hybrid vaccinations recognized by state and local authorities shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
2. All dogs and wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination.
3. All subsequent vaccinations following the initial vaccination shall be valid for 36 months.
4. All vaccinations, including the initial vaccination, shall be with a U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved vaccine product.

The number of dogs licensed this year is up from 200 dogs registered in 2022. **If you are a dog owner and do not register your dog, you are in violation of 20 V.S.A. Section 3590, which states that animals may be destroyed if not immunized and licensed.** Please make an effort to license your dogs each year on or before the April 1st deadline. Pomfret’s dog ordinance dated October 1st, 2014 is available in the Town Office or can be downloaded from our website at <http://pomfretvt.us> under the Documents tab.

VITAL STATISTICS

2023 Births/Adoptions

January 6 Teagan Renee Aiken, daughter of Christine Rondeau and Ryan Aiken
April 13 Adalina Jane Fox, daughter of Emily and Timothy Fox
April 16 Sylvia Jeanne Walker, daughter of Katrina and Jared Walker
August 25 Alice Bea Clark, daughter of Mary and Nathaniel Clark
December 11 Gracelynn Michele Palazzo, daughter of Andrew and Michele Palazzo (born 12/9/2020)
December 11 Eliana Grace Palazzo, daughter of Andrew and Michele Palazzo (born 1/20/2022)
December 16 Lydia Fay Schwenk, daughter of Spencer and Elizabeth Schwenk

2023 Marriages

May 15 Frank Miller Hewitt of Woodstock VT and Mary Margaret Aldrich of Nelson NH
June 8 Kelsey Victoria Wicks and Ethan John Kascenska, both of Pomfret VT
June 24 Luke Gordon Barnaby and Kirsten Elizabeth Murphy, both of Woodstock VT
June 25 Andrew Jacob Fallone of Milwaukee WI and Claire McKay Spangler of Pomfret VT
September 9 Emma Walker Post White and Mitchell Joseph Preffer, both of Providence RI
September 18 Olivia Stuart Tujanjanin and Matthew Tucker Rickards, both of Santa Barbara CA
September 23 Lucia-Gabriela Cioffredi Ellerson and Cody Roy Chase, both of Pomfret VT
September 30 Stephanie Elaine Hamilton and Nicolas Fernando del Valle Russell, both of New York NY
September 30 Taylor Catherine McKenna and Duncan Baker Hurrelbrink, both of Minneapolis MN
October 7 Chelsea Stowell Howland and Jacob Robert Cole, both of Pomfret VT

2023 Deaths/Burials

February 28 Ann E. Reynolds of Pomfret VT, age 94
April 3 Eleanor W. Tracy of Pomfret VT, age 83
April 17 Deborah Anne McLaughlin of Pomfret VT, age 72
May 18 Frank Miller Hewitt of Woodstock VT (interred in family plot), age 71
June 3 Stephen Jay Schultz of Pomfret VT, age 76
June 24 Bernadette V. Burch of Ascutney VT (interred in family plot, died January 26, 2023 at age 90)
June 24 Robert F. Burch of Ascutney VT (interred in family plot, died December 11, 2010 at age 86)
July 25 Bernside H. Bartlett of Lebanon NH (interred in family plot, died January 28, 2023 at age 87)
August Steven Michael Foster of Washington VT, age 34
August 26 Carol M. Maxham of White River Jct. VT (interred in family plot, died May 4, 2023 at age 85)
August 26 Wilmer R. Maxham of Windsor VT (interred in family plot, died November 15, 2019 at age 84)
September 7 Robert W. Hatfield of Pomfret VT, age 73
September 14 Kyriaki Tsouknakis of Pomfret VT and Greece, age 86
September 30 Bertha M. Pierce of Hartland VT (formerly of Pomfret), age 96
October 16 Ronald Edward Weglarz of Pomfret VT, age 76
October 22 Lysle Harvey Linsley of Pomfret VT and Fort Myers FL, age 73
November 20 Margaret "Peggy" Estelle Kannenstine of Pomfret VT, age 85
November 21 Doris M. LeBaron of Woodstock VT (formerly of Pomfret), age 97
December 3 Alan R. Blackmer of Pomfret VT, age 86
December 6 Duane J. Harrington of Pomfret VT, age 80

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Last year was a busy one for the Selectboard and we welcome this opportunity to discuss the highlights.

Meeting Format. 2023 began with COVID-19 still a public health concern. For this reason we held our town meeting via Australian ballot, as we did in 2021 and 2022. Ballots were mailed to all active voters and participation was extraordinarily high for a local election, at nearly 50%. Voters approved the town budget and several social services appropriations. The Selectboard continues to hold hybrid meetings, resulting in a welcome increase in turnout and participation in our proceedings. You can find dial-in instructions for our meetings at pomfretvt.us/index.php/boar/sel.

The Future of Town Meeting. Although the tradition of in-person town meeting is welcomed by many as an opportunity to see neighbors and debate important local issues face-to-face, Australian balloting during COVID-19 saw significantly increased voter participation. With the emergency public health law allowing towns temporarily to vote by Australian ballot expected to expire soon, we felt it was appropriate to allow voters an opportunity to decide whether to adopt this voting method permanently.

We called a special town meeting at The Prosper Valley School in late May to decide this question. With sixty-five voters present, Australian balloting was adopted for town officer elections, budget articles and other public questions. An informational meeting will be held before Town Meeting Day. Our goal is make this a forum for discussion and community-building, much like traditional town meeting has been.

Expanded Zoning Board of Adjustment. As the pressure and complexity of proposed development continues to increase, our Zoning Board of Adjustment has been busy working with landowners to ensure responsible development in accordance with our zoning ordinance and flood hazard rules. To help the Zoning Board manage its workload, we increased its size from five to seven members.

We thank those who volunteered to fill the additional positions. They join many other neighbors and friends who volunteer their time to ensure Pomfret runs smoothly and remains an enviable place to live. See the inside back cover of this town report for the full list of local volunteers.

Highway and Building Investments. Our highway team continued renovation of the town garage to include a new generator and underground utilities, allowing the building to remain functional during power outages and other emergencies, and enabling the team to serve our town even in difficult conditions. We acquired a new Ford F-550 with dump body, plow and wing to replace our aging F-550.

Exterior repair and drainage work on the historic brick building next to the town office was completed last summer. We were awarded a Municipal Energy Resilience Program grant to fund an energy audit and consulting services to review energy resilience and accessibility options for the Town Hall. We also created a Town Hall Revitalization Committee to engage the community on future uses of the building.

Ordinance and Policy Updates. In June we revised our Highway Ordinance to clarify when a permit is needed to alter an existing driveway where it enters onto a town road and to relax the sight distance requirements for new driveways on our back roads.

In July we adopted a Declaration of Inclusion confirming Pomfret as a place where all are welcome and affirming our commitment to fair treatment of all in our community. Similar declarations have been adopted by 130 other Vermont towns, and it follows a proclamation by Governor Scott in May 2021.

In August we revised our Traffic and Parking Ordinance to create a new speed limit along Stage Road and to expand the 25 mph zone in South Pomfret village. We continue to conduct vehicular speed studies to ensure

our roads are properly posted, and work with the Windsor County Sheriff to patrol regularly and address non-emergency law enforcement issues. As always, dial 911 for emergencies.

We approved several financial policies throughout the year to improve our accounting and budgeting practices. We thank our Financial Management Committee for their continuing effort to ensure the town's financial procedures remain clear and robust. We also created or streamlined several permit forms to help applicants obtain the information and approvals they need. You can find our ordinances and policies at pomfretvt.us/index.php/documents.

Foliage Traffic Management. Foliage traffic management continues to present public safety and quality of life challenges, particularly along the lower portion of Cloudland Road. After making the road one-way during the 2022 fall foliage season with mixed results, we decided last year to close a portion of Cloudland Road entirely to non-local traffic.

The temporary closure had its intended effect, eliminating gridlock and improving quality of life. We thank the community for its patience during the traffic pattern change, and for its discretion as the national news media descended upon our small town to report on a basic local government function.

Grant Funding Opportunities. The Selectboard continues to leverage outside funding to complete planning and maintenance work that will benefit our community for years to come. We anticipate replacing additional culverts this year and have been awarded a Structures Program grant to defray the cost of replacing dual culverts on Wild Apple Road, scheduled for this summer. We were unable to pave Stage Road as planned last year due to persistent wet weather. That project will be completed this year. We also received Grants in Aid funding to complete ditching work on Webster Hill Road.

Town plan and local hazard mitigation plan updates will be completed this year. A study of vehicular and pedestrian safety concerns in South Pomfret funded by a Bicycle and Pedestrian Study Grant has been completed. We will seek additional grant funding to implement some of the study suggestions.

ARPA Funding Opportunities. Pomfret received nearly \$255,000 from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). These funds are intended to promote resiliency in public health and infrastructure. To these ends, we used ARPA funds to purchase generators for the town garage and the Fire Department's North Pomfret Station; acquire hybrid meeting equipment to encourage participation in town government meetings; and make the town office entryway more accessible. We continue exploring ways to use remaining ARPA funds to promote our community's long term health and welfare.

Property Assessment and Taxation. The town-wide property reappraisal was completed last year, with new values mailed to taxpayers in June. Although the average assessment increased (primarily a result of rising home sale prices across the region), we anticipate the town tax rate will decrease as a result.

We commend our Board of Listers for their excellent work during this process. Property valuation is a complex topic that can have deeply personal financial impacts. Following dozens of informal Q&A sessions and formal grievance hearings, none of the new valuations were appealed.

We continue our concerted effort to collect delinquent taxes, ideally via payment agreements, but also through tax sales if necessary. There was one tax sale last year, the first in several years. Collection of delinquent taxes reduces the burden on taxpayers who pay their bills on time. After peaking above \$280,000 in 2020, the delinquent and late tax roll declined to only about \$75,000 at the end of 2023.

Municipal Administration. As municipal government becomes more complex—even for small towns like ours—the Selectboard is considering whether to hire an administrator to handle day-to-day Selectboard functions like grant writing, contract negotiation and local-state government relations. These conversations are ongoing and your input would be greatly appreciated.

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Selectboard meetings are open to the public and we thank those who participate and offer their opinions and guidance. You can find our contact information at pomfretvt.us/index.php/boar/sel. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and around town.

John Peters, Jr. Chair
Benjamin Brickner, Vice-Chair
Steve Chamberlin
Meg Emmons
Emily Grube

FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET NARRATIVE

The combined Fiscal Year 2025 Town and Highway budget of \$ 1,877,779 (including voted appropriations) is 2.2% higher than Fiscal Year 2024’s total budget of \$1,837,273. The Fiscal Year 2025 budget represents an increase compared to Fiscal Year 2024 (for the reasons explained below), and is 9.3% above the average combined budget for the last five years (Fiscal Years 2021 through 2025). If the voters approve all voted appropriations and re-appropriate a portion of the prior year’s unassigned fund General Fund balance to offset current year taxes to be raised, the amount to be raised in taxes for Fiscal Year 2025 will be 5.2% higher than in Fiscal Year 2024 (\$1,186,262 versus \$1,127,488).

The General Fund finished Fiscal Year 2023 with an unassigned fund balance (sometimes referred to as a “surplus”) of \$197,862 and the Highway Fund finished Fiscal Year 2023 with an unassigned fund balance of minus \$20,050. The unassigned fund balance in the General Fund was budgeted to end Fiscal Year 2023 at \$96,916. The significantly larger than budgeted balance arose from \$92,576 in greater than budgeted revenues and \$8,370 in lower than budgeted expenditures. The unassigned fund balance in the Highway Fund (a negative amount) arose from \$6,742 in lower than budgeted revenues and \$16,613 in greater than budgeted expenditures. As required by the Rainy Day Reserve Funds Policy, \$3,305 was transferred from the Highway Rainy Day Reserve Fund to the Highway Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2023 to offset a portion of the negative balance.

The primary drivers of the greater than budgeted General Fund revenue were collections of delinquent taxes and related interest and late payment penalties. These are not anticipated to be significant revenue sources going forward as recent collection efforts have substantially reduced the amount of delinquent taxes now outstanding. There were no significant drivers of the marginally greater than budgeted General Fund expenses. Likewise, there were no significant drivers of the marginally lower than budgeted Highway Fund revenues. The primary drivers of the greater than budgeted Highway Fund expenses were payroll and related mandatory expenditures (the Town’s share of the Social Security and Medicare payroll tax, for example).

Including all voted appropriations, the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund budget is 1.4% higher than the Fiscal Year 2024 budget (\$588,428 versus \$580,200) and 9.3% above the average General Fund budget for the last five years. The primary drivers of this year-over-year increase are generally increasing costs in the current high inflation macroeconomic climate, and specifically cost of living adjustments to staff salaries, fire department equipment, and law enforcement and professional fees.

To offset these increased costs, the Selectboard proposes to apply \$118,717 of the Fiscal Year 2023 unassigned General Fund balance as revenue in Fiscal Year 2025. This is only a portion of the \$197,862 General Fund balance available to reduce current taxes to be raised. Due to the unprecedented size of the current fund balance and the likelihood that future fund balances will be significantly lower, the Selectboard believes it is prudent to retain some of the available fund balance in order to reduce the likelihood that significant municipal tax increases (and/or expenditure reductions) will be necessary to replace this non-recurring revenue source in future years.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Highway Fund budget is 2.6% higher than the Fiscal Year 2024 budget (\$1,289,351 versus \$1,257,073) and 9.3% above the average Highway Fund budget for the last five years. The primary drivers of this year-over-year increase are generally increasing costs in the current high inflation macroeconomic climate, and specifically cost of living adjustments to Highway Team salaries, fuel costs, and equipment expenses.

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Macroeconomic conditions during the last three years have been exceptionally difficult for everyone on a budget, including rural towns like Pomfret. Prices have risen at their fastest pace in forty years, particularly in nondiscretionary areas such as labor, fuel and equipment. Despite these challenges, the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget entails only a 2.2% increase in spending, less than the inflation rate in 2023 (as measured by changes in the CPI).

This did not happen by accident. We thank each department, officer, appointee and board that draws tax dollars for carefully reviewing their needs and making difficult choices to create a responsible budget that serves the town and the taxpayers.

John Peters, Jr., Chair
Benjamin Brickner, Vice-chair
Steve Chamberlin
Meg Emmons
Emily Grube

Notes: _____

GENERAL ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		FY 2025 Budget (proposed)	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget
	TOWN REVENUES						
	Taxes Current Year (100-6-10-00-300)						
5	Current Year Taxes*	1,186,262	1,127,488	4,628,908	1,067,927	4,428,270	936,509
6	Act 68 funds paid to State	-	-	(1,809,211)	-	(1,820,002)	-
7	School Tax Pd to School	-	-	(1,900,407)	-	(1,710,688)	-
8	School tax-Admin fee	-	-	(8,516)	-	(8,112)	-
9	Appropriation to Highway Fund	(1,126,216)	(1,059,360)	(959,513)	(959,513)	(841,365)	(841,365)
10	TOTAL TAXES CURRENT YEAR	60,046	68,129	(48,738)	108,414	48,103	95,144
11	<i>* Actual "current year taxes" includes both town and education tax revenues; Budget "current year taxes" includes only town tax revenues.</i>						
	Other Town Revenues						
20	Other Taxes (100-6-10-00-305)	340,700	298,604	493,976	280,433	481,870	280,409
25	Penalties and Interest (Taxes) (100-6-10-00-310)	20,000	20,000	37,410	15,000	84,329	15,000
29	Earnings on Accounts (100-6-10-05-315)	1,000	1,000	657	2,000	13	2,000
44	Income Accounts (100-6-10-10-320)	14,023	16,485	11,630	15,835	16,311	11,935
50	Town Permits (100-6-10-15-325)	7,300	8,500	7,020	6,125	9,015	6,125
57	Misc. Income (100-6-10-20-340)	26,027	21,500	38,710	20,285	23,666	20,285
61	State Funds and Other Grants (100-6-20-00-355)	615	607	610	607	605	607
65	Public Safety (100-6-50-40)	-	-	-	-	103	-
	TOTAL OTHER TOWN REVENUES	409,665	366,696	590,013	340,285	615,912	336,361
67	TOTAL TOWN REVENUES	469,711	434,825	541,275	448,699	664,015	431,505
	TOWN EXPENDITURES						
	Town Expenditures						
78	Clerk (100-7-10-10)	41,208	41,436	38,703	40,150	35,993	37,610
87	Treasurer (100-7-10-15)	47,081	46,086	44,245	44,600	39,331	42,060
97	Listers (100-7-10-20)	19,324	20,600	15,288	20,600	17,934	20,650
115	Other Officers (100-7-10-25)	40,511	45,040	35,345	49,760	34,948	51,060
130	Municipal Office (100-7-10-30)	38,158	33,800	35,889	33,300	50,019	26,300
135	Professional Fees (100-7-10-45)	23,500	18,000	27,533	19,000	4,445	19,000
142	Assessments (100-7-10-55)	27,322	30,325	20,408	31,840	38,357	32,380
151	Town Hall (100-7-10-65)	4,714	8,350	8,702	10,150	5,023	8,950
157	Brick Building (100-7-20-33)	1,055	-	776	1,500	531	1,500
168	Misc Town Expenses (100-7-20-35)	10,900	9,900	9,582	8,850	6,732	8,525
200	Fire Department (100-7-30-40)	138,957	135,973	58,763	57,235	49,186	51,995
207	Contract Services (100-7-30-42)	101,906	97,661	93,388	92,452	93,812	85,452
212	Fast Squad (100-7-30-44)	1,500	3,000	-	3,000	2,450	3,000
217	Communications and Disaster (100-7-30-46)	1,650	1,400	1,569	1,400	939	900
223	Municipal Special Projects (100-7-90-75)	1,500	1,500	16,777	1,500	-	-
230	Reserve Accounts	17,313	16,300	25,800	25,800	17,500	17,500
232	TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	516,599	509,371	432,767	441,137	397,200	406,882
253	TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	71,829	70,829	129,329	129,329	69,579	69,579

GENERAL ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		FY 2025 Budget (proposed)	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget
255	TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	588,428	580,200	562,096	570,466	466,779	476,461
257	TOWN REVENUES LESS TOWN EXPENDITURES AND LESS VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	(118,717)	(145,375)	(20,822)	(121,767)	197,236	(44,956)
259	BEGINNING GENERAL FUND BALANCE			364,059		166,823	
260	ENDING GENERAL FUND BALANCE*			343,237		364,059	
261	<i>General Fund Balance Change</i>			<i>(20,822)</i>		<i>197,236</i>	

263 * \$145,375 of the FY 2022 ending General Fund Balance was assigned to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2024. As a result, the unassigned FY 2023 ending General Fund Balance was \$197,862, of which \$118,717 is proposed to be used to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2025. See Line 257. See also Warning Article 16.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		FY 2025 Budget (proposed)	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget
	HIGHWAY REVENUES						
5	Appropriation from General Fund	1,126,216	1,059,360	959,513	959,513	841,365	841,365
6	State Aid - Highways	159,185	142,163	142,163	132,500	138,415	132,500
7	State grant supplement	-	-	-	-	15,319	-
8	Webster Cloudland grant	-	-	-	-	22,447	-
9	Donations to Highway	-	-	-	-	1,000	-
10	Grant to Comply with Mun. Standards	24,000	35,500	-	18,900	-	18,900
11	Highway Interest Income	-	-	69	-	278	-
12	Highway Misc. Income	-	-	2,426	-	2,773	-
13	TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES	1,309,401	1,237,023	1,104,171	1,110,913	1,021,597	992,765
	HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES						
29	Labor and Benefits (150-7-10-70)	468,397	407,675	419,846	363,852	317,686	306,685
36	Insurance (150-7-15-85)	32,189	28,558	27,772	30,189	21,317	29,800
51	Materials (150-7-20-75)	271,000	299,500	245,501	292,000	265,716	278,000
68	Small Equipment (150-7-30-80)	85,925	84,100	100,180	89,600	84,859	78,600
72	Large Equipment Maint and Repair (150-7-35-05)	30,000	30,000	38,810	25,000	50,745	35,000
79	Garage Building (150-7-40-83)	8,100	11,000	16,189	6,500	12,200	6,500
86	Contracts (150-7-50-90)	28,740	32,240	2,015	31,850	14,600	30,250
91	Special Projects and Grants (150-7-50-93)	-	-	5,291	-	6,493	-
97	Highway Reserves (150-7-95-50)	365,000	364,000	354,000	354,000	294,000	294,000
99	TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	1,289,351	1,257,073	1,209,605	1,192,992	1,067,616	1,058,835
101	HIGHWAY REVENUES LESS HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	20,050	(20,050)	(105,434)	(82,079)	(46,020)	(66,070)
103	BEGINNING HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE			102,129		148,149	
104	ENDING HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE*			(3,305)		102,129	
105	<i>Highway Fund Balance Change</i>			<i>(105,434)</i>		<i>(46,020)</i>	

107 * \$20,050 of the FY 2022 ending Highway Fund Balance was assigned to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2024. As a result, the unassigned FY 2023 ending Highway Fund Balance was \$(23,355). The actual FY 2023 ending Highway Fund deficit of \$(3,305) previously was transferred from the Highway Rainy Day Reserve Fund in accordance with the Rainy Day Reserve Funds Policy. The remaining deficit of \$(20,050) is to be raised in addition to highway expenditures in FY 2025. See Line 101.

GENERAL ACCOUNT DETAIL

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	FY 2025 Budget (proposed)	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget
2	TOWN REVENUES (100-6)					
3						
4	Taxes Current Year (100-6-10-00-300)					
5	1,186,262	1,127,488	4,628,908	1,067,927	4,428,270	936,509
6	-	-	(1,809,211)	-	(1,820,002)	-
7	-	-	(1,900,407)	-	(1,710,688)	-
8	-	-	(8,516)	-	(8,112)	-
9	(1,126,216)	(1,059,360)	(959,513)	(959,513)	(841,365)	(841,365)
10	60,046	68,129	(48,738)	108,414	48,103	95,144
11	<i>* Actual "current year taxes" includes both town and education tax revenues; Budget "current year taxes" includes only town tax revenues.</i>					
12						
13	Other Taxes (100-6-10-00-305)					
14	-	-	199,121	-	181,068	-
15	9,000	8,000	8,515	7,500	7,947	7,480
16	310,000	270,000	272,621	263,329	266,019	263,329
17	10,000	10,000	2,565	-	16,120	-
18	2,700	2,604	2,638	2,604	2,604	2,600
19	9,000	8,000	8,516	7,000	8,112	7,000
20	340,700	298,604	493,976	280,433	481,870	280,409
21						
22	Penalties and Interest (Taxes) (100-6-10-00-310)					
23	15,000	10,000	21,671	7,500	63,342	7,500
24	5,000	10,000	15,738	7,500	20,987	7,500
25	20,000	20,000	37,410	15,000	84,329	15,000
26						
27	Earnings on Accounts (100-6-10-05-315)					
28	1,000	1,000	657	2,000	13	2,000
29	1,000	1,000	657	2,000	13	2,000
30						
31	Income Accounts (100-6-10-10-320)					
32	13,000	18,000	13,190	18,000	18,595	13,000
33	(3,467)	(4,800)	(3,432)	(4,800)	(4,900)	(4,000)
34	1,500	1,500	1,843	1,500	1,623	1,500
35	12,000	14,000	10,609	13,800	12,996	13,800
36	(12,000)	(14,000)	(13,737)	(13,800)	(14,008)	(13,800)
37	480	300	390	300	660	300
38	(390)	(250)	(350)	(250)	(350)	(250)
39	2,500	2,500	2,424	2,000	2,450	2,000
40	(500)	(1,250)	(382)	(1,400)	(1,255)	(1,200)
41	300	185	300	185	185	185
42	500	200	685	200	225	300
43	100	100	90	100	90	100
44	14,023	16,485	11,630	15,835	16,311	11,935
45						
46	Town Permits (100-6-10-15-325)					
47	1,000	200	900	100	200	100

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1		FY 2025 Budget (proposed)	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget
48	Excess Weight	300	300	320	275	315	275
49	Ridgeline, Building and Zoning Permits	6,000	8,000	5,800	5,750	8,500	5,750
50	TOTAL TOWN PERMITS	7,300	8,500	7,020	6,125	9,015	6,125
51							
52	Misc. Income (100-6-10-20-340)						
53	Charitable Donations	23,027	21,000	37,101	20,285	20,957	20,285
54	Misc. Select Board	-	-	6	-	2	-
55	Misc. Town Clerk	-	-	10	-	12	-
56	Traffic Fines	3,000	500	1,593	-	2,696	-
57	TOTAL MISC. INCOME	26,027	21,500	38,710	20,285	23,666	20,285
58							
59	State Funds and Other Grants (100-6-20-00-355)						
60	Tax Equalization Income	615	607	610	607	605	607
61	TOTAL STATE FUNDS AND OTHER GRANTS	615	607	610	607	605	607
62							
63	Public Safety (100-6-50-40)						
64	Insurance Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	103	-
65	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	-	-	-	-	103	-
66							
67	TOTAL TOWN REVENUES	469,711	434,825	541,275	448,699	664,015	431,505
68							
69	TOWN EXPENDITURES (100-7)						
70							
71	Clerk (100-7-10-10)						
72	Clerk Salary	40,458	29,708	28,000	28,000	25,000	25,000
73	Clerical Assistant	-	1,000	78	1,500	1,500	1,500
74	Clerk Insurance	-	9,978	9,978	9,300	9,225	9,560
75	Clerk Gen Exp	250	250	-	500	132	200
76	Permanent Records Maintenance	-	-	-	-	5	500
77	Record Books and Supplies	500	500	647	850	131	850
78	TOTAL CLERK	41,208	41,436	38,703	40,150	35,993	37,610
79							
80	Treasurer (100-7-10-15)						
81	Treas Salary*	40,458	29,708	28,000	28,000	25,000	3,000
82	Tax Collector	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
83	Bookkeeper	-	-	-	-	-	19,000
84	Asst. to Treasurer/Bookkeeper	5,423	5,500	4,982	6,500	4,194	6,500
85	Treas Insurance	-	9,978	9,768	9,300	9,557	9,560
86	Treas General Expense	1,200	900	1,496	800	580	1,000
87	TOTAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	47,081	46,086	44,245	44,600	39,331	42,060
88	<i>* All columns except FY 2022 Budget combine Treasurer, Bookkeeper and Tax Collector salary into a single line item.</i>						
89							
90	Listers (100-7-10-20)						
91	Listers Payroll	13,874	15,000	12,745	15,000	13,561	15,000
92	Listers Education and Dues	150	300	-	300	50	600
93	Listers mileage	150	150	-	150	-	150

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1		FY 2025 Budget (proposed)	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget
94	Listers Gen Exp	150	150	99	150	198	150
95	Listers software: Proval	2,500	2,500	2,444	2,500	2,421	2,250
96	Tax mapping	2,500	2,500	-	2,500	1,705	2,500
97	TOTAL LISTERS	19,324	20,600	15,288	20,600	17,934	20,650
98							
99	Other Officers (100-7-10-25)						
100	Select Board	7,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
101	Select Board Gen Exp	500	500	-	500	-	500
102	Select Board Admin Asst	3,830	5,000	3,518	7,000	4,232	7,000
103	Board of Auditors	6,309	10,500	5,796	9,000	8,021	9,000
104	Constable and Expense	500	500	653	500	-	500
105	Delinquent Tax Collector	961	1,247	883	3,500	723	3,500
106	Zoning Administrator	6,852	6,233	6,295	8,000	4,630	8,000
107	Trustees of Public Funds	300	600	-	600	-	600
108	Town's Cost SS and Med	9,675	10,000	9,901	10,000	9,980	9,300
109	Pub Officials Liab Insurance	2,643	3,500	1,947	3,500	2,076	3,500
110	Workers Comp	641	500	1,053	500	287	500
111	Select Board Admin. Asst. Exp	-	660	-	660	-	660
112	ZBA and Admin Exp	-	-	300	1,000	-	1,000
113	Fire Warden and Deputy	800	800	-	-	-	-
114	Planning Comm Exp	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
115	TOTAL OTHER OFFICERS	40,511	45,040	35,345	49,760	34,948	51,060
116							
117	Municipal Office (100-7-10-30)						
118	Cleaning	3,500	3,500	2,970	3,000	3,375	2,000
119	Town Office Building Maintenance	3,000	3,000	3,244	3,000	7,084	3,000
120	Insurance	2,983	2,700	2,235	2,700	2,238	2,700
121	Telephone-Internet	1,500	1,300	1,576	1,300	1,175	1,300
122	Postage and Envelopes	2,750	3,250	1,640	3,250	2,499	2,500
123	Town Offices: Supplies	1,500	1,500	1,483	1,500	1,048	1,500
124	Town Office Electricity	2,000	1,500	1,757	1,500	1,412	1,500
125	Propane	1,600	1,600	1,279	1,600	1,538	1,600
126	NEMRC Support	7,000	6,000	7,303	6,000	10,652	2,500
127	Office 365 Software	4,000	2,750	4,027	2,750	3,679	2,500
128	Computer Services/Cloud Backup/Security	6,500	5,000	6,551	5,000	13,860	3,500
129	Other New Equip/Copier lease	1,825	1,700	1,825	1,700	1,459	1,700
130	TOTAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE	38,158	33,800	35,889	33,300	50,019	26,300
131							
132	Professional Fees (100-7-10-45)						
133	Legal and Professional Fees	20,000	14,000	24,432	14,000	2,009	14,000
134	Accounting Support	3,500	4,000	3,101	5,000	2,436	5,000
135	TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES	23,500	18,000	27,533	19,000	4,445	19,000
136							
137	Assessments (100-7-10-55)						
138	Windsor County Tax	15,163	18,284	16,728	19,000	15,680	19,000
139	GUVSWMD waste dues	8,244	8,244	-	9,160	19,104	9,944

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1		FY 2025 Budget (proposed)	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget
140	VLCT Dues	2,376	2,304	2,233	2,233	2,190	2,053
141	Two Rivers	1,539	1,493	1,447	1,447	1,383	1,383
142	TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	27,322	30,325	20,408	31,840	38,357	32,380
143							
144	Town Hall (100-7-10-65)						
145	Misc and Cleaning, Town Hall	500	500	-	500	225	300
146	Repairs and Maintenance, Town Hall	500	-	453	2,000	18	2,000
147	Insurance	2,264	1,900	1,612	2,700	544	2,700
148	Electricity, Town Hall	850	750	770	750	617	750
149	Propane, Town Hall	100	200	289	200	55	200
150	Fuel Oil, Town Hall	500	5,000	5,578	4,000	3,565	3,000
151	TOTAL TOWN HALL	4,714	8,350	8,702	10,150	5,023	8,950
152							
153	Brick Building (100-7-20-33)						
154	Brick Bldg exp	-	-	-	1,500	-	1,500
155	Brick Bldg - insurance	755	-	476	-	162	-
156	Brick Bldg - propane	300	-	300	-	368	-
157	TOTAL BRICK BUILDING	1,055	-	776	1,500	531	1,500
158							
159	Misc Town Expenses (100-7-20-35)						
160	Grounds Maintenance	2,000	3,000	1,750	2,500	714	2,500
161	Bank Fees and Service Charges	50	50	23	50	42	25
162	Town Report Printing and Mailing	2,000	2,000	2,413	2,000	1,258	1,750
163	Published Legal Notices	2,500	2,500	2,245	2,500	2,992	2,500
164	Election Expenses	2,000	500	1,455	-	301	-
165	Ed Conferences/Mileage	1,500	1,000	1,408	1,000	1,275	1,000
166	Signs and Posts (911)	350	350	288	300	150	250
167	Misc Gen Exp	500	500	-	500	-	500
168	TOTAL MISC. TOWN EXPENSES	10,900	9,900	9,582	8,850	6,732	8,525
169							
170	Fire Department (100-7-30-40)						
171	Buildings Maintenance	1,500	1,000	2,580	9,000	3,603	1,500
172	FD: septic systems	1,300	350	-	350	-	300
173	Insurance	20,055	19,100	16,969	17,500	16,621	18,000
174	Pomfret FD phone: 3730	1,400	1,400	1,124	1,300	712	1,200
175	Teago FD phone: 1125	1,400	1,400	1,124	1,100	2,924	1,200
176	FD Radios & Cell Phones	-	-	-	-	897	-
177	FD Training, conf, mileage	3,000	3,000	2,081	3,000	111	3,000
178	FD alarm systems	1,085	1,085	1,433	985	783	875
179	Supplies	100	100	-	500	-	500
180	FD vehicle gasoline	100	100	-	50	-	200
181	FD operating expenses	-	-	-	-	809	-
182	PFD Rescue Vehicle	500	500	2,163	500	-	350
183	PFD Engine 1	6,250	4,000	4,341	4,000	4,984	2,000
184	PFD Engine 3	500	500	4,398	-	1,367	-
185	Teago Engine 1	-	-	-	-	69	2,000

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1		FY 2025 Budget (proposed)	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget
186	Teago Engine 2	4,000	3,000	7,307	5,000	3,034	1,200
187	Teago Engine 3	-	-	28	500	-	-
188	Administration	-	-	-	-	-	800
189	Electricity--Pomfret FD	1,874	1,785	1,554	1,700	1,288	1,250
190	Electricity--Teago FD	2,095	1,995	1,483	1,900	1,404	1,250
191	Propane Pomfret Fire Dept	2,018	1,998	2,606	3,500	2,681	3,000
192	Teago FD propane	50	50	289	50	-	50
193	Heating oil, Teago FD	3,630	3,610	3,613	3,100	2,618	3,650
194	Equip (Hose, Tools etc)	5,900	3,900	136	1,500	605	6,150
195	SCBA and Gas Meter	4,000	1,700	1,359	1,300	993	720
196	Protective clothing (turnout gear)	2,500	10,000	3,642	-	3,160	2,500
197	FD Vehicle Reserve #400	60,000	60,000	-	-	-	-
198	FD non vehicle Reserve #402	15,300	15,000	-	-	-	-
199	Membership/Subscriptions	400	400	533	400	524	300
200	TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	138,957	135,973	58,763	57,235	49,186	51,995
201							
202	Contract Services (100-7-30-42)						
203	Ambulance Service Assessment	63,280	63,280	63,280	63,280	63,280	63,280
204	Unpaid Ambulance Bills	3,304	6,669	11,368	12,000	13,705	10,000
205	Dispatch Fees	4,122	2,712	3,206	2,172	2,712	2,172
206	Sheriff's Patrol/VT State Police	31,200	25,000	15,534	15,000	14,115	10,000
207	TOTAL CONTRACT SERVICES	101,906	97,661	93,388	92,452	93,812	85,452
208							
209	Fast Squad (100-7-30-44)						
210	FAST Squad: conf, train, mileage	750	1,500	-	1,500	2,450	1,500
211	FAST Squad supplies	750	1,500	-	1,500	-	1,500
212	TOTAL FAST SQUAD	1,500	3,000	-	3,000	2,450	3,000
213							
214	Communications and Disaster (100-7-30-46)						
215	Repeater expenses	1,250	1,000	1,173	1,000	631	500
216	Repeater electricity	400	400	396	400	308	400
217	TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS AND DISASTER	1,650	1,400	1,569	1,400	939	900
218							
219	Municipal Special Projects (100-7-90-75)						
220	Planning and zoning project	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	-	-
221	Town Plan Update	-	-	10,546	-	-	-
222	Hazard Mitigation Plan Update	-	-	6,231	-	-	-
223	TOTAL MUNICIPAL SPECIAL PROJECTS	1,500	1,500	16,777	1,500	-	-
224							
225	Reserve Accounts						
226	Reappraisal Reserve #160	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
227	Communications Reserve #410	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,800	2,500	2,500
228	FD non vehicle Reserve #402	-	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
229	Teago Village Reserve	11,513	10,500	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
230	TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS	17,313	16,300	25,800	25,800	17,500	17,500
231							

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1		FY 2025 Budget (proposed)	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget
232	TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	516,599	509,371	432,767	441,137	397,200	406,882
233							
234	VOTED APPROPRIATIONS (100-7)						
235							
236	Voted Appropriations (100-7-95-50)						
237	<i>Town Entities</i>						
238	Abbott Memorial Library	42,500	42,500	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500
239	Cemetery Appropriation	12,500	12,500	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
240	FD Vehicle Reserve #400	-	-	60,000	60,000	-	-
241							
242	<i>Social Service Entities</i>						
243	Visiting Nurses of VT and NH	3,950	3,950	3,950	3,950	3,950	3,950
244	Thompson Senior Center	4,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800
245	Woodstock Area Job Bank	-	-	-	-	300	300
246	Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services	979	979	979	979	979	979
247	Empower Up - Windsor Central Mentoring Program	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
248	Spectrum Teen Center	750	750	750	750	750	750
249	Pentangle Arts Council	900	900	900	900	900	900
250	Ottawaquechee Health Foundation	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
251	WISE of Upper Valley	400	400	400	400	400	400
252	Green Up Day	50	50	50	50	-	-
253	TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	71,829	70,829	129,329	129,329	69,579	69,579
254							
255	TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	588,428	580,200	562,096	570,466	466,779	476,461
256							
257	TOWN REVENUES LESS TOWN EXPENDITURES AND LESS VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	(118,717)	(145,375)	(20,822)	(121,767)	197,236	(44,956)
258							
259	BEGINNING GENERAL FUND BALANCE			364,059		166,823	
260	ENDING GENERAL FUND BALANCE*			343,237		364,059	
261	<i>General Fund Balance Change</i>			<i>(20,822)</i>		<i>197,236</i>	
262							

* \$145,375 of the FY 2022 ending General Fund Balance was assigned to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2024. As a result, the unassigned FY 2023 ending General Fund Balance was \$197,862, of which \$118,717 is proposed to be used to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2025. See Line 257. See also Warning Article 16.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT DETAIL

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	FY 2025 Budget (proposed)	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget
HIGHWAY REVENUES (150-6)						
Highway Revenue (150-6-10-00)						
Appropriation from General Fund	1,126,216	1,059,360	959,513	959,513	841,365	841,365
State Aid - Highways	159,185	142,163	142,163	132,500	138,415	132,500
State grant supplement	-	-	-	-	15,319	-
Webster Cloudland grant	-	-	-	-	22,447	-
Donations to Highway	-	-	-	-	1,000	-
Grant to Comply with Mun. Standards	24,000	35,500	-	18,900	-	18,900
Highway Interest Income	-	-	69	-	278	-
Highway Misc. Income	-	-	2,426	-	2,773	-
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES	1,309,401	1,237,023	1,104,171	1,110,913	1,021,597	992,765
HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES (150-7)						
Labor and Benefits (150-7-10-70)						
Gross Pay	335,930	280,000	295,870	242,595	208,416	192,595
Part-time Labor	-	-	-	-	14,355	20,000
FICA Social Security	20,828	17,360	17,623	16,602	12,457	13,180
Medicare Expense	4,871	4,060	4,122	3,882	2,913	3,082
Retirement Expense	29,394	23,800	23,165	16,375	16,385	13,000
Health Ins. - Town's Cost	66,625	68,000	62,516	69,944	53,598	55,528
Drug and Alcohol Test/DOT	250	378	6	378	6	300
Protective Clothing/Supplies/Uniforms	3,000	10,077	2,660	10,077	9,556	8,000
Uniforms and Cleaning	5,000	-	11,325	-	-	-
Highway, conf, training and mileage	1,000	1,000	1,193	1,000	-	1,000
Use of Personal Vehicles	1,500	3,000	1,366	3,000	-	-
TOTAL LABOR AND BENEFITS	468,397	407,675	419,846	363,852	317,686	306,685
Insurance (150-7-15-85)						
Property and Liability Insurance	12,452	10,760	10,142	9,300	6,636	9,300
Workers Compensation Insurance	16,219	14,280	14,846	18,000	12,487	18,000
Unemployment Insurance	968	968	600	1,000	841	1,000
Disability insurance	2,550	2,550	2,184	1,889	1,353	1,500
TOTAL INSURANCE	32,189	28,558	27,772	30,189	21,317	29,800
Materials (150-7-20-75)						
Salt	80,000	75,000	-	85,000	-	85,000
Clear lane deicer salt	-	-	82,807	-	75,920	-
Sand	-	-	39,121	-	37,178	-
Manufactured Sand	65,000	80,000	-	70,000	43,767	70,000
Crushed Stone	85,000	85,000	95,147	85,000	74,475	85,000
Chloride	9,000	12,000	8,325	12,000	4,214	12,000
Cold Patch and Hot Mix	500	1,000	254	1,000	228	1,000
Culverts and Headwalls	20,000	25,000	12,457	18,000	18,394	12,000
Bandrail	2,000	2,500	644	5,000	-	5,000

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1		FY 2025 Budget (proposed)	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget
48	Signs, snow fence and posts	5,000	15,000	2,685	10,000	8,086	5,000
49	Highway Misc.	1,000	1,000	80	1,000	943	1,000
50	Hydroseeder supplies	3,500	3,000	3,982	5,000	2,510	2,000
51	TOTAL MATERIALS	271,000	299,500	245,501	292,000	265,716	278,000
52							
53	Small Equipment (150-7-30-80)						
54	Diesel	50,000	50,000	67,535	40,000	51,085	38,000
55	Gasoline (small equip)	2,325	100	2,744	100	379	100
56	Diesel Exhaust Fluid	1,000	1,000	935	1,000	766	500
57	Garage Shop Supplies	5,000	5,000	5,399	10,000	4,253	10,000
58	Gen vehicle maintenance	3,000	2,000	3,170	2,000	3,933	-
59	Garage Office Supplies	750	500	1,877	500	592	500
60	Tires and Chains	11,850	15,000	-	20,000	14,639	13,500
61	Blades, Shoes, Rake Teeth	5,000	6,000	4,039	12,000	4,808	12,000
62	Rented Equipment	2,000	1,000	2,010	500	1,595	500
63	Radios and Cellphones	1,500	1,500	1,581	1,500	2,563	1,500
64	Traffic Control Devices	500	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
65	Vehicle Purchase	-	-	-	-	47	-
66	Garage Computer & Expense	-	-	603	-	-	-
67	Small Machines and Tools	3,000	1,000	10,286	1,000	199	1,000
68	TOTAL SMALL EQUIPMENT	85,925	84,100	100,180	89,600	84,859	78,600
69							
70	Large Equipment Maint and Repair (150-7-35-05)						
71	Large Equipment Maint and Repair	30,000	30,000	38,810	25,000	50,745	35,000
72	TOTAL LARGE EQUIPMENT MAINT AND REPAIR	30,000	30,000	38,810	25,000	50,745	35,000
73							
74	Garage Building (150-7-40-83)						
75	Garage Utilities	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,000	1,800	1,000
76	Garage Building and Grounds	3,500	7,000	11,845	3,500	8,386	3,500
77	Telephone	600	600	556	600	485	600
78	Garage Electricity	2,000	1,400	1,987	1,400	1,529	1,400
79	TOTAL GARAGE BUILDING	8,100	11,000	16,189	6,500	12,200	6,500
80							
81	Contracts (150-7-50-90)						
82	Crack Sealing	15,000	15,000	-	15,000	13,050	15,000
83	Tree Removal	10,000	10,000	250	10,000	-	10,000
84	VT State Permits (incl. Storm Water Permit)	3,740	3,740	1,765	3,350	1,550	1,750
85	Contracted Services	-	3,500	-	3,500	-	3,500
86	TOTAL CONTRACTS	28,740	32,240	2,015	31,850	14,600	30,250
87							
88	Special Projects and Grants (150-7-50-93)						
89	Webster Hill Grant	-	-	4,956	-	6,493	-
90	BBR Grant-Wild Apple Rd	-	-	335	-	-	-
91	TOTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS AND GRANTS	-	-	5,291	-	6,493	-
92							
93	Highway Reserves (150-7-95-50)						

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT DETAIL

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		FY 2025 Budget (proposed)	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget
94	Highway vehicle reserve	165,000	164,000	154,000	154,000	154,000	154,000
95	Bridges reserve	25,000	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
96	Highway paving reserve	175,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	100,000	100,000
97	TOTAL HIGHWAY RESERVES	365,000	364,000	354,000	354,000	294,000	294,000
98							
99	TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	1,289,351	1,257,073	1,209,605	1,192,992	1,067,616	1,058,835
100							
101	HIGHWAY REVENUES LESS HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	20,050	(20,050)	(105,434)	(82,079)	(46,020)	(66,070)
102							
103	BEGINNING HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE			102,129		148,149	
104	ENDING HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE*			(3,305)		102,129	
105	<i>Highway Fund Balance Change</i>			<i>(105,434)</i>		<i>(46,020)</i>	
106							

* \$20,050 of the FY 2022 ending Highway Fund Balance was assigned to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2024. As a result, the unassigned FY 2023 ending Highway Fund Balance was \$(23,355). The actual FY 2023 ending Highway Fund deficit of \$(3,305) previously was transferred from the Highway Rainy Day Reserve Fund in accordance with the Rainy Day Reserve Funds Policy. The remaining deficit of \$(20,050) is to be raised in addition to highway expenditures in FY 2025. See Line 101.

CALCULATION OF CURRENT TAXES TO BE RAISED

	A	B	C
1	Expenditures and Voted Appropriations		
2	Total Town Expenditures	516,599	<i>From General Account Detail, Line 232. See also Warning Article 3.</i>
3	Total Highway Expenditures	1,289,351	<i>From Highway Account Detail, Line 99. See also Warning Article 3.</i>
4	Total Voted Appropriations	71,829	<i>From General Account Detail, Line 253. See also Warning Articles 4 through 14.</i>
5	TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	1,877,779	<i>Sum of Lines 2, 3 and 4</i>
6			
7	Non-Tax Revenues		
8	Total Town Revenues (excluding FY 2025 taxes to be raised)	409,665	<i>From General Account Detail, Line 67, minus General Account Detail, Line 10.</i>
9	Total Highway Revenues (excluding FY 2025 taxes to be raised)	183,185	<i>From Highway Account Detail, Line 13, minus Highway Account Detail, Line 5.</i>
10	General Fund Balance to be used in FY 2025	118,717	<i>From General Account Detail, Line 257. See also Warning Article 16.</i>
11	Highway Fund Balance to be used in FY 2025	(20,050)	<i>From Highway Account Detail, Line 101.</i>
12	TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUES	691,517	<i>Sum of Lines 8, 9, 10 and 11</i>
13			
14	Calculation of Taxes to be Raised		
15	Expenditures and Voted Appropriations	1,877,779	<i>From Line 5</i>
16	Non-Tax Revenues	691,517	<i>From Line 12</i>
17	FY 2025 TAXES TO BE RAISED	1,186,262	<i>Difference between Lines 15 and 16. See also General Account Detail, Line 5.</i>

TOWN AND HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE SHEET

	General Fund No. 100	Highway Fund No. 150
ASSETS		
Cash	727,358	-3,035
Credit Card Processing	140	
TOTAL ASSETS	727,498	-3,035
LIABILITIES		
Due to Other Funds	384,307	-
Other Accounts Payable	-47	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	384,260	-
Fund Balances	343,237	-3,035
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	727,498	-3,035

TRUSTEE AND OTHER FUND BALANCES
JULY 1, 2022- JUNE 30 2023

Fund Name	<u>Henry T LaBounty</u>	<u>Mabel Vaughan</u>	<u>Avis Keith</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Dorothy Moore</u>
Fund Number	#456	#550	#550	#550	#454
	Mascoma CD	Vanguard Life Strategy	Vanguard Balanced Index	Vanguard Balanced Index	Vanguard Balanced Index
FUND BALANCES, July 1, 2022	60,131	13,553	21,893	11,523	49,225
TRANSFER IN					
REVENUES					
Donations	-			-	2,500
Capital Gains & Transfer In	-	-	80	42	
Interest/Dividends	265	368	548	290	1,433
Market Change	-	855	1,695	899	3,859
TOTAL REVENUES	265	1,224	2,323	1,232	7,792
TRANSFER OUT					
EXPENDITURES					
Hartford Probate Fees		-	-	-	-
Scholarships	-	(750)	(1,500)	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	(750)	(1,500)	0	0
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	265	474	823	1,232	7,792
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2023	60,397	14,027	22,716	12,755	57,017
Restricted	53,434	8,611	10,410	2,398	39,575
Unrestricted	6,963	5,415	12,305	10,357	17,442

Note: Mabel Vaughan Educational Fund awarded 1 Scholarship for \$750 and Avis Keith Education Fund awarded 1 Scholarship for \$1,500.

MISCELLANEOUS SMALL BALANCES
Fund #450

MISC. SMALL BALANCES - #450	Raymond Potter Memorial	Scott Harrington Memorial Fund	Lease Land Fund	Fast Squad	Green Up Fund	Membership Deposit CD MACCU	TOTAL
BALANCE, JULY 1 2022	126	365	2,266	0	328	15	3,099
REVENUES	-	-	16		50	-	66
EXPENDITURES	-	-	-		-	-	0
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2023							3,166

SUMMARY OF FUND BALANCES
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Account	Fund No.	Bank CDs and Investments	Cash and Other Assets	Liabilities	Fund Balance as of June 30, 2023	Fund Balance as of June 30, 2022	Net Change 2022 to 2023	FY 2023 Notes
1								
2	100	-	727,498	(384,260)	343,237	364,059	(20,822)	Income: taxes, fees, permits, interest, donation, misc. Liabilities include \$384,307 (due to other town funds) Expense: includes transfers, appropriations to other funds & organizations
3	150	-	(3,305)	-	(3,305)	102,129	(105,434)	Income: taxes, state aid, grants, interest, misc Expense: includes appropriations to other funds
4	160	-	97,581	-	97,581	146,483	(48,902)	Income: state grant \$5,185, interest Expense: reappraisal \$55,600
5	180	-	222,382	-	222,382	106,132	116,249	Income: state grant \$127,552, interest Expense: Purchased computers \$1903, generator downpayment \$8,000, audio visual TV & setup \$3,350, admin expense \$700
6	200	-	7,196	-	7,196	5,650	1,546	Income: town appropriation \$41,500, fund raising \$13,524, interest
7	210	141,224	-	-	141,224	127,899	13,325	Income: market change. interest
8	300	36,150	35,662	-	71,813	68,028	3,785	Income: town appropriation \$12,000, donations \$450, interest Expense: Mowing & headstone maintenance \$8,579, flags \$550
9	350	-	15,484	-	15,484	15,067	418	Income: town appropriation \$3,432, interest Expense: computerized land records \$3,200
10	400	-	294,669	-	294,669	231,249	63,420	Income: town appropriation \$60,000, interest
11	402	-	10,033	-	10,033	-	10,033	Income: town appropriation \$10,000, interest
12	410	-	9,624	-	9,624	6,290	3,334	Income: town appropriation \$5,800 interest Expense: Radio CVC Paging \$2,495
13	420	-	126,601	-	126,601	46,104	80,496	Income: highway appropriation \$154,000, interest Expense: 550 truck: \$74,260
14	422	-	38,121	-	38,121	98,975	(60,854)	Income: town appropriation \$200,000, state grant \$120,000, interest guardrails \$54,607 & paving \$326,768 Expense:
15	424	-	185,513	-	185,513	188,729	(3,216)	Income: State Grant Reimbursement \$183,747, interest Expense: Cloudland Road culvert \$189,101
16	440	-	1,264	-	1,264	1,262	2	Income: interest

SUMMARY OF FUND BALANCES
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Account	Fund No.	Bank CDs and Investments	Cash and Other Assets	Liabilities	Fund Balance as of June 30, 2023	Fund Balance as of June 30, 2022	Net Change 2022 to 2023	FY 2023 Notes
17	Misc small balances	-	3,166	-	3,166	3,099	66	Income: Green up fund \$50, interest
18	Town Buildings Reserve	-	127,780	-	127,780	126,283	1,496	Income: interest
19	Moore Fund for Town Hall	57,017	-	-	57,017	49,225	7,792	Income: donations, market change, interest
20	LaBounty Fund	60,397	-	-	60,397	60,131	265	Income: interest
21	Teago Village Reserve	-	10,987	-	10,987	20,037	(9,050)	Income: town appropriation \$10,000, state reimbursement grant scoping study \$24,935, interest Expense: South Pomfret Scoping Study \$44,076
22	Town Rainy Day Reserve	-	84,270	-	84,270	84,229	41	Income: interest
23	Highway Rainy Day Reserve	-	175,240	-	175,240	175,155	85	Income: interest
24	Trustee of Public Funds	49,497	-	-	49,497	46,969	2,528	Income: interest, dividends, market change capital gains, donations Expense: scholarships \$2,250
25	Reserve Sweep Interest Acct	-	12,780	12,780	-	-	-	Income: interest \$12,780 Distributed amongst the above accounts over the course of FY23 \$12,780
26	TOTALS	344,285	2,169,765	(384,260)	2,129,789	2,073,184	56,605	

NOTE: For detailed revenues, expenses, etc. see other financial reports.

RESERVE FUND BALANCES

Fund Name and Number	FD Vehicle	FD Equip & Gear	Communications	Rstoration & Preservation	ARPR	Total
	#400	#402	#410	#350	#180	
FUND BALANCE July 1, 2022	231,249	-	6,290	15,067	106,132	358,738
REVENUES						
Appropriation/Transfer	60,000	10,000	5,800	3,432	-	79,232
Federal/State grants	-	-	-	-	127,552	127,552
Interest income	3,420	33	29	186	2,650	6,319
TOTAL REVENUES	63,420	10,033	5,829	3,618	130,202	213,103
EXPENDITURES						
Radio Expense, CVC Paging	-	-	(2,495)	-	-	(2,495)
Computerized land records	-	-	-	(3,200)	-	(3,200)
Tech equip, smart tv, generator, wages	-	-	-	-	(13,953)	(13,953)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	(2,495)	(3,200)	(13,953)	(19,648)
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	63,420	10,033	3,334	418	116,249	193,455
FUND BALANCE June 30, 2023	294,669	10,033	9,624	15,484	222,382	552,193
Fund Name and Number	HWY Vehicle	Paving	Bridge	Hwy Rainy Day	-	Total
	#420	#422	#424	#475	-	
FUND BALANCE July 1, 2022	46,104	98,975	188,729	175,155	-	508,963
REVENUES						
Town appropriation	154,000	200,000	-	-	-	354,000
State/Federal Grant	-	120,000	183,747	-	-	303,747
Interest income	756	521	2,138	85	-	3,499
TOTAL REVENUES	154,756	320,521	185,885	85	-	661,246
EXPENDITURES						
Vehicle Purchase	(74,260)	-	-	-	-	(74,260)
Paving Expense	-	(381,375)	-	-	-	(381,375)
Bridge Expense	-	-	(189,101)	-	-	(189,101)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	(74,260)	(381,375)	(189,101)	-	-	(644,735)
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	80,496	(60,854)	(3,216)	85	-	16,511
FUND BALANCE June 30, 2023	126,601	38,121	185,513	175,240	-	525,474
Fund Name and Number	Reapp/Listers	Town Building	Library Reserve	Town Rainy Day	Teago Village	Total
	#160	#452	#440	#470	#460	
FUND BALANCE July 1, 2022	146,483	126,283	1,262	84,229	20,037	378,295
REVENUES						
Town/State appropriation	5,185	-	-	-	10,000	15,185
Grant reimbursement SoPo scoping	-	-	-	-	24,935	24,935
Interest income	1,513	1,496	2	41	91	3,142
TOTAL REVENUES	6,698	1,496	2	41	35,026	43,263
EXPENDITURES						
Reappraisal software programs	(55,600)	-	-	-	-	(55,600)
South Pomfret Scoping	-	-	-	-	(44,076)	(44,076)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	(55,600)	-	-	-	(44,076)	(99,676)
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	(48,902)	1,496	2	41	(9,050)	(56,414)
FUND BALANCE June 30, 2023	97,581	127,780	1,264	84,270	10,987	321,881
TOTAL FUND BALANCE OF ALL RESERVES July 1, 2022						1,245,996
TOTAL FUND BALANCE OF ALL RESERVES June 30, 2023						1,399,548
CHANGE OF VALUE						153,552

TOWN HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT
(per the Pomfret Selectboard)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
2010 John Deere Loader (replaces 2001 loader)	\$54,000	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$50,000	50,000
2002 John Deere Grader, model 672CH	74,000	72,000	50,000	<i>sold</i>	-	-
2021 John Deere Grader, model 627G	-	-	-	280,000	270,000	270,000
2008 Komatsu PC78US-6 Excavator	19,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	16,000	16,000
2014 Truck Freightliner 4WD w/ plow, sander & wing	160,000	150,000	135,000	<i>sold</i>	-	-
2021 International 2WD with plow, sander & wing	-	-	-	171,463	165,000	160,000
2013 Truck Freightliner 4WD w/ plow, sander & wing	120,000	114,000	<i>sold</i>	-	-	-
2020 Int'l Truck tandem w/ plow, sander & wing	-	-	198,000	196,000	190,000	180,000
2016 John Deere 6110M 4WD with side mower	107,000	105,000	103,000	101,000	98,000	94,000
2015 Truck, Western Star 4WD w/ plow, wing & sander	175,000	160,000	100,000	<i>sold</i>	-	-
2022 Int'l tandem with plow, wing & sander	-	-	-	195,228	190,000	185,000
2022 Truck, Ford 550 4WD with plow, wing & sander	-	-	-	-	-	147,500
2015 Truck, Ford 550 4WD with plow & sander	60,000	58,000	56,000	50,000	20,000	10,000
1987 Truck, Ford 350 Mini-Pumper	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
2008 Tag Trailer	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
2008 Compactor	200	200	200	200	200	200
Jumping Jack Compactor	-	-	2,000	1,900	1,700	1,600
Generator	300	300	300	300	<i>discarded</i>	-
Hotbox	6,400	6,000	5,800	5,600	5,200	5,200
2000 Bandit Chipper	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	4,900	4,900
Flail Head Mower	<i>sold</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Austin-Western V Snowplow	250	250	250	250	250	250
Bale Chopper	3,000	2,500	2,500	2,000	<i>sold</i>	-
Frontier Debris Blower	2,500	2,500	2,200	2,000	<i>sold</i>	-
Pressure Washer (purchased new one in 2018)	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,000	500
2001 Steam Cleaner	800	800	800	800	<i>discarded</i>	-
2001 Rock Rake	800	800	800	800	500	500
Air Compressor	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Snow Fence and Posts, 3,000 feet	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,800	4,000
Chainsaws	400	400	800	1,000	2,000	2,000
Welder, Lincoln Wire Feed	800	800	800	800	800	800
Small Tools	29,000	29,000	29,000	30,000	38,000	46,000
Hydroseeder	-	7,000	7,000	6,000	5,800	5,200
Leaf Blower	-	-	-	-	-	6,200
Steam Cleaner	-	-	-	-	-	8,600
TOTAL	\$825,950	\$791,050	\$775,850	\$1,126,641	\$1,070,150	\$1,207,450

TOWN ASSETS

Buildings with land:

Town Hall
Town Offices, Brick Building, and Carriage Shed
Town Garage
Abbott Memorial Library

Cemeteries:

Bunker Hill Cemetery
Burns Cemetery
Hewittville Cemetery

Land only:

100 acres (more or less) off Joe Ranger Road
35 acres (more or less) off Joe Ranger Road
2 acres off Handy Road (formerly Salmon – tax sale purchase)
North Pomfret picnic area (across from firehouse)
<1 acre above Kenyon Hill Bridge

Artifacts:

Abida Smith Tavern sign
Thomas Ware portraits (7), currently on loan to Woodstock Historical Society
Benjamin Franklin Mason paintings (5)

POMFRET-TEAGO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2023 Annual Report

In 2023, the Pomfret-Teago Fire Department responded to 40 service calls.

Call metrics continue to improve with more trained personnel and our new Quick Attack pumper.

Average Response Time improved:
9.43 min (down from 10.79 min in 2022)

Average personnel per call improved:
7.54 (up from 5.16 in 2022)

Average apparatus per call improved:
2.67 (up from 1.65 in 2022)

Total Man Hours on calls:
221 hrs (down from 269 in 2022 but with 15 less calls)

2023 Fire Department Responses	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Dispatched & Canceled enroute	5
Fire Alarm Call	7
Mutual Aid	1
Public Assistance	7
Wildland Fire	1
CO Alarm	1
Culinary Incident	6
Smoke Investigation	3
Hazmat Investigation	2
Utility Problem(power lines/wire/transformer)	3
Medical Assist	1
Total Calls in 2023	40

We welcomed two new firefighters, River Merriam and Gary Staples to our team this past year! We are incredibly fortunate to have 20 volunteer firefighters on our roster in a small town like Pomfret. Even more impressive, 16 of our members are trained or are training at Firefighter 1 level or above. Greg Olmstead and Scott Pearce are now certified EMT's while Michael Schmell and Cory Swingle just finished Vermont Emergency First Responders Course. These men will be responding on Fast Squad calls as well as fire. Currently, Micheal Piekney is enrolled in Firefighter 1 training hosted by Bethel FD while Greg Hartford and Carl Bulgini are enrolled in the Vermont State Firefighter 1 and 2 training in Ludlow. All three anticipate graduating by late summer. This is a huge commitment from these men, and we applaud their service to the department and our community.

In May, we sent 5 members to the Twin State Fire School weekend in Wells River VT. Later that summer, in collaboration with DHART (Dartmouth Hitchcock Advanced Response Team) we hosted a mutual aid training on establishing helicopter landing zones and protocols for medical emergencies. Beyond that we continue to meet weekly to train and maintain our equipment

New this year, Carl Bulgini was elected President of the organization and will lead the business and administrative functions of our department. Carl brings a wealth of experience in business management and finance, and we congratulate him and thank him for stepping up into this new role.

We had two successful fundraiser events this year, the Annual Pomfret Pull in August, and the Firehouse Pancake Breakfast in October. Some of the monies raised in these events as well as our Annual Appeal were spent on the following items and services.

- FD Apparel & Accessories (job shirts, fire plates, ID cards, lapel pins etc.)
- Public awareness signage
- Wildland Protective Gear and Tools
- computer, monitor and mount to view Active 911 from apparatus bays
- grant writer fee
- replacement batteries for electric tools
- fundraising expenses

Once again, in 2024 we will be applying for more grants for future apparatus and other major pieces of equipment designed to improve our safety and response. Unfortunately, we learned that last year's grant applications for apparatus and a cascade system to fill our SCBA air tanks did not make it past the first cuts. It is a very competitive process to win grants and literally thousands of fire departments, many of them much bigger than ours, are vying for the same grant awards. Therefore, while we feel it is important for us to invest in the grant writing we still must continue to fund our reserves to replace our apparatus and protective gear as needed. We thank you all for your continued support.

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.

We are still looking for more volunteers to serve, especially those that might be able to respond from the North Pomfret Station. For all new volunteers, we provide training both in-house and from State sponsored events.

Stop by the stations on Tuesday nights or give us a call and consider joining our team.

If you have any questions about the fire department, home fire safety or volunteering in various capacities please contact Chief Kevin Rice at 457-2364 or email at kricevt@gmail.com.

Listed below with our most recent department photo is our current active roster. Please take the opportunity to thank these men and women for their service to our community when you see them. Your continued support means a lot to all of us.

Kevin Rice, Chief



Members of the Pomfret-Teago
Volunteer Fire Department
Pictured left

Front row L-R:

Adam Von Reyn, Carl Bulgini, Cory Swingle,
Mike Piekny, Tyler Wellington,
Jake Littlefield, Lt. Josh Trimpi, Greg
Hartford, Chief Kevin Rice.

Back Row L-R:

Tom Gubbins, Gordon Modarai,
Asst Chief Jake Astbury, Asst Chief Greg
Olmstead, Lt. Scot Pearce,
Terri Chamberlin, Michael Schmill,
Lt. Scott Barger.

Not Pictured:

Abe Kanda-Olmstead, Eric Chase and new
members Gary Staples and River Merriam

POMFRET-TEAGO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
2023 Financial Statement

General Account:

Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$ 2,518.91
Fundraising Expenses	\$ (2,640.49)
Communications	\$ (2,495.00)
FF Member Appreciation	\$ (2,421.49)
Training	\$ (1,864.48)
Equipment Purchases	\$ (1,746.57)
Building Maintenance	\$ (505.04)
Memberships	\$ (369.72)
PO Box	\$ (78.00)
Town Reimbursement	\$ 10,727.68
Ending Balance	\$ 1,125.80



Fundraising Account:

Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$ 35,824.40
Fundraising Expenses	\$ (5,343.06)
Training	\$ (2,055.13)
Equipment Purchases	\$ (1,458.25)
FD Apparel & Accessories	\$ (299.40)
Fundraising	\$ 37,668.10
Transfer to Checking	\$ (10,708.16)
Ending Balance	\$ 53,628.50



Wildland Apparatus Account:

Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$ 1,271.19
Donations	\$ 20,630.00
Interest	\$ 2.65
Bank fees	\$ (20.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 21,883.84

CD FF Relief:

Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$ 21,853.31
Interest	\$ 43.74
Ending Balance	\$ 21,897.05

ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2023 Annual Report

The trustees and staff of Abbott Memorial Library appreciate the support of the Pomfret community and beyond for all we do. The Library continues to be a hub of the Town, where residents regularly check out books and movies, borrow museum and park passes, and attend programs. From home, patrons use the library app Libby to download many books and audiobooks and the Kanopy streaming service to watch movies.

We rely on our incredible staff of Cory Smith, Sue Heston, and Jenny Satterfield to keep the Library running. They manage it all, from helping patrons select and obtain materials, to coordinating programs, and maintaining the collection. We are so fortunate to have them and cannot thank our staff enough!

The Library also appreciates wonderful volunteers who give their time and energy graciously. They are vital to the Library's operation, as they work on programs, help with building and grounds maintenance, and handle the circulation desk as needed. These essential friends of the Library include Liz Maliszewski, Mark Binder, Jane Metcalf, Barbara Henzel, Casey Carmichael, and Kevin Geiger. Will Coates completed his Eagle Scout project by building new outdoor furniture for the Library, which welcomes the community to enjoy the sunshine, use the Wi-Fi, read a book, or have lunch.

The year's programming began with a moving reading by Jane Dwinell from her book *Alzheimer's Canyon*. Lee Webster later led an informative discussion about the idea of sustainable funeral practices. In the spring, we enjoyed a poetry reading by Jeff Bernstein, followed by a thoughtful discussion of the Vermont Reads book, *A Most Costly Journey*. Moth-style storytelling entertained many in both late winter and late summer. Then five fab poets, including local poet Laura Foley, warmed our hearts in early December.

Our fantastic collection of youth books—in addition to preschool storytime, seasonal craft bags, the summer reading program, and our annual lantern walk in December to celebrate and welcome winter—kept children and families engaged and learning at Abbott throughout the year. Perhaps the highlight of our children's programming took place in the fall, when we were delighted to have No Strings Marionette Company perform *The Hobbit*. This program filled the Pomfret Town Hall with families and was made possible in part by a grant from the Winnie Belle Learned Fund.

We depend on the community of Pomfret to support the Library and its valued services. Our operating income provided by the Town appropriation covers 75% of our expenses, while the remaining 25% is provided by annual appeal donations, grants applied for by our librarian, and the sale of used books. This year we are requesting an appropriation from the Town of \$42,500, the same amount as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Abbott, Susan Burgess, Cara DeFoor, Jocelyn Randles, Betsy Rhodes, and Mary Worrell

ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Treasurer's Report

	FY22 Budget	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budget	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budget	FY25 Budget
Operating Acct. Opening Balance		\$6,302.23		\$5,485.85		
Income						
Town Appropriation	41,500	41,500.00	41,500	41,500.00	42,500	42,500
Annual Appeal	9,000	11,440.00	9,000	10,405.00	10,000	10,500
Fundraising--Other		500.00		1,000.00	500	500
Grant		1,200.00 ¹	540	571.35 ⁴	571	636
Interest--Checking	40	21.62	40	6.30	40	30
Book Sales	100	215.00	100	329.50	250	250
Donations--Other	800	84.50	800	1,121.61	800	800
Miscellaneous	150	194.89	150	90.68	150	150
Reserve Sweep		5,000.00 ²				2000
Town Library Reserve		8,000.00 ²				
Total Income	51,590	\$68,156.01	52,130	\$55,024.44	54,811	57,366
Expenses						
Payroll						
Wages--Librarians	33,434	28,821.68	31,380	34,886.03	33,263	35,224
Wages--Cleaning	539	503.52	566	533.28	600	619
Payroll Taxes	2,679	2,243.40	2,444	2,676.60	2,591	2,739
Collection						
Books	1,900	2,016.19	2,200	2,189.24	2,500	2,500
Books - ARPA funded				500.00		
Audio/Video	1,000	795.00	1,000	1,010.04	1,000	1,000
Electronic	850	605.20	900	559.20	900	950
Miscellaneous	845	845.00	850	645.00	850	850
Program						
General Programs	200	294.65	200	223.96	300	300
Building						
Electricity	1,000	772.12	1,000	431.15	1,200	800
Telephone	1,200	1,152.57	1,200	1,157.82	1,200	1,200
Heating	2,100	2,072.92	1,800	2,437.72	2,400	2,400
Maintenance	1,018	503.67	1,000	962.68	1,832	548
Insurance	2,200	1,386.54	2,306	2,056.91	2,400	2,400
Fundraising						
Annual Appeal	400	306.10	400	428.86	500	500
Other						
Conference & Travel	125	103.05	125	111.60	125	125
Postage & Courier Expense	400	363.56	740	347.64	729	725
Courier Grant Expense			540	571.35 ⁴	571	636
Supplies	750	619.25	750	620.04	750	700
Information Technology	150	313.90	200	337.90	300	350
Reserve Funded		21,158.85 ²	1,729			2,000
Professional Services		1,454.52 ¹				
Miscellaneous Reserve	800	2,640.70 ³	800	627.12	800	800
Total Expenses	51,590	\$68,972.39	52,130	\$53,314.14 ⁵	54,811	57,366
Net Change		(816.38)		1,710.30		
Operating Acct. Ending Balance		\$5,485.85		\$7,196.15		

¹ We received a \$700 grant to offset the cost of an architect who explored building accessibility and a \$500 ARPA grant to purchase children's books in FY23.

² The \$21,158.85 cost of extensive foundation repairs was funded by a transfer of \$5,000 from the Library Reserves and \$8,000 from the Town Library Reserve, as well as from fundraising.

³ We replaced our copier.

⁴ To enhance our ability to serve the community, Abbott has joined the State of Vermont's Interlibrary Loan Courier Program, using a grant to help offset the annual expense.

⁵ Abbott Memorial Library benefits from and greatly appreciates the generosity of community members and wishes to report the following in-kind donations that have reduced its FY23 operating expenses by \$1,839: books, \$200; dumpster use, \$200; garden maintenance, \$600; snow removal, \$600; solar electricity credits, \$239.

ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Assets Report

Assets	Balance as of 07/01/22	Deposits/ Appreciation	Disbursements/ Expenses	Valuation Change	Balance as of 06/30/23
Operating Account	5,485.85	55,188.44	(53,478.14)		\$7,196.15
Abbott Memorial Library Fund					
Ira Abbott Fund (69.57%)--Restricted	55,939.73	1,315.04		4,664.83	61,919.60 ¹
One Hundred Year Fund (29.20%)--Unrestricted	23,479.09	551.95		1,957.93	25,988.97 ²
Wood & Harding Fund (1.23%)--Unrestricted	989.02	23.25		82.47	1,094.74 ²
Total Abbott Memorial Library Fund	80,407.84	1,890.24		6,705.23	\$89,003.31
Reserve Account					
Reserve--Unrestricted	47,490.78	1,258.95		3,470.48	52,220.21 ²
Total Reserve Account	47,490.78				\$52,220.21
Total Abbott Memorial Library Assets as of June 30, 2023					\$148,419.67

¹ The balance of the Ira Abbott Fund as of 06/30/23 is the total of the Library's restricted reserves, \$61,919.60.

² The combined balance of the One Hundred Year Fund, Wood & Harding Fund, and the Reserve Account as of 06/30/23 is the total of the Library's unrestricted reserves, \$79,303.92.

NOTE: Further investment detail is available from the Abbott Memorial Library treasurer. Please telephone the Library at (802) 457-2236 to request additional information.

PLANNING COMMISSION

2023 Annual Report

During the past year, the planning commission spent much of its time rewriting the town plan, which is due to expire in 2024. This year the planning commission will be having a hearing to enable the public to comment on the draft plan. Finally, we will be passing the draft onto the selectboard for their public hearing and final approval. Pomfret was awarded a municipal planning grant enabling us to hire a consultant from TRORC, our regional planning commission. Having guidance in rewriting our plan has been invaluable as a trained planner can help navigate the states requirements as well as create a more readable document. Data can become obsolete and mapping can sometimes change. This has been a lengthy process involving numerous discussions about the needs of our residents and understanding their vision for the future.

One state requirement involves mapping areas of forest blocks and wildlife connector corridors. These land areas have been previously mapped by the state and are deemed important critical areas providing habitat and connecting corridors for all species of wildlife. There is debate within the planning world and amongst Pomfret's landowners as to the purpose of designating such specific areas and what may lie ahead as far as potential state mandated restrictive land use regulation. There is a statewide movement in the works to permanently conserve 30% of Vermont's landmass by 2030 and 50% by 2050. This is a herculean task and questions arise as to how, at what cost, and who monitors such a monumental program. Land trusts have been doing this for years and at a growing cost. Pomfret is the "poster child" of such an endeavor with privately and federally conserved land and a great deal of land off limits to development due to steep slopes and soil types unsuitable for septic systems. Where, if not within the forest fringe areas, can future development be located? Most residents would never consider developing agricultural land such as our pastoral hay meadows and hillside pastures. These are the very viewsheds that have drawn new residents to our town and have forever been the object of tourist's cameras. We, in Pomfret, live in a very desirable location.

So, the question begs, how can our town grow and where can new housing be located? Our past landowner legacy is to protect the rural, pastoral and small town qualities that have existed for many years. Our multi-generational landowners have protected and nourished the lands handed down to them. These landowners have demonstrated excellent stewardship, conservation practices, and sensible development through the generations. Ideas such as small footprint houses, accessory dwelling units (ADU's), and renovating older homes and barns into multi-family housing have been suggested as possible answers. Efficient, and hopefully affordable, workforce housing will be best situated near the high population centers where services, transportation, and jobs are close at hand. Pomfret does not seem to fit into this mold. This is a continuing discussion and as planners we need citizen input in order to realize the full potential for a healthy and vibrant community.

A few updates from our commission include the resignation of Tim Reiter and his replacement, Jack Pearsons. We thank Tim for his time spent with us and welcomed, Pomfret raised, Jack to our commission. We were deeply saddened by the passing of our fellow member, Ann Reynolds. We enjoyed working with Ann who worked diligently on the History Chapter as she had a keen eye for detail and a warm and friendly demeanor. She will be sorely missed.

We worked with ridgeline landowners on three applications for two simple additions and one new house. All were approved and the process went smoothly. We also spent time learning about the town-owned land on the Joe Ranger Road (the "stump dump" and site of Joe's house) and the "land-locked" town-owned parcel on the top of Thistle Hill. Negotiations with the New England Forestry Foundation, owner of the parcel between the two town-owned parcels resulted in a non-binding agreement to access the Thistle Hill land for recreational purposes in the future.

As always, we welcome your input, ideas, and concerns. We conduct our meetings both in-person at the town offices and via Zoom. Please refer to the town website for all contact information, minutes,

agendas, and Zoom meeting links. As you are aware, we have lived through a most chaotic year, with floods and worldwide issues that make heads spin, however, we are determined to hold steady and present you with a new plan that will meet your approval and benefit us all.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Emmons, III, Chair
Doug Tuttle, Vice Chair
John Moore, Secretary
Nelson Lamson
Cy Benoit
Tyler Wellington
Jack Pearsons

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2023 Annual Report

This year, we added several items to the Pomfret Historical Society (PHS) collection. These included a number of books and journals. Of interest were diaries of Josea Doton and books written by David Garth, a prolific author from Pomfret. The PHS was chosen as a repository for the complete David Garth works. We felt honored that Gaal Shepherd donated two of her paintings to the PHS. You will notice that we positioned a historic mileage marker sign next to the red building.

The collection of old Vermont law books in the town safe was taken by the Vermont Law School to add to missing books in their collection. The Pomfret Historical Society retained two 1808 Vermont law books. They were the oldest books in the collection and fascinating to read.

The Pomfret Historical Society had visitors from as far away as Texas and Washington state and we had a number of inquiries by email.

Scott Fletcher from the Hartford Historical Society was interested in researching our collection of papers and artifacts belonging to Hosea Doten. He has begun a project of digitizing the diaries and has completed the Doten diary from 1887. Scott was also interested in the cellar hole original homesite of Camilla Ware (1804-1871). We hiked to the site and took photographs. Camilla and her father, Jonathan, were scholars and fluent in several languages. A fire destroyed their house and extensive library in the mid 1800's.

This summer two collapsed brick corners of the PHS building were rebuilt. The PHS thanks the town for making these needed repairs to the Red Brick Building.

The PHS is open most Friday mornings from 10 am to noon and is located in the Red Brick Building. Call Alan Graham if you plan to visit. If you are interested in helping, please contact us. We are looking for more people to help with several interesting projects.

Alan C. Graham
PomfretHistoryVT@gmail.com
802-457-1021

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

2023 Annual Report

The Pomfret Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) comprises volunteers appointed by the Selectboard. We review requests for development that cannot be approved directly by the Zoning Administrator. Examples include most commercial land use, development within the setback of a road or property line, and other situations where the literal requirements of the town's Zoning Ordinance are not met.

When reviewing these requests, the ZBA considers whether the proposed development meets applicable standards in the Zoning Ordinance. Under certain circumstances, the ZBA can grant waivers from these standards. The ZBA also can place conditions or limits on approved development to carry out the Zoning Ordinance's purposes. A copy of the Zoning Ordinance is available at pomfretvt.us/index.php/documents/.

The ZBA also reviews requests for most development in FEMA-designated flood hazard areas, as well as appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator. Our proceedings are "quasi-judicial," with sworn testimony and decisions having legal force (and appealable to the Environmental Division of the Vermont Superior Court). Our recent decisions are available at pomfretvt.us/index.php/dep/planning-zoning/zo/.

Alan Blackmer, the ZBA's longtime chair, passed away in December. Alan was a dedicated public servant, faithful steward of Pomfret's lands, and champion of all who live here. Alan's friendship and leadership of the ZBA will be deeply missed.

As the volume of development surged in recent years, the ZBA occasionally found it difficult to muster a quorum for every proceeding. For this reason, in September, the Selectboard increased the ZBA's membership from five to seven. We are pleased they did so and grateful to those who volunteered to serve their community by filling the newly created positions.

Benjamin Brickner, Chair
Shaun Pickett, Vice-Chair
Susan Burgess
Kyle Hansen
Lindsay Hyde
Seth Westbrook
Jeffrey White

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

2023 Annual Report

The 2023 year has had a steady amount of zoning permits. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) are becoming more on the rise with landowners. Please remember that as a landowner, you are responsible for obtaining all required permits before beginning any work can commence. Failure to do so could result in monetary penalties. You may also be required to correct any violation, including removal of unpermitted homes, structures or other development.

While I do not hold regular office hours at the Town Office, please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the day by phone call or text message on my cell phone number of 1-802-299-8211 or by email karen.hewitt@pomfretvt.us or if you wish to meet in person, we can schedule a time. Zoning Applications can be picked up at the Town Office or obtained on the Town of Pomfret Website www.pomfretvt.us

Karen Hewitt Osnoe
Zoning Administrator

CEMETERY COMMISSION

2023 Annual Report

For the upcoming fiscal year, the Cemetery Commission requests a Town Appropriation of \$12,500, in line with the previous year. This is needed to support mowing and maintenance of our three cemeteries, repair of stones and fences, and memorial flags for Veterans. In addition, we continue to plan for the future purchase of additional cemetery ground.

Maintenance work this year, in addition to regular mowing, largely focused on trimming trees that were damaged by recent storms at Burns and Bunker Hill, and foliage overgrowth at Hewittville. We continue to make progress on the cleaning and repair of stones at the three cemeteries, and plan to repair the broken gates at Burns.

The Commissioners have assisted a number of families with interments this year, at each of the three Pomfret cemeteries, provided descendants with historical research on veterans' gravesites, and updated the burial records and indexes at the Town Office.

Cemetery Commissioners Ona Chase (Chair), Bruce Tuthill, and Susan Burgess

CEMETERY OPERATING ACCOUNT & FUND BALANCE		
	FY2022	FY2023
	Actual	Actual
Cemetery Income (300-6-10-00)		
Town Appropriation	12,000	12,000
Sale of Lots	--	--
Misc Revenue	250	--
Donation	--	450
Interest	482	463
TOTAL CEMETERY INCOME	12,732	12,913
Cemetery Expense (300-7-94-00)		
General Maintenance	7,595	8,579
Restoration of Headstones	--	--
Purchase of Corner Stones	--	--
Flags	--	550
Misc. Cemetery	--	--
TOTAL CEMETERY EXPENSE	7,595	9,129
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	5,137	3,785
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	62,891	68,028
ENDING FUND BALANCE	68,028	71,813

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

2023 Annual Report

The Trustees of Public Funds are responsible for the management of town endowment and trust funds. Throughout the year, the trustees meet to review market performance of existing funds, placement of new monies into either existing or new funds, discuss and initiate needed adjustments, and review overall fund management strategies. We encourage Pomfret residents to contribute to these funds. The trustees determine if disbursements, as designated by the originators of the funds, are possible, and initiate such actions.

In 2022-2023, fund performance was sufficient to allow disbursements from the two education trust funds. Anne Hauze was awarded \$750 from the Mabel E. Vaughan Trust Fund and Alec Smail received \$1,500 from the Avis M. Keith Educational Trust Fund.

The Trustees would like to acknowledge the sudden passing of board member Bob Hatfield on September 6th, 2023. Bob was always quick-witted and investment savvy, keeping us laughing while helping us toe the line of sound financial investment. Bob's contributions will be greatly missed.

Respectfully,
Michael Doten, Secretary
Robert Coates
Marjorie Wakefield, Chair

INVASIVE PLANT COMMITTEE

2023 Annual Report

The Pomfret Invasive Plant Committee continues to work to manage invasive plant populations in our town. We appreciate all the efforts of our town road crew, who are adopting proactive mowing schedules to reduce the spreading of invasive plant seeds along roadsides. Thank you also to the citizens who are vigilant in spotting these species early, when it can be relatively easy to remove them before they take hold.

We appreciate all the town residents who worked on their own roads to pull out poison parsnip and wild chervil before the roads were mowed. Single plant pulling is very important because it can prevent development of a seed drop, preventing spread of invasive plants along the roadside and into fields.

Roadside mowing during the peak of invasive plant seed development can drag seeds up and down our roads. Removing plants or mowing them before they go to seed is critical for management. The road crew has asked us to remind volunteers to not place the pulled weeds in the roadway but place them in the areas to be mowed. This means that plants should be pulled earlier in the season, just after they begin to flower, so that plants cannot continue to develop and drop seeds.

Mike Bald (Got Weeds) continues to manage poison parsnip and wild chervil at the Prosper Valley School through the Mountain Views Supervisory Union. Each year, there are fewer invasive plants to pull.

To help us with invasive plant management or obtain information, please call or email one of us.

Alan Graham, 457-1021	alan.c.graham@gmail.com
Betsy Rhodes, 457-1247	rhodes@sover.net
Joanna Long, 457-2918	JrudgeL@sover.net

TREE WARDEN

2023 Annual Report

The Pomfret Tree Warden is responsible for making decisions about shade trees along the right-of-ways in town. Trees along the town roads are removed in conjunction with the Tree Warden and Road Commissioner. The Pomfret Public Tree Policy was completed and adopted by the Pomfret Selectboard on August 17, 2022. You can find it online under Policies in the town documents.

Alan Graham graciously resigned from his deputy position and Bruce Tuthill has been appointed . Thank you Alan for all your help, and thank you Bruce great addition to have on board.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), was detected in Pomfret and continues to spread, recently discovered in the Marsh Billings National Park in Woodstock. This beetle attacks living ash trees and kills them. We suggest that forest owners in Pomfret seek help in deciding what to do to manage their woodlots and identify specimen yard trees. A local certified professional or our county forester can give you valuable information.

At this point the Town of Pomfret does not have a plan to manage EAB in ash trees along the town right-of-ways. A small 4 mile survey we did along the paved Pomfret roads showed that there are about 40 ash trees per mile. Ash trees made up about 60% of the roadside trees (trees greater than 4” diameter). Ash make up about 5% of our forests. We may have 2,000 roadside ash trees killed by EAB in the next 10 years. The Road Crew, with the help of a tree company, will be removing some of the standing dead trees along the roadside.

If you have tree concerns or are interested in working with Pomfret roadside trees, especially planting new roadside trees, please contact us.

Cy Benoit, Tree Warden, cyrusbenoit@gmail.com

Bruce Tuthill, Deputy Tree Warden bdtuthill@yahoo.com

Information Resources for Emerald Ash Borer in Vermont:

Most up-to-date maps of EAB and management links:

<https://www.vtinvasives.org/news-events/news/emerald-ash-borer-update-0>

Windsor County Forester:

A.J. Follensbee, 118 Prospect Street, Suite 102 White River Junction, VT 05001

Primary Phone: 802-595-2429 | Alternate Phone: 802-281-5262 | allen.follensbee@vermont.gov

FAST SQUAD

2023 Annual Report

In calendar year 2023 the Pomfret FAST Squad (First Aid Stabilization Team) continued to respond to medical emergencies within the borders of our town. Our mission is to provide quick initial contact and aid for residents in need. We work in conjunction with Woodstock Ambulance who also responds and transports our more critical patients.

This year we are fortunate to welcome Greg Olmstead and Scott Pearce to the squad.

I want to recognize Andy Hutt who “retired” this year from the squad and moved to Canada with his wife Merlynn. He was a dedicated member of the squad for twenty-nine years as an EMT and as our Infectious Control Officer. Andy, thank you for your service to the Town of Pomfret. Good luck in your new adventures.

Thank you,

Frank Perron, Jr.

Head of Service, Pomfret FAST Squad

(802) 457-3402 | frank@frankperron.com

WINDSOR COUNTY
2023 County Happenings

The County has experienced some changes this year, the first one is the bond that the county tax payers had approved for the Court House renovation has been paid off as of November 01, 2023. Thank you to all the tax payers for supporting this renovation.

Assistant Judge Ellen Terie decided not to run for re-election last year and retired as of January 31, 2023. Assistant Judge Terie was a valued member of the county and we certainly thank her for the 8 years she served Windsor County residents.

We also thank Assistant Judge Michael Ricci, who was also a valued member of the county and served the Windsor County residents for almost 2 years after being appointed by Governor Scott.

Our Deputy Clerk, Dianne Bumps, decided to retire from her county position in May of 2023. We thank Dianne for her dedication during her 5 years with Windsor County.

The County Building Superintendent, Bruce Page, who has taken care of both county buildings since July of 2017 decided to retire from his county position at the end of November 2023. We thank Bruce for all his dedication and hard work.

We thank Mike Chamberlain for the many years he served Windsor County as Sheriff. We wish him well and hope he is enjoying himself.

We wish them all well in their new adventures!

Windsor County residents elected Ryan Palmer as the County Sheriff. Sheriff Palmer has been approaching his new responsibility with a lot of enthusiasm.

Windsor County residents elected two (2) new Assistant Judges, Alison Johannensen and David Singer, who assumed office as of February 01, 2023. We welcome both of the assistant judges.

The Assistant Judges are working hard on securing an energy efficiency grant to be used to replace the old boiler in the county building. If the county is successful in securing the grant, we hope the boiler can be replaced within the next year.

The Windsor County Final Budget Hearing is scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2024 at the County Building in Woodstock, Vermont at 5:00 P.M.

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2023

White River Junction Local Health Office | 118 Prospect Street, White River Junction, VT
802-295-8820 | AHS.VDHWhiteRiverJct@Vermont.gov

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. **The White River Junction Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Northern Windsor and Southern Orange counties.** Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/white-river-junction

Collaboration with Partners

The White River Junction (WRJ) staff works with over 30 diverse health care and social service organizations in the Greater Upper Valley Integrated Services Team (GUVIST). **GUVIST is making services and support for community members of all ages more efficient, effective, responsive and appropriate to the desires of those in need.** To learn more about this initiative, visit uvpublichealth.org/guvist/

Addressing Health Equity

Our Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program helps pregnant people and families with children under age 5. We provide healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and referrals to community resources. Our office understands that not having transportation can make it difficult to get services. **Our office has the most access points in the state with our nutritionists hosting clinics at seven satellite sites.** If you would like to learn more visit www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction/wic-white-river-junction

Planning For and Responding to Emergencies

Our Emergency Preparedness Specialist, Immunization Nurse, Epidemiologist and other staff have worked with the Upper Valley Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to help our communities. They have spent hundreds of hours **conducting COVID testing, administering COVID and Mpox vaccinations, investigating over 210 infectious disease cases and collecting kits for water testing during flood recovery.** Learn more about the MRC at uvpublichealth.org/featured-partner-upper-valley-medical-reserve-corps/



VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH (VNH)

Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services

2023 Annual Report

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

VNH services reduce cost associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, VNH made 206 in-home visits.

- **Home Health Care**: 9 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services**: 1 resident who was in the final stages of their life.

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

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

Sincerely,

Anthony Knox

Anthony Knox
Community Relations Manager



“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you.”

~ Dr. Jane Goodall

GREEN UP VERMONT 2023 Annual Report

Dear Residents of Pomfret,

Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had a great turnout with a 20% increase in volunteers (23,500) who picked up 348 TONS of trash and 15,000 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe, healthy, and economically vibrant places to live.

Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to care about and get involved in their communities. Your annual contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact. This past Green Up Day we saw the resurgence of gatherings which really gave an amazing boost to communities. Let's keep building strong communities by working together.

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day 2024, May 4th - its bound to be out-of-this-world!

Also look for information about our very special VT Top to Bottom Green Up as we try for a *Guinness Book of Records* record.

I am honored to serve your community and look forward to working with you again. Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director
802-522-7245 • greenup@greenupvermont.org

Green Up's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment.

Green Up Vermont is a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit corporation.



OTTAUQUECHEE HEALTH FOUNDATION

2023 Annual Report

*The Ottawaquechee Health Foundation (OHF) Supports the
Health and Wellness Needs of Pomfret*

Who We Are:

The Ottawaquechee Health Foundation strives to improve the health and well-being of people who live in our core towns through grants, community partnerships, educational opportunities, and the support of wellness initiatives. We believe accessible health and wellness care is a vital part of any community.

We assist in the health and wellness needs of these core towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, **Pomfret**, Quechee, Reading, and Woodstock.

OHF's backbone programs, Good Neighbor and Homecare Grants, continue to be utilized extensively by those in need. These programs accommodate the increased and diverse needs of the communities OHF serves. Year-to-date, the foundation has received 274 grant inquiries totaling nearly \$309,000 in funding requests from residents of its nine core towns.

As of the end of October, OHF provided 12 grants to Pomfret residents in 2023 totaling over \$15,000. This equates to approximately 7% of our overall granting budget. Your support is invaluable to us and allows us to serve the Pomfret Community better. Thank you!

About OHF's Good Neighbor Grant (GNG) program

Our GNG program makes grants on behalf of individuals who are unable to pay for their health and wellness needs that are not covered by health insurance, such as dental care, physical therapy, counseling, hearing aids, eyeglasses, and more. Assistance is based on financial need, and applicants must live in the OHF catchment area.

Additionally, OHF will continue to provide services from our Homecare Grants Program, as well as other wellness offerings, to the Pomfret Community. These programs are all part of our commitment to providing access to health and wellness services while supporting overall community health. Together we can indeed create stronger and healthier communities.

Our Funding Sources:

Our funding comes through bi-annual appeal donations, town appropriations, grants, donor cultivation, and a modest draw from our investments.

How to Contact OHF:

Ottawaquechee Health Foundation (OHF)
802-457-4188 | www.ohfvt.org | director@ohfvt.org
PO Box 784 | 30 Pleasant Street | Woodstock, VT 05091



The Thompson
Your resource to age well

THE THOMPSON CENTER 2023 Annual Report

What an awesome phase of growth we are in! Each month new faces come through our doors for many different reasons: for medical equipment after surgery, help with insurance or taxes, a referral for a caregiver, something fun to do, or they've heard about our delicious meals. The Thompson serves 1,700 older adults annually and reaches 50% of the older adults in Pomfret age 65 and older. It is rewarding and it keeps things interesting to be the go-to place for aging well in our area.

A few highlights of the year include expanding our Aging at Home support program by offering handyman services for small, odd jobs, successfully completing our Homeshare pilot project, partnering with HomeShare Vermont to continue to grow that program, and expanding our staff by adding an assistant director position. Our team's response to the area flooding in July was recognized by Governor Scott. Work was completed on Phase 1 of our building expansion project and preparation continues for the next phases.

With the significant growth we have experienced over the past 10 years and the anticipated growth of our older population expected to more than double in the 70 – 85 age group over the next 10 years, it is more important than ever to be successful and creative in supporting our community members to age well. What an exciting time in the history of the Thompson!

Thank you to each of our Pomfret supporters and volunteers for ensuring that The Thompson remains a vibrant resource for all of us.

Please contact us at info@thompsonseneiorcenter.org or 457-3277 with any questions or needs. You can also see the menu and program calendar online at www.thompsonseneiorcenter.org or find us on Facebook. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Jones, Executive Director
The Woodstock Area Council on Aging, (d.b.a. The Thompson Center)

PENTANGLE ARTS

2023 Annual Report

We are grateful to the Town of Pomfret for its support of our mission to make our area a more vibrant, creative and stimulating place to live. Contributions have supported our Youth in Arts programs, as well as our free programming such as workshops and residencies in area schools.

Highlights of our 2023 -2024 season include:

- Professional live musical theatre for area schools based on children’s literature, including 123 Andrés who are an award-winning duo with catchy songs and a high-energy show that gets kids and families singing and dancing, in Spanish and English.
- Full weekend of Wassail Weekend events that include performances by Celtic rock band Preydein, and The Yale Alley Cats. For the kiddos free cookies with Santa and the Snow Maiden puppet show performed by No Strings Marionettes.
- A two-day dance residency with the Dance Theatre of Harlem for area students. The residency, Dancing Through Barriers, explores the African American Experience from the slave trade up through Black Lives Matter through ballet, jazz, and hip hop.
- Forty-two weekends of feature films on the area’s largest stage!
- The 45th annual free summer music series Music By the River.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact us if you have any questions about Pentangle Arts and the Woodstock Town Hall Theatre.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alita Wilson
Executive Director (802) 457-3981



TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

2023 Annual Report

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission. We are governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work to make the area better today, and to articulate a vision for a thriving regional economy that enhances the Region’s outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work in 2023.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff support your local officials by being a wealth of information on many subjects, enabling them to serve you better. We provide advice on zoning, capital budgeting, and preventing flood damage; review solar and cell tower projects; stay abreast of state and federal initiatives so that local government can take advantage of these; and have worked hard to address the region’s housing crisis. The Municipal Technical Assistance Program has supported eligible towns in identifying project opportunities and funding sources to undertake those projects. TRORC staff have also assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC supported the Region’s talented artists, food producers, and other parts of the creative economy sector through training and networking events. We also were able to provide many small businesses with grant funds to weather Covid-19, as well as guidance to towns on using their federal recovery funds. TRORC also helps identify and clean contaminated parcels of land for reuse.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve as liaisons between Vermont Emergency Management and local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials on emergency planning. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, helping to reduce future damages from disasters and enable greater state and federal funding when they do happen. When disasters happen, we actively become part of the state and local long-term recovery process and have done so most recently with the July floods.

Energy/Climate Change

TRORC assisted towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goal of meeting 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support member towns through assessing town buildings for energy conservation upgrades. We also work on state-level climate policy and local adaptation measures.

Transportation

TRORC also worked with towns to get funding to implement road improvement projects. We also work to support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and help towns with traffic counts and speed studies.

Specifically in Pomfret this past year, TRORC helped complete the Local Emergency Management Plan and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Staff also worked with the Town to revise the Town Plan. For transportation, staff assisted the town to complete ditching and culvert improvements on Sugarbush Farm Road. Staff also assisted the town with applying for and being awarded an energy assessment grant for the Town Hall.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

William B. Emmons III, Chairperson, Pomfret



Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District

Serving Bridgewater • Hartland • Norwich • Pomfret • Sharon • Strafford • Thetford • Vershire • West Fairlee •
Woodstock
PO Box 320, Ascutney, VT 05030 • (802) 674-4474 • www.guvsmd.org

GUVSWMD 2023 Annual Report

The GUVSWMD comprises 10 Upper Valley towns, overseeing a system for proper management of solid and hazardous waste, recyclables, and food scraps. GUV also provides special collection events for bulky and household hazardous waste (HHW), paint, electronics, tires, metal, and fluorescent bulbs as well as offering technical assistance, outreach, and education programs to area residents, businesses, schools, and municipalities.

- GUV held three special collections in 2023 in West Fairlee, Strafford and Thetford. We collected 7.25 tons of tires, 7 tons of electronics, and approximately 10 tons of “big” trash. Collection events are open to any resident or business within the district.
- As of November 1, members of the district recycled 1.7 tons of batteries. Please recycle your batteries at the Pomfret town offices. Batteries, paint, fluorescent bulbs, and batteries may be taken to participating hardware stores as well.
- Vermonters saved 103,166 gallons of paint from the landfill in **2022**. Pomfret residents may drop off paint any time at Woodstock Ace Hardware or Britton’s in Taftsville.
- 408 GUV residents (13 from Pomfret) participated in two household hazardous waste events.
- 148 GUV residents participated in two Styrofoam collection events sponsored by Sustainable Lebanon and Lebanon Rotary.
- 2024 GUV collection event dates and recycling updates will be posted on our website, Facebook page, town list servs, and in local newspapers.
- In FY2023, Vern Clifford once again represented Pomfret on the GUVSWMD Board of Supervisors. We thank him for his ongoing dedication.
- For information call Ham Gillett at 802-674-4474, email hgillet@marcv.org or visit <https://www.guvsmd.org/>



2023 Annual Report

Pomfret is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, the state's first communications union district (CUD), whose mission is to provide world-class fiber-optic based internet service to all on-grid homes and businesses in its member towns. The District consists of 31 member towns, and owns the business which operates under the trade name ECFiber. In 2023, the business added over 800 new customers despite critical labor shortages, and now serves over 8,500 customer locations via 1,700 miles of network, which, when fully built out, will bring fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) to about 32,000 premises over more than 2,000 miles of network.

In June, ECFiber celebrated the completion of its original 23 town network when it activated its operation center in White River Junction. In August, the District was awarded a \$13 million construction grant that will support the first three or four stages of its \$30 million, nine stage, network completion plan. In November, its Series 2023A municipal revenue bond received a "BB" rating from Standard Poor's Global Credit arm, which was an historic moment in US financial history: the first time a municipal revenue bond not backed by taxes, and not for a regulated utility or exclusive service territory, received a rating. This was extended to the six earlier bonds as well.

The District contracts with Great Works Internet (GWI) of Vermont to operate the business. The biggest challenges we face now are not funding, but rather finding enough folks to construct the networks – people who know how to operate bucket trucks, splice fiber while 40 feet above the ground, and be willing to work outside in difficult weather. ECFiber is actively participating in state and regional workforce development efforts. If you are or know of someone who may be interested in these well-paid jobs, please let us know!

The ECFiber network is complete in our town. We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber and encourage you to subscribe, if you haven't already. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

Alan C. Graham Kristen Esty Betsy Rhodes

We are your Pomfret Governing Board Delegates appointed by the Selectboard
Contact us if you have any questions or concerns: pomfret@ecfiber.net

Or contact the ECFiber office:
833-323-4237 www.ecfiber.net
415 Waterman Rd Unit 2, South Royalton, Vermont 05068-5418



WISE

2023 Annual Report

Mission Statement:

WISE leads the Upper Valley to end gender-based violence through survivor-centered advocacy, prevention, education and mobilization for social change.

Since 1971, WISE has been dedicated to providing trauma-informed advocacy and support for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking within 23 communities in Windsor and Orange Counties, VT and Grafton County, NH. WISE supports people through the confidential and free 24-hour crisis line, on-site emergency housing and housing advocacy, legal services, safety planning, groups, and in-person advocacy at the WISE Program Center, police stations, courthouses, hospitals, social service agencies, and at Dartmouth College. In FY23 (7/1/22-6/30/23), WISE provided advocacy and other critical support services to a total of 1333 people. Among the advocacy responses sought from WISE, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and accompaniments were the most common. WISE advocates are available every hour, every day at 866-348-WISE, or text at 603-836-9472 or chat online at resourceconnect.com/wiseuv/chat.

Program Center · 38 Bank Street · Lebanon, NH 03766
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tel: 603-448-5922 · fax: 603-448-2799 · www.wiseuv.org



HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

2023 Annual Report

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and emergency services programs.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.



2023 Annual Report

The Empower UP! Mentoring Program would like to thank the Town of Pomfret for the generous support we have received over the years. Community support is essential to sustain this program and serve the maximum number of students in the district. We thank you very much for your continued support!

Empower UP! Mountain Views Mentoring Program (Previous known as Windsor Central) has been matching mentors with Mountain Views Supervisory Union students since 1999. This MVSU-wide initiative strives to build positive intergenerational relationships between adult role models and students in grades 2-12.

Highlights of work this past year:

- In order to increase capacity to mentor more students, Program Coordinator has continued to perform outreach to businesses with a small to large employee base. The purpose of this outreach is to increase awareness of the program and encourage adult employees to become mentors.
- Through collaboration with local businesses, mentors and mentees continue to enjoy such opportunities as Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Billings Farm and Museum, Montshire Museum of Science, ArtisTree Community Arts Center, plus much more. These collaborations continue to support the program for mentoring matches, mentoring events, and group activities.
- One hundred percent of mentees believe that they can depend on their mentor and that their mentors have made a difference in their lives.
- One hundred percent of our mentees believe that having a mentor has made them feel like they matter.
- Empower UP! has continued to maintain and support up to 16 mentor/mentee matches.

Respectfully submitted;
Annie Luke
Program Coordinator

SPECTRUM TEEN CENTER



2023 Annual Report

November 28, 2023
The Spectrum Teen Center
70 Amsden Way
Woodstock, Vermont 05091

Town of Pomfret.

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to once again thank the town of Pomfret for their generous support that we received last year. We are very grateful for the continued support we have received from you over the years.

The Spectrum Teen Center has been serving teens for 28 years in grades 7-12. Our program serves teens from the six sending towns that make up the Mountain Views Supervisory Union. We are under the umbrella of the MVSU.

In 2022, we provided over 12 FREE events for teens! We hosted outdoor pizza nights at Pizza Chef, art events at Artistree, several movie nights at the Woodstock Town Hall Theater and a hike up Mt. Peg.

Thank you again for your support!

The Spectrum Teen Center Director
Heather Vonada

PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL TRUST

2023 Annual Report

Building community by enriching the learning experiences of The Prosper Valley School students.

Recognizing the need to enrich and improve educational opportunities within our public school system, The Pomfret School Trust was founded in 1992 to nurture excellence in education in Pomfret, VT. For the past 30 years, the Trust has been responsive to the needs of our students and to the changing landscape of local education. However, the mission has never faltered: to enrich the learning of students by building connections to our community and to nature.

This school year, The Prosper Valley School Trust has supported the following initiatives:

- **Leadership Training:** This fall students focused on building leadership skills, teambuilding, community, personal challenge, natural history and outdoor skills development by navigating ropes courses and exploring the natural environment at Camp Hulbert in Fairlee, VT.
- **Science Symposium:** In May, students will attend the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) Symposium which provides opportunities for students to complete scientific research, design solutions to solve a local problem, and present their findings at a regional symposium.

The Prosper Valley School Trust is a private foundation that conforms to all provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the IRS. All funds held by the Trust are privately-raised through donations.

MESSAGE FROM POMFRET WOODSTOCK UNION REPRESENTATIVES

This year, the Windsor Central Unified Union School District (WCUUSD) was renamed the Mountain Views Supervisory Union (MVSU). On March 5, 2024 voters of the seven towns that comprise the MVSU (Pomfret, Woodstock, Reading, Plymouth, Barnard, Bridgewater, and Killington) will vote to decide whether to fund a bond in the amount of \$99,000,000 (\$99M) to build a new middle school/high school facility.

The current facility is 50-60 years old, and has long outlived the expected lifespan for these structures. Systems in the current buildings are failing and extremely costly to keep operational. At Town Meeting 2023, a \$1,500,000 line item was passed just to fix the heating system in the high school. These types of unexpected costs will continue and likely become more costly to taxpayers in the coming years if the new school bond is not passed this year. Furthermore, the cost of the new facility will only increase as time progresses if the bond is not passed in 2024.

If you have questions, we would encourage all voters to visit the school or attend an information session prior to March 5th. If neither of these is an option for you, the following website is a great source of information: <https://mtnviews.org/breaking-new-ground>

So that our Pomfret students and students from all of our adjacent towns can attend a safe, secure, healthy middle school/high school that is designed for 21st century teaching and learning, please vote "yes" on the bond question on your Town Meeting Day 2024 ballot. The relevant board meetings, either in person or via Zoom, and make their opinions heard.

Pomfret Woodstock Union Representatives,

Robert Crean

Lydia Locke

**WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
a.k.a. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING
WARNING, NOTICE, and AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby **WARNED** and **NOTIFIED** that an **INFORMATIONAL HEARING** will be held at the **Woodstock Union Middle and High School library, located in the Town of Woodstock, Vermont, on Thursday February 29, 2024, commencing at 6:30PM** to discuss the Australian ballot articles of the 2024 Annual Unified Union District Meeting Warning. Additionally, the Public Informational Hearing will be accessible through electronic means (online meeting).

Information on how to access the remote hearing:

Topic: WCUUSD/MVSD Informational Hearing

Time: February 29, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 893 0245 0476

Passcode: 525685

- **By computer: Join Zoom meeting at**
<https://wcsu-net.zoom.us/j/89302450476?pwd=ZHJoY2QvTDhHZ3g0dTQxckNLdjc2UT09>
You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the meeting ID if prompted: **893 0245 0476** and passcode: **525685** if prompted.
- **By smartphone, tablet, or other device:** Download and open the Zoom app. You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the meeting ID: **893 0245 0476** and passcode: **525685** if prompted.
- **By telephone: Dial: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) or +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)**
Enter the meeting ID: **893 0245 0476** and passcode: **525685** if prompted.

AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

- 6:30PM: Call to Order
- 6:35PM: Additions or deletions to the agenda
 - Public comment
- 6:40PM: To hear the reports of the School District Board of Directors
 - Public comment
- 6:45PM Review and Discuss: **Article 4:** To fix the salary for District Treasurer in the amount of \$7,500.00 for 2024-2025.
 - Public comment
- 6:50PM: Review and discuss **Article 6:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, approve the school board to expend Thirty Million Four Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$30,429,153.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,043 per Long Term Weighted (LTW) equalized pupil.
 - Public comment

- 7:10PM: Review and discuss **Article 7**: Shall general obligation notes or bonds of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District in a principal amount not to exceed Ninety-Nine Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$99,000,000.00) be issued to finance construction of a new Union Middle/High School on the site of the existing Woodstock Union High School and Middle School in Woodstock, Vermont, to construct or install athletic fields and related outbuildings and structures, and to demolish, remove and dispose of Woodstock Union High School and Middle School?

State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive State school construction aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing by the District for the Project in anticipation of State school construction aid.

The Vermont school construction aid program has been suspended since 2007. Accordingly, State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive State school construction aid. The district is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of State school construction aid. To meet this responsibility while limiting impacts to district taxpayers, the district intends to use other State funding such as available tax capacity resulting from the implementation of new pupil weights under Act 127 of 2022 and amounts raised through private fundraising.

- Public comment

- 7:30PM: Discussion of other non-binding business (if applicable)
- 7:35PM: Entertain motion to adjourn hearing.

**WARNING FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
a.k.a. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 5, 2024**

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby **WARNED** and **NOTIFIED** to **VOTE**, in accordance with H.42 of the 2023 Legislative Session and signed by the Governor on January, 25, 2023, by **AUSTRALIAN BALLOT** either via mail as provided by their respective Town Clerk or at their respective Town polling places hereinafter named for the above-referenced towns on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**, during the polling hours noted below.

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Barnard Town Hall located at 115 North Road, Barnard, VT 10:00AM- 7:00PM
Bridgewater Town Clerk's Office located at 45 Southgate Loop, Bridgewater, VT 8:00AM-7:00PM
Killington Town Hall located at 2706 River Road, Killington, VT 7:00AM-7:00PM
Plymouth Municipal Building located at 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT 10:00AM-7:00PM
Pomfret Town Office located at 5218 Pomfret Road, North Pomfret, VT 8:00AM-7:00PM
Reading Town Hall located at 799 VT-106, Reading, VT 7:00AM-7:00PM
Woodstock Town Hall located at 31 the Green, Woodstock VT 7:00AM- 7:00PM

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT- MARCH 5, 2024

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator who shall assume office upon election and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Clerk who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 3: To elect a Treasurer who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 4: To fix the salary for District Treasurer in the amount of \$7,500.00 for 2024-2025.

ARTICLE 5: The legal voters of the specified towns designated within this itemized Article shall elect only their director(s) as follows:

- Barnard: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Bridgewater: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Killington: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Pomfret: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Woodstock: two school directors to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, approve the school board to expend Twenty-Nine Million Seven Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$29,756,674.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,552.00 per Long Term Weighted (LTW) equalized pupil.

ARTICLE 7: **The Mountain Views School District proposes to incur bonded indebtedness for the purpose of construction of a new Union Middle/High School and to install athletic fields and related outbuildings and structures, and to demolish, remove and dispose of the existing Woodstock Union Middle/High School in Woodstock, Vermont, in an amount not to exceed \$99,000,000.**

The Vermont school construction aid program has been suspended since 2007. Accordingly, State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive State school construction aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing by the District for the Project in anticipation of State school construction aid. To meet this responsibility while limiting impacts to district taxpayers, the district intends to use other funding sources such as Inflation Reduction Act funding for renewable energy projects and amounts raised through private fundraising.

Shall the bonds of the Mountain Views School District in an amount not to exceed \$99,000,000 be issued for the purpose of construction of a new Union Middle/High School and to install athletic fields and related outbuildings and structures, and to demolish, remove and dispose of the existing Woodstock Union Middle/High School?

Upon closing of the polls, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §741(b)(2), the ballots will be counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock.

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this 2nd day of February 2024 in Woodstock, Vermont.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
WCUUSD (A.K.A. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT)

Additional School District information, including enrollment trends, Board Chair, Superintendent and Principals' Reports, are available on the Town of Pomfret website at <http://www.pomfretvt.us/index.php/boar/scho/>.

Please visit the MVSU website at <https://mtnviews.org/wcuusd-budget-information> for the School District budgets, and for additional financial details for the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. Should you have any questions about these materials, please contact Pomfret's School Board representatives:

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90 Wild Apple Road
South Pomfret, Vermont 05067
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P.O. Box 52
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WCUUSD (A.K.A. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT) FINANCIAL DETAILS

Windsor Central Unified Union School District
(a.k.a. Mountain Views School District)
<https://mtnviews.org>

FY25 BUDGET:

Budget financial details will be posted on our website as documents become available. Visit: MVSU website > About > Budget

AUDIT STATEMENT:

The financial records are being audited by RHR Smith & Company for the year ending June 30, 2023. Copies of the completed audit, when available, may be requested by calling the Director of Finance & Operations at 802-457-1213, ext. 1089, or visit: MVSU website > About > District Finances

TOWN OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, COMMITTEES AND EMPLOYEES

— OFFICERS —	Term Expires	— APPOINTEES —	Term Expires
MODERATOR		ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	
Kevin Geiger	2024	<i>vacant</i>	<i>n/a</i>
TOWN CLERK		CITIZEN TRUSTEE OF LABOUNTY FUND	
Rebecca Fielder	2024	Marjorie Wakefield	2024
SELECTBOARD		COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	
Steve Chamberlin	2024	Karen Hewitt Osnoe	2024
Meg Emmons	2024	CONSTABLE	
Emily Grube	2025	Douglas Tuthill	2024
John Peters Jr., Chair	2025	e911 COORDINATOR	
Benjamin Brickner, Vice-Chair	2026	Rebecca Fielder	2024
TOWN TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR		EAST CENTRAL VERMONT DISTRICT (ECFiber) REPRESENTATIVES	
Ellen DesMeules	2024	Alan Graham	2024
CEMETERY COMMISSION		Kristen Esty (<i>first alternate</i>)	2024
Ona Chase, Chair	2024	Betsy Rhodes (<i>second alternate</i>)	2024
Bruce Tuthill	2025	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	
Susan Burgess	2026	Kevin Rice	2024
LISTERS		FIRE WARDEN	
Norman Buchanan, Chair	2024	Frank E. Perron, Jr.	2025
Rebecca Fielder	2025	Fred S. Doten, Sr. (<i>deputy</i>)	2025
Neil Lamson	2026	GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (GUVSWD)	
AUDITORS		Vernon Clifford	2024
Nancy Matthews	2024	Douglas Tuthill (<i>alternate</i>)	2024
Kristen Esty	2025	HEALTH OFFICER	
Annie Mears Abbott	2026	Hugh Hermann, M.D.	2027
LIBRARY TRUSTEES		PLANNING COMMISSION	
Susan Burgess	2024	Nelson Lamson	2024
Mary Worrell, Chair	2024	Jack Pearsons (<i>appointed 2023</i>)	2024
Cara DeFoor	2025	Tim Reiter (<i>resigned 2023</i>)	2024
Jocelyn Randles	2025	Tyler Wellington	2024
Douglas Abbott	2026	John Moore	2025
Betsy Rhodes	2026	Ann Reynolds (<i>deceased 2023</i>)	2025
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS		Doug Tuthill (<i>appointed 2023</i>)	2025
Robert Coates (<i>appointed 2023</i>)	2024	Cyrus Benoit	2026
Robert Hatfield (<i>deceased 2023</i>)	2024	William Emmons, Chair	2026
Michael Doten	2025	ROAD COMMISSIONER	
Marjorie Wakefield, Chair	2026	<i>vacant</i>	<i>n/a</i>
WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORS		TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	
Bob Crean	2024	Sheila Murray	2024
Lydia Locke	2026	TREE WARDEN	
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE		Cyrus Benoit	2024
Anne Bower	2025	Bruce Tuthill (<i>deputy</i>)	2024
Michael Doten	2025		
Chuck Gundersen	2025		
James Robinson	2025		
Marjorie Wakefield	2025		

— COMMITTEES —	Term Expires	— APPOINTEES (cont.) —	Term Expires
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE		TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION (TRORC) BOARD OF	
Neil Lamson	<i>n/a</i>	William Emmons	2024
John Moore	<i>n/a</i>	Gennie Lawrence (<i>alternate</i>)	2024
Jon Ricketson	<i>n/a</i>		
Hunter Ulf	<i>n/a</i>		
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		TRORC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY	
Ellen DesMeules	<i>n/a</i>	Jon Harrington	2024
Emily Grube	<i>n/a</i>		
Nancy Matthews	<i>n/a</i>		
TOWN HALL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE		ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	
Katie Brickner	<i>n/a</i>	Karen Hewitt Osnoe	2024
Marie Cross	<i>n/a</i>		
Meg Emmons, Chair	<i>n/a</i>		
Dana Kaye	<i>n/a</i>		
Gennie Lawrence	<i>n/a</i>		
John Moore	<i>n/a</i>		
		ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	
		Alan Blackmer (<i>deceased 2023</i>)	2024
		Lindsay Hyde (<i>appointed 2024</i>)	2024
		Kyle Hansen	2024
		Benjamin Brickner, Chair	2025
		Shaun Pickett, Vice-Chair	2025
		Susan Burgess	2026
		Seth Westbrook	2026
		Jeffry White	2026

— EMPLOYEES —

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK
Sally Weglarz
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER
Sally Weglarz
HIGHWAY TEAM
Jim Potter, Road Foreman
Art Lewin
Justin Ricard
Brian Sawyer
SELECTBOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Cynthia Hewitt

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In-person voting is open Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 8:00 am – 7:00 pm