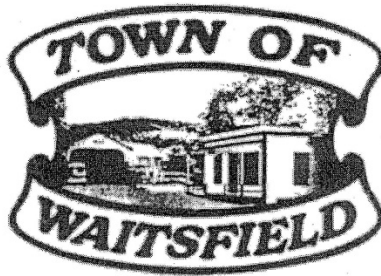




TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2021 Annual Report



**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT
2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

Chartered on February 25, 1782
2020 Population – 1,844
Size: 17,222 acres (est.)

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Monday through Friday
4144 Main Street
Waitsfield, VT 05673

Research appointments by reservation

SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF LOCAL BOARDS

(all remote or at the Town Offices, unless otherwise warned)

Selectboard – 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Development Review Board – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Conservation Commission – 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Water Commission – 2nd Fridays at 8:00 a.m.

For meeting schedules, agendas, materials, and minutes, please
visit the Town's website: www.waitsfieldvt.us

*Cover photo: Historic Village ("Big Eddy") Covered Bridge and
Mad River from Lovett Park*

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DEDICATION



The 2021 Waitsfield Town Report is dedicated to Paul Hartshorn, who has committed decades of his life to community service on behalf of the Town. Paul has served on the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department for an astounding 64 years (and still counting). He served on the Selectboard for 18 consecutive years, while simultaneously serving on the Conservation Commission for six of those years.

Paul also demonstrated his commitment to the Town's children and youth by serving on the Waitsfield Elementary School Board for 20 years, and for nine years on the Harwood Union School Board. He also spent 43 years serving on the Waitsfield Cemetery Commission.

His commitment to public service goes beyond municipal government. He has been a member of Oddfellows Valley Lodge #16 for 60 years. As a retired dairy farmer and active logger, sawmill operator, and sugar maker, Paul has also supported other Vermonters who work the land through his 25 years with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (now the Farm Service Agency), and for the past 10 years by serving on the Board of the Winooski Natural Resource Conservation District.

Paul has been an outspoken advocate for the protection of property rights and minimizing the tax burden on local property owners. This dedication is not the first time Paul has been recognized for his service to the community. In 2005 Paul was recognized by U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy for his 50 years of community service. It is with great appreciation that this report is dedicated to Paul.

THANK YOU

The Town of Waitsfield would like to acknowledge the teachers, educators, childcare workers, caregivers, and staff who have continued to provide learning and development opportunities to our children and young people throughout the many disruptions and challenges of this past year.

Your dedication, resourcefulness, and resiliency are testaments to your commitment to the work and our children: a commitment not just to promote learning, but to help our children and young people thrive on their way to becoming the leaders of tomorrow. Now, more than ever, you serve a critical role in this community.

Thank you.

“America's students and families needed champions like never before, and they found their champions in educators. Thank you for being the heroes we needed.”

*- Jill Biden
(Teacher and
First Lady)*

TOWN OFFICERS 2021

Elected by Australian Ballot

Selectboard:

Jordan Gonda (3)	Mar. 2022
Charles Curtis (appt.) (2)	Mar. 2022
Brian Shupe (3)	Mar. 2023
Christine Sullivan (2)	Mar. 2023
Fred Messer (3)	Mar. 2024

Listers (3):

Ted B. Joslin	Mar. 2022
Joseph Klimek	Mar. 2023
Manuel Apigian	Mar. 2024

Collector of Delinquent Taxes (1):

Jennifer Peterson	Mar. 2022
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Library Trustees (5):

David Babic	Mar. 2022
Trish Read	Mar. 2023
Carol Hosford	Mar. 2024
Jean Joslin	Mar. 2025
Sally Reisner	Mar. 2026

Town Agent (1):

Ted B. Joslin	Mar. 2022
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Harwood Unified Union School

District Directors:

Jeremy Tretiak (3)	Mar. 2022
Christine Sullivan (3)	Mar. 2023

Cemetery Commissioners (5):

Laura Brines (appt.)	Mar. 2022
George Gabaree, Jr.	Mar. 2023
Mark Peal	Mar. 2024
Janice Vogini	Mar. 2025
Vickie Walluck	Mar. 2026

Trustees of Cemetery Funds (3):

Robert Cook	Mar. 2022
Andrew Baird, Jr.	Mar. 2023
Gib Geiger, Jr.	Mar. 2024

Justices of the Peace (2):

Cecil "Zeke" Church	Nov. 2022
Andreas Lehner	Nov. 2022
Mary Lehner	Nov. 2022
Helen Myers	Nov. 2022
Jennifer Peterson	Nov. 2022
Roberta "Bobbi" Rood	Nov. 2022
Karen Rookwood	Nov. 2022

Elected from the Floor

Moderator (1):

VACANT	Mar. 2022
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TOWN OFFICERS 2021

Appointed by the Selectboard

Town Clerk (3):

Jennifer Peterson Mar. 2024

Town Treasurer (3):

VACANT Mar. 2022

M.R.V. Planning District Reps (1):

Christine Sullivan Mar. 2022

Brian Voigt Mar. 2022

Constable (1):

VACANT Mar. 2022

Second Constable (1):

VACANT Mar. 2022

Planning Commission (4):

Emma Hanson Mar. 2022

Alice Peal, Vice Chair Mar. 2022

Brian Voigt Mar. 2022

Steve Shea Mar. 2023

Kevin Anderson Mar. 2024

AnnMarie Harmon, Chr. Mar. 2024

Bob Cook Mar. 2025

Central Vermont Regional

Planning Commission (1):

Don LaHaye Mar. 2022

Harrison Snapp Mar. 2022

Development Review Board (3):

Duncan Brines. Mar. 2022

John Donaldson, Chair. Mar. 2022

Steve McKenzie Mar. 2022

Jonathon Ursprung Mar. 2022

Chris Cook (Alt.) Mar. 2024

Gib Geiger, Jr. Mar. 2024

Rudy Polwin Mar. 2024

James Tabor Mar. 2024

Tree Warden (1):

VACANT Mar. 2022

Tree Board (3):

Vince Gauthier Mar. 2023

Charles Hosford Mar. 2022

VACANT Mar. 2022

Zoning Administrator (3):

JB Weir Jan. 2024

Fire Warden (5):

Jared Young Jun. 2026

Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Dept. (1):

Fire Chief:

Tripp Johnson Jan. 2022

1st Assistant Chief:

Paul Hartshorn Jan. 2022

2nd Assistant Chief:

Jared Young Jan. 2022

Captain:

Ted Savage Jan. 2022

Lieutenants:

George Gabaree, Jr. Jan. 2022

Tristan Weide Jan. 2022

Moderator:

George Gabaree, Jr. Jan. 2022

Treasurer:

Gordon Eurich Jan. 2022

Secretary:

Shannon Young Jan. 2022

Safety Officer:

Daniel Beede Jan. 2022

Road Commissioner (1):

Charles Goodman, III Mar. 2022

Emergency Management (1):

Frederick Messer, Dir. Mar. 2022

Carla Straight, Coord. Mar. 2022

TOWN OFFICERS 2021

Appointed by the Selectboard

Energy Coordinator (2):

Christopher Badger Nov. 2023

Health Officer (3):

Fred Messer Nov. 2023

Dog Warden (1):

Fred Messer Mar. 2022

Conservation Commission (2):

Bruno Grimaldi Mar. 2022

Ted Joslin Mar. 2022

Leo Laferriere Mar. 2022

James Donaldson Mar. 2022

Phill Huffman Mar. 2023

Chris Loomis Mar. 2023

Bob Cook Mar. 2023

Curt Lindberg, Chair Mar. 2023

P.J. Telep Mar. 2023

Inspector of Lumber (1):

Andrew Baird, Jr. Mar. 2022

Fence Viewers (1):

Allen Gaylord Mar. 2022

Douglas Kenyon Mar. 2022

Bryan Neill Mar. 2022

Weigher of Coal (1):

Charles Hosford Mar. 2022

Green Up Coordinators (1):

Bri Skoldberg Mar. 2022

M.R. Solid Waste Alliance (1):

Salvatore Spinosa Mar. 2022

MRV Rec. District Reps. (3):

Liza Walker Mar. 2023

Jeff Whittingham Mar. 2024

Water Commission (2):

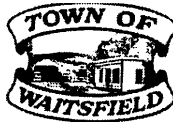
William Parker Mar. 2022

VACANT Mar. 2022

Peter Lazorchak Mar. 2023

Robin Morris, Chair Mar. 2023

Peter Reynells Mar. 2023



**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
WARNING
FOR ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 1, 2022**

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield, County of Washington, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Waitsfield Elementary School Auditorium on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022**, beginning at seven o'clock in the morning (7 A.M.) when the polls will open, and continuing until seven o'clock in the afternoon (7 P.M.) when the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following Articles.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters approve a municipal budget of \$2,408,896 to pay the operating expenses and indebtedness of the Town, of which an estimated \$1,999,667 will be raised from property taxes?

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters authorize the Town to collect taxes on real property by four (4) equal payments made to the Treasurer as follows: one quarter (25%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Thursday, September 15, 2022; the second quarter (25%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Tuesday, November 15, 2022; the third quarter (25%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Wednesday, February 15, 2023; with the remaining quarter (25%) to be paid without discount not later than Monday, May 15, 2023?

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town of Waitsfield permit the operation of cannabis Retailers and Integrated Licensees, subject to such municipal ordinance and regulation as the Town Selectboard may lawfully adopt and implement?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize an additional \$10,000 appropriation (increased from FY22) to support the Mad River Valley Recreation District, contingent upon the voters of Warren and Fayston each also authorizing additional appropriations to support the District in a comparable amount?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters authorize an additional appropriation to support the Conservation Commissions’ “Restroom/Recreation/Conservation” reserve fund in the amount of \$10,000?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize the Town to establish a reserve fund for invasive species management (such as knotweed and emerald ash borer) and to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to establish such a fund in Fiscal Year 2023?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters renew and extend for a maximum period of three years, ending March 31, 2025, the Agricultural Tax Stabilization Agreement for farm lands, to the extent allowed by State law?

ARTICLE 8: Will the Town vote to exempt the Masonic Lodge, located at 4376 Main Street, from real property taxes for a period of five (5) years pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. Section 3840?

ARTICLE 9: Shall voters authorize the Town to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of taxes by issuing its notes or orders to meet current expenses and indebtedness of the Town of Waitsfield?

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield, County of Washington, State of Vermont, are hereby also notified and warned that a public information meeting to review and discuss the above Articles will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022, beginning at six-thirty o’clock in the afternoon (6:30 P.M.). Public access to this meeting will be available remote via Zoom. The participate remotely, please use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82056117089>

Meeting ID: 820 5611 7089

By phone: 1 (929) 205-6099

Dated at Waitsfield, Vermont, this 24th day of January 2022 by:

The Waitsfield Selectboard.

Christine Sullivan, Chair
Brian Shupe, Vice-Chair
Chach Curtis

Jordan Gonda
Fred Messer

Attest: Jennifer Peterson, Town Clerk

TOWN MEETING 2022, COVID-19, AND AUSTRALIAN BALLOTS

Due to the continued impacts of COVID-19, Town Meeting 2022 will function like the 2021 Town Meeting, with all articles to be voted by Australian ballot.

Why switch?

After careful consideration of timing, public health standards, and State requirements related to indoor capacity, the switch is again the safest and most effective way to hold Town Meeting in 2022.

What is an Australian ballot?

An Australian ballot is a paper ballot; the Town utilizes Australian ballots when voting for candidates for local offices at Town Meeting, for example.

How do I vote by Australian ballot?

There are two ways – by requesting a ballot from the Town Clerk or at the polls on Tuesday, March 1st, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Absentee ballots can be requested from the Town Clerk's office (496-2218; waitsfieldclerk@gmavt.net). Completed absentee ballots can be returned by mail, placed in the drop boxes at either entrance to the Waitsfield Town Offices, or at the polls on March 1st until 7:00 p.m.

Where will the polls be located?

The Waitsfield Elementary School Auditorium; they will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please be prepared to observe all public health protocols in place at the time, such as masks, hand sanitizing or washing, and social distancing.

Without the floor meeting, where can I learn more about the municipal budget and any articles?

This book includes information about both, as does the Town's website (www.waitsfieldvt.us).

A required component of the Australian ballot process is an informational meeting prior to the vote. That meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Can voters make any changes to the budget or articles?

No. Australian ballot votes are simple yes/no votes on the articles – or questions – as presented.

How do I vote on articles presented by the Harwood Unified Union School District, such as the school budget?

Whether voting absentee or at the polls, those will appear on ballots provided to voters.

Will the Town be mailing ballots to everyone, similar to the November elections?

No. Proceeding with absentee ballots and the polls ensures that voters receive all ballots and articles (Town, School, and elected officials) at one time, and can return them the same way (if voting absentee).

How can I verify that I'm registered to vote in Waitsfield, or become registered to vote if I'm not?

Calling the Town Clerk's office (496-2218) is one way. The other is to visit the, "My Voter Page," provided by the Vermont Secretary of State (<https://mvp.vermont.gov/>) – the site allows one to check registration status and/or register to vote.

Now the important question – what about the lunch?

Without the traditional Town Meeting Day lunch, please consider supporting a local food establishment with a takeout or delivery order instead, and/or donating to the local food shelf.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Town staff with any questions or concerns.

SELECTBOARD REPORT

2021 proved to be another year of change and uncertainty, requiring more adaptability from all of us. Waitsfield faced the same challenges as most communities across the country due to the impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Town operations have continued to adapt and evolve in response to the guidance from public health officials and local leaders.

The community has been incredibly supportive throughout a number of staffing transitions at the Town Offices, including a new Town Administrator (Annie Decker-Dell'Isola), a new Planning & Zoning Administrator (JB Weir), and the continued search for a new Treasurer to replace Sandy Gallup who retired this past summer but, to our great appreciation, continues to help out on a limited basis.

A silver lining of the COVID-19 pandemic is the town's allocation of municipal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars. Waitsfield will receive \$506,081.78 in municipal ARPA money. The town must obligate these funds by December 31, 2024, and spend it all by December 31, 2026. The Selectboard will spend time in 2022 planning for the most effective use of this money.

The Selectboard has continued its work to address the housing needs in Waitsfield and the Mad River Valley. The Selectboard provided support to the Planning Commission in its pursuit of funding through the Bylaw Modernization Grant program to make strategic updates to the town's zoning to plan for smart growth.

The Board also supported the coordinated efforts of the Planning Commission and Water Commission to pursue funding through an ARPA enhanced Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund in order to provide an updated wastewater and water feasibility analysis for Waitsfield Village, Irasville, and surrounding areas to address capacity needs and accommodate additional housing.

The Board continues to support pedestrian safety and recreation in Waitsfield. 2021 saw the completion of the Village West Sidewalk project. The work of the pedestrian safety "Tiger Team" resulted in state approval for reduced speeds at the northern and southern transition zones when entering town. Waitsfield continues to

identify ways to support recreation and tourism in the community and participated in the pilot year of the Steward MRV program, with additional funding included as part of the FY23 proposed budget.

The General Wait House Committee also formed in 2021, was tasked with identifying options for the maintenance and long-term use of the General Wait House. Their final report, delivered in December 2021, will help the Selectboard chart a course forward in 2022 and beyond.

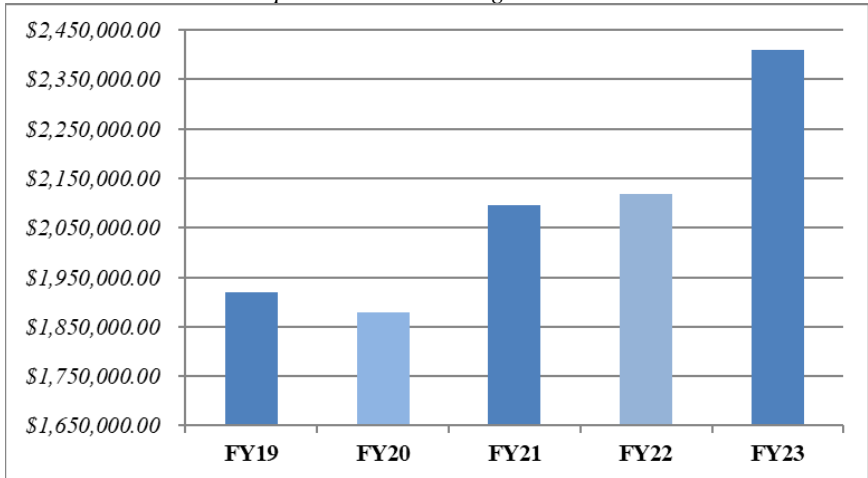
Respectfully submitted,

Christine Sullivan, Chair
Brian Shupe, Vice Chair
Chach Curtis
Jordan Gonda
Fred Messer

THE FY23 BUDGET AND FY23-FY27 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)

The proposed FY23 Budget is \$2,408,096, an increase of 13.6% (+\$289,498) from the budget approved for FY22. The projected municipal property tax rate increase is \$0.0682 cents per \$100 of assessed value, which would raise annual municipal property taxes by \$136.33 to \$272.66 on homes valued between \$200,000 and \$400,000.

Graph: FY19-FY23 Budget Trendline.



FY23 Budget Goals and Priorities.

The budget development process begins with the Selectboard's establishment of goals and priorities in the fall. The goals and priorities for FY23 are:

- 1) Be mindful of the tax rate impact of the FY23 budget and FY23-FY27 capital improvement program. To the extent practicable, keep any general municipal tax rate impact consistent with recent fiscal years and/or close to generally accepted rates of inflation.
- 2) Continue support for the longer-term goals of financial sustainability and resiliency. This includes lowering the Town's debt-to-expenditure ratio as prescribed in policy, avoiding excessive and unnecessary debt, and supporting the principles established in the unassigned fund balance policy.
- 3) Work to provide municipal services in a manner that is efficient, cost effective, responsive, and reliable. This includes looking for

ways of investing in personnel (either employed or contracted) to provide the best level of service possible.

- 4) Develop a short- and long-term plan to address the maintenance needs of Town owned buildings including the General Wait House, Town Garage, and Town Office.
- 5) Evaluate eligible uses of the town's American Rescue Plan Act allocation and consider ways to leverage these funds for the greatest impacts that are also in line with the Waitsfield Town Plan. Explore opportunities to utilize and potentially "stack" additional state and federal infrastructure funding that is available.
- 6) Review the Town's paving plan, culvert inventory, erosion control inventory, and other long range planning documents to ensure continued thoughtful capital planning.

The proposed budget includes a slight increase from the past few years. The budget as proposed supports these FY23 goals as follows:

1. The projected and current debt-to-expenditure ratio continues to decrease, even with the addition of the new 5-year grader loan in FY23. The current debt service is in line with the Town's Debt Service policy (2018) with a goal of a total debt service of 10% or less of the total budgeted expenditures.
2. **The most significant increase to the budget is a result of a failed culvert on North Road that requires a substantial contribution to the Road Department Bridge & Culvert reserve fund.** This reserve has been underfunded for years. Half of the culvert cost is proposed to be raised as a reserve transfer in FY23, with ARPA funds or grant funds identified to cover the remainder.
3. The proposed FY23-27 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) included with the adopted budget works to more sustainably fund all reserves moving forward, with the greatest percentage increase seen in FY23.
4. The FY23 budget also includes a one-time capital expenditure to evaluate the Town Garage and provides an increase in funding for Town Office maintenance to avoid long term deferred maintenance issues as seen with other town owned building.
5. Increases in the town employee salary and benefits lines are an attempt to keep up with inflation and cost of living over the past year. Retaining staff and limiting turnover will cost the town

less money in the long term while providing the most efficient and reliable municipal services.

Property Tax Impact.

The table shows the projected impact of the proposed tax rate for residential property owners with homes ranging in value from \$200,000 to \$400,000.

Table: Property Tax – Average +/- “Impact” of the Proposed FY23 Budget.

<i>“Impact” for Residential Property Owners</i>				
Assessed Value	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$400,000	
FY22	\$ 916	\$ 1,374	\$ 1,832	
FY23 (est.)	\$ 1,053	\$ 1,579	\$ 2,105	
+/- Annual	\$ 136.33	\$ 204.49	\$ 272.66	
+/- Monthly	\$ 11.36	\$ 17.04	\$ 22.72	

Proposed FY22 Expenditures.

The Conservation Commission and Planning Commission have both requested increases to pursue additional special projects in FY23. The Planning Commission intends to use the additional \$2,500 to provide match for the Bylaw Modernization Grant they have been awarded to better address the housing and pedestrian safety needs in Waitsfield Village and Irasville.

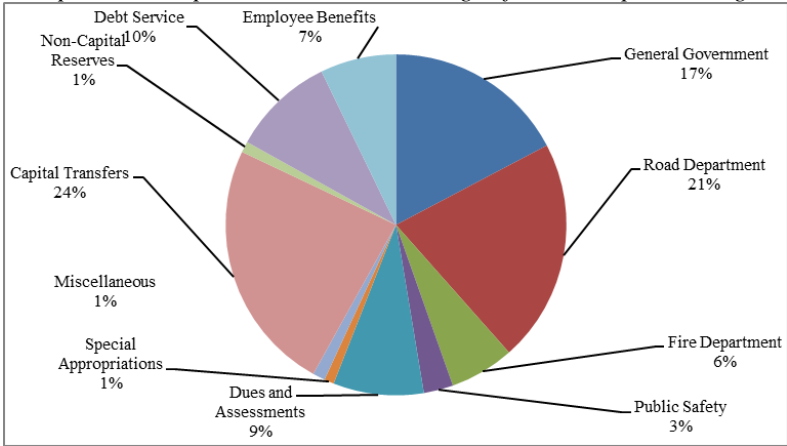
The 13.7% increase in the Fire Department operating budget reflects ongoing truck repair needs, provides for additional “Firefighter 1” training for volunteer firefighters in FY23, and increases the hourly rate of volunteer firefighters from \$13/hr. to \$15/hr. (the rate has not been increased since 2014.

Increases have been applied across the board for employee salaries and benefits, including the addition of dental insurance in FY23. This is a benefit that the Town does not currently provide. Given the increased cost of living over the past year as well as the difficulty of hiring new staff (specifically the Treasurer), the FY23 budget reflects a prioritization of adequately compensating staff in order to hire and retain quality personnel to provide necessary municipal services.

\$8,000 has been budgeted to establish a Waitsfield constable. This funding is offset by slightly reducing the contract with the Washington County Sheriff by \$3,000. Increases in the Road Department operating budget include new tires on three vehicles, including the new 2021

tandem dump truck (\$5,000), a new street sign post pounder (\$3,900), repairs to the Butternut Bridge treads (\$2,700), and pavement sealing of Tremblay Road (\$4,350). These increases are offset by decreases in the stone, salt, and culvert lines, all of which had been increased in FY22 to balance crushed gravel needs, but there is no need for crushed gravel in FY23.

Graph: FY23 Expenditures as a Percentage of Total Proposed Budget.



Social service agency and organization funding is proposed at 0.9% of FY23 funding; the target in the Town’s adopted funding policy is 1.0% of expenditures.

Debt Service.

For the second year in a row, the FY23 budget hits the debt service-to-expenditure ratio target (10%) prescribed by Town policy. The Town has been working to steadily pay down debt, moving from an estimated 22% of expenditures in FY19 to the 10% proposed for FY23. Even with the addition of the 5-year grader loan in FY23, the debt-service is projected to continue to decrease in the next five years (assuming no new debt is incurred).

The focus on lowering debt service payments has freed general fund capacity to invest in operational needs and capital investments. Attaining the target ratio also opens up debt capacity for use in future fiscal years.

FY23 Revenues.

There are minimal changes in projected non-property tax revenue for FY23. Grand list growth has been budgeted based on the typical average of 0.3%.

Table: Municipal Tax Rates and Annual % Increase or Decrease.

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23 (projected)
Town	\$ 0.4112	\$ 0.4308	\$ 0.4535	\$ 0.4545	\$ 0.5227
Local Agreement	\$ 0.0034	\$ 0.0035	\$ 0.0035	\$ 0.0036	\$ 0.0036
TOTAL					
MUNICIPAL	\$ 0.4146	\$ 0.4343	\$ 0.4570	\$ 0.4581	\$ 0.5263
% Change (+/-)	8.8%	4.8%	5.2%	0.2%	14.9%
AVERAGE % (+/-):				6.8%	

All rates from period after switch to July 1 to June 30 fiscal year

FY23-FY27 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Budget.

The proposed FY23 capital budget, based upon the five-year CIP (which is updated annually) is \$1,242,400 with a proposed General Fund transfer of \$577,400 (+\$199,102 from FY22).

The majority of CIP funding budgeted for the current fiscal year (FY22) came from capital reserves accrued from prior fiscal year transfers. This, combined with a history of underfunded reserves (including the Paving Reserve until recently and the Bridge and Culvert Reserve currently), have resulted in a need to raise funds to more sustainably fund reserves. Specifically, the Bridge and Culvert reserve is estimated to only have \$7,776 at the end of FY22. The North Road culvert has failed and will need to be replaced in FY23 at an anticipated cost of \$160,000. Replacing culverts will be a continued need of the town and this reserve fund should be funded accordingly each year. The proposed CIP includes more level funding of this reserve moving forward, much like what has been established for the Paving Reserve.

The CIP also includes increased reserve funding for the Fire Department (\$80,000 increase from FY22). This is an effort between the Town of Waitsfield, Town of Fayston, and the Waitsfield Fayston Fire Department to better account for and plan for capital needs including vehicle replacements and building upkeep.

Table: FY23 Capital Reserve Uses

Proposed Use	Reserve Funding
Paving (E. Warren Ph. 1 proposed) – grant match	\$175,000
North Road culvert	\$80,000
Tandem Dump Truck Replacement	\$110,000
Fire Department Building and Equipment needs	\$5,000
Fire Department Equipment (extractor installation) – grant match	\$2,551
Fire Department Vehicle Needs	\$20,000
Rolston Road Hydrant installation	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$402,500

The Town is planning to pave the first phase of E. Warren Road (from Bridge St. to Common Road). Paving projects are pulled from a draft five-year paving plan and include 2” of milling (grinding off a layer of existing pavement) and 2” of new pavement.

When the State suspended, for one fiscal year, two key grant programs – Structures (large culverts and bridge projects) and Class 2 paving – the Town was forced to reconfigure its capital plan not just in FY22, but for FY23 and FY24 as well.

A trio of East Warren Road projects are intrinsically linked, with a major culvert replacement the first to occur before two paving phases begin. The culvert project is planned for the early summer of FY22 and a grant has been awarded. The paving phases move into FY23 (where a Class 2 paving grant from the State is possible) and FY24, respectively.

Table: FY23 CIP Summary Table.

<u>FY23 CIP (GF)</u>	<u>Department/Area</u>
\$ 139,400	Road Department FY Appropriations
\$ 340,000	Road Department Reserve Transfers
\$ -	Fire Department FY Appropriations
\$ 80,000	Fire Department Reserve Transfers
\$ 18,000	General - Reserve Transfers
\$ -	General - Project specific FY appropriations
\$ 577,400	TOTAL General Fund Transfer/Expense
\$ 1,242,400	TOTAL FY23 CIP

Special Articles (2022 Town Meeting)

The Town Budget does not include three expenditures that are included on the Warning as special articles. These include:

1. ARTICLE 4: A request from the Mad River Valley Recreation District for an additional \$10,000 each from Waitsfield, Fayston and Warren, for recreation programs and facility maintenance.
2. ARTICLE 5: A request from the Conservation Commission for an additional \$10,000 for the Recreation, Restroom and Conservation Reserve Fund to better position the Town to be able to respond to potential conservation projects.
3. ARTICLE 6: The establishment of a new reserve fund, with an initial allocation of \$10,000, to manage invasive species (e.g., Emerald Ash Borer). Not managing certain invasive species poses long term costs to the Town and risks public safety.

Town of Waitsfield, VT
FY23 General Fund Budget -- Expenditures Summary

For Town Meeting 2022

Department/Section	% Total FY22 Budget	FY22 Budget	FY23 Proposed	+/-	% Change
Town Meeting	0.2%	\$ 3,900	\$ 4,500	\$ 600	15.4%
Legal and Auditing	1.4%	\$ 32,200	\$ 33,700	\$ 1,500	4.7%
Town Office Operations	4.0%	\$ 90,350	\$ 95,310	\$ 4,960	5.5%
Town Clerk and Treasurer	3.5%	\$ 77,770	\$ 84,602	\$ 6,832	8.8%
Selectboard	3.2%	\$ 78,587	\$ 77,041	\$ (1,547)	-2.0%
Planning and Zoning	2.7%	\$ 58,792	\$ 64,494	\$ 5,702	9.7%
Board of Listers	1.1%	\$ 26,200	\$ 27,700	\$ 1,500	5.7%
Delinquent Tax Collector	0.6%	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	0.0%
Conservation Commission	0.2%	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	150.0%
Road Department	21.2%	\$ 507,679	\$ 510,081	\$ 2,403	0.5%
Employee Benefits	7.2%	\$ 158,598	\$ 173,473	\$ 14,875	9.4%
Fire Department	6.1%	\$ 129,824	\$ 147,549	\$ 17,725	13.7%
Public Safety	2.8%	\$ 62,240	\$ 67,490	\$ 5,250	8.4%
Dues and Assessments	8.6%	\$ 202,924	\$ 206,685	\$ 3,761	1.9%
Special Appropriations	0.9%	\$ 21,950	\$ 22,470	\$ 520	2.4%
Miscellaneous	1.2%	\$ 31,100	\$ 28,270	\$ (2,830)	-9.1%
Capital Transfers - to GF and reserves	24.0%	\$ 378,298	\$ 577,400	\$ 199,102	52.6%
Contribution to Reserves (non-capital)	1.0%	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	0.0%
Debt Service	9.7%	\$ 202,995	\$ 234,131	\$ 31,136	15.3%
Wait House	0.4%	\$ 14,000	\$ 9,000	\$ (5,000)	-35.7%
<u>TOTAL</u>	100.0%	\$ 2,119,408	\$ 2,408,896	\$ 289,488	13.7%

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VT
FY23 General Fund Budget -- Expenditure Detail

For Town Meeting 2022

	Item	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY23 Proposed	Change (FY22 to FY23)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>						
1	Town Meeting					
2	Election Expense	\$ 187	\$ 1,961	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 500
3	Town Report	\$ 1,423	\$ 1,279	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,500	\$ 100
4	Section TOTAL	\$ 1,610	\$ 3,240	\$ 3,900	\$ 4,500	\$ 600
5	Legal and Auditing					
6	Legal	\$ 7,775	\$ 5,449	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 1,000
7	Auditing	\$ 15,700	\$ 16,200	\$ 17,200	\$ 17,700	\$ 500
8	Section TOTAL	\$ 23,475	\$ 21,649	\$ 32,200	\$ 33,700	\$ 1,500
9	Town Office Operations					
10	Insurance and Bonds	\$ 14,456	\$ 13,144	\$ 19,000	\$ 17,000	\$ (2,000)
11	Office Utilities	\$ 4,832	\$ 4,427	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
12	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 7,951	\$ 6,215	\$ 6,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 3,000
13	Postage	\$ 3,813	\$ 3,637	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,250	\$ 750
14	Supplies	\$ 6,137	\$ 6,620	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -
15	Computer Services	\$ 4,396	\$ 4,541	\$ 7,450	\$ 7,450	\$ -
16	Training	\$ 58	\$ 20	\$ 500	\$ 750	\$ 250
17	Cleaning	\$ 8,025	\$ 7,650	\$ 9,400	\$ 10,000	\$ 600
18	Equip. Maint. & Contracts	\$ 7,178	\$ 7,364	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ -
19	Telephone & Internet	\$ 4,448	\$ 4,555	\$ 4,750	\$ 5,110	\$ 360
20	Office Equipment	\$ 7,686	\$ 2,608	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	\$ -
21	Public Notice Expense	\$ 2,874	\$ 6,606	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
22	Special Services	\$ -	\$ 3,812	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 2,000
23	Section TOTAL	\$ 71,853	\$ 71,198	\$ 90,350	\$ 95,310	\$ 4,960
24	Town Clerk and Treasurer					
25	Salaries	\$ 73,121	\$ 77,012	\$ 77,020	\$ 82,852	\$ 5,832
26	Borrowing Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
27	Ballot Clerks	\$ 745	\$ 1,187	\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000
28	Section TOTAL	\$ 73,866	\$ 78,200	\$ 77,770	\$ 84,602	\$ 6,832
29	Selectboard					
30	Selectboard Reimbursement	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ -
31	Town Website	\$ 703	\$ 703	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -
32	Town Admin. Salary	\$ 69,211	\$ 68,823	\$ 71,837	\$ 70,541	\$ (1,297)

	Item	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY23 Proposed	Change (FY22 to FY23)
33	Training	\$ 68	\$ 400	\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ 250
34	Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
35	SB Recording Secretary	\$ 774	\$ 342	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ (500)
36	Communications	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
37	Section TOTAL	\$ 74,032	\$ 73,518	\$ 78,587	\$ 77,041	\$ (1,547)
38	Planning & Zoning					
39	PC/DRB Recording Secretary	\$ 336	\$ 140	\$ 825	\$ 825	\$ -
40	Special Planning Projects	\$ 1,111	\$ 2,861	\$ 3,500	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,500
41	Town Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
42	Salaries	\$ 35,777	\$ 41,108	\$ 52,467	\$ 55,669	\$ 3,202
43	Training	\$ 146	\$ 160	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
44	Computer Equipment/Service	\$ 1,402	\$ 743	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ -
45	Mileage Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
46	Section TOTAL	\$ 38,772	\$ 45,011	\$ 58,792	\$ 64,494	\$ 5,702
47	Board of Listers					
48	Assessor Services	\$ 21,618	\$ 22,553	\$ 21,000	\$ 22,500	\$ 1,500
49	Computer Equipment/Service	\$ 2,890	\$ 1,773	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250	\$ -
50	Property Map Maintenance	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ -
51	Training and Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -
52	Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
53	Section TOTAL	\$ 26,008	\$ 25,826	\$ 26,200	\$ 27,700	\$ 1,500
54	Delinquent Tax Collector					
55	Collector Fees	\$ 6,533	\$ 12,839	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
56	Section TOTAL	\$ 6,533	\$ 12,839	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
57	Conservation Commission					
58	Conservation Special Projects	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000
59	Section TOTAL	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000
60	Road Department					
61	Labor					
62	Salaries	\$ 148,749	\$ 155,424	\$ 155,492	\$ 161,712	\$ 6,220
63	Overtime [was in salaries until FY21]	\$ 19,620	\$ 13,781	\$ 19,437	\$ 20,214	\$ 777
64	Sub-total	\$ 168,369	\$ 169,205	\$ 174,929	\$ 181,926	\$ 6,997
65	Equipment Operations/Repairs					
66	Road Department Insurance	\$ 9,854	\$ 8,438	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$ -
67	Gas, Oil, Grease, and Filters	\$ 7,007	\$ 6,052	\$ 7,100	\$ 7,500	\$ 400
68	Diesel	\$ 22,868	\$ 19,611	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000	\$ (5,000)

	Item	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY23 Proposed	Change (FY22 to FY23)	
69	2013 International Dump Truck	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,944	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
70	2020 International Dump Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	
71	2016 GMC Pick-Up Truck	\$ 1,175	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ (1,000)	
72	2021 GMC 3500 [NEW]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
73	2010 Low-Pro Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
74	2018 HV Truck (Low-Pro)	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,128	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000	
75	1997 International Dump Truck	\$ 1,486	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
76	Ford Chloride Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	
77	2009 John Deere Loader	\$ 2,324	\$ 150	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500	\$ (1,000)	
78	2015 Tandem (Dump Truck)	\$ 4,172	\$ 9,577	\$ 8,500	\$ -	\$ (8,500)	
79	2021 Tandem (Dump Truck) [NEW]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
80	1998 Galion Grader	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,797	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ (3,500)	
81	2021 John Deere Grader [NEW]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	
82	2008 Cat Backhoe	\$ 2,119	\$ 1,259	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ (500)	
83	2021 Cat Backhoe [NEW]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	
84	Roadside Mower	\$ 1,384	\$ 192	\$ 900	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,100	
85	Steel Pole Saw/Chainsaw	\$ 174	\$ 93	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	
86	Garage Repairs	\$ 454	\$ 745	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	
87	Garage Trash Removal	\$ 1,489	\$ 1,989	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700	\$ -	
88	Uniforms	\$ 5,567	\$ 5,039	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	
89	Heat	\$ 2,426	\$ 2,567	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	
90	Telephone	\$ 3,011	\$ 2,629	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,600	\$ 350	
91	Electricity	\$ 1,799	\$ 1,764	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,900	\$ (100)	
92	Garage Supplies/Hardware	\$ 4,783	\$ 4,005	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	
93	Garage Miscellaneous/Other	\$ 1,220	\$ 1,091	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ -	
94	Chipper/Rake	\$ 239	\$ 771	\$ 500	\$ 650	\$ 150	
95	Alarm System	\$ 983	\$ 592	\$ 950	\$ 900	\$ (50)	
96	Water Service	\$ 628	\$ 628	\$ 630	\$ 630	\$ -	
97	Plow Blades and Shoes.	\$ 6,699	\$ 6,006	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	
98	Sub-total	\$ 90,361	\$ 87,067	\$ 96,030	\$ 90,880	\$ (5,150)	
99	<i>Hired Equipment and Labor</i>						
100	Sidewalk Mowing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
101	Sidewalk Plowing	\$ 28,500	\$ 29,070	\$ 29,070	\$ 29,651	\$ 581	
102	Other Equipment Rental	\$ 180	\$ 300	\$ 500	\$ 300	\$ (200)	
103	Contract Plowing	\$ 3,226	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	
104	Grading	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	

	Item	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY23 Proposed	Change (FY22 to FY23)
105	Contract Services	\$ 7,690	\$ 7,380	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -
106	Sub-total	\$ 39,596	\$ 39,550	\$ 44,220	\$ 44,601	\$ 381
107	<u>Materials</u>					
108	Salt	\$ 45,534	\$ 29,211	\$ 53,000	\$ 50,000	\$ (3,000)
109	Sand	\$ 53,171	\$ 53,379	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000	\$ -
110	Chloride	\$ 8,010	\$ 8,010	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -
111	Crushed Gravel	\$ -	\$ 16,556	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
112	Stone	\$ 5,219	\$ 6,433	\$ 11,000	\$ 8,000	\$ (3,000)
113	Culverts	\$ 5,043	\$ 8,848	\$ 14,000	\$ 10,000	\$ (4,000)
114	Guardrails	\$ -	\$ 1,845	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500	\$ (1,000)
115	Tools	\$ 1,622	\$ 2,753	\$ 2,500	\$ 6,400	\$ 3,900
116	Signs	\$ 2,235	\$ 2,133	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,000	\$ (1,500)
117	Fabric	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
118	Cold Patch, Hay, and Seed	\$ 2,483	\$ 2,949	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
119	Waste Blocks	\$ -	\$ 2,237	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
120	Sub-total	\$ 123,316	\$ 134,353	\$ 164,500	\$ 156,900	\$ (7,600)
121	<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
122	Fayston Winter Agreement	\$ 8,140	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,300	\$ 11,174	\$ (126)
123	Sidewalk Maintenance/Repairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
124	Tree Cutting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
125	Bridge Repairs	\$ 49	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,700	\$ 2,700
126	Gravel Pit Management	\$ 578	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
127	Pavement Sealing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,350	\$ 4,350
128	Culvert and Road Inventory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
129	Line Painting	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
130	North Road Culvert	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
131	Street Lights	\$ 5,468	\$ 5,182	\$ 4,700	\$ 5,000	\$ 300
132	Bridge Lights	\$ 461	\$ 828	\$ 250	\$ 800	\$ 550
133	Radios and Pagers	\$ -	\$ 826	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
134	Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
135	MRGP/State Roads Permit	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
136	Sub-total	\$ 19,047	\$ 20,086	\$ 28,000	\$ 35,774	\$ 7,774
137	Section TOTAL	\$ 440,689	\$ 450,260	\$ 507,679	\$ 510,081	\$ 2,403
138	<u>Employee Benefits</u>					
139	FICA/Medicare [combined, FY21]	\$ 21,075	\$ 27,642	\$ 28,584	\$ 29,712	\$ 1,127
140	Medicare	\$ 4,929	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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141	Retirement (VMERS)	\$ 18,124	\$ 20,139	\$ 23,353	\$ 26,216	\$ 2,863
142	Unemployment	\$ 100	\$ 547	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -
143	Worker's Compensation	\$ 13,285	\$ 13,088	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ -
144	Health Insurance	\$ 80,516	\$ 67,452	\$ 88,660	\$ 92,083	\$ 3,423
145	Life and Disability	\$ 2,342	\$ 2,095	\$ 2,600	\$ 3,588	\$ 988
146	Vision	\$ 531	\$ 605	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ -
147	Dental [NEW]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,474	\$ 6,474
148	Section TOTAL	\$ 140,901	\$ 131,568	\$ 158,598	\$ 173,473	\$ 14,875
149	Fire Department					
150	Gas, Oil, and Grease	\$ 1,946	\$ 2,594	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -
151	Insurance	\$ 10,020	\$ 11,388	\$ 8,910	\$ 9,000	\$ 90
152	Telephone and Dispatch [RENAMED]	\$ 35,017	\$ 30,007	\$ 36,834	\$ 35,000	\$ (1,834)
153	Radio and Radio Repairs [NEW]	\$ -	\$ 2,483	\$ 3,750	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,250
154	Electricity	\$ 1,968	\$ 4,068	\$ 2,550	\$ 2,500	\$ (50)
155	Heat	\$ 4,340	\$ 630	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
156	Water Service	\$ 628	\$ 3,717	\$ 655	\$ 660	\$ 5
157	Building Repair and Supplies	\$ 10,794	\$ 413	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
158	Alarm	\$ 135	\$ 32,673	\$ 425	\$ 425	\$ -
159	Truck Repairs	\$ 13,743	\$ 25,505	\$ 10,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 4,000
160	Equipment Repairs	\$ 2,415	\$ -	\$ 4,100	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,400
161	Bottled Gas	\$ 191	\$ 240	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -
162	Training	\$ 1,016	\$ 519	\$ 3,400	\$ 9,000	\$ 5,600
163	Hose and Equipment	\$ 1,348	\$ 8,696	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,180	\$ 180
164	Gear	\$ 5,475	\$ 10,788	\$ 9,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 500
165	Fire Prevention	\$ 490	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -
166	Miscellaneous	\$ 801	\$ 55	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
167	Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
168	Physical Exams	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000
169	Labor	\$ 21,138	\$ 28,723	\$ 21,000	\$ 24,230	\$ 3,230
170	FICA	\$ 1,617	\$ 2,197	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,854	\$ 154
171	Ladder/Hose Testing	\$ -	\$ 2,910	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,200	\$ 200
172	Section TOTAL	\$ 113,083	\$ 167,605	\$ 129,824	\$ 147,549	\$ 17,725
173	Public Safety					
174	Sheriff's Department Billing	\$ 26,211	\$ 27,194	\$ 28,000	\$ 25,000	\$ (3,000)
175	Dog Warden (Salary and Fees)	\$ 720	\$ 720	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -
176	Dog Pound Fees	\$ 80	\$ 40	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -

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177	Emergency Management	\$ 48	\$ 675	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 200
178	Fire Warden	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
179	Fire Hydrant Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
180	Fire Protection Contribution	\$ 27,632	\$ 27,632	\$ 27,640	\$ 27,640	\$ -
181	Generator Expense	\$ -	\$ 1,035	\$ 850	\$ 900	\$ 50
182	Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ -
183	Miscellaneous	\$ 476	\$ 1,812	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
184	Training	\$ 120	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
185	Town Health Officer	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -
186	Constable [NEW]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
187	Section TOTAL	\$ 55,787	\$ 59,858	\$ 62,240	\$ 67,490	\$ 5,250
188	Dues and Assessments					
189	Central VT Reg'l Planning	\$ 2,063	\$ 2,135	\$ 2,170	\$ 2,453	\$ 283
190	Joslin Memorial Library	\$ 62,360	\$ 63,466	\$ 64,486	\$ 64,881	\$ 395
191	MR Resource Mgt. Alliance	\$ 11,389	\$ 12,033	\$ 12,033	\$ 12,394	\$ 361
192	MRV Planning District	\$ 44,692	\$ 45,317	\$ 44,067	\$ 45,137	\$ 1,070
193	MRV Recreation District	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -
194	VLCT	\$ 3,083	\$ 3,209	\$ 3,209	\$ 3,412	\$ 203
195	Washington County Tax	\$ 30,078	\$ 29,976	\$ 29,929	\$ 31,378	\$ 1,449
196	Green Mtn. Transit [moved, FY21]	\$ 462	\$ 2,030	\$ 2,030	\$ 2,030	\$ -
197	MRVAS [Added, FY21]	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
198	Section TOTAL	\$ 169,126	\$ 203,166	\$ 202,924	\$ 206,685	\$ 3,761
199	Special Appropriations					
200	Circle	\$ 200	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ -
201	CVT Adult Basic Education	\$ 500	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -
202	Capstone (formerly CVTCA)	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -
203	Downstreet (formerly CVCLT)	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
204	CVT Council on Aging	\$ 750	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ -
205	CVT Economic Devel. Corp.	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ -
206	CVT Home Health and Hospice	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,100	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -
207	Everybody Wins!	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
208	Family Center of Wash. Co.	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
209	Good Beginnings of CVT	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -
210	Green Up Vermont	\$ 50	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -
211	Home Share Now, Inc.	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
212	MRV Health Center	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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213	Mad River Valley Seniors	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -
214	Peoples Health and Wellness	\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
215	Retired Senior Volunteer Progr.	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ (150)
216	Mosaic (formerly SACT)	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
217	Center of Independent Living	\$ 350	\$ 450	\$ 650	\$ 620	\$ (30)
218	Washington Co. Mental Health	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ -
219	Washington Co. Youth Service	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -
220	Community Harvest	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -
221	VT Family Network	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
222	VABVI	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
223	CVT DART	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ (200)
224	WNRCD	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
225	Prevent Child Abuse VT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 500	\$ 300
226	Good Samaritan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
227	VT Association of Conservation Districts - Rural Fire Protection [NEW]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100
228	Section TOTAL	\$ 18,650	\$ 20,500	\$ 21,950	\$ 22,470	\$ 520
229	Miscellaneous					
230	Town Pond Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
231	Admin. Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
232	Maintenance of Parks	\$ 11,095	\$ 11,444	\$ 19,000	\$ 15,000	\$ (4,000)
233	Steward MRV [NEW]				\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
234	Trail Maintenance	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
235	Solar Array Maintenance	\$ 1,173	\$ 1,867	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
236	Generator Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
237	Memberships and Dues	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -
238	WES Community Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
239	Cemetery Veteran's Flags	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -
240	MRVTV Meeting Coverage	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,570	\$ 170
241	Energy Efficiency Improve.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
242	Tax Adjustments	\$ -	\$ 332	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
243	Affordable Housing Initiatives	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ (4,000)
244	Other	\$ 308	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
245	Section TOTAL	\$ 17,531	\$ 18,598	\$ 31,100	\$ 28,270	\$ (2,830)
246	Capital Improvement Program					
247	Road Department	\$ 77,879	\$ 205,727	\$ 34,798	\$ 139,400	\$ 104,602

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248	Road Department Reserves	\$ 135,000	\$ 207,000	\$ 261,000	\$ 340,000	\$ 79,000
249	Fire Department	\$ 33,720	\$ 32,634	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
250	Fire Department Reserves	\$ 25,000	\$ 32,500	\$ 66,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 14,000
251	General - Transfers to reserves	\$ 30,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 16,500	\$ 18,000	\$ 1,500
252	General - Project specific	\$ 19,735	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
253	Section TOTAL	\$ 321,334	\$ 479,361	\$ 378,298	\$ 577,400	\$ 199,102
254	Transfer to Non-Capital Reserves					
255	Entrust Conservation Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
256	Restroom/Recreation/Conserve.	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
257	Lareau Park Reserve	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
258	Reappraisal Reserve	\$ 7,500	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
259	Town Forest Stewardship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
260	Energy Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
261	Budget Stabilization	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
262	Street Trees	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
263	Agricultural Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
264	Church Clock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
265	Section TOTAL	\$ 18,500	\$ 20,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
266	Debt Service					
267	Town Office Solar Array	\$ 48,915	\$ 47,362	\$ 46,831	\$ 45,945	\$ (886)
268	Town Office	\$ 17,955	\$ 17,546	\$ 17,318	\$ 17,073	\$ (245)
269	Storm Damage	\$ 28,746	\$ 27,325	\$ 26,550	\$ 25,775	\$ (775)
270	Wastewater - "Big Pipe"	\$ 36,484	\$ 36,484	\$ 36,484	\$ 36,484	\$ 0
271	Decentralized Wastewater	\$ 14,322	\$ 26,681	\$ 26,681	\$ 26,681	\$ 0
272	Fiscal Year Change	\$ 62,987	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
273	Water Main Break	\$ 17,158	\$ 16,340	\$ 15,877	\$ 15,414	\$ (463)
274	Bridge Street Improvements	\$ 35,390	\$ 33,947	\$ 33,254	\$ 32,560	\$ (694)
275	Grader [NEW]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,199	\$ 34,199
276	Section TOTAL	\$ 261,957	\$ 205,685	\$ 202,995	\$ 234,131	\$ 31,136
277	Wait House					
278	Wait House Operations	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
279	Wait House Capital (transfer)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ (5,000)
280	Section TOTAL	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 14,000	\$ 9,000	\$ (5,000)
281						
282	TOTAL	\$ 1,880,207	\$ 2,095,081	\$ 2,119,408	\$ 2,408,896	\$ 289,488
283						

FY23 Notable Increases and Decreases
 For Town Meeting 2022
Amounts listed are all greater than \$2,500

Increase	\$ Amount	Line #	Dept./Area	Detail
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 3,000	12	Town Office Ops.	To keep up with needed building maintenance, such as mold on the exterior wood of the building
Special Planning Projects	\$ 2,500	40	Planning/Zoning	To provide the required match for a Municipal Planning Bylaw Modernization Grant while continuing work on other projects related to housing
Conservation Commission Special Projects	\$ 3,000	58	Conservation Commission	Based on Conservation Commission request on November 22nd
2021 Tandem Dump Truck [NEW in FY23]	\$ 5,000	79	Road	To put new tires and lights onto the new truck
Tools	\$ 3,900	115	Road	To cover the cost of a new road sign post pounder
Bridge Repairs	\$ 2,700	125	Road	To redo the treads on the Butternut Bridge
Pavement Sealing	\$ 4,350	127	Road	For sealing Tremblay Road
Dental	\$ 6,474	147	Employee Benefits	For dental insurance for town employees, a benefit not currently provided
Truck Repairs	\$ 4,000	159	Fire Department	To better match actual spending on annual truck repairs
Equipment Repairs	\$ 3,400	160	Fire Department	To replace the fan at the fire house
Training	\$ 5,600	162	Fire Department	To have funds available for "Firefighter 1" training for at least two firefighters annually
Labor	\$ 3,230	169	Fire Department	To increase the hourly volunteer rate from \$13/hr to \$15/hr
Constable	\$ 8,000	186	Public Safety	To fund a constable that has law enforcement authority
Steward MRV [NEW]	\$ 5,000	233	Miscellaneous	To contribute toward the portalet maintenance and trash pick up being provided by Steward MRV at recreation sites in Waitsfield
Road Department Capital Direct Expenditure	\$ 104,602	247	CIP	Direct capital appropriation needed for paving match (\$65,000), stormwater projects (\$5,500), new Tandem Dump Truck (\$53,900), and a highway garage scoping study (\$15,000)
Road Department Reserves	\$ 79,000	248	CIP	To more adequately fund the bridge and culver reserve (North Road culvert needed FY23)
Fire Department Reserves	\$ 14,000	250	CIP	Based on an updated Fire Department CIP completed between the Town of Waitsfield and Town of Fayston to cover vehicle and building needs
Grader [NEW]	\$ 34,199	275	Debt Service	One of five debt payments due on the new 2021 John Deere Grader
Staff salaries	\$ 21,541			The FY23 budget includes 4% raises for staff across all departments. This increase captures salary increases and associated increases to insurance benefits
TOTAL	\$ 313,496			
Decrease	\$ Amount	Line #	Dept./Area	Detail
Diesel	\$ 5,000	68	Road	Reflects actual amounts spent in FY20 and FY21. This line is wholly dependent on weather conditions and fuel prices
2015 Tandem (Dump Truck)	\$ 8,500	78	Road	To be replaced with new 2021 Tandem Dump Truck
1998 Gallion Grader	\$ 3,500	80	Road	Replaced with 2021 John Deere Grader in FY22
Salt	\$ 3,000	108	Road	Reflects actual amounts spent in FY20 and FY21. This line is wholly dependent on weather conditions
Stone	\$ 3,000	112	Road	This line was increased in FY22 with money usually put toward crushed gravel
Culverts	\$ 4,000	113	Road	This line was increased in FY22 with money usually put toward crushed gravel
Sheriff's Department Billing	\$ 3,000	174	Public Safety	Reduced to better match previous years actual and to fund the constable line
Maintenance of Parks	\$ 4,000	232	Miscellaneous	Reduced by the amount typically used to cover trash pick up that Steward MRV will take over
Affordable Housing Initiatives	\$ 4,000	243	Miscellaneous	This amount was included as part of the FY22 after the voters approved the Article on the 2021 Town Meeting ballot. No additional requests
Wait House Capital (transfer)	\$ 5,000	279	Wait House	This amount was increased by \$8,000 in FY22 to fund the Wait House reserves to provide building maintenance needs
TOTAL	\$ 43,000			

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VT
FY23 General Fund Budget -- Revenue Detail

Town Meeting 2022

	Item	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY23 Proposed	Change (FY22 to FY23)
	<u>REVENUES</u>					
1	Property Taxes					
2	Municipal Property Taxes	\$ 1,602,354	\$ 1,704,590	\$ 1,732,820	\$ 1,999,667	\$ 266,847
3	Delinquent Penalty Fees	\$ 6,223	\$ 12,178.27	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000	
4	Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 15,953	\$ 23,371.11	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 16,500	\$ 1,500
5	Section TOTAL	\$ 1,624,530	\$ 1,740,139	\$ 1,762,820	\$ 2,031,167	\$ 268,347
6	Town Clerk and Treasurer					
7	Town Clerk Fees	\$ 29,382	\$ 44,390	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ -
8	Interest Income	\$ 7,733	\$ 2,021	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,500	\$ (3,500)
9	Beverage Sale Permits	\$ 3,380	\$ 3,520	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -
10	Section TOTAL	\$ 40,494	\$ 49,931	\$ 44,500	\$ 41,000	\$ (3,500)
11	Road Department					
12	State Highway Aid	\$ 71,008	\$ 90,807	\$ 69,250	\$ 90,000	\$ 20,750
13	Grants	\$ 1,134	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14	Road Dept. Miscellaneous	\$ 1,448	\$ 1,060	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,000	\$ (250)
15	Section TOTAL	\$ 73,589	\$ 91,867	\$ 72,500	\$ 93,000	\$ 20,500
16	Public Safety					
17	Fayston "Share" (40% of exp.)	\$ 44,748	\$ 56,280.11	\$ 50,632.00	\$ 57,544	\$ 6,912
18	Miscellaneous Fire Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
19	Fire Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
20	Traffic Control	\$ 8,436	\$ 9,646.67	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,000	\$ (500)
21	Miscellaneous Police Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
22	Dog Impoundment Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150	\$ -
23	Section TOTAL	\$ 53,184	\$ 65,927	\$ 56,282	\$ 62,694	\$ 6,412
24	General Government					
25	Pilot Program	\$ 5,847	\$ 6,070.60	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 6,000	\$ 100
26	Current Use Reimbursement	\$ 95,038	\$ 103,058.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 105,000	\$ 10,000
27	Library Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 2,658	\$ 2,659.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700	\$ -
28	Wait House Insurance Reimburse.	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500	\$ -
29	Water Admin. Reimbursement	\$ 2,798	\$ 2,749.50	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,300
30	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 9,231	\$ 2,381.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
31	Act 60 Annual Support	\$ 10,678	\$ 10,697	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	\$ -

Item	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY23 Proposed	Change (FY22 to FY23)
Planning and Zoning Income	\$ 6,691	\$ 8,886	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 1,500
Planning and Zoning Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance Claims	\$ -	\$ 1,845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
"Other" Grant Proceeds	\$ 13,593	\$ 17,539.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Waitsfield Elem. School Solar	\$ 9,719	\$ 9,863.67	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Solar Array Credit Proceeds	\$ 9,567	\$ 9,639.28	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500	\$ -
Section TOTAL	\$ 168,320	\$ 177,889	\$ 144,600	\$ 157,500	\$ 12,900
Decentralized Wastewater					
WW Loan Re-Payments	\$ 39,286	\$ 68,655.18	\$ 38,704.00	\$ 23,535	\$ (15,169)
Section TOTAL	\$ 39,286	\$ 68,655	\$ 38,704	\$ 23,535	\$ (15,169)
TOTAL	\$ 1,999,404	\$ 2,194,409	\$ 2,119,406	\$ 2,408,896	\$ 289,490

Municipal Property Tax "Calculator"			
	FY23 Budget as Proposed	\$	2,408,896
	Non-property tax revenue	\$	409,229
	To Be Raised by Taxes (a)	\$	1,999,667
	Estimated Grand List (b)	\$	3,825,909
	Tax Rate "Formula"		(a)/(b) = (c)
	FY23 Est. Municipal Property Tax Rate (c)	\$	0.5227
	FY23 Est. Local Agreement Rate* (d)	\$	0.0036
	FY23 Est. TOTAL Municipal Property Tax Rate (c+d)	\$	0.5263
	TOTAL +/- from FY22	\$	0.0682
<i>"Impact" for Residential Property Owners</i>			
Assessed Value	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$400,000
FY22	\$ 916	\$ 1,374	\$ 1,832
FY23 (est.)	\$ 1,053	\$ 1,579	\$ 2,105
+/- Annual	\$ 136.33	\$ 204.49	\$ 272.66
+/- Monthly	\$ 11.36	\$ 17.04	\$ 22.72

estimated 0.3% increase

*The local agreement rate is the amount needed to cover the education taxes lost from local property tax exemptions (the veteran's exemption, any non-residential exemptions, etc.). The rate is charged against the municipal grand list only. It was increased in 0.0036 in FY22 up from 0.0035 in FY21.

FY23 Debt Service, Terms, and Remaining Amount (Includes FY23 proposed).

<u>Debt/Loan</u>	<u>Final Payment Date</u>	<u>FY23 Payment</u>	<u>Remaining Principal (after FY23 Payment)</u>	<u>Debt Service (DS) or CIP</u>
Town Office/Solar Array*	11/15/2034 (FY35)	\$ 45,945	\$ 381,000	DS
Bridge Street Improvements	09/01/2031 (FY31)	\$ 32,560	\$ 213,331	DS
Paving	07/26/2021 (FY22)	\$ -	\$ -	CIP
Wastewater**	05/01/2027 (FY27)	\$ 36,484	\$ 145,937	DS
Decentralized Wastewater***	11/01/2037 (FY38)	\$ 26,681	\$ 342,832	DS
Town Office	11/01/2036 (FY37)	\$ 17,073	\$ 171,500	DS
Storm Damage	05/10/2023 (FY23)	\$ 25,775	\$ -	DS
Water Main Break****	05/11/2023 (FY23)	\$ 15,414	\$ -	DS
2021 Grader	11/3/2026 (FY27)	\$ 34,199	\$ 136,796	DS
TOTAL		\$ 234,130	\$ 1,254,599	
<i>Water Debt</i>				<i>Water (W)</i>
Water Bond	09/17/2052 (FY53)	\$ 124,720	\$ 2,508,319	W
Eagles Bond	5/21/2054 (FY54)	\$ 8,276	\$ 171,758	W
TOTAL		\$ 132,996	\$ 2,680,077	

*The loan is split - 63% Town Office, 37% Solar Array. Total Town Office debt payments are \$46,017.77 in FY23. The solar payment in FY23 is \$16,999.47

**Wastewater is "Big Pipe" debt payment only.

***Decentralized Wastewater loan ended at nearly \$428,000; the Town borrowed less than authorized (\$502,000) to complete the project.

****General Fund share only - loan is 65% (General Fund); 35% (Water Fund)

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM
FY23-27

Town Meeting 2022

key: *italic (transfer to reserve)*, **bold (money to be spent from reserves)**

Project/Item	Total cost (est.)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
ROADS, BRIDGES, CULVERTS						
<i>Transfer to Reserves for Paving (annual)</i>	<i>Annual</i>	\$ 150,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 205,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 250,000
<i>Transfer to Bridge and Culvert reserves (annual)</i>	<i>Annual</i>	\$ 80,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
<u>Paving Projects</u>						
FY23 project (Phase I E. Warren Road)	\$ 415,000					
Paving Reserves		\$ 175,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Paving Grants		\$ 175,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY Appropriation		\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Future FY Paving Projects (as per paving plan)						
Paving Reserves		\$ -	\$ 380,000	\$ 335,000	\$ 305,000	\$ 305,000
Paving Grants		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,000	\$ -
FY Appropriation		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>Culvert Projects</u>						
North Road Culvert	\$ 160,000					
Bridge and culvert reserves		\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants / ARPA		\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY Appropriation			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Future FY Culvert Projects						
Bridge and culvert reserves		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Structures Grants		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,000	\$ -	\$ -
FY Appropriation		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Future FY Bridge Projects		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bridge and culvert reserves		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

29		Grants		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
30									
31		<u>Stormwater/MRGP projects</u>							
32		FY Appropriation	Annual	\$ 5,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 15,000	
33									
34		Sub-total		\$ 810,500	\$ 667,500	\$ 825,000	\$ 817,500	\$ 655,000	
35		HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT / VEHICLES / BUILDINGS							
36		<i>Transfer to Highway Truck Reserves</i>	Annual	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	
37		<i>Transfer to Heavy Equipment Reserves</i>	Annual	\$ 40,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	
38									
39		<u>Heavy Equipment</u>							
40		Loader	\$ 200,000						
41		Heavy Equipment Reserves		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
42		FY Appropriation		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ -	
43									
44		<u>Vehicles</u>							
45		Pick-up Truck	\$ 51,220						
46		Truck Reserves		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
47		FY Appropriation		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
48									
49		International Single Axle Dump Truck	\$ 135,882						
50		Truck Reserves		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
51		FY Appropriation		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
52									
53		International Lo-Pro Dump Truck	\$ 98,077						
54		Truck Reserves		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,077	\$ -	
55		FY Appropriation		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
56									
57		2015 Tandem Dump Truck	\$ 163,900						
58		Truck Reserves		\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
59		FY Appropriation		\$ 53,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
60									
61		Paved Road Plan Update (5-Year)	\$ 7,500						
62		FY Appropriation		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ -	
63									

64	Highway Garage Scoping Study	\$	15,000								
65	FY Appropriation	\$	15,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
66											
67	Salt/sand shed	\$	50,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
68											
69	Chipper	\$	31,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
70											
71	Sub-total			\$	288,900	\$	115,000	\$	105,000	\$	360,577
72	FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING										
73	<i>Transfer to Building and Equipment Reserves</i>	<i>Annual</i>		\$	15,460	\$	25,460	\$	25,460	\$	25,460
74											
75	<u>Building and Equipment Repairs</u>										
76	Miscellaneous Needs										
77	Building Reserves	Annual		\$	5,000	\$	17,500	\$	5,000	\$	20,000
78	FY Appropriation			\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
79											
80	Extractor	\$	10,000.00								
81	Building/Equipment Reserves			\$	2,551	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
82	Grant Funding			\$	7,449	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
83	FY Appropriation										
84											
85	Rolston Road Hydrant	\$	10,000.00								
86	Building/Equipment Reserves			\$	10,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
87	Grant Funding			\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
88	FY Appropriation			\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
89											
90	Sub-total			\$	40,460	\$	42,960	\$	30,460	\$	45,460
91	FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT										
92	<i>Transfer to Fire Vehicle/Equipment Reserves (annual)</i>	<i>Annual</i>		\$	64,540	\$	81,170	\$	81,170	\$	81,170
93											
94	<u>Vehicles</u>										
95	Pumper [Engine 6]	\$	777,150								
96	Vehicle Reserves			\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
97	FY Appropriations			\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
98											

99	Utility Van	\$	90,000.00										
100	Vehicle Reserves	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
101	FY Appropriations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
102													
103	International 7400 Pumper/Tanker	\$	472,221										
104	Vehicle Reserves	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
105	FY Appropriations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
106													
107	International 4400 Pumper [Engine #5]	\$	334,559										
108	Vehicle Reserves	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	200,735		
109	FY Appropriations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
110													
111	Pick-up Truck	\$	25,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
112													
113	<u>Fire Equipment Replacement/ Repairs</u>		Annual										
114	Miscellaneous Needs												
115	Vehicle/Equipment Reserves	\$	20,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	15,000	\$	-		
116	FY Appropriations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
117													
118	Sub-total			\$	84,540	\$	81,170	\$	81,170	\$	96,170	\$	281,905
119	PARK FACILITIES												
120	Transfer to Lareau Swim Hole/Park Reserve		Annual	\$	6,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
121													
122	Lareau Swim Hole Access/Water Quality Project	\$	17,500										
123	Lareau Park Reserves	\$	-	\$	15,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
124	FY Appropriations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
125													
126	Town Pond	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
127	Sub-total			\$	6,000	\$	17,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
128	PATHS & WALKWAYS												
129	Transfer to Sidewalk and Path Reserve		Annual	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	12,500	\$	12,500
130													
131	Sidewalk Maintenance Plan	\$	6,000										
132	Path Reserve	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
133	FY Appropriations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

134		Sub-total	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	12,500	\$	12,500	
135	COVERED BRIDGE REPAIR												
136		<i>Transfer to Covered Bridge Repair Reserves</i>	<i>Annual</i>	\$	2,000	\$	2,500	\$	5,000	\$	3,500	\$	3,500
137		Sub-total	\$	2,000	\$	2,500	\$	5,000	\$	3,500	\$	3,500	
138													
139	TOTAL FY223 CIP EXPENDITURES			\$	1,242,400	\$	936,130	\$	1,058,630	\$	1,337,707	\$	1,090,365
140													
141	FY23 CIP FUNDING SOURCES												
142		General Fund Transfers to Capital Reserves	\$	438,000	\$	516,130	\$	533,630	\$	554,630	\$	579,630	
143		Capital Reserves (expenditures of; see FY summary for more detail)	\$	402,551	\$	510,577	\$	340,000	\$	340,000	\$	510,735	
144		Direct FY Appropriations	\$	139,400	\$	7,500	\$	150,000	\$	20,000	\$	15,000	
		Grant Funding	\$	182,449	\$	-	\$	175,000	\$	175,000	\$	-	

<i>FY23 CIP (GF)</i>	<i>Department/Area</i>
\$ 139,400	Road Department FY Appropriations
\$ 340,000	Road Department Reserve Transfers
\$ -	Fire Department FY Appropriations
\$ 80,000	Fire Department Reserve Transfers
\$ 18,000	General - Reserve Transfers
\$ -	General - Project specific FY appropriations
\$ 577,400	TOTAL General Fund Transfer/Expense
\$ 1,242,400	TOTAL FY23 CIP

Capital or Capital-Related Reserves

For Town Meeting 2022

	<u>Reserve [1]</u>	<u>Department/Area</u>	<u>FY22 Total Budgeted Use</u>	<u>Balance as of 12/29/21</u>	<u>FY22 Use as of 12/29/21</u>	<u>FY22 Remaining Budgeted Use</u>	<u>FY22 Approved Transfers</u>	<u>FY23 transfer to reserves</u>	<u>Proposed FY23 Use</u>	<u>FY23 Balance (after 6/30/23 transfer)</u>
1	Equip. Reserve - Highway Trucks	Road	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 7,912.00	\$ 25,672.00	\$ 10,828.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 18,084.00
2	Equip. Reserve - Heavy Hwy Equip. [2]	Road	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 19,581.00	\$ 211,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ 86,081.00
3	Paving [3]	Road	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 221,574.00	\$ 107,375.00	\$ 62,625.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 263,949.00
4	Culvert/Bridge Replacement	Road	\$ 60,500.00	\$ 28,276.00	\$ -	\$ 60,500.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 7,776.00
5	Covered Bridge	Road	\$ -	\$ 5,251.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,251.00
6	Equip/Truck Reserve - Fire Dept.	Fire	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 2,917.00	\$ 39,605.00	\$ 29,395.00	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 64,540.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 71,062.00
7	Fire Dept. Building and Equip.	Fire	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,775.00	\$ 7,113.00	\$ 2,887.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 15,460.00	\$ 17,551.00	\$ 16,797.00
8	Transportation Path Reserve [4]	General	\$ -	\$ 2,112.07	\$ 92,472.74	\$ (90,000.00)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 112,112.07
9	Restroom/Recreation/Conservation	General		\$ 39,485.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 59,485.00
10	Lareau Park Reserve	General		\$ 5,989.60		\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,489.60
11	Energy Projects	General		\$ 8,885.96		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,885.96
12	Church Clock	General		\$ 1,911.41		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,911.41
13	Street Trees	General		\$ 4,773.00		\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 14,773.00
14		TOTALS		\$ 357,443		\$ 79,735	\$ 358,500	\$ 453,000	\$ 402,551	\$ 686,657

NOTES:

- [1] Not all reserves shown.
- [2] \$100,000 of unassigned fund balance was put into this reserve at the end of FY21 which was put toward a new grader. The remainder of the total will be paid over a 5-year lease
- [3] \$100,000 of unassigned fund balance was put into this reserve at the end of FY21 which will help the town continue to fund paving without borrowing
- [4] The \$92,472 spent from this account will be reimbursed (not in its entirety) after the final requisition request is approved by Vtrans for the Village West sidewalk project

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

	FY2021
Grand List	
Municipal Grand List	\$ 3,765,073.17
State Education Grand List	\$ 3,762,467.00
Tax Rates	
Homestead Municipal	\$ 0.46
Homestead Education	\$ 1.65
Total Homestead Tax Rate	\$ 2.11
Non-Residential Municipal	\$ 0.46
Non-Residential Education	\$ 1.65
Total Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$ 2.10
Taxes Billed	
Municipal	\$ 1,707,444.00
Homestead Education	\$ 3,355,461.00
Non-Residential Education	\$ 284,563.00
Local Agreement	\$ 13,178.00
Total Taxes Billed	\$ 7,921,714.00
Plus late filed Homestead Declaration fees	\$ -
Plus/Less Corrections, Abatement, State Adjustments	\$ 1,880.00
Net Taxes Due	\$ 7,923,594.00
Less tax collections through June 30, 2021	\$ (7,847,007.00)
Total FY2020 taxes due on June 30, 2021	\$ 76,587.00
Delinquent Tax Collections	
Beginning Delinquent Taxes due (FY19 & earlier years on Jan 2021)	\$ 35,322.00
Delinquent Taxes for FY21	\$ 76,587.00
Delinquent Tax Collections since 06/30/21	\$ (75,208.00)
Abatements/Adjustments	\$ -
Balance of Delinquent Taxes as of 01/4/2022	\$ 36,701.00

LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Town Office/Solar Array Bond

Original Date of Borrowing - July, 2014 (\$635,000.00) - US Bank	
Loan Balance on June 30, 2020	\$476,250
Principal Repayment December 1, 2018	<u>-\$31,750</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2021	\$444,500
(Next Payment Due 12/01/21, Interest Rate 3.40%)	

Bridge Street Improvement Bond

Original Date of Borrowing - September 1, 2015 (\$400,000.00) - People's United Bank	
Loan Balance on June 30, 2020	\$293,332
Principal Repayment	<u>-\$26,667</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2021	\$266,665
(Next Payment Due September 1, 2021, Interest Rate 2.6%)	

2016 Capital Improvement: Paving Loan

Original Date of Borrowing - September 16, 2015 (\$240,000.00) - Merchant's Bank	
Loan Balance on June 30, 2020	\$48,000
Principal Repayment	<u>-\$48,000</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2021	\$0
(Next Payment Due September 14, 2021, Interest Rate 1.73%)	

Fire Department SCBA Equipment Loan

Original Date of Borrowing - December 4, 2015 (\$45,000.00) - People's United Bank	
Loan Balance on June 30, 2020	\$9,000
Principal Repayment on December 4, 2017	<u>-\$9,000</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2021	\$0
(Next Payment Due December 4, 2021, Interest Rate 2.10%)	

Town Office Bond

Original Date of Borrowing - July 1, 2016 - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank	
Loan Balance on June 30, 2020	\$220,500
Principal Repayments	<u>-\$12,250</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2021	\$208,250
(Next Payment Due November 1, 2021, Interest Rate 1.491%)	

2017 Capital Improvement - Paving Loan

Original Date of Borrowing - July 27, 2016 - Community National Bank	
Loan Balance on June 30, 2020	\$36,692
Principal Repayment in July, 2017	<u>-\$18,346</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2021	\$18,346
(Next Payment Due July 26, 2021, Interest Rate 1.92%)	

LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Water Main Break Loan

Original Date of Borrowing - May 11, 2018 People's United Bank	
Loan Balance on June 30, 2020	\$69,000
Loan Proceeds	-\$23,000
Note Balance on June 30 , 2021	\$46,000
(Next Payment Due May 11, 2022 Interest Rate 3.10%)	

Storm Damage

Original Date of Borrowing - May 10, 2018 People's United Bank	
Loan Balance on June 30, 2020	\$75,000
Loan Proceeds	-\$25,000
Note Balance on June 30 , 2021	\$50,000

Municipal Water and Wastewater

Decentralized Wastewater State Revolving Fund - Loan RF1-208

*Renewed Date of Borrowing - April 9, 2012 (\$210,203) - Dept. of Vermont
Environmental Conservation*

Loan Balance on June 30, 2020	\$400,003
Principal Repayment	-\$48,681
Note Balance on June 30 , 2021	\$351,322

Centralized Wastewater (Big Pipe) - Loan RF1-058

*Renewed Date of Borrowing - November 12, 2012 (\$672,770) - Vermont
Department of Environmental Conservation*

Loan Balance on June 30, 2020	\$255,390
Principal Repayment	-\$36,484
Note Balance on June 30 , 2021	\$218,906
(Next Payment Due 5/1/22, Interest Rate 0.0%)	

Water Construction Bond

Original Date of Borrowing - September 17, 2012 (\$3,014,000) - U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Loan Balance on June 30, 2020	\$2,667,803
Principal Repayment	-\$51,701
Note Balance on June 30 , 2021	\$2,616,102
(Next Payment Due 09/17/21, Interest Rate 2.75%)	

Eagle's Water Construction Bond

Original Date of Borrowing - August 26, 2013 (\$200,000) - U.S. Dept of Agriculture

Loan Balance on June 30, 2020	\$181,922
Principal Repayment	-\$3,295
Note Balance on June 30 , 2021	\$178,627
(Next Payment Due 11/21/21, Interest Rate 2.75%)	

SHORT-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Current Expense Note - Fire Truck - People's United Bank

Date of Borrowing - June 29, 2018 - People's United Bank 2.95%

Loan Balance on June 30, 2020	\$46,000
Principal Repayment	-\$23,000
Refunding Note 2.95%	\$23,000
Note Balance on June 30 , 2021	\$23,000
(Due June 28, 2022)	

TOWN RESERVE FUNDS

ROAD DEPARTMENT-TRUCKS

Balance June 30, 2020	\$32,558
Deposits	\$1,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$24
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$33,582</u>

ROAD DEPARTMENT HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Balance June 30, 2020	\$125,969
Deposits	\$105,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$91
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$231,060</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT-TRUCKS

Balance June 30, 2020	\$17,503
Deposits	\$25,000
Loan Proceeds	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$14
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$42,517</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE

Balance June 30, 2020	\$17,770
Deposits	\$7,500
Withdrawals	(\$3,289)
Interest Earned	\$23
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$22,004</u>

RESTROOM, RECREATION & CONSERVATION RESERVE

Balance June 30, 2020	\$19,424
Deposits	\$10,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$29
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$29,453</u>

ENTRUST CONSERVATION RESERVE

Balance June 30, 2020	\$14,223
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$10
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$14,233</u>

TOWN FOREST STEWARDSHIP RESERVE

Balance June 30, 2020	\$47,680
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TOWN RESERVE FUNDS

Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	(\$1,919)
Transfer to Scrag Mtn CD	\$0
Interest Earned	\$34
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$45,795</u>

TRANSPORTATION PATH RESERVE

Balance June 30, 2020	\$93,997
Deposits	\$500
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$68
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$94,565</u>

LAREAU PARK IMPROVEMENT RESERVE

Balance June 30, 2020	\$5,484
Deposits	\$500
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$4
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$5,988</u>

STREET TREES RESERVE

Balance June 30, 2020	\$3,769
Deposits	\$1,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$3
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$4,772</u>

REAPPRAISAL RESERVE

Balance June 30, 2020	\$80,795
Deposits	\$9,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$59
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$89,854</u>

ENERGY PROJECTS RESERVE

Balance June 30, 2020	\$8,882
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$7
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$8,889</u>

BRIDGE & CULVERT RESERVE

Balance June 30, 2020	\$36,928
Deposits	\$19,638
Withdrawals	(\$28,323)
Interest Earned	\$27
Balance June 30, 2020	<u>\$28,270</u>

TOWN RESERVE FUNDS

SCRAG MTN FOREST RESERVE

Balance June 30, 2020	\$68,178
Transfer from Town Forest Reserve	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$496
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$68,674</u>

AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT RESERVE

Balance June 30, 2020	\$10,077
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$7
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$10,084</u>

PAVING

Balance June 30, 2020	\$128,794
Deposits	\$200,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$98
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$328,892</u>

OTHER TOWN FUNDS

GENERAL WAIT HOUSE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Balance June 30, 2020	(\$978)
Deposits (Rental Income)	\$12,727
General Fund Appropriation-Operations	\$2,500
General Fund Appropriation-Capital	\$2,000
Withdrawals	(\$17,847)
Interest Earned	\$3
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>(\$1,595)</u>

RECORDS RESTORATION

Balance June 30, 2020	\$33,536
Deposits	\$7,768
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$0
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$41,304</u>

BELDEN FUND

(for the Town Clock at the Waitsfield United Church of Christ)

Balance June 30, 2020	\$1,908
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$3
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$1,911</u>

COVERED BRIDGE REPAIR

TOWN RESERVE FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2020	\$5,009
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$7
Balance June 30, 2021	<u>\$5,016</u>

WATER FUND

Balance June 30, 2020	\$178,465
Revenue-Operations	\$251,437
Revenue-Interest	\$269
Withdrawals-Operations & Debt	<u>(\$184,075)</u>
Balance June 30, 2021	\$246,096

**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
AUDIT REPORT AND REPORTS OF COMPLIANCE AND
INTERNAL CONTROL
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021**

Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C., Montpelier, Vermont conducted an audit of the Town of Waitsfield's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

They performed their audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of American and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standard," issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The following Fiscal Year 2021 - Audit Discussion and Financial Highlights summarizes the Independent Auditor's Report.

The full Audit Report, with all the Exhibits and Notes to the Financial Statements is available on the town's web site: www.waitsfieldvt.us. Paper copies are also available at the Waitsfield Town Office located at 4144 Main Street, Waitsfield, Vermont.

If you have questions or comments regarding the audit report, please contact Sandra Gallup, Town Treasurer at the Town Office, telephone (802)496-2218 extension 2, or waitsfld@gmavt.net.

Town of Waitsfield, Vermont

Fiscal Year 2021 -Audit Discussion and Financial Highlights

Independent Auditor's Report

This 2021 Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 includes an "Unqualified" Opinion (which is the best we can get). This is the third year that we have achieved this goal.

Statement of Net Position

The Town's (government-wide) modified cash basis net position increased by \$392,851 during the fiscal year from \$1,847,408 to \$2,240,259. This is the sum of the increase of \$343,474 for Governmental Activities and the increase of \$49,377 for Business-type Activities. The net position may serve over time to be a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town of Waitsfield, assets exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$2,240,259 at the close of fiscal year 2021 on the modified cash basis of accounting.

The Town's General Fund unassigned fund balance increased by \$8,826 during the fiscal year from \$382,779 to \$391,605. The Fund Balance Policy sets a goal of an unassigned fund balance equal to two month's expenditures (17% or \$347,500)

The Town's Business-type Activities are the Water Fund and the Wait House Fund. The Business-type Activities net position increased by \$49,377 during the fiscal year from \$244,319 to \$293,696. The Water Fund's net position increased by \$50,619 while the Wait House Fund decreased by \$1,242.

The Town of Waitsfield maintains twenty-four (24) individual governmental funds. This is up from twenty-three (23) in last year's audit. Information on these government funds is presented in Exhibit C, Exhibit D and the Combining Schedules 2 through 7.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The General Fund is used to record all resource inflows and outflows that are not associated with special-purpose funds. The activities being paid for through the general fund constitute the core administrative and operational tasks of the Town. The residents adopt an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund at the March Town Meeting. Capital/One-Time Expenditures are included in the General Fund financial reporting. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund in Schedule 1 beginning on page 32.

For fiscal year 2021 the General Fund had a \$10,256 Excess of Cash Receipts over Cash Disbursements (surplus). Total receipts were \$179,772 more than budgeted. State and other Covid-related grant proceeds of \$19,980 are included in the excess receipt amount. Early, (pre-paid) waste water loan payments totaling \$22,000. Other revenues that were higher than anticipated were Current Use, Fire Department revenue and Town Clerk Fees. Property Taxes were \$47,000 more than budgeted due to the reduction in past due tax accounts. A change in state funding of highway grants resulted in an unexpected \$18,637 in highway aid. These additional funds were transferred to the Bridge and Culvert Reserve Fund.

Total Disbursements were \$169,516 more than budgeted. The reason that disbursements were over the budgeted amount is that an additional \$200,000 was transferred to Paving and Road Equipment Reserve accounts. There were many disbursement accounts that varied from the budget. Only the major differences are listed low: Employee Benefits (-41,200), the Road Department operating expenditures (-43,842), Legal Fees (-9,551), Town Office costs (-14,652), Public Safety (-8533) and Selectboard expenses (-7,395)) all had substantial savings. The Fire Department was overbudget by \$45,826 due to unexpected fire truck and equipment repairs. This overage is somewhat offset by transfers from reserves and insurance claim proceeds. Also, Fayston will share in the net overage by 40%. The town incurred some COVID-related expenses but received state and private grants/reimbursements to cover these unexpected costs.

Water Fund

The Water Fund ended the year with a Net Position of \$296,534 which was \$50,619 higher than the balance at June 30, 2020. Water User Fees and interest income were \$15,930 higher than budgeted. The Water Fund's disbursements were \$6,799 under the budget. The Water Fund contributed \$46,200 to its Emergency and Asset Replacement Reserves in FY21.

Debt

Total Debt, including Governmental Activities, Water Fund and Short-Term Debt as of June 30, 2021 is \$4,386,467 which is \$351,175 lower than June 30, 2020. There was no new borrowing in FY21.

Questions concerning any of the information provided in the audit report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Sandra Gallup, Town Treasurer, Town of Waitsfield, 4144 Main Street, Waitsfield, Vermont 05673.

TOWN CLERK
STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED
JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

Recording fees:	\$ 47,320.00
Search fees:	\$ 1,419.00
Copies:	\$ 6,409.30
Permit fees:	\$ 114.00
(land posting, garage sales, Green Mountain Passports)	
Marriage Licenses, less state fees:	\$ 225.00
Dog Licenses, less state fees:	\$ 1,470.00
Miscellaneous fees:	<u>\$ 112.00</u>
(late dog fines, replacement dog tags, postage reim.)	
Total Fees Collected:	\$ 57,069.30

Vital Statistics

Births:	10
Deaths:	17
Marriage Licenses Issued:	25

CURRENT DELINQUENT TAX LIST
As of January 31, 2022

NAME	2021	2020
Eurich, Elaine	\$2,381.47	
Gannon, Marjorie Becker, Estate	\$1,366.80	
Gaylord, Allen	\$963.40	\$4,064.98
Lee, Virginia	\$5,703.22	
Long, Elyse	\$3,366.56	\$2,327.10
Reilly, Michael	\$607.52	
Vann, James	\$528.22	
Vann, James	\$175.80	
Wilson, Joan F.	\$6,468.20	\$5,740.15
Balance Due	\$21,561.19	\$12,132.23

**WAITSFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT - 2021**

Bank balance, January 1, 2021: **\$41,697**

Income:

From Cemetery Trustees, for operations \$25,298.00

Lot sales (five single lots, three double lots) \$7,552.00

Burial fees (two full burials, seven cremation burials) \$2,700.00

Bank interest \$34.00

Total income **\$35,584.00**

Expenses

Sexton \$25,298.00

To Cemetery Trustees, for perpetual care \$1,300.00

Burials (two full burials, seven cremation burials) \$2,700.00

Cornerstones \$0.00

Headstone repair \$1,950.00

Miscellaneous (cornerstone refund) \$190.00

Total expenses **\$31,438**

Bank balance, December 31, 2021: **\$45,843**

Commissioners

Mark Peal, *President*

Laura Brines, *Vice President*

Vickie Walluck, *Secretary*

Janice Vogini, *Treasurer*

George Gabaree, Jr., *Sexton*

WAITSFIELD CEMETERY TRUST
Fiscal Year 2021

INVESTMENTS

<u>Period Ending</u>	<u>6/30/2020</u>	<u>6/25/2021</u>
	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Cost Basis</u>
Common Stock	\$18,712.57	\$19,137.58
Mutual Funds	\$296,364.9	\$305,273.4
	9	4
Money Market	\$29,760.60	\$36,596.75
Corporate Bonds	\$9,572.69	\$9,341.40
Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<hr/> \$354,410.8	<hr/> \$370,349.1
	<hr/> <u>5</u>	<hr/> <u>7</u>
Market Value	\$397,386.3	\$478,355.5
	9	0
	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>
INCOME		
Lot Purchases	<hr/> \$1,850.00	<hr/> \$1,300.00
EXPENSES		
Perpetual Care	\$25,300.00	\$25,300.00
Head Stone Repairs	\$2,300.00	
Investment Mgmt. Fees	\$1,197.72	\$2,866.06
Miscellaneous	\$3.00	
	<hr/> \$28,800.72	<hr/> \$28,166.06

Respectfully Submitted,
 Robert L. Cook, Treasurer

WAITSFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION 2021 Annual Report

The Waitsfield Planning Commission (WPC) is comprised of seven members appointed by the Selectboard. Members are: Kevin Anderson, Bob Cook, AnnMarie Harmon (Chair), Alice Peal (Vice Chair), Steve Shea, Brian Voigt and we welcome our newest member Emma Hanson. We also welcomed our new Planning and Zoning Administrator, JB Weir.

In 2021 The Planning Commission revised 3 chapters in the Waitsfield Town Plan; Chapter 4 Housing, Chapter 9 Energy and Chapter 11 Natural Resources. These Chapters have been updated with current data, tables and charts. The Energy Chapter includes the Municipal Energy Plan for renewable energy siting to comply with Vermont State Act 174. The Natural Resources Chapter contains the Town plan to conserve the Town's critical Forest Blocks and Habitat Connectors to comply with Vermont State Act 171. The WPC is currently working on the Town's Future Land Use Map. When the final details are complete, the new version of the Town Plan will be sent to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) and to the Selectboard for review and Public Hearings before final approval.

The Planning Commission has received two Grants for 2022, The Bylaw Modernization Grant from The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and a grant from The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for a Wastewater and Water Infrastructure Feasibility Study. With the Bylaw Grant funding the WPC will hire a professional planning consultant to study and recommend changes to the current zoning by-laws to address affordable housing needs, identify buildable areas in the smart growth area for infill, and improve walkways and paths for a safe and walkable Village Center. The Wastewater and Water Infrastructure Study will assess the infrastructure needs to support new development in a defined growth area.

Other work planned for 2022 includes determining ways to regulate short term rentals, zoning for the cannabis growing and cannabis retail stores and a full review of the Town Zoning and By-Laws. The WPC is currently working to finalize its 2022 Work Plan.

Planning Commission Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public to attend and for comment. These meetings are “hybrid” meetings with attendance at the Town Office and also by remote access via Zoom. Contact JB Weir, Planning and Zoning Administrator for information WPC meetings or documents.

Respectfully Submitted by your Planning Commission

WAITSFIELD DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
2021 Annual Report

The Waitsfield Development Review Board (DRB) is comprised of seven members appointed by the Selectboard. Up to two alternate members can be appointed to serve in the absence of a quorum of regular members. The Board's function is to administer the Town's Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Regulations in conjunction with the Zoning Administrator. Specifically, the Board reviews applications for conditional use approval, the subdivision of land, requests for variances, and it considers appeals of Zoning Administrator decisions. A permit is required for most development activity in the town. Landowners are encouraged to consult with the Zoning Administrator at the early stage of project planning, before starting any construction or site development.

Overall, 73 total permits were issued in 2021, compared to 56 permits in 2020. The Board reviewed 5 subdivision applications, including 1 PRD. The DRB issued 13 conditional use approvals. The DRB did not issue any denials for conditional use applications. In addition to the projects approved by the DRB, the Planning & Zoning Administrator issued 54 zoning permits in 2021, including 9 for new single-family homes (same as 2020) and three accessory dwelling units. The PZA also issued 25 Certificates of Occupancy.

Chris Cook relinquished her position after serving many years, including most recently as Chair. J.B. Weir also left the Board to fill the role of Planning and Zoning Administrator, vacated when Anne Decker Dell'Isola became the Town Administrator. J.B. had most recently served as the PZA in Fayston. The DRB was also fortunate to have Jim Tabor and Jonathon Ursprung fill the two open positions. The DRB would like to thank Chris and J.B. for their dedicated service as Board members. The DRB meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. both remotely via Zoom (during COVID-19 restrictions) and in person at the Town Office when possible and allowed. Notices of public hearings are published in The Valley Reporter and on-line on the Town Website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Duncan Brines
Eleanor D'Aponte
(*alternate*)
John Donaldson,
Chair

Gib Geiger
Christopher Jernigan
(*alternate*)

Steve McKenzie,
Vice Chair
Rudy Polwin
Jim Tabor
Jonathon Ursprung

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD ROAD REPORT 2021

With all Covid 19 protocols in place, our road crew continued business as best and safely as they could. It was a challenge working in a very tight shed and sharing equipment. They did a great job of it seeing that no one contracted the virus. And to boot, winter was really kicking in.

The first couple of months saw ample snow falling down, and our crew kept up with Mother Nature's challenges. As for the rest of the winter, it started to ease up and temperatures were increasing. Spring flew in and things dried out very quickly. It made for a fairly easy mud season.

Summer brought all the usual, grading the dirt roads, culvert installations, and lots of ditching. We gave Sherman Road a fair amount of work. The road had been failing for a number of years. What put us over the top was when we kept getting stuck with our plow truck. It is not a fun exercise to get one of them out of a ditch. The road now has been ditched, culverts fixed, and the road widened to accommodate our trucks. We saw some flooding and Butternut Hill took it really badly. The road was impassable. After the bridge, there was a six-foot gully cut right through the road. Palmer Hill took some work as well.

Generally, when the Village Bridge gets hit, it's not that big of a deal. But this year was a different story. A box truck drove so far into it that, the damage was then extensive. Just to get the truck out of the bridge was a feat in its self. The tires had to be deflated, then several people standing on the bumper were needed to squeak it out. It was several months before the repair could take place, but it is all back together and looking good.

This year, we purchased two new pieces of equipment. The 15-year-old loader backhoe was replaced. Most notable was our 23-year-old grader was replaced. We were in the right place at the right time when we replaced the grader. The John Deer grader that we bought was being used as a demo and with the help from our reserves, we were able to make the down payment and then have a 5-year lease to buy at the end. The backhoe was a planned expense. With the reserve accounts we were able to purchase the equipment with no increase to our tax rate.

As the crews saddle up, and put those trucks on the road, remember, don't crowd the plow.

Charlie Goodman, Road Commissioner, Waitsfield

WAITSFIELD FAYSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department (WFFD) responded to 101 incidents in 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic continued to challenge our department throughout the year.

The attached summary of calls highlights the incidents that were responded to throughout 2021. In all cases there was no loss of life and whenever possible the protection of property or mitigation of loss was achieved with a high degree of success.

The WFFD has 20 active members led by Chief Johnson and seven officers.

The WFFD enjoys a close relationship with those we serve as well as the select boards and town officials. This cooperation and respect allow for better planning and budget management.

2021 Accomplishments include:

- Preparation for the replacement of our aging Rescue Van which is key to our response protocols (it carries all our firefighter gear to the scene).
- Moving of the ‘repeater’ to a higher elevation to improve the radio deficiencies we encounter in the Valley.
- Exploring and applying to various grant opportunities available to the WFFD. Two of these grants have been approved and will allow the WFFD to purchase new equipment.

Calls By Type	Waitsfield	Fayston	Moretown	Warren	Middlesex	Northfield	Total
Structure Fire	1				1	1	3
Chimney Fire	3	1					4
Vehicle Fire	1	1					2
Contained Fire	1						1
Appliance Smoking/ On Fire	1						1
Electrical Fire	1						1
Smoke/Fire Alarm Activation- No Fire	29	10					39
CO Alarm Activation- No CO	4						4
CO in Building	2	1					3
Motor Vehicle Accident	10	3	2				15
Down Power lines/ Tree on Lines	3	1					4
Chemical Smell/ Propane Odor	2						2
Smoke in Building	3						3
Wildland Fire	1		2				3
Mutual Aid Standby				2			2
HAZMAT		1					1
Service Call	1						1
Good Intent	5	3					8
Elevator Alarm- No Emergency		3					3
Medical Assist	1	''	'				1
Total	69	24	4	2	1	1	101

WAITSFIELD WATER COMMISSION 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The Fall of 2021 marked the start of the 10th year of operation of the Waitsfield Community Water System supplying high quality and safe drinking water primarily to the residences and businesses of Waitsfield and Irasville Village District.

By the end of 2021, the Water System was connected to 109 properties/parcels serving over 250 dwellings, businesses, and municipal organizations. The Water System also supplies water to 28 Fire Hydrants.

The Water Commission is a five-member commission appointed by the Selectboard. The Commissioners are: Robin Morris (Chair), Pete Reynells (Vice Chair), Bill Parker and Peter Lazorchak.

There is an open position on the Water Commission for a two-year term expiring March 2024. Anyone interested in applying, please submit an email stating your interests and applicable professional or personal interest to townadmin@gmavt.net. The Water Commission meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 8.00 a.m. on-line.

The Commission continues to manage the Water Systems costs which resulted in no increase to the Water Rate charged to Water Customers for Fiscal Year 2022, additionally the Commission voted \$31,200 to Asset Replacement Reserve and \$15,000 to the Emergency Reserve in 2021.

Annual production of water from the well was 16.77 million gallons, 15% up from 2020. The 2021 water production represents 17.15% of the State permitted well capacity. Waitsfield operates a non-chlorinated system – except in conjunction with the annual flushing in September and in the rare case of an emergency event.

Most of the Water Commissions work in 2021 focused on monthly operation, administrative issues, and working with new property owners to connect to the water system.

The Water Commission would like to thank Kellee Mazer for her many years of service as the Water System's Administrator. Once hired, the Water Administrators responsibilities will be performed by the Waitsfield Treasurer, for which the Town will be reimbursed from the Water Fund.

Robin Morris, Chair

CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2021 Annual Report

Comprised of nine members, the Conservation Commission has responsibilities regarding the Town's natural resources and lands that have historic, educational, cultural, scientific, architectural or archaeological values in which the public has an interest. It may make recommendations regarding acquisition of land and receive appropriations, gifts (including land or other property) and grants for the purposes of carrying out its responsibilities on behalf of the Town. It may assist other parts of town and regional government on matters relating to the local environment, and may also prepare and distribute relevant information and encourage public understanding of local natural resources and conservation needs through educational activities.

The Commission has lead responsibility for management and stewardship of just over 900 acres of Town-owned land in the areas of the Northfield Range ridgeline (Scrag Mountain Town Forest – 750 acres), the Mad River (Wu Ledges Town Forest and Austin and Tardy parcels – about 150 acres total), and Brook Road (Woliner parcel – 3 acres). The Commission is also responsible for monitoring conservation easements held by the Town on 25.5 acres adjacent to Wu Ledges Town Forest (Lawton parcel) and 10 acres behind the Valley Professional Center (Dowdell / Baked Beads parcels).

America's adjusting to confining viruses continued with high levels of use of public lands - Scrag & Wu Ledges were right in there, enabling some fine experiences for everyone. Even as this is being written, families are out there on the snow. Good for the heart, mind, spirit and that very uniquely gratifying sense of being part of our natural world.

Vehicular traffic didn't seem to pose the overflow issues of last year - although it happened on occasion, we didn't hear about it as much. Nevertheless, improvements to parking remains an issue.

At Scrag Mountain Town Forest, two big gains: Plans for trail expansion and installation of a culvert. The culvert replaced a troublesome drainage pond, and was done with advice from the VT Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation. We're now in full compliance with the state's Acceptable Management Practices for water quality control. Thanks to member Bob Cook for much good planning, on-site supervision - muddy boots, hat, gloves, jacket and all - in overseeing this project.

And planning progressed well on the long-desired development of an expanded trail system on Scrag. Working with the consulting firm Sinuosity, a three-part plan was prepared involving relocation and new construction. The lowest-elevation Gateway parcel will have a new relatively short loop, with an overlook, prepared for those walkers who prefer just a moderate outing. At the highest elevation, a relocation will bypass the sensitive beaver pond and avoid winter moose habitat to the south. Between these two areas will be another loop, providing a northerly short but more strenuous route and a southerly longer, easier hike. Public input was sought, and this combination was well received. Our thanks to Ky and Lisa Koitzsch of Fayston for alerting us to the wisdom of extra protection for beaver and moose habitat on the ridgeline.

At the Austin parcel (next to the Lareau swim-hole) work continued to control invasive species and restore the land to native floodplain forest. The Urban & Community Forestry Council awarded its Vermont Tree Steward Award: Volunteer Group, to our team there! An exemplary project it is and thanks to everyone, including Friends of Mad River, Mad River Path, and US Fish & Wildlife Service for their good help.

Beyond tending to town lands, a tentative plan is in the works to aggressively target Knotweed infestations alongside town roads. This would be done mechanically, and will draw upon the experiences of neighboring Warren which has one of the state's outstanding initiatives.

And we're pleased to report James Donaldson and Peter (PJ) Telep have joined the commission, so we're up to full strength now. Both these folks bring good technical and participatory skills with them - welcome kindred spirits.

The Commission typically meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., and the public is always welcome. Due to the pandemic we've been meeting virtually but look forward to resuming in-person gatherings - stay tuned. Comments about the Commission's work are always welcome, and can be directed to Curt Lindberg at wccLindberg@gmail.com and Leo Laferriere at leol@gmavt.net.

Respectfully submitted,
Curt Lindberg, Chair
Leo Laferriere, Vice-Chair
Chris Loomis, Secretary
Bruno Grimaldi, Treasurer

Bob Cook
James Donaldson
Ted Joslin
Phil Huffman
Peter Telep

MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The Mad River Valley Planning District (MRVPD) was created in 1985 by the towns of Fayston, Warren & Waitsfield to carry out a program of planning for the MRV directed toward its physical, social, economic, fiscal, environmental, cultural, and aesthetic wellbeing. To this end, MRVPD provides professional planning, leadership, coordination, awareness, implementation, and grant support to the broad MRV and its member towns. MRVPD focused on a broad range of activities during the past year including, but not limited to, increased pedestrian safety measures, resource and coordination support for housing affordability, stewardMRV collaboration, Town Plan assistance, and completion of the MRV Trailhead Kiosk & Mapping Project. In addition to these efforts, 2021 marked a significant effort by MRVPD to make community data more accessible, usable, and integrated into local decision-making processes.

MRV Community Dashboard: Building off its annual MRV Data Report, MRVPD recently launched the MRV Community Dashboard, a new online platform for community members and decision-makers to access, visualize, and track data that is pertinent to the MRV's wellbeing. It also provides context and resources to connect data points to on-the-ground action and support, ensuring that the MRV's needs are being prioritized by defining goals and progress is measurable. The MRV Community Dashboard is available at mrvpd.org.

The online Dashboard is organized around a framework of wellbeing for the Mad River Valley, based on town plans, recent MRV visioning efforts, stakeholder input, and similar community indicator projects. The result is an unprecedented community resource that strengthens community capital and resilience while being free and accessible to all.

The Dashboard draws from multiple Federal and state-wide data sources, as well as MRVPD's proprietary data source, the MRV Wellbeing Survey. The Wellbeing Survey was created to fill gaps in local qualitative data and to provide a deeper understanding of how the MRV's people, environment, and economy are doing. Undertaken in concert with a similar statewide effort, the results provide a longitudinal point of reference and comparison to MRV-level data.

The survey was distributed during Spring 2021 and received a response from 8% of Warren, Waitsfield, and Fayston’s residents. Compared with statewide results from 2021, the MRV scored higher in every domain except for Material Wellbeing, which scored equally. The MRV stood out particularly in the realms of Social Connectedness and Education & Culture. Issues of housing, affordability, and opportunities for young people were expressed as real and perceived challenges for respondents. Wellbeing Survey results are housed on the new online MRV Community Dashboard, accessed at mrvpd.org. Survey responses are poised to serve as an important tool for accountability and transparency between elected reps and MRV residents; survey results can improve data-driven decision-making to strengthen Valley-wide wellbeing. MRVDPD will be repeating the survey annually in the spring, with a focus on increased respondent population diversity. To be notified of the next round of the MRV Community Survey, sign up for MRVDPD’s newsletter at mrvpd.org.

Budget: For FY23, MRVDPD requests level funding at \$45,317 from each of its four funders, Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren, and Sugarbush Resort.

MRVDPD’s activities are overseen by a 7-voting member Steering Committee, consisting of a representative from the Selectboard and Planning Commission from each of its member towns, and a representative from the MRV Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, representatives from Sugarbush Resort and the Central VT Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) serve as non-voting members. MRVDPD Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Meeting details at mrvpd.org. Staffing consists of Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director, & Amy Tomasso, Community Planner.

Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee

Bob Ackland, Warren Selectboard (Chair)

Christine Sullivan, Waitsfield Selectboard (Vice-Chair)

Jared Cadwell, Fayston Selectboard (Secretary & Treasurer)

Dan Raddock, Warren Planning Commission

Brian Voigt, Waitsfield Planning Commission

Donald Simonini, Fayston Planning Commission

Margo Wade, Sugarbush Resort

Eric Friedman, MRV Chamber of Commerce

Clare Rock, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

MAD RIVER VALLEY RECREATION DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

Mad River Valley Recreation District (MRVRD) is a Union Municipal District formed by the towns of Waitsfield, Warren and Fayston in 1994. The MRVRD seeks to facilitate, enhance and create recreational opportunities throughout the Mad River Valley that promote community vitality, physical fitness, appreciation for the outdoors and a high quality of life. The MRVRD owns and manages the Mad River Park Recreational Fields, operates a recreation grant program and supports diverse recreation opportunities important for community health and economic vitality in the Valley.

In 2021, the MRVRD awarded 12 grants, providing \$43,639 in financial support to the organizations listed in the financial report in addition to another grant that was unable to be utilized due to COVID. In January 2022, the MRVRD considered 15 grant requests totaling \$80,412 and allocated approximately \$43,500 from funds approved by voters in 2021 for new initiatives, long-standing programs, and management of Mad River Park . These investments will increase access to diverse recreational opportunities for all members of our community, as well as visitors.

Due to continually increasing demands, MRVRD is requesting \$40,000 from each member town in the fiscal year 2022. This represents a \$10,000 increase from 2021. These funds will enable the continuation of the recreation grant program, provide for operations and improvements (including an irrigation system at Mad River Park) and enable our new Executive Director, Laura Arnesen, to advance the MRVRD's strategic organizational goals through recreation trails, events, programming, parks and facilities management and recreation planning. Community benchmarking shows that the MRV's budget for recreation is 60-70% lower than those of neighboring towns: Bristol spends \$307,000 and Waterbury spends \$412,000 per year compared to our current \$91,500.

The MRVRD Board encourages groups and individuals who are interested in creating recreational opportunities in the Mad River Valley to visit mrverd.org or contact any member of the Board. The board meets the third Tuesday of each month and seeks involvement and input from the community. The volunteer MRVRD board members have been appointed by the Select Boards of their respective towns and serve 1- or 3-year terms. Contact any of us if you are interested in joining the team.

Executive Director: Laura Arnesen, Warren

Board:

Liza Walker, Waitsfield (Chair)	Luke Foley, Waitsfield
Alice Rodgers, Warren (Vice Chair)	Shevonne Travers, Waitsfield (MRP Field Manager)
Doug Bergstein, Warren (Treasurer)	Peter Oliver, Warren
Mary Simmons, Waitsfield (Secretary)	John Stokes, Fayston
Molly Bagnato, Fayston	

Take our community survey: www.mrvrd.org

RECREATION DISTRICT BUDGET

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2021)	\$2,904
<u>Income</u>	
Funding from Towns	\$90,000
Moretown	\$1,500
Donation	\$84
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Bill Koch League	\$2,000
Brooks Field	\$345
Couples Club	\$3,000
Mad River Park	\$8,500
Mad River Path	\$5,960
Mad River Riders	\$4,660
Mad River Ridge Runners	\$4,598
Mad River Soccer	\$2,000
Mad Valley Sports, Inc.	\$5,000
Skatium	\$1,827
Warren Skate Park	\$3,942
Wilderness First Aid	\$1,000
Executive Director Salary/Benefits	\$38,514
Intern Stipend	\$1,173
Memberships	\$1,030
Website	\$3,644
Miscellaneous	\$900
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$88,093
Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2021)	\$6,395
Trailhead Kiosk Project Balance	\$3,491
Mad River Park Balance	\$315
Grants Requested for 2022	\$80,412
Project Grants Awarded 2022 (inc. MRP)	\$43,500

MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE ANNUAL REPORT

The Mad River Resource Management Alliance (MRRMA) includes the Towns of Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury. The Alliance was formed through an Interlocal Agreement that began in 1994. We changed our name in 2008 to reflect the fact that we are managing resources not wastes.

2021 continued to be another challenging year for the MRRMA . Due to lack of personnel driven by the ongoing pandemic the Alliance cancelled our Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day event at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury. Our Spring event was held on May 8. A total of 359 households participated in this event. We collected 10.19 tons of household hazardous waste at the event. Residents within the Alliance communities were able to bring all their architectural paints, waste pesticides, alkaline batteries and up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Bring your mercury thermostats to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and you will receive a coupon that can be redeemed for a \$5.00 rebate by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation which will process the thermostats. Residents can also bring all their compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and up to ten or fewer non-CFL general purpose mercury containing lamps at no charge. We are planning two collection day events in 2022, at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for April 2 and August 20, 2022. We will be working with a new contractor and there will be some changes in our collection program.

A total of 170 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tank during 2021. The tank is located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station.

In 2021 the MRRMA initiated the collection of textiles at Rodney's Rubbish Transfer Station and the Earthwise Transfer Station. The company Helpsy takes clothing, footwear, linens, and accessories in any condition that are clean, dry and odorless at no charge. A total of 6.82 tons of textiles were collected in 2021.

Grow Compost of Vermont in Moretown and Casella collected food scraps and food processing residuals from the Washington West Supervisory Union waste streams, from other large generators in the MRRMA and in collection totes at the Moretown facility. A total of ~384

tons of food scraps were collected by Grow Compost of Vermont and Casella in 2021 in the MRRMA. Visit our web site at madriverrma.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.

The twenty fifth truckload sale of compost bins resulted in the distribution of 28 compost bins and 3 Green Cones. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We held two composting workshops for Alliance residents this year and expect to hold more in 2022. The Alliance held a car and pickup truck tire and metal collection event at the Earthwise Transfer Station in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 1, 2021. A total of 9.17 tons of tires and a ton of metal were collected during this event. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 7, 2022.

Computers, printers, monitors and televisions can be recycled at no charge at the Earthwise Transfer Station or the State Surplus Property Office on Route 2 in Waterbury. Other e-waste can be brought to the State Surplus Property facility in Waterbury and recycled at a small per pound fee. During 2021, 27.56 tons of e-waste was collected. Additional information on this program is found on our web site.

Our Solid Waste Implementation Plan(SWIP) is updated every five years. The update is available for review at our website, madriverrma.org.

Backyard burning of trash is illegal and causes air pollution problems. Be a good neighbor and don't burn trash. If you know of any illegal dumping sites within your town that would benefit from an Adopt a Site Program give John Malter, Alliance Administrator a call at 244-7373 and let's see what we can do to help eliminate these types of problems together. The FY22 assessment for the administration and programs remains at \$7.00 per capita.

The representatives of the Alliance include: Fayston, Chuck Martel; Moretown, Jonathan Siegel; Waitsfield, Sal Spinosa; Warren, Margo Wade; Waterbury, Alec Tuscany and John Malter from Waterbury is the Administrator for the Alliance.

WAITSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The Waitsfield Historical Society is entering into its 52nd year in existence. We all have Ruth and Fletcher Joslin to thank for having the foresight to realize the importance of preserving our past for future generations. Their next goal from there was for the Historical Society to have a home of their own to store and display the valuable historical collections, donated through the years. They had received many items from residents whose ancestors had lived in Waitsfield, such as the Jones family, who according to our “History of Waitsfield Book”, first set foot in this town as early as 1797. If it wasn’t for Matt Bushnell Jones, the author, we would not have these 524 pages of wonderful Waitsfield history, including the genealogy.

Hence, when the Gen. Wait House property was going to be sold in 1990 by folks that had taken good care of our Founders home, the town administration started the process along with the Historical Society to consider the purchase of it. This process was long but in 1995 the purchase was finalized with approval by a Town Bond vote in June of 1995. We are very thankful for all the people that donated to our fund raiser which made it possible for us to give the town \$50,000 toward the purchase.

This historic 1793 home of our Founder, Gen. Benjamin Wait was always, through the years after his death in 1822, owned or lived in by people who were leaders in this town, whether they were on town boards, in organizations, owned businesses and even a doctor.

The people we purchased the Wait House from, were one of five generations of Joslins to live there from 1896 to 1995 (also another Joslin from 1850-1866).

The house itself has been community oriented, since all non-profit organizations moved into it in 1997, also a Visitor Center and a Museum. The Historical Society was granted the right in the form of a lease by the town, to improve the Carriage and Horse/Dairy barn in 2007. By 2010, we accomplished that with the Carriage barn and many programs and meetings have been held there since. The Horse/Dairy barn is in need of much structural work to stabilize it before we can start a fund raiser to make it the Museum as planned for the community and visitors, to see how life on a family farm was maintained back in the 1800’s. It is extremely important to preserve this part of the Gen. Wait property and not to destroy the history it holds.

We want to thank our Historical Society members for their continued interest in the preservation of our local history by their annual memberships and also their patience as we have not been able to continue having pot-luck dinners or any other programs as in the past. Let's hope the near future will help to bring them back for all to enjoy.

Please join us to help "Preserve the Past for the Future".

Our Board Members are:

Lois De Heer, President/Treasurer

Peter Laskowski, Vice President

Pricilla Wilson, Secretary

Bob Burley, Historical Architectural Consultant

Shirley Viens & Lois De Heer, Archives



**Healthy LAND. Clean WATER.
Vibrant COMMUNITY.**

2021 Report to Watershed Towns

*Friends of the Mad River is a nonprofit organization dedicated to stewarding the Mad River watershed's healthy **land** and clean **water** for our **community** and for future generations. We build diverse partnerships of neighbors, businesses, towns, and other organizations. Together, we **learn** about the health of the land and water; **conserve** our natural resources; and **celebrate** this special place.*

In 2021, with the help of municipal, agency, and non-profit partners, Friends of the Mad River sustained our 31 year commitment to the Mad River Valley community by:

- Launching a new **Mad River Watch** program to inform a more complete story of the health of the Mad River in the context of a changing climate;
- Working with 18 property owners to 'spongify' their homes and yards, absorbing the impact of storms and reducing costly erosion;
- Planting 300 trees and shrubs at four sites to build **Riparian Restoration** benefits like clean water, flood resilience, and wildlife habitat;
- Engaging 19 teams of volunteers, ages 2 to 82, to record data and observe nature at 21 sites across the watershed;
- Collaborating with recreational **Steward MRV** partners to take better care of trail and river access points and instill an ethic of stewardship among visitors and residents alike;
- Championing environmental priorities for the Mad River Valley, with a special focus on climate resilience and clean water, in over 100 local, regional and statewide meetings and conversations;
- Supporting the **Ridge to River** taskforce of municipal and community leaders as they advance their action plan for keeping water clean and reducing flood vulnerabilities, including finalizing 5 engineering designs for problematic road sections;

- And, providing technical assistance to Mad River Valley select boards, conservation commissions, road crews, and individual landowners as they carefully steward watershed resources.

If you have enjoyed a cooling dip in the river, or a peaceful walk in deep woods, or appreciated the simplicity and power of a forest re-growing in place of lawn, please know that the work of Friends of the Mad River is embedded in those moments. This work would not be possible without town leaders and staff dedicated to making thoughtful decisions, committed and hearty volunteers, donors who believe in the value of our work, and a community committed to one another. **Thank you!**

Staff: *Corrie Miller, Executive Director; Ira Shadis, Stewardship Manager; Lisa Koitzsch, MRW Coordinator*

Board of Directors: *Ned Farquhar, President • Matt Williams, Vice President • Sucosh Norton, Treasurer Kinny Perot, Secretary • Richard Czaplinski • Rebecca Diehl • Eve Frankel • Jeannie Nicklas • Grady O'Shaughnessy • Amy Polaczyk • Brian Shupe • Katie Sullivan*

More information at: FriendsOfTheMadRiver.org

"Not only are we collecting water samples and doing testing, but this is really a year about connecting to the place and noticing what stays the same and changes. For me, it's about bringing the little ones here and really establishing a connection to the place and that sense of place that is so valuable." Tyne Pike-Sprenger, Mad River Watch Volunteer

Mad River Path

In 2021, MRP completed several path projects. Below is a list of accomplishments from 2021:

- Built the new Fiddler's Walk extension "gateway" to Rt 100 at Irasville Common, which includes a new rain garden to protect a nearby wetland and the Mad River.
- Nearly completed a one mile trail loop on Yestermorrow's property (opening in spring 2022).
- Added two new picnic tables along the Path; one at The Swanson Inn and one at the Flemer Field.
- Constructed two shelters that house portalets and trash/recycling bins at Lareau Swim Hole parking and Bridge Street parking, which is part of the #stewardMRV initiative.
- Continued mowing and vegetation management program across the path network, including much chainsaw work after a windy year.
- Continued invasive knotweed management on the Austin Parcel with Friends of the Mad River, the Town of Waitsfield, and volunteers.
- Eradicated dozens of invasive honey suckle and giant hogweed plants throughout the Path network.
- Continued Irasville winter maintenance in downtown Waitsfield
- Repaired the Clay Brook bridge after it was knocked off its foundation from an August storm.
- Completed a split-rail fence in downtown Waitsfield to help define the Path on private land.
- Installed a beaver baffle with VT F&W to protect the boardwalk and beavers.
- Restocked a dozen dog waste bag stations with more than 5,000 bags across the Path network. Woof woof!
- Set up two StoryWalk® displays in partnership with MRV Libraries.
- Ran the successful 25th Annual Mad Dash presented by Sugarbush Resort
- Initiated planning for a new one mile+ path section north of Tremblay Rd in Waitsfield, in partnership with the Vermont Land Trust.
- Completed the VOREC grant application with several partners to improve trail connections and pedestrians safety in downtown Irasville.
- Continued discussions with landowners and partners to complete important gaps in the Warren to Moretown Path.
- Completed planning for two new path-side shelters and wildlife education panels.
- Began the process of establishing five new permanent trail easements.

SKATIUM

Skatium is a Mad River Valley community outdoor skating facility located in Irasville. It is owned and operated by SKATIUM, INC., a local non-profit (501.c.3) corporation.

The facility currently operates on natural ice with a Zamboni, dasher boards, and several ancillary structures situated on 5.4 acres owned by Skatium. Winter activities include public skating, stick time for hockey, and group rental time such as adult hockey and private parties.

Income for its \$30,000.00 annual operating winter budget comes primarily from operations, with some assistance from donations including grants from the Mad River Valley Recreation District. Labor is provided by two paid employees and volunteers.

Due to Covid-19, Skatium did not open for the 2020/2021 season, the first time in 27 years it has not operated for the winter season. However it is open for the 2021/2022 winter season and has plans to upgrade the rink surface in the spring to allow summer uses such as box lacrosse, soccer, basketball, markets, etc..

Skatium also has plans for a roof structure that would allow for all-season/all-weather operation, for which it is seeking funding through donations, grants and in-kind contributions.

SKATIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Zeke Church

Mike Eramo

Bill Moore

Debbie Smith

Don Swain

MAD RIVER VALLEY TV

Mad River Valley Television is The Valley's public access station management organization (AMO). It is dedicated to keeping the community informed about the actions by their towns, schools and elected officials, connected the community with school and local activities and enabling local producers to present views and comment. Its programming has traditionally been available to all within the Waitsfield Cable service coverage area.

The station celebrated its 22nd year on the air during 2021 and covered nearly every meeting of the Waitsfield Select Board, special joint meetings, Conservation Commission meetings and meetings of the Mad River Valley Planning District, the Mad River Valley Recreation District and most meetings of the Harwood Unified Union School District board and subcommittees.

MRVTV's Channels 44/244 (Community) and 45/245 (Municipal) are included in Waitsfield Cable's basic tier of service. In 2021, MRVTV expanded its availability by streaming the channel in real-time over the Internet. Anyone with or without a cable subscription and anywhere in the world can now watch the content as it appears on our cable channels by going to [MRVTV.com](https://mrvtv.com) and clicking the "watch live" link.

At the beginning of the pandemic, the station adjusted its work to provide access to more government meetings, school sports and events that restricted attendance, and local events. Many of these events moved from live to Zoom and we've added the capabilities to capture the Zoom and delivered through the cable channel and since July 1, through the real-time stream. MRVTV also focused on providing COVID-19 related information as we can including Governor Scott's press conferences, and how local businesses including the ski mountains, restaurants and lodging establishments are operating. This year, the station hosted a forum of Select Board candidates that was received over 600 page views.

All locally produced programming, from meetings to school and community events is also on the MRVTV website, <https://mrvtv.com>.

MRVTV is primarily funded by Waitsfield Cable as required by state and federal regulations with 5% of cable subscription fee collected to support local PEG stations. In addition, the towns of Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren and Moretown and in 2021 HUUSD provided MRVTV

monetary support to help to defray the cost of municipal and school meetings, sporting events and activities. MRVTV makes the web storage of our municipal programming available for all, anytime, even without cable service. The continuation of cable cord cutting and growth of streaming services is reducing cable funding. The station is making up the loss as possible through sponsorships, donations and fundraising activities.

To capture more events, the station encourages nonprofits to find a member in their organization who can become a “media person” for coverage. MRVTV has equipment available to the community so the public can produce shows and access the airwaves. MRVTV also has a full studio available for taping shows and welcomes new users and producers for non-commercial community interest programs.

Station personnel remains unchanged in 2021 with Rob Perry serving as Executive Director and Tony Italiano keeping the station’s programming going as Program/Media Manager, a role he has ably filled for nearly 15 years. The board of directors changed slightly with the retirement of Brian Shupe and the addition of Genevieve Knight. Members of the MRVTV board are: Lisa Loomis, Rob Williams, Liz Levey, Dan Eckstein, John Daniell, Ilse Sigmund, Ian Sweet, Ned Farquhar and Genevieve Knight. We meet quarterly and actively welcome public input to our meetings or to any board member.

To learn more how you can be involved with MRVTV, please contact us at 583-4488 (44TV) or by email at rob@mrvtv.com. You also can just stop by our studio offices at the north end of the Village Square Shopping Center. And you can find us, all local programs, our schedules, and lots of affiliated information on the web at <https://mrvtv.com>.

**Editor’s note: This report was condensed from the original to fit the Town Report. To view the report as submitted, please contact the Town Administrator’s office (townadmin@gmavt.net).*

MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE

"The Mission of the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service is to provide the five Mad River Valley towns of Fayston, North Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield and Warren the highest quality of Emergency Medical Services utilizing dedicated volunteers, technology and community support."

Imagine living in the beautiful Mad River Valley without being confident you could get to a hospital if needed? For over 50 years, the men and women of the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service (MRVAS) have volunteered to care for their neighbors in times of their greatest need. Through rain and snow, at dawn and late into the night, MRVAS volunteers have left work or the comfort of their own homes and missed celebrations and meetings to dispatch calls, jump into emergency vehicles and save lives. At any given time, 70 highly-trained and dedicated volunteers donate 60 or more hours of their time each month to make the Mad River Valley a better place to live. It's hard to imagine that type of commitment, but MRVAS volunteers make their community a priority year in and year out.

MRVAS is one of only a handful of all-volunteer squads left in Vermont.

Many services have closed after being unable to raise funds and recruit enough volunteers. In many of those towns, taxpayers saw taxes raised to pay for emergency services. Through a history of local outreach, MRVAS has managed to continue while also recruiting and training volunteers to meet community needs.

MRVAS has had to spend \$600,000 in the last three years to replace two aging ambulances. Our third ambulance is fourteen years old, and is scheduled to be replaced this year.

In most years, MRVAS responds to 500+ calls for help. MRVAS must maintain the capacity to put three vehicles and crews on the road simultaneously. With three emergency vehicles, MRVAS handles approximately 98% of all calls without requesting the assistance of other agencies. This is critical to the well-being of our community and visitors, as requests for outside assistance can add 20 minutes or more to response times. Two calls within a three-hour period is a common happening and as round-trip calls are typically 3 hours, MRVAS must have three vehicles so one is always at the ready.

At MRVAS, we take our training seriously; keeping up with frequent changes in state protocol and medical care, as well as the evolving needs of our growing community. Training is no easy task and requires numerous additional hours per year to stay certified, even after the initial training investment. We strive to incorporate and utilize the latest technology; incorporating innovations such as “Active 911” and EMS Manager” in order to communicate well and to provide clear, efficient, rapid response to any given location.

Wouldn't you like to become a member of MRVAS? We are always happy to bring new members onto our squad and to provide them with the necessary training! If you feel that serving your community in this way would enrich your life (as it has ours), please visit our website (www.mrvas.org) or call 496-8888 for further information.

Do keep in mind that MRVAS uses the E-911 system in its response, and that we look for E-911 numbers posted near your residences when responding to emergencies. Take a moment to reflect on the following: If you needed us in an emergency, is your location clearly marked? If not, help us help you! MRVAS is happy to offer E-911 Reflective Address Number Signs for \$20. You can pick up a form at your local Town Office or call us for further info at: 802-496-8888.

Finally, we would like to thank you, the residents of this Mad River Valley, as well as second homeowners and visitors for supporting our dedicated staff of volunteers. It is your generous donations and subscriptions for service that allow us to continue to function as a team of professionals.

It continues to be our pleasure and honor to serve you. Feel free to visit our website (www.mrvas.org) or call us if you have questions.

Respectfully,

Sara Van Schaick, A-EMT

President and Head of Service

MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

The Mad River Health Center is a non profit, 501(c)(3) corporation operating under the following Articles of Incorporation:

- To provide a quality facility to ensure the availability of local health care to residents of the Mad River Valley, neighboring communities and visitors.
- Advocate for and support health and wellness in the community.

Prior to the construction of the current facility in the early 2000's, the Health Center, since its formation in the 1980s, actually was a ***Provider*** of health services with the employment of Dr. Cook. Since his retirement, and the purchase of his practice by CVMC, the Health Center ceased to actually provide health services, but became a provider of ***Space*** for the delivery of health related services. Our articles of incorporation were revised accordingly to the above.

The Health Center is governed by an all volunteer board of directors. The current board was elected September, 2021:

- Michael Hawker, President
- Don Murray, Vice President
- Bill Zekas, Treasurer
- Suzanne Peterson, Secretary
- Manny Apigian
- Polly Bednash
- Tom Emory
- Joe Grant
- Dick Valentinetti

The current providers of the Health Center are:

- Central Vermont Medical Center (primary, non emergency care)
- Hannah's House (mental health services)
- Three Moon's Wellness (acupuncture and Chinese medicine)
- Dr. Richard Davis (psychologist)

With the vision and energy of board member Polly Bednash, towards the end of 2021 Covid testing, vaccinations and test kits are now available in the Valley. This effort was a complex task, involving Polly's rallying the support of, and coordination of, several different organizations:

- Waterbury Ambulance Service
- Vermont Department of Health
- Valley Reporter
- Waitsfield United Church of Christ
- Mad River Valley Ambulance Service

In particular, the following individuals were instrumental in making this happen:

- Mark Podgwaite (Waterbury Ambulance)
- Mark Wilson (Waitsfield UCC)
- Lisa Loomis (Valley Reporter)

Also towards the end of 2021 the Health Center developed a new website (<https://mrvhealthcenter.org>). This new website contains information about the Health Center, our providers and all things Covid in the Valley. Additional functionality beneficial to Valley residents will be added during the course of the year.

The Health Center currently faces two major challenges:

- COVID 19: In our lifetime we have not faced anything like this. Unprecedented demands have been placed on all facets of the health care system. Adjustments from our normal way of operating have had to be made. Some we understand are not easy to live with, but never-the-less are necessary. Furthermore, the overall situation is severely exacerbated by the shortage of health care workers. These constraints are not unique to the Valley. The strains all of this is placing on our community in particular are becoming increasingly more apparent. During the course of Covid we have made significant investments to our air handling systems, beyond the minimum necessary, to help mitigate the spread of this disease, and to better protect our community.
- FACILITY: Our building is approaching 20 years old. We are now facing significant capital expenses associated with this. Specifically, exterior maintenance (repairing rotting woodwork, painting) and replacement of significant parts of our HVAC systems (to be spread out over two years). Fortunately our maintenance reserves built up over the last few years will be enough to cover these expenses. However, due to the age of the building there is always an underlying concern for those things unseen. The Board is taking more proactive measures to prepare for anything untoward.

As we move forward in these difficult times, the Board is actively seeking additional ways to support the health and well being of all those who call the Valley home, and for those who come to visit us.

Respectively submitted on behalf of the Board of Directors,

Michael Hawker,
President

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

FY21 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission provides planning, development, and project implementation assistance to communities. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners.

FY21 Waitsfield Activities

- ❖ Completed road erosion inventory.
- ❖ Provided energy efficiency information to assist with tracking progress on Town energy goals.
- ❖ Completed a draft right of way Ash Tree Management Plan.
- ❖ Presented to the Mad River Valley Energy Coordinators on energy planning and data.
- ❖ Provided assistance with enhanced energy plan for Town Plan.
- ❖ Assisted Town to include a study of the Route 100/17 intersection on the regional priorities list for the State capital program.
- ❖ Served as municipal project manager for the Waitsfield Village West Sidewalks construction project.
- ❖ Provided zoning research and input on zoning administration.

Regional Commissioner

Don La Haye

Transportation Advisory Committee

Don La Haye

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ *Municipal plan and bylaw updates:* Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education, bylaw modernization, and plan updates.
- ❖ *Brownfields:* Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the community, stimulate the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.

- ❖ *Transportation planning:* Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee and provide studies, plans, data collection, and counts.
- ❖ *Emergency planning:* Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and the state on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ *Energy conservation and development:* Foster projects that support energy conservation to save energy and tax dollars and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.
- ❖ *Natural resource planning and projects:* Implement activities to protect water resources/supplies, enhance recreational opportunities, maintain the forest products industry, and enhance environmental health.
- ❖ *Regional plans:* Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ *Geographic Information System services:* Provide municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.
- ❖ *Special projects:* Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- ❖ *Grants:* Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, write applications, and manage projects.

The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource -- please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

MAD RIVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS, INC. 2021 TOWN REPORT

The Mad River Valley Senior Citizens Board of Directors sincerely appreciates the continued support of the Town of Waitsfield. With that support, we have been successful in our mission to provide nutritional meals, opportunities for social connections, and access to health and wellness resources for Seniors in our community for over 35 years. In addition to three part-time staff, we are fortunate to have so many caring volunteers who are central to this success. In FY2021 we served 11,000 meals, a 27% increase over previous years, at the senior center dining room in Evergreen Place in Waitsfield and to our Meals On Wheels (MOW) clients in the four towns within our Valley. In a normal year, we serve two weekly community meals for seniors and one community breakfast each week, and deliver daily dietician-approved lunches for MOW clients five days a week and frozen meals for weekends. All meals are by donation except for breakfast, which is a fundraiser.

This year has been a challenge with COVID which made it difficult to consistently provide in-person meals and events. This has made our MOW program even more important to those seniors living alone. We have maintained contact with them throughout the year by phone, offering and delivering take-out meals and increasing our delivery to many who haven't received MOW before.

In addition to donations from patrons and clients, MRVSC receives financial support from the Central Vermont Council On Aging, the four Valley towns, Vermont Center for Independent Living, The Warren United Church, The Mad River Valley Rotary, Meheron's, Lawson's Finest Liquids, Green Rabbit Bakery, The Village Grocery, and other local businesses and individuals that provide us with generous donations, attendance at our fundraisers, and coin collection cans at area retailers. We thank you all for your support.

Respectfully Submitted:

MRVSC Board of Directors

Nancy Emory, President; Sue Stoehr, Treasurer; Joanne Fitzgerald, Secretary; Spencer Potter, MOW coordinator; Michael Bransfield, Free Wheelin' Director; Bill Zekas, Gretchen Hernandez, and Marise Lane.

JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2021 proved to be another challenging year for the Library, as it did for us all. We were forced to close our doors for its first five months. However—as we did in 2020—the Library created ways for our patrons to access our services: We kept our curbside pick-up option, increased our ebook & audiobook collections, increased the availability of Kanopy (our movie streaming site), installed outdoor WIFI, & more! Our patrons moved right along with us, checking out nearly 9,000 items. Once we opened our doors again in early June, things felt back to normal. While that was certainly not the case, we still had over 3,500 patrons come through our doors. We are grateful for each of those visits.

In November, the Library received a \$4,091 ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Grant. The grant is intended to—in part—help update the space & equipment for safe operations, & to expand programming possibilities, with the overall goal of improving & increasing services. The Library has used approximately half of the funds in purchasing two Molekule Air Purifiers. These incredible purifiers use PECO (Photo Electrochemical Oxidation) technology to destroy the widest range of pollutants compared to traditional purifiers—including SARS-CoV-2. PECO destroys pollutants 1000x smaller than what the HEPA standard even tests for. With these purifiers now in place in the building (one upstairs, one downstairs), we are able to offer the safest possible environment that we can for our patrons & for our community. The remaining funds are intended to be used on several sets of Adirondack chairs & tables, which will be placed in the park directly adjacent to the Library. These chairs & tables will provide a functional place for the community to access & utilize our free outdoor WIFI, have meetings, do homework, or just enjoy some quiet moments for years to come.

In October, the Library hired Valley resident Shevonne Travers as its new program coordinator. The Board of Trustees created this position to better allow for the creation & implementation of dynamic programming, & to give me more time to focus on the day to day operations of the Library. Going forward into 2022 & beyond, the Library looks forward to many meaningful offerings for the community, both on its own & in coordination with the Warren Public & Moretown Memorial Libraries.

I'd like to close by reiterating how thankful we are to have been able to serve this community during the past year. You all have adapted along with us during these trying times to help keep the Library an important & necessary place. We look forward to seeing our Library continue to grow along with you into the future!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Butler, Library Director.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMET, TOWN HEALTH OFFICER, AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Town Health Officer (THO)

The central focus of the Town Health Officer during 2021, not surprisingly, has been the Covid 19 response. The response primarily has been the education of an individual or small group. There was a great deal of listening, and the occasional gentle subtle recommendations as the THO deemed necessary. Waitsfield residents should know that many of our community members are terrified of the present situation. They are scared for their very lives. These individuals are usually the elderly, parents of the very young, or the immune-compromised. The fear of being forced into a setting where people are not adequately masked is frightening. We profess great compassion for everyone in our community. Properly wearing an approved mask would outwardly demonstrate our professed caring.

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers: “If you are a healthcare professional, a person with a healthcare administrative background or have experience in working with displaced people, please consider registering with the Medical Reserves Corp so that your skills may be utilized.” For more information, see Vermont.gov, “Support your communities Covid 19 response.” Not a healthcare professional or similar who want to volunteer, consider registering with “SerVermont.” Citation: “Vermont.gov”

Further activities of the THO during 2021 have been investigating three failed leach fields, alleged contamination of a drinking water source, monitoring a State-imposed boil water order, and several tenant/landlord disputes.

Emergency Management Director (EMD)

As of the submission of the 2020 town report, the duties and responsibilities of Waitsfield’s THO and EMD had been combined for the unity of efforts. Also, the EMD’s of Waitsfield, Moretown, Fayston, and Warren towns had formed a Unified Command structure for a coordinated valley-wide response. At the beginning of the pandemic, the Valley EMD’s didn’t know what we were dealing with and what would be our proper response. No one did, for that matter. The Unified

Command proved to be valuable and appropriate; however, with time, and an increased understanding of the situation, the command was slowly dissolved.

During the night of Wednesday, July 21, the south end of Waitsfield experienced a highly localized and intense thunderstorm. Two town roads were affected, Rolstein road and the Butternut Hill road. Butternut Hill was most severely affected, with the road being entirely washed out for several hundred yards. Approximately 30 of Waitsfield's residents were trapped on their property. The Town Road Crew and Kingsbury construction immediately went to work upon first light. The priority of the road crew was to repair the road to a level that permitted the passage of emergency vehicles. Fortunately, these initial repairs were completed by approximately 1200 hrs. as the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service had a call for assistance for one of the trapped residents. The patient was carried a short distance to the waiting ambulance, which quickly and safely transported the individual to the hospital. The residents of Waitsfield owe a huge debt of gratitude to our town road crew and the company and equipment operators of Kingsbury Construction.

The EMD submitted a "Request for Emergency Declaration" to the State Emergency Operations Center in Waterbury to obtain possible needed State of Vermont resources more quickly. He also acted as the Public Information Officer.

Waitsfield's Office of Emergency Management now has a storage shed at the Mad River Park. It's being used to store Red Cross (RC) emergency sheltering items, primarily 25 cots and 50 wool blankets. Also stored are essential items for setting up an RC emergency shelter, e.g., required RC paperwork, flashlights, emergency radios, small emergency lights, and similar items. A few hundred dollars are spent to bolster our emergency response supplies each year. Presently, there is a strong need for one or two persons to volunteer as the Emergency Shelter Manager(s). Training provided by the Red Cross, contact the EMD if you are interested.

Animal Control Officer (ACO)

In past years it has become apparent that the residents of Waitsfield desire to have the services of someone that would deal with all types of animal issues, not just dogs. Further, Vermont State Statutes has phased

out the term “Dog Warden” and is now using the term “Animal Control Officer.” Thus, at the December 6, 2021 meeting of the Selectboard, they voted to appoint an ACO and phased out the term Dog Warden. With time, town ordinances will reflect this change.

While the present ACO has been dealing with animal issues other than dogs, dogs occupy the mainstay of animal issues. Chiefly, dogs “running at large” and “off-leash dogs.” Waitsfield has a newly revised and updated dog ordinance, which can be found on the town website. If you own a dog(s) or are bothered by a dog(s), you should read the Town’s Dog Ordinance. To summarize these two common complaints, one of two things usually occurs. A runner/walker on town roads with their dog off-leash, the dog, will run onto someone’s property and cause an incident. Or, a dog on someone’s property will run into the road and cause a runner/walker incident. Both are equally a violation of the town ordinance. Simply put, anytime a dog leaves its property, it must be on a leash held by a responsible adult.

The Vermont Department of Health requires dog bites requiring medical attention to be investigated by the THO. The THO’s have the authority and are required to have the dog confined for ten days and observed for possible signs of rabies.

Your most obedient servant,

Fred R Messer

THO/EMD/ACO

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

This fiscal year has been a hard one for most of us and Covid-19 has caused so many uncertainties; The unknowns of the Covid-19 virus, struggling to keep each other safe and healthy, loss of job, home, financial instability, and issues too numerous to list. Society has also struggled with its relationship with Law Enforcement, enacting new rules and laws, impacting how Law Enforcement personnel interact with the public and how this affects our duties.

A national trend that has affected Vermont, is the loss of interest in persons who want to join the ranks of EMS, Fire and Law Enforcement. In Vermont it could soon reach a crisis stage, as Local, State and County Law Enforcement struggle to fill our vacancies. Law Enforcement has entered into discussions as to how we can share resources, so no call goes unanswered.

In 2021 a study was done in Vermont, evaluating the attrition of Law Enforcement Officers Statewide in comparison to new officers being hired and trained at the Vermont Police Academy.

Over the past year our patrol efforts have been hampered not only by staffing, but due to Covid-19 minimal traffic stops were made to lessen the chance of spreading the virus. County wide, our patrol efforts during fiscal year 2021 generated 2062 total incident reports, to include 845 Vermont Traffic Citations and 1126 Traffic Warnings.

In the course of our patrol efforts in Waitsfield the following Vermont Traffic Complaints, Warning and Incidents were recorded by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol.

Through all these struggles, we take pride in our efforts in making Washington County a safe place to live and work.

Professionally,
W Samuel Hill
Sheriff

**Editor's note: The original report has been condensed to fit. The Sheriff's Department provided a breakdown of incidents for FY21. There were 534 total tickets issued, of which 214 were traffic related. For the full list, please contact the Town Administrator's office.*



MAD RIVER VALLEY HOUSING COALITION

The Mad River Valley Housing Coalition (MRVHC) is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. The MRV HC was created to support the planning and production of a wide variety of housing options within the Mad River Valley (MRV) through education, information, advocacy, endorsement, and direct action.

In 2021 the MRVHC bolstered its efforts to provide local solutions to the MRV's lack of housing options. The MRV HC created the Mad River Valley Housing Fund as a repository for donations made to the MRV HC. The objectives of the MRV Housing Fund is to (1) leverage funds raised through grants and financing instruments to (2) assist income eligible households to secure and occupy an affordable housing unit, and (3) make grants or loans to assist potential developers, buyers, landlords, and tenants to access, occupy, and create housing units.

The MRV HC continued its promoting the Additional Dwelling Unit, ADU, program. While there was significant interest, the current shortage of available contractors and the steeper prices caused much of the interest to pause on plans to move forward with ADU construction. The MRV HC is considering adding incentives to possible ADU development. Unfortunately, the market prevented the MRV HC from meeting its target of 6 units for 2021.

The part time Executive Director of the MRV HC has taken a full-time position with a local affordable housing developer. The MRV HC thanks Kaziah Haviland Montgomery for her hard work in reenergizing the MRV HC, wishes her the best in her new position, and looks to working with her in her new role as an affordable housing developer.

The MRV HC looks forward to bringing on a new Executive Director who will be charged with implementing the MRV HC strategic plan as well as programs developed in conjunction with the MRV Housing Fund.

Thanks is given to all the stakeholders in the Mad River Valley Housing crisis – the MRV Towns, the Mad River Valley Planning District, the Mad River Valley Community Fund, the Warren United Church, and Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church. The MRV HC board meets monthly, and all are welcome. Meeting information can be found at MRVHousing.org or on the MRV HC Facebook page or inquiry by email, mrvhousing@gmavt.net.

Board Members;

Karl Klein (Fayston)
Mac Rood (Waitsfield)
Bob Ackland (Warren)

Perry Bigelow
(Warren)
Paul Sipple (Fayston)

Karen Winchell
(Fayston)
Charlie Hosford
(Waitsfield)

Harwood Unified Union School District FY2023 Budget Information

Harwood Unified Union School District's (HUUSD) Annual Report, which includes the proposed FY23 school budget and annual meeting warning, will be available online at <https://huusd.org>.

Copies may also be available at any HUUSD school or town office; call ahead for availability and access, due to COVID-19.

The HUUSD school board will hold an annual meeting, which will include information about the budget, on **February 28, 2022 at 6 PM at Harwood Union High School and via Zoom**. Visit <https://huusd.org> for the link.

On **March 1, 2022**, the Australian ballot vote will take place in all six towns. Contact the Town Clerk about early voting.

WAITSFIELD INFORMATION DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE	911
CONSTABLE	Vacant
FIRE (TO REPORT A FIRE ONLY)	911 or 496-2400
AMBULANCE (FOR EMERGENCY ONLY)	911 or 496-3600
MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER	496-3838

OTHER NUMBERS

Ambulance Information	MRVAS	496-8888	
Animal Control Officer (Dog Warden)	Fred Messer	793-2238	
Education - Schools	Superintendent of Schools	496-2272	
	Elementary School	496-3643	
	Harwood Union High School	244-5186	
Evergreen Place		496-2020	
Fire Chief	Merrill "Tripp" Johnson	496-6956	
Fire Station (non-emergency)		496-2403	
Fire Warden	Jared Young	917-4856	
Game Warden (hunting/fishing)	c/o State Police Dispatch	496-2262	
Green Mountain Power Corp.		223-5235	
Highway/Roads	Town Garage	496-8897	
Hospital (Central Vermont Hospital (CVH) - Berlin)		229-9121	
Hospital (Fletcher Allen - Burlington)		658-3456	
Library		496-4205	
M.R.V. Senior Citizens		496-2543	
Planning & Zoning Administrator	JB Weir	496-2218	x 4
Poison Control (Burlington)		658-3456	
Selectboard	Town Administrator	496-2218	x 5
Sheriff	Washington County Sheriff	223-3001	
State Highway	District 6	828-2687	
State Highway	District 5	655-1580	
State Police	Dispatch	229-9191	
Town Administrator	Annie Decker-Dell'Isola	496-2218	x 5
Town Clerk	Jennifer Peterson	496-2218	x 3
Town Health Officer	Fred Messer	496-3566	
Town Treasurer	VACANT	496-2218	x 2
State Representative	Katherine "Kari" Dolan	496-5020	
	Maxine Grad	496-6104	
Washington County Senators	Ann Cummings	828-2241	
	Andrew Perchlik	279-0471	
	Anthony Pollina	828-2241	

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