

# 2022

# Dummerston, Vermont



Town Officers' 160th Annual Report  
For the 12 Months Ending June 30, 2022

# **TOWN OF DUMMERSTON**

1523 Middle Road, East Dummerston, Vermont 05346

Population: 1864

Registered Voters: 1556

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

## **Zoning**

For information on zoning permits contact the Zoning Administrator at 802-275-5739 for an appointment.

Zoning Email: [zoning@dummerston.org](mailto:zoning@dummerston.org)

## **Health Officer**

David Baxendale: 609-915-9797

## **Telephone Numbers & Email Addresses**

Town Office	802-257-1496/257-4671 (fax)
Town Office Email	<a href="mailto:townclerk@dummerston.org">townclerk@dummerston.org</a>
Town Listers Email	<a href="mailto:listers@dummerston.org">listers@dummerston.org</a>
Town Garage	802-254-2411
Dummerston School	802-254-2733
Lydia Taft Pratt Library	802-258-9878

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

### **For Burn Permits Call:**

Fire Warden, Ted Glabach	802-384-6994
Deputy Fire Warden, Allen Pike	802-258-0100
Fire Chief, Rick Looman	802-258-1731

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> of July and are due in two installments, August 20<sup>th</sup> & February 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Grand List is compiled as of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cover: Spring in West Dummerston  
Photographer: Len Oppenheim

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**NOTE:** In an effort to reduce printing costs, reports from the agencies below are not included in the Town Report. For your information, the individual reports are available at the Town Clerk's Office:

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 Dept of Health Brattleboro  
 VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society  
 Visiting Nurse Alliance  
 Windham County Humane Society  
 Windham Regional Commission  
 Windham/Windsor Housing Trust  
 Women's Freedom Center  
 Youth Services

## Dedicated in Honor of



We thank Jean Newell for her dedication to our town and our community. Jean received the Michael P Cyprian Lister of the Year Award for the State of Vermont from the Vermont Assessors and Listers Association (VALA) in recognition of her outstanding service to the assessment profession. VALA is a non-profit professional membership organization comprised of municipal assessing officials and affiliates that are involved in the management of property assessment.

Jean has been, and continues to be, an important asset to the smooth running of the Town of Dummerston. Over the years she has been a bedrock of the Lister Office - performing the functions of a Lister while educating new Listers on the responsibilities of the office. Jean is very detail oriented and extremely knowledgeable of all the nuances required to maintain the Town's Grand List. She knows all the properties and is familiar with most of the owners. She has a dedication and commitment to ensuring that all of the functions of the office are done correctly. Finally, she has an ability to communicate sincerely and respectfully with the town residents.

**ELECTED OFFICERS**

<b>Moderator</b> (1 year term)	Cindy Jerome
<b>Town Clerk</b> (1 year term)	Laurie Frechette
<b>Town Treasurer</b> (1 year term)	Charlotte Neer Annis
<b>Selectboard</b>	
Rebecca Lotka (2 year term)	2023
Maria Glabach (3 year term)	2023
Terry Chapman (2 year term)	2024
Zeke Goodband (3 year term)	2024
David Baxendale (3 year term)	2025
<b>Auditors</b> (3 year terms)	
Ray Harris	2023
Joe Little	2024
Ruth Hoffman	2025
<b>Listers</b> (3 year terms)	
Jean Newell	2023
Michael Silberman	2024
Stephan Mindel	2025
<b>Justices of the Peace</b>	
<i>Elected November 2022/effective February 2023</i>	
Betsy Bates	<u>For Election Purposes Only</u>
Ruth Hoffman	Pearl Doubleday
F. William Holiday, Jr.	Linda Hellus
Pamela McFadden	Lynn Kuralt
Paul Normandeau	
Lew Sorenson	
Angela Lawrence	
<b>Library Trustees</b> (5 year terms)	
Lyle Holiday	2023
Susan Kern	2024
Jeanne Bristol	2025
Phyllis Emery	2026
David Schottland	2027
<b>Trustee of Cemetery Funds</b>	
Selectboard	2023
<b>WSED Directors</b>	
Michelle Luetjen Green	2023
Deborah Stanford	2025

**APPOINTED OFFICERS**

<b>Planning Commission</b> (4 year terms)	
Annamarie Pluhar	2023
Regina Stefanelli	2023
Daniel Gehring	2024
Vacant	2024
Sarah Bergh	2025
Maria Glabach	2026
<b>Development Review Board</b> (3 year terms)	
Jason P. Doubleday	2023
Alan McBean	2024
Natalie Pelham-Starkey	2024
Cami Elliott	2025
Chad Farnum	2025
Vacant, Alternate (1 year term)	
Vacant, Alternate (1 year term)	
<b>Zoning Administrator</b> (3 year term)	
Roger Jasaitis	March 2023
<b>Assistant Zoning Administrator</b>	
Vacant	
<b>Conservation Commission</b> (4 year terms)	
John Anderson	2024
Christine Goepp	2024
Lynn Levine	2024
Rick Mills	2024
David Greenewalt	2025
Emily Alexander	2026
Jesse Wagner	2026
<b>Energy Committee</b> (3 year terms)	
Eric Lineback	2023
Calvin Farwell	2024
Doug Morton	2025
Alex Wilson	2025
<b>Recreation Board</b> (1 year terms)	
Maeve Jenks	
Keith Marshall	

**APPOINTED OFFICERS, continued**

<b>Road Foreman</b>	Lee Chamberlin	<b>E-911 Contact Person</b>	Listers
<b>First Constable</b>	Lewis White	<b>Farmland Committee</b>	Noah Hoskins Diana Lischer Jack Manix D. Read Miller III Elizabeth Wood
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	Windham County Sheriff's Dept.	<b>Police Advisory Board Liaison</b>	Terry Chapman
<b>Assistant Town Clerk</b>	Eliza Greenhoe-Bergh	<b>Social Services Advisory Committee</b>	Sandra Campbell Libby Lafland Bill Pelz-Walsh Nancy Pelz-Walsh Terri Robinson
<b>Selectboard Assistant</b>	Vacant	<b>Deerfield Valley Communications Union District</b>	Eric Lineback David Evans (alternate)
<b>Health Officer</b>	David Baxendale		
<b>Weigher of Coal</b>	Ruth Barton		
<b>Poundkeeper</b>	Ron Svec		
<b>Inspector of Wood &amp; Lumber</b>	Lewis White		
<b>Tree Wardens</b>	Godfrey Renaud Jonathan Royce		
<b>Fence Viewers</b>	Ruth Barton Harold Newell		
<b>Windham Regional Commission</b>	Todd Davidson		
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector (interim)</b>	Charlotte Neer Annis		
<b>Fire Warden (until June 2027) Asst. Fire Warden (until June 2027)</b>	Ted Glabach Allen Pike		
<b>Windham Solid Waste Mgmt. District Representative</b>	Michelle Cherrier		
<b>Emergency Mgmt. Directors</b>	Marty Forrett Lewis White		
<b>Green-Up Day Chair</b>	Mark Brown		
<b>Cemetery Committee</b>	Lee Chamberlin Terry Chapman Jean Newell Lewis White		
<b>Senior Solutions Representative</b>	Carol Lynch		
<b>Rescue, Inc. Representative</b>	Harold Newell		
<b>VT Community Development Program</b>	Jack Manix		
<b>CT River Joint Commission</b>	Philip Goepp		

**TOWN OF DUMMERSTON VITAL STATISTICS**

January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022

**BIRTHS FILED**

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Parent(s)' Names</u>
Henry Lafayette Bressett	Elisa Danielle Lafayette & Adam David Bressett
Andres Rohan Colon-Bradt	Christina C. Bradt & David Richard Bradt
Oak Ember Lotka-Gagne	Rebecca Lotka & Christophe Gagne
Caleb Joseph Lynch	Megan Alyssa King & Tyler Dexter Lynch, Sr.
Hayden Elizabeth Moore	Melissa Ann Moore & Ryan Allen Moore
Emerly Lynn Pelham-Starkey	Natalie Cassandra Pelham-Starkey & Evan Thomas Pelham-Starkey
Aubrey Ann Wise	Jessica Brie Wise & William Montague Wise
Aurora Ruth Woodworth	Stephanie Maria Woodworth & Christopher Robert Woodworth

**DEATHS FILED**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Lawrence Henry Cook	90	M	January 18, 2022	Dummerston	Dummerston
Henry Hellus, Jr.	85	M	January 24, 2022	Dummerston	Dummerston
Norma Louise Smith	93	F	February 3, 2022	Dummerston	Dummerston
Helen G. Bowen	96	F	February 11, 2022	Dummerston	East Dover
Donna Saunders	77	F	February 14, 2022	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Beverly Jean Brown	93	F	March 8, 2022	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Lori Robin Reynolds	64	F	May 9, 2022	Dummerston	Dummerston
Zephyr Joseph Renaud	79	M	May 22, 2022	Dummerston	Dummerston
Robert Bertrand Knapp	72	M	July 24, 2022	Venice, FL	Venice, FL
Edward F. Fenton, Jr.	96	M	August 8, 2022	Dummerston	Dummerston
Ruth N. Perkins	79	F	August 22, 2022	Dummerston	Dummerston
Theresa Anita Bolster	76	F	November 30, 2022	Dummerston	Dummerston
Herbert A. Meckle	57	M	November 30, 2022	Lebanon, NH	Dummerston
Lorraine Maybelle Walker	87	F	December 28, 2022	Dummerston	Dummerston

**CIVIL MARRIAGES FILED**

<u>Names</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Peter Mark David Joslin Inwood Roderick	January 30, 2022	Dummerston	Dummerston Dummerston
Amanda Elizabeth McCulloch Bethany Sara Williams	July 9, 2022	Dummerston	Dummerston Dummerston
Onel Hidalgo Katherine Carroll Derby	September 2, 2022	Dummerston	Bronx, NY Bronx, NY
Nicole Ann Talbot Brian Thomas Barrows	October 1, 2022	Dummerston	Dummerston Dummerston
Kasandra Elizabeth Polacek Christopher Michael Berg	October 8, 2022	Brattleboro	Dummerston Dummerston
Elizabeth Ann Rogers Eugene Mark Friesen	October 29, 2022	Putney	Dummerston Dummerston

**Auditors Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Dummerston for the year ended on June 30, 2022. These financial statements are the responsibility of those town officers authorized by law to draw orders and keep accounts. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §§1683 and 1684, which require that we examine and adjust the accounts of all town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the town treasurer.

Our objectives were to validate through sampling methods the correctness of the town accounts, detect errors or misstatements in these accounts, and verify the financial condition and results of operations of the Town for the year ended June 30, 2022.

We believe the financial statements included in this report to be fairly stated in all material respects. We wish to thank all those who contributed information for this report.

Dummerston, VT  
January 27, 2023

Ruth Hoffman  
Joe Little  
Ray Harris

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
Capital Fund	\$195,782.86	\$169,057.41
Cemetery Fund	\$77,481.93	\$72,052.58
Conservation Commission Fund	\$2,440.12	\$2,048.96
Energy Committee Fund	\$3,703.06	\$3,703.80
Farmland Protection Fund	\$36,089.12	\$41,196.94
Fish and Wildlife Fund	\$114.01	\$134.01
Fred Miller Fund	\$103,624.42	\$102,645.56
Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund	\$13,117.61	\$13,120.24
Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)	\$15,259.24	\$15,262.29
Prospect Hill Pasture Fund	\$9,985.12	\$11,037.26
Reappraisal Fund	\$32,000.89	\$31,635.96
Recreation Board Fund	\$13,099.25	\$11,134.69
Restoration Fund	\$48,110.39	\$54,358.73
West Dummerston War Memorial Fund	\$2,805.95	\$2,813.07

**Capital Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021		\$195,782.86
Add:		
Interest Earned	41.32	
Taxes Voted	<u>210,000.00</u>	
		210,041.32
Deduct:		
Office Computers	5,892.00	
WDVFD 2019 Pumper Payment #4	67,607.97	
2022 Western Star*	159,266.80	
WDVFD turn-out gear	<u>4,000.00</u>	
		<u>236,766.77</u>
<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022</b>		<b><u><u>\$169,057.41</u></u></b>

\* Net after trade in of 2012 International for \$30,000.

**Cemetery Fund**

Balance in Cemetery Fund July 1, 2021		\$77,481.93
Add:		
Interest Earned Checking Account	3.77	
Sale of Perpetual Care	800.00	
FY 2022 Town Appropriation	<u>5,300.00</u>	
		6,103.77
Deduct:		
Mowing & Maintenance	4,250.00	
Putnam Fund Loss	<u>7,283.12</u>	
		<u>11,533.12</u>
<b>Balance in Cemetery Fund June 30, 2022</b>		<b><u><u>\$72,052.58</u></u></b>
(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, 2021		\$32,956.00
Add:		
Donohue (Taft)	400.00	
Koloseike (Wilder)	<u>400.00</u>	
		<u>800.00</u>
<b>Balance in Lots Account June 30, 2022</b>		<b><u><u>\$33,756.00</u></u></b>

Cemetery Fund monies maintained in:		
Money Market Checking Account		19,101.21
Putnam Fund		<u>52,951.37</u>
		<b><u><u>\$72,052.58</u></u></b>

**Conservation Commission Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021			\$2,440.12
Add:	Interest Earned	0.36	
	Donations	246.00	
	FY 2022 Town Appropriation	<u>1,000.00</u>	
			1,246.36
Deduct:	BCTV	175.00	
	Science Support at School	1,075.00	
	Speakers' Fees & Program Expenses	250.00	
	Website Maintenance	112.00	
	Postage	<u>25.52</u>	
			<u>1,637.52</u>
<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u><u>\$2,048.96</u></u></b>

**Energy Committee Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021			\$3,703.06
Add:	Interest Earned	<u>0.74</u>	
			0.74
Deduct:	No Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>	
			<u>0.00</u>
<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u><u>\$3,703.80</u></u></b>

**Farmland Protection Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021			\$36,089.12
Add:	Interest Earned	7.82	
	Donation	100.00	
	FY 2022 Town Appropriation	<u>5,000.00</u>	
			5,107.82
Deduct:	No Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>	
			<u>0.00</u>
<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u><u>\$41,196.94</u></u></b>

**Fish and Wildlife Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021		\$114.01
Add:	F&W License Sales	<u>360.00</u>
		360.00
Deduct:	Payment to State	<u>340.00</u>
		<u>340.00</u>
<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022</b>		<b><u><u>\$134.01</u></u></b>

**Fred Miller Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021		\$103,624.42
Add:	Interest Earned Checking Account	8.09
	Interest Earned Vanguard Fund	<u>107.50</u>
		115.59
Deduct:	Donation for a Needy Child	1,080.00
	Bank Checks	<u>14.45</u>
		<u>1,094.45</u>
<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022</b>		<b><u><u>\$102,645.56</u></u></b>

Fred Miller Fund monies maintained in:

Money Market Checking Account	39,533.85
Vanguard Fund	63,111.71
	<b><u><u>\$102,645.56</u></u></b>

**Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021		\$13,117.61
Add:	Interest Earned	<u>2.63</u>
		2.63
Deduct:	No Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>
		<u>0.00</u>
<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022</b>		<b><u><u>\$13,120.24</u></u></b>

**Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021			\$15,259.24
Add:	Interest Earned	<u>3.05</u>	
			3.05
Deduct:	HRA Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>	
			<u>0.00</u>
<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u><u>\$15,262.29</u></u></b>

**Prospect Hill Pasture Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021			\$9,985.12
Add:	Interest Earned	2.14	
	Donations	<u>1,050.00</u>	
			1,052.14
Deduct:	No Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>	
			<u>0.00</u>
<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u><u>\$11,037.26</u></u></b>

**Reappraisal Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021**			\$32,000.89
Add:	Interest Earned on CD	25.50	
	Matured CD Transferred to Checking Account	20,076.26	
	State Act 60 & Lister Education Funds	9,851.50	
	Interest Earned From Checking Account	<u>4.31</u>	
			29,957.57
Deduct:	Town of Dummerston: Reimburse Legal Expenses	2,434.60	
	Town of Dummerston: Reimburse Reapp supplies	153.30	
	Town of Dummerston: Reimburse Reapp Salary	7,658.34	
	Matured CD Closed 12/17/21	<u>20,076.26</u>	
			<u>30,322.50</u>
<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022</b>			<b><u><u>\$31,635.96</u></u></b>

\*\* Included monies in CD and Checking Account

**Recreation Board Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021		\$13,099.25
Add:		
Interest Earned	1.56	
Deposit for Gouin Field	1,000.00	
Donations	<u>300.00</u>	
		1,301.56
Deduct:		
Gouin Field Expenses	2,960.06	
Rec Expenses	<u>306.06</u>	
		<u>3,266.12</u>
<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022*</b>		<b><u><u>\$11,134.69</u></u></b>

\* \$3,754.29 of balance is restricted to Gouin Field Use

**Restoration Fund**

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

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021		\$48,110.39
Add:		
Revenue - Restoration	3,838.00	
Rev. Computerize Land Records	<u>3,838.00</u>	
		7,676.00
Deduct:		
Land Records Expenses	<u>1,427.66</u>	
		<u>1,427.66</u>
<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022</b>		<b><u><u>\$54,358.73</u></u></b>

**West Dummerston War Memorial Fund**  
(Certificate of Deposit)

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021		\$2,805.95
Add: Interest	<u>7.12</u>	7.12
Deduct: No Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022</b>		<b><u><u>\$2,813.07</u></u></b>

**ARPA REVENUE & DISBURSEMENTS**  
(Separate General Ledger account)

Revenue

7/1/2021-6/30/2022	\$260,676
7/1/2022-12/31/2022	<u>\$264,971</u>
	\$525,647

Disbursements

7/1/2021-6/30/2022	\$11,312
7/1/2022-12/31/2022	<u>\$95,891</u>
	\$107,203

**Balance December 31, 2022** \$418,444

**GENERAL FUND**  
**Comparative Balance Sheet**  
*Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

	<u>6/30/2021</u>	<u>6/30/2022</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash	\$333,084.69	\$452,362.24
Due To/From General Fund	-179,979.47	-299,951.91
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$153,105.22</b>	<b>\$152,410.33</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Real Estate Taxes Paid in Advance	2,354.62	7,812.33
Due to State - Marriage Licenses	100.00	100.00
Due to State - Dog Licenses	110.00	65.00
Employees Retirement	-0.03	
Employee AFLAC payments	124.74	236.37
FY 2020 Surplus to be used in FY 2022	57,636.62	
FY 2021 Surplus to be used in FY 2023		92,779.27
	<b>\$60,325.95</b>	<b>\$100,992.97</b>
Fund Balance	92,779.27	51,417.36
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$153,105.22</b>	<b>\$152,410.33</b>

**HIGHWAY FUND**  
**Comparative Balance Sheet**  
*Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

	<u>06/30/21</u>	<u>06/30/22</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Due To/From General Fund	\$66,865.28	\$110,879.98
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
FY 2020 Surplus for FY 2022	54,028.21	
FY 2021 Surplus for FY 2023		12,837.07
	<b>\$54,028.21</b>	<b>\$12,837.07</b>
Fund Balance	12,837.07	98,042.91
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$66,865.28</b>	<b>\$110,879.98</b>

**HIGHWAY STRUCTURES FUND****Comparative Balance Sheet***Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

	<u>6/30/2021</u>	<u>6/30/2022</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Due To/From General Fund	\$45,608.76	\$55,927.76
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
2020 Surplus	11,263.20	
2021 Surplus		45,608.76
	<u>\$11,263.20</u>	<u>\$45,608.76</u>
Fund Balance	34,345.56	10,319.00
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$45,608.76</u></b>	<b><u>\$55,927.76</u></b>

**HIGHWAY BLASTING & LEDGE CRUSHING RESERVE FUND****Comparative Balance Sheet***Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

	<u>6/30/2021</u>	<u>6/30/2022</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Due To/From General Fund	\$18,000.00	\$36,540.00
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
2020 Surplus	0.00	
2021 Surplus		18,000.00
	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$18,000.00</u>
Fund Balance	18,000.00	18,540.00
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$18,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$36,540.00</u></b>

**Statement of Delinquent Taxes**

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Real Estate Property Taxes

	As of 6/30/2021	For Collection February 21, 2022	Collections	Abatements*	Balance as of 6/30/2022
2010	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2011	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2012	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2013	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2014	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2015	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2016	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2017	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
2018	\$1,169.39		\$1,169.39		\$0.00
2019	\$12,459.45		\$6,317.93		\$6,141.52
2020	\$37,648.90		\$19,158.11		\$18,490.79
2021		\$131,552.32	\$96,336.42		\$35,215.90
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$51,277.74</b>	<b>\$131,552.32</b>	<b>\$122,981.85</b>		<b>\$59,848.21</b>

\* 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, 2022

<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>All Years</u>
Ayer, Deborah	\$ 1,553.27 *
Bricault, Alix & Christine	\$ 1,267.38 ***
Covey, Jennifer	\$ 121.75
Crossman, Debra	\$ 103.50
Douglas, Edward	\$ 1,244.61 ***
Fellows, Christopher	\$ 1,026.61 ***
Hellus, Ellen	\$ 2,376.86 *
Koski, Kevin	\$ 6,314.53 ***
Mathewson, M & Smith, C	\$ 983.22 ***
McMahon, Jesse	\$ 2,846.50 ***
Miller, D Read	\$ 7,533.01 *
Miller, D Read III	\$ 11,289.83 *
Ranquist, Bethany	\$ 1,777.88 ***
Romanoff, Richard Estate	\$ 10,605.58 *
Saunders, Donna	\$ 252.33 ***
School of Theology	\$ 54.90 ***
Shaoul, Cyrus & Roos, Kerstin	\$ 1,463.40 ***
Sparks, James	\$ 378.00
Spencer, James	\$ 1,222.64 *
Weeks, Tabitha	\$ 1,635.21 *
Wood, Arthur J Jr	\$ 5,797.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 59,848.21</b>

\* denotes partial payment by 12/31/2022

\*\*\* paid in full by 12/31/2022

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, 2022

	<b>Municipal</b>	<b>Homestead</b>	<b>Non-Residential</b>
Taxable Parcels	1014		
Acres	18,551.05		
Real	295,910,800	169,222,200	126,688,600
Add:			
Non Approved Contracts		0	758,200
Equipment	97,600	0	97,600
Deduct:			
Veteran	320,000	240,000	80,000
Land Use	15,877,521	5,977,426	9,880,095
Contracts	1,260,700	0	1,163,100
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1% of Grand List	2,785,501.79	1,629,847.74	1,164,212.05

<u>Tax Rate Name</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>= Total Tax Raised</u>
Non Homestead Education	1.5142		1,156,630.05	1,751,369.24
Homestead Education	1.6151		1,629,847.74	2,632,366.99
Local Agreements	0.0055		2,785,501.79	15,320.57
Highway Blast/Crush Fund	0.0067		2,785,501.79	18,662.97
Highway Structures	0.0018		2,785,501.79	5,014.01
Capital Plan Fund	0.0754		2,785,501.79	210,026.83
Highway	0.1350		2,785,501.79	376,045.26
Municipal	0.1135		2,785,501.79	<u>316,146.69</u>
Total Taxes Billed				\$5,324,952.56
Education portion of State Credit Received				-654,310.98
Municipal portion of State Credit Received				<u>- 10,078.26*</u>
Adjusted Total Taxes billed				\$4,660,563.32

Distribution of Taxes

State Education Property Tax Homestead/Non Residential Tax	\$3,658,547.71**
Municipal/Highway and Local Property Tax	942,167.74
Delinquent Taxes to Collector	<u>59,848.21</u>
Total Taxes Accounted For	\$ 4,660,563.32

\* Includes \$495 late HS 122 filing fee retained by town. See FINAL FY2022 Act 68 Cash Flow

\*\*See FINAL FY2022 Act 68 Cash Flow for Municipality

FY2022 Act 68 Cash Flow for Municipality, FINAL Data  
Based on FINAL Education Grand Lists, 11-May-22

District: **SU048 Dummerston**  
s.U.: **Windham Southeast SU**

LEA ID: **T061**  
County: **Windham**

FY2022 Education Spending Summary

	Local	Windham Southeast USD	
1. Total Education Spending grant owed to the School Districts	-	43,641,900	1.
3. Total Education Grant Owed to the School Districts after Health Care Recapture	-	43,641,900	3.
4. Percent of equalized pupils from SU048 Dummerston at school district(s)	0%	9.65%	4.
5. Education spending SU048 Dummerston is responsible for	-	4,211,443.35	5.

	Reference	Municipal Treasury	School District Treasury	State Treasury	
6. Homestead Education Grand List	1,735,699.74				6.
7. Homestead tax rate (base rate is \$1.00, adjusted by district spending and CLA)	1.6151				7.
8. Homestead education liability	2,803,329.00				8.
9. Total credit for tax bills	32 V.S.A. § 6065(a)	746,206.28			9.
10. Municipal portion of credit		12,773.26			10.
11. Education portion of credit		733,433.02			11.
12. Subtotal	line 6-line 9	2,069,895.98			12.
13. Late Fee Retained					13.
14. Late Fee Retained	32 V.S.A. § 5402(c)	495.00			14.
15. Amount raised on homestead properties		2,069,400.98			15.
16. 0.225 of 1.0% of homestead liability retained by municipality	32 V.S.A. § 5402(c)	4,657.27			16.
17. Net homestead education taxes available for school districts & Education Fund		2,064,743.71			17.
18. Local amount of homestead tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants		0.00%			18.
19. Windham Southeast USD amount of homestead tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants		100.00%	2,064,743.71		19.
20. Homestead education tax liability to the state treasury					20.
21. Subtotals		2,069,895.98	5,152.27	2,064,743.71	21.
22. Subtotals					22.
23. Non-Residential education grand list		1,054,945.05			23.
24. Non-Residential tax rate (base rate is \$1,612, adjusted by the CLA)		1.5142			24.
25. Non-residential education liability	Non-residential EGL x non-residential tax rate	1,597,398.00			25.
26. Amount Raised on Non-Residential properties					26.
27. Amount Raised on Non-Residential properties		1,597,398.00			27.
28. 0.225 of 1.0% of non-residential liability retained by municipality	32 V.S.A. § 5402(c)	3,594.00			28.
29. Net Non-Residential education taxes available for School Districts & Education Fund		1,593,804.00			29.
30. Local amount of non-residential tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants		0.00%			30.
31. Windham Southeast USD amount of non-residential tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants		100.00%	1,593,804.00		31.
32. Non-residential education liability to the State Treasury					32.
33. Subtotals		1,597,398.00	3,594.00	1,593,804.00	33.
34. Subtotals					34.
35. Totals	line 20 + line 32	3,667,293.98	8,746.27	3,658,547.71	35.

FY2022 Municipality Payment Schedule TO the State Treasury  
(Homestead payments are based on line 19, non-residential payments on line 31)

	September 10, 2021	December 1, 2021	December 10, 2021	April 30, 2022	June 1, 2022
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	line 2:	-	
37. Non-residential taxes to the Local school district	line 3:	-	
38. Homestead Taxes to Windham Southeast USD		2,064,743.71	
39. Non-residential Taxes to Windham Southeast USD		1,593,804.00	
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	Total	3,658,547.71	

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**

	<b>Budget</b> <b>7/1/21–</b> <b>6/30/22</b>	<b>Actual</b> <b>7/1/21 –</b> <b>6/30/22</b>	<b>Adopted</b> <b>7/1/22 –</b> <b>6/30/23</b>	<b>Proposed</b> <b>7/1/23 –</b> <b>6/30/24</b>
FY 2020 Surplus	54,028	54,028.21		
FY 2021 Surplus			12,837	
FY 2022 Surplus				98,043
Property Taxes	376,007	376,007.00	438,128	427,150
Highway State Aid	130,500	132,989.93	132,990	136,500
Gravel Pit Reimb. From Putney	0	30.00	0	0
Insurance Reimbursements	0	15,821.20	0	0
Sale of Used Equipment	0	906.25	0	0
Refunds	0	721.05	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$560,535</b>	<b>\$580,503.64</b>	<b>\$583,955</b>	<b>\$661,693</b>

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

	<b>Budget</b> <b>7/1/21–</b> <b>6/30/22</b>	<b>Actual</b> <b>7/1/21 –</b> <b>6/30/22</b>	<b>Adopted</b> <b>7/1/22 –</b> <b>6/30/23</b>	<b>Proposed</b> <b>7/1/23 –</b> <b>6/30/24</b>
Property Taxes	5,000	5,000.00	25,000	125,000
State Aid Revenue	0	14,719.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$19,719.00</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

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

	<b>Budget</b> <b>7/1/21–</b> <b>6/30/22</b>	<b>Actual</b> <b>7/1/21 –</b> <b>6/30/22</b>	<b>Adopted</b> <b>7/1/22 –</b> <b>6/30/23</b>	<b>Proposed</b> <b>7/1/23 –</b> <b>6/30/24</b>
Property Taxes	18,540	18,540.00	19,096	26,659
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$18,540</b>	<b>\$18,540.00</b>	<b>\$19,096</b>	<b>\$26,659</b>

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

	Actual 7/1/2021 - <u>6/30/2022</u>	Anticipated 7/1/2022 - <u>6/30/2023</u>	Proposed 7/1/2023 - <u>6/30/2024</u>
Grant in Aid FY21	20,340	0	0
Grant in Aid FY22	0	17,500	0
Grant in Aid FY23	0	0	31,000
VT Better Rds Grant	0	0	52,000
PACIF Equipment Grant	<u>0</u>	<u>2,234</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u><u>\$20,340</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$19,734</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$83,000</u></u></b>

**JULY 2021 STORM DAMAGE - COSTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS**  
(Separate General Ledger account)

Repair Costs

7/1/2021-6/30/2022	\$216,744
7/1/2022-12/31/2022	<u>\$97,123</u>
	\$313,867

FEMA Reimbursments

Received 2022	\$129,242
Anticipated 2023	<u>\$193,875</u>
	\$323,117

**Anticipated Surplus \$9,250**

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

	<b>Budget 7/1/21– 6/30/22</b>	<b>Actual 7/1/21 – 6/30/22</b>	<b>Adopted 7/1/22 – 6/30/23</b>	<b>Proposed 7/1/23 – 6/30/24</b>
FY 2020 Surplus	57,637	57,636.62		
FY 2021 Surplus			92,779	
FY 2022 Surplus				51,417
<b>Tax Revenue:</b>				
Current Taxes	314,907	192,387.53	279,769	374,431
State Current Use Payment	73,500	82,278.00	74,150	54,887
CU Lien Release Penalty	0	4,030.00	0	0
State Pilot Program Payment	8,000	7,691.40	8,300	6,792
Delinquent Taxes	0	122,981.85	0	0
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	0	7,008.34	0	0
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	0	9,824.12	0	0
	<b>\$396,407</b>	<b>\$483,837.86</b>	<b>\$362,219</b>	<b>\$436,110</b>
<b>State Funds:</b>				
Railroad Corporate Tax	2,700	1,370.49	2,700	2,700
Equalized GL Study	1,000	1,037.00	0	0
VTTC - Local Fines	4,500	5,732.00	3,370	4,500
	<b>\$8,200</b>	<b>\$8,139.49</b>	<b>\$6,070</b>	<b>\$7,200</b>
<b>Permits &amp; Licenses:</b>				
Liquor Licenses	210	280.00	350	300
Weight Permits	200	275.00	280	280
Dog Licenses	950	835.00	900	850
Zoning Permits	2,100	2,835.00	2,100	1,500
Land Development Permits	190	535.00	190	500
Appeals/Conditional Use Permits	1,500	2,825.00	1,500	1,000
	<b>\$5,150</b>	<b>\$7,585.00</b>	<b>\$5,320</b>	<b>\$4,430</b>
<b>Fees &amp; Charges for Services:</b>				
Fees for Recording Documents	17,200	21,159.00	20,000	20,000
Fees for Filing Documents	80	150.00	80	120
Fees for Issuing Licenses	550	625.50	550	600
Certified Copies of Records	700	440.00	410	420
Uncertified Copies of Records	2,100	1,975.55	2,900	0
Charges for Record Search	500	457.00	600	475
Registration Renewals	40	48.00	30	45
Charges for Use of Copier	400	0	0	2,000
Miscellaneous Fees & Charges	20	3.00	0	0
	<b>\$21,590</b>	<b>\$24,858.05</b>	<b>\$24,570</b>	<b>\$23,660</b>

**Other Revenue:**

Insurance Reimbursements (incl. Fire Dept., Hist. Soc., LTP Library)	9,156	10,725.00	9,350	12,503
Interest Earnings	550	195.87	350	800
Refunds	0	21.33	0	0
Animal Impoundment Fees	100	0.00	100	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	47.44	0	0
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	8,700	8,814.50	0	0
Reimburse. From Reappraisal Fund	0	2,434.60	0	0
Reimburse. From Cemetery Fund	0	0.00	0	0
Fire Dept. Donation	0	1,857.76	0	0
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$18,506</b>	<b>\$24,096.50</b>	<b>\$9,800</b>	<b>\$13,303</b>
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$507,490</b>	<b>\$548,516.90</b>	<b>\$500,758</b>	<b>\$536,120</b>
<b>Total Highway Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$560,535</b>	<b>\$580,503.64</b>	<b>\$583,955</b>	<b>\$661,693</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,068,025</b>	<b>\$1,129,020.54</b>	<b>\$1,084,713</b>	<b>\$1,197,813</b>

**SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL TAXES**

	Voted 2022 For FY 2023	Proposed FY 2024
Taxes to be raised for General Fund	279,769	374,431
Taxes to be raised for Highway Fund	438,128	427,150
<b>Additional Articles</b>		
Capital Fund	140,000	25,000
Highway Structures Fund	25,000	125,000
Highway Blasting & Ledge Crushing Reserve Fund	19,096	26,659
<b>Total Municipal Taxes</b>	<b>\$901,993</b>	<b>\$978,240</b>

**HIGHWAY FUND****Actual and Estimated Expenditures**

	<b>BUDGET FY '22</b>	<b>ACTUAL FY '22</b>	<b>BUDGET FY '23</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET FY '24</b>
<b>HIGHWAY MAINT.</b>				
Wages - General & Winter	213,758	198,303.86	219,842	228,715
Personnel Expenses	4,000	4,333.60	4,100	4,400
MSHA Training	0	0.00	0	0
Culverts	6,000	6,444.20	12,000	12,000
Crushing Gravel & Ledge Prod.	17,500	18,272.80	18,565	24,500
Chloride	11,400	0.00	11,400	14,000
Gravel Pit - Operating Exp.	1,000	1,997.22	1,040	1,500
Gravel Pit – Bond Payment	65,058	65,058.00	64,506	63,942
Contract Services	4,000	4,650.00	4,000	4,500
Retreatment	95,000	17,602.31	96,000	120,000
Bridge Repairs	1,000	12,300.71	1,000	1,000
Covered Bridge Maintenance	500	0.00	600	600
Road Sign Replacement	800	249.12	800	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	0.00	1,000	1,000
Salt	19,000	20,070.18	20,000	23,000
Sand	12,500	14,039.28	12,500	14,000
Road Line Painting	2,000	2,836.92	3,000	5,000
Street Lights	3,600	3,569.25	3,600	3,600
Vehicle & Equip. Ins.	11,399	12,600.45	13,802	16,210
Garage-Supplies	1,500	2,046.18	1,500	2,100
Fuel Oil & Firewood	0	700.00	500	800
Telephone – Garage	420	709.94	450	576
Telephone – Cell	950	494.30	500	500
Building Maintenance	2,000	1,652.69	2,000	2,000
Electricity	2,300	2,315.17	2,400	2,400
Gasoline	3,000	3,468.44	2,000	1,000
Diesel Fuel	36,000	51,317.38	42,000	63,000
Motor Oil & Grease	1,500	62.53	1,500	3,000
Operating Costs	18,000	20,488.35	18,000	20,000
Equipment Repairs	22,000	14,545.08	22,000	24,000
Radios & Radio Repair	500	0.00	500	500
Small Tools & Equip.	1,500	982.77	1,500	1,500
Act 64 Payment to State	1,350	1,350.00	1,350	1,350
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$560,535</b>	<b>\$482,460.73</b>	<b>\$583,955</b>	<b>\$661,693</b>

**HIGHWAY STRUCTURES FUND****Actual and Estimated Expenditures**

	<b>BUDGET FY '22</b>	<b>ACTUAL FY '22</b>	<b>BUDGET FY '23</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET FY '24</b>
Structures Projects	0	9,400	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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	fair			
	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	
2	7 Park Laughton Rd.	b-11	2-5' by 30'		fair	boiler tubes flooded before	\$220,000.00	2026
	8 Miller Rd.	b-15	9' by 26'		good			
2a	9 Greenhoe Rd.	b-5	6' by 40'		good	small floods with 4 inches rain	220,000	grant
	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	2024
	21 School House Rd.	5	48' by 100'		good			
7	22 Kipling Rd.	b-1	6' by 50'		good	boiler tube	\$150,000.00	2040
	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	2043
6	26 Beaver Pond Rd.		5' by 20'		good	boiler tube	\$150,000.00	2038
5	27 Beaver Pond Rd.	8	5' by 20'		good	boiler tube	\$160,000.00	2035
	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		
1a	30 Stickney Brook Rd.	14	43" by 30'		poor	Too small,short and bent,boiler tu	\$60,000.00	
	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 const.	\$147,000.00	2019
9	34 Sunset Lake Rd.	b-14	6' by 30'		good			2048
3	35 Johnson's Curve Rd.	3	5' by 7' by 110'		poor		\$500,000.00	2028
	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 deck 2009		
	38 Green Iron Bridge				excellent	Rebuilt 2010- 2011		
4	39 Camp Arden Rd.	b-15	5' by 60'		fair	boiler tube,flooded before	\$200,000.00	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		\$250,000.00	2050
	Camp arden Rd		10' by 30'		excellent	belco	\$97,000.00	2022
	Hague rd		8 by 30'			check with anr	60,000	2030

**GENERAL FUND****Actual and Estimated Expenditures**

	<b>BUDGET FY 22</b>	<b>ACTUAL FY 22</b>	<b>BUDGET FY 23</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET FY 24</b>
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>				
Selectboard Salaries	2,500	2,500.00	2,500	2,500
Wages - Clerical	8,320	1,348.00	8,653	9,000
Selectboard Expenses	250	184.58	250	250
Legal Notices	500	450.00	300	300
Meetings/Training	350	68.00	350	350
V.L.C.T. Assessment	3,390	3,390.00	3,439	3,557
WRC Assessment	4,297	4,296.93	4,495	4,778
WSWMD Assessment	12,267	12,266.64	11,700	12,866
BCTV Assessment	1,200	1,200.00	1,200	1,200
Professional Services	1,500	370.00	1,500	1,500
FICA & Medicare	24,429	22,967.50	25,956	27,023
Retirement	10,793	10,380.58	12,310	12,803
Health Insurance	43,569	44,508.96	44,780	51,505
Health Reimbursement Acct. (HRA)	0	0.00	5,000	0
Payment in Lieu of Health Insurance	0	0.00	0	0
Unemployment Insurance	727	724.00	719	564
Workers Compensation	25,749	19,138.45	14,528	16,384
Public Official Liability	5,659	6,089.20	6,520	7,690
Property Owners Policy	5,966	4,582.95	5,200	7,446
<b>Total Selectboard</b>	<b>\$151,466</b>	<b>\$134,465.79</b>	<b>\$149,400</b>	<b>\$159,716</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Wages - Town Clerk	31,699	33,487.36	33,597	34,948
Wages - Assistant Clerks	9,280	8,372.00	9,651	10,040
Wages - Treasurer/Tax Collector	22,724	22,429.50	23,633	25,116
FEMA/ARPA Admin	0	1,444.00	0	0
Elections - Operating Supplies	800	1,607.58	1,950	1,550
Supplies & Postage	2,500	3,217.97	3,500	3,600
Annual Bulk Mail Permit	245	265.00	290	300
Dues & Meetings	500	359.00	400	400
Wages - Auditors	450	450.00	450	600
Wages - Town Report typist	100	0.00	100	100
Supplies - Auditors	30	0.00	30	30
Training - Auditors	180	0.00	180	180
Town Meeting Training	70	0.00	70	70
Town Report - Printing & Postage	2,400	2,518.37	2,600	2,730
Town Report - Postage	400	0.00	0	0
Listers - Wages	17,840	11,521.62	18,544	19,288
Lister Clerical Wages	0	0.00	1,818	1,891
Listers - Reappraisal Wages	0	0.00	0	0

Listers – Reappraisal Supplies	0	2,434.60	0	0
Listers - Supplies & Postage	300	343.86	300	350
Listers - Meetings & Training	400	100.00	400	400
Listers - Licenses & Software	1,200	1,634.15	1,400	1,750
Listers - Legal Notices	130	0.00	150	150
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	0	9,851.50	0	0
Mapping	1,200	1,368.50	1,200	1,450
Listers - Travel Expenses	150	64.94	250	250
Wages - Delinquent Tax Collector	0	0.00	0	0
Del. Tax Collector Expenses	700	0.00	200	200
Refund of Tax Sale Proceeds	0	0.00	0	0
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$93,298</b>	<b>\$101,469.95</b>	<b>\$100,713</b>	<b>\$105,393</b>

**PLANNING/ZONING**

Wages - Zoning Administrator	11,813	13,739.08	13,650	14,196
Supplies & Postage - Zoning	200	203.96	200	200
Supplies & Postage - PC	50	0.00	50	50
Supplies & Postage - DRB	150	55.81	150	150
Legal Notices - PC	250	318.75	250	250
Legal Notices - DRB	1,200	1,335.00	1,200	1,200
Meetings & Training - Zoning	200	28.00	200	200
Meetings & Training - PC	200	0.00	200	200
Meetings & Training - DRB	250	0.00	250	250
Legal Services	0	291.90	0	0
Computer Hardware/Software	0	22.50	0	0
Printing - PC	200	0.00	100	100
Travel - Zoning	200	195.32	200	200
Travel - PC	100	0.00	100	100
Travel - DRB	100	0.00	100	100
Clerical - PC	350	112.50	350	350
Municipal Planning Grant	0	0.00	0	0
<b>Total Planning/Zoning</b>	<b>\$15,263</b>	<b>\$16,302.82</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>\$17,546</b>

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Municipal Building Supplies	350	232.51	400	450
Telephone	1,290	2,134.48	1,360	1,700
Janitor Service	1,950	1,950.00	1,950	2,000
Building Maintenance	3,650	1,895.75	1,550	1,550
Lawn Care	1,010	835.00	1,130	1,500
Electricity	1,680	1,463.94	1,680	1,700
Water	200	200.00	200	200
Copier Expense	2,150	2,125.45	2,200	2,300
Computer Expense	9,375	7,794.19	8,875	8,900
New Equipment	500	0.00	250	250
<b>Total Municipal Building</b>	<b>\$22,155</b>	<b>\$18,631.32</b>	<b>\$19,595</b>	<b>\$20,550</b>

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Sheriff's Department Contract	15,080	15,000.00	17,400	17,980
Rescue Inc. Assessment	44,767	44,773.28	44,350	45,245
Wages - Health Officer	0	0.00	0	0
Health Officer Exp.	50	0.00	50	0
Windham County Humane	600	600.00	600	600
Animal Control Contract	0	0.00	3,000	4,470
Animal Control Officer Expenses	50	0.00	0	0
Animal Control Officer Stipend	500	0.00	0	0
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>\$61,047</b>	<b>\$60,373.28</b>	<b>\$65,400</b>	<b>\$68,295</b>

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Protection	57,918	57,918.00	61,445	61,445
VLCT Insurance (Reimb. by WDVFD)	7,859	8,533.45	9,208	10,741
Building Loan Repayment	28,849	28,816.62	0	0
Donation to Fire Dept.	0	1,857.76	0	0
<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>\$94,626</b>	<b>\$97,125.83</b>	<b>\$70,653</b>	<b>\$72,186</b>

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Annual Operating Expenses	1,200	1,005.00	1,200	1,200
EMD & Assistant EMD Wages	0	99.00	6,500	6,500
Grant Expenditures	0	0.00	0	0
<b>Total Emergency Management</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>	<b>\$1,104.00</b>	<b>\$7,700</b>	<b>\$7,700</b>

**WASTE COLLECTION**

Trash Pick-up - Hwy Garage	800	984.00	1,080	1,080
Green up Total	180	301.00	350	350
Litter Disposal	100	0.00	125	125
<b>Total Waste Collection</b>	<b>\$1,080</b>	<b>\$1,285.00</b>	<b>\$1,555</b>	<b>\$1,555</b>

**HEALTH & WELFARE**

Aids Project of Southern Vermont	200	200.00	200	200
Brattleboro Area Hospice	400	400.00	400	400
Brattleboro Senior Meals	400	400.00	600	700
Southeast VT Transit	250	250.00	250	200
Dummerston Cares	1,300	1,300.00	100	750
Gathering Place	500	500.00	500	400
Grace Cottage Hospital	380	380.00	1,000	550
Groundworks Collaborative	4,000	4,000.00	4,000	4,000
HCRS	850	850.00	850	800
Senior Solutions	800	800.00	900	900
SEVCA	1,715	1,715.00	1,900	1,900
VT Center for Independent Living	0	0	100	100
Visiting Nurse Alliance	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
Winston Prouty (Windham Child Care)	500	500.00	500	600
Women's Freedom Center	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
Youth Services	500	500.00	500	500
<b>Total Health &amp; Welfare</b>	<b>\$13,795</b>	<b>\$13,795.00</b>	<b>\$13,800</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>

<b>CEMETERIES</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>	<b>\$5,300.00</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>	<b>\$9,125</b>
<b>RECREATION BOARD</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>COMMUNITY CENTER</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$14,900</b>	<b>\$13,945.63</b>	<b>\$15,300</b>	<b>\$18,834</b>
<b>CONSERVATION</b>				
VT Assoc. of Conservation Districts	100	100.00	100	100
SE VT Watershed Alliance	200	200.00	220	220
Conservation Commission	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
Energy Committee	0	0.00	0	0
Farmland Protection Fund	5,000	5,000.00	5,000	7,000
<b>Total Conservation</b>	<b>\$6,300</b>	<b>\$6,300.00</b>	<b>\$6,320</b>	<b>\$8,320</b>
<b>COUNTY TAX</b>	<b>\$23,010</b>	<b>\$23,010.00</b>	<b>\$24,022</b>	<b>\$29,500</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>				
Bank Service Charges	100	40.00	50	50
Historical Society of Windham County	200	200.00	200	200
Memorial Day	150	150.00	150	150
Miscellaneous	0	.92	0	0
SeVEDS	3,600	3,600.00	3,600	3,000
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$4,050</b>	<b>\$3,990.92</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$3,400</b>
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$507,490</b>	<b>\$497,099.54</b>	<b>\$500,758</b>	<b>\$536,120</b>
<b>Total Highway Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$560,535</b>	<b>\$482,460.73</b>	<b>\$583,955</b>	<b>\$661,693</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,068,025</b>	<b>\$979,560.27</b>	<b>\$1,084,713</b>	<b>\$1,197,813</b>

<b>TOWN OF DUMMERSTON EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>MILEAGE 12/31/2022</b>	<b>HOURS 12/31/2022</b>
1986 Morbark Wood chipper model 13		918
1990 Rawson screening plant owned w/Putney		6,213
2012 John Deere backhoe		6,152
2013 Kubota tractor		3,828
2015 Western star 6 wheel dump truck	56,934	
2016 Western Star dump truck	63,647	5,080
2017 Dodge Ram 5500 4 by 4	38,943	1,550
2019 John Deere 622 grader		1,955
2020 Freightliner 6 wheel dump truck	38,749	2662
2020 John Deere loader		1093
2022 Western Star 6 wheel dump truck	6,400	
<b>WEST DUMMERSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE APPARATUS</b>		
Engine 1 2019 International/E-One	6,591	315
Engine 2 2009 International/E-One	9,000	942
Engine 3 1999 Freightliner/E-One	13,572	1699



### **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. The Committee oversaw the sale of a few lots and burials this summer. We are planning on meeting in the spring to begin work on plotting the new section in the Taft Cemetery.

Anyone interested in purchasing perpetual care may contact the Town Office or a committee member listed in the front of this report. 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, formerly the West Dummerston School, is a handicapped-accessible Town-owned building that is leased to Town volunteers who have worked diligently to maintain and operate the building and the grounds. This organized group have have spent time, money, energy and dedication for 26 years. There will be a few changes as new board members are needed. A few current members will be retiring. The monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m., held in the Meeting Room at the Center. Contact any Board members with questions or need information.

Lester Dunklee, Chairperson; Randy Hickin, Co-Chairperson; Ann Davis, Treasurer; Jean Momaney, Secretary; also including Patty Timney and Mary Tyler.

### **Conservation Commission**

The Conservation Commission continues its mission of addressing the environmental questions and concerns of our fellow Dummerstonians. First-hand knowledge of our ever-changing natural surroundings is, as always, being gathered and factored into our advocacies. The Commission welcomed three new members in 2022: Amy Wall, Jesse Wagner (formerly of the Brattleboro Conservation Commission), and Emily Alexander. Amy is serving as our school liaison and led an outdoor workshop building bluebird houses. Jesse brings deep local knowledge and tireless physical energy and optimism to the Commission. And we are very grateful to Emily for taking the lead in a much-overdue website renovation, creating completely new organizational design and content, and changing platforms from Wordpress to Squarespace.

We continue to prepare our monthly newsletter, which goes out to over 400 subscribers. The newsletter includes varied seasonal nature notes, the occasional story, and upcoming events. This year we have focused on a special series on Dummerston's hiking and walking trails, including geological and cultural information and our own trail maps. The Commission also administers a Dummerston Conservation Commission Facebook group and "Conservation Stations" with books and other conservation-centric information for visitors and passers-by. This year we sent welcome letters to new homeowners in Dummerston, offering information and resources for land management in this area. We also obtained a kiosk from Southern Vermont Watershed Alliance to help our physical outreach efforts, which we anticipate can also be used by other town entities. We have resumed in-person community and educational events, with a series of in-person talks and workshops at the Community Center, Dutton Pines State Park, and Dummerston School on subjects ranging from hawk watching, fern identification, and rare local plants to soil health.

In 2022 the Commission continued to financially support the Bonnyvale Education Center's work with students at Dummerston Elementary School. BEEC staff are working with grades Pre-K through 6th doing a combination of in-person and remote programming, with a program of menu options from which teachers can choose. The Commission also represented local conservation interests at the proposed Maple Valley brewery proceeding and is an active member of the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions. The Commission physically maintains several recreational sites within Dummerston, including Prospect Hill, the rain garden on Route 30, and Dutton Pines State Park. Finally, we collaborated with the Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District in successfully applying for a grant to design an access point to the beach by the Covered Bridge. If completed, this project will allow residents and tourists safe access to this scenic spot while protecting the ecosystem and water from further erosion of the bank.

### **Dummerston Review Board**

The Dummerston 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 Board's 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 2021-2022 are available for review at the Town Office. To access the DRB Webpage, visit [Dummerston.org](http://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 J. Peter Doubleday, Cami Elliot, Chad Farnum, Vice Chair, Alan McBean, Chair, and Natalie Pelham-Starkey. The two alternate positions are one-year appointments and are currently vacant.

### Dummerston Cares

During this year, which began in July 2021 and ended June 2022, the volunteers of Dummerston Cares worked diligently despite the ongoing pandemic to provide most of Cares' services to the residents of our town. Programs such as the Message Line, Rides, Medical Equipment Loans, Emergency Home Fuel Assistance, T'ai Chi, Gentle Yoga and Valentine Boxes continued with adjustments for COVID concerns. Other programs like Friendly Visitors, Chores Corps, the giving of flower arrangements were on hiatus. Condolence cards and some other cards were sent and in lieu of friendly visits there were some friendly phone calls and visits by Zoom.

While the End-of-Summer Picnic that was planned for Sept. 12 on the school grounds had to be cancelled because of COVID, Cares' volunteers persisted with their event planning and Dummerston's first annual picnic was held a year later, in Sept. 2022.

When COVID eased in the spring of 2022 the hibernating services resumed in limited ways though indoor community programs remained at a standstill.

Of special note are:

- Everyone Eats continued through almost the entire year with 3,653 meals delivered to 22 families by seven volunteers.
- The beginning of a Volunteer Recognition column in *The Views of Dummerston*, noting outstanding community service performed by some residents and organizations.
- School support continued in collaborative efforts with the school's principal, nurse, counselor and social worker; food and gas cards were given some families, the school's grant application for funds to build a pavilion was supported, and there was communication with the school's staff in the planning of the End-of-Summer Picnic at the school.
- Adoption of a DECLARATION OF INCLUSION pledge us to accept all of the town citizens with equity and respect. Cares' Declaration follows:

*We welcome all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, differing ability, economic status, and education;*

*We commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community;*

*We value respectful engagement in all forms.*

Cares' services and programs are free to town residents. They are provided by volunteers and financially supported by the Town, Dummerston Community Chest, and individual donors.

Cares' Board members this year were Catie G. Berg (secretary), Rev. Shawn Bracebridge, Susan Daigler (treasurer), Akara Draper, Phyllis Emery, Norris Evans, Cassie Freese, Cindy Levine, Meg Lyons, Pam McFadden, and Bill Schmidt (president).

To learn more about Cares services, programs, volunteer needs or the making of a donation, talk to a Board member or go to the Cares' website at [www.dummerstoncares.org](http://www.dummerstoncares.org), call Cares' Message Line (257-5800), or use Cares' postal address: PO Box 302, West Dummerston, VT 05357.

### **Energy Committee**

As the climate crisis grows and energy costs increase, the Dummerston Energy Committee (DEC) has been working on various projects, as well as general education efforts.

In 2022, we continued to communicate with the West Dummerston Fire Department (WDFD) as a follow-up to the energy audit of the West Village Station, in order to help them improve their energy efficiency and reduce their costs. We continued working on promoting modern wood heat for town residents, as well as the Button Up state-wide energy efficiency program, and evaluating opportunities for advancing the use of plug-in electric and electric-hybrid vehicles, including both cars and bicycles. We continued monitoring and advocating for state legislation and other programs affecting energy use and sourcing, climate change, energy efficiency, and resiliency – such as the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI), the Global Warming Solutions Act and subsequent Climate Action Plan (CAP), the Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP), and others.

We researched and proposed an idea for evaluating the feasibility (at no cost to the town) of developing a wastewater treatment system for the West Village, where the future of individual septic systems is uncertain. We also completed most of the work on a plan to replace the failing lighting system at the town's covered bridge. We were able to successfully obtain a new set of modern LED lights and have them installed by volunteers, at no cost to the town. The donated equipment alone was worth more than \$6,000, and being more efficient than the previous system, should save the town money on electricity expenses.

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 continue monitoring and contributing to the state's various efforts regarding energy and climate change. And, as a follow-up to work we did this year with Efficiency Vermont, we will be pursuing several new projects, including: helping the Dummerston Community Center (and library) to increase its energy efficiency, button up, and reduce costs; replacing the old and inefficient lighting system at the town garage (Highway Department); and developing a plan to install a distributed solar PV system for town electricity needs. Our hope is that some of the town ARPA funding can be used towards these projects.

Finally, DEC is always looking for new members to add to 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 – regardless of your background. You can contact us anytime at [energy@dummerston.org](mailto:energy@dummerston.org).

### **Green Mountain Camp**

Green Mountain Camp completed its 105th season in 2022! For well over a century, campers from near and far have been making cherished memories at GMC. Nearly 250 different girls registered for a total of 371 sessions, carrying on the traditions begun in 1917. Camp director Billie Slade and her staff of 55 (7 from Dummerston) welcomed 86 new faces. Our mission to empower girls to believe in themselves and their ability to make a difference in the world remains relevant today.

As we navigated through our third season of the pandemic, it proved to be more crucial than ever that girls have a safe place to play and learn while building appreciation of each other and the land around them. In 2022, the camp provided more than \$19,000 in tuition assistance to 53 girls who needed financial aid. One of the highlights of the year was being able to welcome some of our newest Vermonters to GMC, with nine resettled Afghan refugee children attending camp. The generosity of this community allows the camp to be an inclusive place for girls of various backgrounds and that diversity makes the experience richer for all.

In keeping with our focus on working towards a "greener" Green Mountain Camp, we began our "Harness the Sun" campaign this year to convert most of our electricity usage to solar power in the coming year. We kicked off this initiative with a wonderful open house event, complete with live music and tours back in May that was very well attended. This project was made possible in part by generous donations contributed by individuals, organizations and businesses, many located right here in Dummerston. This generosity of spirit has been the foundation of our collaborative efforts and GMC is most grateful! We value our ongoing relationship with local businesses and have contracted with several of them to work on past and present projects. Many of these projects are focused on making the camp more environmentally friendly and more accessible to all!

We hope that you will keep GMC in mind as a place to hold an event during the warmer months. The facilities have been used by non-profits, youth groups, school picnics, weddings, birthday parties, family reunions, and others who want a unique setting for their time together. With the addition of a new fully equipped ADA bathroom, we are excited to open the camp up to even more people. We would love to have more residents of Dummerston take advantage of this special place, and offer a special rental rate for you!

Please visit our website at [www.greenmountaincamp.com](http://www.greenmountaincamp.com) for more information about Green Mountain Camp. We are proud to be one of Dummerston's many treasures and value being an integral part of this community.

### Highway

This year was difficult because of the increase in inflation, with diesel fuel up over 100%, paving up 30% and every other line item up 15 to 30%.

We ended up milling and paving half a mile on East-West Road. The purpose of milling is to re-establish the crown where possible and we only put one and three quarters of an inch of new pavement down so this allows it to be a uniform thickness. We also try to recycle the millings when possible. In the summer of 2023, we are hoping to be able to finish up East-West Road from Dummerston Center west to where we left off last year, with the help of a state grant.

Last year the highway department replaced 34 culverts. There were 7 road and four driveway culverts on Stickney Brook Road; one on North pond Road; one on Jelly Mill Road; one on Falk Road; one on Miller Road; one on Canoe Brook Road; one on Roel Road; 2 on Camp Arden Road; one on Bunker Road; 2 on Black Mountain Road; 2 on Kipling Road; 4 on Spaulding Hill Road; 2 on Kelly Road; one on Wickopee Hill Road, and one on East Orchard Road.

The town, with the help of Bellco Excavating and FEMA, replaced a culvert on Camp Arden Road and installed a 30 foot wide by 10 foot long bridge. This project has already made a difference with the amount of washing the town gets during heavy rain storms.

The town received a grant to pay for work on stone-lined and grass-lined ditches on the upper end of Stickney Brook Road, North Pond Road, Betterly Road and Fisch Road. Next year the Grant in Aid projects will be Black Mountain, Dutton Farm and Kipling Roads.

The town ended up using the entire salt budget, 3,500 yards of sand and 3,500 yards of crushed gravel.

### Historical Society

Board of Directors: Charles Fish, Ruth Hoffman, Jody Normandeau, Sara Ryan, Gail Sorenson, and Muriel Taylor

The Dummerston Historical Society would like to take a moment to offer gratitude for the wonders of technology. Although Covid-19 closed our Schoolhouse to the public for most of 2022, three Quarterly Meetings were successfully held by Zoom, drawing over 110 attendees. We dearly miss the cozy meetings in our Schoolhouse and plan to return to them as soon as it is deemed safe for our membership and friends. As virus restrictions relaxed in the fall we were able to open our doors to visitors on three Sunday afternoons. We expect to continue this tradition in the spring of 2023. All of our Quarterly Zoom Meetings are recorded and are available for viewing on our website: [dummerstonhistoricalsociety.org](http://dummerstonhistoricalsociety.org).

The January Annual Meeting theme for discussion was “Early engine driven transportation in Dummerston and environs...planes, trains and automobiles.” Some specially invited “Old Timers” were urged on by interviewer Chuck Fish to tell of the early days of our very own airport, the busy train station at Malfunction Junction, and the intricacies of automobiles back in the day, including muddy roads, heating systems and roll down windows. Memories were evoked and many hearty chuckles were enjoyed. Thanks to all who shared their stories.

Our July Quarterly Meeting featured Glenn Annis, local railroad historian extraordinaire, who provided a fascinating history of railroad development in the East and West Dummerston area. Although many of us were familiar with 36 Miles of Trouble by Victor Morse describing the trials of the West River Railroad which ran from Brattleboro to South Londonderry from 1880 – 1936, we DID NOT know that there were once 4 train stations operating in Dummerston! Did you? Clearly the railroad was an important part of local history. Thank you, Glenn.

The October Quarterly Meeting welcomed Lynn Levine, local consulting forester, author, environmental educator and naturalist. Lynn spoke in great detail about a plot of land on the east flank of Black Mountain, once pasture and now for many years forested. Many of us have trekked this land in all seasons. and while we enjoyed it, we now have a much better understanding of its detailed history. Big and small, always something of interest to one such as Lynn with eyes to see and brain to know. Thanks to her we will enjoy our next trek in the forest in a different way.

Focus in 2023 will be to continue our work as preservers of our beloved schoolhouse, our past and present Dummerston history and to bring programs of interest to our members and friends. We are also actively looking for volunteers. As we have begun to delve into our collection, we have identified specific jobs that need attention. Any amount of time you may have to offer would be greatly appreciated. Please call Muriel Taylor for details, 802-380-7525.

A reminder that the 2023 Scenes of Dummerston calendar, T-shirts and Note Cards are available at the Town Office or by contacting us at [dummerstonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dummerstonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com). We appreciate the generous mini-grant from C&S Printers for providing calendar printing. All of 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 2023 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

We continue to work on inconsistencies and corrections to the town wide reappraisal. Many details continue to need attention.

We had another busy year processing real estate transfers. We had a total of 81 transfers of various types, from April through December, including sales, subdivisions, establishment of trusts and so on. At present, Dummerston has 1011 properties of which 116 are in Current Use.

Our work continues in maintaining the grand list, and monitoring Homestead Declarations, Form HS 122. At this writing (December, 2022) we still have 61 non filers. A reminder... If you declare Vermont as your place of residence, you are required, by law, to file the HS-122 form in a timely manner each year.

This past fall, our long time lister Jean Newell, was recognized as the 'Lister of the Year' by the Vermont Association of Listers and Assessors, which represents all of the listers and assessors statewide, with a presentation at their annual conference in Montpelier. Well-deserved recognition for her many years of dedicated service to the town.

We would like to appeal to town residents that we continue to look for a person interested in becoming a Lister. Please contact us at the town office.

Our posted office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9 AM until noon. Please call us for an appointment if needed at the town office. You may also leave an email message at [listers@dummerston.org](mailto:listers@dummerston.org) or leave a voicemail at 802-257-1496

### 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 seven members are appointed by the Selectboard to 4-year terms. Current members and terms are:

Sarah Bergh	2025
Maria Glabach	2026
Daniel Gehring	2024
Annamarie Pluhar	2023
Regina Stefanelli	2023
[vacant seat]	
[vacant seat]	

In 2023, the Planning Commission will have 3 vacancies - we encourage members of our community with an interest to attend a meeting to see if you may want to contribute your energies to the Town through the Planning Commission. The group represents a diverse range of interests, and it can be an even stronger commission with more voices. Dummerston residents who would like to serve on the Commission may submit a letter of interest to the Selectboard.

In 2022, the Planning Commission held a public hearing after two public informational sessions and adopted improvements to the zoning bylaw which were sent to the Selectboard for final review and have been approved. The amended bylaws can be found on the town website. The content approved focused on Home Business and Signs.

Currently, the Planning Commission has been working on improvements to the screening provisions as it may apply to solar development; food truck and signage is another area of focus; and we recently worked on an amendment impacting helipads and airstrips. Updates to the town plan will be on upcoming agendas as well.

The Planning Commission's regular meeting is on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm, the meetings are currently being held in hybrid form on both Zoom and in person. Meeting locations are shared in each month's agenda. All meetings are open to the public. Meetings are warned on the town website as well as at the town office, school, and West Dummerston P.O. 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](mailto:planning@dummerston.org) or mailed to the Town Office.

### Selectboard

It has been a busy and eventful year for the town and for the Selectboard. As we entered the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, encouraging signs emerged that we are starting to return to more normal times as the number of cases and hospitalizations in the state and county have fallen substantially. Though not out of the woods by any means regarding COVID, we were able to better focus on other priorities for our town. Board meetings continued to be held in person at the West Dummerston Community Center and the normal work of the board proceeded – with appointments to committees and boards, traffic and animal control issues, granting of liquor permits, and new bids for road maintenance equipment.

For the second year in a row the town budget passed by Australian ballot. We are hopeful that we can return to an in-person town meeting in 2023.

ARPA (The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021), allocated \$512,000 to Dummerston for qualifying projects for which all organizations and enterprises in our community can apply. Several town organizations made in-person presentations requesting consideration for allocation of the ARPA funds. There is a wide variation in the types of projects that can be funded but the emphasis is on infrastructure improvement such as improved energy efficiency and a focus on projects that benefit a large part of our community. Proposals continue to be received and reviewed by the Board and several allocations have been approved -- generally dealing with infrastructure improvement and enhanced energy efficiency; these have included projects for the Fire Department, the Town Office, the Community Center, the Grange, the Historical Society, and the Recreation Department.

Funding has been received at various times during the year from FEMA reimbursing the town for repairs made to infrastructure, roads and culverts as a result of damage from the devastating tropical storm IDA. The remaining repairs and the subsequent reimbursement will be finalized in the coming year. The town is responsible for 5% of the costs of this work, the state picks up 5% and FEMA picks up the 90% balance.

The town has contracted with the Windham County Sheriffs Department along with other area towns to take on the duties of the Animal Control Officer effective on July 1, 2022.

As of this writing the Board continues work on the budget for Fiscal 2024 which will be presented to the town in March at Town Meeting. Various town organizations have met with the Selectboard to present their budget requests. The Board endeavors to meet these budget requests while striving to keep our town as affordable as possible.

### Town Clerk

The year 2022 was quite busy here at the Town Office. Town Meeting was held by Australian ballot in March; the State Primary took place in August and the General Election in November. The voting percentage of registered voters was 27%, 40% and 69% respectively. I want to thank all the volunteers who worked at the polls. Your help is greatly appreciated!

During fiscal year 2022, this office issued 16 motor vehicle registration renewals; 6 marriage licenses; 167 dog licenses; 15 Fish & Wildlife licenses. We earned \$2,415.55 for certified and informational copies and \$21,159.00 in recording fees. \$7,676.00 was added to the reserve funds for restoration and computerization of the Land Records. An additional \$2,673.50 was earned by issuing various licenses and permits. We recorded 522 instruments in the Land Records totaling 2,238 pages, which nearly filled four books.

### West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department

2022 was a good year and for the most part, things are looking forward. We had a successful golf tournament and look forward to the tournament next year. We were able to host the Pancake Breakfast this year and we had a good turn out for being away the last two years, we look forward to it again next year. This year we were able to have a bake sale at the VT Welcome center on I91 in Guilford thanks to our ladies Auxiliary.

We were able to hold our annual Kids Fishing Derby at the Center fire station with a great turnout and also enjoyed having our families help us place flags for veterans at all of the Cemeteries in town.

We have had the pleasure the last couple years of helping the school fill the ice rink in town and look forward to doing it moving forward.

Remember we are here for you no mater what the situation is, we are here to help and we thank you for your support.

We are grateful for the ARPA grant money we received from the Town. We used this for Doors & Lights at the West Station, a generator for the Center Station, and pagers for personnel.

<u>TYPE OF EMERGENCY</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
MEDICALS	57	108	148
FIRE	3	11	4
FIRE ALARMS	10	4	10
TREES / WIRES	18	21	19
CAR ACCIDENTS	15	23	26
CARBON MONOXIDE	7	6	5
OTHER	11	18	12
BRUSH FIRES	2	3	8
COVER TRUCK	9	14	
MUTUAL AID GIVEN	17	20	32
MUTUAL AID RECEIVED			9
 <u>TOTAL CALLS</u>	 149	 228	 264

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief, Rick Looman

### Windham County Sheriff's Department

This year, the Windham County Sheriff's Office will be partnering with towns and stakeholders to consider how we deliver policing service. I believe Windham County can harness a system that provides better service that makes more efficient choices of how our taxes are used. Taking a step back to look at how Vermont intends to provide law enforcement (and other public safety systems), we often find members of the public confused by what agencies do, how various systems of government work, and ultimately leads to frustration when a person needs help. I'll be inviting towns into a discussion about how we could collectively build a better service replacing and improving the current construct. Together, we can endeavor to provide access to full-service law enforcement, while being mindful of the burden on taxpayers' shoulder. It will take work, and this is work worth doing.

<b>Top 10 Calls</b>	<b>Count</b>
Assist – Agency	2
Assist - Motorist	11
Directed Patrol	7
Motor Vehicle Complaint	2
SMART Cart	4
Suspicious Event	2
Theft	2
Traffic Stop	215
VIN verification	4
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>263</b>

The most harrowing discussion members of the public have sought me out for in the last year is personal safety and crime. A casual reader might think this to be a standard topic for a person like me (and it is); the volume at which I'm having this discussion is unlike anything I've experienced. As of this writing, WCSO has been asked to provide roughly 26,480 deputy hours with requests targeting issues surrounding violence, aggression, and an increase in aggressive driving in communities. For reference, our three-year average of annual patrol hours deputies worked throughout the county is approximately 14,000. While we work to support the increased demand, we must call out the nearly twelve months of time to adequately recruit, hire, train, and assign deputies to these assignments.

I'm pleased to share that we have moved our office to 185 Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro. Our departure from our location in Newfane was bittersweet, as the former county jail offered a geographically central, historically exhilarating location on one of the most photographed commons in Vermont. It also came with the burden of a two-hundred-year-old structure that didn't meet modern day standards and required significant investment to cure. Our new facility offers us space to grow our Regional Communications facility, provides improved air management, fire suppression, ADA access, a modern electrical system, and more. I must emphasize that the location of our office doesn't impact our ability to deliver services to communities through Windham County as our cruisers serve as "rolling" offices with in-car computers, access to our electronic records, and integrated communications equipment. As we've strived toward modernizing our systems, we've been intentional on keeping deputies present in your community.

Last year, I shared about our Regional Animal Control Officer (ACO) program, which Dummerston is a member of. The initial work of the member towns has been a remarkable success, addressing animals that are vicious; at-large; neglected; unregistered; and in need of quarantine.

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 Brattleboro until it closed in 1995. As more towns joined the District, a regional materials recovery facility (MRF) was constructed by the District adjacent to the closed landfill and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. Currently 18 towns are members of WSWMD which employs 6 full-time and 3 part-time persons to provide educational programs and operate the transfer station and composting facility on Old Ferry Road.

**Town Solid Waste Services:** Seven member towns, Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Wilmington operate transfer stations for trash and recyclable materials. Other materials such as tires and electronics are also collected by some transfer stations, and most of the single stream recyclables are processed at the Casella MRF in Rutland. All town transfer stations are required to provide containers for drop-off of food scraps. Three towns, Brookline, Halifax, and Marlboro provide 24-7 drop-off sites for recyclables. Three towns, Brattleboro, Vernon, and Westminster provide residential curbside trash and recycling collection. Five towns, Dummerston, Guilford, Newfane, Putney, and Somerset do not provide any trash or recycling services. Residents and businesses can contract with haulers for trash and recycling collection services. There are also two companies providing subscription collection of food scraps. The WSWMD website has a map showing the services provided by each town.

**Financial Report:** WSWMD finished fiscal year 2022 (FY22) with a budget surplus of \$224,887, which has been allocated toward the construction of the expanded compost facility. Revenues of \$1,500,194 off-set total expenses of \$1,206,748 and \$68,559 of capital reserves and expenses. The annual assessment to member towns for fiscal year 2023 was kept the same as the prior year, although each town's respective assessment varied due to population changes using the new 2020 census figures.

**Transfer Station:** The WSWMD transfer station is a regional drop-off center for trash, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station also handles electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, paint, sharps/syringes, textiles, books, tires, and household hazardous waste. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker at \$40/year. Approximately 3,000 customers purchase annual access stickers. There is no additional charge for recycling and composting. Fees are presented at [www.windhamsolidwaste.org](http://www.windhamsolidwaste.org).

**Materials Recovery Facility (MRF):** The District voted to close the MRF in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled and sold, generating revenue for the District. Revenue in FY22 was exceptionally high at \$166,000 due to the strong markets for recycled cardboard.

**Composting Facility:** Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only ones that are reused locally are food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 9th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. WSWMD donates compost for school and community gardens.

As the food scrap composting mandates of Act 148 have been phased in, the total quantity of food scraps processed at the site have increased each year, and therefore the District is pursuing a capital expansion project at the facility. The new composting facility will have a building with aerated windrows, air collection for odor control, as well as rainwater and liquid management systems for the compost piles. The expansion will allow the District to continue to locally manage organic wastes while meeting state permitting requirements for a larger capacity facility.

**Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP):** All towns in Vermont are required to meet state solid waste management requirements through implementation of an authorized SWIP. The District writes and implements a SWIP on behalf of all its member towns, and so provides compliance and the accompanying services to each member town. 2022 was the third year of the five-year term of the current SWIP, which addresses household hazardous waste collection, education and outreach, as well as numerous other requirements.

**Solar Array:** WSWMD leases its capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital to operate a 5 mega-watt solar array, the largest group net-metered project in the state. Greenbacker has contracted to provide solar power for 20 years to the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Halifax, Newfane, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, and Wilmington.; schools in Brattleboro, Marlboro, Putney, and Vernon; 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:** Management of household hazardous waste is a costly and difficult service required by state regulations. Member towns benefit by having the District provide this service to all District residents and small businesses. In 2022, the WSWMD operated the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot and sponsored special one-day events in Readsboro and Wilmington. This year, 355 households were served by the program, a slight increase from last year. The HHW Depot is open by appointment one day each week from May through October. The average cost per user at the Depot is \$75, which is covered by a user fee of \$10, a Vermont DEC grant program, and operating costs of the District. At the special one-day events, costs are much higher, typically about \$200 per user. The Depot provides a convenient and cost-effective way for residents and small businesses to dispose of their hazardous waste.

**Community Outreach & Technical Assistance:** The District continues to provide technical assistance for schools, businesses, and towns. In 2022, WSWMD's programs were expanded by a grant of \$68,000 from the US Department of Agriculture. Under the grant project, the District has been able to provide member town transfer stations with new signage and technical assistance; recycling and composting workshops at schools in Guilford, Marlboro, Vernon, Newfane/Brookline, and Brattleboro; assistance in how to improve waste management in over 40 businesses; and new videos and other educational resources available on our website. A \$5,000 grant from the Windham Foundation was instrumental in establishing food scrap collection in four downtown Brattleboro buildings with a mix of retail, office, and residential tenants.

**Special Event Outreach and Technical Assistance:** WSWMD has 20 sets of bins for collecting recyclables, food scraps, and trash at special events. They are available to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for use at fairs, festivals, weddings, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help events reduce their waste.

### Zoning Administrator

This report covers permits processed during the fiscal year. A total of 56 Permits were processed this year and can be sorted into the following categories: **34 Zoning Permits, 13 Conditional Use Permits, 1 Variance Permit and 8 Land Development (Subdivision) Permits.** The permits are specifically for the following:

- **Single Family Dwelling: 6 approved**  
This category includes new construction, reconstruction or change in Use to a Single Family Dwelling or 2 Family Dwelling including mobile homes, modular homes, manufactured homes, camps, “tiny houses” and yurts.
- **Accessory Dwelling Unit: 2 approved**  
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.
- **Addition to Living Space: 7 approved**  
This category includes adding additional living space and/or reconstruction or conversion of existing living space or structural alteration of living space. (Heated space)
- **Addition: 9 approved**  
This category includes adding and/or reconstruction or conversion of existing space or structural alteration of existing space. (Unheated space)
- **Accessory structures: 21 approved**  
This category includes all development not intended for residency, such as storage sheds, barns, studios, garages, access roads, bridges, etc.
- **Decks/porches: 5 approved**  
This category includes any unheated structures including entryways.
- **Excavation/Landfill: 1 approved**
- **Accessory Use: 0 approved**  
This includes Home Business Category B
- **Conditional Use: 11 approved, 1 Waiver denied, 1 under appeal**  
This category includes conditional use, site plan and change of use applications. These require Development Review Board approval. Examples are; Home Business (Category C), Commercial activity, Business Uses, Short term rental, structures in Flood hazard areas, Rights of Way, Variances and Waivers.
- **Land Development (Subdivisions): 8 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 except for Home Business Category A.**

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

Roger Vincent Jasaitis, Zoning Administrator, [zoning@dummerston.org](mailto:zoning@dummerston.org)

### **Lydia Taft Pratt Library**

2022 has been an interesting, exciting and busy year for the Lydia Taft Pratt Library! We were fortunate to receive grants for Equipment and Supply Purchases as well as for Collections and Equipment Purchases from The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds disbursed to the Vermont Department of Libraries via the Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS) Grants to States program. The purpose of this funding was to help "communities respond directly and immediately to the pandemic, as well as to related economic and community needs through equitable approaches."

With these funds, the library was able to apply some accessibility upgrades in the form of a new Book Drop Box outside the library, and a new workstation inside the library. We also upgraded the staff computer and printer, and have acquired a beautiful "New Americans Collection," which is a collection of new children's picture books featuring immigrant families.

Visitors to the library have noticed that we have been doing a little rearranging in the library. We have worked to optimize the limited space and resources available to us, while continuing to think creatively about how to improve upon these. In the last year, we created a Young Adult Nook snuggled in behind the children's area and the fish tank, complete with comfortable seating facing our Young Adult Fiction Collection, and an augmented collection of graphic novels that, though small, receives a good amount of traffic. We've also opened up space in the front of the library to allow for better browsing of our new books and a usable work station for our public.

We have continued to encourage people to wear masks while in the library, but have felt comfortable offering in-person programming for the first time since the winter of 2020. We have a Book Club and Knitting and Needlework Club that meet regularly, and last summer we hosted several Summer Reading Program events for children as well as out-door movie events. We have noticed the influx of younger people to Dummerston as they've come into the library to become library users. We are excited to welcome new people to Dummerston, including the newest and littlest people; we've finally caught up with our New Baby Book dedications, a program in which we dedicate a new picture book to the babies born in Dummerston each year.

Finally, our Library Trustees and staff have embarked on a process of long-term strategic planning that began with an evaluation and reworking of our Mission and Vision, and was followed up with several community meetings designed to gain input from our community on the direction the library should point for the future. A result of our strategic planning efforts so far has been the realization that we have been in dire need of a "Friends of the Library" group to advocate for the library in our town. A group has recently come together to help ensure the health and longevity of Dummerston's Public Library. If you are interested in the health of your public library, please consider becoming a member of Lydia's Friends, our friends and advocates group! And, feel free to let us know how you're feeling about the library any time.

We would like to thank and acknowledge Susan Kern for her longtime commitment to the Lydia Taft Pratt Library. Susan worked as a volunteer and trustee for many years and we appreciate her time and expertise. We miss Susan's guidance in all matters of the Library and wish her well.

**LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY****REVENUE**

	<b><u>FY 2023</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024</u></b>
Grants	200	500
Town Support**	15,300	18,834
Donations - Annual Appeal	4,100	4,100
Donations - Miscellaneous	1,043	2,000
Interest	5	5
Fundraising - Events	3,000	3,500
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$23,648</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,939</u></b>

**EXPENDITURES**

	<b><u>FY 2023</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024</u></b>
Librarian Salary/Benefits*	12,448	14,734
Memberships/Professional Devel.	100	100
Mileage	50	50
Internet/Wifi	600	500
Library World Subscription (Technology)	600	2,405
Books/Audio/Visual (Library Materials)	3,950	3,950
Rent Paid to Community Center	2,200	3,300
Insurance	100	200
Programs/Summer Reading	500	500
Telephone	600	600
Post Office Box Rental	100	150
Supplies	500	500
Furniture/Equipment	500	500
Postage - Interlibrary Loans	500	600
Cleaning Services	500	450
Fundraising Expenses	400	400
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$23,648</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,939</u></b>

\*The Librarian's salary/benefits is paid out of the General Fund.

\*\* Any Town Support funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year after payment of Librarian's salary/benefits are transferred from the General Fund to the Library Fund.

**Library Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2021:		\$18,928.41
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## Receipts:

Donations - Miscellaneous	3,240.00	
Donations - Annual Appeal	4,183.00	
Interest Earned	2.71	
Grants	300.00	
ARPA	3,933.36	
Transfer from Town's General Fund	1,470.24	
Book Sale	2,101.00	
Silent Auction	1,250.00	
Lost Book Fees/Refunds	<u>4.04</u>	
		16,484.35

## Disbursements:

Automation Expenses	470.00	
Library Materials (Books, CDs, DVDs)	3,079.70	
Fundraising Expenses	545.72	
Insurance	101.00	
Postage	425.24	
Post Office Box Rental	100.00	
Rent Paid to Community Center	2,300.00	
Programs/Summer Reading	278.05	
Supplies	85.22	
Telephone	624.55	
Cleaning Expenses	600.00	
Miscellaneous	12.00	
Professional Development	90.00	
FY21 Grant Expenditures	144.77	
Purchases with ARPA Funds	<u>1,060.89</u>	
		<u>9,917.14</u>

<b>Balance in Fund June 30, 2022*</b>		<b><u><u>\$25,495.62</u></u></b>
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\*In addition, the bequest from the estate of William R. Menezes has been designated a Library Capital Fund to be used for library improvements; a 1 year CD ended the FY with a balance of \$7,256.35.

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

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

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union is required by federal law to locate, identify and evaluate all children with disabilities. The process of locating, identifying and evaluating children with disabilities is known as Child Find.

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union schools conduct Kindergarten screening each spring, but parents may call to make an appointment to discuss their concerns at any time. As the school district of residence, WSESU has the responsibility to identify and provide services to any child with special needs who may require special education and related services in order to access and benefit from public education.

If you have, or know of any WSESU resident who has a child with a disability under the age of 21 or a child who attends a private school located in Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Putney or Vernon, we would like to hear from you. This includes individuals who are homeless, migrant, home schooled and/or individuals attending private schools. Sometimes parents are unaware that special education services are available to their children.

Please contact the School Principal at any of our WSESU Schools or the Director of Special Education, Tate Erickson, at 802-254-3748 or [terickson@wsesdvt.org](mailto:terickson@wsesdvt.org).

Brattleboro Area Middle School	802-451-3500
Brattleboro Union High School	802-451-3400
Academy School	802-254-3743
Green Street School	802-254-3737
Oak Grove School	802-254-3740
Dummerston School	802-254-2733
Guilford School	802-254-2271
Putney Central School	802-387-5521
Vernon Elementary School	802-254-5373
Early Childhood Special Education	802-254-3765

**2022-2023 CERTIFIED STAFF SALARIES**

Certified Salaries effective July 1, 2022:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>% Time</u>	<u>Salary</u>
#1	MA +30	L	100	84,823
#2	MA +30	L	60	50,894
#3	BA +75	L	100	84,823
#4	MA +30	14	100	75,803 *
#5	MA +30	11	100	70,650
#6	MA +30	11	100	70,650
#7	MA +30	10	100	68,932
#8	MA +30	4	100	58,627
#9	MA +15	L	100	80,852
#10	MA +15	9	60	39,327
#11	MA +15	8	100	63,828

#12	MA +15	7	100	62,111
#13	MA	L	100	78,835 *
#14	MA	L	100	78,835
#15	MA	L	60	47,301
#16	MA	11	100	67,314
#17	MA	10	100	65,597
#18	MA	10	100	65,597
#19	MA	3	100	53,573
#20	BA +45	11	100	67,314
#21	BA +30	12	100	67,367
#22	BA	L	100	62,988
#23	BA	3	50	48,568

**2022-2023 CLASIFIED STAFF SALARIES**

Classified hourly wages effective July 1, 2022

Employee #1	\$26.33	Employee #7	19.21
Employee #2	25.21	Employee #8	19.21
Employee #3	24.21	Employee #9	18.21
Employee #4	22.21	Employee #10	18.21 *
Employee #5	21.71	Employee #11	17.71
Employee #6	19.71	Employee #12	17.71
		Employee #13	17.71 *

\* WSESU SPED Employees

**REPORT FROM THE WINDHAM SOUTHEAST SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD**

Thank you to the teachers, staff, and athletic coaches who serve the needs of every student every day on the playing fields, in the hallways, in the classrooms, in the cafeterias. Your smiles, warm greetings, and supportive instruction reassure children through every phase of their day. Your example of commitment and determination contributes to the education and safety of your charges, emotionally and physically. Thank you to the nurses and counselors who care for our students in myriad ways that go far beyond the confines of a classroom, or even a building. You ensure that students can show up eager to learn. And thank you to the many custodians who work tirelessly to guarantee that the buildings and the playing fields are safe for everyone. Thank you to the many principals and the Superintendent who oversee the process, providing guidance, structure and professional development that support the entire system. As well thank you to my fellow board members who show up ready to have the difficult conversations. We are also grateful to the families and guardians and community members who trust us with the most important members of our community, the children.

The Windham Southeast School District Board actively supports Mark Speno, our Superintendent, as he once again assumes the position of guiding the Windham Regional Career Center, Early Education Services, as well as the following schools: Academy, Green Street, Oak Grove, Dummerston, Putney Central, Guilford Central, Brattleboro Area Middle School, and Brattleboro Union High School. Our district is comprised of four towns: Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, and Putney with over 2,500 students and more than 700 employees.

Earlier this year as we struggled to understand the implications of COVID, the School Board requested a temporary moratorium on lifting the masking mandate. We needed to respond immediately to the children and their family members who are immuno-compromised. Ultimately the nurses, principals, and

Superintendent answered questions and supported families in ways that protected our community. By the end of the school year we were united as we joyously acknowledged each school's moving-up ceremony. And on June 17<sup>th</sup> we gathered, in person, on Natowich Field to celebrate Brattleboro Union High School's graduating seniors. The day was especially glorious with the bright sun and warm temperatures of early summer.

This past year has presented the WSESD School Board with extraordinary challenges and opportunities. We are a district determined to learn from the mistakes of the past and present. Ensuring the health and safety of all students is paramount and towards that end, the Board has continued to support a thorough investigation of allegations of sexual abuse. This has been a moral imperative which we must continue to meet without cutting corners or rushing to conclusions. We are a district committed to self-education around the difficult topics of child abuse, bullying, sexual harassment, and grooming. To prevent future abuses, we have worked with the Superintendent and administration to strengthen and communicate pertinent policies and to support relevant training for both students and staff. The Superintendent has made extensive professional development a district-wide priority. We need to do better and we are working towards that goal.

The School Board has continued to act as good stewards of public funds by ensuring that resources are allocated in the best interests of our students. With the assistance of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds, the District has hired additional social workers, nurses, counselors, and other academic support staff to address the learning loss and emotional distress caused by the pandemic.

This year we have observed the successful implementation of Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) now known as Multi-Layered System of Supports (MLSS) in all schools. This district-wide endeavor ensures academic and emotional support to every student based on their individualized needs. As part of this approach, every guardian and family is involved as staff and counselors work to improve the student's success academically, socially, and emotionally. We have more to do, but we are on the right path.

In addition, there has been a sense of renewal with an on-going, district-wide commitment to improve school sites in ways that directly improve student learning. We have witnessed the creation of innovative outdoor learning opportunities as well as upgrades to air handling systems, heating and cooling systems, and numerous other improvements. Our students are the direct beneficiaries of these necessary enhancements. The Board extends a heartfelt appreciation to the Central Office and to so many others who have made these improvements and upgrades possible.

The efficient operation of the schools depends on sound policies, ones that help schools establish sensible rules and procedures while creating standards of educational quality, accountability, and safety. Good policies reflect the values of the District and the broader community, values we all embrace such as equity, compassion, and practicality. This past year the Policy and Amendment Committee has joined with the Office of the Superintendent in a major review and revision of numerous key policies. We are particularly grateful for the Superintendent's active participation on this committee, as well as for the valuable input we continually receive from administration, students, and members of the community. Evaluating and strengthening critical policies have furthered our mission to ensure the health and safety of our students and to serve their educational needs in the best ways possible.

This report would be incomplete without acknowledging the role of Leadership Councils. Although Leadership Councils were established by Article 15 in 2019, both the Superintendent and the Board are currently developing a structure that will address the universal concern that communication is often lacking or spotty between the individual Leadership Councils and the WSESD School Board.

The Board recognizes that this relationship is essential to the Board's ability to accomplish its goal – to include every stakeholder in every decision.

The Board understands that one of the largest stakeholders in the District are the students themselves. Thus, when students in their SRO (School Resource Officer) Student Climate Report called for communication with the Board, we responded by establishing two Student Representatives to serve as non-voting members of the Board, as well as creating a Student Advisory Committee (SAC). Every board meeting now begins with Student Matters, time allotted for students to voice their concerns to the Board, administrators, and community members. The Student Advisory Committee has reminded us to think of them and their peers as “Humans First, Students Second,” words that constitute their unofficial motto.

Continuous improvement is something we expect of everyone in our schools. It is also something we practice as a board of education. And so, WSESD Board Members engaged in a number of facilitated workshops aimed at improving our working relationships with each other, with the community, with the Superintendent, and with administration. Through honest dialogue and self-reflection, we have worked to strengthen the norms and values that reinforce collaboration with all of our constituents in the District.

With the support of every stakeholder we will grow and learn together. During this pivotal year we have demonstrated that we are more than a merged district, we are a unified district. We have every reason to be proud of our progress. And now we need to return to the hard work ahead. The journey has only begun.

Kelly Young, WSESD Board Chair  
On Behalf of the WSESD Board

### **REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union has a dedicated, experienced and caring staff, administration and school boards that offer a wide variety of educational opportunities for our students. Our goal is to provide the children of our communities with a high quality and well-rounded educational experience, as well as ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment.

Over the last few years our school system has faced the many serious challenges that the Covid pandemic has brought to us. We have faced these challenges by keeping students' needs and priorities at the forefront of our decisions. Because of this, through much adversity we are a strong united school system that is proud to collaborate with all stakeholders to benefit the growth and success of our students.

Aside from the challenges of the pandemic we are proud to report that we are moving forward as a school district. We are completely driven to meet the many social / emotional, behavioral and academic needs of our students. To do this we have continued to develop our Continuous Improvement Plan that guides our work as a school system.

Large goals of our Continuous Improvement Plan include the continued development and implementation of MLSS (Multiple Layered Systems of Support) and EST (Educational Support Teams). As an administrative team we meet regularly to study, plan and collaborate on the development of these necessary school systems and structures. Naturally, all of our schools are in different places at this moment in time; however, it is our goal to continue to work together and with all stakeholders to develop these systems at every school in our school district while also appreciating and admiring the unique characteristics of each school community.

MLSS and EST at its core is the development and design of a school structure where all kids receive core instruction as well as layered instruction for intervention / enrichment where regular educators and special educators work together to meet the needs of all students. Collaboration, common planning time and the regular use of data are an emphasis in identifying what our children need to be successful and to grow. Maximizing our many resources to work together and to build efficient school systems and structures to support our staff with an emphasis to increase student engagement is our continued goal.

With the assistance of federal recovery funds we have worked closely as an organization to balance the importance of supporting new building projects and upgrades throughout our school district to enhance the quality of the school day experience. A large emphasis of our building improvement work has been on upgrades to ventilation / air quality control systems and energy efficient heating projects. At the same time we have also increased staff support and resources for students in our schools to help with the development of school systems that meet the needs of our students.

This school year and planning for next school year we have continued to invest in a plan for positions such as instructional coaches, academic support teachers and school social workers to help in meeting the many needs of our students. Given the reality of the hand our students were dealt in 2020, 2021 and 2022 we feel that our plan to continue support in these areas is essential for our students at all levels.

Another goal for our school system that is reflected in this plan is the ongoing development of our Diversity Equity and Inclusion office. Through our Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) office and Curriculum & Assessment office we continue to support our staff and students by providing district level coaches which increases our ability to collaborate across schools. We continue to explore the use of peer observation models as another way to build informal support for teacher growth.

The academic, social / emotional and behavioral needs are at an all-time high. We have also been met with very high teacher / staff turnover over the past two years. With the support of this plan and with the continued work on effective school structures we can meet our challenges and give our students what they need to be successful.

Our school district is fortunate and thankful for the incredible effort, collaboration and hard work of our school boards, administrators, teachers and staff. We are a strong school community that I am proud to serve!

All schools in Windham Southeast School District and Supervisory Union appreciate the overwhelming support that we feel and receive from our families and greater communities. Thank you for your continued support!

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 at the WSESD Annual District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21 in the BUHS gymnasium.

Mark V. Speno  
Superintendent

### **REPORT OF THE DUMMERSTON SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

I write this report near the end of a fall semester that has included the return of many pre-Covid community traditions and routines: Open House, Winter Concert, All-School Meetings in the gym, in-person family conferences, and basketball games crowded with spectators. When school closed in March

of 2020, we had no idea we would have to wait *years* to experience time together as a community in our physical school building. Seeing families and community members walking through the hallways, visiting with teachers, looking through their children's supplies and classwork, meeting their child's classmates, cheering on student musicians and athletes, and connecting with the physical space of Dummerston School has felt so special in that context. Thank you to everyone for making these first experiences back together so memorable.

While the resumption of pre-Covid activities have been cause for celebration, the effects of the pandemic continue to present a complex educational landscape. Since the start of the pandemic and in its aftermath, our ability to effectively promote student learning has hinged on our ability to work together within and across teaching teams and the school district. This year, in collaboration with the district Curriculum and Assessment Office, Dummerston School has phased in two new curricula: Expeditionary Learning (EL) and Illustrative Math (IM). In order to transition to these new programs, classroom teachers have partnered with academic support teachers for co-planning sessions, as well as participated in extensive district-led training and coaching. To support this work, we are placing a special emphasis on instructional effectiveness through embedded opportunities for professional learning, including peer observations and in-house instructional coaching.

In order to maximize the effectiveness of our learning environment, Dummerston School has implemented Developmental Designs since 2019, a student-centered social, emotional, and academic framework for integrating community and relationship building, self-awareness, and reflection into daily activities. As part of this work, students participate in daily morning circles, work together to develop a schoolwide social contract, and plan and coordinate All-School Meetings. Through this framework, our opportunities for student leadership continue to expand. This year the middle-school ASSET Team is bigger than ever, with 18 students in grades 6-8. A student leadership team advised by school counselor Nicole Thomas and school social worker Seth O'Connor, the ASSET team examines student survey data and works collaboratively on action projects to improve school climate, including Spirit Weeks, schoolwide celebrations, and service projects.

New this year is the introduction of restorative justice training for middle school students. Seven students in grades 6-8 make up our Restorative Justice Team and are available to facilitate restorative circles for younger students who are experiencing conflict. In addition students in grades four and up can also join the Dummerston School QSA. Advised by Humanities teacher Susannah Cassidy Friedman and paraeducator Honnee McManus, the Dummerston School QSA provides a space for students to understand LGBTQ+ rights and support an inclusive environment for all students, staff, and families. In all of these student leadership settings, we seek to empower all students to see themselves as leaders, to positively influence their learning environment, and to engage in complex and challenging learning in the process.

Instruction in the arts is another vital component of students' core curriculum at Dummerston School, and the full lifting of Covid restrictions this year has allowed us to resume in-person instruction and indoor performances. On December 14th, music teachers Rita Corey and Nathaniel Evans directed *Bring on the Snow*, the first Winter Concert program since 2019 which featured K-6 singing and acting performances, middle-school chorus selections, and music performed by both advanced band and jazz band. The Spring Arts Celebration in May included outdoor musical performances and an indoor gallery of art work from Ben Ferguson's K-8 art classes, including sculpture, mixed-media murals, and clay architectural facades.

After-school programming is another outlet for students to spend time in mixed-age groups, express their creativity, learn new skills, and connect with staff in engaging contexts. We continue to offer robust soccer and basketball programs for middle-school students, and, new this year, we are offering after-school Clubs to students in grades 4-8, including Improvisational Theater, Garden Club, Jazz Band, Chess

Club, and Art Club. In addition, we continue to provide literacy and math tutoring for students in grades 1-4, as well as partner with Meeting Waters YMCA to offer the ASPIRE after-school program for students in grades 1-5. Winter Sports has returned to Dummerston School, and, in collaboration with our Family Involvement Team, Leadership Council, and staff, we are offering six weeks of programming.

During the pandemic, the forest and surrounding fields became an integral extension of our classrooms, establishing new routines and traditions that continue to evolve and shape student learning today. This marks our fourth year working with Sheila Humphreys of Food Connects, as well as garden coordinator Tara Gordon. Through this collaboration and technical assistance, Dummerston School secured a \$10,000 grant from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets to expand school gardens, provide indoor growing and cooking opportunities for children, develop an after-school garden club, and provide farm-to-school-focused professional development for staff. A major component of this program has included farm-to-school Buddy Classroom projects in which older and younger students work, learn, cook, and eat together. We are so grateful for the continued support of local farms. Walker Farm's donations of garden plants, pumpkins for our annual Pumpkin Walk, and our beautiful star topiary brightened our hearts this fall, while Scott Farm's donations of cider and donuts sweetened our Pumpkin Walk for students, staff, and families.

To support the continued expansion of these kinds of outdoor learning opportunities, the Outdoor Learning and Playground Renovation Team continues to put plans into action with the support of volunteers, local businesses, staff, and students. Thanks to these efforts, Dummerston School now has a beautiful amphitheater with granite seating built into the hillside next to the main playground. Please join me in extending a huge thanks to Walker Farm who donated 50 pots of vinca to beautify and secure the soil above the amphitheater. New disc golf baskets were also installed this past summer, and the erection of a new climbing structure is nearing completion. Construction on the main pavilion has begun with completion slated for early spring, and new raised garden beds have been built and installed in the main playground. Finally, we are overjoyed to host Dummerston Recreation's new ice skating rink on our soccer field and hope the weather cooperates to allow families, community members, and students plenty of ice time. To learn more about our outdoor renovation plans, please visit our school website at [dummerston.wsesu.org](http://dummerston.wsesu.org), and stay tuned for more information about our Second Annual Dummerston School Work Party in May and other opportunities to volunteer.

Maximizing the potential of our physical building and surrounding campus to facilitate instruction and learning continues to be a top priority for our school community. Improvements this past year have included the completion of the new HVAC system, asbestos abatement and carpet replacement in the Intensive Services Room and Early Learning Center, lighting updates to student bathrooms and Intensive Services Room, air duct and exhaust work, and the installation of the following new items: cafeteria tables, fencing in the Early Learning Center, a 2000-gallon underground oil tank, upgraded security cameras, cabinetry in the Nurse's office and Intensive Services Room, and a roof-top air handler unit.

The beginning of the year brought new faces to Dummerston School including Megan Altshuler as middle school academic support teacher and instructional coach, Caleb Clark as technology assistant, Tina Deal as Humanities teacher, Bridget Devlin as PreK/elementary paraeducator, Nathaniel Evans as instrumental music teacher, Marc Hoak as behavior support paraeducator and after-school program coordinator, Flo Levin as middle school special educator, Honnee McManus as elementary paraeducator, Seth O'Connor as school social worker, and Ana Williams as kindergarten teacher. Please join me in welcoming these educators to the Dummerston School community.

As always, we are honored to partner with all of you in support of Dummerston School students. We welcome your continued feedback and encourage your participation in our school community. Our Dummerston School Leadership Council meets monthly. Members include Jessica Nelson, Tammy

McNamara, Maeve Jenks, Lance Neeper, Molly Oglesby, Keri Newton, Hannah Van Loon, Michelle Green, Julianne Eagan, Carmen Winchester, Melissa White, and Chelsea White. 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.

Julianne Eagan  
Principal

### **Administration**

Mark Speno	Superintendent
Frank Rucker, Ed.D.	Business Administrator
Julianne Eagan	Principal

### **Teachers**

Megan Altshuler	Academic Support
Anna Bassett	Academic Support
Rita Corey	Vocal Music
Christina Deal	Grade 7/8 Humanities
Kathleen Evans	Grade 3
Nathaniel Evans	Music
Benjamin Ferguson	Art
Susannah Friedman	Grade 5/6 Humanities
Heidi Gray	Grade 2
Kimberly Lane	Physical Education
Flo Levin	Special Educator
Keith Marshall	Grade 7/8 STEM
Bethany Montgomery	Grade 1
Seth O'Connor	School Social Worker
Molly Oglesby	PreK
Melissa Petroski	Librarian
Lindsey Glabach Royce	Grade 5/6 STEM
Kaitlin Tafe	Grade 4
Ana Williams	Kindergarten
Carmen Winchester	Academic Support
Marie Wright	Special Educator

### **Staff**

Melanie Keiser	Administrative Assistant
Dan Bailey	Facility Manager
Lynn Cameron	Paraeducator
Melanie Chamberlin	Paraeducator
Caleb Clark	Technology Assistant (.50)
Bridget Devlin	Paraeducator
Marcus Hoak	Paraeducator
Ann Knapp	Paraeducator
Honnee McManus-Brock	Paraeducator
Dustin Minshull	Elementary Night Custodian
Jonah Pauloo	Paraeducator
Chelsea Therrien	Paraeducator
Hannah van Loon	Paraeducator

**Special Services**

Mary Ann Runge	School Nurse
Elizabeth Richards, M.D.	Medical Advisor
Nicole Thomas	School Counselor
Tate Erickson	Director of Special Education

**DUMMERSTON ENROLLMENT**

<b>Class</b>	<b>18-19</b>	<b>19-20</b>	<b>20-21</b>	<b>21-22</b>	<b>22-23</b>
PreK	—	10	8	15	15
K	17	20	15	15	20
1	16	15	17	17	15
2	8	16	15	19	14
3	14	9	18	13	19
4	15	13	9	19	13
5	25	16	13	8	18
6	18	25	17	12	6
7	20	19	24	16	13
8	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>17</u>
	147	160	154	155	150

**BAMS/BUHS Students from Dummerston for 2022-2023:**

Grade 7	1
Grade 8	-
Grade 9	23
Grade 10	16
Grade 11	19
Grade 12	<u>12</u>
	71

**BRATTLEBORO UNION HIGH SCHOOL**

Brattleboro Union High School continues to offer an excellent comprehensive high school education. In recent years we have focused our program on increasing student support, improving school culture and climate, and creating opportunities for students to personalize their high school experience. We continue to offer unparalleled co-curricular opportunities that range from a myriad number of athletic programs to a music and drama program that define excellence for New England.

This year BUHS is reengaging in our trauma informed practice and education. We began our school year in August with a half day Professional Development run by Dave Melnick (NFI VT). This PD was offered to all available staff. The WSESU has partnered with Dave Melnick for more long-term work for our district to be engaged in trauma informed practices within our schools. BUHS specifically will have a group of staff that has already taken his level 1 and level 2 Trauma Informed School graduate courses that will be leading the work at BUHS by meeting with Dave Melnick monthly starting in January 2023. This BUHS team will share best practices for our students, teachers and administrators to use while continuing to re-engage our students who are struggling with engagement and our school community that is still needing additional support post-COVID and the challenges our school community has experienced.

Here at BUHS we continue to carefully assess our facility needs. We are continuing to look ahead at some important planned maintenance on our climate systems. Our wood chip boiler saw another round of improvements this past summer to our feeder system and a tuning of the chip boiler itself to be more efficient during the heating season. We are also looking at getting our HVAC rooftop units upgraded/replaced along with some heat exchangers as they start to near the end of their functional lifespan. Currently in FY 22/23 we are having our HVAC control system fully upgraded, we had some roofing replaced, repair work to the asphalt and sidewalks, flooring replaced, and a remodel of the infant/toddler center. Brattleboro Area Middle School will see a major remodel of both of the locker rooms by the end of FY 22/23 or early FY 23/24. Moving forward we continue to improve our campus by replacing and upgrading outdoor lighting, concrete work and field improvements, and continue to replace HVAC equipment as well as upgrade lighting inside of the building. We also are evaluating and planning to develop a permanent outdoor learning space. BUHS continues to be a sustainability role model for other schools across New England and we continue to enjoy our Energy Star Status.

Our teachers remain among the very best in the area and New England. Each of our departments is reviewing its course offering and curricula to ensure it is relevant to the development of a BUHS graduate. In addition, we are looking at edits to make to our schedule in order to offer more course choices. Our departments are examining ways to help our students become informed citizens regarding issues such as equity, diversity, and climate change. We offer 39 Advanced Placement course and dual credit courses. This allows students the opportunity to receive college credit prior to meeting graduation requirements. Our Mentoring and Dimensions of Social Change courses are designed to allow our students opportunities to work with local elementary students as group facilitators and one-on-one mentors. Finally, 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 apprenticeships with local professionals. Our greatest strength as a school lies with our teachers, and they continually improve their instruction and connections with students.

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 and placements 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 <http://buhs.wsesdvt.org/> to learn more about our school.

Cassie Damkoehler, Interim Principal  
Traci Lane, Interim Assistant Principal  
Hannah Parker, Interim Assistant Principal

### **WINDHAM REGIONAL CAREER CENTER**

To the Citizens of the Windham Southeast School District,

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 following the pandemic. The 2022-2023 school year has seen a dramatic increase in the number of students attending the Career Center.

The region has a wonderful technical center that is currently offering over 250 students, in grades 10-12, an in-depth, experiential learning opportunity in the areas of:

**AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY  
AVIATION**

BUSINESS  
CONSTRUCTION/ARCHITECTURE  
CULINARY ARTS  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY (ELECTRICIANS)  
ENGINEERING AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING  
FORESTRY/NATURAL RESOURCES  
HEALTH CAREERS  
PROTECTIVE SERVICES

As well as offering students classes and services in:

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

Students that attend a Career Center Program spend a minimum of two hours a day learning the skills they will need to establish a career in the area of study. We partner with local employers to offer students Work Base Learning experience and to reinforce the skills they'll need to be successful working adults. We are thrilled to have so many local employers that are willing to add to the experiences that so many of our students benefit from. We cannot thank them enough for the opportunity.

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 1, 2022**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no in-person meeting. All voting was conducted by Australian Ballot at the Dummerston Town Office at 1523 Middle Road in Dummerston, Vermont. The polls were open from 8:00AM to 7:00PM.

ARTICLE 1: Elected all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year: Town Moderator (Cindy Jerome) for one year term; Town Clerk (Laurie Frechette) for one year term; Town Treasurer (Charlotte Neer Annis) for one year term; Selectboard (Terry Chapman) for two year term; Selectboard (David Baxendale) for three year term; Lister (Stephan Mindel) for three year term; Auditor (Ruth Hoffman) for three year term; Trustee of Cemetery Funds (Selectboard) for one year term; Library Trustee (David Schottland) for five year term.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to approve the Auditors' report of the Town Accounts.

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

ARTICLE 4: Voted to authorize raising the sum of \$140,000.00 through taxes and appropriate said amount to the Capital Fund for future capital needs.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to authorize the following capital expenditure: the purchase of a dump truck at a price not to exceed \$105,000.00, and to pay for said purchase from the Capital Fund.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to approve total general fund expenditures of \$500,758.00, of which \$279,769.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$220,989.00 by non-tax revenues for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

ARTICLE 7: Voted to approve total highway fund expenditures of \$583,955.00, of which \$438,128.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$145,827.00 by non-tax revenues for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

ARTICLE 8: Voted to authorize raising the sum of \$25,000.00 through taxes and appropriate said amount to the Highway Structures Fund for future structures projects.

ARTICLE 9: Voted to authorize raising the sum of \$19,096.00 through taxes and appropriate said amount to the Highway Blasting & Ledge Crushing Reserve Fund for future blasting and crushing.

ARTICLE 10: Voted 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.

ARTICLE 11: Voted to grant tax exempt status to Green Mountain Camp for a period of one year pursuant to the provisions of Title 32, Section 3840.

The following Non-Binding Advisory Question was approved by the voters:

The Voters of the Town of Dummerston urge the Windham County Sheriff's Office to adopt the following changes to its Fair and Impartial Policing Policy:

1. Immigration status shall not be used as a criterion for citation, arrest or custody by the Sheriff's Office.
2. The Sheriff's Office may only share information with federal immigration officials when necessary for the investigation of serious criminal offenses.

3. Information about victims and witnesses, gathered by the Sheriff's Office, shall not be shared with federal immigration authorities without their consent.
4. The Sheriff's Office shall not grant access to detainees unless immigration authorities have a judicially issued criminal warrant.
5. The Sheriff's Office shall not arrest or detain a person for mere suspicion of illegal border crossing.

Respectfully submitted,  
ss/ Laurie Frechette, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF DUMMERSTON  
WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2023**

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 7, 2023. The polls will be open from 8:00AM to 7:00PM at the Dummerston Town Office at 1523 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	5 year term
WSESD School Director	3 year term

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters accept 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 \$25,000.00 through taxes and appropriate said amount to the Capital Fund for future capital needs.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters authorize the purchase of a fire truck at a price not to exceed \$500,000.00 and to authorize the financing of said fire truck through promissory notes not to exceed a term of five years and to authorize payment of debt service from the Capital Fund commencing in Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters approve total General Fund expenditures of \$536,120.00 of which \$374,431.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$161,689.00 by non-tax revenues for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters approve total Highway Fund expenditures of \$661,693.00 of which \$427,150.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$234,543.00 by non-tax revenues for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters authorize raising the sum of \$125,000.00 through taxes and appropriate said amount to the Highway Structures Fund for future structures projects.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters authorize raising the sum of \$26,659.00 through taxes and appropriate said amount to the Highway Blasting & Ledge Crushing Reserve Fund for future blasting and crushing.

ARTICLE 10: 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 11: 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 12: Shall the voters grant tax exempt status to the West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department for a period of five years, pursuant to the provisions of Title 32, Section 3840.

The following is an advisory, non-binding resolution:

Whereas, Dummerston Cares supports equity in social engagement and in governance, its Board of Trustees calls for the voters of Dummerston to adopt a Declaration of Inclusion.

Therefore,

We resolve that the people of Dummerston welcome all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, differing ability, economic status, and education.

We commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community.

We value respectful civic engagement in all forms.

Dated at Dummerston, this 26th day of January, 2023.

Ezekiel Goodband, Chair  
Terry Chapman, Vice Chair  
Maria Glabach, Clerk  
David Baxendale  
Rebecca Lotka



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