

**TOWN OF
SUNDERLAND, VERMONT
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2020**

NOTICE

TOWN INFORMATIONAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 22, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88135724882>

MEETING ID: 881 3572 4882

BALLOT BOXES OPEN FOR AUSTRALIAN BALLOTING

MARCH 2, 2021 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

AT SUNDERLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICES

104 MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD

SUNDERLAND, VT

SUNDERLAND TOWN WEBSITE

sunderlandvt.org

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

KERRY OLSON

BCRC

442-0713

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

NEIL HUMPHREY

753-8265

KATHLEEN JOHNSTON

375-9315

LUCILLE MORSE

EMERGENCY CALLS - RESCUE SQUAD - FIRE - POLICE

911

STATE POLICE (other than emergency)

442-5421

FIRE DEPARTMENT (other than emergency)

373-2323

FIRE WARDEN

MARC JOHNSTON

375-2865

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

GLORIA ALEXANDER

375-1281

JAMES AYREY

375-6952

SALLY AYREY

375-6952

JULIA HUTCHINSON-SMITH

430-7297

SALLY STONE

375-2258

LISTERS

PETER VAN VLECK, JR

MICHAEL de ZAYAS

ROBERT GOODFELLOW

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

375-6106

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fridays by appointment only

ARLINGTON POST OFFICE

375-6904

MANCHESTER POST OFFICE

362-1170

MANCHESTER CENTER POST OFFICE

362-3070

MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY

375-6153

STRATTON TOWN CLERK

896-6184

TRANSFER STATION

362-4082

Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 7:00 am - 2:00pm

Sat. 7:30 am - 11:30am

STATE FIRE SUPERVISOR

LARS LUND

777-4188

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

PATRICK LOWKES

747-8127

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**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Sunderland, Vermont in the County of Bennington are hereby notified and warned to meet for an Informational Hearing virtually via Zoom on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot.

**Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88135724882>
Meeting ID: 881 3572 4882**

On Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at the Sunderland Town Office at 104 Mountain View Road in said Town at 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

To be voted upon by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2021:

Article 1. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article 2. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?

Article 3. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?

Article 4. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund?

Article 5. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guardrail Reserve Fund?

Article 6. Shall the voters of Sunderland authorize the transfer of any remaining funds in the Salt Shed Reserve Fund to the Highway Fund?

Article 7. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$2,000.00** to be added to the Technology Reserve Fund?

Article 8. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Article 9. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.** (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 10. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the support of **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 11. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the support of the **Recreation Park in Arlington** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 12. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$9,100.00** for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the town?

Article 13. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$150.00** for the support of **Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)** to provide victim services to the residents of the Town?

Article 14. Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$300.00** for the support of **Shire Kids** to provide books and reading programs for young children and families in Sunderland?

Article 15. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** to provide elder services to the residents of the town?

Article 16. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$ 18,850.00** for the Cemetery Maintenance Budget?

Article 17. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$ 355,680.00** for the General Fund Budget?

Article 18. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$ 395,300.00** for the Highway Fund Budget?

Article 19. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

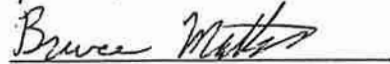
Auditor – 3 year term
Cemetery Commissioner – 3 year term
First Constable – 1 year term
Lister – 3 year term
Lister – 1 year term
Selectboard Member – 1 year term
Town Agent – 1 year term
Town Moderator – 1 year term

Auditor – 2 year term
Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term
Second Constable – 1 year term
Lister – 2 year term
Selectboard Member – 3 year term
Selectboard Member – 1 year term
Town Grand Juror – 1 year term

DATED THIS 25th DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2021



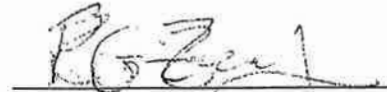
Jon French, Chair



Bruce Mattison



Richard Timmerman



Richard Zens, Clerk



Andrew McKeever

**TOWN OFFICERS
2020-2021**

TOWN MODERATOR (1 year term)

TOWN CLERK (3 year term) Expires 2022

TREASURER (3 year term) Expires 2022

SELECT BOARD:

Term Expires 2021 (3 year term)

Term Expires 2021 (1 year term)

Term Expires 2021 (1 year term)

Term Expires 2022 (3 year term)

Term Expires 2023 (3 year term)

FIRST CONSTABLE (1 year term)

SECOND CONSTABLE (1 year term)

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (1 year term)

LISTERS:

Term Expires 2021 (3 year term)

Term Expires 2022 (1 year of 3 year term) (appointed)

Term Expires 2023 (1 year of 3 year term) (appointed)

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:

Term Expires 2021 (3 year term) (appointed)

Term Expires 2022 (3 year term)

Term Expires 2023 (3 year term)

AUDITORS:

Term Expires 2021 (3 year term)

Term Expires 2022 (3 year term)

Term Expires 2023 (3 year term) (appointed)

TOWN GRAND JUROR (1 year term) (appointed)

TOWN AGENT (1 year term) (appointed)

Vacant

Rose Keough

Rose Keough

Jon French

Richard Timmerman

Richard Zens

Andrew McKeever

Bruce Mattison

Wayne Godfrey

Kevin Hewes

Richard Davis, II

Peter VanVleck, Jr.

Michael de Zayas

Robert Goodfellow

Lucille Morse

Neil Humphrey

Kathleen Johnston

Cynthia Herrmann

Theodore Rappahahn

Adam Annunziata

James Ayrey

James Ayrey

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD
(One year term unless otherwise noted)
2020-2021

Animal Control Officer & Pound Keeper	Kerry Olson
Emergency Management Coordinator	Adam Annunziata
Assistant Emergency Management Coord.	Vacant
Green-Up Chairman	Jeff Dexter
Health Officer	Vacant
Deputy Health Officer	Vacant
<u>Selectboard:</u>	
Selectboard Chairman	Jon French
Selectboard Clerk	Richard Zens
Selectboard Road Liaison	Bruce Mattison
Selectboard Recording Secretary	
Service Officer	Samuel Liss
Telephone: (802) 375-9510	
Town Forest Fire Warden	Marc Johnston
Telephone: (802) 375-2865	
Tree Warden	Marc Johnston
Webmaster	Susan Whitney
e-mail address: Sunderland assistant@ sunderlandvt.org	
Zoning Administrator	Melissa Johnson
e-mail address: zoningadmin@sunderlandvt.org	
<u>Bennington County Regional Commission Representatives:</u>	
Term Expires March 2021	Edward Bove
Term Expires March 2021	Richard Zens

Planning Board:

Term Expires March 2022	Michael de Zayas
Term Expires March 2022	Robert Zeif
Term Expires March 2023	Edward Bove
Term Expires March 2023	Lewis Hebert
Term Expires March 2023	Tucker Kimball

Zoning Board:

Term Expires 2020	Vacant
Term Expires 2021	Peter VanVleck, Jr.
Term Expires 2022	Martin Nadler
Term Expires 2023	Robert Faley
Term Expires 2023	Peter Van Haverbeke

Justice of the Peace: Elected November 3, 2020 for two years (term to begin February 1, 2021)

Gloria Alexander (802) 375-1281	Julia Hutchinson-Smith (914) 263-8524
James Ayrey	Sally Stone (802) 375-2258
Sally Ayrey	

2021-2022
PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SALARIES, WAGES
AND ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$	225.00	monthly
AUDITORS	\$	15.00	hourly
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY	\$	15.00	hourly
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	\$	750.00	annually
CONSTABLES	\$	10.00	hourly
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	Fees		
EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COORDINATOR	\$	15.00	hourly
EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COORDINATOR DEPUTY	\$	15.00	hourly
HEALTH OFFICER	\$	15.00	hourly
HEALTH OFFICER DEPUTY	\$	15.00	hourly
LISTERS	\$	15.00	hourly
LISTERS - CHAIRMAN	\$	20.00	hourly
MODERATOR	\$	100.00	meeting
PLANNING BOARD - MEMBER	\$	700.00	annually
RECORDING SECRETARY (SELECTBOARD)	\$	16.08	hourly
RECORDING SECRETARY (PLANNING BOARD)	\$	31.00	hourly
ROAD FOREMAN	\$	27.50	hourly
ROAD HELPER	\$	20.49	hourly
SELECTPERSON - CHAIRMAN	\$	2,000.00	annually
SELECTPERSON - MEMBERS	\$	1,500.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	\$	23,690.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	Fees		
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	\$	15.00	hourly
TOWN TREASURER	\$	18,540.00	annually
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER ASSISTANT	\$	22.15	hourly
WEBMASTER	\$	2,400.00	annually
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	\$	31.00	hourly
ZONING BOARD - CHAIRMAN	\$	350.00	annually
ZONING BOARD - SECRETARY	\$	300.00	annually
ZONING BOARD MEMBER	\$	200.00	annually
MILEAGE	Federal Rate per mile		

REGULAR MEETINGS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

SELECTBOARD:

2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 7:00 PM.

CEMETERY COMMISSION:

2nd Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 3:00 PM.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

4th Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 6:00 PM.

TAX RATES

General Fund Amount of \$264,547.00 + Grand List of \$1,529,414.55

Rate = \$.1730

Municipal Building Debt of \$27,000.00 + Grand List of \$1,529,414.55

Rate = \$.0177

Highway Fund Amount of \$361,858.00 + Grand List of \$1,529,414.55

Rate = \$.2366

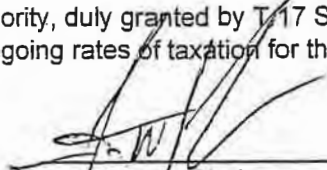
Cemetery Fund Amount of \$10,177.00 + Grand List of \$1,529,414.55

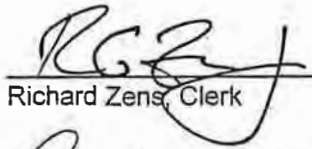
Rate = \$.0067

Local Agreement Amount of \$5,009.19 + Grand List of \$1,529,414.55

Rate = \$.0033

By authority, duly granted by T. 17 Sec. 2664 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, we do hereby establish the foregoing rates of taxation for the 2020-2021 fiscal year which concludes June 30, 2021.


Jon French, Chairman


Richard Zens, Clerk


Bruce Mattison


Andrew McKeever


Richard Timmerman

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/19	\$ 5,151.60
Interest - Checking	\$ 25.27
Taxes	\$ 9,848.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid -Cemetery Commissioners:		
Headstone Cleaning	\$	500.00
Miscellaneous	\$	36.87
Mowing	\$	8,050.00
Payroll	\$	1,500.00
Payroll Expenses	\$	114.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 15,024.87	\$ 10,201.62
 Cash in Bank 6/30/20	 \$	 4,823.25
 TOTAL	 \$ 15,024.87	 \$ 15,024.87

Town of Sunderland
Cemetery Commissioners
Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, VT 05250

We the cemetery commissioners will have the first road entrance potholes repaired this spring.
We are purchasing a removable fence to protect plots on the middle road from being driven on.
We are increasing our yearly fees to \$750.00 each.

Cleaning Headstones	\$1,000.00
Salaries	\$ 2,250.00
Road Maintenance	\$5,000.00
Contracted Mowing	<u>\$10,600.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 18,850.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Johnston
Lucille Morse
Neil Humphrey

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TOWN CLERK'S STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSE SALES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

2019

2 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @\$7.00	\$	14.00
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2020

2 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @\$9.00		\$18.00
124 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @\$13.00		\$1,612.00
10 Males & Females @ \$17.00	\$	170.00
40 Neutered Males & Females @\$17.00	\$	680.00
5 Males & Females @23.00	\$	115.00
45 Fines @ \$10.00	\$	450.00
Less Town Clerk Fee 1@\$1.00	\$	(1.00)
Less Town Clerk Fee 3 @ \$2.00	\$	(6.00)
Less Town Clerk Fee 179 @ \$4.00	\$	(716.00)
Less State of Vermont 183 @ \$5.00	\$	(915.00)

Amount Deposited in Town General Fund		\$971.00
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TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:		
Cash in Bank 7/01/2019	\$	31,491.88
Fees - Beverage License	\$	115.00
Copier	\$	5.70
Dog Licenses/Penalties	\$	1,421.00
Zoning	\$	2,802.90
Fines - Traffic	\$	3,127.39
Interest - Checking	\$	1,397.44
Delinquent Taxes	\$	4,453.60
Late Taxes	\$	1,583.89
Miscellaneous	\$	1,732.32
State of Vermont:		
Current Use Tax	\$	18,836.00
Fish & Wildlife Tax	\$	950.35
Railway Tax	\$	276.03
Taxes - Current	\$	155,937.70
Delinquent	\$	143,883.37
Redeemed Property	\$	9,647.25
State of Vermont	\$	14,602.00
Trash Hauler Permits	\$	50.00
Disbursements:		
Orders Paid - General Fund		\$ 302,392.81
Inter-Fund Transfer (Building Maintenance Reserve)		\$ 1,500.00
(Technolgy Reserve)		\$ 2,000.00
Payroll Expense		\$ 8,452.98
Voted Appropriations		\$ 17,100.00
Total Receipts & Disbursements	\$ 392,313.82	\$ 331,445.79
Cash in Bank 6/30/20		\$ 63,074.85
Reserve Overpayment of Taxes		\$ (824.08)
Reserve Payable Fees		\$ (1,382.74)
TOTAL	\$ 392,313.82	\$ 392,313.82

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	BUDGET 7/19 TO 6/20	EXPENSED 7/19 TO 6/20	BUDGET 7/20 to 6/21	PROPOSED 7/21 TO 6/22
Ambulance/Rescue Services	\$ 26,750.00	\$ 26,750.00	\$ 26,750.00	\$ 26,750.00
Animal Control	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,858.56	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Appropriation (VT Green Up)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Audit	\$ 9,750.00	\$ -	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,750.00
Bennington County Court	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 13,102.84	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Benn. County Regional Comm	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Dues	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,255.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,400.00
Fire Protection	\$ 48,838.00	\$ 46,627.00	\$ 57,380.00	\$ 57,380.00
Fire Warden	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Health Insurance	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 4,402.92	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,100.00
Insurance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Landfill/Recycling	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,497.69	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 35,153.15	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 40,500.00
Legal	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 802.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Legal Warnings	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 466.24	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 79.80	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Office Building Alarm System	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,172.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
Office Building Electric	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,104.12	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Office Building Heat	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,639.47	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Office Building Janitorial	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,660.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Office Building Maintenance	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 725.25	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,200.00
Office Building Payment	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 27,468.52	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 26,500.00
Office Equipment/Lease	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,196.96	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,013.35	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Payroll	\$ 97,500.00	\$ 93,972.31	\$ 97,500.00	\$ 97,500.00
Planning	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Public Communications(GNAT)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Retirement	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,636.65	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,700.00
Solid Waste Fees -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,311.85	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
Tabulator Programing	\$ 900.00	\$ 777.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
Technology Support	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,775.07	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Town Meeting Officials	\$ 750.00	\$ 650.30	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 750.00
Town Reports	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 638.34	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 86.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 350,138.00	\$ 305,912.39	\$ 358,230.00	\$ 355,680.00
Appropriations Voted	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,450.00
Handicap Door Openers	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,933.40	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Office Bldg Reserve	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Technology Reserve	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 377,738.00	\$ 331,445.79	\$ 379,730.00	\$ 376,630.00

**ANTICIPATED GENERAL FUND INCOME
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

Cash in Bank 7-01-21	\$	-
Fees - Beverage Licenses	\$	115.00
Dog Licenses	\$	1,000.00
Photocopies	\$	5.00
Zoning	\$	3,500.00
Fines- Traffic	\$	3,500.00
Interest - Checking	\$	250.00
Taxes - Current Use	\$	19,000.00
Fish & Wildlife	\$	950.00
Railway	\$	275.00
Total General Fund Anticipated Income	\$	28,595.00
 General Fund Budget	 \$	 355,680.00

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON

Technology Reserve Fund (Article 7)	\$	2,000.00
Building Maintenance Reserve Fund (Article 8)	\$	1,500.00
Arlington Area Childcare, Inc. (Article 9)	\$	700.00
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Serv. (Article 10)	\$	1,500.00
Arlington Recreation Park (Article 11)	\$	5,000.00
Martha Canfield Memorial Library, Inc. (Article 12)	\$	9,100.00
Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE) (Article 13)	\$	150.00
Shire Kids (Article 14)	\$	300.00
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (Article 15)	\$	700.00

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Arlington Fire Protection	\$	57,380.00
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$	26,750.00
GNAT	\$	2,000.00
Green Up Vermont	\$	50.00

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

HIGHWAY FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/19	\$ 51,081.90
Interest Earned - Checking	\$ 1,068.18
National Forest Revenue	\$ 60,384.00
Permits -	\$ 200.00
Excess Weight	\$ 20.00
Prior Year Road Cut	\$ 1,507.00
State Aid to Highways	\$ 85,576.55
Taxes	\$ 378,321.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid - Selectmen	\$ 201,810.02
- Road Orders	\$ 111,831.17
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 65,000.00
Guard Rail Reserve Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Paving Reserve Fund	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserve	\$ 15,000.00
Voted Transfer To Salt Shed Reserve	\$ 51,081.90
State/Town Bridge Co-Op	\$ 5,000.00
Payroll Expense	\$ 8,555.26
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 524,778.35
Cash in Bank 6/30/20	\$ 53,380.28
Less Reserved Gravel Funds	\$ (16,523.00)
Less Reserved State Storm Water Run Off Permit Fee	\$ (1,350.00)
TOTAL	\$ 578,158.63

HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET				
	BUDGET	EXPENSED	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	7/19 TO 6/20	7/19 TO 6/20	7/20 TO 6/21	7/21 To 6/22
Building Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,466.78	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Chloride	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 14,063.55	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 650.00	\$ 247.20	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
Culverts	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,987.95	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Diesel	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 17,962.79	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Electric	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,108.18	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 37,641.11	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Erosion Control	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 795.80	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Gravel	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 8,476.60	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Heating Fuel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Insurance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,753.25	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Insurance Dental	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,133.44	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,300.00
Insurance - Health	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 16,520.21	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 14,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 283.38	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Pavement Marking	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,808.14	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Payroll	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 115,018.89	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 133,000.00
Radio/Maintenance	\$ 600.00	\$ 469.24	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00
Retirement	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,367.54	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,650.00
Road Signs	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,777.63	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Salt	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 49,472.91	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Sand	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 16,860.92	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Stone - Tailings	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,420.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Storm Water Runoff	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Storm Water State F	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 305.60	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Sublet Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Telephone/Computer	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,003.15	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,200.00
Tools/Safety	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 728.11	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 750.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00
Trash	\$ 400.00	\$ 819.76	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00
Uniforms	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,554.32	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
TOTALS	\$ 369,900.00	\$ 322,196.45	\$ 380,100.00	\$ 395,300.00
PY Gravel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,523.00	\$ -
PY Storm Water Sta	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 369,900.00	\$ 322,196.45	\$ 397,973.00	\$ 395,300.00
Bridge Co-Op Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Equipment Reserve	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Guardrail Reserve F	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Paving Reserve Fun	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Rese	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Salt Shed Reserve (\$ 51,081.90	\$ 51,081.90		\$ -
Salt Shed Reserve			\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 572,481.90	\$ 524,778.35	\$ 559,473.00	\$ 546,800.00

**ANTICIPATED HIGHWAY FUND INCOME
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

Cash in Bank 7-01-21	\$	-
Excess Weight Permit	\$	150.00
Checking Account Interest	\$	400.00
National Forest Revenue	\$	62,000.00
Road Cut Permit	\$	50.00
State Aid To Highways	\$	87,692.00
Total Highway Fund Anticipated Income	\$	150,292.00
Highway Fund Budget	\$	395,300.00

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON

Equipment Reserve Fund (Article 1)	\$ 65,000.00
Paving Reserve Fund (Article 2)	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserve Fund (Article 3)	\$ 15,000.00
State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund (Article 4)	\$ 5,000.00
Guard Rail Reserve Fund (Article 5)	\$ 1,500.00

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT, SAVING & TRUST ACCOUNTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

		Balance 7/1/2019	Interest	Transfer Out	Transfer In	Balance 6/30/2020
Cemetery Trust	\$	84,799.62	\$ 1,214.43	\$ -		\$ 86,014.05
National Forest Account	\$	63,742.64	\$ 912.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,655.51
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$	57,208.16	\$ 138.76	\$ (112,519.17)	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 9,827.75
Housing Re-Hab Fund	\$	6,183.45	\$ 88.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,272.01
Landfill Litigation Fund	\$	12,605.98	\$ 180.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,786.51
Office Building Maint Reserve	\$	2,609.79	\$ 58.86		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,168.65
Paving Reserve	\$	371.51	\$ 922.10	\$ (984.10)	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,309.51
Reappraisal Fund	\$	105,383.69	\$ 1,594.18		\$ 5,933.00	\$ 112,910.87
Tri-Centennial Fund	\$	283.14	\$ 4.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 287.20
Record Preservation Fees	\$	-	\$ 60.49		\$ 4,224.00	\$ 4,284.49
State Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve	\$	35,923.87	\$ 474.01	\$ (78,250.00)	\$ 75,425.00	\$ 33,572.88
Guard Rail Reserve	\$	7,534.61	\$ 125.05	\$ (302.89)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,856.77
Road Projects Reserve	\$	2,485.04	\$ 383.81	\$ (6,287.80)	\$ 30,603.13	\$ 27,184.18
Salt Shed Reserve	\$	-	\$ 134.32	\$ (41,702.51)	\$ 51,081.90	\$ 9,513.71
Sunderland Hill Rd Safety Reserve	\$	31,418.10	\$ 419.74	\$ (2,108.99)		\$ 29,728.85
Technology Reserve	\$	-	\$ 28.64		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,028.64
TOTAL	\$	410,549.60	\$ 6,740.41	\$ (242,155.46)	\$ 302,267.03	\$ 477,401.58

LOAN SAVINGS SCHEDULE

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank
2017 Series 4 Refunding Bonds

Series 2013-1

Sunderland Town

Loan #21

Original Principal: \$351,000

Date	Loan Principal	Interest	Loan Debt Service	Annual Loan Debt Service	Savings Allocation	Adjusted Loan Debt Service	Annual Adjusted Loan Debt Service
8/2/2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2017	17,550.00	5,581.33	23,111.33	23,111.33	875.00	22,236.33	22,236.33
5/1/2018	-	5,391.63	5,391.63	-	-	5,391.63	-
11/1/2018	17,550.00	5,391.63	22,941.63	28,333.26	238.00	22,703.63	28,095.26
5/1/2019	-	5,187.70	5,187.70	-	-	5,187.70	-
11/1/2019	17,550.00	5,187.70	22,737.70	27,925.40	224.00	22,513.70	27,701.40
5/1/2020	-	4,954.82	4,954.82	-	-	4,954.82	-
11/1/2020	17,550.00	4,954.82	22,504.82	27,459.84	248.00	22,256.82	27,211.84
5/1/2021	-	4,698.24	4,698.24	-	-	4,698.24	-
11/1/2021	17,550.00	4,698.24	22,248.24	26,946.48	243.00	22,005.24	26,703.48
5/1/2022	-	4,416.22	4,416.22	-	-	4,416.22	-
11/1/2022	17,550.00	4,416.22	21,966.22	26,382.44	245.00	21,721.22	26,137.44
5/1/2023	-	4,112.26	4,112.26	-	-	4,112.26	-
11/1/2023	17,550.00	4,112.26	21,662.26	25,774.52	244.00	21,418.26	25,530.52
5/1/2024	-	3,793.38	3,793.38	-	-	3,793.38	-
11/1/2024	17,550.00	3,793.38	21,343.38	25,136.76	782.00	20,561.38	24,354.76
5/1/2025	-	3,459.58	3,459.58	-	-	3,459.58	-
11/1/2025	17,550.00	3,459.58	21,009.58	24,469.16	702.00	20,307.58	23,767.16
5/1/2026	-	3,109.99	3,109.99	-	-	3,109.99	-
11/1/2026	17,550.00	3,109.99	20,659.99	23,769.98	686.00	19,973.99	23,083.98
5/1/2027	-	2,749.87	2,749.87	-	-	2,749.87	-
11/1/2027	17,550.00	2,749.87	20,299.87	23,049.74	673.00	19,626.87	22,376.74
5/1/2028	-	2,380.10	2,380.10	-	-	2,380.10	-
11/1/2028	17,550.00	2,380.10	19,930.10	22,310.20	663.00	19,267.10	21,647.20
5/1/2029	-	1,999.80	1,999.80	-	-	1,999.80	-
11/1/2029	17,550.00	1,999.80	19,549.80	21,549.60	762.00	18,787.80	20,787.80
5/1/2030	-	1,609.84	1,609.84	-	-	1,609.84	-
11/1/2030	17,550.00	1,609.84	19,159.84	20,769.68	660.00	18,499.84	20,109.68
5/1/2031	-	1,214.62	1,214.62	-	-	1,214.62	-
11/1/2031	17,550.00	1,214.62	18,764.62	19,979.24	651.00	18,103.62	19,318.24
5/1/2032	-	813.26	813.26	-	-	813.26	-
11/1/2032	17,550.00	813.26	18,363.26	19,176.52	573.00	17,790.26	18,603.52
5/1/2033	-	407.51	407.51	-	-	407.51	-
11/1/2033	17,550.00	407.51	17,957.51	18,365.02	365.00	17,592.51	18,000.02
5/1/2034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2035	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2035	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2038	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2038	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2039	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2039	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2040	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2040	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2041	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2041	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2043	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2043	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2045	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2045	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2046	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2046	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	298,350	106,159	404,509	404,509	8,844	395,665	395,665

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO V009
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 1ST AND MARCH 2ND, 2021**

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Service Region (consisting of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glazenbury, Manchester, North Bennington, Pownal, Readsboro, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford) are hereby warned to participate in the meeting by videoconference by joining Zoom Meeting Link <https://svsu.zoom.us/j/97706171049?pwd=SXpwckc3SEY0N2JqVVh2K0ZSVmxjQT09> using Meeting ID: 97706171049 and Passcode: 667514, at 8:30 in the evening, on Monday, March 1, 2021 to transact the following business from the floor.

- ARTICLE 1: To establish the annual salaries of the District Directors at \$1,000 each.
- ARTICLE 2: To establish the annual salary of the District Treasurer at \$14,200.
- ARTICLE 3: To establish the annual salary of the District Clerk at \$1,200.
- ARTICLE 4: To establish the annual salary of the Assistant District Clerk at \$600.
- ARTICLE 5: To establish the annual salary of the District Moderator at \$10.
- ARTICLE 6: To authorize the School District Board to borrow money in anticipation of revenues to meet current operating expenses of the District.
- ARTICLE 7: To hold a public informational hearing on articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on March 2, 2021.
- ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business found proper when met.

The legal voters of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District #V009 are hereby WARNED FURTHER to meet on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, when the polls will be open to transact business by Australian Ballot as follows:

- ARTICLE A: To elect 4 (Four) School Directors, who are legal residents of the Service Region as listed above in accordance with the bylaws of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District for 3 (three) year terms.
- ARTICLE B: Shall the voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend \$4,073,500 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?
- ARTICLE C: Shall the voters of the Service Region of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District increase the existing Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements and existing Reserve Fund for Equipment by the sums of \$80,000 and \$20,000 respectively?

Voting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 shall be at large by Australian ballot. The polls will be open as indicated below for each respective town, as follows:

Residents of Arlington vote at Arlington American Legion Post 69, 54 Legion Road, Arlington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Bennington vote at the Bennington Fire Department, 130 River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Dorset vote at Dorset Town Offices, 112 Mad Tom Road, East Dorset, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Glazenbury vote at the Shaftsbury Town Garage, North Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Manchester vote at the Manchester Town Hall, 40 Jeff Williams Way, Manchester Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of North Bennington vote at the Bennington Fire Department, 130 River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Pownal vote at the Pownal Center Fire House, 2872 North Pownal Road, Route 7, Pownal Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Readsboro will vote in May at a date and time to be determined at the Town Meeting on March 1, 2021.

Residents of Sandgate vote at the Sandgate Town Hall, 3266 Sandgate Road, Sandgate, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Searsburg vote at the Searsburg Town Offices, 18 Town Garage Road, Searsburg, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Shaftsbury vote at the Town Garage, North Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Stamford vote at the Stamford Elementary School, 986 Main Road, Stamford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

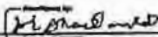
Residents of Sunderland vote at the Sunderland Town Office, 104 Mountain View Road, Sunderland, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.


Residents of Woodford vote at the Woodford Town Office Building, 1391 VT Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Register to Vote: Residents of Member Towns may register to vote at their Town Clerk's Office or online at www.oivr.sec.state.vt.us. Eligible residents registering on Election Day must do so at the polling place where they will cast their Town Meeting ballot.

Interpreting services for this meeting will be provided upon request. If this service is required, please notify SVRTSD at 447-0220, at least three (3) days before the meeting.


Signatures

John MacDonald, Chair 


Michael Munson, Vice Chair 

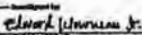
Jacqueline Kelly, Clerk 

Jon Gauthier _____

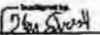
Art Hayko 


Leon Johnson 

Francis Kinney 

Edward Letourneau Jr. 

Todd Sclari _____

Kenneth Swierad 

Dane Whitman 

Received for recording this 25 day of January 2021
Cassandra Barbeau, Clerk or
Kayla Thompson, Assistant Clerk SVRTSD, 

VITAL STATISTICS - 2020

BIRTHS

NAME	DATE
COLE, Mason Calvin	4/27/2020
COOLIDGE, Harlan James	5/16/2020
VANDERBERG, Delilah Moon	7/23/2020
CARY, Hendrix Wade	8/10/2020
REYNOLDS, Maximus Payne	9/15/2020
GAULT, IV, Emslie Nicholson	9/17/2020
SCHOLANDER, Briar Joseph	9/26/2020

DEATHS

NAME	DATE
ELLIS, James A.	1/12/2020
SHERMAN, Sr., Kenneth Leroy	2/7/2020
MORSE, Ralph Frederick	2/16/2020
MUNSON, William Lusk	4/2/2020
MATHIEU, Dennis Marcel	8/11/2020
BUDRO, Bessie Phyllis	11/21/2020

MARRIAGES

Applicant A Applicant B	DATE
SHUPKA, Tamara Lee MCGOWAN, Jessica Leigh	2/28/2020
CHAPIN, Gillian Claire MITCHELL, Aaron Stuart	2/29/2020
SPALLONE, Martin Charles WOODRUFF, Amy Louise	6/20/2020
BENT, Merrill Elizabeth BIANCHI, Jared Christopher	9/5/2020
GERTNER, Sarah Kathleen SILVA, Gregory Patrick	9/26/2020
PLOTTS, Elizabeth Ruth DUNHAM, Ryan Joseph	11/7/2020

Town of Sunderland Delinquent Tax Collectors Report

Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/2020

Parcel ID	Tax Year	Property Owner	TOTALS
0835	2020	Phyliss Allen	\$ 41.50
0497	2020	Fred & V Blackmer	\$ 872.56 **
0646	2020	Valerie Donatelli	\$ 2583.76
0832	2020	Barbara Porcaro	\$ 3500.74
0544	2020	Christopher Sweeney	\$ 838.42
0709	2020	Christopher Sweeney	\$ 1282.54
0138	2020	Stanley J Wabinski	\$ 3314.15 **

** 2 payments were made prior to publishing parcel 0497 and 0138 New Balance Due

0497	2020	Fred & V Blackmer	\$ 341.25
0138	2020	Stanley J Wabinski	\$ 0.00

I will be working hard with the sunderland taxpayers to bring these delinquent accounts current. I would also like to thank Rose and Sue in the Town Clerks office for all their help and support it has taken a team effort this year. We will be initiating tax sale proceedings in the coming months on these delinquent accounts

Richard A. Davis, II

Selectboard Report 2020

2020 will go down in history as a very unforgettable year. When the Covid 19 pandemic hit in March it threw everything into a tailspin. However, that did not prevent the Town of Sunderland from conducting business and staying active. The Town Hall remained open through it all albeit with restrictions. The selectboard continued its twice a month, regular business meetings fluctuating between virtual meetings on Zoom and in person, socially distanced meetings for a period then back to the Zoom meetings. Thanks to a generous donation from Microsoft and RTO Wireless, commercial grade WIFI Hotspot equipment was installed at the Sunderland Town Office Building during the Covid crisis and is accessible from the Town Office Building parking lot. Through it all we were still able to accomplish many things for the betterment of the Town of Sunderland.

Town Highway Department: The Town of Sunderland Highway Department once again stood out as a shining example of what teamwork and diligence can accomplish with a minimum of time and means. Although road crews statewide were put on “emergency work only” for a period of time and were limited afterwards in regards to construction projects due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the Sunderland Highway Department was still able to accomplish some large projects along with the daily upkeep of roads, ditches, culverts and bridges. Listed below are those projects:

- Installation of a Pedestrian lane on a portion of Sunderland Hill Road from Dunham Road to McKee Road partially funded through the Safe Roads Grant. Preparation and construction of the path was completed by our road crew with assistance from Woodard’s and the paving was outsourced.
- Installation of a brand, new Salt Shed across the road from the Town Garage. This will enable storage of enough salt to take us through several back to back storms and cut down on delivery fees.
- Grinding and Paving of North Road
- Purchase of a 2020 International Plow/Sander Truck. This replaces the Utility Truck and will enhance efficiency as it can take over for either plow truck in event of a breakdown and save wear and tear on the larger trucks by handling the smaller jobs.

Sunderland Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Town of Sunderland Selectboard along with the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) is currently working on the new Hazard Mitigation Plan which will be finished within the current fiscal year.

Town Website: The town website www.sunderlandvt.org provides updated Covid information, Emerald Ash Borer information, meeting times and dates. It also provides links to area recreational facilities, solid

waste and composting sites and Town ordinances, policies, licensing and permits and other helpful information.

Sunderland Land Use By-Laws: The Town of Sunderland Land Use Bylaws were updated and adopted on August 3, 2020.

Get Involved: The Town of Sunderland is always looking for residents to fill the open positions in town. These include, Town Health Officer, Auditor, Selectboard and several others. Training is available and most positions require a minimal time commitment.

Town Energy Committee: The town has an Energy Committee and are looking for residents to join them to discuss and share ideas and plans for energy efficiency and improvement throughout the town. Check the Town website for meeting days and times as well as links to various local and State agencies and forms to determine energy efficiency.

Land Records- The Town of Sunderland has begun the process of digitizing Land Records which are available, as they are completed, via a portal on the Town website under Land Records.

Selectboard Meetings: The Selectboard holds their General Business Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 pm. The link to the meetings when held via Zoom are attached to the Agenda which is posted on the Town website prior to each meeting. Any changes to meeting times are posted on the Towns website as well as the Sunderland Elementary School, the Town Highway Department Building and the Town Office Building. Meetings are videotaped by GNAT and can be accessed at <http://gnat-tv.org/sunderland>.

Report from the Sunderland Planning Commission

The Sunderland Planning Commission (PC) has five members and continues to work closely with the Zoning Administrator, residents, developers and Selectboard. In 2020, the PC met monthly and reviewed approximately one dozen applications for commercial, residential and industrial projects. The PC also met with potential applicants regarding projects which will be reviewed in 2021.

In 2020, the PC updated and adopted the Town of Sunderland Land Use and Development Bylaw, which includes zoning, subdivision, flood hazard areas and sign regulations. The PC will also be applying for a Municipal Planning Grant from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to hold community forums in association with an update of the Sunderland Town Plan.

If you have any questions regarding land use, development or permitting within Sunderland, please join the PC at a monthly meeting which occurs on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6PM.

The Sunderland Planning Commission.

Town of Sunderland - Zoning Administrators Report

Type of Permit or Matter	Number
Application for Construction of Home, Home Expansion or Renewal of Permit	12
Application for Accessory Building, Garage, Porch or Deck	19
Application for Subdivision Approval	1
Application for Change of Use, Amendments and Renewals	6
Application for Zoning Compliance Letter	6
Application for Certificate of Occupancy	5
Application for Variance	0
Sign Application	3
Special Event	0
Zoning or Ordinance Violations Investigations and Follow-up	7
Response to Request for General Zoning Information	34
Administrative Opinion	2
Boundary Line Adjustment	1
Demolition	1
Misc. Administrative Matters	3
Total Matters	100

Respectfully Submitted,

Missy Johnson
Zoning Administrator

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2 & 3, 2020**

Selectboard Chairman Jon French called the Town of Sunderland Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 PM with 59 people in attendance.

The first order of business: elect a Moderator for tonight's meeting. The elected Moderator was unable to attend. Richard Zens nominated Jon French. No other nominations were made, and Jon French was declared the Moderator.

Moderator French greeted the people in attendance and welcomed all new residents and voters. Moderator French led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced Town Clerk/Treasurer Rose Keough, Selectboard Members Andrew McKeever, Connor Stewart, Richard Timmerman and Richard Zens. Moderator French then advised that we are a small community, we are all neighbors and we need to be respectful to each other. Moderator French then reviewed the rules of conduct for this meeting noting Robert's Rules of Order 11th edition and Vermont State law.

With no objections Moderator French dispensed with the reading of the warning, which is on page 1 of the Annual Report.

Article 1. Shall the Town of Sunderland enter into a communications union district (CUD) to be known as the Southern Vermont Communication Union District, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. chapter 82?

Article one was moved by Colleen York and seconded by Sally Stone. Moderator French stated that there is a report on page 42 of the Annual Report and asked Andrew McKeever to address this article. Andrew McKeever explained that this was created by the legislature in 2015 for broadband service. Andrew McKeever stated that this should help with internet speed and even possibly have a positive effect on the charges for cable, telephone and internet. He also noted that there is no financial responsibility to the town because a state grant of \$60,000.00 would pay for the feasibility study to see if this is needed.

Article one was unanimously approved with no discussion.

Article 2. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 to be added to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article two was moved by Marlyn Couture and seconded by Kevin Keough.

Article two was approved with no discussion.

Article 3. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?

Article three was moved by Harriet Welther and seconded by Colleen York.

Article three was unanimously approved with no discussion.

Article 4. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?

Article four was moved by Phyllis Warren and seconded by Gloria Alexander. Michael Perra asked what the fund is for and Richard Timmerman explained it covers any projects that are not in the budget like tree trimming and other items that the Road Crew would not normally do. Melanie Virgilio asked why it is not a part of the budget and Rose Keough explained that the reserve was created to cover the cost of projects that would be expensive and a burden to cover in one budget so the money can be accumulated and the expense is spread out. Melanie Virgilio asked if there are any upcoming projects and Marc Johnston stated that the paving on the North Road is not covered by a grant so some money is used for that and if a grant is received the town has to pay a percentage of the cost. Marc Johnston also stated that culverts were replaced on the Kelley Stand Road and the Town share was paid for from the Road Project Reserve Fund. Article four was unanimously approved.

Article 5. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund?

Article five was moved by Virginia Dexter and seconded by Sally Stone.

Article five was unanimously approved with no discussion.

Article 6. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guardrail Reserve Fund?

Article six was moved by Harriet Welther and seconded by Colleen York.

Article six was approved with no discussion.

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to be added to the Salt Shed Reserve Fund?

Article seven was moved by Jeffrey Dexter and seconded by Sally Stone. Phyllis Warren asked how much is in the fund and Richard Timmerman stated \$50,482.00. Carolyn Hartshorn asked how much the salt shed would cost and Richard Timmerman stated that it would be a little over \$50,000.00. Melanie Virgilio asked if there were quotes for the salt shed and Richard Timmerman stated that there is for the blocks and everything. Melanie Virgilio asked if the salt shed would be completed this year and Richard Timmerman stated that it would be.

Article seven was approved.

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$2,000.00** for the Technology Reserve Fund?

Article eight was moved by Marlyn Couture and seconded by Gloria Alexander. Joyce Williams asked what the fund would be used for and Richard Zens explained that it is to maintain the computers and technical equipment in the town hall.

Article eight was approved.

At 7:27 p.m. Moderator French announced a brief recess to give State Representative Cynthia Browning the opportunity to address the assembly. The meeting reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

Article 9. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Article nine was moved by Alyson Grzyb and seconded by Kevin Keough.

Article nine was unanimously approved with no discussion.

Article 10. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.** (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article ten was moved by Melanie Virgilio and seconded by Michael Welther.

Article ten was approved with no discussion.

Article 11. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the support of **Burdett Commons, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article eleven was moved by Heidi French and seconded by Colleen York. Sarah Hackett asked what this was about, and Harriet Welther explained that it is for the youth in our area.

Article eleven was unanimously approved.

Article 12. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the support of **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article twelve was moved by Michael Welther and seconded by Harriet Welther.

Article twelve was unanimously approved with no discussion.

Article 13. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the support of the **Recreation Park in Arlington** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article thirteen was moved by Colleen York and seconded by Sally Stone.

Article thirteen was approved with no discussion.

Article 14. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$9,100.00** for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the town?

Moderator French noted that last year a sum of \$8,200,00 was requested and this year they are requesting \$9,100.00.

Article fourteen was moved by Phyllis Warren and seconded by Joyce Williams.

Article fourteen was approved with no discussion.

Article 15. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** to provide elder services to the residents of the town?

Article fifteen was moved by Gloria Alexander and seconded by Colleen York. Gloria Alexander asked everyone to support this because they do a lot for the elderly and we need them.

Article fifteen was unanimously approved.

At 7:41 p.m. Moderator French recessed the meeting to give State Representative Kathleen James the opportunity to address the assembly. The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Article 16. To transact any other non-binding business that may come before this meeting.

Moderator French noted that this is the time to discuss the Cemetery, General and Highway budgets and to ask any questions. He also noted that there are several offices with no one running and asked that anyone wishing to be a write in candidate to please introduce themselves.

Bruce Mattison announced that he is running as a write in for the three-year Selectboard Member. Marc Johnston announced that Kathleen Johnston is running as a write in for the three-year Cemetery Commissioner. Jeffrey Dexter as a member of the energy committee addressed

the assembly concerning Sunderland's energy plan which is a part of the town plan. Jeffrey Dexter noted that it is a very well written plan and it shows that a lot of work went into it. He stated that a window dressing program is in effect in 2020. Jeffrey Dexter and his wife attended a workshop in Bristol, Vermont to learn how to make a window dressing. He showed a sample of a window insert to stop drafts which would reduce heating cost, these would cost between \$30.00 and \$70.00 depending on the window size. He also asked everyone to visit the Sunderland website which is sunderlandvt.org for more ways to reduce energy and associated expenses. Richard Zens thanked Jeffrey Dexter for all his hard work along with the other members of the energy committee. Richard Zens stated that Richard is his legal name, but he is usually called Dixie and is on the ballot as a one-year Selectboard Member. Rose Keough announced that Representative's Cynthia Browning and Kathleen James had left newsletters in the hallway for anyone to take. Rose Keough also stated that there is a handout about the hazardous waste collection date and time. Information on the need for census takers, which pays \$20.00 per hour, is available. Handouts explaining the need to license all dogs and a handout about our clean water supply is also available. Rose Keough stressed how important it is to get involved in our community, the people of Sunderland need to step up to the plate and preserve our town. Rose Stone announced that she would not be running for the position of Justice of the Peace at our General Elections in November and if anyone is interested in the position to please see Rose Keough about getting on the ballot. Melanie Virgilio announced that she is on the Taconic and Green Regional School District ballot for Schoolboard Member from Sunderland. Colleen York stated that the town does need people to come forward to help the town. Richard Zens thanked Marc Johnston and Josh Corey for the great job they are doing on the Sunderland roads. The assembly applauded in agreement. Carolyn Hartshorn stressed how dangerous the parking lot and road for the school is and asked the town to consider taking care of them. Moderator French explained that because the Taconic and Green Regional School District owns the property, she should take her concerns to them. Moderator French adjourned this portion of the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and noted that the polls will be open tomorrow March 3, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. to vote on articles seventeen through twenty at the Sunderland Town Offices.

The ballot boxes were declared open on March 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. by Town Clerk Rose Keough and closed at 7:00 p.m. The results follow:

Article 17. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Cemetery Maintenance Budget?

Yes **257**

No 25

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TOTAL 301

Article 18. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$358,230.00 for the General Fund Budget?

Yes **265**

No 18

Blank 18

TOTAL 301

Article 19. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$380,100.00 for the Highway Fund Budget?

Yes **257**

No 26

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TOTAL 301

ARTICLE 20. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

Auditor, 3-year term

Write in OTHERS 3

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TOTAL 301

Cemetery Commissioner, 3-yr term

Write in Kathleen Johnston 14*

Write in OTHERS 2

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TOTAL 301

First Constable, 1-year term

WAYNE GODFREY 241*

Write in OTHERS 4

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TOTAL 301

Lister, 3-year term

Write in OTHERS 2

Blank 299

TOTAL 301

Selectboard Member, 2 yrs of 3-yr term

ANDREW MCKEEVER 263*

Write in OTHERS 1

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TOTAL 301

Town Agent, 1-year term

Write in OTHERS 1

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TOTAL 301

Town Moderator, 1-year term

Write in OTHERS 5

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TOTAL 301

Cemetery Commissioner, 1 year of 3-yr term

Write-in Kathleen Johnson 11

Write in OTHERS 4

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TOTAL 301

Delinquent Tax Collector, 1-year term

RICHARD A. DAVIS, II 252*

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TOTAL 301

Second Constable, 1-year term

KEVIN R. HEWES 229*

Write in OTHERS 4

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TOTAL 301

Selectboard Member, 1-year term

RICHARDS ZENS 239*

Write in OTHERS 2

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TOTAL 602

Selectboard Member, 3-year term

Write in Bruce Mattison 15*

Write in OTHERS 7

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TOTAL 301

Town Grand Juror, 1-year term

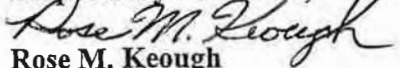
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TOTAL 301

*denotes elected

Respectfully submitted,



Rose M. Keough

Sunderland Town Clerk

**PRIMARY ELECTION
AUGUST 11, 2020**

BALLOT ACCOUNTABILITY:

Registered Voters	759
Ballots Voted Democratic	192
Ballots Voted Republican	88
Ballots Voted Progressive	1
Ballots Voted Absentee	207
Defective Ballots	16
Total Voters Casting Ballots	297
Percentage of Votes Cast	39.13%

**GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

BALLOT ACCOUNTABILITY:

Registered Voters	806
Ballots Voted Absentee	455
Total Voters Casting Ballots	660
Percentage of Votes Cast	81.89%

Arlington Town Report

Arlington Area Childcare dba Happy Days Playschool

Arlington Area Childcare has provided quality early childhood education to the town of Arlington for 37 plus years with the focus on families and child centeredness. The 2020 pandemic has been especially difficult on everyone including our families. We have had a dramatic change in our enrollment and had to close our doors in March through June. We then followed the safety precautions and health guidelines to reopen in June. It has been a whirlwind. During these extremely difficult times we are able to provide high quality care for the families we currently have enrolled. We still can provide services to the children of the area, providing vision screenings, partnering with Children's Integrated Services, Vermont Childcare subsidy, and many other support services.

Each year Arlington Area Childcare strives to bring families together and host individual classroom family events, fundraisers, and center-wide gathers. With the pandemic we were not able to gather and make connections like we used to. Making it hard to build that community within our center and with our families. We strive to make new ways to connect with families and still be part of our little community that we love so much. We hope to get back to being able to gather and make those connections and build stronger relationships with families.

One way that Arlington Area Childcare stays connected with families is that each classroom has individualized private groups on Facebook. Where we post pictures and interact with families throughout the day. To stay connected with families and make them feel like they are still part of the classroom. This way families are able to stay connected with the classroom teachers as well. We have been offering video chats with new families to be able to meet teachers and see the center. Although we have had to change the ways we stay connected during these difficult time families are still able to feel like they are part of the center and classroom.

Along with changing the way we stay connected with families we also changed the way that staff are continuing their education and staying current with child development trainings. Arlington Area Childcare supports staff development by offering online training through Childcare Education Institute (CCEI). We currently have 6 staff members continuing their education in early childhood. 1 is enrolled in fundamentals and will be finishing within the next few weeks. We have 5 other staff starting early childhood education class in January at the Community College of Vermont in Bennington.

Thank you to the Sunderland Community for continuing to support our programs, goals, and mission.

Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service

2020 President's Report

Wow, what a difficult year it has been! As our communities have faced unprecedented challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service (ACPHNS) continues to be dedicated to supporting communities of Arlington, Sunderland and Sandgate. I could not be more proud to be President of such an incredible group of individuals, who despite constantly changing guidelines increasing needs, have dedicated their time and energy to making sure that every person and family that reached out to us received help. Programs that we have done in the past, such as dental cleanings in schools, were unfortunately not possible because of COVID-19, but we were able to reallocate those funds to other areas where need has been increased. Overall we were able to distribute over \$15,000 to meet the needs of our communities.

Over the course of the pandemic we have been in close communications with other organizations in the area to ensure that the needs of our communities were being met. Our members started a new initiative to assist individuals for whom it was not safe to go out in public to be able to get their essential items, such as medications and groceries. We created a fund specifically earmarked for individuals directly affected by COVID-19, to assist them during the pandemic. Despite the pandemic prohibiting our usual fundraisers, through the generosity and support of our communities we were able to assist those who reached out for help.

As goes without saying, the challenges we have all faced this year were trying. Now, more than ever it is so important to be able to support those in need within our communities. As we continue to meet the new challenges associated with COVID-19 please keep this in mind: If you are in need of help, reach out. If you see someone in your community who is struggling, offer to help. If you are able to help, but are unsure how to do so, reach out to us and we can help connect you to the right people. The way through this is together.

Stay safe,

Donna Gunther
ACPHNS President

Town of Sunderland

Application to Appear on Ballot Appropriations for Community Organizations

Name of Applicant: Arlington Rescue Squad Inc. Amount Requested: \$26,750.00

Address: P.O. Box 295. 66 Chittenden Drive Arlington VT 05250

Contact Person: Josh Williams Position: Executive Director

Telephone: 802-375-6589 Email: josh.williams@arlingtonrescuesquad.org

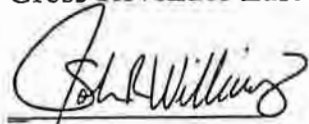
Describe your organization and the services it provides: Arlington Rescue Squad provides EMS coverage to the town of Sunderland.

Describe how your organization serves the residents of the Town of Sunderland: Arlington Rescue responds to all calls in the Sunderland area with a dedicated group of volunteers and paid staff, ready at a moment's notice, for any and all calls where emergency medical care is needed.

If your organization receives an appropriation, how will it use the money: Monies will be used for day to day needs, training, and new equipment as needed.

State number of Sunderland residents served during the past year: 88

Gross Revenues Last Fiscal Year: \$344,196 Gross Expenses Last Year: \$350,394



Signature

Position: ARSI Executive Director

Date 12 Jan 2021

Arlington Volunteer Fire Department

2020 Annual Report

The Arlington Volunteer Fire Department responded to 134 calls for assistance in 2020.

By Town, the calls were;

Arlington 78,	Sandgate 12,	Sunderland 36,	Manchester 3,	VSP 1,
Shaftsbury 1,	Shushan, NY 1,	Dorset 1,	Cambridge NY 1,	Winhall 1,
Pownal 1,				

Nature of the calls were;

Structure/Chimney Fires 10,	Motor Vehicle Accidents 17,	Alarms 18,
Grass/Brush Fires 10,	Good Intent 7,	Car Fire 4,
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 6,	Rescue Squad Assist 26,	Power lines 17,
Furnace Malfunction 1,	Wilderness/Water rescue 3,	Storm Damage 1,
Mutual Aid 10,	Helicopter Landing Zones 1 & 4 w/ARS	

The Volunteer Members of the Fire Department were impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic in several ways last year. Although our call volume was down our member response # was higher, our travel distance was slightly shorter and response times were slightly quicker.

We were also not allowed to hold trainings for several months and only limited at this time which has resulted in many less hours.

We have been working with the Arlington Rescue Squad in instituting the First Responder program as well and will continue to assist them. Again due to the pandemic several members were unable to finish the required testing to be certified. We will be reviewing in January so testing can be completed for these members. Also in late January we will begin a second EMR class if anyone is interested.

In closing please remember to **change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors** and test them regularly. Also please **post your 911 numbers in a visible location from the road** so time is not wasted responding to your emergency. **Dial 911 for an emergency** and 802-375-2323 for non- emergencies.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fire Chief 2020
James Paustian

Bennington County Regional Commission

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region. The BCRC plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests.

In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials and volunteer boards and commissions, the BCRC serves as a regional center for work in community and economic development, transportation, energy, environmental conservation, water quality, solid waste management, and emergency management. The BCRC regularly conducts and sponsors public meetings and workshops on these topics.

During the past year, the BCRC has worked to implement its comprehensive plan through a variety of programs and cooperative work with member municipalities. Economic development planning in the region has become one of the BCRC's main program areas. Economic development planning at the BCRC, including dedicated staff directed by a committee with representatives appointed by the regional development corporation, supports business retention, growth, and recruitment. The BCRC also has provided support for the Putnam Block project in Bennington's downtown and is cooperating with local and state officials on new redevelopment initiatives in downtowns and village centers. Concern over the state's water quality has led the BCRC to identify and implement local projects that not only reduce stormwater runoff, but also protect roads, bridges, culverts, and private property. Other important accomplishments have included: assistance with updates to several municipal comprehensive plans and land use bylaws, development of municipal energy plans and support for local energy committees, village center and neighborhood development area designations and successful grant applications, implementation of the regional solid waste management plan in cooperation with the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance, and planning for roadway, bicycle and pedestrian, public transportation improvements.

Like everyone, the BCRC has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The office transitioned to remote work and meetings in April and, while staff have recently started spending some time in the office, it generally is easiest to contact us via email (see contacts at www.bcrvvt.org). Fortunately, technology has allowed us to continue work on all of our projects with little interruption in progress. Of course, significant staff resources have been dedicated to providing assistance to businesses and municipalities as they work to navigate the challenges associated with changes to the way operations are conducted, with staffing and revenue disruptions, and to chart a course forward through and beyond the current crisis.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. As of January 2021, our offices will have relocated to 210 South Street in Bennington, and post-pandemic, we expect to have regular office hours at the Manchester Town Offices as well. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: www.bcrvvt.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sullivan, Director

Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford

The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance works to reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills by promoting recycling and reuse as well as resource conservation. The Alliance offers education and outreach to businesses, schools, institutions, and event organizers in complying with the Universal Recycling Law and other solid waste management requirements primarily by increasing reuse and recycling. These programs help residents, businesses, schools, and institutions find solutions to recycling, food scrap diversion and the disposal of items such as electronic waste, fluorescent bulbs, paint, and others that are banned from landfills.

The Alliance website at www.bcswavt.org and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/solidwastealliance) provide information on:

- battery recycling through the Call2Recycle program
- disposal of used motor oil at retail establishments and transfer stations that accept motor oil
- recycling of paint through the PaintCare program, including retail stores that accept paint
- prescription drug disposal including drop-off locations
- recycling of textiles by the One World Center, Goodwill, and others
- events for disposing household hazardous waste
- disposing of fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and other mercury items at transfer stations, retail establishments and at household hazardous waste collection events
- disposal of E-Waste at area transfer stations, Goodwill, and retail establishments
- diverting food scraps by composting and annual sales of compost bins and kitchen containers

This past year the Alliance assisted 40 businesses as well as several major event organizers primarily via phone, email, and webinars due to COVID-19. Given COVID-19, meals and snacks in most schools are served in classrooms rather than lunchrooms. To help with this, the Alliance received 170 food scrap buckets from the Agency of Natural Resources that we distributed to 17 schools along with instructional signage to allow for food scrap collections within classrooms.

The Alliance held two household hazardous waste events with nearly 500 participating households. We also sold over 180 backyard compost bins and 60 green cones to residents. In 2021, we will hold three household hazardous waste events for residents and small businesses of all thirteen towns. The spring event will be in Bennington and the fall in Dorset. We will hold a third event for residents and businesses of Searsburg and Stamford given the long driving distance they have to either of our other events. Check the website above for updates and details. The Alliance receives most of its funding from the 13 towns, but this past year received grants from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Agriculture and Markets.



Strengthening Communities Through Local Independent Media

GNAT-TV Service Territory:

Arlington
Dorset
Londonderry
Manchester
Peru
Rupert
Sandgate
Stratton
Sunderland
Weston
Winhall

WAYS TO WATCH

COMCAST CABLE

CHANNELS:

1074 (PUBLIC)

1084 (GOVERNMENT)

1094 (EDUCATION)

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ROKU & APPLE TV

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GNAT-TV Statement of Financial Activities Summary Year Ending 09.30.20

Operating Revenue

Mandated PEG Access Operating Revenue	407,448
Program Services	4,536
Municipal Contributions (Total 7 Towns)	14,000
Contributions	29,928
Investment Income	5,895
Other (PPP Loan)	64,739
Net Assets Released from Restriction (Acquisition of Capital Assets/Expense)	-
Total Operating Revenue	526,546

Capital Expense

Operating Expense: Program Services	383,056
Operating Expense: Support Services	91,080
Total Operating Expense	474,136
Change in Net Assets without Restrictions	52,410

Capital Revenue / Expense

Changes in Net Asset with Restrictions:	
Mandated PEG Access Capital Revenue	40,745
Net Assets Released from Restriction (Acquisition of Capital Assets/Expense)	-
Change in Net Assets with Restrictions	40,745
Changes in Net Assets	*93,155
Net Assets Beginning of Year	546,229
Net Assets End of Year	639,384

*FY20 balance is dedicated to retiring FY19 deficit and to help fund critically important capital purchases, including broadcast and streaming equipment.

Thank you for your past support of GNAT-TV. Your continued support enables us to continue providing transparent access to your government. We feel a tremendous responsibility to each and every citizen that we serve. This has never been more evident than during this past year, as we helped people in our communities navigate life during the pandemic.

We worked with local schools to live stream graduation ceremonies. We provided technical and educational resources, equipment and training to the faith community to enable them to share their weekly services. We also handled the distribution and archival of those events. We launched a "Kids Create Variety Show" with content submitted by local children.

We produced 272 News Project segments, expanding our local independent news coverage. We engaged community members to produce and share their stories on our open distribution network. We continued to facilitate and distribute coverage of 211 of our local town government meetings across our region. Additionally, we expanded our distribution to digital platforms including Roku, Apple TV and Podcast for those that don't or can't subscribe to cable. We are committed to being an informational resource for everyone.

Our primary revenue source is based on cable subscriptions in the eleven towns we serve. As we navigate the impact of declining subscribers and a changing global media industry, we rely on local donors, underwriters and towns, now more than ever. Please support our vision for an engaged, informed and inspired public. A strong local community media organization is vital to our democracy and to our collective futures. We hope you will continue to support government access, education, and an independent platform for local voices. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and support.

2020 Usage Data

725 Local Public Programs Produced
211 Government Meetings
75 Community Video Announcements
273 Community Bulletin Board Announcements
339,418 Online Video Views
664 Equipment & Facility Reservations
317 Training Sessions, 50 People Trained

Greater Northshire Access Television is a 501c3 Not for Profit Organization
Created by Community Members in 1995



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to Covid-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride and engagement.

Support from municipalities is essential to our program. Funds help pay for administration, supplies (including 65,000 Green Up trash bags), promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, poster and writing contests, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Early awareness initiatives for Green Up Day tripled the number of submissions to our annual poster art and writing contests and produced 184 applicants for our first scholarship. We were able to offer "Greener" bags made with 70% post-consumer waste; add a Green Scuba team to clean in Lake Champlain; and had over 100 editorial stories in the news as well as a national mention in the *Washington Post*.

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Visit our website and follow us on Facebook (@greenupvermont) and Instagram (greenupvermont).

Green Up Day, May 1, 2021

Thank you!

Martha Canfield Library

Town Report 2020

The Martha Canfield Library is here to help you read, learn and expand your horizons in a variety of ways. Even with a pandemic, we have worked to find ways that you can still access the majority of our services with curbside pickup for books, movies, games and puzzles, interlibrary loan, and printing services. We have 24/7 online access to audio and ebooks, along with other databases for research and classes through the links on our website: marthacanfieldlibrary.org. All you need is your library card barcode. Our library assistant Holly has held virtual storytimes on Facebook, and we have offered virtual programs for adults as well as children. And, thanks to a grant from the Berkshire Bank, we were able to provide activity kits and free books for over 125 children during our summer reading program, Imagine Your Story.

The Russell Vermontiana Collection had a busy year, darkened by the COVID-19 pandemic and the unrelated death of David L. Thomas, longtime supporter, member of the library Board, local preservationist through the Arlington Townscape Association and local history expert. The collection received important donations of Kenny family memorabilia related to the Green River Inn, Arlington ledgers and photos, Dorothy Canfield Fisher letters and memorabilia, a Norman Rockwell framed print, trophies awarded by the Arlington Fire Department for their auto shows, Hale Company records, a sampler made by an 8-year old Arlington girl in 1826, artifacts from the Remember Baker Mill saved by Tom Weakley, photographs of local events and families, and local history and genealogy related to the Gowey, Bentley, Barney and Brophy families. Research queries were received from throughout the United States including California, Texas and the east coast on genealogy, local, state and business history of our service towns of Arlington, Sandgate, Sunderland and Shaftsbury.

We greatly appreciate your support through the years as we strive to provide services essential to a well-informed community. Let us know how we can help: check our webpage, follow us on Facebook, email with requests and questions, call us.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Skidmore, Director, Sheila Kearns, President, Board of Trustees

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Project Against Violent Encounters

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December 2020

Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE) is the only domestic and sexual violence advocacy agency in Bennington County. For nearly 40 years PAVE has provided compassionate support, practical services and the pathway to healing and safety for countless victims of domestic and sexual violence, dating violence and stalking throughout Bennington County.

PAVE has grown from a crisis hotline to the multiple and comprehensive support services we now provide. These services include a 24-hour crisis hotline, court and social service advocacy, case management, emergency financial assistance, access to legal services, emergency shelter, supervised visitation services, parenting classes, community awareness, school-based prevention education and more. We are thrilled to announce the addition of a transitional housing program beginning in 2021.

In the past year, 10 Sunderland residents received comprehensive services through PAVE. Some of those residents made initial contact with us through the crisis hotline. In addition to the services listed above, 2 families with 3 children engaged in supervised visitation services through our Family Time Center; this is a critical, often court-ordered service that ensures safe and healthy contact for children with a non-custodial parent.

Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families. Our emergency shelter program provides families with short-term housing and case management services with the goal of obtaining safe, permanent housing. In the past year, we provided 65 adults and 39 children from Bennington County with 5,028 nights of shelter services.

To stop the generational cycle of abuse, we must start early and invest in prevention strategies that provide healthy parent-child relationships, friendships and dating relationships. Through our education and empowerment programs pre-kindergarten to college; Nurturing Parenting classes, Women's Support Groups, Healthy Mind, Body and Family workshops and Financial Literacy Program, we've helped over 3,500 children, teachers and other adults learn new skills and techniques.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and families served, I thank the residents of Sunderland for your ongoing support; it allows us to create greater opportunities for the people impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence who need our services each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Lucchin

Nadia Lucchin, Executive Director

Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE) is a non-profit agency that provides free and confidential services to victims of domestic and sexual violence in Bennington County.

SHIRE KIDS

JANUARY 2021

REPORT TO DONORS

Number of children currently registered in each town

Arlington - 78
Bennington - 380
Bondville - 10
Danby - 26
Dorset - 31
East Dorset - 23
Manchester - 125
Pawlet - 16
Pownal - 58
Rupert - 10
Peru - 6
Readsboro - 8
Sandgate - 7
Searsburg - 1
Shaftsbury - 62
Stamford - 9
Sunderland - 15
Winhall - 7
Woodford - 6

889

Total Books Mailed since start of program (July 2019)

10,230



IT WAS A GOOD YEAR TO READ

What a year! We will all remember 2020. With so many challenges presented to our community and our children this year, I am amazed every day by the signs of hope and positivity for our future.

This year Shire Kids grew in many ways thanks to the incredible support of our donors. Over 600 new children in Bennington County and the town of Danby enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, bringing the total number of children served by Shire Kids to over 1,000. Currently, 889 children are actively enrolled and receive a new book from the Imagination Library every month. They will continue to do so every month until their fifth birthday.

Shire Kids added two members to our all-volunteer Board of Directors. Rehana Grip brings over a decade of experience in graphic communications, fundraising and community building. Heather McGuire is a Library Media Specialist at BRSU and brings insight on youth book trends and knowledge of the academic environment our children will enter into after graduating from the Imagination Library.

Awareness of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library grew exponentially this year, as evidenced by the continued increase in enrollment across the globe and addition of new Imagination Library Programs. Shire Kids is spearheading efforts to create a coalition among Vermont nonprofits that operate Imagination Library programs (currently there are eight!), and advocate for the program to our legislators and to towns where the program is not yet available.

Thank you for helping to bring the love of reading to our community. We're excited to continue to grow in 2021, and are counting on your continued support.

Sincerely,

Nicole Campbell, Founder and Executive Director
Shire Kids
PO Box 218, Dorset, VT 05251
nicole@shirekidsvt.org

Activity Summary for Member Town Annual Reports

18 January 2020

Southern Vermont Communications Union District (SoVT CUD) was voted into existence in March 2019 by 12 towns in Bennington County. We have since grown to 13 towns: Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Peru, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, Sunderland, Woodford.

In less than a year we have:

- Been awarded grants totaling \$190,000, plus \$12,000 awarded to Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) to support our efforts,
- Conducted on a utility pole survey to lay the groundwork for fiber optic network construction,
- Entered into a teaming agreement with Tilson, a network technology company, Green Mountain Power (GMP), and others to seek federal grants for rural broadband.

While the bid for federal rural broadband grants was not successful, we did build relationships with Tilson and GMP that continue to enhance and inform our development.

In June 2020 we were awarded a \$60,000 Broadband Innovation Grant (BIG) from the state of Vermont to undertake a feasibility study of building a fiber optic network in Bennington County. Preliminary results from that study suggested we need to grow in size and merge or collaborate with the also newly formed Deerfield Valley CUD in Windham County in order to be financially viable. Such a collaboration has been in the minds of people in both counties from inception. We are currently redirecting our feasibility study to evaluate a two-county solution for getting broadband to our under-served.

In September we were awarded a \$100,000 COVID relief grant to accelerate our network deployment plans. That was used to conduct a utility pole survey in our most under-served towns, Sandgate, Rupert, Peru, Dorset. A pole survey is a necessary first step toward network design and construction. Each pole we intend to hang fiber on must be evaluated in several measures, such as:

- Does the pole need replacement or reinforcement?
- Will other telecom lines need to be moved to accommodate ours?
- Is the pole in a favorable position to branch to a residence?

COVID relief money has allowed us to start early the design work for fiber optic network construction.

The Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) donated \$30,000 to SoVT CUD and the other CUDs for operating expenses. This money was sorely needed and greatly appreciated.

Previously, SoVT CUD volunteers who had been giving so generously of their time were also giving their money for basic operating expenses like teleconferencing software and filing fees.

In December, the FCC awarded \$16B for rural broadband in its Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) reverse auction. Consolidated Communications (CCI) and SpaceX received significant awards in our area. This has changed the landscape significantly. Many areas that we had hoped to serve are now obligated to CCI and SpaceX. Our two-county feasibility study is working to create financial models to evaluate this new landscape.

All the representatives, alternates, and officers of SoVT CUD have given mightily to this effort and deserve respect and gratitude. They have made for an impressive first year.



Rutland Office: 802-786-5990
Bennington Office: 802-442-5436
Helpline: 1-800-642-5119

Report to the Citizens of Sunderland

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Sunderland in 2020:

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 5 meals that were delivered to the home of 1 elder in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. In addition, 7 Sunderland elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 178 meals were provided.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 9 elders in your community for a total of 105.5 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1) “Senior Helpline” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues and opportunities via various agency articles and publications 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.



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Dialing 2-1-1 or *Texting your zip code to 898211
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Are you facing difficult times and don't know where to turn?

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Looking for help with everyday needs?

At 2-1-1, you will speak to someone who will provide the human touch, help to solve problems, and link callers throughout Vermont with government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local resources.

When should you contact 2-1-1?

Call 2-1-1 24/7/365

for everyday needs and in difficult times.

or **Text your zip code to 898211** *Monday-Friday: 8am-8pm

Or 1-866-652-4636 toll-free in Vermont
or 1-802-652-4636 from outside Vermont.

Also visit: www.vermont211.org

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United Ways
of Vermont





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HealthVermont.gov

Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Bennington District, 2021

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. More info on your local health office can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>

COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

- COVID-19 Testing:
 - Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost Covid-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
 - Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020
- COVID-19 Cases:
 - As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
 - Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website:
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

Additional Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
 - Approximately 213,000* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season *(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
 - 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

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Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

About the League. 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. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports, and show that our positive net position continues.

Member Benefits. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. In 2020, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to adapt town operations, hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, equity and inclusion, and ensuring the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to two exceptional 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 Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each official and employee carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/memborguide to download the VLCT Member Guide.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIIP), under VT Economic Services, helps income challenged care-providers of cats & dogs neutered for \$27.00. The balance is paid ONLY by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, and put into a designated account.

VSNIIP is now at "0" funding due to dogs not being registered at least by six months of age. Required by law, a rabies vaccination enables your dog to be licensed. While town offices may not be open to the public, dogs *can* be licensed. Call, provide the rabies certificate, include a check for that amount, and a SASE. **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)** bites another animal/person, which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanasia to test for rabies if your current vaccination isn't proven, **4)** helps support VSNIIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT, and **5)** §3590. **List of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed states, in part ...** "the municipal clerk shall notify the owners or keepers of all dogs and wolf-hybrids named on the list that have not already been licensed or inoculated, and after May 30 shall furnish to the legislative body a list of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed or inoculated as required by law. **Owners shall also be notified that unlicensed or uninoculated dogs or wolf-hybrids may be destroyed.**" (No one want this, so vaccinate & register – for the protection of your animals and people!

For an application for VSNIIP, send a SASE to: VSNIIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if this is for a cat/dog or both. 802-672-5302

TOWN MEETING REPORT

STATE REPRESENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Reps. Kathleen James and Seth Bongartz

Bennington-4: Arlington, Manchester, Sandgate, Sunderland

The 2021 legislative session started on January 6 with the election of Speaker of the House Jill Krowinski, Clerk of the House Betsy Ann Wrask, voting on various resolutions and a swearing-in ceremony.

Rep. Kathleen James was re-appointed to the Education Committee (clerk) and will continue to serve on the Select Committee on the Future of Public Higher Education in Vermont. Rep. Seth Bongartz was appointed to the Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Committee and the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules. Both legislators are active in several tri-partisan issue-oriented caucuses, including the Rural Economic Development Working Group, the Tourism Caucus, the Climate Solutions Caucus, and the Social Equity Caucus.

The focus of the legislature's work this session is COVID recovery, along with broadband, affordable childcare, housing and other policies that support families, businesses and communities.

To protect the health and safety of statehouse staff, legislators and the public during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the General Assembly is conducting all of its work virtually over Zoom during January and February, with a decision pending on the remainder of the session. Members are working remotely from home and voting using a secure app on mobile phones (plus voice votes for roll calls). All floor debates and committee meetings are live-streamed and available for public viewing on YouTube at legislature.vermont.gov.

James and Bongartz are hosting online constituent coffee hours on the second Saturday of each month. The meetings are held via Zoom for now, and future dates are March 13, April 10, May 8 and June 12 from 9 to 10 a.m. The informal Zoom conversations will offer constituents in the Bennington-4 district — Arlington, Manchester, Sandgate and Sunderland — the opportunity to hear updates from the statehouse and to share ideas, questions and concerns with Kath and Seth. To join the coffee hour, please email KJames@leg.state.vt.us at least 30 minutes prior to each Saturday's meeting for the Zoom link. She'll also post the information on her legislative Facebook page (@Kathleen James VT State Representative).

The two legislators are working closely together on a wide range of issues, and encourage constituents to reach out and stay in close touch.

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