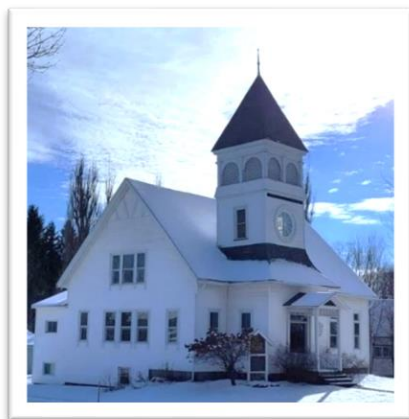


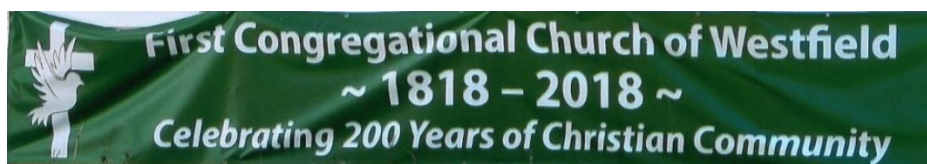
Town of Westfield, Vermont



Annual Town & School Report
for the Year Ending December 31, 2024



A New Era Begins for the First Congregational Church of Westfield



After 206 years in Westfield, the First Congregational Church of Westfield has been sold to a private party. Church members initially contacted the Town to see if the Selectboard would take over ownership on behalf of the Town. In the end, it was determined the best course would be for the church to approach the interested private parties to pursue a sale. In March 2024 the sale of the Church was finalized.

Following the sale of the building, church members Delpha Coulter, Lynn Danforth, Rick Danforth, Marion Myott, Eric McCann, Denny Lyster and Sally Rivard made the decision to make a considerable donation to the Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library and to the Town of Westfield recreation area. **We can't thank you enough for your generosity.**

The benefactors requested the money for the Library be used specifically for large purchase items. To date, the Library Trustees have purchased a new front Librarian desk, bean bag chairs, love seats, and carpets. They have other items under consideration.

The specific request for the recreation area was to stripe the tennis court area with pickleball lines; purchase two pickleball nets, rackets/ balls and a storage place to keep the equipment. Derby Line, Super Senior Al Loukes, offered to help with the process. He was most helpful, and we thank him for helping us properly stripe the courts and get the right equipment. We also thank Diane Forbes and Charlene Pion for setting up the nets. If anyone is interested in a group lesson, please let the Town Clerk know.

We thought it would be nice to honor the First Congregational Church of Westfield in this year's edition of the Town and School Report. Please view the nostalgic photos the members shared with us which have been reprinted on the inside back cover and the back cover. There is an interesting brochure, *"Celebrating 200 Years – A Bit of History"* which has tidbits of the church history. It is posted on the towns website at <https://westfield.vt.gov/town-documents-forms/>.

Here are two excerpts from the brochure that may resonate with many Westfield residents:

- 2001 – 2009 Reverend Anne Squire served as pastor. The big news in the church minutes: a new roof! But even more exciting: in 2003, Social Union made 220 pies! Denny Lyster was there for the last couple of pie making adventures in the early days. He tells how Romeo Myott rounded up the apples and the ladies then did their magic. **But this was not all work. It didn't take long for the off-color jokes to arise.** As one of two males (Dick Willis, the other, a willing contributor) made it quite an education. Pie making was very social! In 2005, the front sign was refinished by Rick Danforth.



- September 2016 – Present: Pastor John Klar has supplied the pulpit. **The following is a direct quote from Candace Bean's notes in 1968, which rings true even today as we celebrate our 200th anniversary:** "Today we are here to celebrate the 150th anniversary. We have struggled over the years as prices went up. We have had many excellent presidents, clerks and treasurers over the years with all members willing to do their share. The main thing was that we all worked together. It has been amazing down through the years to see how much God has been able to accomplish through his followers. Our pastors preach the word of God but I think it is the people of the

community that either make or break a church society. Without the support of the people, a pastor cannot do much. We are most grateful for your presence here today on this memorable occasion. Glad to see old friends and make new ones. We are grateful to our **hosts (and our guests) and to all who helped provide in anyway. May God bless each of you.**"

If you see one of the church members, please thank them for their thoughtful and generous contribution to the Town of Westfield!

Celebrating 206 Years in Westfield – See photos on the inside back cover.

2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 11th: Westfield Town School Board Informational Meeting 6 p.m. at Jay/Westfield Elementary & via Google Meets.
- March 4th: Town/School In-Person Meeting & Australian Ballot Elections for school articles at the Westfield Community Center. Australian ballot polling hours are 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. In-person Town/School Meeting begins at 10 a.m. Vote early/absentee ballot (in person/by mail) **by contacting the Town Clerk's office.**
- Saturday, March 15th: Curbside Rabies Clinic at the Animal Doctor 802-334-1503, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m., 56 Eastern Ave., Newport Ctr., Open to all communities. Dog/cat rabies, distemper, Lepto, Bordatella Vaccinations \$20/shot. Feline Leukemia, Canine Influenza \$25/shot. Lyme \$45/shot. Bring previous vaccination record.
- Saturday, March 22nd: Rabies Clinic offered by Dr. Susan Nelson 802-334-3345 at the Derby Line Fire Station, 9 am – Noon, and at the Coventry School from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Bring previous vaccination record. Rabies, Distemper & Bordatella \$20/shot. Microchips \$55 each.
- April 1st: Dog Licenses **are due by 4 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office, 38 School St. After April 1st fees increase by 50%.**
- May 3rd: Green Up Day **bags are available at the Town Clerk's Office and at the Westfield Recycling Center.**
- June 21st: Household Hazardous Waste Day ♦ Westfield Recycling Center 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m. See page 36 for details.
- October 2nd: Property Taxes are due by 4 p.m. Property taxes must be paid in full at the **Town Clerk's office by 4 p.m. to** avoid an 8% delinquent penalty. Postmarks are not accepted. Please allow adequate mailing time to avoid a penalty.
- Caroling on the Common early December. Fun for all with caroling, bonfire, visit from Santa and goodies. Date TBA.

USEFUL TOWN INFORMATION

♦ **TOWN OFFICE:** Mailing Address: 38 School St., Westfield, VT 05874 ♦ Telephone: 802-744-2484 ♦ Fax: 802-744-6224

Town Clerk's Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ♦ Email Address: info@westfield.vt.gov

Website: www.westfield.vt.gov ♦ Social Media: *Like us on Facebook at Town of Westfield, Vermont* YouTube: View recorded meetings on our YouTube page - [YouTube.com/@TownofWestfieldVT](https://www.youtube.com/@TownofWestfieldVT)

Town Clerk: LaDonna Dunn ♦ Assistant Town Clerk: Karen Blais ♦ Assistant Town Clerk: Niki Dunn

Town Treasurer: Lisa Deslandes ♦ Hours: Monday & Tuesday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & By appointment

♦ Listers & Zoning Admin. Hours: By appointment

♦ **HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY:** 1252 VT Route 100, Westfield, VT 05874 ♦ Hours: Tuesday 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m., Thursday 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. & Sunday 11:00 a.m-3:00 p.m. Telephone: 802-744-8258 ♦ Mailing Address: 38 School Street, Westfield, VT 05874 Email: hitchcockmemorial8258@gmail.com ♦ Librarian: Jennifer Johnson ♦ Board of Trustees: Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m. at the Library

♦ **SELECTBOARD MEETINGS:** The Selectboard meets at 5:00 p.m. on the third Monday each month at the Westfield Town Office. **They also hold special warned meetings as needed. Agendas/Minutes are posted at the Town Clerk's office, the Westfield General Store,** the Westfield Recycling Center (outdoor bulletin board) and can be viewed online at <https://westfield.vt.gov/meeting-minutesagendas/>. Recordings of the meetings can also be viewed at the Town YouTube page [YouTube.com/@TownofWestfieldVT](https://www.youtube.com/@TownofWestfieldVT)

♦ **PROPERTY TAXES:** 2025 property taxes are due Thursday, October 2nd by 4:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk/Treasurers Office, 38 School Street, Westfield, VT 05874. **ALL taxes received after 4 p.m. on October 2, 2025, in person, electronically OR by mail will be considered delinquent and are subject to delinquent penalties. Postmarks are not accepted.** Tax bills are mailed in July. Please make checks payable to: Town of Westfield and **include the property's parcel ID in the memo section of the check.** Checks may also be placed in the secure drop box to the left of the Town Office door 24/7 or pay taxes online at <https://westfield.vt.gov/property-taxes/>.

♦ **COMMUNITY CENTER:** The Community Center, 59 North Hill Rd., is available to rent for music events, tournaments, parties, meetings, and exercise/dance groups. Fees: Residents \$75 (plus a \$100 refundable security deposit); Non-residents \$100 (plus a \$100 **refundable security deposit**); **Kitchen usage adds \$50; Exercise groups \$30. Contact LaDonna at the Town Clerk's Office** for reservations, 744-2484 or visit the Town website at <http://westfield.vt.gov> and click on the Community Center page for more information.

♦ **RECYCLING CENTER:** The Recycling Center is open every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. until Noon. All recyclables are free to dispose of. See the Westfield Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide on pages 37-38 for a complete list of recyclables as well as not accepted recyclables. See the Westfield Recycling Center Fee Chart on page 36 for trash and tire disposal fees. Fees for disposing of large trash items such as furniture, mattresses, recliners, and desks are negotiated with the Recycling Attendant on duty. The Recycling Center is located at the Westfield Town Garage, 757 VT Route 100. Steel and compost may be disposed of 24/7. Please **DO NOT** remove items from the steel bin. Steel is sold to help offset Recycling Center costs. **TRASH MAY ONLY BE DISPOSED OF ON SATURDAY MORNINGS.** Surveillance cameras are in use 24/7. Call the Town Office at 802-744-2484 with questions.

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The Westfield Town School Board will hold an Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Jay/Westfield Elementary School as well as via Google Meets. The link for the meeting will be made available. This meeting shall constitute the Public Informational Meeting required by 17 V.S.A. §2680(G).

WARNING
ANNUAL WESTFIELD TOWN MEETING AND WESTFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 4, 2025 - 10 a.m. (In-Person Meeting)

The legal voters of the Town of Westfield and the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet (in-person) at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

WESTFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING:

- Article 1.** To elect a moderator for a term of one-year.
- Article 2.** To elect one Westfield Town School District Board Member for a term of three years.
- Article 3.** To elect a Union School Board director for the remaining two years of a three-year term.
- Article 4.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$2,228,334 to defray the expenses and liabilities for the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School for the ensuing year with a net assessment to the town of \$913,710? **(Paper ballot to be commingled with Jay)** (Pages 63-67)
- Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District approve the school board to expend \$932,449 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$15,073, which is 16.52% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year. (Page 68)

- **Articles 6 through 11 voted by Australian ballot:** Australian ballot items are voted on at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, throughout the day on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. The polls open at 9:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. Early or absentee ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk at 802-744-2484.
- **Article 6.** To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for the school year 2025-2026. **(Australian ballot to be commingled with Jay)**
- **Article 7.** To elect a Westfield Town School District Treasurer for the school year 2025-2026. **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 8.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$23,213,400, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$12,788, which is 8.34% higher than per pupil spending for the current year. **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 9.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$6,955,800 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union Junior High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of

13,391, which is 6.36% higher than per pupil spending for the current year. **(Australian ballot)**

- **Article 10.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$225,000 of undesignated FY2024 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve fund? **(Australian ballot)**
- **Article 11.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to establish and place \$250,000 of undesignated FY2024 fund balance from the general fund operations to an equity fund? **(Australian ballot)**

Article 12. To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

Article 13. To adjourn.

FOLLOWING A SHORT BREAK, TOWN MEETING WILL CONVENE

TOWN MEETING:

Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one-year.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers. **(Pages 24-42)**

Article 3. To elect all necessary town officials required by law. **(Pages 13-14)**

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| a. 1 st Constable | One-year term |
| b. 2 nd Constable | One-year term |
| c. Library Trustee | Five-year term |
| d. Library Trustee | One-year of an unexpired term |
| e. Lister | Three-year term |
| f. Lister | Two-years of an unexpired term |
| g. Selectperson | Three-year term |

Article 4. Shall the voters approve **\$29,802** for the following appropriations?

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| a. \$500 to American Red Cross: | Pg. 43 |
| b. \$500 to ConnectAbilities (formerly Orleans County Citizens Advocacy): | Pg. 44 |
| c. \$100 to Felines & Friends Foundation: | Pg. 45 |
| d. \$1,200 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.: | Pg. 46 |
| e. \$50 to Green Up Vermont: | Pg. 47 |
| f. \$250 to Jay Focus Group: | Pg. 49 |
| g. \$1,000 to Jay Food Shelf: | Pg. 48 |
| h. \$500 to Jay Peak Post No. 28-American Legion: | Pg. 50 |
| i. \$300 to Missisquoi River Basin Association: | Pg. 51 |
| j. \$100 to North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra: | Pg. 60 |
| k. \$300 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging: | Pg. 52 |
| l. \$1,072 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS): | Pg. 52 |
| m. \$250 to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS): | Pg. 53 |
| n. \$700 to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society): | Pg. 54 |
| o. \$500 to Orleans County Fair Association: | Pg. 54 |
| p. \$17,485 to Orleans County Sheriff's Department: | Pg. 55-56 |
| q. \$2,500 to Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc.: | Pg. 57 |
| r. \$500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.: | Pg. 57 |

- s. **\$950** to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT): **Pg. 58**
- t. **\$100** to Troy and Area Lions Club to run the Westfield Senior Meal Site: **Pg. 50**
- u. **\$400** to Umbrella: **Pg. 58**
- v. **\$95** to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL): **Pg. 59**
- w. **\$250** to Vermont Family Network: **Pg. 59**
- x. **\$200** to Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force Vt. Assoc. of Conservation District: **Pg. 59**

- Article 5.** Shall the voters approve general government fund expenditures of \$434,553, of which \$152,859 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$281,694 shall be raised by municipal taxes? *This amount does not include appropriations in article 4.* **(Pages 17-21)**
- Article 6.** Shall the voters approve highway fund expenditures of \$479,240, of which \$77,380 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$401,860 shall be raised by municipal taxes? **(Pages 22-23)**
- Article 7.** Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791, to collect current taxes?
- Article 8.** Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes on the first Thursday in October, by physical or electronic delivery to the tax collector before 4 p.m. on that date?
- Article 9.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.
- Article 10.** To adjourn.

Dated at Westfield, Vermont this 27th day of January 2025.

Signed by: **Selectboard Members:** Jacques Couture, Chair; Richard Degre, Vice Chair; and Dennis Vincent
Westfield School Board Members: Mary Gagne, Chair; Andrew Emery; and Jessica Kennison

Received for Recording: January 27, 2025, at 3:15 pm
 Attest: LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk

View the signed version of the document at the Town Clerk's Office or at www.westfield.vt.gov/town-meeting.

Tips for voting at the Town and School Meetings and by Australian ballot:

Early/absentee voting is available until 4 p.m. on Monday, March 3rd, 2025, for Town & School Australian ballots. Call or email **the Town Clerk's office** (802) 744-2484 to request an absentee ballot. If you request a ballot for another person, state law requires the ballot be mailed to the voter. Please call enough in advance to allow for mailing time on both ends. Ballots must be returned by mail or in the drop box at the **Town Clerk's office by 4 p.m. on March 3rd** or returned to the polls no later than 7 p.m. on March 4th for your vote to be counted. Visit www.westfield.vt.gov to view sample ballots.



THERE WILL BE AN IN-PERSON TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING WITH FLOOR VOTING (see *Warning on pages 3-5*) ON MARCH 4, 2025, STARTING AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE WESTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER, 59 North Hill Road in Westfield (at School St.). You must be a registered Westfield voter to vote during the floor vote at the Town & School meetings as well as Australian ballot. Talk to the Town Clerk for more information.

The Westfield Town School Board will hold an Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Jay/Westfield Elementary School as well as via Google Meets. The link for the meeting will be made available. This meeting shall constitute the Public Informational Meeting required by 17 V.S.A. §2680(G).

Visit the Westfield municipal website at www.westfield.vt.gov for login credentials closer to the Informational Meeting dates or call the Town Clerk's Office for assistance • 802-744-2484.

MINUTES FROM TOWN & SCHOOL MEETINGS WITH ELECTION RESULTS

TOWN OF WESTFIELD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

MARCH 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Westfield and the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet (in-person) at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

The meeting was called to order at 10am by Selectman Jacques Couture who began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

WESTFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING:

Article 1: To elect a moderator for a term of one-year:

Mike Piper nominated Pat Sagui to be the moderator for both the town and school; Shelley Martin seconded. No other nominations were made. *Pat Sagui was elected by voice vote to be the town and school moderator for a term of one-year (2025).*

Selectman Couture thanked Town Clerk LaDonna Dunn for all her work on the town report and everyone who has any input on the report. He also thanked Roger Gosselin for taking the drone photos of the farms used on the front and back covers of this year's town report. He then congratulated Town Clerk Dunn on her Town Clerk of the Year Award.

Moderator Sagui went through the rules and regulations regarding voting. She then asked if anyone objected to hearing from Westfield's State Representative, Mark Higley. There were no objections.

Mark Higley first spoke about factors driving increases to school budgets throughout the state. Universal school meals, health care premiums, student to staff ratios, general inflation, new student weighting formula, special education reform, teachers' pension cost increases, ESSR funds ending, capital construction costs, and PCB testing are some of these factors. He noted that there are three things that Governor Scott is focusing on. The first being affordability. An increase in government fees and larger school budgets has an increasingly cumulative effect on taxpayers. Second is drugs and crime. The recent murders in our area related to drug cases is one sign of the effects of drugs and crime in our neighborhoods. There were also over 14,500 pending court cases at the start of this year, a backup from COVID. His third focus is housing. Act 250 changes are being considered to help with this. Representative Higley is working on saving the Salisbury Fish Hatchery. He noted that it brings money and jobs to that area. The hunting and trapping guidelines are also being worked on. S258 is being considered and it would reconfigure the Fish and Wildlife board. That bill would also ban hunting coyotes by using hounds.

Hunter Couture, principal of Jay/Westfield Elementary School, introduced himself. He talked about some of the things going on at the school and some of the areas being focused on including a strong academic progress, COVID learning loss, and a math and literacy focus. Some of the extracurricular things happening at the school are a theater program, skiing at Jay Peak Resort, spending time at Siskin/Coutts camp, Hazens Notch, and spending time at the Jay recreation trails. He emphasized that the school is a very important part of the community in a small town, and they are working to bring back the community focus.

Article 2. To elect one Westfield Town School District Board Member for a term of three years: **Julia Smith nominated Jessica Kennison. Hearing no other nominations the motion passed by a voice vote. *Jessica Kennison was elected to a three-year term (2027).***

Article 3. To elect a Union School Board director for a term of three-years: **There were no nominations. The position remains vacant.**

Article 4. Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$2,145,310 to defray the expenses and liabilities for the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School for the ensuing year with a net assessment to the town of \$826,390? **(Paper ballot to be commingled with Jay) Motion by Sue Scott and seconded by Anne Lazor to bring the article to the floor.**

Paper Ballot Vote Results:	Westfield:	YES - 29	NO - 18
	Jay:	YES - 27	NO - 3

Article 4 passed in Westfield and Jay.

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District approve the school board to expend \$843,998 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

Mike Piper motioned, and Sue Scott seconded to approve Article 5. Bill Salmon questioned what the budget covers. School board member Andrew Emery explained that the overall budget has an 8.37% increase. He then explained some of the things the school has updated using already available funds, these things did not need to be added to the budget, which included building and grounds improvements, a new lock system, remedying the oil tank which had several inches of an oil water mix in the bottom of it, fixing a mold issue in the janitor closet, and HVAC issues which involved no air circulation, and an inconsistent air temperature throughout the school. He also noted the articles Superintendent Elaine Collins has put in The Chronicle recently regarding increases to schools' budgets and challenges schools are facing currently. School board member Mary Gagne noted some of the increases and decreases in this year's budget, including reducing the guidance position to .4 from 1.0, using the previous year surplus to help bring down the tax rate for this year, health insurance up 16.4%, and staff wages increasing by 4%. She also clarified Article 5, noting that it is not asking to raise another \$843,998; it is authorizing the school board to spend the money voted on in Article 4, plus the Westfield School Budget. Theresa McAvinney questioned what the current student to teacher ratio is at the elementary school. Principal Couture noted that for certified staff it is 13:1. He explained that small schools have fluctuating enrollment, and they try to combine some classrooms to combat this. Theresa McAvinney noted that she is concerned with the tax rate increase, and questioned if the school board is pushing back against state mandates. School board member Mary Gagne explained that Superintendent Collins goes to advocate for the supervisory union in Montpelier often. She also explained that the decrease in the CLA (common level of appraisal) is causing the large increase in the tax rate. Lister Danny Young explained how the CLA is calculated and that it is used in the formula to calculate the education tax rate. He noted that in July the town will receive an order to reappraise due to the COD. He also explained that the reason for the CLA jumping so drastically is because it uses a 3-year average and all three years being averaged now are COVID years, where real estate has been selling for overly high prices.

A voice vote was taken. Moderator Sagui then asked for a show of hands. *The show of hands indicated that Article 5 passed.*

Article 6. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to revise the joint school agreement to reflect the law changes by replacing Equalized Pupils with the phrase Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTW ADM)? **Mike Piper motioned and Sue Scott seconded to approve Article 6.** There was no discussion. *Article 6 passed by voice vote.*

Articles 7 through 11 voted by Australian ballot: Moderator Sagui read each article. There was no discussion. The results of the Australian ballot voting were reported after the polls closed at 7pm.

Article 7. To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for the school year 2024-2025.
(Australian ballot to be commingled with Jay)
Westfield: Tara Morse - 94 Spoiled - 1 Blank - 9 Write-In - 0
Jay: Tara Morse - 84 Spoiled - Bank - Write-In -
(Jay Results: reported by Lynnette Deaette, Jay Town Clerk)
Tara Morse was elected to a one-year term (2025) in Westfield and Jay.

Article 8. To elect a Westfield Town School District Treasurer for the school year 2024-2025.
(Australian ballot)
Lisa Deslandes - 95 Spoiled - 0 Blank - 9 Write-In - 0
Lisa Deslandes was elected to a one-year term (2025).

Article 9. Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$21,553,800, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? **(Australian ballot)**
Votes by Australian ballot: Yes - 62 No - 38 Spoiled - 0 Blank - 4
Article 9 passed.

Article 10. Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$6,538,700, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? **(Australian ballot)**

Votes by Australian ballot: Yes - 64

No - 36

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Article 10 passed.

Article 11. Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$280,000 of undesignated FY2023 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve fund? **(Australian ballot)**

Votes by Australian ballot:

Yes - 68 No - 32

Spoiled - 0

Blank - 4

Article 11 passed

Article 12. To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting. There was no discussion.

Article 13. To adjourn. Mike Piper motioned to adjourn at 11:03AM; Pauline Couture seconded. *Motion*

passed by voice vote.

WESTFIELD TOWN ANNUAL MEETING:

Immediately following the School Meeting, the Town Meeting was called to order.

Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one-year. *The body voted to elect Pat Sagui to the position of Town and School Moderator during the school portion of the meeting.*

Article 2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers: **Shelley Martin motioned and Will Young seconded to approve Article 2.**

Town Clerk Dunn first spoke about the Selectboard/ Town Clerk report. She thanked Bill Salmon and Normand Piette for helping on the common during Christmas, and she also thanked the road crew for all their work during the FEMA event in 2023. She noted that they were out on the roads all night getting them ready and no roads needed to be closed. She then discussed the digital displays purchased using grant money through MERP (Municipal Energy Resilience Program). This program allowed the town to have an energy audit done on all the town buildings and the town can then receive money to make energy efficiency changes to the town buildings.

Selectman Degre thanked Roger Tetreault for being the town handyman and helping whenever needed. Carrie Glessner and Laura Emery are the town representatives for CUD (Communications Union District). The CUD is working to get fiber internet across the region and has been doing this for the past 5 years. It is in Westfield now and connections to residences will be starting within the next few months. Areas of Balance Rock Road and Buck Hill Road will not be started until 2025-26, the money for these more rural areas will become available in the next two years. They urged people to sign up, noting that the more interest an area has, the faster they will build that area. Selectman Couture then spoke about the village wastewater project assessment. He explained that this cost the town nothing and would cover mostly the homes in the village that are currently on the water system. The town will hold public meetings and will have information available at the recycling center, town website and the town clerk's office on the progress of the project. Selectman Couture also noted that the town can walk away at any point, there is no obligation to go through with anything. He also wanted people to know they will be asked to mark where their septic pipe comes out of the house and where their septic tank is so they can calculate what is required to do the work. The company needs to collect this data to determine the work involved in engineering the system. He also explained that there is a lot of federal grant money available to address wastewater issues. With homes in the village so close to the water table, future home sales may be affected by septic issues if no wastewater system is put into place. Pat Sagui spoke as the Planning Commission Chair. She noted that the planning commission is very close to finalizing the new zoning bylaws. The March 18th meeting of the Selectboard will be the final vote on the bylaws. All comments and changes made are on the town website, with hard copies at the town clerk's Office and The Hitchcock Museum and Library. Sue Scott thanked the Planning Commission for all their work on the bylaws. *Article 2 passed by a voice vote.*

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2651d(a)? **Pauline Couture motioned and Shelley Martin seconded to approve Article 3.** Selectman Couture explained why the Selectboard wanted to make this change. With changing times most of this work is done within the town clerk's office by the Treasurer and Town Clerk. Moving this position in office would

also allow the revenue from late fees to be added back into the town budget as revenue. Town Clerk Dunn explained that most people call the office, and they walk them through how to pay online. Shelley Martin questioned if this is only for property taxes or if it is also for things like dog licenses. Town Clerk Dunn noted that it is just for property taxes. Selectman Degre noted that Joyce Crawford has held this position for the last 35 or so years, and she did a great job. He feels that it is just time to move this position in office. Danny Young questioned if this article passed would Article 4C no longer need to be voted on. Moderator Sagui explained that if Article 3 was approved, then a motion to postpone indefinitely would be needed on Article 4 C. This motion would require a 2/3rd vote to pass. . *This article requires 2/3 majority to pass. Article 3 passed by voice vote.*

Article 4.

To elect all necessary town officials required by law.

- a. 1st Constable - One-year term: Selectman Couture nominated Mike Piper. Mike Piper declined the nomination. **Selectman Degre nominated Mike Jacobs.** *Mike Jacobs was elected by voice vote to a one-year term (2025).*
- b. 2nd Constable - One-year term: **Bill Salmon nominated Mike Piper.** *Mike Piper was elected by voice vote to a one-year term (2025).*
- c. Delinquent Tax Collector - One-year term: **Mike Piper motioned to object to consideration, Theresa McAvinney seconded.** *Passed by voice vote.*
- d. Library Trustee - Five-year term: **Connie LaPlume nominated Carrie Glessner.** *Carrie Glessner was elected by voice vote to a five-year term (2029).*
- e. Library Trustee - One-year of an unexpired two-year term: **Connie LaPlume nominated Carolyn Lyster.** *Carolyn Lyster was elected by voice vote to one year of a two-year unexpired term (2025).*
- f. Lister - Three-year term: Sue Scott nominated Scott Dunn. He does not want to hold the position any longer. LaDonna Dunn nominated Luke Backus. Luke declined the nomination. *The position remains vacant.*
- g. Selectperson - Three-year term: **Jacques Couture nominated Richard Degre. Mike Piper motioned to instruct the clerk to cast one ballot for Richard Degre; Shelley Martin seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.** *Richard Degre was elected to a term of three years (2027).*
- h. Town Clerk - Three-year term: **Shelley Martin nominated LaDonna Dunn.** *LaDonna Dunn was elected by a voice vote to a term of three years (2027).*
- i. Town Treasurer - Three-year term: **Richard Degre nominated Lisa Deslandes.** *Lisa Deslandes was elected by voice vote to a term of three years (2027).*

Article 5.

Shall the voters approve \$28,176 for the following appropriations? **Connie LaPlume motioned and Sue Newman seconded to approve Article 5.**

- a. **\$500** to American Red Cross:
- b. **\$500** to ConnectAbilities (formerly Orleans County Citizens Advocacy):
- c. **\$100** to Felines & Friends Foundation:
- d. **\$1,200** to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.:
- e. **\$50** to Green Up Vermont:
- f. **\$250** to Jay Focus Group:
- g. **\$750** to Jay Food Shelf:
- h. **\$250** to Jay Peak Post No. 28-American Legion: **Maurice Doyon motioned to increase the appropriation to \$500, Roger Tetreault seconded.** Sue Scott questioned what costs

have increased. Maurice Doyon explained that the cost of flags and grave markers have gone up. **Motion to increase appropriation to \$500 passed by voice vote.**

- i. **\$300** to Mississquoi River Basin Association:
- j. **\$100** to North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra:
- k. **\$300** to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging:
- l. **\$1,072** to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS):
- m. **\$250** to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS):
- n. **\$700** to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society):
- o. **\$500** to Orleans County Fair Association:
- p. **\$16,409** to Orleans County Sheriff's Department: **Mike Piper motioned to vote on this article by paper ballot.** Moderator Sagui informed the voters that seven people would need to agree to vote by paper ballot for the motion to pass. **A show of hands**

indicated the motion to vote by paper ballot for Article 5P passed. Connie

LaPlume noted that the Sheriff has been across the road from her house a lot this year, not just prior to town meeting. Theresa McAvinney feels that with what has been happening in the area lately it is not a time to defund the police. Jennifer Grace felt they did a good job addressing the speed problems on North Hill. Selectman Degre noted that the Selectboard gets the sheriff's report every month, and the town doesn't collect hardly any money from fines. The town used to cover the cost of the sheriff through fines collected. Shelley Martin questioned if they could give the town a precise report. Selectman Degre explained they do give the town a report, but they are not pulling people over, and when they pull people over on Route 100 the town does not get the fine money. Andrew Emery questioned how much money the town is getting from fines. Selectman Couture noted the town received \$50 in fines last year. He noted that they are not trying to fund the sheriff appropriation completely with fine money and he does know it's a deterrent factor. Theresa McAvinney questioned how much it would cost the town to hire their own police fund. She feels this is money well spent. Anne Lazor questioned to what extent the state police cover Westfield. Selectman Degre explained that if you call them, they will come. He also explained that the town doesn't have to pay the state police.

YES - 26

NO - 12 Appropriation stays at \$16,409.

- q. **\$2,500** to Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc.:
- r. **\$500** to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.:
- s. **\$600** to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT):
- t. **\$500** to Troy and Area Lions Club to run the Westfield Senior Meal Site:
- u. **\$400** to Umbrella:
- v. **\$95** to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL):
- w. **\$250** to Vermont Family Network:
- x. **\$100** to Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force - Vt. Assoc. of Conservation Dist.:

Amended amount of appropriations to \$28,426, passed by voice vote.

Article 6. Shall the voters approve general government fund expenditures of \$411,760, of which \$165,340 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$246,420 shall be raised by municipal taxes? *This amount does not include appropriations.* **Sue Scott motioned to approve Article 6 and Anne Lazor seconded.** **Article 6 passed by a voice vote.**

Article 7. Shall the voters approve highway fund expenditures of \$503,498, of which \$108,853 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$394,645 shall be raised by municipal taxes? **Sue Scott motioned to approve Article 7 and Shelley Martin seconded.** **Article 7 passed by a voice vote.**

Article 8. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791, to collect current taxes? **Mike Piper motioned to approve Article 8 and Theresa McAvinney seconded.** **Article 8 passed by a voice vote.**

Article 9. Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes on the first Thursday in October, by physical delivery to the tax collector before 4 p.m. on that date? Theresa McAvinney motioned, and Mike Piper seconded to bring the article to the floor. Town Clerk Dunn explained that the tax deadline is usually around

a holiday. Changing the date to a week earlier would eliminate the possibility of taxes being due on the holiday or payments being delayed in the mail due to the holiday. Danny Young questioned whether this applied to only physical delivery of tax payments or if it included electronic payments. Town Clerk Dunn explained that physical delivery means not postmarked on that date, it needs to be physically at the town office by that date and time. Selectman Couture thought it would help to add electronic delivery to the article. **Selectman Couture motioned to amend the article to read “by physical or electronic delivery” and Danny Young seconded the motion. Amending the wording for Article 9 passed by a voice vote. Article 9 passed with the new wording by a voice vote.**

Article 10.

To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

Jennifer Johnson, the new Librarian at the Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library, introduced herself. She is very excited to be the new librarian and to get to know the town. She started a newsletter that includes information on changes and programs happening at the library. She noted that the book sale shelf is full right now and she would love people to check that out. She also updated on some changes happening including getting the library automated and the start of inter-library loan. There is a shipping cost to inter-library loan so any donations towards that are gladly accepted. She also discussed the ABLE library, which supplies books for visually impaired people and applications for that program are available at the library. Maurice Doyon wondered if the newsletter would be available to be emailed in the future. Jennifer explained that she will be asking people for their email addresses when they sign up for library cards and the newsletter will get emailed to you at that point. By giving your email address, the system will also notify you when you have books due back soon. Jennifer Grace wondered if the ABLE library information is available on the town website and Jennifer noted that she will get the information to LaDonna to get it put on there. Sue Scott had a question about whether donations are being accepted. Jennifer explained that she cannot accept them at this time as there is no space. In the future she will be looking at fiction and non-fiction from the past 5 years and she will post on Facebook when she is ready for donations. Carrie Glessner thanked Jennifer for jumping right in at the library.

Bill Salmon has some concerns regarding Rasputitsa, a bike race taking place in April. He is concerned with traffic safety, specifically where Buck Hill merges onto Route 100. Selectman Couture noted that the town heard about the race after it was all setup. The 4 towns the race will be going through then formed a joint committee to address these types of issues. VLCT, Vermont League of Cities and Towns, got involved to help the towns protect themselves. The biggest concerns were safety and road damage. VLCT suggested an insurance liability amount and the race organizers agreed to all the stipulations. They agreed to hire the ambulance service and ADA traffic control as well as put money in an escrow account to cover the fees for the attorney the towns hired. They are not releasing the race route until the night before the race; however they are letting the towns know about a week before. Sue Scott questioned whether they will have signs on Buck Hill notifying riders of the merge onto Route 100. Selectman Degre explained that they will have signs and traffic control people working at these intersections. He also explained that they are releasing 300 riders every half an hour with 1,500 riders in total.

Connie LaPlume spoke about the Lions Club Texas Hold em' tournaments. They are looking for places/organizations to donate the money from these tournaments to. So far, they have donated to the library, and local schools. The only requirement is that the organization needs to run the kitchen during the tournament. Two of the Library Trustees, Karen Blais and Jenn Stelma, along with Jenn's partner Zach, ran the kitchen to earn the \$462 donated to the library last month. They are also looking for volunteers to help with the meal site. The meal site is run each Thursday at the Community Center.

Jennifer Grace spoke about the Upper Mississquoi and Trout River Wild and Scenic Committee. They are holding a snowshoeing event at the American Legion in North Troy. She explained that they do a lot of work with the rivers, including runoff, erosion and flood prevention. Selectman Couture noted that the wild and scenic designation comes with around \$200,000 of funding each year.

Theresa McAvinney has some concerns regarding regular maintenance of the playground. She feels it is a reflection on the town and needs some weeding to be done. She would also like to see a trash receptacle put in if possible. Selectman Degre thought they could try having a trash receptacle and if people abuse it then it can be taken away. Selectman Couture noted that the mulch is being re-done this summer.

Article 11.

To adjourn. **Mike Piper motioned to adjourn at 12:34PM and Theresa McAvinney seconded. Passed by a voice vote.**

I certify the above Election Results are a true and accurate reporting of the Australian ballot election and floor vote results, for the Town of Westfield Annual Meeting and the Annual Westfield School District Meeting held on March 5, 2024.
Attest: LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk

**WESTFIELD & JAY SCHOOL BOARD
INFORMATIONAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2024-Remote Meeting**

Board members in attendance: Mary Gagne, Niki Dunn, Andrew Emery

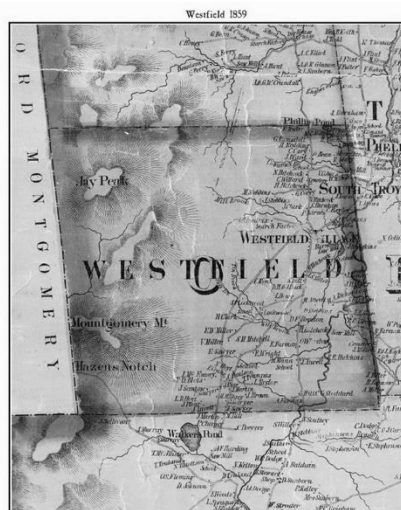
Others In Attendance: Hunter Couture, Principal Jay/Westfield Elementary School; Elaine Collins, NCSU Superintendent

- I. Call Meeting to Order:** Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
- II. Discussion:** Board members discussed logistics and talking points to have ready for Town Meeting on Tuesday. They put together a plan to gather information to have available for the meeting and discussed bringing some copies of slides created by Hunter showing student testing scores as well as budget increase factors. As no members of the public joined the meeting it was decided to adjourn after 25 minutes.
- III. Adjourn:** Niki Dunn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm, Andrew Emery seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:
Niki Dunn
Westfield School Board

**Westfield Demographics
Some Fun Facts from 2025**

- First recorded land records: 1802
- Registered voters: 473
- Size of Town: 40.1 square miles
- Miles of roads: 22.73
- Homesteads: 189
- CLA: 62.2%
- After SA: 85.96%



- Population: 534 (2020 Census)
- Registered Dogs: 173
- Taxable parcels: 455
- Number of pages recorded in land records in 2024: 534
- SA (Statewide Adjustment): 72.36%
- The top of Jay Peak is in Westfield

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD
TOWN OFFICER PHONE LIST
♦ Sorted Alphabetically by Office ♦

Town Officer	Term Expires	Phone Number
<u>Constables</u> ♦ elected for a term of one-year		
Mike Jacobs – 1 st Constable	2025	744-8269
Mike Piper - 2 nd Constable	2025	744-6304
<u>Delinquent Tax Collector</u> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Lisa Deslandes		744-2484
<u>E 9-1-1 Coordinator & Troy Rescue Advisory Committee Rep.</u> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Roger Gosselin		274-4502
<u>Emergency Management Coordinator</u> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Maurice Doyon		744-2437
<u>Fire Warden</u> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Jim Crawford		744-8085
<u>Health Officer</u> ♦ appointed by State Health Commissioner		
Shelley Martin		595-1888
<u>Justices of the Peace</u> ♦ elected for a term of two-years ♦ also Board of Civil Authority Members		
Karen Blais	2027	744-2484
Niki Dunn	2027	744-2484
Anne Lazor	2027	744-6855
Michael Piper	2027	744-6304
Pat Sagui	2027	744-2345
<u>Librarian</u> ♦ appointed by Selectboard/ Trustees		
Jennifer Johnson		744-8258
<u>Library Board of Trustees</u> ♦ elected for a term of five-years		
Carolyn Lyster	2025	744-6839
Elizabeth Berchick	2026	673-6435
Karen Blais	2027	744-2484
Jenn Stelma	2028	673-2404
Carrie Glessner	2029	814-442-0663
<u>Listers</u> ♦ elected for a term of three-years ♦ also Board of Abatement Members		
Shelley Martin	2025	595-1888
Danny Young	2026	744-6122
Vacant	2027	
<u>Moderator</u> ♦ elected for a term of one-year		
Pat Sagui	2025	744-2345

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Town Officer	Term Expires	Phone Number
<u>Planning Commission/ Development Review Board</u> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Brian Dunn	2025	744-2441
Kitty Edwards	2026	323-3704
Ellen Fox	2027	355-9853
Loren Petzoldt, Vice Chair	2028	744-6532
Pat Sagui, Chair	2029	744-2345
<u>Road Commissioner</u> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Eric Kennison		744-6457 or 673-5648 ♦ cell
<u>School Director - North Country Union High School</u> ♦ elected for a term of three-years		
Vacant	2027	
<u>School Directors - Westfield School Board</u> ♦ elected for a term of three-years		
Andrew Emery	2025	203-767-0216
Mary Gagne	2026	207-540-4072
Jessica Kennison	2027	744-6457
<u>School Treasurers</u> ♦ elected for a term of one-year		
Tara Morse ♦ Jay-Westfield Joint School District	2025	988-2996
Lisa Deslandes ♦ Westfield Town School District	2025	744-2484
<u>Selectboard</u> ♦ elected for a term of three-years ♦ also serve as Cemetery Commissioners, Town Service Officers, Tree Wardens & Board of Civil Authority Members		
Jacques Couture ♦ Chair	2025	744-2733
Dennis Vincent	2026	673-9357
Richard Degre ♦ Vice Chair	2027	744-2427
<u>Town Clerk</u> ♦ elected for a term of three-years ♦ Clerk also serves as Board of Civil Authority Member		
LaDonna Dunn ♦ Town Clerk	2027	744-2484 or 673-9001 ♦ cell
Karen Blais ♦ Assistant Town Clerk (Appointed by Clerk)		744-2484
Niki Dunn ♦ Selectboard Clerk & Assistant Town Clerk (Appointed by Clerk)		744-2484
<u>Town Treasurer</u> ♦ elected for a term of three-years ♦ also Board of Abatement Member		
Lisa Deslandes	2027	744-2484
<u>Zoning Administrator (ZA)</u> ♦ appointed by Selectboard		
Will Young		715-3077
Andrew Emery (Assistant ZA)		



* Those interested in being considered for a vacant Officer position should submit a Letter of Interest to the Town Clerk marked, Attention: Selectboard. Please submit via mail, drop box at the Town **Clerk's office** or email to info@westfield.vt.gov

We welcome your participation!

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES FOR 2024

Delinquent Taxes to Tax Collector	\$ 97,665.81
Total Adjustments (State Payments)	\$ 0.00
Grand Total to Tax Collector	\$ 97,665.81
Total Collected in 2024	\$ (72,084.36)
Total Abated	\$ (0.00)
Grand Total of Uncollected Taxes	<u>\$ 25,581.45</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Deslandes
Delinquent Tax collector

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2024

I'm happy to inform you that the governmental audit for the Town of Westfield was completed for December 31, 2023, by Telling & Hillman, PC. We have financial statements available for public viewing at the Town Office or on our website at www.westfield.vt.gov on the Town Documents/Forms page. They will be working on the Fiscal Year 2024 audit soon and should have it completed by April 2025.

Sincerely,
Lisa Deslandes
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF TOWN INVESTMENTS & SPECIAL FUNDS For Calendar Year 2024

Investment Name - As of 12/31/24	Balance 2022	Balance 2023	Change 2024	Balance 2024
EDWARD JONES				
North Hill Cemetery CD	\$12,013.63	\$12,952.01	\$869.18	\$13,821.19
Westfield Cemetery CD	\$31,029.95	\$34,870.79	\$2,340.10	\$37,210.89
Grader Fund CD 1	\$47,081.16	\$51,808.03	\$3,476.72	\$55,284.75
Grader Fund CD 2	\$4,916.55	\$4,981.35	\$62.85	\$5,044.20
Grader Fund New CD 3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,056.56	\$8,056.56
Library Fund	\$60,553.55	\$66,732.58	\$8,735.59	\$75,468.17
Money Market	\$6,783.58	\$1,335.52	-\$990.90	\$344.62
Total Balance	\$162,378.42	\$172,680.28	\$22,550.10	\$195,230.38
NORTH COUNTRY CREDIT UNION				
Reappraisal CD	\$4,516.97	\$4,550.84	\$34.20	\$4,585.04
Regular Share	\$102.55	\$5.06	\$0.03	\$5.09
Total Balance	\$4,619.52	\$4,555.90	\$34.23	\$4,590.13
COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK				
Unexpected Expense	\$23,050.04	\$23,206.61	\$157.94	\$23,364.55
Grader Fund 1	\$23,147.37	\$31,310.37	\$213.67	\$31,524.04
Reappraisal Fund	\$9,043.53	\$13,105.31	\$4,090.85	\$17,196.16
Good Neighbor Fund	\$42,209.41	\$50,744.11	\$396.64	\$51,140.75
Debit Card Checking Account	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Restoration Savings Account	\$9222.65	\$11,251.63	-\$3,261.67	\$7,989.96
Library Donation from Church	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	-\$1,239.86	\$13,760.14
Total Balance	\$106,673.00	\$145,618.03	\$357.57	\$145,975.60
Total Town Investment	\$273,670.94	\$322,854.21	\$22,941.90	\$345,796.11

ARPA EXPENSES

Description of Expense	Community Center	Library	Office/ County Tax	Vault Digitization	Troy Fire Department	Total
Total Arpa Money received						\$148,601.26
10/26/22 New Door - Community Center	\$1,303.23					
10/26/22 Labor to Install Door	\$262.50					
11/09/22 Materials for Door	\$168.56					
11/09/22 Materials for Door	\$59.47					
11/09/22 Labor to Rebuild Bulkhead	\$337.50					
11/30/22 Materials for Insulation Downstairs	\$113.54					
12/15/22 Materials to Repair Basement Door	\$199.21					
Total Expenses from 04/01/22 to 03/31/2023	\$2,444.01					(\$2,444.01)
06/26/23 Troy Fire Department Thermal Imager					\$6,500.00	
08/02/23 Bathalon Custom Home Repair Roof at Library		\$17,700.00				
08/02/23 Repair Window & Paint Around the Clock		\$2,245.00				
08/11/23 Kennison & Son Repair Sidewalk	\$1,497.97					
08/16/23 Cement for Sidewalk Repair	\$3,500.00					
09/11/23 Nadeau's Plumbing Repair Heat System	\$1,906.13					
02/13/24 Nadeau's Plumbing Replaced Thermostat	\$1,698.66					
02/28/24 Nadeau's Plumbing Installed Ball Valves	\$2,296.01					
03/29/24 Walmart - Table for Land Record Books				\$23.30		
Total Expenses for 04/01/23 to 03/31/24	\$10,898.77	\$19,945.00		\$23.30	\$6,500.00	(\$37,367.07)
Total Expenses as of 03/31/2024						\$108,790.18
04/16/24 Dell Computer for Vault Digitizing				\$740.87		
04/23/24 Nadeau's Plumbing Melt Sensor for Steps	\$3,185.00					
06/04/24 Beloin Computing Wireless Router Replacement			\$99.00			
5/9/2024 Walmart - Adapter Cable for Computer Monitor				\$13.65		
06/13/24 D & D Electric Network Switch			\$48.24			
07/03/24 Beloin Computing New Computers for Town Office			\$3,094.00			
7/29/24 B&H Plumbing and Heating Heat Pump			\$11,786.50			
07/29/24 D & D Electric Wiring Heat Pump			\$775.93			
08/14/24 Amazon, iPad, Screen Protector, Case - Road Comm.			\$301.71			
08/14/24 Amazon, Apple Care Software Download - Road Comm.			\$69.00			
08/21/24 Kelly Bradley Down Payment Painting Inside	\$1,200.00					
09/10/24 B&H Plumbing and Heating Heat Pump	\$16,181.21					
09/19/24 Annette's Painting, Down Payment Painting Outside	\$9,000.00					
10/08/24 Kelly Bradley Final payment Painting Inside	\$7,400.00					
09/24/24 Best Buy, Scanner for Receipts			\$121.88			
10/15/24 Annette's Painting Final Payment for Painting	\$9,725.00					
11/07/24 TV Liquidator Digital Sign - Town Garage			\$14,185.00			
11/18/24 Kelly Bradley Painting Inside Office			\$2,500.00			
11/18/24 D & D Electric Wiring Heat Pump	\$812.92					
12/04/24 Vault Digitization Wages Paid (Niki)				\$9,939.39		
12/16/24 D & D Electric Camera Installation	\$2,300.00		\$2,300.00			
12/16/24 Costco, Folding Chairs for Community Center	\$1,059.89					
12/16/24 NEMRC Land Record 2025 Yearly & One-Time Setup Fees				\$2,000.00		
Paid County Tax 2024			\$ 4,650.99			
Total Expenses for 04/01/24 to 03/31/25	\$50,864.02	\$0.00	\$39,932.25	\$12,693.91		(\$103,490.18)
Total As of December 2024						\$5,300.00
12/16/24 D & D Electrical Wiring for Digital Sign (contract)			\$1,300.00			
12/30/24 Tracy Degre Concrete, Digital Sign Concrete Pad (contract)			\$4,000.00			
Total Under Contract			\$5,300.00			(\$5,300.00)
Total Arpa Funds Left						\$0.00

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT-GENERAL GOVERNMENT (pgs. 17-21)

Account	Budget FY24	Actual FY24	Budget FY25
01-6 GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE			
01-6-01 TAX RELATED – GENERAL GOVT.			
01-6-01-01.01 Property Taxes -Current	\$274,846.00	\$238,973.31	\$311,496.70
01-6-01-02.00 Delinquent Taxes Collected	\$25,717.42	\$25,717.42	\$0.00
01-6-01-03.00 Delinquent Tax Interest	\$1,200.00	\$1,157.93	\$1,000.00
01-6-01-04.00 Delinquent Penalties	\$5,000.00	\$6,770.87	\$5,000.00
TOTAL TAX RELATED - GENERAL GOVT.	\$306,763.42	\$272,619.53	\$317,496.70
01-6-02 STATE OF VERMONT			
01-6-02-01.00 Land Use / Hold Harmless	\$40,000.00	\$47,596.00	\$45,000.00
01-6-02-02.00 PILOT - ANR & State Garage	\$29,000.00	\$28,671.87	\$29,000.00
01-6-02-04.00 Reappraisal - State \$	\$4,000.00	\$3,952.50	\$4,000.00
01-6-02-05.00 Equalization Study \$	\$470.00	\$465.00	\$470.00
01-6-02-06.01 Transfer in ARPA	\$0.00	\$4,650.99	\$0.00
TOTAL STATE OF VERMONT	\$73,470.00	\$85,336.36	\$78,470.00
01-6-03 CLERKS OFFICE			
01-6-03-01.00 Recording Fees	\$5,500.00	\$5,296.00	\$5,000.00
01-6-03-02.00 Copies	\$1,000.00	\$1,095.15	\$1,000.00
01-6-03-03.00 Animal License	\$1,500.00	\$1,815.00	\$1,800.00
01-6-03-04.00 Liquor License	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
01-6-03-06.00 DMV Fees	\$25.00	\$42.00	\$40.00
01-6-03-07.00 Zoning Permits	\$1,000.00	\$1,220.00	\$1,200.00
01-6-03-08.00 Cemetery Lot Sales	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
01-6-03-09.00 Marriage License	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$160.00
01-6-03-10.00 Vault Fees	\$150.00	\$167.00	\$150.00
01-6-03-11.00 Restoration Fund Collected	\$2,000.00	\$1,664.00	\$1,400.00
TOTAL CLERKS OFFICE	\$12,395.00	\$11,609.15	\$10,820.00
01-6-09 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME			
01-6-09-01.00 Interest on Bank Accounts	\$2,000.00	\$12,709.32	\$2,000.00
01-6-09-05.00 Misc. Revenue	\$0.00	\$441.51	\$0.00
01-6-09-05.01 Carryover from Previous Year	\$3,408.06	\$0.00	\$8,618.54
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$5,408.06	\$13,150.83	\$10,618.54
01-6-30 PLAYGROUND DONATIONS			
01-6-30-01.01 Playground-Donations	\$0.00	\$949.06	\$0.00
TOTAL PLAYGROUND DONATIONS	\$0.00	\$949.06	\$0.00
01-6-40 COMMUNITY CENTER			
01-6-40-01.01 Community Center Rent	\$1,000.00	\$1,410.00	\$1,100.00
TOTAL COMMUNITY CENTER	\$1,000.00	\$1,410.00	\$1,100.00

Account	Budget FY24	Actual FY24	Budget FY25
01-6-45 LIBRARY			
01-6-45-01.01 Library Book Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
01-6-45-01.02 Library - Donations	\$500.00	\$943.10	\$700.00
01-6-45-01.03 Library - Copies	\$0.00	\$1.50	\$50.00
01-6-45-01.04 Library-Grant	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
01-6-45-01.05 Library Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$649.50	\$650.00
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$500.00	\$3,394.10	\$1,450.00
01-6-50 RECYCLING			
01-6-50-01.00 Recycling Revenue	\$37,500.00	\$41,606.80	\$40,000.00
01-6-50-01.01 Tire Revenue	\$1,400.00	\$2,478.00	\$2,400.00
01-6-50-01.03 Steel	\$750.00	\$1,766.50	\$1,000.00
01-6-50-01.04 Refundable Cans income	\$1,000.00	\$1,064.15	\$1,000.00
TOTAL RECYCLING	\$40,650.00	\$46,915.45	\$44,400.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES	\$440,186.48	\$435,384.48	\$464,355.24
01-7 GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES			
01-7-10 PAYROLL			
01-7-10-10.02 Selectboard	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00	\$5,432.50
01-7-10-10.03 Town Clerk	\$49,000.00	\$43,273.95	\$49,000.00
01-7-10-10.04 Treasurer	\$20,000.00	\$15,355.87	\$20,000.00
01-7-10-10.05 Office Assistant	\$26,000.00	\$25,937.02	\$26,000.00
01-7-10-10.06 Listers	\$9,000.00	\$8,210.41	\$11,000.00
01-7-10-10.08 Election Officials	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
01-7-10-10.09 Delinquent Tax Collector	\$5,000.00	\$7,530.65	\$5,000.00
01-7-10-10.10 Constables	\$925.00	\$775.00	\$800.00
01-7-10-10.20 Zoning Administrator	\$1,000.00	\$1,515.01	\$1,000.00
01-7-10-11.00 FICA/Medicare Expense	\$10,000.00	\$12,180.07	\$15,000.00
01-7-10-11.01 Child Care Contribution Tax	\$0.00	\$405.02	\$500.00
01-7-10-12.00 VMERS Expense	\$3,500.00	\$3,066.42	\$3,500.00
01-7-10-12.01 U. I. Tax Expense	\$2,300.00	\$1,981.59	\$2,500.00
01-7-10-13.00 911 Coordinator Payroll	\$300.00	\$534.60	\$500.00
01-7-10-14.00 Planning Commission	\$1,000.00	\$1,484.20	\$1,000.00
01-7-10-15.00 Health Officer	\$200.00	\$298.49	\$200.00
01-7-10-16.00 Assistant Treasurer	\$5,000.00	\$1,424.07	\$5,000.00
01-7-10-18.00 Emergency Management Coordinator	\$0.00	\$71.28	\$150.00
TOTAL PAYROLL	\$141,225.00	\$129,343.65	\$148,082.50
01-7-15 TOWN OFFICE			
01-7-15-20.00 Town Office - Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,046.67	\$2,100.00
01-7-15-20.01 Town Office - Postage	\$1,200.00	\$1,188.91	\$1,300.00
01-7-15-21.00 Town Office – Equip. Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$2,124.12	\$1,500.00

Account	Budget FY24	Actual FY24	Budget FY25
01-7-15-21.01 Computer Services	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
01-7-15-23.00 Zoom Expenses	\$200.00	\$159.90	\$200.00
01-7-15-23.01 Website Expenses	\$500.00	\$623.40	\$625.00
01-7-15-30.00 Town Office - Electricity	\$1,200.00	\$1,236.37	\$1,300.00
01-7-15-31.00 Town Office - Heat	\$3,000.00	\$1,163.92	\$3,000.00
01-7-15-32.00 Town Office - Telephone	\$3,500.00	\$3,489.06	\$3,600.00
01-7-15-33.00 Town Office - Water	\$480.00	\$600.00	\$480.00
01-7-15-34.00 Preserve Town Records	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-7-15-35.02 NEMRC - Cloud Expenses	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-7-15-35.03 NEMRC - Disaster Recovery Expense	\$1,400.00	\$1,477.57	\$1,500.00
01-7-15-35.04 NEMRC - Annual Support	\$6,000.00	\$5,642.00	\$7,200.00
01-7-15-36.00 Town Office - Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$4,761.55	\$4,500.00
01-7-15-37.00 Town Office - Marriage License	\$315.00	\$130.00	\$140.00
01-7-15-39.00 Town Office – Animal License Expense	\$800.00	\$890.21	\$900.00
TOTAL TOWN OFFICE	\$29,335.00	\$27,533.68	\$30,345.00
01-7-20 GENERAL EXPENSES			
01-7-20-29.00 Accountants Auditors	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,400.00
01-7-20-30.00 Electric Street/Common	\$4,900.00	\$4,772.67	\$5,000.00
01-7-20-42.00 Member. Dues & Subscript.	\$3,000.00	\$3,392.02	\$3,500.00
01-7-20-42.01 Ambulance Services/Troy Rescue	\$38,000.00	\$37,827.00	\$38,231.00
01-7-20-42.02 Troy Fire Department	\$28,974.77	\$28,974.77	\$33,974.74
01-7-20-42.03 Montgomery Fire Department	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
01-7-20-43.00 Employee Training	\$1,300.00	\$1,313.68	\$1,300.00
01-7-20-46.01 Legal Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,069.00	\$1,500.00
01-7-20-47.01 Mileage Reimbursement	\$600.00	\$394.65	\$400.00
01-7-20-48.01 Property & Casualty Insurance	\$13,000.00	\$13,229.50	\$13,500.00
01-7-20-48.02 Workman's Comp Insurance	\$6,500.00	\$6,755.50	\$7,000.00
01-7-20-50.00 Supplies for Town	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
01-7-20-62.01 North Hill Cemetery	\$1,200.00	\$1,067.01	\$1,500.00
01-7-20-62.02 Westfield Cemetery	\$4,000.00	\$3,590.96	\$3,600.00
01-7-20-71.00 County Taxes	\$12,000.00	\$13,759.50	\$14,000.00
01-7-20-72.00 Advertising	\$200.00	\$816.00	\$1,000.00
01-7-20-80.00 Medical Insurance Expense	\$13,200.00	\$12,919.35	\$14,500.00
01-7-20-80.01 Dental Insurance	\$645.00	\$564.96	\$650.00
01-7-20-80.02 Vision Insurance	\$0.00	\$152.28	\$200.00
01-7-20-81.00 Print Town Report	\$900.00	\$850.00	\$890.00
01-7-20-95.00 Lister's Expense	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
01-7-20-95.03 Transfer Out-Reappraisal	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
01-7-20-98.00 Maps	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,500.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	\$151,019.77	\$152,748.85	\$165,145.74

Account	Budget FY24	Actual FY24	Budget FY25
01-7-30 PLAYGROUND			
01-7-30-20.00 Playground Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$4,530.90	\$2,500.00
01-7-30-20.01 Playground Equipment	\$0.00	\$949.06	\$0.00
TOTAL PLAYGROUND	\$2,500.00	\$5,479.96	\$2,500.00
01-7-40 COMMUNITY CENTER			
01-7-40-30.00 C.C. - Electricity	\$1,600.00	\$1,341.71	\$1,600.00
01-7-40-31.00 C.C. - Heat	\$4,500.00	\$2,952.78	\$4,500.00
01-7-40-32.00 C.C. - Telephone	\$600.00	\$767.04	\$800.00
01-7-40-33.00 C.C. - Water	\$480.00	\$600.00	\$480.00
01-7-40-34.00 C.C. - Supplies	\$350.00	\$117.27	\$200.00
01-7-40-35.00 C.C. - Gas	\$1,000.00	\$885.73	\$800.00
01-7-40-62.00 C.C. - Maintenance	\$8,500.00	\$5,452.48	\$5,000.00
TOTAL COMMUNITY CENTER	\$17,030.00	\$12,117.01	\$13,380.00
01-7-45 LIBRARY			
01-7-45-10.11 Librarian Payroll	\$13,500.00	\$12,459.46	\$13,500.00
01-7-45-19.00 Library - Books Purchases	\$1,000.00	\$1,633.11	\$1,200.00
01-7-45-20.00 Library - Supplies	\$500.00	\$650.83	\$750.00
01-7-45-20.01 Library-Postage	\$0.00	\$24.13	\$50.00
01-7-45-30.00 Library - Electricity	\$1,000.00	\$957.47	\$1,000.00
01-7-45-31.00 Library - Heat	\$4,500.00	\$2,779.72	\$4,600.00
01-7-45-32.00 Library - Telephone	\$600.00	\$926.70	\$900.00
01-7-45-33.00 Library - Programs	\$500.00	\$1,394.65	\$1,000.00
01-7-45-62.00 Library - Maintenance	\$5,200.00	\$6,144.42	\$5,200.00
01-7-45-63.00 Library - Training	\$700.00	\$354.82	\$700.00
01-7-45-99.00 Library - Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$27,500.00	\$27,425.31	\$28,900.00
01-7-50 RECYCLING			
01-7-50-10.00 Recycling Expenses	\$25,000.00	\$27,447.20	\$28,000.00
01-7-50-10.14 Recycling Payroll	\$12,000.00	\$10,761.57	\$12,000.00
01-7-50-10.15 Tire Expense	\$2,000.00	\$1,970.00	\$2,000.00
01-7-50-10.17 Recycling Supplies	\$50.00	\$19.02	\$50.00
01-7-50-10.19 Recycling Pick-Up Fees	\$3,500.00	\$3,076.00	\$3,500.00
01-7-50-10.20 Recycling Member Fee	\$600.00	\$619.44	\$650.00
TOTAL RECYCLING	\$43,150.00	\$43,893.23	\$46,200.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Before Appropriations)	\$411,759.77	\$398,541.69	\$434,553.24
01-8-95 APPROPRIATIONS			
01-8-95-95.03 Orleans County Sheriff	\$16,409.00	\$16,207.25	\$17,485.00

Account	Budget FY24	Actual FY24	Budget FY25
01-8-95-95.05 Orleans Essex VNA	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
01-8-95-95.06 American Legion Jay Peak Post No. 28	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
01-8-95-95.07 American Red Cross	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
01-8-95-95.08 NEK Council on Aging	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
01-8-95-95.09 Felines & Friends Foundation	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
01-8-95-95.10 Green Mountain Farm to School	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
01-8-95-95.11 Green Up Vermont	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
01-8-95-95.13 Jay Food Shelf	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
01-8-95-95.15 Jay Focus Group	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
01-8-95-95.16 Missisquoi River Basin Association	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
01-8-95-95.17 No. Co. Friends of VT Symphony	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
01-8-95-95.19 NEK Human Services	\$1,072.00	\$1,072.00	\$1,072.00
01-8-95-95.20 NEK Learning Services	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
01-8-95-95.21 ConnectAbilities	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
01-8-95-95.22 Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
01-8-95-95.23 Old Stone House Museum	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
01-8-95-95.24 Rural Community Transportation	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$950.00
01-8-95-95.25 Troy & Area Lions Club	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$100.00
01-8-95-95.26 Umbrella	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
01-8-95-95.27 VT Center for Independent Living	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$95.00
01-8-95-95.28 VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
01-8-95-95.29 Orleans County Fair Association	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
01-8-95-95.31 VT Family Network	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$28,426.00	\$28,224.25	\$29,802.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS	\$440,185.77	\$426,765.94	\$464,355.24
NET	\$0.71	\$8,618.54	\$0.00



TOWN OF WESTFIELD
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT-HIGHWAY FUND (pgs. 22-23)

Account	Budget FY 24	Actual FY24	Budget FY25
02-6 HIGHWAY REVENUE			
02-6-01 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE			
02-6-01-01.00 Property Taxes	\$394,644.56	\$394,644.56	\$379,691.22
02-6-01-01.01 Deficit Carry Over	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,168.78
02-6-01-05.00 EJ-Grader CD Interest	\$0.00	\$3,596.13	\$0.00
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	\$394,644.56	\$398,240.69	\$401,860.00
2-6-02 HIGHWAY REVENUE			
02-6-02-01.00 State Aid to Highways	\$27,588.00	\$58,540.39	\$58,540.00
02-6-02-02.00 Road Fines	\$50.00	\$396.50	\$400.00
02-6-03-01.00 Overweight Permits	\$220.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
02-6-03-12.00 Better Road Grant Route 58	\$15,048.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
02-6-03-13.00 NVDA Grants-In-Aid	\$12,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$7,000.00
02-6-03-15.00 Structure Grant Paving	\$0.00	\$167,733.68	\$0.00
02-6-10-16.00 Wild and Scenic Grant	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
02-6-10-16.01 Misc. Highway Revenues	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
02-6-10-18.00 Carryover from Previous Year	\$42,246.94	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE	\$108,852.94	\$262,610.57	\$77,380
TOTAL REVENUES - HIGHWAY FUND	\$503,497.50	\$660,851.26	\$479,240.00
02-7 HIGHWAY EXPENSES			
02-7-10 HIGHWAY PAYROLL EXPENSES			
02-7-10-10.01 Payroll	\$45,000.00	\$42,141.28	\$45,000.00
02-7-10-11.00 FICA/Medicare Expense	\$3,442.50	\$1,886.54	\$2,000.00
02-7-10-11.01 Child Care Contribution Tax	\$0.00	\$50.07	\$200.00
02-7-10-12.00 VMERS Expense	\$2,800.00	\$2,896.54	\$3,500.00
02-7-10-13.00 Hwy Medical Insurance Exp.	\$22,200.00	\$21,182.23	\$24,340.00
02-7-10-13.01 Dental Insurance	\$645.00	\$451.99	\$520.00
02-7-10-14.00 Unemployment Expense	\$780.00	\$371.80	\$400.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY PAYROLL EXPENSES	\$74,867.50	\$68,980.45	\$75,960.00
02-7-15 TOWN GARAGE EXPENSE			
02-7-15-20.00 Town Garage - Supplies	\$250.00	\$75.00	\$250.00
02-7-15-30.00 Town Garage - Electricity	\$1,600.00	\$1,701.43	\$1,800.00
02-7-15-31.00 Town Garage - Heat	\$4,000.00	\$3,065.80	\$3,500.00
02-7-15-33.00 Town Garage - Water	\$480.00	\$600.00	\$480.00
02-7-15-98.00 Town Garage - Cap. Improv	\$500.00	\$239.17	\$500.00
02-7-15-99.00 Town Garage - Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$2,668.24	\$1,500.00
TOTAL TOWN GARAGE EXPENSE	\$8,330.00	\$8,349.64	\$8,030.00

Account	Budget FY 24	Actual FY24	Budget FY25
02-7-20 GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE			
02-7-20-54.00 Grader Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$1,971.65	\$12,000.00
02-7-20-59.00 MRGP Permit	\$740.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
02-7-20-95.02 Transfer to Grader Reserve	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE	\$13,740.00	\$10,471.65	\$20,500.00
02-7-25 ROAD MAINTENANCE			
02-7-25-45.00 Hired Equipment	\$245,000.00	\$291,028.26	\$274,000.00
02-7-25-45.01 Hire Equipment FEMA	\$0.00	\$3,002.19	\$0.00
02-7-25-55.01 Gravel & Sand	\$56,000.00	\$29,237.25	\$56,000.00
02-7-25-55.03 Salt	\$8,000.00	\$4,395.74	\$6,000.00
02-7-25-55.05 Paving	\$40,000.00	\$212,459.56	\$0.00
02-7-25-55.06 Chloride & Calcium	\$8,000.00	\$8,069.80	\$8,000.00
02-7-25-56.00 Culverts	\$5,000.00	\$2,670.00	\$5,000.00
02-7-25-57.00 Road Signs	\$1,000.00	\$170.10	\$5,000.00
02-7-25-58.00 Guard Rails	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$364,000.00	\$551,032.90	\$355,000.00
02-7-27 HIGHWAY GRANT EXPENSES			
02-7-27-02.00 Better Roads Grant RTE 58	\$18,810.00	\$21,200.00	\$0.00
02-7-27-10.00 Grants-in-Aid / NVDA	\$13,750.00	\$11,875.00	\$8,750.00
02-7-27-26.00 Wild & Scenic Grant Exp.	\$10,000.00	\$11,110.40	\$11,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY GRANT EXPENSES	\$42,560.00	\$44,185.40	\$19,750.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES – HIGHWAY FUND	\$503,497.50	\$683,020.04	\$479,240.00
NET	\$0.00	(\$22,168.78)	\$0.00



The Road Crew does their best to avoid causing damage to personal property, but despite their best efforts, sometimes items within the town highway right-of-way get damaged, either by snow removal or other highway maintenance equipment. Please be aware, the town is not responsible for damages obtained within the 49½ foot right-of-way. Also be advised, that placing objects such as vehicles, fences, trees, signs, etc. within these boundaries can cause the objects to be removed at the owner's expense.

SATURDAY MORNINGS AT RECYCLING—A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

For everyone's safety, please do not park in front of the garage doors at the Town Garage on Saturday mornings during recycling. The road crew is working hard to keep our roads clear. The road crew needs to be able to move their equipment in and out of the garages. It's a challenge to see those little cars when backing out of the bays and maneuvering around the sand pile and parking lot.

THANK YOU FROM THE ROAD CREW !!

REPORTS FROM TOWN BOARDS & AGENCIES (Non-Appropriation)

SELECTBOARD REPORT 2024



We would like to thank all the members of the Town of Westfield who continue to keep the day-to-day operations of the town running smoothly as well as our road crew who do a great job keeping our roads maintained throughout the summer and winter months.



This past spring a tractor trailer load of wood chips was brought into the playground and the old wood chips were removed. A work crew consisting of Jacques Couture, Jacob Couture, Richard Degre, Jan Degre, Dennis Vincent and Jeannot Landry met and spread the new wood chips to refresh the playground. With a generous donation from

the members of the Westfield Congregational Church we were able to stripe the existing tennis courts with pickleball lines, purchase two pickleball nets, as well as some paddles and balls. The courts got a great amount of use this summer! Thank you to all who made these wonderful improvements possible.



With the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant needing to be expended or under contract by the end of 2024 we got going with quite a



few projects. Painting was done inside and outside at the Community Center as well as inside the Town Office. New heat pumps were

installed at the Town Office and Community Center as well. New chairs were also



purchased for the Community Center. Security cameras were purchased and installed for the Town Office, Playground and Tennis/Basketball Courts. The Town Office got some much-needed new computers and the work to digitize the land records in the vault is almost complete. A digital sign was also purchased and will be installed at the Town Garage/Recycling Center this spring enabling us to keep

our residents up to date on important deadlines and town happenings. See page 16 for a complete breakdown of ARPA expenses.

With the end of the ARPA funds, we now look forward to a new set of grant funds that we received at the end of 2024. The town was awarded a Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) Grant in the amount of \$470,211.19. You may have noticed the digital display unit inside the Recycling Center and the Town Office. These were both purchased using the first stage of this grant which was a \$4,000 mini grant award. The displays offer helpful tips and websites to check out for energy savings, as well as handouts with energy saving information. The rest of these funds will be going towards energy efficiency upgrades at the four town buildings, the Town Office, Community Center, Town Garage/ Recycling Center and the Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library. Some of the upgrades will include new windows, upgraded lighting, heating system upgrades and solar panels.



The Highway Department got a paving grant (\$167,733) in 2024 allowing a good length of North Hill and Kennison Road to be re-paved. A Grants-in-Aid grant was completed along Monteith Road upgrading undersized culverts and improving ditching. We have been fortunate to continually receive grants from the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic Committee which helps us to re-establish ditching, replace culverts to improve drainage, reduce erosion and promote aquatic habitat.



The Recycling Program continues to have excellent participation each week. A big thanks to all the recycling workers for keeping this running smoothly. There are lots of reminders on the town website about what can and cannot be recycled as well as reminders on the digital display located at the Recycling Center. When in doubt whether something is recyclable or compostable just ask one of the recycling attendants and they will gladly help you out.



The Zoning Bylaw was officially adopted in 2024 after years of hard work by the Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator and Selectboard. They can be viewed on the town website. Planning Commission Chair, Pat Sagui, other members of the Commission or Zoning Administrator, Will Young, can answer any questions you may have about them.

The Selectboard continues to work hard to bring you a fair and trimmed budget each year. With increases in costs affecting everyone's daily lives we make sure to keep that in mind when putting a budget together. Please contact one of us if you have questions or concerns.

All the best in the New Year!

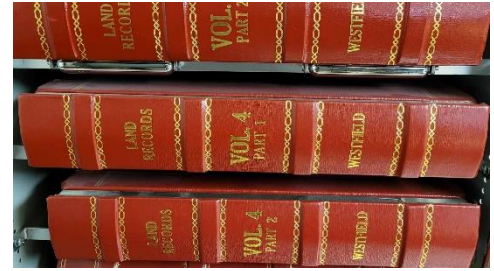
Westfield Selectboard:

Jacques Couture, Chair; Richard Degre, Vice Chair; & Dennis Vincent

TOWN CLERK REPORT 2024

2024 Highlights:

- **Online Land Records are now available in Westfield:** This has been a long-term goal I've been hoping to accomplish before I retire from office. I'm happy to announce the project is nearly completed. Niki Dunn (no relation to me) has been working diligently on completing this project for the past year. She has personally scanned (a tedious task!) approximately 36 years of land records on our new online portal. We were fortunate enough to receive ARPA grant funds to bring this project to fruition. I greatly appreciate the Selectboard allocating a portion of the ARPA funds towards this cause. Completing this in-house saved approximately \$30,000. Residents and other title searchers are still welcome to visit the vault for these documents or they can also be accessed through our municipal website at <https://westfield.vt.gov/land-records/>. Viewing watermarked documents online or in the vault remains free. There is a \$2.50 per page fee payable online for printed copies of online land records, without a watermark.
- **Banner Election Year!** Karen Blais primarily handles the day-to-day operations of updating the elections portal with new voters, change of addresses and mailing/processing absentee ballots. As we are all aware, 2024 was a very busy election year full of challenges. We were pleased to have such a high voter turnout for each election. If at any time you have questions or concerns about elections, please reach out. We are happy to explain the process and/or answer questions.
- **Completed the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) Mini-Grant:** We were able to purchase two small digital displays (see page 25) to educate residents about energy efficiency, offer resources to help homeowners, as well as enhance transparency and communicate town happenings.
- **Completed numerous American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects:** We worked closely with the Selectboard and Town Treasurer, Lisa Deslandes, to complete the work described in the Selectboards report. The grant deadline was December 31, 2024. These funds allow us to make upgrades for equipment, town building repairs, and election security, all without adding any burden to taxpayers.
- **Other services:** Vital Records (marriage licenses, death certificates and birth certificates); Notary services available at no charge; Issue temporary DMV renewals with renewal form mailed from DMV; Dog Licenses (due every year by April 1st); Collect Property Taxes (1st Thursday of October, each year, by 4 pm); Community Center rentals; Issue Green Mountain Passport Cards; and Sales of Cemetery plots.



On a personal note: As I start preparing for retirement in 2026, I want to share that Niki has agreed to train for my position. The job of Town Clerk is multifaceted and ever-changing. Niki has been working closely with me for nearly two years, first as the Clerk for the Selectboard then digitizing the land records while learning the ins and outs of the Clerk world. She has excellent computer, organization and communication skills. Niki has worked on the computer design of the last two Town Reports. Her most recent undertaking is Clerk for the Development Review Board (DRB). This picture is from a recent Vermont Clerks' and Treasurers' Association conference. Niki is getting a well-rounded background in municipal government. I'm very pleased to have someone who I feel confident can transition into my role. I feel fortunate to work with such qualified and caring people at the Town Office.

Thank you for the support you've shown me over the years. As always, we're here if you need assistance.



Be well,

LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk

Karen Blais, Assistant Town Clerk

Niki Dunn, Assistant Town Clerk

802-744-2484 or info@westfield.vt.gov

www.westfield.vt.gov

2024 Vital Statistics

Marriages: 2

Births: 0

Deaths: 8

TROY RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND WESTFIELD 911 COORDINATOR

Another year has gone by under the EMS coverage of Newport Ambulance out of the Troy Rescue station. In 2024, Troy Rescue responded to the Town of Westfield 56 times. Throughout this period the agency handled thousands of other calls in Orleans and Essex County and continued to serve our community with prompt and professional service. A handful of times, simultaneous calls were received in our area and an additional truck from Newport has responded. Every time a 911 call is received in Westfield a second truck moves out of the city and stages in Newport Center in the event a second one is received. Since the transition to Troy Rescue, response times have improved for our town ultimately leading to better patient care and outcomes. The management of Newport Ambulance has also funded a level budget resulting in no added burden to taxpayers.

Troy Rescue is proactive in our community continuously training with Troy Volunteer Fire Department and instilling an environment of teamwork between the two agencies that is unprecedented for the Northeast Kingdom. We are lucky to have such a great team providing emergency medical response to our little corner of the Northeast Kingdom.

In December of 2024, the town Selectboard appointed me to be your 911 Coordinator. The 911 Coordinator is a liaison to the Vermont 911 Board on all 911 database and mapping maintenance issues. As a local first responder, I appreciate well-marked address numbers and am happy to assist anyone with establishing these for your residence or business. It is not enough to know local landmarks anymore. Many of our EMS providers are from out of town and don't know the area well enough to navigate to your emergency without a defined 911 address.

In order to make sure response to your home or business is not delayed, follow these tips:

- Use large numbers that face the street. Four to six inches tall is recommended or 1 ½" per 50' of distance from the road.
- Use a color that contrasts with the background. Reflective numbers are usually helpful because they are easier to see at night.
- Make sure the numbers are not obscured by any trees, shrubs, or other permanent objects
- If your house is not visible from the road, place the high visibility numbers at the end of the driveway. If you have a shared driveway, be sure to mark it multiple times as needed.

House numbers serve a critical function for emergency personnel and should be clearly displayed. Most address number styles can be found at your local hardware or home improvement store. If you would like a green and white mailbox number made, please call Newport Ambulance Service at (802) 334-2023.

Ideally, every permanent structure in the town should have a 911 address. In addition to this, any current or future construction site needs be assigned a new 911 address for permitting purposes and so emergency services can promptly respond if needed. If you do not know your 911 address or need help developing a new one, please contact me.

For any questions related to 911 addressing in the Town of Westfield, please email me at westfieldvt911coordinator@gmail.com (preferred) or call (802) 274-4502.

Roger Gosselin, NRP Firefighter/Paramedic



ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Zoning Bylaws can be found on the municipal website <http://westfield.vt.gov/ordinances-bylaws/>. Projects requiring Zoning permits include, but are not limited to:

♦ Construction ♦ New Driveways ♦ Land Subdivision ♦ Ponds ♦ Change of Use

For questions, contact Will Young at (802) 715-3077;
email: westfieldzoning@gmail.com; or visit the Permits and Fees page <http://westfield.vt.gov/permits/> for more zoning information and applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Young
Zoning Administrator

Permit #	Application Date	Applicant	Location	Permit for:	Approved or Denied
2024-01	4/16/24	Bathalon	RT 100	House and shed	Approved
2024-02	4/11/24	Demers	RT 100	Storage container	Approved
2024-03	4/25/24	Demers	RT 100	Change of use repair shop	Approved DRB
2024-04	4/18/24	Buley/Collins	North Hill RD	Above ground pool	Approved
2024-05	5/13/24	Berthiaume	North Hill RD	House & Garage	Approved
2024-06	5/15/24	Kennison	North Hill RD	Container for sugaring	Exempt
2024-07	6/6/24	Crawford	Kennison RD	New Mobile home	Approved
2024-08	6/10/24	Young	Kettle Farm RD	AG storage Container	Exempt
2024-09	6/13/24	Aton	Waldhof DR	Storage shed	Approved
2024-10	6/25/24	Matten	Cemetery RD	Storage container	Approved
2024-11	7/22/24	Carter	RT 100	Deck	Approved
2024-12	7/22/24	Bacon	Balance Rock RD	Covered entry & deck	Approved
2024-13	8/8/24	White	Loop RD	Lean-to on Ag building	Exempt
2024-14	8/19/24	Wombolt	RT 100	Trailer ADU	Approved
2024-15	8/6/24	Tanguay	RT 100	Storage Building	Approved DRB
2024-16	9/26/24	Couture	North Hill RD	Lean-to on barn	Approved
2024-17	10/3/24	Town of Westfield	RT 100	Lighted sign	Approved DRB
2024-18	10/15/24	Alix	RT 242	Shed	Approved
2024-19	10/22/24	Eastman/Rousseau	Crawford Trail	Change of use and access by ROW	Pending DRB
2024-20	11/4/24	Carter	North Hill RD	New single-family home	Approved
2024-21	11/19/24	Hutson	Circle RD	Move ADU	Approved

PLANNING COMMISSION 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2024 the Planning Commission met five (5) times to complete proposed Zoning Bylaw revisions begun in 2020. Following a collaborative public comment process, the Planning Commission's proposed Zoning Bylaw changes were adopted by the Selectboard on March 18, 2024. Westfield is now compliant with state and federal Flood Hazards and Mitigation requirements, including updated flood and river corridor maps.

The Bylaw revisions adopted by the Selectboard include the formation of a Development Review Board (DRB). See DRB year-end report below.

2025 Work Plan

Ongoing: Continue to identify concerns, proposed revisions, required changes due to state and/or federal laws to the Town Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

Flood Hazard and other Mitigation Updates

Bylaw revisions include new requirements and flood maps from Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to ensure Westfield's ongoing participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. An approved plan ensures Westfield landowners are eligible for funds to mitigate risks before they occur (e.g. upsize culverts). Funds are available for hazards other than flooding, such as: ice, invasive plants, drought, extreme heat/cold.

The Planning Commission will continue to meet as needed to provide support for development in town, and to monitor the administration of Bylaw revisions, to ensure they meet their intended purpose.

Town Plan Update Schedule. The next scheduled review of the Town Plan will occur during 2026, with a timeline to ensure it can be re-adopted in January 2027. Previously, the State mandated town plans be updated and re-adopted every five years. That timeframe was recently extended to eight years.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pat Sagui, Chair, Westfield Planning Commission
Loren Petzoldt, Vice Chair; Ellen Fox, Secretary; Brian Dunn; Kitty Edwards

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB) 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

A Development Review Board was formed by the Selectboard on March 18, 2024. With the formation of the Development Review Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment is dissolved. Formation of the Development Review Board provides a clearer application process and administration of the Zoning Bylaw. The Planning Commission recommended, and the Selectboard approved, the former members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment as the initial appointees to the Development Review Board. Initial members of the DRB include Brian Dunn, Kitty Edwards, Ellen Fox, Loren Petzoldt, and Pat Sagui.

The Development Review Board held an organizing meeting to adopt Rules of Procedure and a Conflict-of-Interest Policy. The DRB heard and issued decisions on three applications. Minutes of Hearings and Notices of Decision (NOD) are archived on the town website.

2025 Work Plan

Going forward, DRB work meetings and Hearings will, whenever possible, be held on the first Tuesday of the month. The DRB will develop a list of alternates and clarify terms for DRB appointees to be approved by the Selectboard.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pat Sagui, Chair, Westfield Development Review Board,
Loren Petzoldt, Vice Chair; Ellen Fox, Secretary; Brian Dunn; Kitty Edwards

LISTERS' REPORT 2024

A year ago, based on our recent property sales history, we anticipated receiving an order to reappraise. We did receive that order in July 2024 and have contracted with NEMRC to perform a Statistical Update to our Grand List in lieu of a town-wide reappraisal. Our last reappraisal was completed for the 2020 tax bills and was a full town-wide reappraisal. A Statistical Update will require the town listers to visit each of 20-22 "improved" properties as identified by a list from the NEMRC reappraisal team.

The anticipated schedule would have the 20 visits take place in 2026 with the Statistical Update completed for the 2027 tax bills.

Since we have been ordered to reappraise, the current COD of 28.21 is immaterial.

The COD is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is throughout the town. A high COD means many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share and many are paying less than their fair share. The CLA (currently 62.2%) is a measure of how the average sale prices compare to Grand List assessments.

In Vermont, all property is subject to a statewide education property tax to pay for the State's schools. There are two education tax rates: homestead and non-homestead. Bills may show one or both rates. If you filed a Homestead Declaration (HS-122) this year and have no business or rental use, your bill will show only the homestead education rate. If you filed the HS-122 and you have business and/or rental use, your bill should show both the homestead and non-homestead rates based on the relative percentage of homestead and business or rental use. If the property is not your primary residence, you cannot declare it as your homestead. Your bill will show only the non-homestead rate.

The Homestead Declaration form (HS-122) must be filed each year by every Vermont resident whose property meets the definition of a homestead. A Vermont homestead is the principal dwelling and up to 2 acres of land surrounding the dwelling, owned by a resident individual as of April 1st and occupied as a person's domicile. The Vermont Department of Taxes must annually receive a Homestead Declaration (Form HS-122) on or before April 15th. Homeowners need to comply with this deadline even when requesting an extension to file their Vermont State Income Tax. No extension is granted for filing a Homestead Declaration. Unfortunately, if a Homestead Declaration is filed late, there is a penalty.

The State also requires you to declare (on your Homestead Declaration) if more than 25% of your home's floor space is used for business or if any floor space is rented. If an outbuilding (sheds, garages, farm building, shops, etc.) is located on your property and is used for business or is rented, it is also necessary to declare such. If the business ceases to exist for any reason, you need not declare this in subsequent years. However, informing the Listers of such a change may assist them in keeping your current assessment accurate.

Do not forget, if you have more than one property in Westfield make sure to use the SPAN (School Parcel Account Number) that is assigned to your Homestead parcel. If your Homestead straddles two or more towns, you need to file Homestead Declarations for each town where the property is located using the correct SPAN.

For further information, refer to the Vermont Department of Taxes website: <http://tax.vermont.gov>

The Tax Maps represent and give a visual interpretation of all the deeds and surveys filed with the Town land records. The acreage on the Tax Maps should be the same as in the Grand List. During the map updating process, the Listers try to identify any parcels where the acreage on the Tax Map does not match the acreage in the Grand List. The goal is for an accurate description and assessment of all parcels.

Respectfully submitted,

Westfield Listers: Danny Young and Shelley Martin

HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY

1252 VT Route 100 ♦ Westfield, VT 05874 ♦ 802-744-8258

Hours: Tuesday 10 AM-3 PM, Thursday 1 PM-6 PM & Sunday 11 AM-3 PM

Free Wi-Fi access both inside and outside the building ♦ No password required

From the Director & Board of Trustees: 2024 was an exciting year of growth for the Hitchcock Memorial Museum & Library (HMML.) We are grateful to the community for its support and patronage, and as we move into 2025, we continue to welcome any feedback that the community has to make the HMML an even more robust resource. Please get in touch via phone (802-744-8258), email (hitchcockmemorial8258@gmail.com), or Facebook (www.facebook.com/HitchcockMemorialVT) with any suggestions or recommendations.

New Projects & Services at the Hitchcock in 2024

- Hitchcock Automation Project (HAP) began with the implementation of our new ILS, Libib; over 3,000 items have been cataloged, and 71 patrons have been registered.
- Library signed onto The Palace Project and now offers free eBooks and eAudiobooks to patrons.
- Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service began at the library.
- Weekly playgroup at the library for ages 0-5 began in partnership with the NECKA Parent-Child Center.

Notable Programs & Events in 2024

- Ongoing: Afterschool Program at the Library
- June: SRP Kick-Off with 802 Reptiles
- September: Participated in Jay Oktoberfest
- October: Cemetery Sleuthing Talk & Halloween at the Library
- November: Visit from museum conservators who surveyed building & collections; report with recommendations forthcoming
- December: Holiday Open House

Grants Received in 2024

- Foundation for Advancement in Conservation – Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) Grant: >\$500
- Vermont Department of Libraries – Summer Programming Grant: <\$500
- Jay Focus Group – Summer Reading Grant: <\$500
- Vermont Humanities – Rapid Response Grant: >\$500
- Children's Literacy Foundation – SPARK Grant: \$500



Press

- October 12, 2024: "This Place in History: Hitchcock Museum & Library" – Video segment on ABC22 & FOX44
- December 16, 2024: Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library Holds Open House to Show History and Change" – Article in *The Newport Daily Express* by Audra J. Pitts

Goals for 2025

- Complete Hitchcock Automation Project and register more patrons
- Begin inventory and maintenance of museum collection following recommendations of conservators who visited the Hitchcock in November 2024*
- Offer more programs for all ages including more art classes and workshops

**Interested in volunteering for this effort? Please call (802) 744-8258 or email hitchcockmemorial8258@gmail.com for more information!*

TROY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

6850 VT Route 100 • Troy, VT 05868 • 802-744-2231

2024 proved to be another busy and productive year for the Troy Volunteer Fire Department. Our department continued to grow and upgrade equipment throughout the year as needed. Your Troy firefighters work hard to provide professional fire and emergency services for the residents in the Town of Westfield and to any visitors that are passing through that may need our services. In 2024 we responded to 47 emergency incidents.

In July of 2024, the Town of Troy and Troy FD did suffer the loss of one of our own. Paul Meunier passed away peacefully after serving on Troy Fire Department for over 60 years. Paul held many positions in our department through those years and was still the town Forest Fire Warden up until his passing. Paul was extremely active in our fire department, whether it be tasks around the fire station or always responding to calls, day or night, he was there. A man you could always count on. Paul has been and will be extremely missed in the department. Paul's grandson, Ben Meunier has taken his role over as Troy Forest Fire Warden. Please reach out to Troy Town Clerk for his contact info if needed for any burning please.

As stated above, this past year we worked on identifying what equipment needed upgrading within our department. As a department we agreed that our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (Air Packs) were due. This decision was not taken lightly as replacing these is a very expensive financial upgrade. With that said, the safety of our firefighter is priority number one and our current air packs have reached or passed their life expectancy, (20 years). We had our air packs flow tested every year and the company we used advised us that parts and service for the air packs would diminish within 1-2 years. So being proactive with the situation, we purchased 12 new SCOTT 3M air packs, 12 new SCOTT 3M masks and 28 SCOTT 3M air cylinders. This was a major accomplishment for Troy FD, and we couldn't have done it without the support from the Taxpayers of Troy, Westfield and everyone else from surrounding communities who support us.

Our current roster stands at 30 dedicated members. Our members are 100% volunteer and receive no money for time at emergency calls or trainings. In the current times, I feel having these 30 individuals volunteering and ready to go 24/7, 365 days a year, the towns are extremely lucky. I know I am certainly grateful for the job they do!

We want to again take a moment and ask all our residents to help us out with clearing branches and trees in your driveways so we can access your properties in the event of a fire or emergency situation. Our trucks are large, and extra clearance would help ensure our quick response to the scene.

For the last several years, Troy Fire Department has done our best to level fund our allocation request from each town and keep taxes down for taxpayers. But, as everyone knows, the cost of everything continues to rise. We have yearly equipment tests/certifications that we must abide by. We have insurance premiums we have to pay. We have truck payments, repairs and service we must pay for. We have dispatching fees due. And just daily operations at the station. Unfortunately, none of these amounts ever decrease for us. That being said, we are graciously asking the taxpayers of Westfield for a \$5,000 increase in our allocations. This would increase last year's \$28,974.77 to \$33,974.77 in 2025. This was a decision that we spent a lot of time on, and we feel it's necessary at this time. We truly appreciate your consideration of this matter on Town Meeting Day.

As always, we would like to thank our community for the continued support and donations we receive throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated. If anyone would ever like to contact me regarding any Troy Fire Department questions or concerns, please, always feel free to reach out. My contact information is readily available at the Town Clerks Office.

Bobby Jacobs, Chief, Troy Fire Department



L to R: Mike Jacobs, Paul Meunier & Lee Forbes

MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPARTMENT

84 Mountain Road ♦ Montgomery, VT 05470 ♦ 802-326-4555

State of The Fire Department 2024

In 2024 Montgomery Fire and First Response teams responded to a record 84 calls. This is more than double last year's number and a trending increase for call volume over the last 15 years. Montgomery First Response responded to 48 calls in 2024 aiding with Medical, Agency Assist, and Lift Assist.

Our new Ranger UTV (2u1) was placed into service last winter and was used for a winter search and rescue mission followed by two wildland fires in the spring, proving their versatility.

In 2024 We also activated our search and rescue (SAR) team and have been training monthly with a full roster of volunteer members who bring an assortment of impressive qualifications and abilities to the table. We have relocated our radio crossover equipment and installed a new antenna. The equipment was moved from Rte. 242 to Regan Road to achieve better communication between Central Dispatch and thereby allowing us to install two future repeaters in town to provide full local coverage within our remote valleys.

Montgomery Elementary School Fire Prevention week was a success once again and thank you to the parents who completed their homework.

Please keep your chimneys clean and never burn trash, paper, cardboard, or wet wood. Have your heating appliances serviced and inspected, vents clear, and keep your CO/Smoke Alarms in good working order!

Thank you,
Doug Kopacz, Chief Montgomery Fire Department & First Response
mfdvermont@gmail.com

Total Call Responses: 84

Fire - 6	Flooding - 0
Motor Vehicle Collision - 15	Wildland Fire - 4
Alarms - 5	Gas Leaks - 2
Search & Rescue – 1	Med Evac. – 1
Medical/ Agency Assist – 48	Power Lines - 4



NEWPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

TROY RESCUE

PO Box 911 ♦ Newport, VT 05855

With the completion of our new Troy station, Newport Ambulance has become one of the largest regional ambulance services in the State of Vermont. Newport Ambulance employs over 60 employees and has 4 stations covering 17 towns, 5 Unified Towns and Gores, totaling 830 sq miles. Our volume was 5,172 calls for service in 2024. Newport Ambulance's facilities have locations at 830 Union St in Newport, 8437 RTE 111 in Morgan, 6719 RTE 100 in Troy, and 62 Wilson Rd in Johnson.

Currently, Newport Ambulance has 6 crews providing 24/7 service. Newport Ambulance has 11 ambulances and a Paramedic first response car that are stocked and available to respond at the Advanced Life Support level. Newport Ambulance's Troy station houses one crew that is available to respond 24/7; serving the towns of Lowell, Westfield, Troy and Jay. In 2024, Newport Ambulance responded to 56 emergency calls in the town of Westfield and transported 4 Town residents from North Country Hospital to receive care in other facilities. We have also responded to a total of 82 calls for mutual aid.

Newport Ambulance provided emergency coverage throughout the 2024 year for multiple local events; to include, staffing 11 trucks and a Paramedic fly car for the Total Eclipse in April as well as providing coverage at the Rider Hill Motor Cross races, Brighton's Independence Day celebration, Brighton's Pondathon, NCUHS sporting events, and The Kingdom Swim to just name a few.



We are especially proud that our crews have been recognized for a total of four cardiac saves in 2024.

Newport Ambulance Service thanks you for your continued support and looks forward to serving you and your community for years to come.

Respectfully
Jeffrey J. Johansen
Executive Director
Newport Ambulance Service Inc.



NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (NEKWMD)

224 Church St. ♦ P.O. Box 1075 ♦ Lyndonville, VT 05851 ♦ 802-626-3532 or 1-800-734-4602

The NEKWMD ended 2024 with a surplus of \$65,746.46. Revenues in 2024 were 22.3% above projections, while expenses were 15.4% above projections. Revenues from tire disposal, scrap metal, and the surcharge were responsible for strong revenues in 2024. Some fees used to generate revenues will increase headed into 2025. The surcharge will increase \$2.75/ton from \$26.75 in 2024 to \$29.50 in 2025. This represents a \$0.07 increase on a standard bag of trash. Hauling fees to service recycling centers and schools will be increasing as well in 2025. The rate for recycling centers will increase from \$49/stop to \$55/stop, and the rate for schools will increase from \$33/stop to \$37/stop. Fees for tires will remain unchanged in 2025 as will the per capita assessment (\$1.16/person). The NEKWMD is entering 2025 with a budget of \$1,030,997 – an increase of 8.8% compared to 2024. The NEKWMD was staffed by eleven full-time and two part-time employees in 2024. The District will be adding a full-time employee in 2025.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2024. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only the Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

Paul Tomasi
Executive Director
NEKWMD



2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 10	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Newbury, Town Garage
SATURDAY, MAY 17	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Guildhall, Salt Shed
SATURDAY, MAY 24	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Bloomfield, Town Office
SATURDAY, JUNE 7	9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.	Derby, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 21	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Westfield, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Brighton, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16	9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.	Marshfield, Town Office
SATURDAY, SEPT. 27	8:00 a.m. – 2:00p.m.	Lyndon, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, OCTOBER. 4	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Albany, Recycling Center

Visit the Westfield Municipal Website Recycling page at <https://westfield.vt.gov/recycling-center/> or the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management website at <https://www.nekwmd.org/> to view acceptable items. For information on these events and others, contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District at (802) 626-3532, 800-734-4602, by e-mail at progmgr@nekwmd.org.

WESTFIELD RECYCLING CENTER TRASH AND TIRE DISPOSAL FEE SCHEDULE

*Located at the Westfield Town Garage: 757 VT Route 100
Hours: Saturday 8 a.m. until Noon*



**Trash & tires may ONLY be disposed of
during Recycling Center regular business hours.**

TRASH DISPOSAL PRICING

(effective March 1, 2020)

13 Gallon White Trash Bag.... \$2.50/bag
30 Gallon Trash Bag..... \$4.00/bag
50 Gallon Trash Bag..... \$5.00/bag

Large trash items such as couches, chairs, mattresses, box springs and
furniture are accepted with price negotiated by Recycling Attendant. Check before dumping. Reminder: 24/7 Surveillance

****Prices Subject to Change****



TIRE DISPOSAL PRICING

▪ 14" – 15" tires without rims... \$5/ea. ▪ 16" – 18" tires without rims... \$7.50/ea.
▪ 19" – 20" tires without rims... \$8/ea. ▪ 14" – 20" with rims... \$10/ea.

Sorry, no longer accepting tires from commercial accounts.



SEE PAGE 37-38 FOR A LISTING OF ACCEPTED/NOT ACCEPTED RECYCLABLES

2025 Westfield Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

757 VT Rt 100. Saturday, 8:00am – 12:00pm

<div> <div>↓</div> <div>SORT ITEMS</div> <div>↓</div> </div> <div>RECYCLING MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY</div>	
<p><u>MIXED PAPER</u> Newspapers, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored & white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper. <i>NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.</i></p>	<p><u>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, & BROWN KRAFT BAGS</u> FLATTEN BOXES. All Cardboard and Boxboard food packaging. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK. <i>NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam.</i></p>
<p><u>TIN CANS</u> Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic. *MUST BE RINSED*</p>	<p><u>ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS</u> Labels OK. Flattening not required. <i>NO snack bags, candy wrappers, coffee bags.</i> *MUST BE RINSED*</p>
<p><u>GLASS BOTTLES & JARS</u> *Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin) * <i>NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids, metal or wood.</i></p>	<p><u>BATTERIES</u> All types including primary and rechargeable batteries. Please bag similar types together and bag damaged batteries separately.</p>
<p><u>PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 & #5 Food Containers</u> <u>REMOVE CAPS / MAX. SIZE- 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*</u> Includes food containers, health/beauty product, and cleaner containers. #5 included <i>if it's a food container.</i> <i>NO plastic bags or films, black plastic, screw-top caps, motor oil bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes, or medical devices.</i></p>	

ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

FOOD SCRAPS: All food scraps, including meat, bones, dairy. **Remove PLU stickers. No plastics, metals, paper.**

#6 PLASTIC FOAM (STYROFOAM): #6 Expanded Polystyrene Foam. Any color, any size. Must be rigid, dry, clean.

SCRAP METAL: Metal appliances (stoves, washer/dryer, dishwasher), grills, water tanks, microwaves, metal roofing, pots and pans, bicycles. Any item that is mostly metal included. No fridges, freezers, A/Cs, dehumidifiers.

ELECTRONICS: TVs, computers (incl. mouse/keyboard/speakers), computer printers, radio/stereos, gaming systems, telephones, fax machines.

HOUSEHOLD TRASH: Trash accepted at transfer station, \$2.50/13 gallon bag, \$4.00/30 gallon, \$5.00/contractor bag. Prices are subject to change if necessary. Residents can also contract with private haulers for curbside collection, find our Licensed Hauler List at <http://www.nekwmd.org/pdf/haulerlist.pdf>.

SPECIAL WASTES: Oil, oil filters, automotive batteries, hard-cover books, fluorescent bulbs. Tires (fees apply).

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**, Monday – Friday, May to October in Lyndonville, and special events throughout the District June – September. Call for details.

In addition to services provided at this location, district residents have access to disposal services at the Lyndonville Recycling Center, 224 Church St, Lyndonville.

Recycling, Food Scraps, Scrap Metal, E-waste, Waste Oil, Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs, Freon-Containing Appliances (Refrigerators, Freezers, A/C units, and Dehumidifiers), Stump Dump, all free of charge, and Tire Disposal, fees apply, available at the Lyndonville Recycling Center.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS – CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. www.nekwmd.org, e-mail outreach@nekwmd.org

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2025 List of Common Items NOT ACCEPTED for Recycling

Please dispose of the following items in the trash unless otherwise stated.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFELY AND PROPERLY DISPOSING OF A
MATERIAL– CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

(802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. www.nekwmd.org, e-mail outreach@nekwmd.org

Unacceptable Plastics

Any **black** plastic containers

Screw-top Caps

Motor oil, gas containers

Pesticide containers

Styrofoam of any kind

Planting pots and trays

Plastic furniture

Plastic Toys

Coffee Makers

Coat hangers

Vinyl Siding

Maple Tubing

CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases

Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size

Hard, rigid plastic (if it shatters, it's not accepted)

Unacceptable Plastic Bags and Films

Any type

Unacceptable Aluminum

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers

Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)

Coffee Bags

Unacceptable Tin

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans

Large Pieces of Metal

Nails, Screws, Fasteners

Any tin that is a non-food container

Unacceptable Cardboard

Pringles containers

Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind

Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes

Cardboard with metallic interior

Single-use coffee cups

Soiled Cardboard

Waxy Cardboard

Unacceptable Paper

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)

White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)

Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers

Paper plates, cups, bowls

Single-use cups

Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

Unacceptable Glass

Crystal

Incandescent light bulbs

Automotive lights

Pyrex

Porcelain

Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)

“Biodegradable” bags, cutlery, bowls, plates

Food utensils

Plates, bowls, cups

Plastic bags

Styrofoam

Keurig cups

NORTHEASTERN VERMONT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (NVDA)

36 Eastern Ave., Suite 1, P.O. Box 630 ♦ St. Johnsbury, VT 05819-0630

Phone: 802-748-5181 ♦ Fax: 802-748-1223 ♦ info@nvda.net

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) serves your town as a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. NVDA is the regional planning commission and economic development organization for Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, so we are uniquely suited to effectively serve municipalities and businesses.

This year, we are again requesting annual dues from our member communities. These funds are critical, as they allow us to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage additional state and federal funds that benefit our region.

Local governance has become increasingly complex in recent years, and our staff remains available to assist your community in multiple capacities:

- Land use planning and regulation;
- Transportation studies and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS services;
- Grant writing and administration;
- Direct business support, referrals, and lending to employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning;
- Planning for natural hazards and local emergency response;
- Brownfield assessments and remediation assistance;
- Economic development activities to grow and strengthen businesses in our region;
- Training for local officials.

The July floods of 2024 brought unwelcome challenges to local governments and businesses still navigating 2023 flooding and post-pandemic realities. In addition to our regular services, we actively participated in flood response. We also began helping our communities understand the requirements of Act 181 which made changes to Act 250 and land use mapping, while we continued assisting municipalities through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP).

How have we served your community recently? NVDA staff represented the town on the Basin Water Council. We also aided the Town in emergency planning and preparedness and assisted the town in municipal energy resilience planning, resulting in a municipal implementation grant to pay for energy and resilience upgrades to town-owned buildings. NVDA staff also provided a revised Zoning Map.

NVDA dues are just \$0.95 per capita, with a maximum of \$3,965 and a minimum of \$565. We take great pride in serving the communities and businesses of the NEK. This additional contribution allows us to continue providing a high level of professional service. We work hard to keep communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at tgonyaw@nvda.net to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,

David Snedeker
Executive Director

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS (VLCT)

89 Main Street, Suite 4 ♦ Montpelier, VT 05602

Phone: 802-229-9111 ♦ Fax: 802-229-2211

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

Member Benefits – All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 140 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, and fire districts. As members, municipal officials and staff can tap into specialized benefits, expertise, and services, such as:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to thousands of questions on how to comply with state and federal requirements. VLCT also creates and publishes guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs to simplify the day-to-day work of municipal officials and staff. In 2024, members used VLCT's consultation, resources, and government-specific finance training to help them obtain federal infrastructure funding, respond to flooding, and manage grants. Staff even helped state leaders design and implement grant programs to be easier for municipalities to use.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials.** VLCT provides training via webinars, classes at members' locations, and its annual member conference. In the wake of the 2023 floods, VLCT became a crucial information hub for local officials, and in 2024 VLCT helped members understand the local effects of updates to the Open Meeting Law, Act 250, and other state laws. VLCT's Equity Committee assists local officials in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in their municipalities' decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped secure flood relief for municipalities, increase local transportation funding, expand remote meeting authority, improve emergency medical services, exempt downtowns from Act 250, and create local option tax authority. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Not-for-profit insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members group rates on desirable employee benefits. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org. Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/AuditReports.



NEK BROADBAND

PO Box 4012 • St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

Phone: 877-635-3423

As of August 16, 2024, NEK Broadband and CVFiber merged under 30 V.S.A. 3052a forming one Communications Union District (CUD) dba NEKCV. NEK Broadband and CVFiber will continue to use their brands within their respective territories. The district now includes 71 member communities in Caledonia, Essex, Orleans, Lamoille, Washington and Orange Counties. 50 of our towns currently have public fiber-optic infrastructure, and 57 towns have started pre-construction licensing work. Broadband Nutrition Labels - In compliance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirement that Internet Service Providers (ISPs) display standardized broadband information labels, you will find these listed under the service offerings on NEK Broadband and CVFiber websites.

GRANTS & FINANCING

We were awarded \$2,847,276 through the Community Connect Grant program. This is in addition to the USDA ReConnect grant of \$17,474,000, which we received in 2023.

The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved an additional \$4M in construction grants and \$21M as a match for our Broadband Equity and Deployment Grant Application coming later this year. This brings our foundational support to over \$73 million for the Northeast Kingdom Region and over \$20 million in Central Vermont.

BUILDING CAPACITY

We have doubled the size of the staff, with a full-time staff of 13.

We have active warehouses in Danville, Montpelier and Brighton for the storage of construction materials.

In May we completed our first workforce development program, with 7 NEK residents receiving training to become Broadband Technicians/Installers.

- 8,200 SERVICE AVAILABLE WE NOW OFFER SERVICE TO 8200 ADDRESSES IN THE NEKCV.
- 681 MILES OF NETWORK AT THE END OF 2024, WE NOW HAVE 681 MILES OF FIBER NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE NEK.
- 1199 CUSTOMERS SERVED NEKCV MORE THAN DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS SERVED in 2024

NEKCV dba NEK Broadband & dba CVFiber			
Communications Union District - 2025 Budget / 2024 Budget to Actual			
	2024 Combined NEKCV Budget	Projected 2024 Year End	2025 Proposed
	Gov Board	at 9/30/24	2025 Budget
Surpluses from Prior Fiscal Years			\$1,832,742
Income			
Operations Revenue	852,455	874,871	2,047,769
Administrative Grant Revenue	1,885,621	3,442,342	3,856,318
Capital Grant Revenue	36,200,196	16,607,798	36,529,448
Other Revenue	\$0	\$1,837,490	\$1,467,290
TOTAL CASH IN	\$38,938,272	\$22,762,502	\$43,900,825
Expenses			
Operational Cost	\$378,912	\$823,330	\$1,247,036
Administrative Costs	\$1,885,621	\$2,935,997	\$3,856,318
Construction Costs	\$36,200,196	\$17,431,128	\$36,529,448
TOTAL CASH OUT	\$38,464,729	\$21,190,454	\$41,632,802
Annual Net Cashflow	\$473,543	\$1,572,048	\$2,268,023



UPPER MISSISQUOI & TROUT RIVERS (UMATR)

Wild and Scenic Committee

2839 VT Route 105 • East Berkshire, VT 05447

Phone: 802-933-3645 • Email: info@vtwsr.org

Website: www.umatrwildandscenic.org

Since 2014 - the year that 46.1 miles of the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers were designated to join the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System - the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers (UMATR) Wild & Scenic Committee has striven to protect, enhance, and encourage enjoyment of our beautiful rivers. Our committee is made up of 2 representatives from each of the 8 municipalities these rivers flow through: Westfield, Troy, North Troy, Richford, Berkshire, Enosburgh, Enosburg Falls, and Montgomery. **If you or someone you know is interested in representing your municipality in the important decisions we make (such as what projects to fund with our dollars!), please let us know – we need another voice from your Town!**

As we plan for a wonderful 2025, we also want to look back at the successes of 2024. UMATR celebrated its 10th year of designation this year and to commemorate, we paddled all 46.1 designated miles. We were pleased to have 106 people join us during these 7 days of paddling, while we highlighted all of our 8 municipalities and celebrated the rivers. UMATR is proud of the many and varied events we hosted this past year: from our online speaker series to our Wild and Scenic Film Festival, we engaged 157 attendees for our virtual and viewing activities during 2024; we engaged another 13 people to help us remove trash from our swimming holes. And we always love getting people out on the river - we had 99 paddlers and snowshoers join us during our on-water (and near-water) events in 2024.

During 2024, we also supported 10 great community-led grant projects in our region with \$59,950 in grant funds. Westfield continues to be a steadfast partner for our Town grants, and \$10,000 of those funds were granted for another culvert replacement on Loop Rd. We also hosted our paddle and picnic which launched from the Lane Rd access point. A wonderful river tour was provided by our County Forester and enjoyed by both residents and visitors to the area.

We are planning a busy 2025 and would love to see you at some of our events. Join us this winter for snowshoeing and our online speaker series, in the spring to help spotted salamanders or to enjoy our office space while catching up with us during our Open House, or on the water this summer with great events such as Tubing on the Trout and our annual Paddle and Picnic. Visit our website (umatrwildandscenic.org) where you can register and join our mailing list to stay up to date with all our activities.

Respectfully submitted by your representatives to the W&S Committee: Jacques Couture and UMATR staff and ECO AmeriCorps members: Lindsey, Sarah, and Ruby. Please contact us with any questions or comments (info@vtwsr.org).



*Enjoying a beautiful day tubing
on the Black River.*

APPROPRIATION REPORTS

AMERICAN RED CROSS (Requesting \$500)

32 N. Prospect Street ♦ Burlington, VT 05401 ♦ 1-800-464-6692 ♦ On the web: www.redcross.org/nhvt

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the Northern New England region:

- We made **626 homes safer** by installing **1,907** smoke detectors and educating **730** families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **39,492 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **131,800 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,400** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Westfield. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$500.00.* These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Service Delivery sheet for Orleans County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Warmly,

Lauren Jordan
Development Coordinator



YOUR LOCAL RED CROSS
How We Helped This Year



American
Red Cross

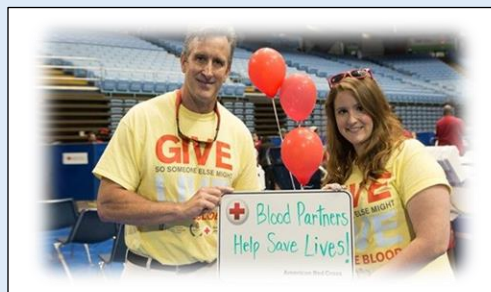
VIEW HIGHLIGHTS

WESTFIELD BLOOD DRIVES At the Westfield Community Center 59 North Hill Road (at School Street)

Visit <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> to sign up for our local Blood Drives.

Dates scheduled for 2025:

- February 3rd – 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- April 7th – 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- June 2nd – 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- August 4th – 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- October 6th – 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- December 1st – 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.



*Sponsored by Troy and Area Lions Club &
Troy Council 7943 Knights of Columbus.*

**Call Sue Scott for more information:
802-744-2433.**

ConnectABILITIES - formerly Orleans Co. Citizens Advocacy (Requesting \$500)

PO Box 1058 ♦ Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 1-888-635-6222 ♦ Email occavt@gmail.com

Last year you may recall that OCCA rebranded itself as ConnectABILITIES. As such, we continue to support our community members in Orleans County who have visible and invisible developmental and intellectual disabilities.

In the years since COVID, the lack of volunteers continues to remain a challenge for all not-for profit organizations, not only in our area, but across the country.

In 2023 we rebranded and reorganized in order to increase our services and reach. It is our pleasure and our privilege to serve the needs of the disability community.

We are proud to be celebrating our 37th anniversary and are a vibrant and needed entity in the community. ConnectABILITIES' mission is to create and support relationships between community volunteers and people with differing abilities so that all are heard, empowered, and fully included in the community.

We strive to engage all of these people in opportunities that enhance their quality of life, and we seek to provide whatever support we can feasibly provide towards helping them to achieve their life goals. In doing so we keep our hearts and minds open to all who seek our help, regardless of their particular situations.

So far, in 2024, ConnectABILITIES has accomplished:

- Added casework management and increased our level of service for those experiencing crisis and in need of advocacy.
- Recruited and added new Board Members
- Recruited and hired Consultants who demonstrate subject matter expertise.
- Increased our connection with community resources and worked in partnership with NEKO and NKHS, serving our shared constituency.
- Provided an inclusive program series, continuing to explore the arts, for socializing, and meeting community members, through shared meals, life skills enhancement, socialization, and building friendships. Transportation is provided to events.
- Provided ongoing outreach and support to advocates (community volunteers) and partners (community members with disabilities).
- Continued our toll-free HelpLine as a 24/7 resource for our community. We provide support, access to resources, and referrals for callers and their families, who need assistance in reference to their disability needs.
- Provided ongoing development of our resource referral database for federal, state and local public agencies.
- We have been involved in a months-long documentary project highlighting the lives and issues of those living with disabilities in Vermont. The finalized version of this documentary will be shown to the Legislature in January 2025, highlighting the challenges faced by those living with disabilities in the State of Vermont.
- Maintained social media sites, and a website



Intentionally ConnectABILITIES operates with a small budget, but at the same time, we provide highly individualized, customized support for up to 50 people per month. We do not receive funds from Federal or State agencies, or The United way. Our funding comes from Town Appropriations across Orleans County, and local donors. Your generosity on Town Meeting Day, when you vote to support ConnectABILITIES and the disabled community will be greatly appreciated. The pull of the future towards support and sustainability for this vulnerable community in our midst is of the utmost importance.

Please call 888-635-6222 for more information, with questions or referrals. We welcome our connection with you.

In solidarity,

Ann Stannard, Board Co-Chair Emeritus
Dr. Franklin J. Rudolph, Ph.D., Board Chair
Graci Kenyon-Rudolph, Lead Consultant

FELINES & FRIENDS FOUNDATION (Requesting \$100)

P.O. Box 1316 ♦ Newport, VT 05855

802-323-4793

On the Web: www.FFFVT.org

Felines and Friends Foundation strives to stabilize barn cat colonies and greatly reduce the number of free-roaming cats in the Northeast Kingdom (and beyond) through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), with the goals of improving the health and welfare of cats, minimizing the negative impacts on people and wildlife, reducing the number of cats/kittens entering local shelters.

We humanely trap, spay/neuter and vaccinate for rabies un-owned or loosely-owned cats in neighborhoods and on farms for FREE. When possible, we also assist low-income residents with free cat spay/neuter services and request a small donation to cover the cost of vaccines. Many of the cats we service are re-homed through regional animal shelters and local adoptions; others are returned to caretakers or owners to live a better life but with reduced nuisance behaviors.

Since Felines and Friends Foundation began on April 1, 2013, we have spayed/neutered and vaccinated over 5,000 cats mostly in Orleans County, including many from Westfield. The approximate expense per each cat is \$75 for a total value of service to date to Westfield of more than \$5,200. We've also done extensive work in the surrounding towns of Lowell, Jay, Troy, North Troy and Newport Town.

We are seeking an appropriation of \$100 to continue this work in 2025. Thank you for your consideration, and continued support.

Connie LaClair Knaggs, President
President, Feline & Friends Foundation Inc.



DID YOU KNOW?

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP) helps income challenged owners of cats/dogs neutered for \$27.00. The balance is funded ONLY by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs which is mailed to the state by Town Clerks. For application, send a SASE: VSNIP, P.O. Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if this is for a cat/dog or both. You can also print an application by going to VSNIP.Vermont.Gov

Required by law, a rabies vaccination enables your dog to be licensed. **Rabies is in Vermont and is deadly.** Tractor Supply Stores are now holding monthly rabies clinics again! Call for their schedule.

Licensing a dog: **1)** identifies your dog if lost **2)** provides proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal (but would still need immediate medical attention) **3)** provides current proof of inoculation if your dog bites another animal/person, which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for rabies **4)** helps support VSNIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT.

GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-TO-SCHOOL, INC. (Requesting \$1,200)

115 Second Street ♦ Newport, VT 05855
802-334-2044

On the Web: www.gmfts.org

Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is a non-profit organization with a mission to strengthen local food systems in Vermont by promoting positive economic relationships, education, and access between schools, farms, and communities. In fiscal year 2024, our food hub program, Green Mountain Farm Direct, distributed \$787,459 worth of local food from 50 farms and producers to 200 Vermont businesses, schools, food shelves, and other institutions throughout the state; our Farm-to-School program served 2,315 students in 17 different NEK schools; and our Lunchbox program provided 4,267 free meals to NEK children in the summer months. In addition, GMFTS led and supported multiple food access initiatives within the NEK. This includes donating local whole foods to fill 387 backpacks/food boxes for children and families in need over holiday breaks; facilitating 3 free community cooking and gardening workshops; launching an after-school community cooking program for middle schoolers that donated 200 dishes to the charitable food system; and acting as a community hub for VT Emergency Eats to distribute 10,189 meals to residents impacted by summer 2023 flooding.

During the 2023/24 school year at Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary, our Farm-to-School program facilitated 34 nutrition and agriculture workshops for students, helped to organize 2 farm field trips, and hosted monthly taste tests where students made and sampled seasonal recipes. The program also worked with students, school partners, and community members to grow 103 lbs of fruits and vegetables in the school garden. This produce was then served to students in the school cafeteria or provided to community members in need. Through our food hub program, we delivered \$2,111.65 worth of fresh, local produce to the Jay/Westfield school, benefiting both the students and our region's farmers. Outside of the school year, our Lunchbox mobile meal program is available to Westfield residents to utilize for support with food and enrichment activities during the summer months.

We are grateful for the previous support we have received from Westfield voters. This year, we are requesting the same amount as last year - an appropriation of \$1,200 to support our farm-to-school, food hub, and food access programs that benefit Westfield children and residents. With the town's help, GMFTS can continue to provide quality programming to Westfield's children and residents to promote nutrition, food security, and a thriving local food system.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Catherine Cusack, Executive Director



A Farm-to-School Coordinator provides a lesson in the school garden, Fall 2023



GREEN UP VERMONT (Requesting \$50)

P.O. Box 1191 ♦ Montpelier, VT 05601-1191

802-522-7245 or 1-800-974-3259

Email: greenup@greenupvermont.org ♦ On the Web: www.greenupvermont.org



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

**Success on
Green Up Day
May 3, 2025**



Green Up Day, saw a 30% growth in volunteers over 2023, picked up over four tons of litter and 15,813 tires. In flood clean-up projects we took care of an additional 10,000 tires. We also attempted a Guinness World Records® title and succeeded! The record is: “The Most Pledges Received to Pick Up Trash in 24 Hours.” Vermont is the only State in the nation that can boast this achievement and the only State that offers a program like Green Up Day. As one of Vermont’s favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We received a special flood recovery donation from Subaru of New England and have been able to rally volunteers and pay for many flood clean-up projects across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2025.

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play.

Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on **Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form** or at **www.greenupvermont.org**.

JAY AREA FOOD SHELF (Requesting \$1000)

1036 VT Route 242 ♦ Jay, VT 05859
802-988-2996

A very special thanks to everyone who donated time, food, and money to the Jay Area Food Shelf. With the continued support & generosity from area community members, the food shelf can continue to serve many people in the area when they need a little help.

The Jay Area Food Shelf has a new location as of September 2024. The Jay Selectboard offered the Food Shelf a much larger space in the Old Jay Town Garage (same building as Jay/Troy Recycle) at 1375 Cross Road, Jay, VT 05859. This move enables the Food Shelf to expand the food & clothing options, as well as more space for refrigeration, shelving and other options to expand services. Thank you to everyone who helped with the move!

However, none of this comes free, what does? To their credit the town of Jay never charged rent to the food shelf and will continue to not charge rent at the new location, as well as continue to plow and maintain the building. However, the Food Shelf will be paying for electricity, fuel, and rodent control. The Jay Focus Group is committed to working with the Town of Jay to keep the Jay Area Food Shelf a viable option in our area. To that end, we are asking for an increase in the appropriation for 2025. The Jay Focus Group is of course taking advantage of all grants open to us to cover costs going forward.

For information, whether you qualify for the food shelf program or the USDA Commodities, please visit the food shelf site at the new location on Thursday during operation hours of 9 am to noon or email kim.lucier1961@gmail.com.

For those who wish to make a donation of money, you can do so by sending a check to Jay Area Food Shelf, Att'n Denny Lyster, 1552 North Hill Road, Westfield, VT 05874 or online via PayPal thru the Jay Focus Group: www.jayfocusgp.com.

Thanks to all who helped make the program a success. A special thanks to Berry Creek Farm for produce donations, Kneeland Christmas Tree Farm for tree donations, and Price Chopper for weekly bakery donations. Many thanks to those individuals/businesses/organizations who did food drives and/or donated food directly to the Food Shelf and to the many individuals/businesses/organizations for their generous donations, which included Rozelle Inc, Community National Bank, Jay Focus Group, Passumpsic Bank, Troy & Area Lions, King Arthur Baking, Troy Knights of Columbus, United Methodist Church, Westfield Congregational Church, Vermont Electric Coop, Hannaford Supermarket, American Legion Auxiliary- Jay Peak Unit 28, Michael and Pamela Tetreault, GeeGee Zaveson and Bryan Bowers, Meredith and Chris Young, John Scully, Irene Mcdermut, and the towns of Jay, Lowell, Troy, and Westfield.

Thanks to your help, in 2024 The Jay Area Food Shelf served approximately 250 households in the towns of Jay, Lowell, North Troy, Troy & Westfield.

Kim Lucier, Director



VERMONT 2-1-1 is a valuable 3-digit phone number to remember for information about health, community, and human services in your community and throughout the state. At Vermont 2-1-1, callers will speak with specialists who problem solve and make referrals to the appropriate local and state government programs and services, or community-based organizations, support groups, and other valuable resources as needed.

Dialing 2-1-1:

- is a local call from anywhere in Vermont for accurate, updated information from a database of over 850 agencies and organizations
 - provides free, confidential telephone assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
 - enables live translation services for non-English speakers
 - provides access for persons who have special needs
 - provides the ability to transfer emergency calls to 9-1-1 when necessary
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JAY FOCUS GROUP (Requesting \$250)

On the Web: www.jayfocusgp.com

The Jay Focus Group, 501 3 Non-Profit, is thankful for the continued support of the Town of Westfield. The Jay Focus Group serves the greater Jay area & Orleans County by raising funds through events, fundraisers, grants & donations. In 2024, we were able to distribute \$15,559.00 to organizations and individuals with Camp & Continuing Education Scholarships, Grants (Jay/Westfield Elem School, Craftsbury Library, Troy School/Denton/Dillon Softball, Hitchcock Library, St. Paul's School, Lowell Comm Library, NCUHS Softball Team, NCUHS Visual Arts, Green Mtn Farm to School, NCCC SkillsUSA), Annual Donations to Orleans County Organizations (BBBS NEK VT, Joshua House Inc, Jay Peak Hope on the Slopes, Orleans County Snowmobile Safety Course, Green Mtn Farm to School, Newport Rotary Club, the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids and Special Needs as well as the Jay Community Recreational Centre and Jay Area Food Shelf.

Our Sock Hop Fundraiser at Windy River Event Barn in Westfield on July 27, 2024, was a HUGE Success and netted us \$11,000 for our 2025 Scholarships, Grants & Organizations. A very special thank you to the Troy & Area Lions Club as well as the Woodshed Lodge (\$1600.) for their fundraising support. Once again, we were able to continue our Annual Town of Jay Tree Lighting, Caroling & Santa & Mrs. Santa visit thanks to Kathy & Bill DiCarlo & Elves. Denise Rossignol and her elves spearheaded the Jay Area Food Shelf "Gifts for Kids" program. A special thank you to Kim Lucier for her commitment to the Jay Area Food Shelf as well as the JFG Food Shelf Committee – Denny Lyster, Sally Rivard, Shannon Escalante, Peggy Loux, Sue Cole, Janice Kruse and LaDonna Dunn. Big thank you to Pat Sanders & elves for planning the 2024 Hometown Holiday Decorating Challenge for Jay, Lowell, Westfield, North Troy/Troy Residents.

Please do visit www.jayfocusgp.com for updates on 2025 events:

Leprechaun Romp on the Jay Community Recreational Centre, Date TBA

Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Jay Community Recreational Centre, Date TBA

10th Annual Jay Oktoberfest benefits the Jay Community Recreational Centre & Jay Focus Group, Oct 4, 2025

Holiday Home Decorating Contest, Dates TBA

Annual Town of Jay Tree Lighting/Caroling/Santa Visit, Date TBA

Do you have ideas for events/ fundraising, have experience writing grants, are willing to help find sponsors and/or sponsor our events, are willing to help at an event or have an organization in need? Please do contact us for information: email jayfocusgp@gmail.com, visit www.jayfocusgp.com

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization. We are continually humbled by and appreciate the scope and generosity of our Sponsors: Individuals, Local Businesses, Foundations and Corporations. We all feel blessed to be part of this great organization, and the great Northeast Kingdom. Like us on Facebook.

Respectively submitted by - Peggy Loux (Executive Director and Treasurer) Sally Rivard (President)



JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC.

AMERICAN LEGION (Requesting \$500)

254 Dominion Avenue ♦ North Troy, VT 05859-9701
802-988-1465 OR 802-673-8433



First on behalf of Jay Peak Post #28 members, (Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion) we wish to thank you for your support of the American Legion. We have been working hard to get the Legion back on its feet and able to support the community with a place to have functions. The appropriated funds (\$500) provide the means for the Post to purchase flags for replacement Flags near our veteran's headstones in neighboring cemeteries. We also rely on these funds to replace American service flags that fly at the Post flag park, support Memorial Day Observances and defray operational costs. This is for the year 2025.

Thank you for your past support.

Commander,
Michael J. Starr. Retired (SGM, US Army)

TROY AND AREA LIONS CLUB

WESTFIELD Meal Site (Requesting \$100)

Community Center: 59 North Hill Road ♦ Westfield, VT 05874
802-744-6839 (Denny Lyster) ♦ 802-744-5466 Community Center Phone

The Westfield Senior Meals continues to be popular in our community and other neighboring towns. The number of people who enjoy our meals has seen a steady increase since the pandemic, rising to an average of 28 sit-downs from last year's average of 27. The takeouts remain steady at an average of 11.



We are able to maintain our donation request at \$4 thanks to judicious shopping (thank you cooks), a generous CSA donation from Berry Creek Farm and their supporters (thank you Rosemary and Gerard), donations of garden produce from individuals and some individual cash donations. Thank you all.

The Senior Meals program is run by the Troy and Area Lions Club. We have 20 volunteers of which 11 are non-Lions Club members. The breakdown by role: Cooks – 6, Scheduled Helpers – 12, Drop-in Helpers – 1, Dessert Makers – 1. Some of the helpers are on our set-up crew of 6 and we have 3 helpers who are willing (eager?) to make desserts for the cook of the day.

The appeal: We like to schedule 3 volunteers for each meal, including the cook, and have them work only once a month. This can be difficult for a volunteer program since people have other things happening in their lives. Please consider offering some of your time once a month to help. Even a couple of hours is very useful or maybe offer to make a dessert once in a while. Or come and entertain the folks – you have a captive audience!



ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION EXERCISE PROGRAM

FREE exercise class to help prevent or reverse osteoporosis

Offered Every Tuesday 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and/or Thursday 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. at the
Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road (at School Street).

Thursday classes are followed by the optional Community Meal (see above).

Classes consist of a variety of exercises to improve balance and increase strength. Participants start out using very light weights which are gradually increased as strength develops (weights provided). Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has implemented over 100 classes across the state.

Benefits: Increase bone density, which decreases chances of fractures; improve balance; increase strength; increase energy and feeling of well-being; and its FUN!

Contact: Maureen McGuire at: (802) 673-9978 or email: mamcguire77@gmail.com OR Pat Sanders at: (802) 988-4193 or email sandersdp@hotmail.com for more information.

MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION (Requesting \$300)

2839 VT Route 105 ♦ East Berkshire, VT 05447

802-933-3645

Email: lindsey@mrbavt.com ♦ Website: www.mrbavt.com



The Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) again had a great year working to protect and improve water quality throughout our region. As always, our successes come directly from the dedicated volunteers, donors, landowners, and towns that support the work we do with and at our schools, public parks, roadways, farms, private homes, and anywhere water flows.

MRBA Projects and Programs:

Ecological restoration, invasive species, and river clean-up efforts: During 2024, as in most years, MRBA volunteers helped pull trash from our riverbanks, assisted with our continued study of non-chemical ways to combat Japanese knotweed, and assisted with

tree plantings. An additional 750 trees were planted along our waterways in 2024. Our thanks to the volunteers and landowners we worked with this year!

Water quality sampling: MRBA staff collected water quality samples from 19 locations within our watershed during 2024; this includes 5 sites in Westfield, assessing the health of 3 streams, and the impact of a landowner-led water quality improvement project.

Assisting farmers and landowners: In addition to implementing projects (tree plantings, etc.), we also conducted several site assessments this year. These are designed to help residents and landowners understand what water may be doing on these properties, and ways any negative impacts may be mitigated. We really enjoy providing these "Stream Wise" assessments - let us know if you have a stream, you'd like us to come walk with you in 2025!

Educational programs: We are always excited to connect with our younger watershed residents and enjoy providing hands-on educational opportunities to students through our watershed model, rainfall simulator, Bugworks program, and by hosting high school summer interns. In 2024, we also connected with 218 watershed students through Lake Lessons, a half-day water-focused field trip for area 4th graders.

We respectfully request the Town's support of MRBA through a \$300 donation so that we may continue to serve our community with these programs. Your appropriation will help us continue to provide programs, assist landowners, and will help us continue expanding and increasing the skills of our team, so that we may better serve our watershed towns.

Your support of our organization in past years is so greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2025 request.

Sincerely,
John Little



**Exercise Group at
The Westfield
Community Center**

NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING (Requesting \$300)

481 Summer Street, Suite 101 ♦ St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

Phone: 802-748-5182; Fax: 802-748-6622 or email: info@nekouncil.org

On the Web: www.nekcouncil.org

Local Office: 5452 US Route 5, Suite A ♦ Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 802-334-2190

On behalf of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, we are writing to ask for an appropriation to support our work with older Vermonters living in your community. As a rural community, we value the support of towns helping to keep vital services available to its residents.

During the last fiscal year, we provided services to 33 residents and services included:

Home delivered meals; Congregate meal options; Case Management; Helpline for Information and Referral; Health Insurance Counseling; Options Counseling; Volunteer supports; Technology assistance; Wellness programs
Providing these services allows older residents to explore resources allowing them to age in place and are a key component to people being able to receive the necessary supports to do so.

As a private, 501c (3) non-profit corporation, we have been serving older Vermonters for over 44 years. This year, we are requesting the amount of \$300.00 from the residents of the Town of Westfield. We have enclosed a brief letter in support of this request for inclusion in your town report and a copy of our 2024 Annual Report.

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or need additional information. Warm regards on behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the NEK Council on Aging,

Meg Burmeister, Executive Director

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: The Power of Volunteering

Volunteers are the heart of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging. Their dedication ensures that older adults across our community receive the care, meals, and companionship they need to thrive. Whether delivering meals, providing rides to medical appointments, or offering a friendly conversation, our volunteers embody the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors.

In these challenging times, we are reminded that it takes all of us to build a strong and supportive community. If you have a few hours to give, you can make a lasting difference in the life of a neighbor in need. Together, we can create a brighter future for everyone.

Interested in joining us? Call (802) 748-5182 or visit www.nekcouncil.org to learn more about volunteering opportunities.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES-NKHS (Requesting \$1,072)

181 Crawford Road – Derby, P. O. Box 724, Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 802-334-6744 or 800-696-4979

2225 Portland Street, P. O. Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 ♦ 802-748-3181 or 800-649-0118

Emergency Crisis Line 800-649-0118 OR Dial 988 – 24 hours a day/7 day a week

On the Web: www.nkhs.org

Please consider financially supporting Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.'s (NKHS) mission to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

This request is the same amount as voted at the 2024 Town Meeting and 1.11% of appropriation requests from 48 Northeast Kingdom towns. As a Designated Agency serving Vermont's system of care, we are responsible for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The 512 professional employees work to help others live fulfilling lives and contribute to their community. We offer confidential services for Emergency Mobile Crisis, mental health, addiction, and developmental disabilities in the Derby and St. Johnsbury offices, Front Porch Mental Health Urgent Care, satellite offices, telehealth, homes, schools, and throughout the Northeast Kingdom. For more information about our agency and services, please visit our website at <https://www.nkhs.org>, or call our offices. Emergency Services are available 24/7.

Between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, NKHS provided supportive services to 2826 individuals, 12 lived in the Town of Westfield benefiting from 2385 service hours. Your town was home to 2 NKHS employees in Fiscal Year 2024. NKHS also provided 332 hours of community outreach, including Starting Over Strong VT support, and training in the Northeast Kingdom impacting 6244 individuals.

Respectfully,

Kelsey Stavseth, Executive Director

Northeast Kingdom Human Services Board of Directors and Leadership Team

NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.-NEKLS (Requesting \$250)

55 Seymour Lane ♦ Newport, VT 05855

Phone: 802-334-2839

Email: michelle.faust@neklsvt.org ♦ On the Web: www.NEKLSVT.org

At NEKLS, we are dedicated to providing impactful educational opportunities through our Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program, K-12 Tutorial program, and the Ready, Set, Grow Childcare Center (RSG). Our mission is to empower communities like Westfield by offering quality learning experiences that support personal and professional growth.

We envision a future where all individuals can access the education they need to enhance their skills and achieve their goals. Your support is essential in making this vision a reality. A town appropriation of \$250.00 will directly contribute to expanding and improving our programs.

Our Adult Education and Literacy programs, offered at learning centers in Canaan, Hardwick, Island Pond, Newport, and St. Johnsbury, serve individuals aged 16 and older who are seeking to:

- Earn their high school diploma or GED
- Acquire skills for career transitions
- Improve reading, writing, and math abilities
- Prepare for college or workforce training
- Learn or enhance English language skills as a second language

Additionally, our Tutorial program partners with local schools throughout the NEK, providing essential support to help K-12 students achieve academic success.

In Newport, Vermont, our Ready, Set, Grow Childcare Center, a 5-STAR rated facility, is licensed to serve 99 children, ensuring high-quality early education and care.

We invite you to support NEKLS in fostering educational growth within your community. Enclosed is our NEKLS appropriations information sheet for inclusion in your town report, offering a summary of our services for local taxpayers. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the future of education in Westfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Faust
Executive Director

TOTAL (K-12) TUTORIAL CHILDREN SERVED 31	TOTAL TUTORIAL HOURS 2,335	TUTORIAL STUDENTS SERVED ACHIEVED MEASURABLE SKILL GAIN 47%
TOTAL AEL STUDENTS 194 <small>AEL (ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY)</small>	TOTAL AEL INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS 9,140	AVERAGE HOURS PER AEL STUDENT 53.5
STUDENTS OBTAINING HIGH SCHOOL CREDENTIALS 27	FUND DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS 67	AWARDED CITY & TOWN APPROPRIATIONS 26
ESL STUDENTS SERVED 12 <small>ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)</small>	TOTAL HOURS OF ESL SERVICE 1,151	HOURS PER ESL STUDENT 96

THE OLD STONE HOUSE MUSEUM & HISTORIC VILLAGE (Requesting \$700)

Orleans County Historical Society, Inc.

109 Old Stone House Road ♦ Orleans, VT 05860 ♦ 802-754-2022

Email: information@oldstonehousemuseum.org ♦ On the Web: www.oldstonehousemuseum.org

History enriches our lives. It infuses meaning into the places we care about and helps build stronger communities. Next year, we'll celebrate a milestone that belongs to all of us—100 years of the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village! The museum first opened in 1925, and for a century, we've been caring for artifacts, hosting hands-on programs, and creating a space where people of all ages can engage with the past and find inspiration for the future. Home to the Orleans County Historical Society, the historic village has grown to include eight historic buildings and 75,000+ artifacts that illustrate our regional history. The Old Stone House attracts nearly 5,000 visitors to Orleans County per year, bringing essential business and money directly into the region. Grant-funded projects inject money into the local economy employing contractors, tradespeople, suppliers, and professional services in the preservation of local history. The Old Stone House provides jobs for seven permanent staff members as well as up to five seasonal employees. In the summer of 2024, three local high schoolers joined our staff.

Daily tours, events, research, education programs and recreational opportunities make the Old Stone House a vital cornerstone to Orleans County life and culture. Hundreds of children, families and adults participate annually in the wide variety of programs offered. We are proud of our year-round, onsite educational programming, and this year, we added in-school and after-school heritage programs doubling our outreach.

We are dedicated to preserving and sharing local history, enriching the culture of our community, and serving as an economic driver for our region. To do this, we rely on support from the towns we most directly serve. With this in mind, we ask that you support the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village this year. We appreciate your ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,
Krista Barry | Director



ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION (Requesting \$500)

278 Roaring Brook Rd. ♦ P.O. Box 580 ♦ Barton, VT 05822

Phone: 802-525-3555 (Shelia Martin, Director/Treasurer)

Email: ocftreas@gmail.com ♦ On the Web: www.orleanscountyfair.net

The OCFA has been a proud pillar of our community for over 157 years, bringing people together through a variety of events from April to October. Our long-term success has been driven by the dedication, pride, and creativity of our volunteer members. We strive to blend our rich history with modern entertainment and experiences, ensuring that we continue to be a valuable asset to the community.

In addition to hosting our annual fair, Memorial Day, and Fourth of July celebrations, we have been home to the Vermont Trapper's Association, 4H Dairy and Horse shows, and the Vermont Orleans County Conservation District's annual plant/tree sale. These events have fostered a sense of community and have provided educational and recreational opportunities for all ages.

In 2025, we are excited to break ground on a new equine barn, which will measure 60 x 100 feet and contain 40 stalls. This barn will not only enhance our event capabilities but also provide much-needed storage space for community members to safely store their vehicles and campers during the winter months.

Your generous contribution of \$500 will greatly assist us in continuing our mission to preserve our traditions while embracing new opportunities. We are grateful for your consideration and look forward to the possibility of your support.

Thank you for your time and attention to our request. Please feel free to contact me at [Your Contact Information] if you have any questions or need further information.

Thank you for your support,
The Orleans County Fair Association
Shelia Martin, Director/Treasurer



ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (Requesting \$17,485)

P.O. Box 355 ♦ Newport, VT 05855
Phone: 802-334-3333 ♦ **Emergencies: 911**

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has been honored to provide patrol services to you this past year. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town from January 1st, 2024, through December 2024.

This past year the Orleans County Sheriff's Department hired Deputy David Garces who came to this agency with five years of full-time law enforcement experience. Deputy Garces is a Drug Recognition Expert and has taught at the Vermont Police Academy during DUI Class. Deputy Locke, who is also a DRE and Garces attended the IACP Impaired Driving and Traffic Safety Conference in Washington, DC this past summer. These Deputies continue to be assets to our community and strive to make our roadways a safer place to travel.

The OCSD sent Deputy Hunter Cota to the Level-III full- time Police Academy in Pittsford, VT which is an intense sixteen (16) week program. Deputy Cota received two outstanding awards. The Director's Award, which is awarded to a member determined by the training staff, for leadership, professionalism and teamwork. The Eugene Gaiotti Award, the recipient of this award is selected by their classmates and based on their levels of honesty, motivation and teamwork. Deputy Cota has a desire and passion to work with the Special Investigations Unit and our local Human Trafficking work group.

Lieutenant Wells finished his FBI LEEDA trilogy training which an honorable achievement. Over the past several years Lt. Wells attended leadership courses to better himself and this office. Congratulations! Lt Wells also became an Instructor for Taser which will be an asset to our office and community.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has collaborated and worked cases once again this past year with our Federal Partners and the Vermont Drug Task Force in an effort to make our community a safer place to live and a pleasurable place to come and visit.

The OCSD continues and will continue to work with supporting our Child Advocacy Center with a Deputy investigating crimes against our children as well as working with the States Attorney's Office with a grant that we currently hold.

Deputy Doug Morrill continues at Lake Region Union High School as the School Resource Officer and continues to build strong positive relationships with our young people. This position has and continues to prove so valuable to our community.

In December the Sheriff's department celebrated the 17th anniversary of "Operation Santa". We received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and community members. **Thank you!** The program continues to bring joy and happiness to so many this season, thank you Dispatcher Tammy LaCourse!

It is an honor to work and live in Orleans County. Working with the local Selectboards to meet the needs of each town is rewarding. Keeping the lines of communication between the select boards helps keep our communities' needs at the forefront of our services.

Orleans County Sheriff's Department Administration Office Hours: 8-4 pm Monday – Friday. Patrol Hours Day/Evening Hours Seven (7) days a week call 802-334-3333 and press 1 to speak to Dispatch.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

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Town of Westfield - Total Incident Report

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Citizen Assist	1
Civil Process	7
Crash - Injury	1
Directed Patrol	6
Larceny	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	1
Speed Cart	1
Subpoena Service	1
Suspicious	1
Threats/Harassment	1
Traffic Stop	52
Vin Verification	2
Welfare Check	1
Total Incidents for Town of Westfield	72

Town of Westfield - Total Traffic Violation Report

Total Traffic Tickets	26
Total Warnings	33

Town of Westfield - Total Arrest Report

Driving Under the Influence -First Offense	1
Driving with a Criminally Suspended License	1
Excessive Speed	2
Total Arrests (by count) for Town of Westfield	4
Total Arrests (by person) for Town of Westfield	4



ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE INC. (Requesting \$2,500)

46 Lakemont Road ♦ Newport, VT 05855
Phone: 802-334-5213 ♦ Fax: 802-334-8822

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As the only not-for-profit agency serving the area, our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We are locally controlled by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the towns we serve. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

Total Agency Visits FY 2024.....	30,615
Total Visits FY 2024 - Town of Westfield.....	313

During Fiscal Year 2024, home based services were provided to 16 individuals in Westfield for a total of 313 multi-disciplinary visits. 4 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2025..... \$2,500.00

Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN
Executive Director



POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER, INC. (Requesting \$500)

4473 Barton-Orleans Road ♦ Orleans, VT 05860
802-754-2228
On the Web: www.frontieranimalsociety.com

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. has continued to rescue, provide healthcare and housing to and adopt into caring homes over 350 dogs and cats in 2024.

Town appropriations are a very necessary part of the shelter's yearly survival, and the monies are used to provide food, veterinarian services, medicines, utilities and maintenance. We have an amazing staff and volunteer pool who are dedicated to the welfare of our animals. During the past 12 months, volunteers have given over 5000 hours of their time. THANK YOU to all who work with our dogs and kitties and to the area towns who support our mission through donations and town appropriations.



RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION, INC.-RCT (Requesting \$950)

1677 Industrial Parkway ♦ Lyndonville, VT 05851

Phone: 802-748-8170 ♦ Fax: 802-748-5275

On the Web: riderct.org

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2024, RCT provided 284 rides, traveling 7,457 miles at a total cost of \$8,393.00. RCT continued to provide safety-focused, demand-based rides and all buses operated fare-free.



RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match and are therefore vital to RCT's operation.

We hope you will vote to fund this request, and RCT looks forward to continued service to the residents of Westfield.

Sincerely,
Renee Stalczynski, Office Administrator

UMBRELLA (Requesting \$400)

1330 Main Street ♦ St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 ♦ 79 Coventry Street ♦ Newport, VT 05855

Phone: 802-748-1992 or 802-334-0148 or 800-916-8645

On the Web: www.umbrellanek.org

Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression. Umbrella operates 4 multifaceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

- **Social Change** focuses on prevention education and initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence and creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. One of our strategies is to provide pathways for girls to work within this social change and prevention field through the Youth in Power Program. In FY24, Our Social Change programs saw extraordinary growth, doubling their reach to local schools to provide prevention education and support to 2,670 youth and conducting multiple training sessions and workshops for 1,369 adults.
- **Advocacy Program** serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation - which in total we characterize as gender-based violence. In our work, the client leads and we support them in any way they need us to including legal advocacy, housing advocacy, support with parenting after trauma and more. In FY24, Advocacy supported approximately 509 survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- **Family Based Services** focuses on child-care and strengthening family relationships. *Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC)* assists families in the Northeast Kingdom to receive subsidized childcare, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. *The Family Room* offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In FY24, Kingdom Child Care Connection program served over 740 families. The Family Room facilitated safe, supervised visits for more than 90 children.
- **Economic Empowerment** serves women with significant barriers to employment in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties. Our *Cornucopia* program, and our social enterprise, *Dolcetti* each wrap around women to support them in building job readiness skills while helping them to address challenges in their lives so they are able to move towards financial self-sufficiency. In FY24, as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged nearly 39,509 meals to homebound seniors.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 6 households in the Town of Westfield were served by Umbrella in Fiscal Year 2024 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

Community support is critical to sustain our programming and to discover innovative approaches to the work Umbrella does. We are deeply grateful for Westfield's support.

Respectfully, Amanda Cochrane, Executive Director

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING-VCIL (Requesting \$95)

11 East State Street ♦ Montpelier, VT 05602

Phone: 802-229-0501 ♦ Voice & TTY: 800-639-1522 ♦ Fax: 802-229-0503

Email: info@vcil.org ♦ On the Web: www.vcil.org

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of Westfield for our FY'25.

Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability-related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Westfield in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes or other locations; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people with disabilities under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).

Sincerely,
Sarah Launderville, Executive Director

VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK (Requesting \$250)

600 Blair Park Road, Suite 240 ♦ Williston, VT 05495-7549

Phone: 802-876-5315 ♦ On the Web: www.vermontfamilynetwork.org/

The mission of Vermont Family Network (VFN) is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs. We do this by giving a strong start, lifting family voices, and advancing inclusive communities. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P), merged, VFN has collectively served families across Vermont for more than 30 years. Vermont children, youth, and families are provided with a "one-stop shop" to help them reach their full potential.

I am writing to you today to ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Westfield and throughout the state, with an appropriation of \$250. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like yours where we have served many families to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we do all around the state continues with the same excellence and care that it has for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve families with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants. While we have offices in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, we support most families virtually. In FY24 our Family Support Consultants served 1370 Vermont Families with one-to-one support. In addition, we have a robust website with resources for families, bi-monthly webinars and an annual conference attended by both parents and professionals.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education (PIE), an educational puppetry team that teaches children and school staff about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Last school year 7,800 school children and adults benefitted from these educational programs and workshops.

Sincerely,
Katie Keidel Development Officer

**VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE-RFP (Requesting \$200)**

c/o Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)

PO Box 566 ♦ Waitsfield, VT 05673

802-828-4582 ♦ On the Web: www.vacd.org

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, designs installations, and finds financial resources to support the costs of construction. During the **27+ years** of the program, **1,224 grants** totaling over **\$2.9 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

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The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

The Rural Fire Protection Grant Program offers State grant awards up to \$10,000 per project. Additional Federal funding can provide an additional \$5,000-\$10,000 per project for more expensive special case projects. New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing systems, drafting site development, and bridge mounted dry hydrants are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2023 was **\$227,662** of which **\$105,483** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **13 rural fire protection projects** throughout Vermont. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Division of Fire Safety of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation.

Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$200 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2023, we received **\$9,150** in town appropriations from **90 towns**. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support. **235** Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program.

Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person for Town Appropriation business

**THE NORTH COUNTRY FRIENDS
OF THE VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (Requesting \$100)**

2 Church Street, Suite 3B ♦ Burlington, VT 05401
Phone: 802-864-5741 ♦ On the Web: www.vso.org

The North Country Friends Group of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra appreciates the Town of Westfield for supporting *SymphonyKids* programs for the children in your community. *SymphonyKids* is an outreach program with a mission to engage children in classical music through audience participation and encourage students to develop a lifelong enthusiasm for music.

SymphonyKids involves a number of youth music education programs which benefit our youth in the Northeast Kingdom. We visited and drew students from communities such as Barton, East Burke, Eden, Glover, Greensboro, Lowell, Newport City, Newport Town, Sheffield, St. Johnsbury, Waterville, and more during the financial year.

- 855 kids (elementary and middle school) attended twelve VSO's **Musicians in Schools** programs that took place in schools across the Northeast Kingdom. These 45-minute concerts highlight the connection between STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and music with live performances by a trio of musicians and a storyteller.
- 72 kids (ages 1-17) took part in our **Musical Petting Zoo** at Lyndon Town School during the July 2024 Summer Festival Tour concert performance and received free or reduced-price tickets.
- 12 string students with **Catamount Arts' EPIC music program** participated in an instructional workshop with VSO's Jukebox quartet in April 2024.

The 2025 appropriation from your town will go towards the VSO's general education work in the NEK and access to VSO performances for young people in the community. Your support in providing access to classical music for ALL children is greatly appreciated!



Thank you!

Ruth Marquette, on behalf of the North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

JAY-WESTFIELD JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORTS

Principal's Report

As the principal of Jay Westfield Elementary School, it is my pleasure to provide an update on the exciting developments and achievements from our school this past year. It has been a year of growth, learning, and connection, and I am proud to share some highlights with you.



Academic Excellence

Our students have made tremendous strides academically. Through a continued focus on individualized instruction and differentiated learning, we continue to meet the diverse learning needs of our students. We introduced several new programs this year, including:

- **STEM Enrichment:** We continue to engage students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through hands-on projects has been a huge success. Students are participating in the STEM fair, conducted experiments, and even exploring coding.
- **Literacy Program:** We continue to prioritize literacy across all grade levels. This year, we implemented a district-wide literacy program. Amplify CKLA is research-based curriculum designed to increase knowledge and foundational skills of all learners.

Social-Emotional Learning

In addition to academic achievement, we are deeply committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive school environment. Our Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) focus, through Responsive Classroom, has helped students build essential life skills such as empathy, conflict resolution, and emotional regulation.

School Events and Community Involvement

Our school is fortunate to have strong support from both communities. This year, we hosted several successful events, including:

- **Open House:** Over 100 parents, guardians, and siblings attended this event, where they had the opportunity to meet teachers and participate in scientific enrichment with the Mont shire Museum.
- **Holiday Meal:** We had 97% participation of families and caregivers in our yearly holiday meal. It was amazing to be able to host such a special even bringing together so many people.

Staffing and Professional Development

Our dedicated staff continues to be the heart of our school. We are provided ongoing professional development opportunities for our teachers, ensuring they remain equipped with the latest educational strategies and tools to support our students.

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead, we are excited about the continued growth of our school. Next year, we plan to expand our outdoor learning activities, giving students more opportunities for experiential learning in nature. We also hope to increase our partnerships with local businesses and organizations for community service.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Jay and Westfield communities for your continued support. It is with your collaboration and dedication that we can provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

Thank you for your continued trust in us. We look forward to another year of growth and success.

Sincerely,

Hunter Couture
Principal, Jay Westfield Elementary School

JAY/WESTFIELD JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Phone: (802) 988-4042

Fax: (802) 988-9813

Principal Hunter Couture

Faculty

Pre-K	Julie Ste. Marie
Kindergarten	Lara Starr
Grade 1	Micaela Ortiz
Grade 2	Jane Halbeisen
Grades 3 & 4	Gerardo Ortiz
Grades 5 & 6	Sydney Vanier
Special Education	Abbie Axtel
Special Ed Case Manager.	Joselyn Barry
Special Education (Virtual)	Michelle Greene
Art	Heather Brault
Physical Education	Amy Clements
Intervention	Sue Pigeon-Vanier
School-Based Clinician	Ashley Sevigny
School Nurse	Lisa Anderson

Staff

Administrative Assistant	Kelly Meunier
Paraeducator Pre-K	Allana Whittier
Paraeducator	Lourdes Ortiz
Paraeducator	Julia Gregory
Paraeducator	Kim Mathison
Paraeducator	Heather Johnson
Paraeducator/Afterschool Coordinator	Eva Lemieux
Social Emotional/Behavior Support	Julia Smith
Food Services	Tosca Johnson
Custodian	Travis Judd

School Board

Jay	Molly Dockter, Kim Arnold, Jess Whitaker
Westfield	Andrew Emery (Chair), Mary Gagne, Jessica Kennison

Student Enrollment Count:

Due to student confidentiality concerns, students' names are no longer printed in the annual School Report.

Jay Westfield Elementary School

	<u>Jay</u>	<u>Westfield</u>
Pre-K	11	8
K-6	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
Total	40	38

Total: 78 students Pre-K Thru 6th

Junior High School

	<u>Jay</u>	<u>Westfield</u>
7 th Grade	8	5
8 th Grade.	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total:	10	7

North Country Union High

	<u>Jay</u>	<u>Westfield</u>
9 th Grade	2	5
10 th Grade	7	3
11 th Grade	7	4
12 th Grade	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Total:	18	15

JAY/WESTFIELD JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FY2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

	FY2024 BUDGET 7/1/2023-6/30/2024	FY2024 ACTUAL 7/1/2023-6/30/2024	FY2025 BUDGET 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	FY2026 PROPOSED 7/1/2025-6/30/2026
REVENUES				
TUITION				
Pre-K Tuition	\$0	(\$3,764)	\$0	\$0
TOTAL TUITION	\$0	(\$3,764)	\$0	\$0
INVESTMENT EARNINGS-INTEREST				
Investment Earnings - Interest	(\$2,500)	(\$2,288)	(\$2,500)	(\$2,500)
TOTAL INVESTMENT EARNINGS-INTEREST	(\$2,500)	(\$2,288)	(\$2,500)	(\$2,500)
ASSESSMENT				
Regular Elem Assessment	(\$1,732,324)	(\$1,732,324)	(\$1,971,035)	(\$2,061,182)
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	(\$1,732,324)	(\$1,732,324)	(\$1,971,035)	(\$2,061,182)
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES				
Misc. Other Local Revenue	\$0	(\$7,031)	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance as Revenue	(\$69,000)	\$0	(\$122,000)	(\$108,000)
TOTAL OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	(\$69,000)	(\$7,031)	(\$122,000)	(\$108,000)
SUBGRANT REVENUES				
Medicaid Sub Grant	(\$7,000)	(\$3,691)	(\$7,000)	(\$7,000)
ESSER III Subgrant	(\$125,997)	(\$271,664)	\$0	\$0
Subgrants for Schoolwide Programs	(\$42,075)	(\$40,586)	(\$42,075)	(\$48,952)
Other Subgrants	(\$700)	\$0	(\$700)	(\$700)
TOTAL SUBGRANT REVENUES	(\$175,772)	(\$315,941)	(\$49,775)	(\$56,652)
FEDERAL REVENUES				
REAP Grant Funds	\$0	(\$654)	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUES	\$0	(\$654)	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	(\$1,979,596)	(\$2,062,003)	(\$2,145,310)	(\$2,228,334)
EXPENDITURES				
DIRECT INSTRUCTION				
Salary - Elementary Teachers	\$354,593	\$242,729	\$405,201	\$346,058
Wages - Elementary Para	\$11,065	\$2,604	\$13,752	\$79,225
Substitutes Pay - Elementary	\$10,000	\$54,591	\$20,000	\$50,000
Health Ins - Elementary	\$110,127	\$66,190	\$110,618	\$102,713
HRA	\$22,900	\$14,651	\$22,900	\$12,000
FICA - Elementary	\$28,738	\$21,518	\$33,580	\$36,359
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,091
Life Insurance - Elementary	\$287	\$147	\$287	\$393
VSTRS Federal Assessment	\$0	\$1,509	\$0	\$0
VSTRS New Hire Health Care	\$2,500	\$1,276	\$2,500	\$2,552
Municipal Retirement	\$747	\$380	\$963	\$634
Workers Comp	\$3,072	\$1,523	\$3,687	\$3,640
Unemployment - Elementary	\$195	(\$6)	\$200	\$218
Tuition - Elementary	\$10,000	\$5,371	\$10,000	\$10,000
Dental Ins - Elementary	\$4,032	\$2,692	\$4,500	\$3,024
Long Term Disability - Elementary	\$1,134	\$759	\$1,299	\$1,411
Purch Services - Elementary (GMFS)	\$10,000	\$9,224	\$15,000	\$15,000
Encore-ASP	\$15,800	\$15,800	\$15,800	\$15,800
Employee Training & Development	\$0	\$700	\$0	\$0
Services Purchased Thru NCSU	\$55,000	\$57,836	\$55,000	\$63,619
Purchased Property Services - Elementary	\$6,000	\$3,972	\$6,000	\$6,000
Field Trips - Elementary	\$0	\$2,887	\$2,500	\$3,000
Transport (McKinney Vento)	\$0	\$523	\$0	\$0
Travel - Elementary	\$500	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Supplies - Elementary	\$15,000	\$31,789	\$20,000	\$20,000
Books\Periodicals - Elementary	\$5,000	\$11,671	\$5,000	\$7,500

	FY2024 BUDGET 7/1/2023-6/30/2024	FY2024 ACTUAL 7/1/2023-6/30/2024	FY2025 BUDGET 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	FY2026 PROPOSED 7/1/2025-6/30/2026
Computer Software - Elementary	\$1,000	\$5,656	\$4,000	\$6,000
Dues\Fees - Staff	\$500	\$50	\$1,000	\$1,000
Dues\Fees - Students	\$1,500	\$1,780	\$0	\$2,000
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTION	\$669,689	\$557,821	\$754,786	\$791,239
PRE-K				
Salary - Pre-K Teacher	\$81,416	\$49,933	\$84,347	\$53,650
Wages - Pre-K Para	\$24,022	\$22,835	\$27,866	\$27,778
Substitute Pay – Pre-K	\$2,000	\$4,431	\$2,000	\$4,000
Health Ins - Pre-K	\$25,108	\$17,502	\$31,233	\$44,735
HRA	\$4,200	\$186	\$4,200	\$8,400
FICA - Pre-K	\$8,219	\$5,721	\$8,737	\$6,535
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$376
Life Insurance - Pre-K	\$70	\$53	\$70	\$70
Municipal Retirement	\$1,622	\$1,695	\$1,951	\$1,709
Workers Comp - Pre-K	\$886	\$523	\$943	\$667
Unemployment - Pre-K	\$30	(\$10)	\$30	\$42
Tuition - Pre-K	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,712
Dental Ins - Pre-K	\$1,008	\$630	\$1,008	\$1,344
Long Term Disability - Pre-K	\$327	\$233	\$348	\$258
Field Trips - Pre-K	\$250	\$101	\$250	\$250
Preschool Tuition	\$15,056	\$11,292	\$15,536	\$15,928
Supplies - Pre-K	\$500	\$2,806	\$2,000	\$3,000
Books\Periodicals - Pre-K	\$1,000	\$0	\$500	\$500
Supplies Tech - Pre-K	\$500	\$247	\$500	\$500
Dues & Fees - Pre-K	\$0	\$370	\$0	\$400
TOTAL PRE-K	\$166,213	\$118,548	\$181,519	\$172,853
SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS				
Salary - Schoolwide Teacher	\$24,738	\$24,636	\$30,622	\$33,184
Health Ins - Schoolwide	\$8,258	\$6,707	\$9,910	\$13,087
HRA	\$2,000	\$49	\$2,000	\$2,000
FICA - Schoolwide	\$1,892	\$1,464	\$2,343	\$2,539
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$146
Life Insurance - Schoolwide	\$22	\$11	\$22	\$17
VSTRS Pension Payment	\$6,184	\$14,192	\$7,656	\$8,508
VSTRS New hire Health Care	\$700	\$0	\$700	\$0
Workers Comp - Schoolwide	\$208	\$261	\$257	\$281
Unemployment - Schoolwide	\$15	\$13	\$15	\$8
Tuition - Schoolwide	\$1,366	\$0	\$1,356	\$1,085
Dental Ins - Schoolwide	\$336	\$175	\$336	\$269
Long Term Disability - Schoolwide	\$77	\$65	\$95	\$110
NCSU PS School Based Clinician	\$0	\$1,301	\$0	\$0
TOTAL SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS	\$45,796	\$48,875	\$55,312	\$61,234
SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
Wages- Para's Special Education	\$124,638	\$118,561	\$171,242	\$83,001
Substitutes Pay	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$1,000
Health Ins	\$39,688	\$15,902	\$20,041	\$32,451
HRA	\$4,720	\$1,629	\$2,200	\$6,600
FICA	\$9,535	\$9,312	\$13,253	\$6,426
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$370
Life Insurance	\$133	\$114	\$157	\$81
Municipal Retirement	\$8,413	\$6,703	\$11,987	\$5,107
Workers Comp	\$1,047	\$969	\$1,438	\$702
Unemployment	\$153	\$64	\$180	\$94
Dental Ins	\$1,786	\$1,298	\$1,108	\$1,620
Long Term Disability	\$386	\$369	\$531	\$275
Special Services Assessment	\$132,691	\$132,691	\$128,243	\$126,605
TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$324,191	\$287,612	\$352,380	\$264,330

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	7/1/2023-6/30/2024	7/1/2023-6/30/2024	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
GUIDANCE				
Guidance Counselor Salary	\$0	\$0	\$22,732	\$24,323
Guidance Counselor Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$11,451	\$14,501
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
Dues\Fees	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
TOTAL GUIDANCE	\$0	\$0	\$35,183	\$39,824
HEALTH SERVICES				
Salary - Nurse	\$38,294	\$39,858	\$40,542	\$54,368
Wages - Nurse Support	\$9,890	\$5,100	\$17,291	\$0
Substitutes Pay	\$500	\$0	\$750	\$500
Health Ins	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$239
FICA	\$3,724	\$3,382	\$4,482	\$4,159
Life Insurance	\$44	\$44	\$44	\$44
Workers Comp	\$405	\$342	\$492	\$465
Unemployment	\$30	\$2	\$30	\$21
Tuition	\$2,732	\$0	\$2,713	\$2,170
Long Term Disability	\$149	\$119	\$179	\$180
Purchased Property Services	\$165	\$111	\$165	\$165
Supplies	\$2,000	\$2,436	\$2,000	\$2,500
Dues\Fees	\$0	\$40	\$300	\$300
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$59,133	\$51,434	\$68,988	\$65,111
SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES				
Wages - Speech Para	\$16,545	\$15,695	\$17,412	\$17,419
Health Ins	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000
FICA	\$1,266	\$1,204	\$1,332	\$1,333
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$77
Life Insurance	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$13
Municipal Retirement	\$1,117	\$850	\$1,219	\$1,072
Workers Comp	\$139	\$107	\$146	\$149
Unemployment	\$8	\$13	\$8	\$139
Long Term Disability	\$51	\$51	\$54	\$58
TOTAL SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES	\$20,139	\$18,433	\$21,184	\$21,259
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY				
Regular Ed Occupational Therapy Svcs	\$0	\$138	\$500	\$500
TOTAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	\$0	\$138	\$500	\$500
IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION				
Salary - Teacher	\$1,000	\$3,645	\$1,000	\$4,000
FICA	\$77	\$279	\$77	\$306
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18
Supplies	\$0	\$170	\$0	\$200
TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	\$1,077	\$4,093	\$1,077	\$4,524
LIBRARY				
Purchased Services From SU	\$15,933	\$15,745	\$16,273	\$17,900
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$15,933	\$15,745	\$16,273	\$17,900
TECHNOLOGY				
Supplies	\$5,000	\$9,514	\$5,000	\$7,500
Supplies Tech Related	\$5,000	\$2,925	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	\$10,000	\$12,438	\$10,000	\$12,500
PATH EXPENSE				
Path Stipend	\$700	\$245	\$700	\$700
FICA	\$54	\$19	\$54	\$54
Municipal Retirement	\$47	\$0	\$47	\$40
TOTAL PATH EXPENSE	\$801	\$264	\$801	\$794
BOARD OF EDUCATION				
Wages - Minute Keeper	\$1,500	\$200	\$1,500	\$1,500
FICA	\$115	\$15	\$115	\$115

	FY2024 BUDGET	FY2024 ACTUAL	FY2025 BUDGET	FY2026 PROPOSED
	7/1/2023-6/30/2024	7/1/2023-6/30/2024	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7
Municipal Retirement	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$86
Legal	\$500	\$1,075	\$500	\$1,000
Liability Insurance	\$5,775	\$4,516	\$6,237	\$6,736
Advertising	\$1,000	\$408	\$500	\$500
Supplies/Food	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Dues	\$500	\$391	\$500	\$500
Other Board Expenses/Contingency	\$0	\$745	\$0	\$64,816
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$9,390	\$7,361	\$10,352	\$76,258
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT				
NCSU Assessment	\$64,283	\$64,283	\$93,039	\$95,494
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	\$64,283	\$64,283	\$93,039	\$95,494
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL				
Salary - Principal	\$87,360	\$97,500	\$101,400	\$103,000
Wages- Admin Assistant	\$36,379	\$39,500	\$39,551	\$40,230
Substitute - Admin Assistant	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
Health Ins	\$42,662	\$42,898	\$49,383	\$55,270
HRA	\$6,400	\$9,758	\$8,400	\$8,400
FICA	\$9,504	\$9,631	\$10,821	\$10,957
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$630
Life Insurance	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
VSTRS OPEB	\$0	\$1,509	\$0	\$1,509
Municipal Retirement	\$2,456	\$2,074	\$2,769	\$2,475
Workers Comp	\$1,039	\$879	\$1,184	\$1,168
Unemployment	\$30	\$26	\$30	\$42
Tuition	\$2,732	\$0	\$2,712	\$2,712
Dental Ins	\$1,608	\$1,680	\$1,680	\$1,680
Long Term Disability	\$384	\$396	\$437	\$451
Student Loan Forgiveness	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Postage	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Travel	\$500	\$669	\$500	\$700
Supplies	\$1,500	\$1,964	\$1,500	\$1,500
Dues\Fees	\$1,000	\$2,185	\$1,000	\$1,200
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$194,755	\$211,868	\$223,567	\$233,625
FISCAL SERVICES				
Contracted Services From NCSU	\$19,900	\$19,900	\$20,895	\$21,522
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	\$19,900	\$19,900	\$20,895	\$21,522
AUDIT SERVICES				
Audit Services	\$5,100	\$5,125	\$5,400	\$5,400
TOTAL AUDIT SERVICES	\$5,100	\$5,125	\$5,400	\$5,400
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE				
Wages - Maintenance	\$42,663	\$41,027	\$48,506	\$48,152
Wages Subs/Over Time	\$0	\$1,911	\$1,000	\$2,000
Health Ins	\$0	\$1,539	\$0	\$0
HRA	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
FICA	\$3,264	\$3,249	\$38	\$3,837
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$221
Life Insurance	\$26	\$0	\$26	\$26
Municipal Retirement	\$2,880	\$2,197	\$3,395	\$2,963
Workers Comp	\$3,413	\$2,665	\$3,880	\$3,473
Unemployment	\$13	\$13	\$48	\$21
Dental Ins	\$355	\$2	\$0	\$0
Long Term Disability	\$132	\$22	\$150	\$160
Contracted Serv	\$1,000	\$24,560	\$5,000	\$24,608
Rentals/Leases	\$500	\$1,809	\$500	\$2,000
Sewer	\$5,400	\$4,289	\$5,400	\$5,400
				\$1,500
Water Services	\$1,000	\$1,488	\$5,000	

	FY2024 BUDGET	FY2024 ACTUAL	FY2025 BUDGET	FY2026 PROPOSED
	7/1/2023-6/30/2024	7/1/2023-6/30/2024	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
Water Testing	\$3,000	\$4,133	\$0	\$4,200
Rubbish Services	\$5,500	\$5,970	\$5,500	\$7,250
Purchased Services Repairs/Maint	\$12,000	\$91,495	\$15,000	\$25,000
Mowing	\$2,500	\$3,795	\$3,200	\$4,000
Property Ins.	\$4,400	\$3,935	\$4,400	\$4,752
Telephone	\$3,600	\$3,133	\$3,600	\$3,600
Travel	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Supplies	\$6,200	\$22,940	\$12,000	\$17,500
Electricity	\$12,000	\$13,296	\$12,000	\$13,500
Propane	\$600	\$966	\$1,000	\$1,000
Heating Oil	\$18,000	\$15,651	\$19,000	\$19,000
TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	\$130,946	\$250,084	\$151,144	\$196,661
TRANSPORTATION				
Contract Services-NCSU	\$95,755	\$61,239	\$112,413	\$121,306
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	\$95,755	\$61,239	\$112,413	\$121,306
EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION				
Extra Curricular Transportation Thru NCSU	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$6,000
Student Transportation (McKinney Vento)	\$0	\$2,478	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION	\$3,500	\$2,478	\$3,500	\$6,000
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES				
Contract Services - SBC	\$10,000	\$4,567	\$20,000	\$20,000
TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$10,000	\$4,567	\$20,000	\$20,000
ESSER III				
Guidance ESSER III	\$125,997	\$28,981	\$0	\$0
Pre K ESSER III	\$0	\$85,004	\$0	\$0
Direct Instruction ESSER III	\$0	\$151,819	\$0	\$0
Nurse - ESSERIII	\$0	\$9,708	\$0	\$0
TOTAL ESSER III	\$125,997	\$275,512	\$0	\$0
REAP GRANT				
Books/Periodicals-REAP Grant	\$0	\$654	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REAP GRANT	\$0	\$654	\$0	\$0
MEDICAID FUNDS				
Medicaid	\$7,000	\$3,691	\$7,000	\$0
TOTAL MEDICAID FUNDS	\$7,000	\$3,691	\$7,000	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,979,596	\$2,022,164	\$2,145,310	\$2,228,334

WESTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FY26

Account		Actual FY24	Budget FY25	Actual FY25	Budget FY26
01-6-15-00.00	Interest Income	\$1,258.82	\$200.00	\$343.78	\$350.00
01-6-35.	Education Spending Grants				
01-6-35-31.10	Education Fund & Property Tax	\$633,493.36	\$843,798.00	\$800,394.52	\$932,099.00
		\$633,493.36	\$843,798.00	\$800,394.52	\$932,449.00
01-6-40.	Intergovernmental				
01-6-40-31.45	Small Schools Grant	\$38,551.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-6-40-32.02	Special Education Reimbursement	(\$35,327.01)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-6-40-34.00	Intensive Payback	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$3,223.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$637,976.17	\$843,998.00	\$800,738.30	\$932,449.00
01-7-10.	Direct Instruction				
01-7-10-56.20	JW Assessment	\$648,809.67	\$826,390.00	\$826,389.36	\$913,710.00
01-7-10-59.10	Ski Program	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$648,809.67	\$826,890.00	\$826,389.36	\$913,710.00
01-7-20.	Direct Instruction Special Education				
01-7-20-30.10	EEE Local	\$9,278.41	\$10,808.00	\$0.00	\$12,189.00
		\$9,278.41	\$10,808.00	\$0.00	\$12,189.00
01-7-60.	Support Services General Administration				
01-7-60-23.11	Board of Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
01-7-80.	Support Services Bus Administration				
01-7-80-33.90	Treasurer	\$1,400.16	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
01-7-80-33.91	Audit	\$4,525.00	\$3,750.00	\$1,380.00	\$4,000.00
01-7-80-33.92	School Board Stipend	\$1,210.00	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00
01-7-80-33.93	Miscellaneous	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$7,860.16	\$6,300.00	\$1,980.00	\$6,550.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$665,948.24	\$843,998.00	\$828,369.36	\$932,449.00



District: Westfield SU: North Country		FY25 was the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY23 & FY24. LTWADM are the new counts to use.			T231 Orleans County	Property dollar equivalent yield 8,553 12,260	<--See bottom note	Homestead tax rate per \$8,553 of spending per LTWADM 1.00	
Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income									
Expenditures									
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, and full technical center expenditures)		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025			FY2026	1.
			\$619,330	\$664,688	\$843,998			\$932,449	
2.	Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+							2.
3.	Locally adopted or warned budget		\$619,330	\$664,688	\$843,998			\$932,449	3.
4.	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+							4.
5.	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+							5.
6.	Total Expenditures		\$619,330	\$664,688	\$843,998			\$932,449	6.
7.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data								7.
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data								8.
Revenues									
9.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc.)		\$36,143	\$34,208	\$200			\$350	9.
10.	Offsetting revenues		\$36,143	\$34,208	\$200			\$350	10.
11.	Education Spending		\$583,187	\$630,480	\$843,798			\$932,099	11.
12.	Pupils (eqpup FY23 - FY24, LTWADM FY25 - FY26)		36.48	36.33	65.23			61.84	12.
Education Spending per Pupil									
13.	Principal and interest payments for all voter approved bonds prior to July 1, 2024	-	\$15,986.49	\$17,354.25	\$12,935.74			\$15,072.75	13.
14.	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$66,446 for an individual (per pupil)	-	na	na	na			na	14.
15.	Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per pupil)	-	na	na	na			na	15.
16.	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer pupils	-	na	na	na			na	16.
17.	Estimated costs of new students after census period (per pupil)	-	na	na	na			na	17.
18.	Total tuitions if functioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)	-	na	na	na			na	18.
19.	Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per pupil)	-	na	na	na			na	19.
20.	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per pupil)	-	na	na	na			na	20.
21.	Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or relocating.	-	na	na	na			na	21.
22.	Excess spending threshold		threshold = \$19,997	threshold = \$22,204	threshold = \$23,193			threshold = \$15,926	22.
23.	Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	+	na	na	na			\$15,026.00	23.
24.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate		Suspended thru FY23	Suspended thru FY29	Suspended thru FY29			-	24.
25.			\$15,986	\$17,354	\$12,936			\$15,072.75	25.
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)		120.073%	112.376%	130.756%			176.228%	26.
Prorating the local tax rate									
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$15,072.75 ÷ (\$8,553 / \$1.00)]		\$1.2007	\$1.1238	\$1.3076			\$1.7623	27.
28.	Tax rate "cent discount" (FY25-FY29) adjusted by statewide adjuster of 72.36%							-	28.
29.	Cent discount adjusted anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate							\$1.7623	29.
30.	Percent of Westfield pupils not in a union school district		58.98%	60.86%	58.51%			55.50%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (55.50% x \$1.76)		\$0.7082	\$0.6839	\$0.7651			\$0.9781	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)		97.01%	88.89%	72.93%			85.96%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.9781 / 85.96%)		\$0.7300	\$0.7694	\$1.0491			\$1.1379	33.
If the district belongs to a union school district this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.									
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [((\$15,072.75 ÷ \$12,260) x 2.00%)]		2.00%	2.00%	2.56%			2.46%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (55.50% x 2.46%)		1.18%	1.22%	1.50%			1.37%	35.
36.	Percent of pupils at North Country Jr UHSD #22		12.21%	12.31%	14.31%			15.80%	36.
37.	Percent of pupils at North Country Sr UHSD #22		28.81%	26.83%	27.18%			28.70%	37.
- Using the revised December 1, 2024 Education Fund Outlook FY26 forecast, the FY26 education fund need results in a property yield of \$8.553 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$12.260 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.791. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate. - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor. - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.									

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION REPORTS

Superintendent's Annual Report Explanation of Education Funding

The big stories of the 2024 – 2025 school year are last year's changes and certainly more impending changes to education funding. Although many of our NCSU districts saw significant increases in tax rates last year, most districts are estimated to see decreases in the tax rate this year. Additionally, the governor has said he will use other revenue sources to offset any increases to property taxes this year, while the legislature contemplates further changes to education funding in Vermont.

Currently, there are three factors that work together to determine our tax rates. Those three things are:

1. Number of students and education spending

As you know, we now have *weighted* pupils that include students of poverty, sparsity, rurality, or students who are English Language Learners, who count as more than one student. The Long-Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTW ADM) is the count of students including the weights. Our schools have many more weighted students than equalized pupils. When you divide the total amount of spending by the total of weighted students, you come up with how much the school is spending per weighted student.

Because the NEK traditionally spends much less than other districts in the state, when we divide our smaller budgets by this higher number of weighted students, we end up with an even smaller amount. Because we are spending less per student, our taxing capacity is increased, and – in most towns – the cost to the taxpayer has gone down significantly. We are currently still using weighted students in our calculations.

Educational spending is the ONLY factor that schools and school boards have any control over.

2. Dollar yield

Dollar yield is the amount the AOE determines the state ed funding will contribute towards educating each student. The difference between what the school is spending vs. the dollar yield contribution is how many tax dollars need to be raised. The lower the dollar yield, the higher the tax rate.

The Tax Commissioner makes a recommendation about dollar yield on December 1st and the Legislature votes on what the dollar yield will be at the end of the legislative session. Usually, the Legislature's vote is similar to what the Tax Commissioner recommends. Last year's amount was \$9893. This year's yield should be over \$11,000, except the state is applying a 72% adjustment to the yield to adjust for the statewide Common Level of Appraisal (CLA – see below). This means that the yield is currently \$8553. They are doing this before the tax rate is figured, which shifts the attention to education spending, rather than to the effect that the CLA has on tax rates. I believe this is an attempt to further blame education for rising property taxes, when CLA does in fact have an effect.

Only the Legislature can set the dollar yield, so this is a factor that schools and school boards have no control over.

3. Common level of appraisal

Every town has a group of listers. Listers are responsible for creating and maintaining the grand list, which contains each home's appraised value for tax purposes. The state reviews the grand list on a yearly basis and determines the common level of appraisal (CLA) by looking at what homes are appraised on the grand list and how much homes are selling for. If every home were appraised at what they sold for, the CLA would be 100%. If homes were selling for less than their appraised value, the CLA would be more than 100% and taxes would decrease. We are all aware of the recent increase in the cost of homes and that most homes are selling for a lot

more than they are appraised for. This causes the CLA to drop, and results in increased tax rates, essentially a tax penalty for not raising enough taxes at the local level.

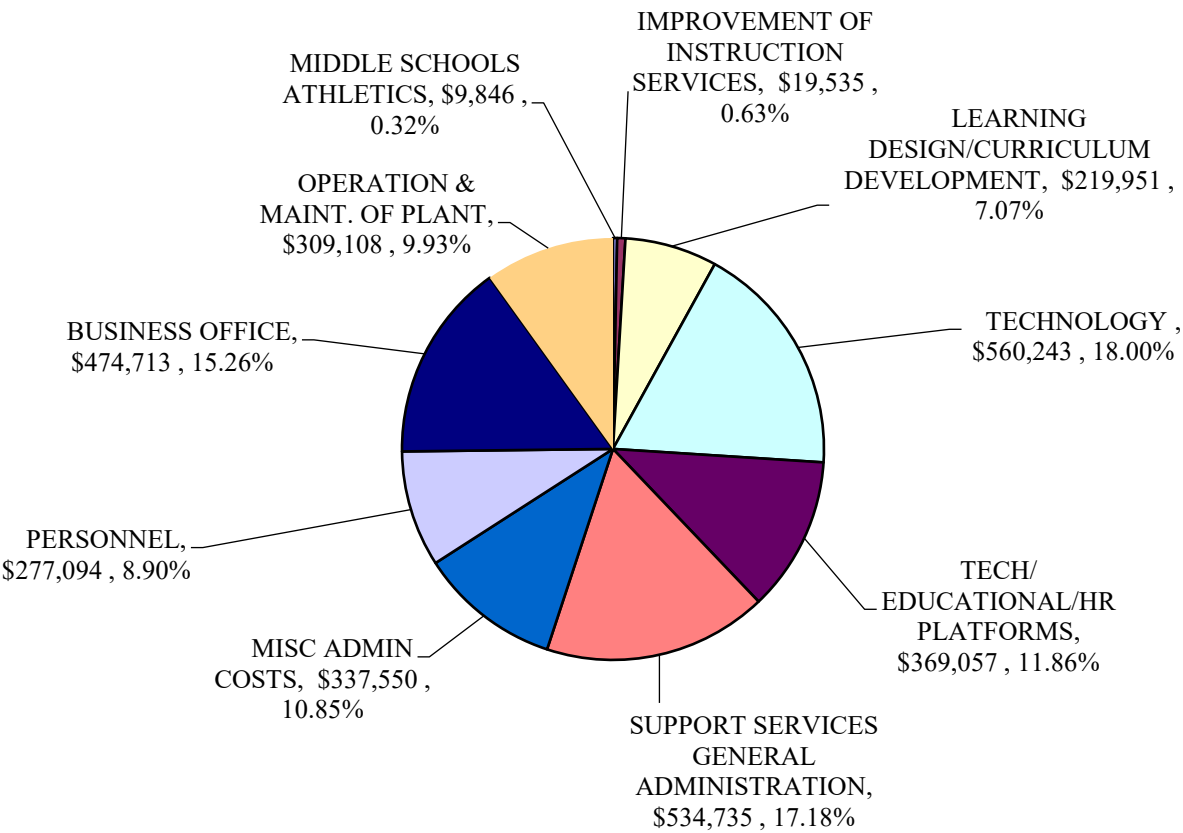
As mentioned above, the state is now using a statewide CLA adjustment. They are applying this adjustment to the dollar yield rather than to the tax rate. It has the same effect on taxes but shifts the attention to education spending rather than to the CLA.

Regardless, common level of appraisal is a function of town government, and schools and school boards have no control over CLA.

There is no doubt that the legislature will be making significant changes to the way that we fund education during this session, and I believe we must make these changes. We cannot outprice Vermonters from living in our communities, and 67% of the education fund is currently funded by property taxes. Education funding is complex and there is no direct correlation between what one school district spends and what the tax rates look like. This is due to the interplay of the variables mentioned above and since we are a statewide system, decisions that are made in other parts of the state – who tend to spend much more than we do in our supervisory union – affect our bottom line. There is a need for more transparency in this system and for us to consider other ways to fund education in Vermont. There is also a need for the legislature to stop mandating schools to do things that cost money without an identified revenue source. Programs like universal Pre-K and universal school meals are wonderful programs, and are the right programs to provide, but without a revenue source, this falls back on taxpayers to fund.

As I said last year, we still have a responsibility to educate NCSU's children. For many students, if we don't provide for their mental, social emotional, and behavioral needs, they will never realize their potential and the cost of that is incalculable.

Elaine Collins
Superintendent, North Country Supervisory Union



NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION FY2026 BUDGET



LEARNING BELIEFS

Learning takes place in a culture that fosters...

Growth Mindset ♦ Curiosity ♦ Perseverance ♦ Relevance
Mutual Respect ♦ Feedback & Reflection ♦ Instructional Access
Equity ♦ Diversity ♦ Personal Responsibility ♦ Shared Leadership
Individual & Collective Accomplishments ♦ Community Partnerships

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Learners participate in experiences that/to...

Support Personal Pathways ♦ Include Problem-Based Projects
Are Academically Rigorous ♦ Make Inter-Disciplinary Connections
Contain Experiential Discovery ♦ Utilize Transferable Skills
Encourage Student Voice ♦ Incorporate Technology
Involve Physical Activity ♦ Create & Perform ♦ Engage the Community
Occur In the Natural World ♦ Happen Anywhere & Any Time

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learners succeed by becoming...

Caring, Kind & Grateful ♦ Confident & Self-Directed ♦ Honest & Fair
Independent Thinkers ♦ Innovative Problem Solvers
Academically Accomplished ♦ Effective Communicators & Collaborators
Technologically Skilled ♦ Globally Aware ♦
Contributing Citizens ♦ Respectful of Our Environment
Physically, Emotionally & Socially Healthy
Appreciative Of & Skilled In the Visual & Performing Arts



SUPERVISORY UNION WORK & LEARNING PLAN

Equity

- Advance equity principles and practices

Social & Emotional Learning

- Deliver research-based practices with consistency that advance positive attitudes, habits, and actions

Content Standards and Transferable Skills

- Implement curricula based on current content standards
- Implement curricula based on NCSU transferable skills
- Promote effective digital learning

Student Engagement

- Promote inquiry-based learning
- Support interdisciplinary instruction
- Create multiple pathways
- Foster personalization

Student Voice & Leadership

- Promote student contributions and leadership in their communities
- Include students in authentic decision making at all levels

Formative Assessment and Data

- Provide multiple opportunities for feedback and reflection
- Use technology to support assessment, reporting and reflection
- Students engage in goal setting in age-appropriate ways
- Use qualitative and quantitative data to guide the reflection and review of programs, practices, systems and structures

Approved by the NCSU Full Board December 2018

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

FY2026 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2025 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2024-6/30/2025	FY2026 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2025-6/30/2026
ASSESSMENT REVENUE		
INTEREST		
INTEREST INCOME-CASH ACCOUNT	(\$25,000)	(\$50,000)
INTEREST INCOME-MONEY MARKET	(\$1,000)	(\$1,500)
INTEREST REVENUE	(\$26,000)	(\$51,500)
ASSESSMENTS	(\$2,843,321)	(\$2,935,332)
TOTAL 1931 TOWN ASSESSMENT	(\$2,843,321)	(\$2,935,332)
1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE		
INDIRECT COSTS REVENUE	(\$75,000)	(\$125,000)
TOTAL 1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	(\$75,000)	(\$125,000)
TOTAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE	(\$2,944,321)	(\$3,111,832)
ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES		
1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS		
SALARY MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS	\$5,900	\$6,313
FICA	\$451	\$483
W COMP	\$50	\$50
PURCHASED SERVICE	\$1,000	\$1,000
SUPPLIES	\$2,000	\$2,000
TOTAL 1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS	\$9,401	\$9,846
2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION		
SP PROJECTS LICENSING COACH	\$0	\$7,000
SP PROJECTS FICA	\$0	\$535
SP PROJECTS P SERV	\$6,000	\$5,000
SP PROJECTS SUPPLIES	\$1,500	\$2,000
SPEC.PROJ.-FOOD	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL 2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	\$12,500	\$19,535
2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT		
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING DESIGN/CURRICULUM SALARY	\$116,948	\$116,948
WAGES CURRICULUM ADMIN/GRANTS ASST	\$25,431	\$25,431
BCBS	\$36,875	\$42,548
HRA	\$6,300	\$6,300
FICA	\$10,893	\$11,476
CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$660
LIFE INSURANCE	\$186	\$186
MUN. RETIREMENT	\$1,780	\$1,973
WORKERS COMP	\$1,196	\$1,260
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$83	\$77
TUITION	\$2,712	\$2,712
DENTAL	\$1,315	\$1,315
LTD	\$441	\$465
TRAINING	\$4,000	\$4,000
TRAVEL	\$1,400	\$1,400
SUPPLIES	\$1,200	\$1,200
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$500	\$500
CONF & DUES	\$1,500	\$1,500
TOTAL 2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	\$212,760	\$219,951
2230 TECHNOLOGY		
DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY	\$106,080	\$106,080

Account Number / Description	FY2025 Board Approved Budget	FY2026 Board Approved Budget
	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
BCBS	\$113,754	\$127,291
HRA	\$15,400	\$15,400
FICA	\$24,579	\$26,138
CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$1,503
LIFE INSURANCE	\$300	\$300
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$27,265	\$26,720
WORKERS COMP	\$2,699	\$2,870
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$208	\$208
TUITION	\$1,800	\$1,800
DENTAL	\$2,755	\$3,755
LTD	\$996	\$1,059
PURCHASED SERVICE - TECH/EDUCATIONAL/HR PLATFORMS	\$339,000	\$369,057
TRAVEL	\$5,500	\$6,400
ROOMS & MEALS	\$500	\$500
SUPPLIES	\$3,500	\$3,500
SOFTWARE	\$3,500	\$3,500
EQUIPMENT	\$10,000	\$10,000
EMPLOYEE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY	\$881,055	\$929,300
2300 Support Services - General Admin		
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$145,583	\$145,583
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$125,000	\$125,000
COMMUNICATIONS COORD/ADMIN ASSIST WAGES	\$112,959	\$112,959
BCBS	\$86,536	\$56,176
HRA	\$15,000	\$15,000
FICA	\$29,340	\$31,702
CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$1,823
LIFE INSURANCE	\$246	\$400
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$7,907	\$9,446
WORK COMP	\$3,222	\$3,481
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$125	\$130
DENTAL	\$2,050	\$1,750
LTD	\$1,189	\$1,285
AUDIT NCSU	\$10,500	\$10,500
LODGING & MEALS	\$2,000	\$2,000
TRAVEL	\$3,000	\$5,000
VSA DUES	\$5,000	\$5,000
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SECRETARY	\$500	\$500
PROF DEVELOPMENT/VREC -SUPERINTENDENT	\$6,000	\$7,000
TOTAL 2300 Support Services - General Admin	\$556,157	\$534,735
2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS		
MAINTANCE CONTRACT ERP PRO	\$15,000	\$20,000
LEGAL SERVICES	\$5,000	\$5,000
STIPEND TREASURER'S	\$1,050	\$1,050
PURCHASE SERVICE	\$15,000	\$15,000
EQUIP MAINT	\$5,000	\$4,500
MACHINE LEASES & RENTALS	\$15,000	\$16,000
CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE	\$30,653	\$33,000
TELEPHONE	\$8,000	\$8,500
POSTAGE	\$12,000	\$12,000
INTERNET	\$45,000	\$50,000
ADVERTISING	\$7,500	\$10,000
MISC FOOD MEETINGS	\$8,000	\$8,500
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$20,000	\$25,000
BOOKS	\$500	\$500
FURNITURE	\$2,500	\$2,500
MISCELLANEOUS DUES/FEES	\$3,000	\$5,000
WAGE INCREASE?ADJUSTMENTS CONTINGENCY LINE	\$0	\$121,000

Account Number / Description	FY2025 Board Approved Budget	FY2026 Board Approved Budget
	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
2323 PERSONNEL		
PERSONNEL COORDINATOR SALARY	\$78,938	\$78,938
PERSONNEL SUPPORT WAGES	\$103,356	\$103,356
PERSONNEL BCBS	\$53,547	\$44,643
PERSONNEL HRA	\$6,600	\$8,800
PERSONNEL FICA	\$18,041	\$14,922
PERSONNEL CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$858
PERSONNEL LIFE INS	\$96	\$96
PERSONNEL RETIREMENT	\$16,509	\$14,141
PERSONNEL WORKERS COMP	\$1,531	\$1,638
PERSONNEL UNEMPLOYMENT	\$125	\$125
PERSONNEL TUITION	\$5,760	\$2,712
PERSONNEL DENTAL	\$1,680	\$1,060
PERSONNEL LTD	\$565	\$605
PURCHASED SERVICE PERSONNEL	\$2,750	\$3,700
PERSONNEL TRAVEL	\$100	\$500
PERSONNEL CONF/DUES	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL 2323 PERSONNEL	\$290,598	\$277,094
2520 BUSINESS OFFICE		
SALARY DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$74,944	\$74,944
WAGES FINANCE ASSISTANTS	\$100,699	\$100,699
WAGES COURIER	\$2,200	\$2,300
SALARY STAFF ACCOUNTANTS	\$78,969	\$78,969
WAGES GRANTS ASSISTANT	\$31,599	\$31,599
BCBS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$112,715	\$93,299
HRA	\$18,000	\$18,000
FICA BUSINESS OFFICE	\$22,064	\$23,489
CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$1,351
LIFE INS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$225	\$225
RETIREMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$20,035	\$23,471
WORKERS COMP BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,423	\$2,579
UNEMPLOYMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$200	\$249
TUITION BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,712	\$2,712
DENTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$3,375	\$3,375
LTD DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$887	\$952
PROF DEV BUSINESS OFFICE	\$6,500	\$8,000
TRAVEL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$5,000	\$5,000
ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,500	\$2,500
DUES & FEES BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL 2520 BUSINESS OFFICE	\$486,047	\$474,713
2600 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT		
FACILITIES COORDINATOR WAGES	\$65,255	\$65,255
CUSTODIAN WAGES	\$18,142	\$18,142
FACILITIES COORDINATOR & CUSTODIAL BENEFITS	\$17,544	\$19,711
OPERATION AND MAINT PURCHASE SERV	\$10,000	\$8,000
CUSTODIAN PURCHASES SERVICE	\$18,909	\$19,000
RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$2,750	\$3,000
STORAGE RENTAL SPACE	\$1,000	\$1,000
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$4,000	\$5,000
TOTAL 2600 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	\$137,600	\$139,108
2640 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT		
RENT	\$165,000	\$170,000
TOTAL 2640 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	\$165,000	\$170,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,944,321	\$3,111,832

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

How to Participate

- **The Moderator makes announcements before the first article is moved.** Inform the Moderator ahead of time if you have an announcement.
- An Article is moved, seconded, and restated by the Moderator, before debate can begin.
- **State law prohibits consideration of Articles that have not been warned.**
- No second is needed for nominations. Election of Select Board members, Auditors and Listers are by ballot.
- **Only registered voters may vote.** Non-voters may speak if there is no objection, or by 2/3 vote.
- **After you are recognized by the Moderator, stand up to make your remarks.** Direct Motions and remarks to the Moderator. The maker of a motion is typically recognized to speak first.
- **After you've spoken once about an Article, you won't be recognized for a second time until all others who wish to speak on the issue have spoken.**
- **Raise your hand and state "Point of Order" to ask questions:** if you don't understand the motion, what is happening, or if there is a motion you want to make and aren't sure how to make it.
- **Voters can challenge the Moderator's ruling.** A majority vote is needed to overturn the Moderator's ruling.
- **Binding action may not be taken under the Article "Other Business."** It is a time to discuss issues, make recommendations, or raise concerns for possible future action.

Voting

Three types of voting occur at Town Meeting. Voice vote and paper ballots are used for Articles voted on by the assembly (registered voters). The Polls are open 9 am to 7 pm for Articles voted by Australian Ballot.

Roberts Rules

Town Meeting uses Robert's Rules of Order to act on warned Articles, except where Vermont Law takes precedence. The assembly can also adopt other rules of order. Frequently used motions are listed below.

- Amendments: An Article may be amended, and an amendment may be amended once. If a proposed amendment changes the intent of the Article, it would be ruled out of order or not germane.
- Division of the House: Requires voters to stand. It can be requested either before or after a voice vote.
- Paper Ballot: Seven voters may ask for a paper ballot before or after a voice vote or a division of the house.
- Cease Debate: Requires a motion to Call the Question and needs a 2/3 vote to pass.
- Reconsideration: An Article may be reconsidered *until* the assembly has moved and seconded another Article. A motion to reconsider must be made by someone who voted with the majority.
- Limit Debate: Motion can be made any time. Voters can limit the time each person can speak or limit the time allotted to discuss an Article. It can be amended, there is no discussion, and requires a 2/3 majority vote.
- Suspend Indefinitely: Is used to not vote on an Article. It can be made two ways: before the main motion as Object to Consideration and 2/3 vote; or, after the main motion as Postpone Indefinitely and a simple majority vote.

Compiled by Pat Sagui, Moderator, Town of Westfield, Vermont, January 2020

We'd like to thank these special people who served on various Boards in town and have recently retired from their positions. It takes many people to keep a municipality functioning. We thank each of you for the special skills and care you've brought to your positions. We also thank you and your families for the time you've invested in serving our community. Your contributions are appreciated.



Maureen Zimmerman, Librarian
Kevin Amyot, North Country Union High School Director
Scott Dunn, NVDA Westfield Board Member & 9-1-1 Coordinator
Elizabeth Berchick, Library Trustee
Joyce Crawford, Delinquent Tax Collector & Justice of the Peace
Yvan LaPlume, Justice of the Peace

If you are interested in serving on a Town Board, please contact a Selectboard member or the Town Clerk for details. We will do our best to match you with your area of interest.



Special thoughts are sent to the families of those we lost in 2024.
Rest peacefully: Judith Hill, Theresa McAvinney, Marion Myott, Andre Racicot,
Corrine Ross, William Smith, Peter Trono, and Mark Veilleux.*

**The Town Clerk does not receive notifications of out of state deaths. Apologies for any names which may have been left out. Please notify the office if someone was missed so we can include your loved one in the following years Town Report.*



Special thanks and gratitude to the following individuals who decorated the Common so beautifully for the holidays: Jan and Richard Degre; Bill Salmon, Mike Piper and Dan McAvinney.

The annual Caroling on the Common had a nice crowd again in 2024 even though it was rescheduled due to weather. Much appreciation to Santa Claus, the Troy Volunteer Fire Department, Troy Rescue, Mary Lee Daigle, Mike Piper, Bill Salmon, Rick Danforth, the Selectboard and the wonderful refreshments from the Westfield General Store.



Community makes these events so special! Thank you.



Thank you to all the Town Officers and Service Agencies who submitted reports. Your contributions are appreciated!
2024 Town Report Editors: Niki Dunn, Karen Blais & LaDonna Dunn



Throughout the Years at the
Westfield Congregational Church
Enjoy this collage of nostalgic photos
found in the church's archives.



Alton Angier
Mr. A. Bessie
Rev. Mrs. H. H. H.
Mrs. Wm. H. H.
Mrs. S. Bessie
The Alton (Rev)



OLD CHURCH
On Corner near School House
Dedicated Jan. 10. 1849



NEW CHURCH

More photos from the Westfield Congregational Church archives...

1937 HOMECOMING PICTURES



THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL
LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WEEK-END

OWL'S HEAD HARBOR — ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN

September 13-15, 1963 . . . Addison, Vermont

Rene Myatt & Reginald LeBlanc-Westfield



W. B. Gilpin, Deacon
and Mrs. Gilpin



DEACON



EVA A GILPIN



ALTON BAILEY ARNOLD KING
ARTHUR KING RALPH MILLER
CHARLE DUBOIS

1911-1913



REV LILLIAN GREGORY

REV DRITHY WEAVER



Rev + Mrs Knackhardt

1916 - 1917

REV O E BARNARD 1911-
AND FAMILY

Many thanks to the members of the Westfield Congregational Church for their generosity and for sharing their records for this Town Report.