



TOWN OF DUMMERSTON

1523 Middle Road, East Dummerston, Vermont 05346

Population: 1864

Registered Voters: 1537

Meeting Times and Town Office Hours

Community Center Trustees	First Monday of each month, 7PM at the Community Center
Conservation Commission	Second Thursday of each month, 6PM at the Town Office
Development Review Board	Third Tuesday of each month, 7PM at the Town Office
Energy Committee	First Monday of each month, 6PM at the Town Office
Lydia Taft Pratt Library Trustees	Fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:15PM at the Library
Planning Commission	First Tuesday of each month, 6:30PM at the Town Office
Recreation Board	As scheduled
Selectboard	Every other Wednesday, 6PM at the Town Office
Town Clerk & Treasurer	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9AM-3PM; Wednesday 11AM-5PM

Zoning

For information on zoning permits contact the Zoning Administrator at 257-1496 for an appointment.

Zoning Email: zoning@dummerston.org

Health Officer

Town Office: 257-1496

Telephone Numbers & Email Addresses

Town Office	257-1496/257-4671 (fax)
Town Office Email	townclerk@dummerston.org
Town Listers Email	listers@dummerston.org
Town Garage	254-2411
Dummerston School	254-2733
Lydia Taft Pratt Library	258-9878

In Case of Fire or Emergency DIAL 9-1-1

For Burn Permits Call:

Fire Warden, Ted Glabach	384-6994
Deputy Fire Warden, Allen Pike	258-0100
Fire Chief, Rick Looman	258-1731

Election Locations

Most elections are held at the Town Hall in the downstairs of the Dummerston Center Congregational Church.

Taxes

Property tax bills are mailed on or about the 7th of July and are due in two installments, August 20th & February 20th.

The Grand List is compiled as of April 1st.

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Cover: Town Office during Covid-19 Pandemic

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AIDS Project of Southern VT
Brattleboro Area Hospice
Brattleboro Senior Meals, Inc.
CT River Joint Commissions
CT River Transit dba The Current
DV Fiber
The Gathering Place
Grace Cottage Hospital
Green Up Vermont
Groundworks Collaborative
HCRS
Historical Society of Windham County
Rescue, Inc.
Senior Solutions
SEVCA
SeVEDS
SE Watershed Alliance
VT Center for Independent Living
Visiting Nurse Alliance
Windham County Humane Society
Windham Regional Commission
Windham/Windsor Housing Trust
Women's Freedom Center
Youth Services

ELECTED OFFICERS

Moderator (1 year term)	Cindy Jerome
Town Clerk (1 year term)	Laurie Frechette
Town Treasurer (1 year term)	Charlotte Neer Annis
Selectboard	
Zeke Goodband (3 year term)	2021
Jerelyn Wilson (2 year term)	2021
David Baxendale (2 year term)	2022
Terry Chapman (3 year term)	2022
Maria Glabach (3 year term)	2023
Auditors (3 year terms)	
Vacant	2021
Ruth Hoffman	2022
Vikki Budasi	2023
Listers (3 year terms)	
Michael Silberman	2021
Stephan Mindel	2022
Jean Newell	2023
Justices of the Peace	
<i>Elected November 2020</i>	
Betsy Bates	Zeke Goodband
Ruth Hoffman	F. William Holiday, Jr.
Pamela McFadden	Paul Normandeau
Lew Sorenson	
Library Trustees (5 year terms)	
Phyllis Emery	2021
Vacant	2022
Vacant	2023
Susan Kern	2024
Jeanne Bristol	2025
Town Agent (1 year term)	Ruth Barton
Town Grand Juror (1 year term)	Ruth Barton
Trustee of Cemetery Funds	
Selectboard	2021

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Planning Commission (4 year terms)	
Sarah Bergh	2021
Sam Farwell	2021
Rick Contino	2022
Maria Glabach	2022
Beverly Tier	2022
Annamarie Pluhar	2023
Regina Stefanelli	2023
Bob Danzi	2024
Development Review Board (3 year terms)	
Alan McBean	2021
Patty Walior	2021
Cami Elliott	2022
Chad Farnum	2022
Joshua Pacheco	2023
Vacant, Alternate (1 year term)	2021
Vacant, Alternate (1 year term)	2021
Zoning Administrator (3 year term)	
Roger Jasaitis	March 2023
Assistant Zoning Administrator	
Vacant	
Conservation Commission (4 year terms)	
Ed Anthes	2021
Dan Kray	2021
David Greenewalt	2021
Christine Goepp	2024
John Anderson	2024
Judy Fink	2024
Lynn Levine	2024
Rick Mills	2024
Energy Committee (3 year terms)	
Calvin Farwell	2021
Doug Morton	2022
Alex Wilson	2022
Eric Lineback	2023
Recreation Board	
(reappointed annually)	
	Maeve Jenks
	Keith Marshall
	Rebecca Olmstead
	Joshua Pacheco

APPOINTED OFFICERS, continued

Road Foreman	Lee Chamberlin	E-911 Contact Person	Listers
First Constable	Lewis White	Farmland Committee	Vernon Grubinger Noah Hoskins Diana Lischer Jack Manix D. Read Miller III Elizabeth Wood
Animal Control Officers	Selectboard		
Assistant Town Clerk	Eliza Greenhoe-Bergh		
Selectboard Assistant	Maria Glabach		
Health Officer	Selectboard Chair	Police Advisory Board Liaison	Terry Chapman
Weigher of Coal	Ruth Barton	Social Services Advisory Committee	Connie Baxter Sandra Campbell Cindy Jerome Libby Lafland Carla Lineback Bill Pelz-Walsh Terri Robinson
Poundkeeper	Ron Svec		
Inspector of Wood & Lumber	Lewis White		
Tree Wardens	Godfrey Renaud Jonathan Royce		
Fence Viewers	Ruth Barton Harold Newell		
Windham Regional Commission	Roger Turner		
Delinquent Tax Collector (interim)	Charlotte Neer Annis		
Fire Warden (until June 2022)	Ted Glabach		
Asst. Fire Warden (until June 2022)	Allen Pike		
Windham Solid Waste Mgmt. District Representative	Michelle Cherrier		
Emergency Mgmt. Director	Selectboard		
Green-Up Day Chair	Mark Brown		
Cemetery Committee	Lee Chamberlin Terry Chapman Jean Newell Lewis White		
Senior Solutions Representative	Carol Lynch		
Rescue, Inc. Representative	Harold Newell		
VT Community Development Program	Jack Manix		
CT River Joint Commission	Vacant		

TOWN OF DUMMERSTON VITAL STATISTICS

January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020

BIRTHS FILED

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Parent(s)' Names</u>
Catherine Anne Berger	Margaret Katherine Berger & Daniel Steven Berger
Lily May Bryck	Stacy D. Bryck & Richard Lee Bryck
Walden Lee Carter	Aria Silverman Carter & Richard Adams Carter
Karter Owen Drake	Alexis Jayde Drake & Dylan Michael Drake
Natalie Rose Giordano	Julianne Kristin Giordano & Leonard Giordano
Corbin David Koski	Jacqueline Hynes & Kevin David Koski
Sophie Noel LaLone	Christine Noel LaLone & Dylan Sebastian LaLone
Parker Madison Williams	Kimberly Anne Williams & Scott Douglas Williams

DEATHS FILED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Martha Jeanne Chamberlin	69	F	January 28, 2020	Dummerston	Dummerston
Mary M. Forrett	88	F	March 17, 2020	Vernon	Vernon
Leslie Floyd Sherman	91	M	March 28, 2020	Dummerston	Dummerston
James R. Ballen	67	M	April 12, 2020	Burlington	Dummerston
Mark Vernon Fumagalli	62	M	May 3, 2020	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Frances Walker Manix	99	F	August 25, 2020	Brattleboro	Putney
Paul Marshall Brown	82	M	September 11, 2020	Dummerston	Dummerston
Dorothy Eleanor Jones	90	F	September 19, 2020	Brattleboro	Dummerston
David Ashley Patriquin	93	M	October 16, 2020	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Jude Luke Tyler	57	M	October 30, 2020	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Francis (Jake) Jaquith	81	M	November 2, 2020	Brattleboro	Brattleboro
Steven Edward Bird, Sr.	71	M	November 9, 2020	Middlebury	Dummerston
Sherwood Marshall Smith	83	M	November 23, 2020	Dummerston	Dummerston

CIVIL MARRIAGES FILED

<u>Names</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Freya Bianca Howe	March 20, 2020	Dummerston	Dummerston
Dustin Walter North			Dummerston
Melina Evelyn Hadstock	June 27, 2020	Dummerston	Keene, NH
Nicholas Joseph Hadstock			Keene, NH
Timothy Michael Cardiello	July 4, 2020	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Vanessa Boivin-Drolet			Montreal, Canada

<u>Names</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Residence</u>
James Morgan McSweeney Frances Forsythe Wilson	July 25, 2020	Dummerston	New York, NY New York, NY
Kenneth Albert McFadden Bethany Leigh Harris	August 28, 2020	Dummerston	Dummerston Dummerston
Gabraela Victoria Ashton Benson Joseph Michael Dunn	October 24, 2020	Dummerston	Arlington, MA Arlington, MA
Danielle Concetta Rich Raymond Pierce Drewitz	December 5, 2020	Dummerston	Greenfield, MA Greenfield, MA

Auditors Report

We have compiled this report based on the information provided to us by the wide range of town agencies. To the best of our knowledge all reports are accurate. Each month during the year we reconcile the town checking accounts. We wish to thank those contributing information to this report in a timely fashion, enabling us to satisfy all requirements.

Dummerston VT
January 29, 2021

Ruth Hoffman
Vikki Budasi

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u>
Capital Fund	\$292,188.75	\$224,824.05
Cemetery Fund	58,973.37	64,875.57
Conservation Commission Fund	3,228.74	3,051.92
Energy Committee Fund	4,000.40	3,702.12
Farmland Protection Fund	25,968.05	31,080.65
Fish & Wildlife Fund	78.50	91.50
Fred Miller Fund	102,620.67	103,580.06
Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund	12,351.30	12,561.80
Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)	21,240.17	21,249.58
Prospect Hill Pasture Fund	9,978.18	9,982.60
Reappraisal Fund	120,173.74	79,100.12
Recreation Board Fund	12,235.62	14,445.42
Restoration Fund	35,268.57	41,231.65
West Dummerston War Memorial Fund	2,993.63	2,799.74

Capital Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019 \$292,188.75

Add:

Interest Earned	685.48
GMP rebate for heat pump	400.00
Grant for Back-up camera	350.00
WDVFD sale of truck	9,305.00
Taxes Voted	<u>170,000.00</u>

180,740.48

Deduct:

2020 Freightliner	144,966.61
WDVFD 2019 Pumper Payment #2	71,944.72
Gravel Pit Bond Payment	21,630.19
Gassett Energy - office heat pump	3,603.66
Jeff Dixson - office painting	<u>5,960.00</u>

248,105.18

Balance in Fund June 30, 2020

\$224,824.05

Cemetery Fund

Balance in Cemetery Fund July 1, 2019		\$58,973.37
Add:		
Interest Earned	6.95	
Putnam Fund Growth	4,059.40	
Sale of Perpetual Care	800.00	
FY 2020 Town Appropriation	<u>6,300.00</u>	
		11,166.35
Deduct:		
Mowing & Maintenance	5,235.00	
Check order	14.45	
"No Parking" signs	<u>14.70</u>	
		<u>5,264.15</u>
Balance in Cemetery Fund June 30, 2020		<u><u>\$64,875.57</u></u>
(includes Lots Account balance)		

Lots Account

Town of Dummerston, Trustee
 Lots Sold - Income to be Used to Care For Lots

Balance in Account July 1, 2019		\$31,156.00
Add:		
Daigler (Taft)	400.00	
Doyle (Wilder)	<u>400.00</u>	
		<u>800.00</u>
Balance in Account June 30, 2020		<u><u>\$31,956.00</u></u>

Cemetery Fund monies maintained in:

Money Market Account	16,066.52
Putnam Fund	<u>48,809.05</u>
	<u><u>\$64,875.57</u></u>

Conservation Commission Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019	\$3,228.74
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Add:	Interest Earned	0.80	
	Donations	2,383.00	
	Programs	154.50	
	FY 2020 Town Appropriation	850.00	
			3,388.30

Deduct:	BCTV	900.00	
	Science Support at School	2,000.00	
	Speakers' Fees & Program Expenses	583.12	
	Dues & Meetings	0.00	
	Fundraising Expenses	0.00	
	Website Maintenance	82.00	
			3,565.12

Balance in Fund June 30, 2020	\$3,051.92
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Energy Committee Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019	\$4,000.40
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Add:	Interest Earned	1.72	
	FY 2020 Town Appropriation	0.00	
			1.72

Deduct:	Farnum - energy audit	300.00	300.00
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Balance in Fund June 30, 2020	\$3,702.12
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Farmland Protection Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019	\$25,968.05
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Add:	Interest Earned	12.60	
	Donations	100.00	
	FY 2020 Town Appropriation	5,000.00	
			5,112.60

Deduct:	No Disbursements	0.00	0.00
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Balance in Fund June 30, 2020	\$31,080.65
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Fish and Wildlife Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019			\$78.50
Add:	F&W License Sales	<u>727.00</u>	727.00
Deduct:	Payment to State	<u>714.00</u>	<u>714.00</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2020			<u><u>\$91.50</u></u>

Fred Miller Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019			\$102,620.67
Add:	Interest Earned	93.04	
	Vanguard Endowment Fund Growth	<u>866.35</u>	959.39
Deduct:	No Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2020			<u><u>\$103,580.06</u></u>

Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019			\$12,351.30
Add:	Interest Earned	5.48	
	Deposits (Dummerston)	205.02	
	Deposits (Putney)	0.00	210.50
Deduct:	No Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2020			<u><u>\$12,561.80</u></u>

Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019			\$21,240.17
Add:	Interest Earned	<u>9.41</u>	9.41
Deduct:	No Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2020			<u><u>\$21,249.58</u></u>

Prospect Hill Pasture Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019			\$9,978.18
Add:	Interest Earned	<u>4.42</u>	4.42
Deduct:	No Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2020			<u><u>\$9,982.60</u></u>

Reappraisal Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019			\$120,173.74
Add:	Interest Earned CD FY20	145.94	
	State Act 60 & Lister Education Funds	8,343.73	
	Interest Earned From Checking Account	<u>16.91</u>	
			8,506.58
Deduct:	Vermouth Computers	2,934.20	
	Trend Business - reappraisal informational cards	558.72	
	NEMRC - Reappraisal	45,750.00	
	sandwich boards	<u>337.28</u>	
			<u><u>49,580.20</u></u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2020			<u><u>\$79,100.12</u></u>

Recreation Board Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019		\$12,235.62
Add:		
Interest Earned	3.18	
Baseball Fees	30.00	
Soccer Fees	650.00	
FY 2020 Town Appropriation	1,250.00	
Gouin Ballfield use	600.00	
Donations for Claude Gouin Field	450.00	
		<u>2,983.18</u>
Deduct:		
Soccer Expenses	138.38	
Gouin Field Expenses	635.00	
		<u>773.38</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2020*		<u><u>\$14,445.42</u></u>

* \$6,134.35 of the total amount is restricted for Gouin Field use

Restoration Fund

(Separate General Ledger account. Accrued from Land Record recording)

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019		\$35,268.57
Add:		
Revenue - Restoration	3,187.00	
Rev. Computerize Land Records	3,192.00	
		<u>6,379.00</u>
Deduct:		
Land records' expenses	415.92	
		<u>415.92</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2020		<u><u>\$41,231.65</u></u>

West Dummerston War Memorial Fund

(Certificate of Deposit)

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019		\$2,993.63
Add:		
Memorial Donations	300.00	
Interest Earned	6.11	
		<u>306.11</u>
Deduct:		
Repair of flower boxes	500.00	
		<u>500.00</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2020		<u><u>\$2,799.74</u></u>

GENERAL FUND
Comparative Balance Sheet
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

	<u>6/30/2019</u>	<u>6/30/2020</u>
Assets:		
Cash	\$235,657.22	\$222,908.81
Due To/From General Fund	-129,495.10	-108,218.10
Total Assets:	<u>\$106,162.12</u>	<u>\$114,690.71</u>
Liabilities:		
Real Estate Taxes Paid in Advance	1,905.79	3,197.53
Due to State - Marriage Licenses	200.00	200.00
Due to State - Dog Licenses	85.00	875.00
Employees Retirement	0.11	-0.03
Employee AFLAC payments	37.80	129.60
Employee Health Savings Account	0.00	65.00
FY 2018 Surplus to be used in FY 2020	51,346.43	
FY 2019 Surplus to be used in FY 2021		52,586.99
	<u>\$53,575.13</u>	<u>\$57,054.09</u>
Fund Balance	52,586.99	57,636.62
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$106,162.12</u></u>	<u><u>\$114,690.71</u></u>

HIGHWAY FUND
Comparative Balance Sheet
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

	<u>6/30/2019</u>	<u>6/30/2020</u>
Assets:		
Due To/From General Fund	\$70,583.51	\$54,028.21
Liabilities:		
FY 2018 Surplus for FY 2020	8,359.81	
Prior Year Surplus		62,223.70
	<u>\$8,359.81</u>	<u>\$62,223.70</u>
Fund Balance	62,223.70	-8,195.49
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$70,583.51</u></u>	<u><u>\$54,028.21</u></u>

HIGHWAY STRUCTURES FUND**Comparative Balance Sheet***Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020*

	<u>6/30/2019</u>	<u>6/30/2020</u>
Assets:		
Due To/From General Fund	\$21,090.03	\$11,263.20
Liabilities:		
2018 Surplus	11,090.03	
2019 Surplus		21,090.03
Fund Balance	10,000.00	-9,826.83
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$21,090.03</u>	<u>\$11,263.20</u>

Statement of Delinquent Taxes

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Real Estate Property Taxes

	As of 6/30/19	For Collection February 21, 2020	Collections	Abatements*	Balance as of 6/30/2020
2009	\$41.63		\$41.63		\$0.00
2010	\$3,141.52		\$1,570.76		\$1,570.76
2011	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2012	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2013	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2014	\$411.56		\$411.56		\$0.00
2015	\$2,562.60		\$2,562.60		\$0.00
2016	\$5,223.36		\$2,856.43		\$2,366.93
2017	\$9,446.58		\$6,696.70		\$2,749.88
2018	\$27,479.14		\$17,274.86		\$10,204.28
2019		\$157,819.03	\$104,925.13		\$52,893.90
Totals	\$48,306.39	\$157,819.03	\$136,339.67		\$69,785.75

* Abatements are granted under V.S.A. Title 24 Chapter 51 sec. 1535 upon the decision of the Board of Abatement.
Decisions are on file in the Town Office for public review.

Analysis of Delinquent Taxes

As of June 30, 2020

<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>All Years</u>	
Ayer, Deborah	\$ 1,488.83	*
Blow, Raymond Jay	\$ 7,231.68	***
Bricault, Alix &	\$ 207.95	***
Brickley, Connie	\$ 1,872.64	***
Burnham, Elizabeth	\$ 26.09	***
Chamberlin, Nancy Curry	\$ 6,472.52	*
Chase, Bonnie	\$ 3,084.08	***
Crossman, Debra	\$ 336.13	***
Gordon, Mary	\$ 192.00	***
Haggerty, Thomas	\$ 984.17	***
Hellus, Ellen	\$ 1,938.32	*
Koski, Kevin	\$ 3,912.30	*
Leary, Sandra Kim & Ballantine, Ricky	\$ 2,709.01	
Matava, Gary	\$ 1,426.62	***
Mathewson, M & Smith, C	\$ 2,240.46	*
McMahon, Jesse	\$ 1,839.87	***
Miller, D Read	\$ 3,377.52	
Miller, D Read III	\$ 4,820.46	*
Miller, D Read III & Malah	\$ 3,701.72	***
Miller, Gladys Estate	\$ 3,106.38	
Ranquist, Bethany	\$ 1,165.24	***
Romanoff, Richard	\$ 5,778.57	*
Schupp, Elizabeth	\$ 5,250.38	*
Sparks, James	\$ 177.53	
Weeks, Tabitha	\$ 1,589.32	*
Wood, Arthur J Jr	\$ 3,552.72	*
Wood, Leslie	\$ 1,303.24	***
TOTAL	\$ 69,785.75	

* denotes partial payment by 12/31/2020

*** paid in full by 12/31/2020

NOTICE: You may be entitled to an abatement of your delinquent taxes under 24V.S.A. 1535. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the Board of Abatement, please contact the Town Clerk at (802) 257-1496.

Statement of Current Taxes Raised
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Residential
Taxable Parcels	1006		
Acres	18,551.85		
Real	287,605,700	172,901,400	114,704,300
Add:			
Non Approved Contracts		0	779,400
Equipment	108,300	0	108,300
Deduct:			
Veteran	320,000	320,000	0
Land Use	22,305,050	10,767,050	11,538,000
Contracts	1,292,600	0	1,184,300
1% of Grand List	2,637,963.50	1,618,143.50	1,028,697.00

<u>Tax Rate Name</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>= Total Tax Raised</u>
Non Homestead Education	1.5374		1,020,903.00	1,569,536.35
Homestead Education	1.6469		1,618,143.50	2,664,920.63
Local Agreements	0.0060		2,637,963.50	15,827.93
Highway Structures	0.0019		2,637,963.50	5,012.46
Capital Plan Fund	0.0643		2,637,963.50	169,621.03
Highway	0.1472		2,637,963.50	388,308.21
Municipal	0.1196		2,637,963.50	<u>315,495.14</u>
Total Taxes Billed				\$5,128,721.75
Education portion of State Credit Received				-719,390.27
Municipal portion of State Credit Received				<u>- 12,011.00*</u>
Adjusted Total Taxes billed				\$4,397,320.48

Distribution of Taxes

State Education Property Tax Homestead/Non Residential Tax	\$3,522,158.41**
Municipal/Highway and Local Property Tax	805,376.32
Delinquent Taxes to Collector	<u>69,785.75</u>
Total Taxes Accounted For	\$ 4,397,320.48

* Includes \$450 late HS 122 filing fee retained by town. See FINAL FY2020 Act 68 Cash Flow

**See FINAL FY2020 Act 68 Cash Flow for Municipality

Municipality

Yellow
Page 1FY2020 Act 68 Cash Flow for Municipality, FINAL Data
Based on FINAL Education Grand Lists, 13-Mar-20District: SU048 Dummerston
S.U.: Windham Southeast SULEA ID: T061
County: Windham

FY2020 Education Spending Summary

1. Total Education Spending grant owed to the School Districts
3. Total Education Grant Owed to the School Districts after Health Care Recapture
4. Percent of equalized pupils from SU048 Dummerston at school district(s)
5. Education spending SU048 Dummerston is responsible for

Local	Windham Southeast USD	
	40,125.038	
	40,125.038	
0%	8.83%	0.00%
	3,944,291.24	

Reference	Municipal Treasury	School District Treasury	State Treasury
6. Homestead Education Tax			
6. Homestead Education Grand List	1,620,543.50		
7. Homestead tax rate (base rate is \$1.00, adjusted by district spending and CLA)	1.6489		
8. Homestead education liability	2,668,873.00		
Homestead EGL x Homestead tax rate			
9. Total credit for tax bills	731,401.27		
10. Municipal portion of credit	11,561.00		
11. Education portion of credit	719,840.27		
12. Subtotal	1,949,032.73		
13. Late Fee Retained		450.00	
14. Amount raised on homestead properties	1,948,582.73		
15. 0.225 of 1.0% of homestead liability retained by municipality		4,385.32	
16. Net homestead education taxes available for school districts & Education Fund	1,944,197.41		
17. Local amount of homestead tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants	0.00%		
18. Windham Southeast USD amount of homestead tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants	100.00%	1,944,197.41	
19. Homestead education tax liability to the state treasury			
20. Subtotals	1,949,032.73	4,835.32	1,944,197.41
Non-Residential Education Tax			
23. Non-Residential education grand list	1,028,697.00		
24. Non-Residential tax rate (base rate is \$1.594, adjusted by the CLA)	1.5374		
25. Non-residential education liability	1,581,519.00		
Non-residential EGL x non-residential tax rate			
26. Amount Raised on Non-Residential properties	1,581,519.00		
27. 0.225 of 1.0% of non-residential liability retained by municipality		3,558.00	
28. Net Non-Residential education taxes available for School districts & Education Fund	1,577,961.00		
29. Local amount of non-residential tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants	0.00%		
30. Windham Southeast USD amount of non-residential tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants	100.00%	1,577,961.00	
31. Non-residential education liability to the State Treasury			
32. Subtotals	1,581,519.00	3,558.00	1,577,961.00
35. Totals	3,530,551.73	8,393.32	3,522,158.41

FY2020 Municipality Payment Schedule TO the State Treasury
(Homestead payments are based on line 19, non-residential payments on line 31)

	September 10, 2019	December 1, 2019	December 10, 2019	April 30, 2020	June 1, 2020
Homestead taxes		0.00			0.00
Non-residential taxes		0.00			0.00

A. Payments to the School District by the Town Treasurer
16 V.S.A. § 426(a)(b); 32 V.S.A. § 6066a(a)

	School District Subtotals
36. Homestead taxes to the Local school district	
37. Non-residential taxes to the Local school district	
38. Homestead Taxes to Windham Southeast USD	1,944,197.41
39. Non-residential Taxes to Windham Southeast USD	1,577,961.00
40.	
41.	
42. Act 144 local construction property tax sent to the school district by SU048 Dummerston	
43. Total education tax dollars sent to the school district(s) by SU048 Dummerston	3,522,158.41

If you have any questions about these data, please contact Julie Robinson at 479-1022.
If she cannot be reached, contact Brad James at 479-1043.

HIGHWAY FUND**Statement of Revenue – Estimated and Actual**

	Budget 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	Actual 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	Adopted 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	Proposed 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
FY 2018 Surplus	8,360	8,359.81		
FY 2020 Surplus				54,028
Property Taxes	389,132	389,132.00	435,632	376,007
Highway State Aid	127,500	130,841.46	127,600	130,500
Gravel Pit - Reimb. from Putney	0	639.09	0	0
Sale of Used Equipment	0	191.13	0	0
Refunds	0	179.65	0	0
Transfer in grant remainder	0	2,049.33	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$524,992	\$531,392.47	\$563,232	\$560,535

HIGHWAY STRUCTURES FUND**Statement of Revenue – Estimated and Actual**

	Budget 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	Actual 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	Adopted 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	Proposed 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
Property Taxes	5,000	5,000.00	0	5,000
Grant Revenue	0	133,441.42	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,000	\$138,441.42	\$0	\$5,000

HIGHWAY BLASTING & LEDGE CRUSHING RESERVE FUND**Statement of Revenue – Estimated and Actual**

	Budget 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	Actual 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	Adopted 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	Proposed 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
Property Taxes			18,000	18,540
TOTAL REVENUE	\$0	\$0.00	\$18,000	\$18,540

HIGHWAY GRANTS FUND**Statement of Revenue - Estimated and Actual**

	Budget 7/1/2019- <u>6/30/2020</u>	Actual 7/1/2019- <u>6/30/2020</u>	Anticipated 7/1/2020 - <u>6/30/2021</u>	Proposed 7/1/2021 - <u>6/30/2022</u>
Grant in Aid	0	17,450.00	17,450	0
VT Better Rds Grant	0	20,000.00	20,000	0
Erosion Inventory	<u>0</u>	<u>6,969.41</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$0	\$44,419.41	\$37,450	\$0

GENERAL FUND**Statement of Revenue – Estimated and Actual**

	Budget 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	Actual 7/1/19 – 6/30/20	Adopted 7/1/20 – 6/30/21	Proposed 7/1/21 – 6/30/22
FY 2018 Surplus	51,346	51,346.43		
FY 2019 Surplus			43,587	
FY 2020 Surplus				\$57,637
Tax Revenue:				
Current Taxes	300,801	169,307.93	333,420	314,907
State Current Use Payment	70,745	72,783.00	72,800	73,500
CU Lien Release Penalty	0	2,265.00	0	0
State Pilot Program Payment	6,079	7,896.40	6,900	8,000
Delinquent Taxes	0	132,802.60	0	0
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	0	10,424.54	0	0
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	0	10,335.18	0	0
	\$377,625	\$457,161.08	\$413,120	\$396,407
State Funds:				
Railroad Corporate Tax	2,500	2,740.98	2,700	2,700
Equalized GL Study	1,000	1,029.00	1,000	1,000
VTTC - Local Fines	7,500	4,262.23	6,500	4,500
	\$11,000	\$8,032.21	\$10,200	\$8,200
Permits & Licenses:				
Liquor Licenses	210	280.00	140	210
Weight Permits	200	205.00	200	200
Dog Licenses	950	916.00	950	950
Zoning Permits	2,100	2,080.00	2,100	2,100
Land Development Permits	225	90.00	190	190
Appeals/Conditional Use Permits	800	1,210.00	1,500	1,500
	\$4,485	\$4,781.00	\$5,080	\$5,150
Fees & Charges for Services:				
Fees for Recording Documents	10,000	17,271.00	14,000	17,200
Fees for Restoration	0	3,187.00	0	0
Fees for Filing Documents	100	75.00	80	80
Fees for Issuing Licenses	580	551.50	550	550
Certified Copies of Records	1,000	720.00	680	700
Uncertified Copies of Records	1,775	2,142.50	1,650	2,100
Charges for Record Search	200	538.00	400	500
Registration Renewals	100	36.00	90	40
Charges for Use of Copier	125	331.75	250	400
Miscellaneous Fees & Charges	50	62.00	15	20
	\$13,930	\$24,914.75	\$17,715	\$21,590

Other Revenue:

Gravel Pit Purchase	0	1,000,000.00	0	0
School District Reimbursement	0	0.00	0	0
Insurance Reimbursements (incl. Fire Dept., Hist. Soc., LTP Library)	10,000	9,403.00	9,100	9,156
Interest Earnings	1,000	1,559.36	1,600	550
Workers Comp Reimbursement	0	2,277.00	0	0
Animal Impoundment Fees	120	0.00	100	100
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	254.00	0	0
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	0	8,746.50	0	8,700
War Memorial Donation	0	800.00	0	0
Transfer in Grant Remainder	0	46.63	0	0
	\$11,120	\$1,023,086.49	\$10,800	\$18,506
Total General Fund Revenue	\$469,506	\$1,517,975.53	\$500,502	\$507,490
Total General Fund Revenue	\$469,506	\$1,517,975.53	\$500,502	\$507,490
Total Highway Fund Revenue	\$524,992	\$531,392.47	\$563,232	\$560,535
GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	\$994,498	\$2,049,368.00	\$1,063,734	\$1,068,025

SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL TAXES

	<u>Voted 2020</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Taxes to be raised for General Fund	333,420	314,907
Taxes to be raised for Highway Fund	435,632	376,007
Additional Articles		
Capital Fund	210,000	210,000
Highway Structures Fund	0	5,000
Highway Blasting & Ledge Crushing Reserve Fund	18,000	18,540
Total Municipal Taxes	\$997,052	\$924,454

HIGHWAY FUND**Actual and Estimated Expenditures**

	BUDGET FY '20	ACTUAL FY '20	BUDGET FY '21	PROPOSED BUDGET FY '22
HIGHWAY MAINT.				
Wages - General & Winter	210,393	193,661.35	213,758	213,758
Personnel Expenses	3,300	3,888.38	4,000	4,000
MSHA Training	0	0.00	0	0
Culverts	6,000	12,065.60	6,000	6,000
Crushing Gravel & Ledge Prod.	50,000	33,445.16	17,500	17,500
Chloride	11,400	15,531.96	11,400	11,400
Gravel Pit - Operating Exp.	1,000	1,417.14	1,000	1,000
Gravel Pit – Bond Payment	0	0.00	65,600	65,058
Contract Services	3,000	4,858.00	4,000	4,000
Retreatment	95,000	120,772.96	95,000	95,000
Bridge Repairs	500	0.00	500	1,000
Covered Bridge Maintenance	500	0.00	500	500
Road Sign Replacement	800	1,062.18	800	800
Highway Structures Engineering	0	0.00	800	0
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,013.13	1,000	1,000
Salt	20,000	15,786.94	20,000	19,000
Sand	12,000	12,056.04	12,500	12,500
Road Line Painting	3,000	5,868.48	3,000	2,000
Street Lights	2,800	3,569.15	3,000	3,600
Vehicle & Equip. Ins.	11,379	11,991.50	11,354	11,399
Garage - Supplies	1,500	1,427.79	1,500	1,500
Fuel Oil & Firewood	500	0.00	500	0
Telephone – Garage	420	423.83	420	420
Telephone – Cell	1,100	915.69	950	950
Building Maintenance	2,000	1,783.41	2,000	2,000
Electricity	2,300	2,012.59	2,300	2,300
Gasoline	3,000	3,336.38	3,000	3,000
Diesel Fuel	38,000	32,158.24	38,000	36,000
Motor Oil & Grease	1,500	1,426.38	1,500	1,500
Operating Costs	17,000	23,050.77	17,000	18,000
Equipment Repairs	21,000	32,932.33	21,000	22,000
Radios & Radio Repair	500	925.75	500	500
Small Tools & Equip.	1,500	856.83	1,500	1,500
Act 64 Payment to State	2,600	1,350.00	1,350	1,350
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$524,992	\$539,587.96	\$563,232	\$560,535

HIGHWAY STRUCTURES FUND**Actual and Estimated Expenditures**

	BUDGET FY '20	ACTUAL FY '20	BUDGET FY '21	PROPOSED BUDGET FY '22
Stickney Brook Road Structure	15,700	148,268.25	0	0
Structures Projects	5,000	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$20,700	\$148,268.25	\$0	\$0

HIGHWAY GRANTS FUND**Statement of Expenditures - Estimated and Actual**

	Budget 7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	Actual 7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	Anticipated 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021
Grant in Aid	0	19,016.40	17,450
VT Better Rds Grant	0	17,198.30	20,000
Erosion Inventory	0	6,506.97	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0	\$42,721.67	\$37,450

BRIDGE AND STRUCTURES INVENTORY

all culverts over 3'

Replacement

	ROAD NAME	STRUCTURE	SIZE	BUILT	CHECKED	REASON		
	1 East West Rd.	7	8'7" by 78'	1996	excellent			
	2 East West Rd.	b-10	21' by 114'		fair	new membrane 2008		
	3 East West Rd.	b-18	26' by 36'	1935	good			
	4 East West Rd.	44	72" by 84'	2000	excellent			
	5 East West Rd.	b-51	6' by 48'	1939	fair			
	6 Park Laughton Rd.	8	12' 42'	2016	excellent	multi plate arch A. S. Clark	\$140,000.00	
3	7 Park Laughton Rd.	b-11	2-5' by 30'		fair	boiler tubes flooded before	\$175,000.00	2026
	8 Miller Rd.	b-15	9' by 26'		good			
	9 Greenhoe Rd.	b-5	6' by 40'		good	to small, flooded before		
	10 Bunker Rd.	b-6	14'6" by 100'		good			
	11 Bunker Rd.	19	48" by 40'		good			
	12 Middle Rd.	b-17	6' by 50'		good			
	13 Middle Rd.	b-22	6' by 50'		good			
	14 Middle Rd.	b-24	6' by 40'		good			
	15 Middle Rd.	b-26	6' by 60'		good			
	16 Canoe Brook Rd.	b-8	6' by 40'	2004	excellent			
	17 Waterman Rd.	1	60"	2018	excellent	38' long one piece poly coated	\$9,000.00	
	18 Waterman Rd.	b-2	10' by 90'	2001	excellent			
	19 Tucker Reed rd.	b-9	24'by16'	2016	excellent	Cement A. S. Clark	\$160,000.00	
1	20 Leonard rd.		5' by 30"		poor	boiler tube, rust	\$150,000.00	2021
	21 School House Rd.	5	48' by 100'		good			
7	22 Kipling Rd.	b-1	6' by 50'		good	boiler tube	\$150,000.00	2034
	23 Dutton Farm Rd.	1	12'by62' arch	2013	excellent	multi plate arch town	\$132,000.00	
	24 Rice Farm Rd.	13	6' by 50'		excellent			
8	25 Rice Farm Rd.	22	8' by 75'		good	boiler tube	\$100,000.00	2036
4	26 Beaver Pond Rd.		5' by 20'		good	boiler tube	\$100,000.00	2028
5	27 Beaver Pond Rd.	8	5' by 20'		good	boiler tube	\$100,000.00	2030
	28 Bear Hill Rd.	b-7	16' by 31'	2000	excellent			
	29 Stickney Brook Rd.	b-3	10' by 26'		good	needs work on wing wall		
2	30 Stickney Brook Rd.	14	43" by 30'		poor	To small,short and bent,boiler tut	\$160,000.00	2022
	31 Stickney Brook Rd.	26	8' by 50'	2011	excellent	multi plate arch town	\$122,000.00	
	32 Stickney Brook Rd.	46	4' by 40'		good			
	33 Stickney Brook Rd.	b-53	12' by 30'	2019	excellent	bridge Evans cont.	\$147,000.00	2019
	34 Sunset Lake Rd.	b-14	6' by 30'		good			
9	35 Johnson's Curve Rd.	3	5' by 7' by 110'		fair		\$200,000.00	2038
	36 High Bridge Rd.	b-1	11' by 32'	2008	excellent	new deck		
	37 Covered Bridge			1997	fair	new deck 2009 new wing walls 2012		
	38 Green Iron Bridge				excellent	Rebuilt 2010- 2011		
6	39 Camp Arden Rd.	b-15	5' by 60'		fair	boiler tube,flooded before	\$180,000.00	2032
	40 Green Mt. Camp Rd.	6	6' by 80'	2002	excellent			
	41 Quarry Rd.	2	18' by 35' ,arch	2015	excellent	multi plate arch A.S.Clark	\$130,000.00	
10	42 Ryan Rd.	b1	8' by 40'		good		\$175,000.00	2040

GENERAL FUND**Actual and Estimated Expenditures**

	BUDGET FY 20	ACTUAL FY 20	BUDGET FY 21	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 22
SELECTBOARD				
Selectboard Salaries	2,500	2,500.00	2,500	2,500
Wages - Clerical	2,500	905.06	2,400	8,320
Selectboard Expenses	250	153.95	250	250
Legal Notices	500	0.00	500	500
Meetings/Training	550	53.00	550	350
V.L.C.T. Assessment	3,257	3,257.00	3,390	3,390
WRC Assessment	4,221	4,220.60	4,229	4,297
WSWMD Assessment	12,812	12,812.31	12,267	12,267
BCTV Assessment	1,200	1,200.00	1,200	1,200
Professional Services	2,000	61.05	2,000	1,500
Gravel Pit Purchase	0	995,487.29	0	0
FICA & Medicare	23,647	21,692.39	24,019	24,429
Retirement	9,505	8,903.20	10,225	10,793
Health Insurance	31,031	33,149.32	34,217	43,569
Health Reimbursement Acct. (HRA)	0	0.00	0	0
Payment in Lieu of Health Insurance	2,000	2,000.04	2,000	0
Unemployment Insurance	335	249.00	220	727
Workers Compensation	31,276	29,599.00	27,922	25,749
Public Official Liability	6,372	6,285.00	6,198	5,659
Property Owners Policy	3,889	4,777.50	5,666	5,966
Total Selectboard	\$137,845	\$1,127,305.71	\$139,753	\$151,466
ADMINISTRATION				
Wages - Town Clerk	31,200	31,805.00	31,699	31,699
Wages - Assistant Clerks	9,280	2,071.00	9,280	9,280
Wages - Treasurer/Tax Collector	21,959	19,300.95	22,724	22,724
Elections - Operating Supplies	250	254.99	1,750	800
Supplies & Postage	3,100	1,955.00	3,500	2,500
Annual Bulk Mail Permit	225	235.00	235	245
Dues & Meetings	500	261.00	600	500
Record Restoration	1,200	415.92	1,200	0
Wages - Auditors	450	450.00	450	450
Wages - Town Report typist	500	300.00	100	100
Supplies - Auditors	0	29.47	30	30
Training - Auditors	180	0.00	180	180
Town Meeting Training	60	68.00	60	70
Town Report - Print	1,900	1,797.54	2,400	2,400
Town Report - Postage	400	355.11	400	400
Listers - Wages	17,554	10,971.41	17,840	17,840
Listers - Reappraisal Wages	0	1,170.30	0	0

Listers – Reappraisal Supplies	0	261.47	0	0
Listers - Supplies & Postage	300	55.13	300	300
Listers - Meetings & Training	180	170.00	400	400
Listers - Licenses & Software	500	287.00	1,200	1,200
Lister - Legal Notices	130	0.00	130	130
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	0	8,343.73	0	0
Mapping	1,200	0.00	1,200	1,200
Listers - Travel Expenses	200	4.06	250	150
Wages - Delinquent Tax Collector	702	168.20	713	0
Del. Tax Collector Expenses	750	0.00	700	700
Refund of Tax Sale Proceeds	0	0.00	0	0
Total Administration	\$92,720	\$80,730.28	\$97,341	\$93,298

PLANNING/ZONING

Wages - Zoning Administrator	11,567	11,686.14	11,813	11,813
Supplies & Postage - Zoning	200	55.00	200	200
Supplies & Postage - PC	100	0.00	50	50
Supplies & Postage - DRB	80	94.93	100	150
Legal Notices - PC	350	0.00	250	250
Legal Notices - DRB	750	1,050.00	750	1,200
Meetings & Training - Zoning	200	0.00	200	200
Meetings & Training - PC	200	149.80	200	200
Meetings & Training - DRB	250	0.00	250	250
Printing - PC	200	0.00	200	200
Travel - Zoning	400	130.50	200	200
Travel - PC	100	0.00	100	100
Travel - DRB	150	0.00	100	100
Clerical - PC	500	55.08	200	350
Municipal Planning Grant	0	0.00	0	0
Total Planning/Zoning	\$15,047	\$13,221.45	\$14,613	\$15,263

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Municipal Building Supplies	350	411.01	300	350
Telephone	1,290	1,288.31	1,290	1,290
Janitor Service	1,950	1,650.00	1,950	1,950
Building Maintenance	1,550	1,078.34	1,550	3,650
Lawn Care	1,010	880.00	1,010	1,010
Electricity	1,680	1,641.32	1,680	1,680
Water	200	200.00	200	200
Copier Expense	2,250	1,969.78	2,150	2,150
Computer Expense	5,335	5,643.53	8,875	9,375
New Equipment	250	1,013.99	250	500
Total Municipal Building	\$15,865	\$15,776.28	\$19,255	\$22,155

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sheriff's Department Contract	14,790	14,790.00	15,080	15,080
Rescue Inc. Assessment	43,885	43,878.56	44,324	44,767
Wages - Health Officer	0	0.00	0	0
Health Officer Exp.	50	0.00	50	50

Windham County - Humane	600	600.00	600	600
Animal Control Officer Expenses	50	0.00	50	50
Animal Control Officer Stipend	0	0.00	500	500
Total Public Safety	\$59,375	\$59,268.56	\$60,604	\$61,047
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
Fire Protection	49,500	49,500.00	57,918	57,918
VLCT Insurance (Reimb. by WDVFD)	7,884	7,851.00	7,818	7,859
Building Loan Repayment	30,146	30,136.90	29,497	28,849
Total Fire Department	\$87,530	\$87,487.90	\$95,233	\$94,626
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
Annual Operating Expenses	2,000	1,163.50	500	1,200
Grant Expenditures	0	0.00	2,500	0
EM 400 fund remainder		403.77		
Total Emergency Management	\$2,000	\$1,567.27	\$3,000	\$1,200
WASTE COLLECTION				
Trash Pick-up - Hwy Garage	800	982.15	800	800
Green up Total	180	133.00	180	180
Litter Disposal	100	109.45	100	100
Total Waste Collection	\$1,080	\$1,224.60	\$1,080	\$1,080
HEALTH & WELFARE				
Aids Project of Southern Vermont	200	200.00	200	200
Brattleboro Area Hospice	400	400.00	400	400
Brattleboro Senior Meals	550	550.00	500	400
CT River Transit	125	125.00	125	250
Dummerston Cares	1,400	1,400.00	1,300	1,300
Gathering Place	550	550.00	500	500
Grace Cottage Hospital	320	320.00	300	380
Groundworks Collaborative	4,000	4,000.00	4,000	4,000
HCRS	1,000	1,000.00	850	850
Senior Solutions	800	800.00	750	800
SEVCA	1,500	1,500.00	1,420	1,715
Visiting Nurse Alliance	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
Winston Prouty (Windham Child Care)	0	0.00	500	500
Women's Freedom Center	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
Youth Services	950	950.00	950	500
Total Health & Welfare	\$13,795	\$13,795.00	\$13,795	\$13,795
CEMETERIES	\$6,300	\$6,300.00	\$5,300	\$5,300
RECREATION BOARD	\$1,250	\$1,250.00	\$0	\$0
LIBRARY	\$14,750	\$13,958.28	\$14,900	\$14,900

CONSERVATION

VT Assoc. of Conservation Districts	100	100.00	100	100
SE VT Watershed Alliance	200	200.00	200	200
Conservation Commission	850	850.00	1,000	1,000
Energy Committee	0	0.00	0	0
Farmland Protection Fund	5,000	5,000.00	5,000	5,000
Total Conservation	\$6,150	\$6,150.00	\$6,300	\$6,300

Historical Society of Windham County	\$200	\$200.00	\$200	\$200
Historical Society of Dummerston	\$5,000	\$5,000.00	\$0	\$0

COUNTY TAX	\$18,889	\$18,889.00	\$23,286	\$23,010
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MEMORIAL DAY	\$150	\$150.00	\$150	\$150
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MISCELLANEOUS

Bank Service Charges	240	65.00	100	100
Miscellaneous	0	0.00	0	0
SeVEDS	5,592	5,592.00	5,592	3,600
Total Miscellaneous	\$5,832	\$5,657.00	\$5,692	\$3,700

Total General Fund Expenditures	\$483,778	\$1,457,931.33	\$500,502	\$507,490
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Total General Fund Expenditures	\$483,778	\$1,457,931.33	\$500,502	\$507,490
Total Highway Fund Expenditures	\$524,992	\$539,587.96	\$563,232	\$560,535
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,008,770	\$1,997,519.29	\$1,063,734	\$1,068,025

TOWN OF DUMMERSTON EQUIPMENT	MILEAGE 12/23/2020	HOURS 12/23/2020
1986 Morbark Wood chipper model 13		907
1990 Rawson screening plant owned w/Putney		5944
2012 International 6 wheel dump truck	68,200	
2012 John Deere backhoe		5252
2013 Kubota tractor		3000
2014 Dodge 5500 4 by 4	43,000	
2015 Western star 6 wheel dump truck	45,218	
2017 Dodge Ram 5500 4 by 4	25,000	
2016 Western Star dump truck	46,000	3580
2019 John Deere 622 grader		1106
2020 Freightliner 6 wheel dump truck	15,446	1072
2020 John Deere loader		127

WEST DUMMERSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Engine Apparatus Miles and Hours

Engine 1
 2019 International/E-One
 Miles: 4670
 Hours: 178

Engine 2
 2009 International/E-One
 Miles: 7797
 Hours: 773

Engine 3
 1999 Freightliner/E-One
 Miles: 12909
 Hours: 1636

CAPITAL FUND BUDGET PLAN

	LIFE SPAN	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
16 Western Star	10 years									160,000	
2017 Western Star	10 years										160,000
02 John Deere Grader	15 years		234,595								
2017 Dodge	8 years	75,788								90,000	
2020 Freightliner	10 years			144,617							
20 John Deere 544 Loader	16 years				149,813	170,000					
2012 International	10 years										
2015 Dodge	8 years						90,000				
2013 Kubota Tractor	10 years								85,000		
Ferri Flail Mower					15,580						
Fire Truck			65,200	71,945	69,827	67,701	65,576				
Town Office Computers						6,000					
Town Office Painting				5,960							
Town Office Heat Pumps				3,204							
Bond Payment - Gravel Pit				21,630							
Fire Dept. - Gear					4,000	4,000					
Fire Dept. - SCBA(air tanks)											40,000
FY18 EM Reimbursement		(649)									
FY20 Sold Fire Truck				(9305)							
Estimated yearly spending		\$75,139	\$299,795	\$238,051	\$239,220	\$247,701	\$155,576	\$0	\$85,000	\$250,000	\$200,000
Taxes raised		170,000	170,000	170,000	210,000	210,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
Beginning Balance		420,823	291,490	224,139	195,604	158,255	172,964	343,275	428,893	349,665	320,295
Estimated interest @ 0.18%		462	700	685	352	285	311	618	772	629	577
Estimated balance forward											
		\$325,962	\$292,190	\$224,824	\$195,956	\$158,540	\$173,275	\$343,893	\$429,665	\$350,295	\$320,871

For the 2021-2022 fiscal year the Selectboard would like to raise \$210,000 to replenish the Capital Fund

Cemetery Committee

The Dummerston Cemetery Committee is appointed by the Selectboard to oversee the maintenance and sale of perpetual care, as well as the administrative paperwork for the Town's five cemeteries. It has been another busy year with burials, lot sales and head stone installations. Noah White has been working on resetting fallen stones in all the cemeteries and is doing a great job. Due to the pandemic we were not able to plot out the new section of Taft Cemetery but are in hopes of getting it done this year.

Anyone interested in purchasing perpetual care may contact the Town Office or a committee member listed in the front of this book. At this time, space is available at the Wilder Cemetery on Rice Farm Road and the Taft Cemetery on Route 30.

Community Center

The Dummerston Community Center is a handicapped-accessible Town-owned building that is leased to town volunteers who work diligently to maintain the building. Due to the Coronavirus, the center has remained closed to all activities since March 2020 per Governor Scott's order; excluding the Lydia Taft Pratt Library which remains open with Covid-safe guidelines. We were unable to hold any fundraisers this year, though our plight remains the same (drainage issues, mold, window replacements needed). We understand that this year has been taxing and that we may not be at the top of the list.

Our 2021 plans will continue, the old quarry wagon and a building to house it. Rick Davis and Lester Dunklee are in charge of restoration of wagon and outbuilding.

The board would like to recognize posthumously Jude Tyler. He will be missed. We would like to thank the town highway crew for their help with the plowing and maintaining fence lines.

Contact any one of our trustees if you have any thoughts, concerns, questions, or would like to volunteer.

Thank you from the Board of Trustees: Melody Stone, Jean Momaney, Ann Davis, Lester Dunklee, Randy Hickin, Patty Timney, Mary Tyler.

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has stayed actively involved, addressing the environmental questions and concerns of our fellow Dummerstonians, doing hands-on tasks, presenting programs, and, for several months, utilizing social media to connect with as many of our now Covid-isolated neighbors as possible.

Pre-pandemic we offered several educational talks and explorations. Lynn Levine organized a program called Identifying Trees the Easy Way: An in-depth look at the trees of New England. Kim Royar of VT fish and Wildlife spoke on Wildlife Crossings in Dummerston and the Mammals That Use Them. Living with Black Bears was the subject of a talk by Jaclyn Comeau also of VT Fish and Wildlife. And Lynn Levine led another group exploration focused on Tracks and Trees.

The 50th Anniversary of the first Earth Day was celebrated by a sign painted by Commission chair Christine Goepp. Two invasive control projects were undertaken by Goepp and David Greenewalt. Rick Mills participated in construction of a new trails and also in monitoring of our many existing trails. Dan Kray organized an Ash Tree Inventory in anticipation of the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer. And invasive insect first responders monitored the borers statewide advances.

Oversight of the Rain Garden, Prospect Hill and the stone West River access steps are perennial commission tasks.

First-hand knowledge of our ever changing natural surroundings is, as always, being gathered and factored into our advocacies.

Recently, due to Covid, remote outreach has been more heavily utilized. Lynn Levine is producing YouTube videos she calls “Woodland Wanderings” and Judy Fink is documenting her “Milkweed for Monarchs” initiative with her own YouTube content. Thanks to Christine Goepp the Commission is now on Facebook. And Dan Kray is editing our longtime monthly E-newsletter which features seasonally pertinent nature facts. The Dummerston Sightings blog site also helps people stay connected to their natural surroundings.

The Commission also has a website packed with useful and informative information at <http://www.dummerstonconservation.com>

As usual feel free to contact any Commission member if you have environmental questions or concerns.

Development Review Board

The Development Review Board (DRB) holds public hearings and issues formal written decisions on development applications as specified in the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Dummerston. Issues for consideration include Variances, Conditional Use Permits, Site Plan Reviews, Sign Permits and Zoning Administrator Decision Appeals. The DRB is made up of 5 sitting members and 2 alternates, all appointed by the Selectboard. The DRB regular meeting time is 7 PM on the third Tuesday of each month preceded by pertinent site visit(s) and review if required. Meeting notices and any deviation from this schedule are posted at the Dummerston School, the Town Office and at the West Dummerston Post Office bulletin boards. Applications to be heard by the DRB are posted at the above sites and the Commons at least 15 days before the meeting date. Times, dates and locations are published as a part of the hearing notice process.

The DRB is a quasi-judicial board which affords applicants and "interested parties" the right to appeal decisions to a higher court. It is important for "interested parties" to participate in the review of an application so that all pertinent information is entered into the hearing record. The meetings of the Board are public and all citizens are invited to attend.

All the DRB final decisions from fiscal year 2019-2020 are available for review at the Town Office. To access the DRB Webpage, visit Dummerston.org web site and click on Development Review Board. This page will provide DRB information including Public Hearing Notices of applications up for review, site visit times, notices of special meetings, DRB procedures, minutes and the finalized formal decisions. Links to Dummerston Zoning Bylaws, Vermont Statutes and other relevant information are also available through this webpage.

Persons interested in serving on the Board should contact the Selectboard for consideration when a vacancy occurs. Current Board members are Cami Elliot, Chad Farnum Vice Chair, Alan McBean Chair, Josh Pacheco, and Patty Walior. There are two 1 year alternate positions available at this time.

Dummerston Cares

This year was a strange year for Dummerston Cares. It started off normally with the offering of our basic services - rides to medical appointments, medical equipment loans, friendly visits, chores, corps, and more - and several community programs planned for the second half of the year. Then COVID-19 arrived. Beginning in March, 2020 both our basic services and most of the community programs had to be modified, postponed or called off. Requests for services dwindled and some of our volunteers took a leave of absence until the virus got controlled. This meant that we were severely limited in carrying out our mission which is to support the health and wellness of Dummerston residents.

All of this said, we were nonetheless able to continue in some measure our most used services – Rides and Medical Equipment Loans. The Gentle Yoga program continued by Zoom and the T'ai Chi class was held outdoors when weather permitted. Friendly visits turned to friendly telephone calls. The Cares Message Line (257-5800) was always available for those in need of help in finding assistance.

For the year in its entirety, 93 residents were served by 25 volunteers. Two residents received emergency fuel assistance. More would have been served if COVID had not appeared. This is especially the case with community programs that were not held because of the virus. Postponed or cancelled were an April program at the school on digital media and kids featuring the film, *Screenagers*, a series of hikes and walks in late spring, two Seated Dance programs in April, and four workshops on chronic pain management in May and June.

Looking ahead to Cares' next program and fiscal year, which began July 1, 2020, programs having to do with food needs of some townspeople, including children, were appearing on Cares' agenda.

Cares' services and programs are free to town residents. They are supported financially by the Town, Dummerston Community Chest, and individual donors. Cares volunteers, donors and other supporters are known as Friends of Cares.

Current Board members are Catie G. Berg, Secretary (257-2007), Rev. Shawn Bracebridge (257-0544), Susan Daigler, Treasurer (257-4200), Akara Draper (258-9890), Heidi Fischer, (257-0730), Cassie Freese (922-3531), Cindy Levine (843-222-4965), Pam McFadden (257-2357), and Bill Schmidt, President (257-0233).

For more information on Cares' services, programs, volunteer needs or making a donation, talk to a Board member, go to the Cares website at www.dummerstoncares.org, call the Cares Message Line (257-5800), or use Cares' postal mailing address: PO Box 302, West Dummerston, VT 05357.

Energy Committee

The year 2020 brought some disruptions to us all, and the Dummerston Energy Committee (DEC) found itself in a sort of Covid-19 “hibernation,” if you will, for a while. We suspended our monthly meetings in April and did not resume until October (via Zoom).

However, DEC still had an eventful year. We finished up our work on the town office energy audit and heating/cooling upgrades. We coordinated an energy audit of the West Village Station for the West Dummerston Fire Department (WDFD) and created a report for them detailing our recommended steps for improving their energy efficiency and reducing their costs. We continued working on promoting modern wood heat for town residents. We continued to monitor any state legislation and other programs affecting energy use and sourcing, such as the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI), Act 62 (All-Fuels Energy Efficiency Program), the Global Warming Solutions Act, the Micro-Transit Innovations Grant Program, and the proposed Brattleboro biomass co-generation facility at Long Falls Paperboard. We also continued with our work to revisit and consider updates to the town energy plan, and revisited the idea of a commercial pellet boiler system for Dummerston school in response to an inquiry from a town resident.

We discussed advancements in fusion-based power generation; we watched and discussed SEON’s “Virtual Home Tour,” the VECAN Community Energy and Climate Action Conference, and the REV2020 Conference; and we monitored updates from the Vermont Climate Economy Action Team. We also began to discuss the issues and next steps regarding the failing lighting system at the town’s covered bridge.

Over the coming year, we will continue these ongoing activities with a focus on how to help Dummerston and its residents reduce their energy consumption and use all forms of energy as wisely as possible. We will monitor and contribute to the state’s update of its Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP) for 2022. We will also be looking at such opportunities as advancing the use of plug-in electric and electric-hybrid vehicles, including both cars and bicycles, as well as alternative forms of biomass energy for possible town use.

Finally, DEC is always looking for new members to supplement our team. Let us know if you might be interested. We are widely recognized as the “coolest” committee in town, so please consider getting involved – even if you do not have a lot of background in energy. You can contact us anytime at energy@dummerston.org.

Green Mountain Camp

“This past summer was challenging on so many levels, the most obvious one being the pandemic that is affecting the entire world!” At first glance, this seems to have been written about 2020—“the summer like no other,” as we dubbed it—but there was another summer that this could as easily have been describing. The year after Green Mountain Camp was founded was 1918, and a devastating pandemic was sweeping the world then, too. Although more than a century separates Covid-19 and the Spanish Flu, there were some remarkable similarities here at GMC, the most notable being the perseverance and resilient spirit of the staff and board. In spite of all that was going on in the world during both pandemics, we in 2020 carried on—just as our intrepid founders did in 1918—to keep campers, staff, and alumnae connected to GMC.

This year, we had to make the hard decision that it simply wasn't safe to offer onsite camp, so we got creative in coming up with other ways to bring camp to our community and nurture our connection to our campers, which is at the core of everything we do. We chose to keep some of our staff on to do tasks that are impossible during regular busy camp sessions, such as painting the dining hall floor, cleaning and organizing the Art Barn, and clearing hiking trails between the woods and the upper field. One of the most impactful efforts our staff made this summer was to work on developing expanded anti-racism policies for the camp and, crucially, an action plan for how to implement those policies.

We offered socially distanced swim lessons to the community, and 85 children learned how to swim in our saltwater pool this summer! We also rented out the camp to individual families on the weekends and most of them were local families who had never had the opportunity to explore all that GMC has to offer. One sign of the times was the virtual programming that we offered in the form of a blog, videos of beloved traditions like the wishing log and candlelight on the pool ceremonies, interviews with favorite counselors, art projects, GMC trivia, and so much more! We were so grateful to be able to offer these initiatives while keeping our camp community safe and healthy yet still connected to GMC and to each other. Even with this unique approach, we were able to employ 6 Dummerston residents and engage many local families through swim lessons, rentals, and virtual programming.

Please visit our website at www.greenmountaincamp.com for more information about Green Mountain Camp. We would love to have more residents of Dummerston take advantage of this special place, and offer a special rental rate for you! We are proud to be one of Dummerston's many treasures and value being an integral part of this community. Obviously it was not a typical year in any way and although we can't predict what the coming year will bring, we feel optimistic that with the continued support of this wonderful community, we will be strong and ready to welcome our next season of campers once it is safe again!

Highway Report

This year was very different. There were no grants available and there was much uncertainty about tax revenues coming in.

We ended up delaying the paving until the spring of 2021. This will take place on East West Road, from Dummerston Center to the intersection with School House Road.

We installed culverts on the following roads: Hopkins Road (4), Fisch Road (2), Black Mountain Road (5), Rice Farm Road (2), Waterman Road (1), Sunset Lake Road (1), Nourse Hollow Road (1), East Orchard Road (1), East West Road (2), Park Laughton Road (1), Miller Road (2), Spaulding Hill Road (1), Bunker Road (1), Greenhoe Road (1).

We also installed underdrainage on Park Laughton, Canoe Brook, Waterman, Black Mountain, Quarry, Bunker, East Orchard, Kelly, East West, and Fisch Roads.

We ended up spreading approximately 4000 cubic yards of gravel and using 3500 cubic yards of sand over the last year.

Thank you for your support. Call the Town Garage at 254-2411 with any questions.

Historical Society

The Dummerston Historical Society Board members are Charles Fish, Ruth Hoffman, Sallie May, Jody Normandeau, Sara Ryan, Gail Sorenson, Muriel Taylor and Cindy Wilcox. Our website is www.dummerstonhistoricalsociety.org.

January Annual Meeting: True to the season and the snowy weather conditions on January 16th, our Annual Meeting topic was entitled “Old Timers’ Winter Memories”. Drawing on the musings of those geriatrically qualified to speak, the evening brought humor and an occasional bit of wistfulness to those 25 stalwart souls in attendance. Tom Zopf retired from our Board of Directors that evening after many years of devoted service. In view of Tom’s significant contributions to the preservation of the history of Dummerston, he was presented with the Distinguished Historian Award and his engraved name was added to the plaque permanently displayed at the Schoolhouse, joining that of Carol Bessette. Thank you, Tom.

Other Meetings: Shortly after our January Quarterly Meeting, the Covid-19 virus required the temporary closing of the Schoolhouse to the public and the cancellation of the balance of our quarterly meetings. The Directors continued to meet regularly during 2020 courtesy of Zoom and the work of the Society continued. Albums of historical interest to Dummerston were created and policies and procedures were revised and updated. Several of us met regularly, masked and distanced, to organize, file and inventory our collection. We continued to document this unusual time by asking community members to send brief commentaries about Dummerston experiences during the pandemic. Thank you to all who have already done so. By the way, it’s not too late to add your comments to this project! Please email them to

dummerstonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. You’ll be an official part of Dummerston history!

Building Committee Report: Chuck Fish, Committee Chair, reports that the gutters and landscaping are doing what they are supposed to do and that the dehumidifiers are successfully controlling the moisture in the two parts of the crawl space.

Membership Email: We are actively using our email list to notify members and friends of meetings and other activities. Those who do not have access to email are receiving postcard announcements. If you have not notified us of your email address, please consider doing so. Thank you for supporting this effort to reduce our expenses.

Items for Sale: Our signature black tee-shirts with the covered bridge motif and the 2021 “Scenes of Dummerston” calendars are still available for purchase at the Town Office or by calling Jody Normandeau at 802-380-9027 or Gail Sorenson at 802-254-9311. (Note: We are always looking for photos for next year’s calendar. If you have a “keeper”, please contact Jody Normandeau at 802-380-9027 for details.) We appreciate the generous mini-grant from C&S Printers for providing the printing of our calendars. These sales help fund our ongoing expenses such as heat, electricity and insurance. Thank you for your continued support.

The Dummerston Historical Society always welcomes donations of historical interest to Dummerston and we encourage you to join us in 2021 as a member, a volunteer, a participant in our programs or as a viewer of our exhibits. Please note that you do not need to be a member of the Historical Society to attend any of our functions. Our Schoolhouse is handicapped accessible. You are always welcome.

Listers

It has been a busy fiscal year for the Dummerston Listers. The onset of COVID-19 has changed our in-person connection with property owners to communicating via email/telephone calls while updating the yearly Grand List. We met the challenge which went smoothly and are grateful to our understanding participating residents. Grievance this year was minimal with the usual questions and verifying updated property information; no one appealed to the Board of Civil Authority.

Our town wide reappraisal is now in its second year and scheduled for completion as of the 2021 Grand List with the abstract normally due in early June. The reappraisal team (NEMRC), of course, faces our same challenges and have adapted in an amazing and orderly manner. Thank you to them and to the many residents here in our town. The end result will bring forth a more equitable and updated Grand List.

We continue to be responsible for maintaining the yearly Homestead Declarations (HS-122). Presently there are 38 Dummerston non-filers. If you declare Vermont as your residence you are required by law to file in a timely manner each year. Please remember to file! At present we maintain 115 current use properties. The 2020 CLA is 101.74 and the COD is 14.84.

Our posted office hours are Tuesday/Thursday 9 AM to 12 PM. Please call for an appointment. You may also leave us an email message at listers@dummerston.org or leave us a telephone message at 802-257-1496. We look forward to hearing from you.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission has the responsibility of updating the Town Plan and amending the Town's Zoning Bylaw. It is, by statute, party to Act 250 proceedings, as well as the Public Utility Commission's hearings on energy-related developments in Dummerston. The Planning Commission's nine members are appointed by the Selectboard to 4-year terms. Current members and terms are:

Sarah Bergh	2021
Sam Farwell	2021
Rick Contino	2022
Maria Glabach	2022
Beverly Tier	2022
Annamarie Pluhar	2023
Regina Stefanelli	2023
Bob Danzi	2024
[vacant seat]	

Dummerston residents who would like to serve on the Commission may submit a letter of interest to the Selectboard.

In 2020, the Planning Commission worked on improvements to the Zoning Bylaw, which focused on Signs and Home Business. The PC is also finalizing edits to several amendments for a public hearing and Selectboard review in the first half of 2021.

The Planning Commission's regular meeting is on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, the meetings are currently being held on Zoom until further notice. The PC will resume in-person meetings when it is safe to do so. Links to the Zoom meeting are shared in each month's agenda and the same link is used for all virtual PC meetings.

All meetings are open to the public. Meetings are listed in *The Commons* and warned on the town website as well as at the Town Office, school, and West Dummerston Post Office. Agendas and minutes are posted on the Commission's page of the town website. Please do not hesitate to talk with any commissioner if you have an interest in, or question about, the Town Plan, Zoning Bylaw, or any other business before the Commission. Written comments are also welcome and can be emailed to planning@dummerston.org or mailed to the Town Office.

Selectboard

It has been a busy year and a somewhat challenging one for the Selectboard. In addition to the numerous appointments to committees and boards, traffic and animal control issues, issuing of liquor permits, new bids and purchases of road maintenance equipment, we have had to conduct town business with the restrictions and limitations necessitated by the COVID-19 virus. State guidelines and mandates resulted in moving Selectboard meetings online beginning in March. Nevertheless despite these trying circumstances the Board managed to successfully conduct town business in a timely fashion.

The town-wide property Re-appraisal by the outside contractor (NEMRC) continued, but the protocol was modified as interior inspections could not take place. Concerns regarding accuracy were addressed by expansion of exterior inspections, front door interviews and the use of a remote camera that can be set up by the homeowner inside to view interior spaces.

Steps at the Covered Bridge down to the bathing area which were deemed unsafe were covered with gravel to create a path. Swimming Hole parking issues on Rt 30 were also addressed.

The Selectboard began work on the 2022 budget in September with in-person meetings at the Community Center with input from all the committees and entities that receive funding. These meetings were switched to on-line in November as advised by the state. As of this writing we continue working through the budget process with the goal of balancing funding requests with keeping our town as affordable as possible.

Town Clerk

The year 2020 was a busy one. The Presidential Primary in March, State Primary in August and General Election in November were quite well-attended. The voting percentage of registered voters was 41.98%, 34.42% and 80.47% respectively. I want to thank all of the volunteers who worked at the polls. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Due to the pandemic, the Town Office has been closed to the public (open by appointment only) since mid-March.

We welcomed Eliza Greenhoe-Bergh as our new Assistant Town Clerk. She is a wonderful addition to our Town Office team!

During fiscal year 2020, this office issued 9 motor vehicle registration renewals; 7 marriage licenses; 187 dog licenses; and 30 Fish & Wildlife licenses. We earned \$3,194.25 for certified and informational copies and \$17,271.00 in recording fees. \$6,379.00 was added to the reserve funds for restoration and computerization of the Land Records. An additional \$2,663.50 was earned by issuing various licenses and permits. We recorded 407 instruments in the Land Records totaling 1419 pages, which nearly filled three books.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate this incredibly challenging chapter in our lives.

West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department

What a year it has been. We can all agree that 2020 is the year that “needs the most improvement.” We, along with all of you, were challenged in ways we did not expect. In March, we curtailed and postponed trainings, and meetings for several months due to the risks associated with COVID-19. We cancelled our Golf Tournament and our annual Pancake Breakfast that were both scheduled for the fall. We were not even able to march in the annual Brattleboro Goes Forth Parade on July 4th.

Despite all those challenges, we still responded to many calls for assistance in 2020. Notably, our call volume is only slightly lower this year due to the fact that most people stayed home in the Spring, which resulted in less calls for assistance. This data is for Calendar 2020, from January 1, 2020 to December 1, 2020.

Medical: 57
Fire: 3
Fire Alarm: 10
Trees/Wires: 18
Car Accident: 15
Carbon Monoxide: 7
Other: 11
Brush Fire: 2
Cover Truck: 9
Mutual Aid: 17

Total: 149

Our department added several new members to the roster in 2020. We currently have 5 members enrolled in Firefighter 1 (basic fire training) and one enrolled in an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class. These new firefighters will be great assets for us in the years to come.

The volunteers of the West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department thank you for your support over the last year. While we hope you never have to call us, we are always ready to help our neighbors and friends.

Rick Looman
Chief

Richard Cogliano
Assistant Chief

Windham County Sheriff's Department

Each year as we prepare town reports, we get to reflect on the time gone by. I don't think anyone will argue that this was a bizarre year, but with the closing of 2020, we continue our tradition of sharing with you what's going on. One of the focal points of this year was SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), which like similar hardships brought our community together, despite the words "socially distant." We were grateful to receive donations of personal protective equipment from area businesses and non-profits when emergency services faced shortages in the supply chain. We coordinated with community groups to ensure people received food and that our neighbors were okay. Our deputies created the "Bring Birthdays Back" program to celebrate the birthdays of children isolated from their friends and families by the lockdown, raising over \$1020 and countless toy donations. In short, the community came forward to support our department and we worked to support the community during this trying time.

COVID-19 brought about numerous changes for us. While we continued to provide policing, service of civil process, and emergency dispatching services, we suspended non-essential activities such as civilian fingerprinting, evictions as required by Act 101, prisoner transports, extraditions, and traffic control for construction, as well as closed our facility to public access. We implemented protocols for safe contacts between the public and our personnel. Foregoing many of these services resulted in a significant financial burden as our expenses remained largely the same, though our non-tax funded revenue sources dropped. Through the efforts of Windham County's Legislative delegation and with the support of the Assistant Judges Barnett and Duff, we were able to obtain emergency funding through the Local Government's Emergency Response grant which diminished the financial impact and allowed our essential services to continue. While several of our services were reinstated over the Summer and Fall, we monitor daily and adjust as the environment changes.

Another important issue brought about this year was regarding police reform and racial justice. Many of us stood in horror as we watched the homicide of George Floyd which sparked conversation and debate nationally and locally. Historically, Vermont has done a lot of work toward better policing initiatives, but we must acknowledge that this isn't a conversation with a finish line. We continuously improve. I am thankful of the many people willing to share their experiences, perspectives, and time to help the Windham County Sheriff's Office measure itself and identify what changes it needed. We reviewed policies, training, data and engaged in community dialogue. As part of our introspection, I established the Windham County Sheriff's Advisory, a group of citizens to help provide community input toward the policies and operations of the Sheriff's Office. We engaged with individuals, organizations, researchers, and public bodies, to listen candidly. We worked with 40 agencies in Vermont to uniformly share traffic stop and race data reporting of all traffic stops. We obtained a grant-funded study from an independent researcher to evaluate us.

Since 2007, we've engaged in various forms of training on de-escalation of force, explicit/implicit bias, fair and impartial policing, and interacting with persons suffering from mental illness. The department has long prohibited the use of chokeholds. We declined to deploy tools such as tasers, acknowledging the power of de-escalation through dialogue and our low occurrences of use-of-force techniques by deputies. We've captured race data on our traffic stops to help us monitor for deputies engaged in biased policing. While many action items of the President's 21st Century Policing Task Force report have been accomplished, we continue to address other areas. You can follow our progress on our website at windhamcountylvt.gov

The Sheriff's Office continues to support the interdisciplinary Consortium on Substance Use, working to resolve the opioid and substance use issues that have affected Windham County. This year, we welcomed a Police Liaison social worker through a partnership with HCRS, Dover PD, and Wilmington PD. The Sheriff's Office continues to support the following programs and initiatives: coordination with the Windham County Highway Safety Task Force; daily Are You Okay? welfare check phone calls; Work Zone Safety Enforcement; Toys for Kids; and snow mobile patrols. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications. It is the continued support of Dummerston and other towns which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

For the 2020 fiscal year (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020), Dummerston contracted with the Sheriff's Office to provide a total of 290 hours of service throughout the year. The Sheriff's Office was able to provide 302.75 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The services provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to calls for service, or calls where response would not be provided by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During the contract period, we issued a total of 116 tickets with the potential net revenue for Dummerston of \$6472.80. Additionally, deputies have issued 172 warnings, made 6 arrests, and responded to 396 calls for service.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Dummerston and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheriff Mark R. Anderson

Windham Solid Waste Management District

History and Current Status: The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 with eight member towns. These towns cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro, which closed in 1995. A regional materials recycling facility (MRF) was constructed adjacent to the closed landfill, and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. The recycling roll-off containers that WSWMD had provided to all of its member towns were no longer hauled and processed by WSWMD, and the towns assumed responsibility for complying with state recycling mandates. The roll-off containers are currently on loan to member towns at no charge. Besides the WSWMD transfer station, there are 7 towns that operate their own transfer station, three towns that provide residential curbside trash and recycling, three towns with 24-7 recycling drop-off areas, and five towns with no municipal trash or recycling services.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished fiscal year 2020 with a budget surplus of \$52,596, with total revenues of \$1,125,679 off-setting total expenses of \$1,025,025.

Transfer Station: The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that WSWMD provides “essential services,” and has continued full-scale operation. A comparison of the six-months from January - June in 2019 versus 2020 documented \$49,000 more revenue in 2020. The staff stepped up to keep the transfer station operating with significant new safety protocols. Only the ever-popular Swap Shop suspended operation. The transfer station is a regional drop-off center for landfill materials, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station diverts 76% of all materials to recycling and composting, including electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead- acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, oil-based paint and other paint products, sharps, textiles, books, and tires. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker for \$40/year. The cost for trash disposal is \$3.00 per 33-gallon bag, or \$155/ton.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): The WSWMD MRF closed in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled (no sorting required) and sold. Eight towns continue to utilize the District’s recycling roll-off containers and offer drop-off recycling services in their communities. Towns contract with private haulers to provide recycling services.

Trucking: Since closure of the MRF in 2017, WSWMD no longer collects recyclable materials from member towns, but retained a driver with a Class A CDL license that allows WSWMD to self-haul recyclables from our transfer station, scrap metal, and wood chips for the composting operation.

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only ones that are kept local are food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 7th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. As the food scrap composting mandates of Act 148 have been phased in, the total quantity of food scraps processed at the site in 2020 approached 2,000 cubic yards per year, the maximum allowed by the state permit. The District is evaluating options to process additional quantities of organics. About 50% of the food waste is from the Town of Brattleboro curbside collection program, and the balance from commercial and institutional sources brought to the compost site by private trash haulers. The District sold more than 3,000 cubic yards of “Brattlegrow” compost in 2020 through retail distributors, as well as for construction projects. WSWMD donates compost for town projects, school, and community gardens.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP): Household hazardous waste collection, education and outreach, as well as numerous other requirements, are mandated by State Law and contained in the District's SWIP. Membership in WSWMD makes towns compliant with state recycling mandates. On behalf of member towns, WSWMD submitted an amended SWIP this fall, and once approved by VT Agency of Natural Resources, it will be valid for 5 years.

Solar Array: WSWMD leases its closed and capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital who operate a 5 mega-watt solar array on the landfill. It is the largest group net-metered project in the state, and has contracted for 20 years with the towns of Brattleboro, Wilmington, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, Dummerston, Halifax, and Newfane; schools in Brattleboro, Vernon, Putney, and Marlboro; as well as Landmark College, Marlboro College, and the Brattleboro Retreat. The project provides significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets. Greenbacker Capital has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$120,290/year for use of the landfill, as well as 50% of renewable energy credits, for total annual revenue of over \$250,000.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: Due to the pandemic, WSWMD held just two household hazardous waste collection events, as mandated by VT ANR Materials Management Plan. Collections were held in Brattleboro and in Wilmington on October 24th, with 230 households from 17 District towns participating.

New HHW Depot: Due to the high costs of HHW event collections, WSWMD applied for a state grant to construct a permanent HHW collection facility at Old Ferry Road, and following approval of a state permit, it will open in Spring of 2021 for certain hours each week to serve all District residents. Small businesses will also be able to use the site by appointment.

Backyard Composting Demonstration Area: A new teaching area has been installed at the District demonstrating five different systems for composting food scraps at homes, schools, and community gardens. The District held an open house in October and will be offering workshops starting in the spring of 2021. The facility will be available for use by schools and community organizations as well. The District also conducts composting workshops in District towns as we did in Vernon this fall.

Business Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its business resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion.

School Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its school resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion.

Special Event "Zero Waste" Outreach and Technical Assistance: WSWMD owns 20 event-sorting stations that are available to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for use at fairs, festival, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help make events "Zero Waste."

ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS
BY BOB SPENCER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Zoning Administrator

This report covers permits processed during fiscal year 2020. A total of **29 Zoning Permits, 13 Conditional Use Permits** and **4 Land Development Permits** were processed during the year. The pandemic slowed things for the last quarter, but the volume of applications is back to normal.

The permits can be broken down into the following categories:

- **Single Family Dwelling: 5 approved**

This category includes new construction, reconstruction or change in Use to a Single Family Dwelling including mobile homes, modular homes, manufactured homes, camps, “tiny houses” and yurts.

- **Accessory Dwelling Unit: 2 approved, 1 denied**

This category includes efficiency or one-bedroom apartments that are clearly subordinate to a single-family dwelling, and have facilities and provisions for independent living, including sleeping, food preparation, and sanitation. This includes Accessory Structures used as Accessory Dwelling Units including; Tiny Houses, Yurts, garage apartments, barn apartments, etc.

- **Additions: 3 approved**

This category includes adding additional living space and/or reconstruction or conversion of existing space or structural alteration.

- **Accessory structures: 8 approved**

This category includes all development not intended for residency, such as storage sheds, barns, studios, garages, access roads, bridges, etc.

- **Decks/porches: 6 approved**

This category includes any unheated structures including entryways.

- **Excavation/Landfill: 3 approved**

- **Accessory Use: 3 approved**

This category includes Home Occupation

- **Conditional Use: 14 approved**

This category includes conditional use, site plan and change of use applications. These require Development Review Board approval. Examples are; Home Business, Commercial activity, Business Uses, Short term rental, structures in Flood hazard areas, Variances and Waivers.

- **Signs: 2 approved**

- **Land Development/Subdivisions: 4 approved**

The subdivision of an existing lot into 2 or more legal lots or lot line adjustments.

Note: Some permits contained more than one category of permit.

Please remember **that Zoning Permits are required for any Land Development** defined as:

The division of any land parcel into two or more parcels; the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation or enlargement of any structure or sign; any mining, excavation, landfill, or construction of access road; or any change in the use of structure or land.

Also, note that **all Commercial Activity and Uses require a Zoning Permit. The Bylaw is changing for Home Occupation and Home Business so please check with me.**

Please contact me for more information or if you have questions.

Roger Vincent Jasaitis, Zoning Administrator, zoning@dummerston.org

Lydia Taft Pratt Library

This past year was challenging for everyone due to the Covid pandemic. However, throughout 2020 your public library was able to deliver library services to the community. In November 2019, the librarian, Karen Cawrse, left for another position. Volunteers kept the library open regular hours until the new librarian, Dena Marger, arrived in January 2020. By mid-March, the library closed to the public due to the pandemic and immediately reopened for curbside pickup and home delivery. In June, the library was able to reopen weekdays to the public. Saturday hours resumed in November. The late November surge of Covid cases again necessitated the return to curbside pickup only. Library programs went online or were held outside. The spring fundraiser was cancelled, but plans are under way for a Spring 2021 outdoor fundraising event.

The library is funded by a tax appropriation from the town. Approximately one-third of the budget is provided by funds raised by the library. Principal fundraisers are the Spring Book Sale/Silent Auction in May and the annual appeal letter to residents.

The Trustees meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:15 pm.

Library Website/Online Catalog Access: library.dummerston.org

Check out the Library's Facebook Page

LIBRARY HOURS: TUESDAYS, 2 – 6 PM, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 1 – 5 PM,
SATURDAYS (staffed by volunteers), 10 AM – 1 PM.

LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY**Proposed Revenue**

	Adopted FY 2021	Proposed FY 2022
Grants	200	200
Town Support	14,900	14,900
Donations - Annual Appeal	3,250	3,750
Donations - Miscellaneous	827	1,077
Interest	5	5
Fundraising - Bookbags	50	50
Fundraising - Events	3,000	3,000
Total Revenue	\$22,232.00	\$22,982.00

Proposed Expenditures

	Adopted FY 2021	Proposed FY 2022
Librarian Salary/Benefits*	12,102	12,202
Memberships/Professional Devel.	100	100
Mileage	50	50
Internet/Wifi		600
Library World Subscription (Technology)	450	500
Books/Audio/Visual (Library Materials)	3,730	3,730
Rent paid to Community Center	2,200	2,200
Insurance	100	100
Programs/Summer Reading	500	500
Telephone	500	500
Post Office Box Rental	100	100
Supplies	500	500
Furniture/Equipment	500	500
Postage - Interlibrary Loans	500	500
Cleaning Services	500	500
Fundraising Expenses	400	400
Total Expenditures	\$22,232.00	\$22,982.00

*The Librarian's salary is paid out of the General Fund instead of transferring the funds back & forth. Anything over the budgeted amount is paid from the General Fund to the Library Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Library Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2019:		\$14,270.72
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Receipts:

Book Bag Sales	12.00	
Donations - Miscellaneous	1,556.00	
Donations - Annual Appeal	4,305.83	
Interest Earned	3.38	
Grants	0.00	
Geranium Festival/Book Sale 2020	0.00	
Transfer from Town's General Fund	3,609.24	
Raffle Fundraisers	1,029.00	
Silent Auction	15.00	
Lost Book Fees/Refunds	49.86	
Total Receipts:		10,580.31

Disbursements:

Automation Expenses	450.00	
Books	2,050.41	
DVDs	68.90	
Fundraising Expenses	592.90	
Geranium Festival Expenses	0.00	
Insurance	92.00	
Mileage	0.00	
Postage	455.57	
Post Office Box Rental	92.00	
Rent paid to Community Center	2,200.00	
Programs/Summer Reading	312.30	
Supplies	373.09	
Telephone	512.46	
Cleaning Expenses	400.00	
Miscellaneous	0.00	
Equipment	199.83	
Professional Development	0.00	
Advertising	10.00	
FY19 Grant Expenditures	566.34	
Total Disbursements:		8,375.80

Balance in Fund June 30, 2020	\$16,475.23
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In addition, the bequest from the estate of William R. Menezes has been designated a Capital Fund to be used for capital library improvements; a one year CD ended FY2020 with a balance of \$7,210.51.

**Windham Southeast Supervisory Union
Windham Southeast School District**

**WSESU / WSESD SEEK TO IDENTIFY CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

All children have a right to a public education. Federal and State law provide that all qualifying children with disabilities have a right to a free appropriate public education when the eligibility evaluation qualifies the student as eligible according to state rules for special education and related services.

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union (WSESU) and Windham Southeast School District (WSESD) with all of its member towns (Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Putney, and Vernon) (collectively, "the District"), have a duty to identify and locate any children, ages 3 through 21, who may be eligible for special education (including children who are highly mobile, such as migrant children, or who are homeless or in protective custody by the state), who are residents of the District and may have disabilities, or who are attending private schools or a program of home study within the boundaries of the District, or who are not receiving services, in order to evaluate and determine accommodations to support learning, as appropriate, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and/or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

WSESU/WSESD supports identification and evaluation to identify infants and toddlers (birth to age 3) for early intervention services under Part C of the federal special education law (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act). The District hereby provides notice that such children may be entitled to early intervention services (birth-3) or to special education and related services (3-22).

If you have or know of such a child in your school, home or neighborhood, please write or phone: Superintendent of Schools, Windham Southeast Supervisory Union/Windham Southeast School District, 53 Green Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301; 802-254-3731 or Shelley Wilson, Director of Special Education, 53 Green Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301; 802-254-3748. Information provided will be used only to carry out child find purposes, so those protected by the educational access laws will be contacted with respect to potential eligibility, and all information will remain confidential within the District's child find system, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its regulations, 334 C.F.R. Part 99.

2020-2021 CERTIFIED STAFF SALARIES

Certified Salaries effective July 1, 2020:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>% Time</u>	<u>Salary</u>
#1	MA +30	Longevity	100	77,932
#2	MA +30	Longevity	100	77,932
#3	MA +30	Longevity	100	77,932
#4	MA +30	Longevity	60	46,759
#5	BA +75	Longevity	100	77,932
#6	MA +30	12	100	67,758 *
#7	MA +30	9	100	62,935
#8	MA +30	3	100	53,284

#9	MA +15	Longevity	60	44,570
#10	MA +15	11	100	64,588
#11	MA +15	8	100	59,763
#12	MA +15	7	60	34,813
#13	MA	Longevity	100	72,430
#14	MA	Longevity	60	43,458
#15	MA	8	100	58,202
#16	MA	7	50	26,462 *
#17	MA	5	100	53,377
#18	MA	4	100	51,769
#19	BA +45	Longevity	50	36,215
#20	BA +15	Longevity	100	61,106 *
#21	BA +15	10	100	58,298
#22	BA	L	100	57,871

2020-2021 CLASIFIED STAFF SALARIES

Classified hourly wages effective July 1, 2020:

Employee #1	\$24.00	Employee #6	17.56
Employee #2	20.56	Employee #7	17.06
Employee #3	20.06	Employee #8	17.06
Employee #4	19.06	Employee #9	16.06 *
Employee #5	18.56 *	Employee #10	15.56

* WSESU SPED Employees

REPORT FROM THE WINDHAM SOUTHEAST SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

Thank you for your continuing support for our learners and the adults who work with them. Last year, due to the pandemic, we were forced to cancel our public Annual Meeting and pass our articles and budget by Australian ballot. We are grateful for the strong turnout and favorable vote during this challenging time. This year we are also forced to present our board candidates and budget by Australian Ballot to be conducted on Town Meeting Day, March 2, 2021.

This year, the second year of existence for the Windham Southeast School District, we continued the process of consolidating school governance. One structure now serves over 2400 students from preschool to grade 12 in ten educational settings (Academy, Green Street, Oak Grove, Dummerston, Guilford, Putney, BAMS, BUHS, WRCC and Early Education Services). In our first year, we set up structures, organized committees, and developed mission statements. We created Leadership Councils in each school to engage parents and staff in communicating concerns and advising the administration and board. We also added two new members from Brattleboro to bring the board to ten members. All board members represent all students and constituents in all towns.

This evolution of systems and relationships continues. Balancing the need to function efficiently with the importance of responsiveness is challenging, and absolutely essential for maintaining a focus on the actual experiences of our students, families, and employees. Though many of us

entered the merger believing communities would want to do things in similar ways, it turns out that most districts want to keep their unique cultures. It is a challenge to manage this in a merged district and the board has worked to find common practices. This includes making sure systems include two-way communication and provide channels for information to flow to the places it is needed. We continue to clarify the various policies, roles, expectations, and oversight structures required to maximize effectiveness and responsiveness in this huge new organization. There is no instruction booklet or checklist.

In the late winter and early spring, we carried out an extensive search and selection process to find a new superintendent. We implemented community surveys, hired an experienced consultant, and established diverse teams of students, staff, and community members. These teams reviewed applications, screened, and then interviewed candidates to provide the board with a list of finalists. This was all completed just before COVID forced us to go remote and hold the final interviews on Zoom. Through this process, we were excited to find Andy Skarzynski and convince him to join our community and head up the administration of our schools. Andy's intelligence, steady hand, and patient demeanor have proved invaluable in navigating the upheavals of this global health crisis.

Creating an effective remote learning structure in the spring and spending an intense summer planning enabled us to start the school year with limited in-person instruction. We have been following the best advice and guidance from our health leaders and are preparing conditions to be able to safely bring greater numbers of students into our buildings on more days. If our safety structures and practices continue to successfully avoid spreading infection, we hope to have students in person in much larger numbers in the spring.

This has been a stressful process because every decision has drawbacks. Students are definitely hurt by not being together with peers and adults, learning and developing social skills. Families are stressed to manage child care alongside the other upheavals of work and family needs this pandemic has caused. Avoiding putting students and their families at risk of infection from being in close proximity at school is challenging. And the burden of creating safe and effective learning environments falls most heavily on our classroom teachers. The work they are doing to assure every child is engaged, that meaningful learning is happening, that all are safe, that attendance and contacts are all recorded, and that in-person and remote classes are well-prepared and supported, is impossible. Yet they show up every day and do all they can to make it work. Then they go home and work all evening and weekend to get ready for the next series of disruptions and surprises. All our administrators, teachers, support staff, and maintenance people have been working far beyond normal expectations to maximize the safety and quality of this new learning environment. This will continue until we can all safely return to our buildings.

A big part of this adjustment has been the creation of dozens of outside learning environments and experiences. Partnerships with Antioch University's Center for School Renewal, the Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center (BEEC), Food Connects, and many others, have led to the creation of elementary school programs centered in best practices in nature-based and place-based education. This engaging approach to development of curriculum aligned with the Vermont Early Learning Standards is becoming a central part of our school cultures and will continue to grow well after the current pandemic.

Guilford Central School has built upon previous experience operating a nature-based PK program along with a strong “Forest Day” program and is committed to spending 50% of every “in person” day outdoors. Through the labor and generosity of community volunteers, three pavilions have been erected to serve as outdoor learning spaces. They have also created outdoor classrooms in the campus woods.

Academy School has been outdoors team-building, incorporating math into the construction of outdoor spaces and forts, and writing about the world around them. Students are practicing mindfulness in sit spots, hanging tarps, and digging fire pits. With fire rings for the fire pits students are learning how to cook over a fire with food harvested from the school garden. One highlight has been having students prepare individual portions safely during a time when food can't be shared.

In Dummerston, the new forest trail is used by students for nature walks, guided lessons with BEEC staff, and to walk to outdoor classroom spaces. Community members use the trail for biking and walking after school hours. Picnic tables and fire pits have been installed at a clearing in the center of the woods.

During the summer, students had the opportunity to garden with their families and engage in planting, harvesting, and maintenance activities (weeding!). This fall, a number of classrooms continued this work, harvesting produce and then readying the garden for winter. They expect to expand the garden space, plant perennial fruit bushes, erect a greenhouse in collaboration with Walker Farm, and move the vegetable garden to a more central location. Many also enjoyed creative projects with local organizations, including the River Gallery School.

The Board has worked to support these and other thoughtful efforts to enhance learning during the pandemic. We have expanded communications by breathing life into the school Leadership Councils – drawing family members and staff from each school community into regular contact with principals and board members. Our Communications Council continues to develop improvements to our website and social media access to information and resources.

We continue to review our many programs to assure our school communities have the resources they need to take on these challenges. In July we endorsed the WSESD Ongoing Social Justice and Anti-Racist Commitment, which outlines eight goals the district will work toward. We also instituted regular reports from the Diversity and Equity Teacher Leaders in every school to help the board see the progress being made.

In the fall, we heard presentations from our Special Education team and received a report from the Program and Performance Equity Committee related to compliance with gender equity requirements in our co-curricular programs under Title IX. We received a report and recommendations from our Climate Crisis Task Force which were sent on to the Amendments and Policy Committee for consideration. The board was given a comprehensive presentation by Food Connects on school nutrition efforts and our extensive relationships with the local farm community. In November, we heard from our local early education partners about the preschool programs in our community.

As we continue to feel our way through this unprecedented pandemic, we will continue to support the efforts of our learners and the dedicated adults who work with them to create meaningful learning experiences for all our children.

Although it is a cliché to say it is an honor to serve our communities, it is the most accurate way I can describe the experience of chairing this school board. I am humbled by the breadth of knowledge and dedication of my board colleagues. Their thoughtful consideration of the incredible array of questions and issues that come before us make my job easy – all I need do is ask for their thoughts, and the way forward always becomes clear.

Our board is especially thankful for the leadership and assistance of our principals and administrative staff, who planned and implemented the necessary programs and practices to bring our community together again in a safe environment. Our new superintendent, Andy Skarzynski, has been deluged with responsibilities far beyond any expectations for a first-year leader. He has been forced to make stressful choices that affect thousands of people he has never even had a chance to see in person. His patience and clarity guiding a strong administrative team and finding ways to balance the myriad needs of these school communities has been a blessing to us. This coherent administrative voice, in conjunction with the incredible work of our WSESD teaching and support staff will never be adequately appreciated.

David Schoales, WSESD Board Chair
On behalf of the WSESD Board

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The 2020-2021 school year in Windham Southeast Supervisory Union has coincided with the COVID-19 pandemic that has loomed over all aspects of our lives. In the midst of these challenging circumstances, we have witnessed the incredible commitment of our students, staff, and families in supporting each other as we navigate the small and large changes rendered by the virus. This level of commitment and perseverance has provided us with a tremendous sense of optimism for the future and, as a school system, we are grateful and appreciative for being part of such an invested and engaged community.

It would be an understatement to share that this year has been atypical. Elements of each school day that are usually taken for granted required significant changes for the safe operations of our schools. These changes were shouldered by a collective school staff that took quick actions to interpret local and state guidance to develop routines that provided for the safety of all building occupants. Throughout the summer and first semester planning, teachers and administrators emphasized the importance of providing balance to students as they simultaneously embraced the importance of greeting each student in a positive manner. Classroom routines that are so critical in a school day were augmented to accommodate these enhanced safety and hygiene procedures. The protocols that were implemented to keep the virus at bay that included a daily health screening, hand washing, mask wearing, and physical distancing quickly became a normalized part of the school day.

As we enter the second half of the school year, our students have engaged in a variety of learning experiences and dispositions. Families were initially provided with an opportunity to select a fully remote learning environment or one that enabled students to participate in a hybrid classroom whereby students spent part of their week engaged in the classroom and the remainder of the week in a remote setting. The transition from the first semester to the second allowed for further refinement of this model.

While this year has been dominated by COVID-19, the pedagogical innovations that were driven by it will be what we look back upon in the future. The new learning models have facilitated the opportunity for rapid professional learning as they relate to not only literacy and numeracy instruction but in developing classroom community as well. Teachers quickly became skilled in the use of digital tools that enabled them to connect with their students in virtual settings. Schools have grown adept at identifying and targeting needs and creating solutions designated to improve student learning.

These new practices were not limited to remote learning platforms. The physical landscape around each school was quickly adapted to accommodate instruction outside. Whether that was through the development of outdoor classrooms, the acquisition of tents, or the generous donation of time from families, staff, and community members in modifying areas adjacent to the buildings, the transformation was incredible to observe. These areas were originally intended to provide students with an opportunity to be physically distanced but the impact of outdoor, place-based education rapidly became apparent. The emphasis quickly grew to focus on social and emotional learning, community building and resilience in addition to literacy and numeracy.

While addressing the implications of a global pandemic, our nation has been further gripped by the needs to address social justice, equity, and diversity. Protests throughout the spring, summer, and fall have underscored the urgency that we must impart upon our practices of working with our communities. Teacher leaders at each school site have been developed through the WSESU Office of Diversity, Equity, and Social Justice. These teacher leaders have facilitated the reflective conversations, practices, and professional learning necessary to enhance learning environments that are reflective of our student and family needs.

Throughout this school year, we have been fortunate to have had the enormous efforts of our administrators, teachers, and staff throughout the district. Each new challenge has been greeted as an opportunity for problem solving, collaboration, and critical thinking regarding what is in the best interest of our learners. The affinity our staff holds for their respective school and local communities is readily apparent in both action and discussion and the success that we have experienced thus far has been the direct result of their actions.

We are further appreciative of the support of our Board of Education who has toiled tirelessly to provide the policy governance necessary to ensure that students, staff, and family needs are being met. Their efforts have ensured that all voices are heard and that our schools are a reflection of our community values, beliefs, and aspirations. As a new Superintendent, the importance of this cannot be overstated and it has been a significant aspect of our ability to navigate the impact of the pandemic.

All schools in Windham Southeast Supervisory Union appreciate significant support, engagement, and participation of our families and community members. We urge you to reach out to your local school if you have further questions regarding specific programming or are interested in further volunteer opportunities.

Please remember that the voting for the annual Windham Southeast School District budget, including schools in Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, and Putney as well as Brattleboro Area Middle School, Brattleboro Union High School, and the Windham Regional Career Center, will take place via Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Andy Skarzynski
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE DUMMERSTON SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Since March 13, 2020, every member of the Dummerston School community has been navigating a complex and changing educational landscape, adjusting and adapting to new learning environments and routines, as well as forging new connections outside of our familiar patterns. While we all still long for the day when our entire school can learn together in community, this experience continues to teach us that the love, connectedness, and collective strength of Dummerston School is not contained within a physical building, but rather rests within all of the individuals who make up our school. More than ever, we are honored and so grateful to partner with the community in support of the education of Dummerston's children.

Yes, undeniably, our routines and experiences are different this year and present new challenges. During the fall semester, approximately 76% of our students followed a hybrid schedule in which they attended school in person for two days and participated in remote learning activities during the remaining three days of the week. This model allowed students to meet in person with a smaller group of students to maximize social distancing and reduce virus exposure. Another group of Dummerston School students were fully remote and, as a result of a partnership between Dummerston, Oak Grove, and Green Street Schools, participated in classes with their Dummerston peers as well as students from these Brattleboro schools. Health and safety guidelines for young children made it possible for our PreK students to attend in-person school four days per week. As I write this report, we are preparing to move to a four-day in-person schedule beginning January 27 for our K-6 students and March 3 for grades 7 and 8.

As we support students through the crisis of the pandemic, our focus has been on intentionally building community and supporting children in feeling competent and successful as they adjust to in-person academic learning or integrate into a fully remote learning environment. When in person, mask wearing, social distancing, hand hygiene, and new routines and procedures have become part of our daily life together. In all of our instructional environments, we use a relationship-based approach that empowers young people to care for one another and themselves through these simple acts of kindness.

Through the collective and collaborative efforts of staff, students, and families, Dummerston School has continued to offer student-centered programming that supports the academic, social, emotional, and physical skills of our students, including Personal Development lessons led by our school counselor; opportunities to build leadership skills through our middle school ASSET Team; nature-based learning experiences through an extensive grant-funded project with Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center; art, music, physical education, library, and Chinese instruction; and thriving middle school sports teams. We seek to support all students in seeing themselves as leaders who can work together to build a vibrant, inclusive, and enriching school community.

This year, the Dummerston School community, including our staff, students, and Leadership Council, has placed a special focus on reimagining and redesigning our outdoor learning and play environments. This work started last year before our school closure and has taken on new and important significance in the context of the pandemic. Each day at school, students can be observed hiking along our new multi-use trail built by hand by parent volunteers, working in our school garden, playing and learning in our forest classroom, and engaging in morning circles in our field. Thank you to the community volunteers who built our multi-use trail by hand and to the Dummerston Congregational Church who donated their Apple Pie Festival tent which children enjoyed all through the fall. Moving forward, we will be redesigning our main playground with the goal of breaking ground on this project in the coming summer.

Like any new school year, the start of the semester has brought new faces to Dummerston School. This year, we welcomed Allie Gregory as kindergarten teacher, Ben Ferguson as art teacher, and Molly Oglesby as PreK teacher. Beth Wells has joined us as Humanities teacher on our Grade 5/6 Team during Susannah Cassidy Friedman's maternity leave and will transition to the Grades 7/8 Team in March to support their 4-day in-person schedule. Recently, we also welcomed Dan Bailey as our new facilities manager and Dustin Minshull as our evening custodian. Andrea Burniske also joined us this year to provide additional Covid-related cleaning support during the 2020-21 school year. Please join me in welcoming these new staff members to Dummerston School.

We welcome your continued feedback and encourage your participation in our school community. Our Dummerston School Leadership Council meets monthly. Members include Tammy McNamara, Heidi Gale, Maeve Jenks, Lance Neeper, Keri Newton, Julianne Eagan, Lilly Depino, Carmen Winchester, Kathy Evans, and Erica Garnett. The public is welcome to attend our meetings. Meeting schedules and agendas are posted on both the Dummerston School and district websites. Please stay tuned for additional updates on our Facebook page, and visit our website to read more about our school's programming and staff this year.

The last months would not have been possible without the tireless dedication, creativity, resilience, resourcefulness, and courage of Dummerston School staff, students, and families, as well as our collaborative relationships with the Central Office and other schools throughout our district. Countless thanks go out to everyone in our community who has worked together in support of Dummerston School children.

Julianne Eagan, Principal

Administration

Andy Skarzynski	Superintendent
Frank Rucker, Ed.D.	Business Administrator
Julianne Eagan	Principal

Teachers

Heidi Bristol	Grade 2
Jennifer E. Brown	Academic Support
Rita Corey	Vocal Music
Kathleen Evans	Grade 3
Benjamin Ferguson	Art
Susannah Friedman	Grade 5/6 Humanities
Allison Gregory	Kindergarten
Mary Harvey-Bandish	Instrumental Music
Kimberly Lane	Physical Education
Keith Marshall	Grade 7/8 STEM
Bethany Montgomery	Grade 1
Molly Oglesby	PreK
Melissa Petroski	Librarian
Ellen Rago	Grade 7/8 Humanities
Lindsey Glabach Royce	Grade 5/6 STEM
Molly Stoner	Grade 4
Carmen Winchester	Academic Support

Staff

Melanie Keiser	Administrative Assistant
Kathy Bacon	Paraeducator
Dan Bailey	Facility Manager
Lynn Cameron	Paraeducator
Melanie Chamberlin	Paraeducator
Sandra Draper	Paraeducator
Ann Knapp	Paraeducator
Dustin Minshull	Elementary Night Custodian
Joan Momaney	Paraeducator
Chelsea Therrien	Paraeducator
Hannah van Loon	Paraeducator

Special Services

Mary Ann Runge	School Nurse
Elizabeth Richards, M.D.	Medical Advisor
Erica Garnett	School Counselor
Shelley Wilson	Director of Special Education
Francine Swanson	Speech/Language Pathologist

DUMMERSTON ENROLLMENT

Class	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
PreK	—	—	—	10	8
K	10	16	17	20	15
1	9	6	16	15	17
2	18	13	8	16	15
3	27	15	14	9	18
4	19	26	15	13	9
5	20	19	25	16	13
6	16	21	18	25	17
7	15	15	20	19	24
8	15	14	14	17	18
	149	145	147	160	154

BAMS/BUHS Students from Dummerston for 2020-2021:

Grade 7	—
Grade 8	2
Grade 9	18
Grade 10	16
Grade 11	16
Grade 12	<u>11</u>
	63

BRATTLEBORO UNION HIGH SCHOOL

This year we write to you in the midst of an extremely challenging time on both a local and global level. Our staff has certainly risen to the challenge and continues to offer the best possible educational program to our students, whether they access school in a hybrid or fully remote manner. As we navigate and adapt to these strange circumstances, we realize that attending to basic needs such as food and shelter is a priority for many of our families and we salute the work of our food service staff in providing meals for our families. Our staff is also committed to supporting the emotional needs of our students and we're looking for small, safe ways to restore a semblance of normalcy for our community when possible. Some steps in this direction have included having a fall sports season, creating time for clubs to meet and creating a daily schedule and routine that balances academics with the ongoing need to provide for a safe environment.

Despite the challenges, Brattleboro Union High School continues to offer a superior high school education. This year much of our professional development time has been directed towards programs and practices that allow us to offer content and support for students in both the hybrid and remote setting. Our teaching staff are all certified as highly qualified by the State of Vermont.

Our teachers remain among the very best in the area and in New England, and their work during the pandemic underscores how dedicated they are. Each of our departments are reviewing their

course offerings and curricula to ensure they are relevant to the needs of our students as they graduate from high school. Our departments are examining ways to help our students become informed, discerning citizens regarding many issues such as climate change and the current political landscape. We offer 25 Advanced Placement and dual credit courses at BUHS which allow students to access college-credited courses as high school juniors and seniors. Our three personalized academies (STEM, Visual and Performing Arts, and International Studies) give selected students a focused four-year program that combines rigorous course work with targeted experiences with local professionals. Our greatest strength as a school lies with our teachers, and they continue to offer exemplary opportunities for our students.

Over the past two years we have shifted our professional development focus towards our students' social emotional health, school climate, and a strong emphasis on how we can create a school community that is sensitive to stress and trauma. We also have begun the lengthy process of evaluating our curricula, policies and practices with a mindset to consider what conscious and unconscious biases are part of our work. This work represents a dramatic shift for our staff and we plan to return to this as an area of emphasis over the next few school years. In addition to this work, we are also considering changes that will be required as Act 173 is implemented in schools across Vermont.

BUHS continues to carefully assess our facility needs and our facilities crew continue to decrease our carbon footprint and improve efficiency throughout the campus. Our school building is well into its second decade of service and we are looking ahead to start some important planned maintenance on our climate systems and updates to other areas of the school. As part of the work required in the pandemic, we have evaluated air flow in our classrooms and made adjustments to improve the circulation within the school. We routinely examine and replace sections of flooring as they wear out and last summer we completed a new maintenance garage for our outside groundskeepers. We continue to be a sustainability role model for other schools across New England.

We are all proud of the work that our staff does every day at BUHS and we are also proud of the graduates that leave our school. Our students pursue a diverse array of opportunities after school including two and four-year college, military service, jobs, and apprenticeships with local employers. We are confident that our programs and staff provide all students with access to the knowledge and skills necessary for today's complex, changing world. Please visit our website at [www. http://buhs.wsesdvt.org/](http://buhs.wsesdvt.org/) to learn more about our school.

Steve Perrin, Principal
Chris Day, Assistant Principal
Kate Margaitis, Assistant Principal

WINDHAM REGIONAL CAREER CENTER

To the Citizens of the Windham Southeast School District,

When I wrote my first report to you last year I had no idea what challenges and changes the coming year would bring. The students and staff have worked together over the past year to meet

the challenges of learning and teaching in a pandemic. As the director of the Windham Regional Career Center, it has been my pleasure to get to know many of your children and take on the new realities of school and education. The region has a wonderful technical center that offers 300 to 400 students, in grades 9 -12, an in-depth, experiential learning opportunity in the areas of:

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
BUSINESS
CONSTRUCTION/ARCHITECTURE
CULINARY ARTS
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
ELECTRONICS/ELECTRICITY
ENGINEERING AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING
FILMMAKING and DIGITAL EDITING
FORESTRY/NATURAL RESOURCES
HEALTH CAREERS
CAREER FOUNDATIONS
PERFORMING ARTS
PROTECTIVE SERVICES

As well as offering students classes and services in:

TECHNICAL ENGLISH
TECHNICAL MATHEMATICS
ACADEMIC SUPPORT
DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES (High School and College Credit)
WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS
CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (CTSO'S)

In the past, students in grades 8 and 10 have had the opportunity to tour the Career Center and explore the opportunities that are offered. This year those tours will be virtual, which offers its own set of challenges. It is our hope that we can produce virtual tours that are engaging and build the desire to attend WRCC. If you have a child, grandchild, or young person who might be interested in starting to build the pathway to their future career while they are still in high school, career and technical education has many opportunities to offer. Our goal is to support students in learning the skills necessary to successfully enter the region's workforce with a higher level of employment than the typical high school graduate.

We thank you for your ongoing support.
Nancy Wiese, Director

TOWN OF DUMMERSTON
Town Meeting Minutes
MARCH 3, 2020

The legal voters of the Town of Dummerston, Vermont met as warned at the Dummerston School on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The polls were open from 8:00AM to 7:00PM. Moderator Cindy Jerome called the meeting to order at 10:04AM and declared the polls open for voting by Australian ballot on Article 1 of the Town Warning. The Moderator led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave a brief invocation and read the names of town residents who passed away during the last year. A moment of silence followed. She thanked all elected and appointed town officials and reviewed the rules of procedure.

- ARTICLE 1: Elected all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year (except for two: Auditor for remaining one year of 3 year term and Library Trustee for remaining two years of five year term which remain unfilled): Town Moderator for one year term; Town Clerk for one year term; Town Treasurer for one year term; Selectboard for two year term; Selectboard for three year term; Lister for three year term; Lister for remaining two years of three year term; Auditor for three year term; Town Agent for one year term; Town Grand Juror for one year term; Trustee of Cemetery Funds for one year term; Library Trustee for remaining one year of five year term; Library Trustee for three years of five year term; Library Trustee for five year term; WSESD Director for two year term; WSESD Director for three year term.
- ARTICLE 2: A motion to approve the Auditors' report of the Town accounts was made by Terry Chapman and seconded by Lewis White. The motion was reread and passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 3: A motion to authorize the Selectboard to appoint a receiver of delinquent taxes was made by Zeke Goodband and seconded by Lewis White. The motion was reread and passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 4: A motion was made to raise \$210,000.00 through taxes for the Capital Fund by Maria Glabach and seconded by Lewis White. Paul Normandeau questioned whether bond payments for the gravel pit should be included in the Capital Fund. The motion was reread and passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 5: A motion to authorize expenditures not to exceed \$150,000.00 from the Capital Fund for the purchase of payloader was made by Maria Glabach and seconded by Lewis White. At Jody Normandeau's request, Lewis gave an explanation of the Capital Fund. Rick Mills asked why the payloader was not bought outright. Lewis explained it was to save on the interest expense. The motion was reread and passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 6: A motion was made by Jerilyn Wilson to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$4,000.00 for the purchase of two sets of gear for the Fire Department from the Capital Fund. Lewis White seconded the motion. The motion was reread and passed by voice vote.
- ARTICLE 7: A motion was made by Zeke Goodband to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$22,750.00 from the Capital Fund for the purchase of a Tiger flail mower. Lewis White seconded the motion. Jody Normandeau asked and was assured this would not be an over the rail mower. Paul Normandeau expressed concern over the look of the roadside limb cutting. Lewis added this was just a heavier version of the roadside grass mower that the Town already has. Connie Baxter asked about the fate of the old mower. Road Foreman Lee Chamberlin said the old flail mower will be used until it actually falls apart. Erich Kruger questioned whether a cheaper one was available but Zeke Goodband said

this was a heavy commercial one which would not show up on a Google search. The motion was reread and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: A motion was made by Lewis White and seconded by Zeke Goodband to approve total general fund expenditures of \$486,492.00 of which \$319,410.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$167,082.00 by non-tax revenues for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Richard Cogliano moved to amend the motion to add \$8,418.00 for the Fire Department's budget to cover increases in expenses. Paul Adler seconded the amendment. The Selectboard mentioned this had not been presented to them at either of the budget meetings they had with the Fire Department. Harold Newell asked for a paper ballot on the amendment and was supported by more than seven others. After much discussion, Lewis White called the question. Erich Kruger seconded the motion. The amendment was passed by a 77-70 vote. The motion as amended was reread and passed by voice vote. This resulted in a new budget amount of \$494,910.00, with \$327,828.00 being raised by taxes and \$167,082.00 by non-tax revenues.

After Article 8, State Representatives Nader Hashim and Mike Mrowicki along with State Senators Becca Balint and Jeanette White spoke to the assembly.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:14PM and reconvened at 1:00PM.

ARTICLE 9: A motion to approve total highway fund expenditures of \$563,232.00 of which \$435,632.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$127,600.00 by non-tax revenues for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 was made by Lewis White and seconded by Zeke Goodband. It was noted that the gravel pit bond payment was moved to the Highway Fund. Paul Normandeau asked about using any surplus in the budget to offset the tax increase. Town Treasurer Charlotte Neer Annis explained that excess highway funds have to be used the following year. The motion was reread and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: A motion was made by Terry Chapman and seconded by Lewis White to see if the voters would establish a Highway Blasting & Ledge Crushing Reserve Fund. Ed Anthes asked if this was just for blasting in the gravel pit. The answer was yes. The motion was reread and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: A motion was made by Terry Chapman and seconded by Lewis White to raise \$18,000.00 through taxes and appropriate said amount to the Highway Blasting & Ledge Crushing Reserve Fund. Lee Chamberlin explained that the goal was to extract 5000 yards of gravel a year from the gravel pit. The blasting would be done every five years for approximately \$15,000 each time. The motion was reread and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: A motion was made by Jerelyn Wilson and seconded by Lewis White to use unexpended funds from the heat pump cost savings currently in the Capital Fund for the following: \$960.00 to paint the exterior of the Town Office building; \$750.00 to strip and wax the floors in the Town Office, and \$1,500.00 to clean the bat guano out of the attic in the Town Office. Paul Normandeau and Susan Daigler both thought these expenses should come out of the General Fund. Town Auditor Ruth Hoffman advised that money from the Capital Fund cannot be transferred. Ruth said the attic cleanup and floor refinishing were not Capital Fund expenses but the exterior painting was. An amendment was made by Ruth Hoffman and seconded by Harold Newell to only include the exterior painting in the Capital Fund expenditures. The amendment was passed by a division of the house, 43 in favor, 27 against. The motion as amended was reread and passed by voice vote. This resulted in an expenditure of \$960.00 from the Capital Fund. Ed Anthes hoped money could be found to clean up the guano as it might pose a health hazard. Maeve Jenks made an advisory motion, seconded by

Michael Silberman to have the old sign in front of the Town Office replaced. It passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: A motion to grant tax exempt status to the Evening Star Grange for a period of one year pursuant to the provisions of Title 32, Section 3840 was made by Maria Glabach and seconded by Lewis White. The motion was reread and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: A motion to grant tax exempt status to Green Mountain Camp for a period of one year pursuant to the provisions of Title 32, Section 3840 was made by Mark Brown and seconded by Susan Daigler. The motion was reread and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: A motion to appropriate the sum of \$5,592.00 to be raised by taxes for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region was made by Christophe Gagne and seconded by Alex Wilson. Sarah Lang from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) was given permission to speak in favor of the motion and about the work that SeVEDS does. Christophe Gagne of Hermit Thrush Brewery said they were instrumental in the brewery's expansion. Maeve Jenks asked how the appropriation amount was arrived at. The answer was \$3.00 per capita. Paul Normandeau moved to decrease the amount to \$3,000.00. Harold Newell seconded the motion. After comments from Harold Newell, Christophe Gagne, and Joe Little, the amendment was defeated by a division of the house, 32 yes and 40 no. The original motion was reread and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town Meeting.

Mention was made that there will be vacancies on the Selectboard next year.

Kristina Naylor gave an update of the school situation and noted the copies of the proposed School District budget in the back along with a flyer she had written up on the education funding and tax.

Jody Normandeau presented Kristina with flowers and thanked her for her years of service on the Dummerston School Board, the transitional Board and WSESD Board.

Mary Ellen Copeland spoke about the Conservation Commission's programs.

Bill Schmidt spoke about Dummerston Cares and its programs and an upcoming film being presented at the school.

Sue Kern spoke about the Lydia Taft Pratt Library, its new hours, the two free little libraries, and the annual book sale.

Catie Berg from Dummerston Cares, mentioned that the Putney Food Shelf serves Dummerston residents.

Akara Draper spoke of the need for more volunteer drivers for the Dummerston Cares Rideshare program.

Chuck Fish thanked the Town and everyone involved for the Dummerston Historical Society's building restoration.

Eric Lineback thanked Stan Howe for his many years of service on the Energy Committee.

Ed Anthes asked for support for the Green Mountain Conservancy's raising of funds to purchase 600 or so acres.

Calvin Farwell thanked Bill Johnson for his years of service on many Town committees and for helping to start Dummerston Cares.

Roger Turner reminded everyone to take the broadband survey. There is interest in a community communications network.

Maeve Jenks thanked the Auditors for their hard work. She is on the Recreation Board and hopes that more people will get involved.

Erich Kruger noted that Dummerston has spent time on resilience in the past. He requested that the Selectboard provide a link on the Town's website to who may be contacted for more information on the Corona virus. The number is 802-863-7240.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Terry Chapman moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:51PM. Charlotte Neer Annis seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

ss/ Eliza Greenhoe-Bergh, Assistant Town Clerk
Laurie Frechette, Town Clerk
Cynthia Jerome, Town Moderator

TOWN OF DUMMERSTON WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING MARCH 2, 2021

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE Town of Dummerston are hereby notified and warned to transact the following business of the Town by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 2, 2021. The polls will be open from 8:00AM to 7:00PM at the Dummerston Congregational Church at 1535 Middle Road in said Town.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all necessary Town Officers for the following positions required by law to be elected by Australian Ballot.

Moderator	1 year term
Town Clerk	1 year term
Town Treasurer	1 year term
Selectperson	2 year term
Selectperson	3 year term
Lister	3 year term
Auditor	3 year term
Trustee of Cemetery Funds	1 year term
Library Trustee	remaining 1 year of 5 year term
Library Trustee	remaining 2 year of 5 year term
Library Trustee	5 year term

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters approve the auditors' report of the Town Accounts.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a receiver of delinquent taxes.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize raising the sum of \$210,000.00 through taxes and appropriate said amount to the Capital Fund for future capital needs.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters authorize the following capital expenditure: the purchase of a dump truck at a price not to exceed \$170,000.00, and to pay for said purchase from the Capital Fund.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize the following capital expenditure: the purchase of two sets of gear for the Fire Department at a price not to exceed \$4,000.00, and to pay for said purchase from the Capital Fund.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize the following capital expenditure: the purchase of computers at a price not to exceed \$6,000.00, and to pay for said purchase from the Capital Fund.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters approve total general fund expenditures of \$507,490.00, of which \$314,907.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$192,583.00 by non-tax revenues for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters approve total highway fund expenditures of \$560,535.00 of which \$376,007.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$184,528.00 by non-tax revenues for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters authorize raising the sum of \$5,000.00 through taxes and appropriate said amount to the Highway Structures Fund for future structures projects.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters authorize raising the sum of \$18,540.00 through taxes and appropriate said amount to the Highway Blasting & Ledge Crushing Reserve Fund for future blasting and crushing.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters grant tax exempt status to the Evening Star Grange for a period of one year, pursuant to the provisions of Title 32, Section 3840.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters grant tax exempt status to Green Mountain Camp for a period of one year, pursuant to the provisions of Title 32, Section 3840.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the voters of the Town of Dummerston authorize the Town to withdraw from the Windham Southeast School District.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters of the Town of Dummerston conditionally approve and ratify the withdrawal of the Towns of Brattleboro, Guilford, and/or Putney from the Windham Southeast School District, subject to the certification of results from the respective Town votes to withdraw on March 2, 2021.

Dated at Dummerston, this 20th day of January, 2021.

Ezekiel Goodband, Chair
Terry Chapman, Vice Chair
Maria Glabach, Clerk
Jerelyn Wilson
David Baxendale