

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VT.
For the Year Ending December 31, 2020



**An informational meeting will be held via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. on
Saturday, February 27, 2021 – (see page 75)**

Polls Open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 2

DEDICATION OF TOWN REPORT



Chester Hawkins

Chester “Chet” Hawkins and his wife Connie, who had been together since high school, passed away unexpectedly this past September.

Born in Ferrisburgh, Chet spent his entire life here. He served our town for almost four decades, beginning in 1979 as constable (38 years) and delinquent tax collector (36 years). From 1989 to 1998, he also served on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment. Prior to retiring in 2014, he served as town clerk, town treasurer, and school treasurer. He was also a lister (one year), fence viewer (three years), and zoning administrator (five years). Even after retiring, Chet continued to serve the town as a justice of the peace for four years.

Very mechanical, Chet was always tinkering with a car, enjoying the challenge of taking it apart, adjusting things, and putting it back together. This passion led him to be a founding member of the Champlain Valley Street Rodders. Given his nature, he was a very handy person to have as town clerk. If something needed to be done you could count on Chet to take care of it.

Chet was a friendly face in the office. He enjoyed seeing the many townspeople who came into the office and he helped them any way he could. He was a bit on the quiet side but then out of the blue he could tell a great story. After he retired to spend more time with Connie one would still see Chet walking about the town center for his daily exercise. He and Connie were very family oriented and enjoyed time spent with their two children, two grandsons, and three great grandchildren.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation for his many years of service to our community, we dedicate this Town Report to Chet Hawkins.

We would like to thank the following people who resigned or retired from public office during the past year:

Steve Alexander: Justice of the Peace from 2011 until February 2021.

Dennis Armell: Conservation Commission from 1994 until March of 2021.

Laurie Gutowski: Town school director from 1995 through 2000. Vergennes Union High School director from 2000 through 2014. Town school director from 2014 through 2016. Northwest Unified School District school director from 2016 through 2020.

Rayne Herzog: Zoning Board of Adjustment from 2011 until February of 2019.

Joe Rivers: Justice of the Peace from 2013 until February 2021.

We would like to thank the people listed above for the many hours of service they gave, along with the many current volunteers; we could not do it without them.

Judy Mace: Judy was a justice of the peace for the town from 2009 until her sudden passing last fall. A fun person with a witty sense of humor, she is missed by so many. Judy was always ready to attend Board of Civil Authority and Board of Adjustment meetings and happy to participate in site visits.



Cover Story

The Union Meeting Hall was built in 1840 as a shared resource for the congregations of several church denominations. The building sits on the eastern side of the town green, which was planted with maple trees as a memorial to our veterans. A commemorative plaque marks the site where a fiery abolitionist speech by Frederick Douglass was given in 1843. By 1898, the area churches had built their own separate buildings and the vacant Union Meeting Hall was purchased by the town. It was used sporadically throughout the years, including by the Wesleyan Church from 2002 until 2016. In 2019, it was discovered that the roof might not survive a heavy snow load. Repairs were made to stabilize the roof and The Friends of the Union Meeting Hall was established to raise funds to restore the building to a historically accurate and functional standard. Working with the town, the organization's fundraising efforts will reduce the amount of money needed to revitalize the hall. The Friends plan to host community classes and events in the building and on the green. We are hopeful this lovely building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will continue to benefit our town for many years to come.

Photo includes some of our future town volunteers.

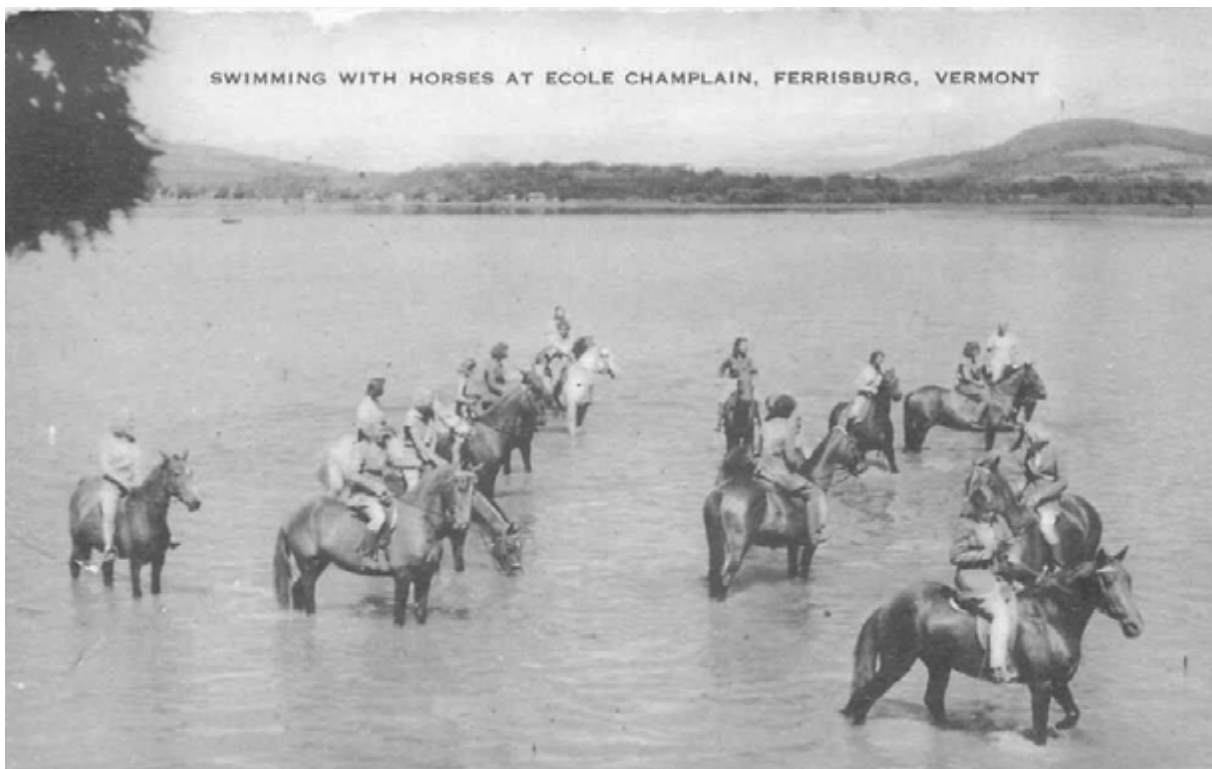
BUSINESS HOURS

The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (except for legal holidays) and by appointment.

MEETING SCHEDULES

The following are held in the Town Clerk's Office:

- **Selectboard** meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.
- **Conservation Commission** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM (No meetings in July and August.)
- **Historical Society** meets the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM.
- **Planning Commission** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.
- **Zoning Board of Adjustment** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.



Swimming with horses at Ecole Champlain, probably 1960s.
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<u>TOWN OFFICERS</u>		<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
MODERATOR	Bill Clark	(1 Year Term)	2021
TOWN CLERK	Pamela Cousino	(3 Year Term)	2023 Apptd.
TOWN TREASURER	Deborah Healey	(3 Year Term)	2023 Apptd.
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK/TREAS.	Laurie Curler	(3 Year Term)	2023 Apptd.
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK/OFFICE CLERK	Jean Silveira	(3 Year Term)	2023 Apptd.
SELECTBOARD MINUTE TAKER	Carol Allen		Appointed
PLANNING/ZONING MINUTE TAKER	Robyn King		Appointed
SELECTBOARD	Michael "Red" Muir	(3 Year Term)	2021
	James Benoit	(2 Year Term)	2021
	Clark Hinsdale	(3 Year Term)	2022
	Chris Campbell	(2 Year Term)	2022
	Jessica James	(3 Year Term)	2023
ROAD FOREMAN	John Bull	Appointed	
ROAD CREW	Paul Bodington	Appointed	
	Corey Collette	Appointed	
	Reilly LaBerge	Appointed	
	Aaron Schondube	Appointed	
LISTERS	Brian Goodyear	(3 Year Term)	2021
	Joe Blasius, Chair	(3 Year Term)	2022
	Roderick "Doc" Cole	(3 Year Term)	2023
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Bonnie Barnes	Appointed	2023
AUDITOR	Brian Goodyear	(3 Year Term)	2021
	Walter E. Reed II	(3 Year Term)	2022
	Andrew Dombeck	(3 Year Term)	2023
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	Tom Steadman	Appointed	2021
FIRST CONSTABLE	Vacancy	(1 Year Term)	2021
CIVIL DEFENSE CHAIRMAN	William Wager	Appointed	
UNIFIED SCHOOL DIRECTOR	Bill Clark	(3 Year Term)	2021
	Kristina MacKulin	(3 Year Term)	2021
	George Gardner	(3 Year Term)	2022
	Chris Kayhart	(3 Year Term)	2023
ROGERS & HAZARD FUND TRUSTEES	Sally Torrey	(2 Year Term)	2021
	Pennie Beach	(2 Year Term)	2022
ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE	David Olson	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE	Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.

TOWN OFFICERS
TERM
EXPIRES
**ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL
PLANNING REPRESENTATIVES**

Tim Davis	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.
Arabella Holzapel	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.
Steve Huffaker	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.
Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.
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Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMM (TAC)

Steve Huffaker	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.
Tim Davis, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.
Arabella Holzapel, Alter.	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
(2-year terms)**

Judy Chaves	(2 Year Term)	2023
Art Cohn	(2 Year Term)	2023
Norton Davis	(2 Year Term)	2023
Lissa Gebo	(2 Year Term)	2023
William Houston	(2 Year Term)	2023
Chris Kayhart	(2 Year Term)	2023
Vacancy	(2 Year Term)	2023
Chris McClain	(2 Year Term)	2023
Jean Richardson	(2 Year Term)	2023
Silas Towler	(2 Year Term)	2023

**PLANNING COMMISSION
(Appointed – 4-year terms)**

Robert Beach, Chair	(4 Year Term)	2021
Al Chamberlain	(4 Year Term)	2021
Anne Cohn	(4 Year Term)	2022
Arabella Holzapel	(4 Year Term)	2022
Michael Quinn	(4-year Term)	2023
Kristen DeBellis	(4 Year Term)	2023
Bessie Sessions	(4 Year Term)	2023
Gail Blasius	(4 Year Term)	2024
Walter Reed	(4 Year Term)	2024

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
(Appointed – 3-year terms)**

Diane Nadon	(3 Year Term)	2021
Norman Smith, Chair	(3 Year Term)	2021
Robert Beach	(3 Year Term)	2022
John Paul	(3 Year Term)	2022
Katie Quinn	(3 Year Term)	2022
Michael Delaney	(3 Year Term)	2023
David Mentzer	(3 Year Term)	2023

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
(Appointed – 4-year terms – Advisory)**

Dennis Armell	(4 Year Term)	2021
Karen Pettersen	(4 Year Term)	2021
Amy Dohner	(4 Year Term)	2022
Jen Cirillo	(4 Year Term)	2022
Jadziah DeRosia	(4 Year Term)	2023
Ron DeBellis	(4 Year Term)	2023
Krista Hoffsis	(4 Year Term)	2024
Craig Heindel, Chair	(4 Year Term)	2024

FENCE VIEWERS

Vacancy	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.
Sheri Arroyo	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.
Art Cohn	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.

TREE WARDEN

425-2130

Clifton Mix	(1 Year Term)	2021 Apptd.
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FIRE WARDEN

877-3564

Michael Coyle	(5 Year Term)	2022 Apptd.
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<u>TOWN OFFICERS</u>			<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	233-7068	Jaimeelyn Gaboriault	Appointed	
HEALTH OFFICER	233-7068	Jaimeelyn Gaboriault	(3 Year Term)	2023 Apptd.
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER	877-3002	Kristin DeBellis	(3 Year Term)	2023 Apptd.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	877-3429			
TOWN GARAGE	877-3076			

<u>EMERGENCY NUMBERS</u>	FIRE	911
	RESCUE	911
	POLICE	911

State Legislators for the Town of Ferrisburgh:
Senator Chris Bray – New Haven Representative Diane Lanpher – Vergennes
Senator Ruth Hardy – Middlebury Representative Matt Birong – Vergennes

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A former Mailloux's home, located on Route 7 in Ferrisburgh Center. These two buildings were just torn down.  
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**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
February 29, 2020**

**Town officials present:** Selectboard members – Rick Ebel – Chair, Jim Benoit, Jessica James, Clark Hinsdale and Red Muir, Pam Cousino – Town Clerk, John Bull – Road Foreman, Deborah Healey – Treasurer and Laurie Curler – Assistant Town Clerk.

At 10:01 Moderator Bill Clark opened the Town Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then gave a brief explanation on Roberts Rules of Order. Representative Diane Lanpher spoke about some items she has been working in this year including the cannabis bill. She is a member of the Appropriations committee. Working to protect our youth and help them bring their voice to the government. It is her 12<sup>th</sup> year in the legislature. Matt Biron spoke about the work he has been doing this year in the legislature. He is on the House committee and the General committee. Regarding the cannabis bill he felt that it was important that some of the money from sales stay in the towns, not all go to the state. There is one designation for craft growers, instead of just having one license for large scale growers. Someone asked about saliva testing. Matt mentioned that they need a saliva test that can give results immediately, the current testing does not let you know if someone is high at the time they are pulled over. Matt has been advocating for more investment in drug recognition experts. That would be more like a sobriety test. We need the testing that can be immediate. Diane Lanpher mentioned that they are asking the Public Safety Department to see what other states are doing as well and then report back to the legislature within the next couple of years. Someone asked about the advertising component in the bill and Matt remarked that the advertising component has been removed from the bill.

Monique Thurston thanked the representatives for their work and asked about the Global Warming Solutions Act. There is a bill to lower Vermont emissions 25% by 2025. Vermont also has lots of forest that helps remove carbon, called carbon sequestration. Carbon sequestration captures carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to slow or reverse atmospheric CO2 pollution. Because of this, the amount of pollution from Vermont is neglectable. Monique ask for the representatives to explain their vote. Diane explained that she voted yes and was one of the sponsors of the bill. Vermont is the only local state that has recently seen their emissions rise. Matt was also a sponsor of the bill. One of the reasons he signed on was that he felt that it was important to be in-step with neighboring states and keep with the goals of the Paris climate accord. He also liked the part of the bill that works on resiliency, which is working to help mitigate the impacts of climate change. Investment on these items now are wise dollars being spent.

Ruth Hardy, our Senator in Montpelier spoke about her work on the Senate Education Committee and she is also a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. A bill was passed for universal after school programming. This would help bring after school programming to towns that don't currently have that. Also working on a libraries bill, and a local foods for schools bill. The bill would allow schools to be able to serve more local foods. Also working on a bill with the state board of education and a bill on pesticides. The Senate is also working on criminal justice reform. We also have the most complicated furlough system in the country that we need to simplify. Mary Neffinger asked about our library. She grew up in Massachusetts where you could go into any library in the state and wondered if Ferrisburgher's were able to go to libraries along with the Bixby. Ruth responded by saying that they are looking at a statewide library system but isn't sure how that will work out.

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear reports of the Town Officers.

Rick Ebel went over the list of people that have retired or left us and gave his thanks for their service over the years including Gloria Warden who retired at the end of December as Town Clerk. He also wanted to thank the ballot clerks and Justice of the Peace that help with our elections. Given the state primary and

general elections that will be happening this fall, he asked people that might be interested in helping as a ballot clerk for a 4 hour stretch to contact the town clerk's office. Rick then thanked the members of the town office and John Bull and the rest of the road crew that do such a great job keeping the roads clear and safe. Rick then mentioned that he is stepping down from the Selectboard and that he enjoyed the three years he spent on the board.

Rick then asked everyone to turn to page 60 of the town report to review the budget. He mentioned that if you pay your taxes late, the interest goes into the town coffers and if you get pulled over by the Sherriff for speeding that money also goes in the town coffers. He then gave a quick review of the budget. Karlene Devine then asked why the education expense isn't filled in for the current and new budgets, but only shows in the actual 18/19 budget. The town clerk, Pam Cousino responded that we are only voting on the town budget and don't have the amount of the education budget at this time. We just fill that in for the actual budget since those are the only figures we have. Rick also encouraged townspeople to feel free to attend Selectboard meeting to try to get questions answered.

Selectboard member Jessica James acknowledged the retirement of Rick Ebel from the Selectboard. She acknowledged Rick's ability to lead the board with a very polite and commanding nature at all times. It is very valuable and inspiring. He has created agendas that have led us through building budgets and through issues such as rights-of-way, neighbor issues and stop lights. He has persisted in leaving issues on the agenda until they are resolved. She felt that Rick's impact on the town went much further than what can be read in the minutes. Working beside him has been an enjoyable and educating experience and his absence will be felt in the weeks and months to come. She told Rick that the compassion that he shows to everyone he serves is an inspiration to them all. She wanted him to know that the board has recognized his ability to treat everyone with kindness and dignity and that his work hasn't gone unnoticed and that we appreciate his time and service to Ferrisburgh. Then Jessica James gave Rick an engraved pewter bowl as a token of appreciation.

**ARTICLE 2:** Will the town vote to collect taxes in four (4) installments with the installment dates to be September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1 with each installment to be received in the town office before 4:00 p.m. on the due date?

Penny Beach moved and Carl Cole seconded the article. There was no discussion and the article passed with no nay votes.

**ARTICLE 3:** Will the town approve an increase in the Town Building Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$20,000 per year for a total appropriation of \$50,000 per year?

Jessica James moved the article. Carl Cole seconded. The best dressed man in the room, Red Muir spoke. He wanted to thank Rick for his service on the board, and he wanted to thank Gloria Warden for the help in the town office posting agenda's, minutes, etc. He also thanked the current people in their office for their help. And he reminded Carl Cole that while he is no longer a lister he still has plenty of work to do on the Town Building Maintenance committee. The committee consists of Carl Cole, Silas Towler, John Bull, Bill Wager, Jean Richardson and Red Muir. Jean has helped tremendously keeping them on track with minutes and agendas and they have become much better about have meetings more consistently. The building maintenance fund was created in 2017 to cover the cost of maintenance and repair of all our buildings. Red then gave a history of the town buildings and some of the work that needs to be done. There is work that needs to be done on the town hall and the union meeting hall. There is a separate fund to take care of some of the general repairs of the town hall but that is just from the rentals and a lot more money will be needed than what is generated from rentals. There is currently \$23,000 in that fund.



Liz Markowski asked about the Sisters property, which is located just south of the town hall. Carl Cole replied that it was purchased a couple of years after we moved into the town hall so that we would have additional land adjacent to the town hall, both on the south side and behind the town hall on the west side. Donald Sisters currently rents the property from the town and can do so as long as he wants. Kate Yarbrough then asked if the rental fees from the Sister's property go to the maintenance of the town hall. The answer was no but there is still a mortgage on the property which will be paid in full by September of 2021. Nick Patch wonders if there should be one comprehensive plan for repairing the Union Meeting Hall. Red responded that they were shoring up the building to save the roof from caving in. Then they will be working on a comprehensive plan to save the building.

Ashley LaFlam, President, Mary Neffinger, Secretary and Kate Yarbrough, Vice-President, Friends of the Union Meeting Hall then spoke about the plans for the Union Meeting Hall. They are working on plans and costs to repair and save the building. Kate Yarbrough continued to speak about the importance of the building built in 1840. There is a plaque outside to honor Frederick Douglas. It was built as the first church in town that each domination shared as their church, until the churches were able to build their own church. They want the building to be used, not as a museum, but as a usable, living space.

Ashley LaFlam mentions that is a nearly 200 year old building that is basically untouched. They are working with the town building committee to come up with a plan for the needs and an estimate of the funds that are needed. They will be working on raising funds to repair the building, but the ends of the huge beams that hold up the roof are rotting and need to be replaced before the roof caves in. The ADA accessibility and fire safety need to be addressed. The doors open in and must be changed to open out to meet the fire safety codes. The steeple needs to be repaired and needs to be done in accordance with the historical requirements. The windows need to be restored and they would like storm windows on the outside and a new heating system. These and many other items need to be taken care of and they are working on a phased for fundraising. Some of the first items on the list will be taken care of so that the building can be used and rented and then they can work on repairing the other items. Sally Kerschner remarked that it reminded her of the phased-in approach that the Vergennes Opera House used.

Mary Neffinger envisions the building to be used to for many things in the future. There is a landscape plan out in the lobby done by Keith Wagner that you can review. There are also postcards you can pick up that tell you where to go online to tell what you would like to see in this building. She then thanked the building and maintenance committee for helping them on this project.

The Moderator then asked for discussion on the motion to add \$20,000 to the town building maintenance fund. Jean Richardson then asked for a motion to amend to say the following: Will the town approve an increase in the town budget of the amount of money for the town building maintenance fund from \$20,000 to \$40,000 for a total of \$70,000 per year. Gail Blasius seconded the amendment. Jean explained that she had two reasons to increase the motion. The first is that we send \$61,000 a year to the Bixby Library and if we can spend that type of money out of town, we should be able to spend that in town to take care of our own buildings. The second reason is that when you are going after grant money, you need some money set aside for matching grants. Plus, there is quite a bit of work that will need to be done to the town hall and union meeting hall. This has come about quite quickly but they are working on coming up on a solid plan for the renovations for the union meeting hall. Sally Kerschner mentions that the money sent to the Bixby Library is to support a library for our town and while she supports the amendment, she also supports the Bixby.

Bill then read the article to amend to increase. Those in favor of the amendment to increase from an additional \$20,000 a year to \$40,000 said aye with one nay. Marjorie London then asked if this would carry over from year to year. The response was yes. Aaron Collette asked why there wasn't a capital improvement line in the budget. John Bull then spoke about how the town has gone from a few one room schoolhouses and

a couple of old buildings to a full-fledged school and a new town hall and a new town garage and in the past the board just looked at the it from year to year. The board then made the town building maintenance fund so that it could be used between the various buildings as needed, instead of putting a bit of money toward each building each year. That way they had more flexibility. John expects that over the next few years there will be a capital budget set up. Clark Hinsdale then spoke about why they are going to the voters for this change. They could have just made a change in the line item but they are wanting to transfer this money from the budget to the non-budget account so that there can be carry over from year to year to save up for bigger repairs and in order to do that they need to go to the voters. Nick Patch mentions that there is value in the building itself, not just in the revenue that it can generate. Someone else mentioned that Westford renovated an old church and it became a vibrant part of the community.

Kim Hornung-Marcy called the motion, Kurt Plank seconded, so moved. Brian Goodyear then mentioned that this amount of \$70,000 can be changed in future years. The Moderator then called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**ARTICLE 4:** Will the town approve total general fund expenditures of \$2,116,148, of which \$1,697,923 shall be raised by taxes and \$418,225 by non-tax revenue for the 2020-2021 Selectboard Budget, excluding any other amounts authorized by the voters? NOTE: Total expenditures will be increased by any separate articles voted independently.

Rick Kerschner moved the article. Jim Warden seconded the article. Rick Kerschner then asked if the amount for the Bixby Library was the amount that the Bixby requested and the board responded that it was the amount requested by the library. The article was passed with no nay votes.

**ARTICLE 5:** Will the voters of the Town approve the following appropriations for the agencies listed below:

|                                                     |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Addison County Economic Development Corporation     | 500   |
| Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc.          | 2,983 |
| Addison County Parent Child Center                  | 1,600 |
| Addison County Readers, Inc.                        | 600   |
| Addison County Restorative Justice                  | 800   |
| Addison County River Watch Collaborative            | 500   |
| Addison County Transit Resources                    | 3,517 |
| American Legion - Memorial Day Observation          | 300   |
| Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes            | 500   |
| Age Well (Champlain Valley Agency on Aging)         | 1,100 |
| Community Health Services Open Door Clinic          | 400   |
| Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.          | 1,650 |
| Elderly Services, Inc.                              | 1,100 |
| End of Life Services (formerly Hospice)             | 500   |
| Friends of the Vergennes Opera House                | 500   |
| Gage Cemetery Association                           | 2,500 |
| Green Up Vermont                                    | 150   |
| Homeward Bound (Humane Society)                     | 1,000 |
| HOPE (formerly ACCAG)                               | 2,000 |
| John Graham Shelter                                 | 825   |
| Lewis Creek Association                             | 500   |
| North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association              | 2,500 |
| Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District | 275   |
| Retired Senior Volunteer Program                    | 210   |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Rokeby Museum                         | 1,000           |
| Union Cemetery                        | 2,400           |
| Vermont Adult Learning                | 785             |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living | 250             |
| Women Safe                            | <u>1,250</u>    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>\$32,195</b> |

Penny Beach moves to open the article and to vote all items in total, seconded by Vaughn Collins. Rux Martin asked about the cemeteries. Silas Towler explained that those cemeteries are not cared for by the town as they are still owned by an association and the money requested is for mowing those cemeteries. The rest of the cemeteries are mowed by the town as there is no one to care for them. The vote to approve \$32,195 in town voted authorizations was approved with no nay votes.

**ARTICLE 6:** To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting at this time.

Norm Smith, is the chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and he is also on the committee to re-write the by-laws. He also mentioned that Diane Nadon replaced Rayne Herzog on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Land Use Regulation Update Committee has been working on revising the zoning by-laws since 2018. One of the goals is to try to create some concentrated development. They have received a grant to help them with the process. They will then submit the updates to the Planning Commission, and then onto the Selectboard. The town then gets to vote. The plan is that the vote will happen on the next town meeting. Arabella Holzapfel spoke. She is the chair of the update committee and would like to encourage everyone to let the board know how they can participate or be contacted for any suggestions for how the by-laws can be updated.

Kurt Plank asked why the regulations need to be updated? Norm Smith replied that there are many quirky things in the zoning by-laws that need to be replaced/updated. They are also hoping to come up with some clustered development which requires smaller lot sizes in certain areas, such as Ferrisburgh center.

Craig Heindel spoke about the ash tree inventory. Some volunteers did an inventory last fall to count the number of ash trees in town rights of way and on town property. Due to the emerald ash borer, about 95% of the ash trees will be lost in New England over the 20 to 30 years. The closest infestation currently is in Bristol. It is probably already in the town but we just aren't aware of it. There are 2000 ash trees over 4" in diameter. The next step will be working with John Bull and the Selectboard to see what options are available. The problem with these trees is that they become a danger because they turn into a styrofoam like substance and will fall onto the road or powerlines and can become very hazardous. Now that the inventory has been done the town needs to come up with a management plan. Rick Kerschner asked if trees that are removed will be replanted with something else? Craig replied that whether to replace trees or not will be part of the management plan.

Steve Shores said that there might be ash trees in the right-of-way but it depends on the width of Clark Woods Road. The moderator thanked Steve for his question and suggested that a town official will get back to him.

Grace Pierson asked about having a "welcome to Ferrisburgh" sign on Sand Road at the town line just past the Job Corp, there used to be a sign there but it was never replaced.

Jim Warden suggested that there be a donation goal sign out front of the Union Meeting Hall. Ashley LaFlam thanked Jim for his suggestion. She said they the Friends of the Union Meeting hall are in the early stages of this process but will be asking for donations once the plan is in place.



Matt Vogel thanked the Selectboard for their work on the school vote.

Vaughn Collins moved to adjourn the annual town meeting at 12:18 p.m., seconded by Arabella Holzapfel.

At the close of the above business, the meeting shall be recessed until March 3, 2020 at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall to vote by Australian ballot on the following matters, to wit:

**OFFICES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT**  
**March 3, 2020**

Auditor – 1 year of a 3-year term  
Auditor – 2 years of a 3-year term  
Auditor – 3-year term  
First Constable – 1-year term  
Lister – 3-year term  
Moderator – 1-year term

Rogers & Hazard Fund Trustee – 2-year term  
Selectboard – 2-year term  
Selectboard – 3-year term  
Town Agent – 1-year term  
Unified School Director – 3-year term  
Unified School Director – 3-year term

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cousino  
Town Clerk/Ass't. Treasurer

Bill Clark  
Moderator

Rick Ebel  
Selectboard Chair



Town grader on Fuller Mountain Road by the Folsom home, operated by Mark Field, mid 1940s.  
– Courtesy of Katie Quinn



**Remember to register your dog!**

On or Before April 1

All we need is a copy of your dogs  
valid rabies certificate.

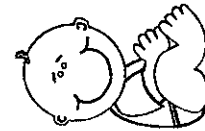
Cost is \$9.00 for a neutered/spayed dog  
\$13.00 if not neutered/spayed  
\$11.00 after April 1 for neutered/spayed  
\$17.00 after April 1 for unneutered/spayed



The entire town was saddened by the loss of Ollie, Judith Giusto's camel. He was a fixture of the town and will be missed by many.

– Courtesy of Rik Carlson

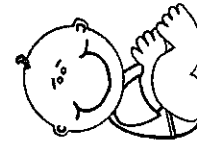
# BIRTHS



| <u>DATE OF BIRTH</u> | <u>BABY'S NAME</u>   | <u>PARENT'S NAMES</u>                 |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| February 2020        | Stroh Hoffman        | Marcella Navarro<br>Douglas Hoffffman |
| February 2020        | Isaac Rose           | Emily Wisniewski<br>Justin Rose       |
| April 2020           | Rowen Murray         | Abigail Jones<br>Maxwell Murray       |
| April 2020           | Sadie Small          | Brooke Gannon<br>Justin Small         |
| April 2020           | Kinsley Ashley       | Karizma Joyal<br>Kristian Ashley      |
| May 2020             | Shepard Arnall       | Tara Trombly<br>Lisa Arnall           |
| May 2020             | Parker Bradley       | Jennifer Bolduc<br>Kyle Bradley       |
| May 2020             | Henry Weaver-Masseau | Lucy Weaver<br>Evan Masseau           |
| May 2020             | Andi Brands          | Brittany Benjamins<br>Ryan Brands     |
| June 2020            | Sylvia Parini        | Amanda Dingman<br>Will Parini         |
| June 2020            | Lucas Segovia        | Julissa Cordova Segovia               |
| June 2020            | Richard Fisher III   | Lauren Cynewski<br>Richard Fisher Jr. |
| June 2020            | Jadyn Forrest        | Nataliya Fedorenko<br>Kyle Forrest    |



# BIRTHS Cont.



| <u>DATE OF BIRTH</u> | <u>BABY'S NAME</u>    | <u>PARENT'S NAMES</u>                      |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| June 2020            | Elliot Audy           | Anne Dunham<br>Steven Audy                 |
| July 2020            | Benjamin Soukone      | Samantha Miller<br>David Soukone           |
| August 2020          | Beckham Dolan         | Lauren Harris<br>Daniel Dolan              |
| August 2020          | Shepard Van De Weert  | Kathleen Vanwyck<br>Brian Van De Weert     |
| August 2020          | Owen Billings         | Jaskia Atkins<br>Andrew Billings           |
| August 2020          | Natalie Paul          | Heidi Considine                            |
| August 2020          | Reed-Bennett Thompson | Stacey-Lyn Lussier<br>Christopher Thompson |
| August 2020          | Quintin Brisson       | Elizabeth Ferris<br>Michael Brisson        |
| September 2020       | Ellis Cockerline      | Emily Melander<br>Daniel Cockerline        |
| September 2020       | Dell Faulkner         | Jaime Walsh<br>Devon Faulkner              |
| October 2020         | Beau Kulak            | Kay Huestis<br>Brandon Kulak               |
| December 2020        | Leopoldo Cordova Gil  | Tapanga Kilburne<br>Nemecio Cordova Gil    |
| December 2020        | Damian Jerry          | Danielle Many<br>Michael Jerry Jr.         |

# CIVIL MARRIAGES

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Names</u>                           | <u>Town</u>                    |
|---------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| February 2020 | Wimble, Kevin<br>Hansen, Erika         | N Ferrisburgh<br>N Ferrisburgh |
| February 2020 | Monty, Thomas<br>Huelsman, Jessica     | N Ferrisburgh<br>N Ferrisburgh |
| March 2020    | Martell, Bruce<br>Rochon, Frances      | Ferrisburgh<br>Ferrisburgh     |
| March 2020    | Turner, James<br>Grover, Brittany      | Ferrisburgh<br>Ferrisburgh     |
| March 2020    | Gallagher, John<br>Skypeck, Mary       | N Ferrisburgh<br>N Ferrisburgh |
| April 2020    | Fletcher, Douglas<br>Brewer, Katherine | Richmond<br>Ferrisburgh        |
| April 2020    | Billings, Andrew<br>Atkins, Jaskia     | Ferrisburgh<br>Ferrisburgh     |
| June 2020     | Hetherman, Sean<br>Ferriss, Elizabeth  | Concord, MA<br>Concord, MA     |
| July 2020     | Barrows, Dylan<br>Paquette, Jenna      | Ferrisburgh<br>Ferrisburgh     |
| July 2020     | Fortune, Joseph<br>Goyette, Cristy     | Ferrisburgh<br>Ferrisburgh     |
| July 2020     | Bond-Watts, Tucker<br>Toal, Kristen    | Ferrisburgh<br>Ferrisburgh     |
| July 2020     | Hyunsuck, Son<br>LaDue, Holly          | New York<br>New York           |
| July 2020     | Vander Wey, Howard<br>DeSmit, Breanna  | Ferrisburgh<br>Panton          |
| August 2020   | Kaigle, Anthony<br>Fatnassi, Hehba     | Vergennes<br>So. Burlington    |

# CIVIL MARRIAGES Cont.

| <u>Date</u>    | <u>Names</u>                                | <u>Town</u>                      |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| September 2020 | Dion, Caleb<br>Stearns, Nicole              | Ferrisburgh<br>Ferrisburgh       |
| September 2020 | Emery, Shawn<br>Tabor, Samantha             | N. Ferrisburgh<br>N. Ferrisburgh |
| October 2020   | Evens, John<br>Birkett, Amy                 | New York<br>New York             |
| October 2020   | Small, Justin<br>Gannon, Brooke             | N. Ferrisburgh<br>N. Ferrisburgh |
| October 2020   | Frigo, Nicholas<br>Zarowein, Elissa         | N Ferrisburgh<br>N Ferrisburgh   |
| October 2020   | Epler, Joseph III<br>Burgess, Brenna        | Ferrisburgh<br>Ferrisburgh       |
| November 2020  | DeRosia, James<br>Hannon-Moonstone, Jadziah | Ferrisburgh<br>Ferrisburgh       |
| November 2020  | Tifft, Brandan<br>Fournier, Paige           | Rutland<br>Ferrisburgh           |

# DEATHS

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Date of Death</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Linda Hawkins      | February 2020        | 75         |
| Donald Bicknell    | March 2020           | 84         |
| Patricia Brown     | March 2020           | 90         |
| David Jackson      | March 2020           | 80         |
| Robert Peisch      | June 2020            | 70         |
| Ernest Benoit      | June 2020            | 74         |
| Robert Mitchell    | September 2020       | 86         |
| Connie Hawkins     | September 2020       | 72         |
| Chester Hawkins    | September 2020       | 73         |
| Judith Mace        | September 2020       | 81         |
| Edwin DeMott Sr.   | September 2020       | 86         |
| Bruce Martell      | October 2020         | 70         |
| Nellie Humiston    | November 2020        | 73         |
| Morris Ellison     | December 2020        | 71         |
| Jean Boutard       | December 2020        | 94         |
| Constance Goodrich | December 2020        | 70         |
| Rita Armell        | December 2020        | 89         |
| Kevin Barnes       | December 2020        | 66         |



The interior of the Union Meeting Hall this past summer, during a historical society talk. You can see the staging that is helping to keep the roof in place until it is repaired.  
– Courtesy of Ashley LaFlam

## **The Selectboard Report for 2020/2021**

### **Recognition:**

The Town of Ferrisburgh Selectboard would like to recognize our town employees. During this time of uncertainty and creative thinking due to the ongoing pandemic, our Town Office and Highway Department have been skillfully led by our Town Clerk and Road Foreman. They were able to effectively communicate and implement changes in their departments, all while safely supporting all the various Town operations. We would like to thank all our town employees in the office: Pam Cousino, Laurie Curler, Deb Healey, Bonnie Barnes, and Jean Silvera and our road crew: John Bull, Reilly LaBerge, Paul Bodington, Corey Collette, and Aaron Shondube.

We are also fortunate to have seasoned and new volunteers on our various boards and committees. Special recognition to the individuals working on the rewriting of our zoning bylaws, our Zoning Committee members, Land Use Regulation Update Committee members and our Planning Commission. Thank you to our Conservation Commission for working on our town forest trail and educating our town on subjects from natural habitats to Emerald Ash Borer. We also appreciate our Tree Warden, Cliff Mix, ensuring proper tree treatment in our town. Our Listers also deserve recognition as they performed their reviews, making timely updates and analyzing our CLA (certified level of appraisal). The world quickly changed a couple weeks after our annual Town Meeting, and these civil servants were able to accomplish the necessary tasks and functions which kept the town running to provide the quality of life that we enjoy in Ferrisburgh.

### **Quick Summary:**

We welcomed our newest member, Chris Campbell who was elected to serve a 2-year term. Jessica James was re-elected for a 3-year term and was appointed Chair. Clark Hinsdale was appointed as Vice Chair and Michael "Red" Muir was appointed Clerk. Our first meeting was held upstairs in the Community Center, our chairs were at least 6 feet apart with some of us attending in person and some on Zoom, an online meeting platform. After the Governor's Stay Home Stay Safe Order, we switched to Zoom meetings only and have not attended any in person regular meetings since. We have all continued our efforts on adapting to this new virtual meeting style, even though we prefer to see each other face to face and miss our parking lot chats with a neighbor or an old friend. The board strives for transparency while making decisions, and we all appreciate your opinions, comments, and feedback.

Emergency planning and preparedness took precedent this year and the Town of Ferrisburgh is truly fortunate to have continued guidance from our Emergency Management Director, Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department Chief Bill Wager. We collaborated with our neighboring municipal and community leaders to form the Covid-19 Northeast Addison County Task Force early in the pandemic. Our focus was to share information to the residents (with mailer and online postings) from the VT Department of Health, Situational Operation Center, Center for Disease Control and Governor Phil Scott. We worked with our town officials to create contingency plans for daily operations, working remotely, establishing protocols for cleaning, and creating physical barriers and installing a new secured ballot drop box to protect employees and citizens. Our meeting agendas have Covid-19 updates, and we will continue to share communication from state agencies and information shared during the weekly municipal leader conference calls.

This year the Selectboard gathered information on our properties, our buildings, and their maintenance status. We have received thorough reports from the Building Committee which informs us of property issues and repairs. These reports include the Town Hall, Union Meeting Hall, the Sister's property, and Historical Society building. We appreciate the dedication and expertise of the Building Maintenance Committee members and their plans on improving as well as maintaining these properties.

We also have worked on communication and sharing information. Right of Way information was shared on our property tax bills. A Town of Ferrisburgh Facebook page was created for social media presence. We delivered postcards to each of our residents with VT Department of Health Information, CDC updates and our own community contacts. We continue with Front Porch Forum posts and our Agendas, Warnings and Notices are posted in the same public areas (Town Hall, Ferrisburgh Post Office, North Ferrisburgh Post Office, and in West Ferrisburgh at the intersection of Basin Harbor Road & Jersey Street) also publishing in the Addison Independent as necessary.

As we ended out our year, we shifted towards Budget Planning and Capital Improvement Plans. The selectboard's duty is to present a budget for the citizens to approve. We have reviewed previous budgets, received updated reports from our treasurer, supported the cost of livable wages for our town employees, and adjusting for services and affordability. The Selectboard concluded after our reports from the departments, boards, and various committees, that we need to think of our future. We need to take the time with our experienced leaders and budget proficient citizens to strategically plan and make smart decisions with our town funds.

Take care and stay healthy.

Respectfully,  
Ferrisburgh Selectboard

Jessica James

Clark Hinsdale

Michael "Red" Muir

Jim Benoit

Chris Campbell



## **TOWN OF FERRISBURGH BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Building Maintenance committee is a sub-committee of the Selectboard. It meets twice a month. Minutes are posted on the Town Website and given to the Selectboard along with any written reports.

The committee is responsible for assessing the maintenance and repair needs of all the town buildings - Town Hall, Sisters House, Fire Station, Town Sheds and Union Meeting Hall - and recommending to the Selectboard proposed repair work. Minor repairs/maintenance can be approved by the committee. Major projects require prior approval from the full Selectboard. Funds available for this work are in the following accounts: Town Hall Maintenance; Town Buildings Reserve Fund; UMH Steeple Fund

Work completed or scheduled since last Town Meeting:

### **Town Offices and Community Center/Town Hall**

- Leaks in the tower, and in the basement were repaired - \$1,811
- The HVAC system was upgraded and tested to meet or exceed COVID guidance and keep our Town staff and visitors as safe as possible - \$6,195
- Minimal repair or maintenance work has been carried out on the Town Hall since it was built in 2008 and it has not been re-painted since then. An estimate of scope of work needed to repair the siding, front steps, roof slate and related issues has been completed and, pending resolution of issues with Breadloaf, this work will be put out to bid this year. We will also seek bids for painting the building once repairs are completed. Some of this work may be able to be completed in 2021.

**Fire Station** – The Fire Department has its own budget for routine maintenance and no additional town funds were expended in 2020.

**Town Sheds** – The Road Department has its own budget for routine maintenance and no additional town funds were expended in 2020.

**Sisters House, shed and garage** – This is the first house and two smaller buildings immediately south of the Town Hall. These are located on a 2 acre parcel which wraps around the Town Hall and includes the two parking lots and the solar array. The buildings, on a portion of land measuring 160 by 99 feet, are leased to a tenant. The lease requires the town to repair and maintain the buildings. The following work was conducted in 2020:

- Roof assessment and roof patch for a leak was completed. The Selectboard approved roof replacement at an estimated \$12,000 for spring 2021.
- The Building Committee conducted a site inspection in December 2020. Projected additional maintenance expenses for 2021 - \$10,000

Note that costs to Town in 2020 will be offset in part by rental income (\$7,800) which is deposited in General Operating, not the Building Maintenance Fund.

### **Union Meeting Hall -**

Town funds have been used to:

- Assess truss damage to the roof and stabilize temporarily - \$7,999
- Architectural drawings and estimates for scope of work needed to bring the building to fire and safety code for the present occupancy limit of 49 people and improved handicap access and ADA bathroom - \$9,330

Work Scheduled for 2021 completion:

- Completion of bathroom to ADA compliance, Emergency lighting and Exit signs, exterior electrical connections - estimated \$11,000

Work out to bid:

- Steeple repair- the Selectboard approved repair of the UMH steeple and a request for bids has been sent to local contractors. Awaiting estimates.

Additional repairs to UMH:

As explained at last Town Meeting, the Union Meeting Hall needs structural repair to the roof as well as a second ADA Exit and bathroom, improved ADA front entrance, ADA accessible stage, window repair and possible heating cooling upgrade. The goal is to use private donations and grants, and minimal Town funds to do this work to make

the building useable and rentable for the long run. Therefore, the Building Committee has been working in collaboration with the non-profit *Friends of the Union Meeting Hall*, to develop a phased 5 year Capital Budget Plan for the Union Meeting Hall which was built in 1840. We now have detailed architectural drawings and a good understanding of cost estimates.

Phase One work will be funded by the Friends of UMH, to include:

- Roof Truss repair – estimated \$103,000 – grant submitted by Friends. Hopefully this high priority work can be scheduled for summer 2021.
- ADA full compliance – second Exit, stage accessibility, second bathroom, front entrance upgrade – estimate \$80,000 – Friends will seek private donations and submit a grant in May 2021 for work to be scheduled for Fall 2021, or spring 2022

**Summary for Town Buildings Maintenance Fund:**

|                                                                                              |                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Total spent on all Town buildings in 2020:                                                   | (\$ 20,119)                               |
| Total town funds on hand Jan 1 2021:                                                         | \$139,505                                 |
| Anticipated Transfer 9/30/21                                                                 | \$ 70,000                                 |
| Anticipated income from Community rentals*:                                                  | \$ 3,000 *does not include Sisters rental |
| Anticipated total town funds available 2021:                                                 | <b>\$ 212,505</b>                         |
| Anticipated expenses for all buildings 2021: (\$100,000 -180,000)* awaiting final estimates. |                                           |

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael (Red) Muir, Chair  
Carl Cole, Vice Chair  
Silas Towler  
John Bull, Road Foreman  
Chief Bill Wager, Fire Department  
Craig Buntin  
Jean Richardson



The former public library that was located in the North Ferrisburgh Hollow. It has been a home for many years.

– Courtesy of Mike Magoon

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

It has been another busy and productive year in the town clerk's office, although there have been many changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to thank the many townspeople and researchers who have adapted to the new processes in our office as well as in our elections.

Statistics for 2020 include:

- Vital statistics recorded: 24 births, 21 marriages, and 17 deaths.
- Land records: 3,426 pages of land records were received for recording, an increase of 780 pages from 2019; these include warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, mortgages, mortgage discharges, easements, liens, and zoning permits.
- Licenses: 320 dog licenses, 19 applications for liquor licenses and 0 catering licenses, 21 Green Mountain Passports, and 57 Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department licenses were issued.
- Notary: 214 notary services were performed.
- Renewals: 32 motor vehicle registration renewals were processed.
- Voter registrations: 207 new voters were added. The total voter checklist is 2,218.
- Certified copies: Issued 76 certified copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates.

I became town clerk after Gloria Warden retired at the end of 2018. In January of 2019, we hired Laurie Curler as our assistant town clerk and assistant treasurer. She learned the job quickly and has been invaluable to our office. Laurie is very efficient and helps me stay on task. Jean Silveira is our assistant town clerk and office clerk. She answers the phone, works with people at the window, and assists with selectboard agendas. Deb Healey is the town treasurer and keeps everything running smoothly. Bonnie Barnes works in the office part time as the town's zoning administrator. Together we have a great team.

There were three elections in 2020. Although town meeting and the presidential primary were normal the state primary and general election presented many challenges. The general election in November was the first time a ballot had been sent to each registered voter in the state. That election went smoothly, despite the pandemic, thanks to the many people and town justices of the peace who volunteered at the election. Without their help, the election process would have been very difficult.

We were very saddened to learn of the passing of one of our justices of the peace, Judy Mace, just a few weeks before the general election. She had been a tremendous help and is sorely missed. Dr. Don Bicknell also passed in 2020. He was town moderator for 20 years and always ran his meetings with leadership, organization, and a sense of humor.

I would like to thank everyone in the town office along with John, Aaron, Corey, Paul, and Reilly of the road crew for all the assistance they have provided during the past year. Whenever we have issues, such as a failure with our flagpole, the road guys are always ready to help, with smiles on their faces. Red Muir, building committee chair, has also been a great help during this past year. The air handling system was upgraded with UV lights and improved filters to help keep the office air germ free. All of the selectboard members have been very supportive during these difficult times.

This year town meeting will be an informational virtual Zoom meeting held at the same time our normal town meeting would have been held. Since we are unable to vote on articles remotely, all articles will be voted on via Australian ballot for 2021 only. In March of 2022, we will revert to our normal town meeting.

I have been serving the people of Ferrisburgh for 22 years and am happy to be your town clerk. While it has been difficult for everyone during this pandemic, I hope to continue serving you as the light at the end of the tunnel starts to get brighter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Cousino

**TOWN TREASURER’S REPORT**

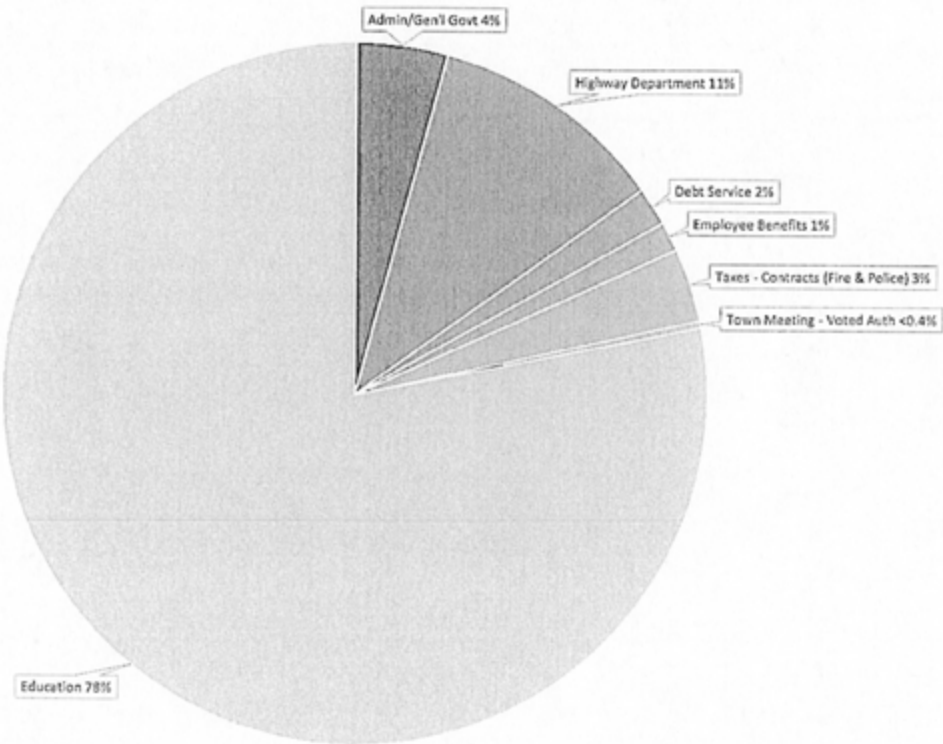
This year’s professional audit of the Town’s books disclosed no financial issues. We improved our fund balance to come in line with good accounting practices. Please take the time to read RHR Smith’s Management Letter. The Town’s financial status is good.

If there are any property owners experiencing financial difficulties due to loss of income from the Covid pandemic, you should know there is a process for property tax abatement. Please call or email me for information on how the abatement works.

I am grateful for the able assistance and good humor of Pam Cousino, Laurie Curler, Jean Silveira and Bonnie Barnes in the Town Offices, and so appreciative of the volunteers who manage our website, our buildings’ maintenance and have oversight of my Treasurer’s duties. Our Selectboard has been a pleasure to work for. I feel fortunate to be part of this community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,  
*Deb Healey*

**Actual Expenses FY 2019/2020**



## 2020 Town Highway Report

Happy New Year, and what a year it has been. As I wrote my report last year we had no idea how the world would change in the next few months. I hope you and your family have survived this pandemic and remain healthy. It looks like we can see a little light at the end of the tunnel. Here's hoping that the vaccine rollout will be successful and we can move forward with social gathering and visiting family again.

One of the effects of covid was the need to come up with a plan if our crew became infected or sick when we were having a weather event. Inter municipality agreements were discussed, along with many other options. We are so fortunate to live in Addison County. Over twenty-five years ago, the Road Foreman created a group for purchasing power, the joint ownership of equipment, sharing information and techniques, along with responding to neighboring Towns when a disaster hits. Each of our members committed to helping any neighboring town in the event they became shorthanded. This year we plan to enter into a formal mutual aid agreement that allows us to not only be released from liability, but also to be reimbursed if a natural disaster is declared.

Our project list needed to be rearranged due to Covid restrictions and exposure to Covid. For the majority of the construction season we were short staffed. Major construction projects were put on hold along with paving projects. Our focus was on normal maintenance and any safety issues.

We did replace many failing culverts. Button Bay Road, Sand Road, Fuller Mountain Road, Buckwheat Street all had culverts replaced this year. We cleaned and repaired the planks on the Wing Road Bridge, finished a Storm water project on Satterly Road (this was funded by a \$21,000.00 grant) and ditched many other areas. These projects are all part of our ongoing program to bring our highway system up to date with the new storm water regulations.

With these projects finished we are nearing completion of our high and moderate priority sections. The next project will include sections of Four Winds Road and Fuller Mountain Road. This project will also be funded through the storm water program.

We finished up with 2019 paving this Spring and did not do any of our 2020 projects last Summer. Our plan in 2021 is to do the projects from last year and also this year's list. I just completed our semiannual pavement condition survey and I'm working on the list to be upgraded for this coming year.

The Town's Municipal employee's and volunteer staff suffered a double loss with the tragic deaths of Chet and Connie Hawkins. I cannot even begin to describe the character and dry humor Chet brought to every situation. He was always ready to step in and help out the Town when we needed a position filled. I already miss the friendly banter (and Connie's mischievous smile) that we shared about current events. Sam Cutting III, founder of Dakin Farm also left us this year. Sam and Joan started Dakin Farm when Sam was still in the Air Force. I loved the story of how Sam would run across the road to the shop when he saw a customer pull in. Dakin Road is not the same without their friendship and support.

Please slowdown in our work zones and pay attention to our crew. We need to send Paul Bodington, Aaron Schondube, Reilly Laberge and Corey Collette safely home to family and friends. Your roads would be rough, dusty and snow covered if not for their hard work!

John Bull  
Ferrisburgh Highway

## **Planning Commission Report**

The Planning Commission had a busy year. It was our goal to complete the Ferrisburgh Land Use Regulations (formerly Zoning Bylaws) update.

Members of the team are Bonnie Barnes, Bob Beach, Gail Blasius, Anne Cohn, Carl Cole, Kristen DeBellis, Clark Hinsdale, Arabella Holzapfel, Karen Pettersen, Kurt Plank, Jean Richardson and Norm Smith. Arabella Holzapfel led this group which included members of the planning and zoning boards. In addition, many talented Ferrisburgh residents offered their services to help with this task. This process resulted in a completed document that has had the required public hearings by the Planning Commission and Selectboard. These Land Use Regulations will be voted on during Town Meeting Day, and if approved by voters, will become the new version for 2021 and the future.

In addition, the Town secured a planning grant to explore future opportunities for growth along the Route Seven corridor and that will be the next project that the Commission will be working on.

Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and comments are always welcome. Agendas and meeting minutes can be found on the town web site ([www.FerrisburghVT.org](http://www.FerrisburghVT.org)).

Thank you,

Bob Beach  
Chair for the Planning Commission.



## **THE FERRISBURGH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of seven members who are appointed by the Select Board for a term of three years. The members of the Board are volunteers who have diverse backgrounds, which is important due to the wide range of applications submitted to the Board. This past year has been particularly challenging because of the pandemic. Beginning in April, there were no in person hearings. Instead, they were held through Zoom. Although challenging, the Board was able to deal with Applications and render decisions as needed.

The Zoning Board is a quasi judicial Board. Review of all applications submitted to the Board are held in publicly warned hearings. The applicant presents the details of the application. Persons who wish to speak for or against the application may be heard or can be represented by an attorney. The minutes of the meeting are taken by the secretary for the Board and posted for the public.

Decisions of the Board are made by applying the zoning by-laws to the evidence and arguments presented at the Hearing. Often there is a site visit to review the proposed use. The Board may impose conditions as part of its approval. The Board issues written decisions, which are to be enforced by the Zoning Administrator. In 2020, the Board reviewed 22 applications.

The Zoning By-Laws set forth specific districts in the Town. The Bylaws contain permitted uses and conditional uses, as well as dimensional standards, for each district. The By-laws are available on the Town Website at [www.ferrisburghvt.org](http://www.ferrisburghvt.org).

Applications for permitted uses can be granted by the Zoning Administrator. The Board reviews applications for conditional uses. The Board also hears appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decisions.

There is a zoning map which defines the zoning districts and these are part of the by-laws. There are definitions which are designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare and manage growth in Ferrisburgh. Other purposes include the conservation of rural agricultural land, and protecting land, water, wetland, forests and wildlife resources in the town. The overall purpose is to preserve the quality of life and enhance Ferrisburgh's sense of community.

Members of the Board participated in the review of the current Zoning Bylaws. In connection with the review, the Board wishes to thank Jean Richardson, who helped tremendously in the drafting and redrafting of the Bylaws.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Ferrisburgh Town Clerk's office at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

Norman C. Smith, Chair  
Bob Beach  
Mike Delaney  
David Mentzer  
Diane Nadon  
John Paul  
Katie Quinn

### Zoning Permit Summary

|                                   | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| New Houses                        | 7           | 7           | 4           | 5           | 7           |
| Seasonal to Full Time             | 1           | 1           | 0           | 1           | 0           |
| <b>Total New Residences</b>       | <b>8</b>    | <b>8</b>    | <b>4</b>    | <b>6</b>    | <b>7</b>    |
| Replacement Houses                | 1           | 1           | 3           | 1           | 3           |
| House Addition/Renovations        | 5           | 12          | 8           | 11          | 11          |
| Accessory Dwelling Unit           | 2           | 5           | 0           | 0           | 4           |
| Garage/Barn/Shed                  | 31          | 21          | 19          | 22          | 14          |
| Additions to Accessory Bldg.      | 3           | 0           | 4           | 1           | 11          |
| Commercial                        | 7           | 2           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Decks/Porches/Docks               | 9           | 18          | 11          | 11          | 3           |
| Pools/Ponds/Fences                | 6           | 1           | 5           | 2           | 2           |
| Solar                             | 5           | 3           | 4           | 3           |             |
| Home Occupation                   | 2           | 5           | 2           | 0           | 0           |
| Recreation                        | 0           | 1           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Signs                             | 1           | 4           | 2           | 3           | 2           |
| Certificate of Compliance         | 55          | 42          | 33          | 49          | 58          |
| Renewals                          | 1           | 1           | 0           | 4           | 5           |
| Withdrawn                         | 2           | 3           | 0           | 3           | 0           |
| Denied                            | 0           | 0           | 0           | 1           | 1           |
| Amendment                         | 1           | 1           | 0           | 1           | 0           |
| Boundary Adjustments              | 0           | 2           | 1           | 3           | 2           |
| 2-Lot Subdivisions                | 2           | 2           | 2           | 0           | 4           |
| Sketch Plans                      | 2           | 1           | 6           | 5           | 9           |
| Preliminary Plats                 | 0           | 0           | 0           | 2           | 4           |
| Final Plats                       | 1           | 0           | 6           | 0           | 0           |
| Agricultural/Exempt               | 6           | 7           | 6           | 3           |             |
| <b>Total Permit Applications*</b> | <b>150</b>  | <b>130</b>  | <b>117</b>  | <b>132</b>  | <b>143</b>  |
| <b>Violations</b>                 | <b>0</b>    | <b>1</b>    | <b>2</b>    | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>    |

### Zoning Board of Adjustment Summary

|                                 |           |           |   |    |   |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|----|---|
| Conditional Use                 | 20        | 22        | 6 | 14 | 9 |
| Variance, Waiver                | 2         | 3         | 1 | 0  | 0 |
| Appeals                         | 0         | 1         | 0 | 0  | 2 |
| <b>Total Number of Hearings</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>26</b> |   |    |   |

Bonnie Barnes, Zoning Administrator

## **Town of Ferrisburgh 2020 Listers Report**

The Ferrisburgh Listers Annual Assessment work (building permits/land subdivisions, etc.) in 2019-2020 resulted in an increase of the Town's Grand List from **\$575,855,409** to **\$582,700,600**, totaling a **\$6,845,191** increase.

- As of April 1, 2020, there were 1,547 properties in the Township of Ferrisburgh. The breakdown by property type was as follows:

884 Houses  
64 Mobile Homes  
14 Vacation/Seasonal Properties (non-Lake Champlain properties)  
282 Lake Champlain Properties  
50 Farms  
62 Commercial  
0 Industrial  
15 Utilities  
181 Miscellaneous (mostly vacant land)  
**1,552 Total Properties**

- A total of 158 Change of Appraisal Notices for 2020 were mailed out to town property owners.
- Formal Grievance Hearings were held on June 25, 2020. A total of 15 property owners filed grievances. Any property owner who does not receive a Change of Appraisal Notice, but feels their assessment is incorrect, should contact Pam Cousino, Town Clerk, to be notified of the Grievance Hearing schedule before April 1, 2021.
- The 15 Listers Grievance appeals were all resolved apart from two property owners who appealed to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). The BCA Hearings were held in November and December of 2020. The BCA's final decisions upheld one of the Listers 2020 assessments. The other was resolved before a BCA decision via a Listers Correction, reducing the assessment by \$168,800. The results and details of the BCA Hearings can be reviewed at the Ferrisburgh Town Office. There were two appeals to the State Board of Appraisers submitted in 2019, which have hearings scheduled in January 2021.
- A total of 120 building/zoning permits were processed by Bonnie Barnes, the Town Zoning Administrator, during 2020.
- Vermont Law requires towns to be assessed at 100% of Fair Market Value; Vermont Education Taxes are based on the market value of all properties in a town. The State Tax Department does an annual correlation (Equalization Sales Study) of the listed values compared to the most recent three years of sale prices for each town. (The current Study includes sales from April 1, 2017, through April 1, 2020.) It determines the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and the coefficient of dispersion (COD), which measures equity and the fair distribution of property taxes paid by owners of different categories of Real Estate (i.e., commercial, residential, vacant land, etc.). When listed values fall below 85% or over 115% of fair market value or a coefficient of dispersion greater than 20%, the State requires a town-wide reappraisal. The Town of Ferrisburgh's State of Vermont's Annual Certified Equalization Education Property Value Notice was received from the Vermont Department of Taxes on December 22, 2020. **The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 98.22%, with a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) of 16.27%.** The new 98.22% CLA showed a decrease over the 100.71% CLA in 2019,

indicating a slight increase in sale prices of sales data analyzed. We have noted that the volume of sales transactions in Addison County has begun to decrease as the Addison County Multiple Listing Service (MLS) inventory overall has been falling. Based on the state's data, "A COD of 10% or lower is considered to reflect a relatively high level of equity across taxpayer's assessments." The 2020-2021 town tax rates are:

Residential:               \$2.0825 per \$100 of assessed value  
Non-Residential:       \$1.9393 per \$100 of assessed value

- **The impact of the CLA on property taxes can't be overstated. As the CLA decreases, the 'tax penalty' increases. As more years pass between a Town's full reappraisal, it is expected to see a gradual decrease; however, any steps the Board of Listers can take to slow that decline directly impacts your property taxes. To illustrate that fact, the table below shows the CLA for neighboring towns with a town-wide reappraisal performed more than four years ago (Ferrisburgh's last reappraisal was in 2013). In 2020, the average for the non-Ferrisburgh towns was 92.73. If that CLA was applied to the Town of Ferrisburgh for the 2020 tax year, it would increase approximately \$314/ year for a \$300,000 assessed home. Overall, it would be a \$732,000 /per year increase in Ferrisburgh residents' taxes.**

|                    | CLA comparison (towns with last reappraisal > 3 years) |               |               |               |              |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
|                    | 2016                                                   | 2017          | 2018          | 2019          | 2020         |
| <b>Ferrisburgh</b> | <b>104.73</b>                                          | <b>102.97</b> | <b>102.26</b> | <b>100.71</b> | <b>98.22</b> |
| <b>Vergennes</b>   | <b>100.48</b>                                          | <b>101.82</b> | <b>100.11</b> | <b>96.01</b>  | <b>91.79</b> |
| <b>New Haven</b>   | <b>97.89</b>                                           | <b>96.7</b>   | <b>95.5</b>   | <b>93.51</b>  | <b>91.42</b> |
| <b>Charlotte</b>   | <b>99</b>                                              | <b>98.28</b>  | <b>97.66</b>  | <b>95.72</b>  | <b>94.99</b> |
| <b>Statewide</b>   | <b>99.5</b>                                            | <b>98.7</b>   | <b>97.3</b>   | <b>95.6</b>   | <b>none</b>  |
|                    |                                                        |               |               |               |              |

- It should be noted that solar array projects above 50,000 watts are considered taxable by the State of Vermont and municipalities. Ferrisburgh has nine solar properties in this category. They are assessed on an income approach basis. The local tax is based on the Ferrisburgh municipal, non-residential tax rate. Instead of a state education tax rate, a flat tax (a/k/a Solar Energy Capacity Tax) of \$4.00/kilowatt times the solar plant's capacity is levied. This tax is billed directly to the owner or lessee of the Vermont Tax Department's solar array and is due on April 15 of each year.
- The Listers continue to deal with several misconceptions covering the need for zoning building permits. To clarify, all property owners contemplating any construction or land development (including agricultural buildings) should contact Bonnie Barnes, the Town of Ferrisburgh Zoning Administrator. She will determine if a building permit is necessary. The Listers obtain copies of all the building permits/zoning permits and perform interior inspections on these properties throughout the year. The effective date of all the Change of Assessments is April 1 of each year. Properties that are unfinished as of April 1 are re-inspected the following year and thereafter until completion.
- There were six (6) listers corrections to the 2020 Grand List approved by the Selectboard.

The Listers and Justus J. DeVries, Jr., Inc.'s staff would like to thank the Ferrisburgh residents and property owners for their help and cooperation during the annual building permit inspection process.

Maintaining an up-to-date grand list assures that all property owners will be taxed equitably. The Listers and Justus DeVries, Jr. are available to discuss any questions or concerns with the 2020-2021 assessments and on-going building permit and Grand List changes.

Thank you, and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Listers or Justus J. DeVries, Inc.

*Respectfully Submitted:*  
*Joseph Blasius*  
*Brian Goodyear*  
*Roderick Cole*  
*-Ferrisburgh Listers-*



Our newest town truck. A tandem Mack with all of the snowplowing attachments.  
– Courtesy of John Bull

**Town of Ferrisburgh Sales per the Addison County Multiple Listing Service**

| Sale Category      | Sale 2020 | Sale 2019 | Sales 2018 | Sales 2017 | Sales 2016 | Sales 2015 | Sales 2014 | Sales 2013 | Sales 2012 | Sales 2011 | Sales 2010 | Sales 2009 | Sales 2008 |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Residential        | 34        | 40        | 26         | 40         | 42         | 30         | 26         | 30         | 17         | 21         | 21         | 23         | 16         |
| Vacant Land        | 5         | 7         | 3          | 2          | 7          | 4          | 4          | 4          | 5          | 1          | 1          | 1          | 6          |
| Commercial         | 2         | 0         | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 2          |
| Multi-Family       | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0          | 2          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| <b>TOTAL SALES</b> |           | <b>47</b> | <b>29</b>  | <b>42</b>  | <b>52</b>  | <b>34</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>34</b>  | <b>22</b>  | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>  | <b>24</b>  |

**Town of Ferrisburgh Municipal Tax Rates**

| <b>Residential Tax Rate</b> |                                 |          |          |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Year                        | Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) | Tax Rate | % Change |
| 2006                        | 101.64%                         | \$1.5213 | -        |
| 2007                        | 95.75%                          | \$1.4888 | - 2.14%  |
| 2008                        | 92.53%                          | \$1.5904 | 6.82%    |
| 2009                        | 88.84%                          | \$1.6297 | 2.47%    |
| 2010                        | 90.37%                          | \$1.7806 | 9.26%    |
| 2011                        | 99.06%                          | \$1.7334 | - 2.65%  |
| 2012                        | 100.36%                         | \$1.6276 | - 6.10%  |
| *2013                       | 102.01%                         | \$1.5474 | - 4.93%  |
| 2014                        | 102.70%                         | \$1.7893 | 15.6%    |
| 2015                        | 104.72%                         | \$1.9000 | 6.19%    |
| 2016                        | 104.73%                         | \$1.9701 | 3.69%    |
| 2017                        | 102.97%                         | \$1.8226 | - 7.49%  |
| 2018                        | 102.26%                         | \$1.8959 | 4.02%    |
| 2019                        | 100.71%                         | \$2.0125 | 6.15%    |
| 2020                        | 98.22%                          | \$2.0825 | 3.69%    |

| <b>Non-Residential Tax Rate</b> |         |          |          |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Year                            | *CLA    | Tax Rate | % Change |
| 2006                            | 101.64% | \$1.5212 |          |
| 2007                            | 95.75%  | \$1.5728 | 3.39%    |
| 2008                            | 92.53%  | \$1.6870 | 7.26%    |
| 2009                            | 88.84%  | \$1.7212 | 2.03%    |
| 2010                            | 90.37%  | \$1.7945 | 4.26%    |
| 2011                            | 99.06%  | \$1.7539 | - 2.26%  |
| 2012                            | 100.36% | \$1.6675 | - 4.93%  |
| *2013                           | 102.01% | \$1.5681 | - 5.96%  |
| 2014                            | 102.70% | \$1.7187 | 9.60%    |
| 2015                            | 104.72% | \$1.7619 | 2.51%    |
| 2016                            | 104.73% | \$1.7389 | - 1.34%  |
| 2017                            | 102.97% | \$1.7305 | - 0.48%  |
| 2018                            | 102.26% | \$1.8296 | 5.73%    |
| 2019                            | 100.71% | \$1.8722 | 2.33%    |
| 2020                            | 98.22%  | \$1.9393 | 3.67%    |

\* 2013 was the last town-wide reappraisal



## Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission 2020 Annual Report

The Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission focuses on three key activities: education, advising, and stewardship. In collaboration with town volunteers and community experts, we continue to protect and steward Ferrisburgh's vital and varied habitats and natural resources.

### Educational Programs

In 2020, we hosted two educational programs. In January, Sue Morse [Keeping Track, Inc.] led a *Town Forest Walk*, when she taught us about bobcats and other wildlife, as well as the habitats they need to survive and thrive. In February, we collaborated with Rokeby Museum on a program by Alyssa Bennett, Vermont State Small Mammals Biologist, about *Bats of the Champlain Valley*. The Conservation Commission also finalized a Town Conservation Brochure, which has been sent out to a local design group for final touches and printing, and will be available in 2021.

### Stewardship & Community-Based Science

The Conservation Commission continued to work with Cliff Mix [Town Tree Warden] and the Town Highway Department to finalize an inventory of all roadside ash trees, as the first step of an Emerald Ash Community Preparedness Plan. We also continued to provide stewardship of the Town Forest on Shellhouse Mountain, most recently by providing a map showing the access route across private property into the forest, and by assisting with brush-clearing on the access route. *Please note there are no marked trails in the Town Forest; see the Conservation Commission's webpage for the requested walking route to the Town Forest.*



[Photo: Ron Ulmer, 5/17/2020, Lewis Creek Drive, Ferrisburgh].

We continued to maintain a database of reported wildlife sightings in town. Sightings of note in 2020 included red foxes, bobcats, moose, bears [LOTS of bears ...], turkeys, bluebirds and coyotes. We ask residents to continue to send us notes about sightings [and photos!].

### Natural Resource Advisory Role to Town Boards

As in years past, town boards relied on the Conservation Commission for input regarding natural resources that might be impacted by zoning permit applications, and in updating the zoning bylaws.

We participated in the Ferrisburgh Land Use Regulations Update initiative, including reviewing the analysis of the existing zoning and subdivision regulations as compared to the current town plan, and providing input regarding natural resources and conservation topics in the proposed regulations.

We'd all like to extend heartfelt thanks to Dennis Armell, who stepped down after 27 years of valuable service to the town as a Conservation Commission member.

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Heindel, Chairman  
Karen Pettersen, Secretary  
Dennis Armell, Treasurer  
Jen Cirillo

Jadziah DeRosia  
Amy Dohner  
Krista Hoffsis  
Ron DeBellis

## **BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY AND BOARD OF ABATEMENT REPORT FOR 2020**

The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) consists of the 10 Justices of the Peace, 5 members of the Selectboard and the Town Clerk. When town taxpayers believe that the Listers' appraised value of their property is not fair, they may "grieve" to the Board of Listers first, and if they are still not satisfied, they appeal from the Listers to the BCA. A minimum of 3 of BCA members are required to hear the appeal. The common Level of Assessment (CLA) for Ferrisburgh is very close to the 100% level as determined by the state (presently 98.22%). The taxpayer appealing their appraisal has the burden of producing sufficient evidence to persuade the BCA that the Listers appraisal is incorrect.

In 2020 the BCA received 2 Appeals:

- One appeal was withdrawn after the public hearing because a Listers' Error was identified and corrected.
- The other appeal, following the hearing and required site visit, was denied.

The Board of Abatement (BOA) consists of all of the members of the BCA, plus the Town Treasurer and the Listers. That is a total of 20, and at least 11 of those is normally required to conduct the public hearing because any abatement amounts will have an impact on the Grand List. Those taxpayers who request Abatement must meet one of the specific criteria laid out in the Statutes (24 VSA Section 1535(a)), such as loss of property by fire, or unable to pay taxes in whole or in part due to health reasons, death of spouse etc.

In 2020 the BOA received one request, which was granted.

The BCA/BOA notes with sadness the unexpected passing of Judy Mace. As a Justice of the Peace, Judy was a consistently active participant in BCA and BOA appeals for many years, attending hearings and site visits, and always with a good sense of humor and understanding. She will be sorely missed.

These appeals and requests are never easy, often complicated, and always time consuming. Thank you very much to all who so thoughtfully participated this last year. Your time and energy is much appreciated by everyone in Town



Jean Richardson  
Chair of BCA and BOA.

## Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report 2020

This past year, our lives have all been impacted by a global pandemic in many ways. This includes the effect on our emergency services that protect our community. Our fire department has learned how adapt to provide services during these difficult times. We have learned how to master virtual communications, develop special response protocols, and maintain our skills for emergency mitigation. We have been involved in many stages of the COVID-19 onset. The leadership of our department joined forces with the town select board to form a regional management group. This team pulled many groups together to share resources. This demonstrated the true Vermont way of life, (neighbor helping neighbor).

We responded to 81 calls in 2020, this represents a 15% increase to our annual call volume. Our services encompass an increasing variety of missions for our community. Our responses include fire suppression, motor vehicle accidents, carbon monoxide investigations, water and ice rescue, hazardous material incidents, medical assistance, medivac, and unlawful burn investigations.

We are proud to announce two of our members have been recognized by the Addison County Firefighters Association in 2020;

Jeff Vigne was appointed *Fire Fighter of the Year*. Jeff is a dedicated member of our department, serving over 30 years. He has held many positions including President, Captain, and Secretary. Jeff is an extremely active member, who is always willing to serve his community.

Joe Bashaw was appointed *Fire Maintenance Technician of the Year*. Joe joined our department 3 years ago and has become a loyal and dedicated member. He has jumped in being our (go to) for fixing plumbing issues in the station and helping with repairs on the trucks.

This past year we were sadden by the passing of a former member, Sam Cutting Sr. Sam was an Assistant Chief in our department who was an instrumental member who help guide and shape our department. He was an icon of our community and was always willing to help.

Even with the unusual circumstances of a pandemic we were able to conduct a safe chicken barbeque. We couldn't offer community dinning but we were able to coordinate a drive up service. We served over 500 dinners in about 45 minutes. We were unable to hold our annual open house and pancake breakfast.

We would like to thank the residents for their continued support and kindness. If you are interested in serving your community, please consider joining our team.

Respectfully,

William Wager Chief

## Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department Membership

|                  |                         |                   |                           |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Jim Averill      | Trustee                 | George Gardner    | Life Member               |
| Joe Bashaw       | Specialist              | David Grippin     | Treasurer / LM            |
| Crew Bertrand    | Fire Fighter            | Paul Hoffman      | Chaplain / LM             |
| Adam Bunde       | Fire Fighter            | George Marcotte   | Retired Chief /LM         |
| Mark Chaffee     | Deputy Chief            | Jon Soter         | Life Member               |
| Art Cohn         | Fire Fighter / Chaplain | Dylan Stearns     | Cadet                     |
| Corey Collette   | Fire Fighter            | Spencer White     | Cadet                     |
| Mike Coyle       | Fire Fighter            | Jacob Hanlon      | Cadet                     |
| Shane Coyle      | Captain                 | Caylib Gaboriault | Cadet                     |
| Ryan Cushing     | Assistant Chief         | Evan Ambrose      | Cadet                     |
| Adam Delisle     | Lieutenant              | Bill Wager        | Chief                     |
| Michael Dykstra  | Fire Fighter            | Brandon Wagner    | Fire Fighter              |
| Shaw Emery       | Fire Fighter            | Rick White        | Fire Fighter              |
| Kenney Lemner    | President               | Travis Kimball    | Probationary Fire Fighter |
| Peter McNichol   | Captain / Secretary     | Dave Bowles       | Retired Chief/Life Mem.   |
| Roger Richmond   | Specialist              | Tony Caruso       | Life Member               |
| Tyler Shortsleve | Fire Fighter            | Mike Donnelly     | Life Member               |
| Justin Soter     | Training Officer        |                   |                           |
| Jeff Vigne       | Fire Fighter            |                   |                           |

## Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department Inc. Annual Contract Projection

| Category       | 2020 Budget     | 2021 Budget     |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Facilities     | \$7,850         | \$8,158         |
| Trucks         | \$8,000         | \$9,000         |
| Equipment      | \$18,700        | \$23,950        |
| Insurance      | \$16,800        | \$15,200        |
| Communications | \$8,945         | \$10,100        |
| Training       | \$3,500         | \$2,500         |
| General        | \$6,350         | \$6,850         |
| Incentive      | \$17,000        | \$15,000        |
| Totals         | <u>\$87,145</u> | <u>\$90,758</u> |



Early members and supporters of the fire department, taken in 1962.  
Front row left to right: Chief Harris Yandow, Sam Cutting, Al Gmyrek  
Back left to right – Clifford Yandow, Harold Gebo, Carl Bull  
– Courtesy of Bill Wager



Early members of the fire department.

Front row left to right: Al Gmyrek, Chuck Donnelly, Adolph Rotax, Clint Rivers, Chief Harris Yandow

Top left to right – Earl Fisher, Harold Gebo, Bruce Hill

– Courtesy of Bill Wager





The Friends of the Union Meeting Hall (F.U.M.H.) have been delighted with the support and enthusiasm from the Town of Ferrisburgh to move ahead with their effort to restore and re-open the exquisite Union Meeting Hall for the benefit of our community. The challenges of the past year have intensified our appetite for social gatherings and fortified the determination of the F.U.M.H. to be ready with a welcoming, flexible-use space when the pandemic threat recedes.

To that end, the Board of Directors have been working with the Town of Ferrisburgh, private and public grant-making foundations, and individual donors to secure the first phase of funding for work on the steeple, the roof, and an ADA-accessible bathroom and front entrance. They have also created a Programming Committee, which has rolled out the first annual "Pumpkin Carving Competition and Jack O'Lantern Display" and the first annual "Thankful Tree," on the grounds in front of the building.

Future outdoor events, in advance of the re-opening of the building, include the annual sugar maple tapping, an historical event celebrating Frederick Douglass' Ferrisburgh speech, participation in a grand, town wide "Ferrisburgh Day," a Farmer's Market and food vendor space with live music, and outdoor classes and workshops.

The F.U.M.H recently added Kristen Kuhns as a Trustee. Kristen graduated from Vergennes Union High School in 2006 and after graduate school went on to pursue a career as a professional fundraising and nonprofit planning consultant with CCS Fundraising (New York, NY).. Kristen has been providing pro-bono professional guidance to help the Board formulate a fundraising plan moving forward.

The Friends of the Union Meeting Hall invite anyone wishing to support our work to email us at [unionmeetinghall@gmail.com](mailto:unionmeetinghall@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Ashley LaFlam, President  
Kate Yarbrough, Vice President  
Mary Neffinger, Treasurer and Secretary  
Kristen Kuhns, Trustee

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## Ferrisburgh Historical Society Report



The purpose of the Ferrisburgh Historical Society, Inc., is to bring together those people interested in history, especially the history of this area.

- The Society's main function is to discover and collect any material that may help to establish or illustrate the history of Ferrisburgh and surrounding area. We collect printed, manuscript, and museum material. The Society will provide for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility, as far as may be feasible.

The Historical Society occupies the former Center School on the corner of Little Chicago Road and Ethan Allen Highway. The Center School is the only one room schoolhouse that is still Town owned. We store historical documents, photos, and artifacts in a large walk-in vault. Appointments are available so that the general public has access to the information. We keep records of our inventory and catalogue our archival materials as they are donated or otherwise obtained, which is an ongoing process.

The Society would like to collect more original photos and scan these so that they are available to everyone. If you have photos of historical significance, or even photos of quiet local life, but wish to keep them and are willing to have them scanned, please contact the Ferrisburgh Historical Society at 425-3380 or [silastowler@comcast.net](mailto:silastowler@comcast.net). Please, don't throw away old Ferrisburgh photos!! Let us care for them.

The Society offers for sale two items of local interest. The first is a new book, *A History of the Village of North Ferrisburgh*, written by town resident Jean Richardson. Published by the Society, Jean's work is an in-depth look of many properties, families, and life in the Hollow through the years. Thank you, Jean. The second is a documentary film of interviews and local history. Ed Dooley, of Mad River Media, produced the film, and donated it to the Society to use as a fundraiser. We thank you, Ed. The book and the DVD are available for purchase at the Town Offices.

This year our meetings have been suspended due to the Covid-19 situation. We will resume regular meetings when we can. Our Secretary emails along articles and links to virtual events of local interest that come from the Vermont Historical Society. Please join our mailing list if you'd like to receive these announcements. Let Sheri know, at [Ferrisburgh.Historical.Society@gmail.com](mailto:Ferrisburgh.Historical.Society@gmail.com)

Meetings are typically the second Sunday afternoon of each month, at 2:00 PM, from October – June. During the winter months, we have our meetings at the Town Offices and Community Center building on the same second Sunday at 2:00 PM. Notices of meetings can be found in local publications or on the town website. We also email announcements of our meetings as well as other events of historical interest. To get on our email list, drop us a note. Better yet, join us. We welcome new members and guests always.

Respectfully submitted,

Silas Towler, President

Sheri Arroyo, Secretary

Charlie Langworthy, Vice-President

Gail Blasius, Treasurer

The Bixby Memorial Free Library proudly serves all community members of Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Waltham, and Vergennes. We offer an open, welcoming community center and access to an abundance of shared, free resources for professional, family, personal, and leisure needs and interests.

2019-2020 presented unanticipated challenges to fulfill our role during the Covid-19 pandemic. Our response was to move quickly and creatively to find new ways to meet people's evolving needs. First, we closed the library's building to everyone except staff and volunteers to help slow the spread of Covid-19 and reduce the risk to us so we could serve as many people as possible, rather than just the limited number who might want to be in the building. Then, we greatly expanded the number of books, movies, databases, and educational materials for people to access online from the safety of their homes. Through our curbside pickup program, we figured out how to safely get the *physical* books and DVDs that our community members wanted. This service is now available 5 days a week.

We increased the frequency of our e-newsletter from once a month to once a week and packed it full of updates on Covid guidance and Bixby programs. We hosted some very fun and popular online programs, including making Sauerkraut (50+ families!) and Take Your Casual Birding Up a Notch (200+ registered!) We partnered with local organizations to highlight other resources, services, and events.

The Trustees selected Addison native and Panton resident Catharine Findiesen Hays as the new Library Director. Becky Johnston assumed the role of Assistant Director, with Maddy Wilwerth moving out of state. Laura Fetterolf became Children and Youth Librarian replacing Rachel Plant who retired after many years of generous service and Ashley Bolger joined as Temporary Adult Services Librarian.

According to the numbers from our 2019-2020 library report, which runs from July 1 through June 30, 20,208 individuals visited the library which represents a decrease since last year due to the months we were closed. Despite this, almost 100 new families or individuals registered for library cards this year..

In 2019-2020, people borrowed 18,493 items and accessed our digital resources over 7,000 times. 1,348 people accessed our database resources and 105 families or individuals took advantage of our museum and state park passes. Over 5,000 people from our five towns attended our programs, while we were able to host 87 meetings for local groups free of charge. Before we closed, we were also privileged to partner with the Shelburne Craft School to display artwork from eight of their students.

38% of Ferrisburgh residents have a Bixby library card, which saves them an average of \$87.00 on physical items including books and DVDs; along with an additional \$56.00 on ebooks, reference, and research questions, museum passes, and more. Ferrisburgh taxpayers can calculate how much the Bixby can personally save them by using the American Library Association's library value calculator: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/library-value-calculator>.

To learn more about the Bixby, speak with Ferrisburgh's representatives on the Board of Trustees: Marsha Hoffman, Pat Mayo, and Silas Towler or contact Catharine Hays, Library Director, at [catharine.hays@bixbylibrary.org](mailto:catharine.hays@bixbylibrary.org). We encourage you to reach out to your librarians for assistance in accessing library resources by calling (802) 877-2211 or visit our website at <https://bixbylibrary.org> where you can subscribe to Bixby's newsletter and *sign up for a free library card if you don't have one yet*.

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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## Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2020

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2020 fiscal year:

### Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning municipal government.
- Represented the Region in Act 250 and Section 248 hearings.
- Assisted municipalities in applying for Village Center Designation.
- Worked with Ferrisburgh and Shoreham on their 2020 municipal planning grants to create housing
- Continued work on the update of the Population and Housing section of the regional plan.

### Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops, Zoning Administrators Roundtables and monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics, including water quality, housing and planning essentials.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

### Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County's Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC 8) and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning and training.
- Hosted Local Emergency Management Plan training for town Emergency Managers and hosted a Tier II workshop for municipalities and businesses required to report hazardous chemicals.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted in development of a hazard mitigation plan for the Town of Lincoln, and completion of FEMA requirements and acceptance for the Town of Ripton.
- Assisted communities in completing Local Emergency Management Plans to maintain ERAF status.
- Provided COVID-19 updates and information to Town Officials and Emergency Managers
- Assisted in developing a Mutual Aid agreement for Public Works Departments

### Energy Planning:

- Assisted a Bristol, Pantton New Haven and Shoreham in completing their enhanced energy plans and strengthening policies supporting renewable energy.
- Worked with five municipalities; Monkton, Pantton, Salisbury, Vergennes and Weybridge through the process of regional approval of their Enhanced Energy Plans.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.
- Hosted 4 roundtables of municipal energy committees and coordinators

### Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's regional priorities and studies.
- Supported Tri-Valley Transit/ACTR by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce road erosion inventories for local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, structures, and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for sidewalk construction projects in Middlebury and Weybridge.
- Sponsored town transportation planning studies, and supported municipal capital budget development.
- Hosted regional Walk/bike council and began planning for a future Bike/Ped Summit in Middlebury.

### Natural Resources Planning

- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

Addison  
Lincoln  
Salisbury

Bridport  
Middlebury  
Shoreham

Bristol  
Monkton  
Starksboro

Cornwall  
New Haven  
Vergennes

Ferrisburgh  
Orwell  
Waltham

Goshen  
Pantton  
Weybridge

Leicester  
Ripton  
Whiting



## **Town Meeting During COVID-19**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, town meeting will be a virtual informational meeting via Zoom on Saturday, February 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. instead of the normal meeting. The login information is at the end of the warning, near the back of this report. This year all articles on the town meeting warning will be voted on via Australian ballot, along with the school budget and town officers. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Voting will be upstairs at the town hall, as usual.

## **Vermont Elections Management System (VEMS) My Voter Page and Online Voter Registration**

The My Voter Page is an Online Voter Registration system is a great way to do the following:

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status
- View information on upcoming elections
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours
- View a sample ballot
- Request and track an absentee ballot

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more. If you have trouble logging in, please contact us as we may need to confirm some of your information. Email [townclerk@ferrisburghvt.org](mailto:townclerk@ferrisburghvt.org) or call the town clerk's office at 802-877-3429.

Registered voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>



## ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

### 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 21 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate appointed by each of the member municipalities. The Board regularly meets virtually (due to the ongoing pandemic) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7PM, and the Executive Board meets monthly 8 days prior to the Board meeting. All meetings are open to the public.

#### District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

#### District Office and Transfer Station

**Telephone:** (802) 388-2333

**Fax:** (802) 388-0271

**Website:** [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org)

**E-mail:** [acswmd@acswmd.org](mailto:acswmd@acswmd.org)

**Transfer Station Hours:** M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

**Office Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

**HazWaste Center Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website. The office is closed to visitors due to the pandemic, but staff can be reached via phone, e-mail, text, and mail.

#### 2020 Highlights

**COVID-19.** The year 2020 has been a difficult year, requiring the flexibility to adapt to the pandemic that disrupted all of the lives of our community residents and businesses. The District staff have been working diligently, despite the risk, toward maintaining the solid waste management and collection system during these challenging times. Deemed an "essential business" by the Dept. of Homeland Security, and state and local emergency declarations, the District has been following the guidance on how to protect our staff and customers while providing essential services. On March 30<sup>th</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup>, the District Transfer Station was forced to limit residents to food scraps only. The **Reuse It or Lose It!** Centers were closed until further notice. Thankfully, the Transfer Station was able to continue servicing businesses and commercial haulers without interruption.

**Waste Diversion.** The VT Universal Recycling Law instituted a landfill ban of food scraps as of 7/1/2020. All generators had to begin diverting food scraps, either through backyard composting, through a commercial hauler, or at a waste facility. The District has been busy working with its residents, haulers, schools, institutions, and businesses to comply with the new mandate. As a result, the District has collected an average of 14,500 lbs. per week, a 200% increase since the ban took effect.

**Recycling.** The decline in market prices for most recyclables continued in 2020. The District has been able to absorb the recycling losses, estimated to reach \$35,000+ this year. However, the District's commitment to recycling remains steadfast. VT Act No. 69 mandates took effect on 7/1/2020. Single-use expanded polystyrene food service products are banned, along with single-use plastic carryout bags. Expanded polystyrene food service products are not allowed to be sold in VT. Plastic straws are available upon request only, and plastic stirrers are banned. A study committee was formed to further examine ways to manage packaging and printed materials.

**Product Stewardship.** The District has continued to be a strong advocate for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws as a method of controlling costs and keeping unwanted and banned items out of the landfill. EPR laws help distribute the cost of recycling and safe management of these products among industry, government, and consumers. The District continues to serve as a Collector under Vermont's EPR programs for electronics, mercury-containing lamps, primary cell batteries, and architectural paints.

**Illegal Burning/Disposal.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2020 to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. The District served again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, assisting the many area volunteers who organized collection of roadside litter, and providing bags and gloves. Green-up Day collection totals were lower this year, with an event delay and a drop in participation rates due to the pandemic. The District subsidized the disposal of 6.09 tons of roadside trash, 10.81 tons of tires, and various other abandoned items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$2,293.

#### 2021 Annual Budget

The District adopted a 2021 Annual Budget of \$3,818,063, an 8.35% increase. The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$130/ton (\$8 minimum fee) for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will increase to \$125/ton. Residential food scraps will be \$1 per 5 gallons or less. Business Food Scraps will increase to \$15 per 32-gal unit and \$20 per 49-gal unit. Leaf & Yard Waste greater than 3 cu.yds. will increase to \$20. Rates on some other items will have nominal increases. The prices of green food scrap buckets, Soil Savers, kitchen collectors and blue recycling bins will also increase. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2021.** For a copy of the full 2020 Annual Report and Adopted 2021 Annual Budget and Rate Sheet, please give us a call, or visit the District website at [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org).



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## Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Middlebury 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 213,00\* 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

Learn more about what we do on the web at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov)

Join us on [www.facebook.com/healthvermont](https://www.facebook.com/healthvermont)

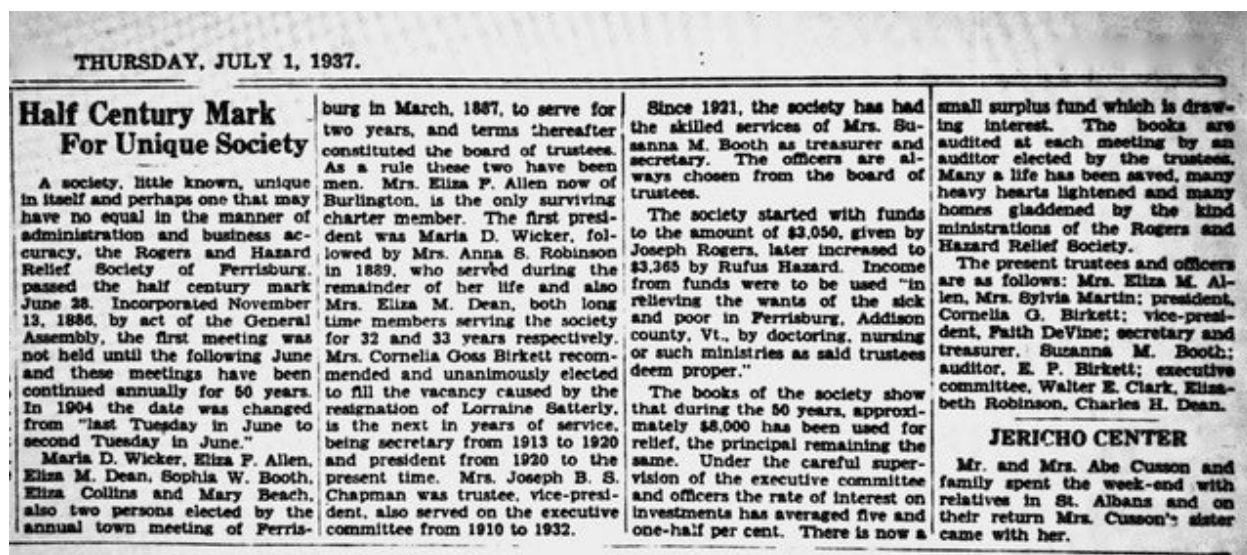
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## Rogers and Hazard Relief Society

*One hundred thirty-five years of continuing a tradition of neighbor-helping-neighbor.*



2019-2020 has been one of the most active times for Rogers and Hazard in recent years. We have collaborated with USDA Rural Development to facilitate a roof replacement, we have provided "emergency" grants to pay for such things as heating oil, firewood, and emergency house repair. We have engaged with NeighborWorks, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, Efficiency Vermont and other social service agencies as well as negotiated goods and services pro bono to benefit the wellbeing of several Ferrisburgh residents with unmet needs.

In the past year, there have been board vacancies due to members moving and/or needing to realign personal priorities. Effective November 2020, the Board welcomed: Christopher Melendy, a 15<sup>th</sup> generation Vermonter, graduate of UVM and owner of a Forestry consulting business. Lissa Gebo is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Ferrisburgher, is an active volunteer in the community and with the Ferrisburgh Methodist Church. Lissa has coached at VUHS for 32 years. Meg Langworthy has lived in Ferrisburgh for 30 years. Meg has volunteered with various community programs and professionally is a social worker.

All work done by Rogers and Hazard is confidential. If recipients wish to acknowledge assistance, that is their choice. Rogers and Hazard is a 501(c)3 and donations are welcome. All proceeds go to the work of the Society.

If you or someone you know is a Ferrisburgh resident needs "emergency" assistance, contact one of the board members.

|                           |          |                          |          |
|---------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| Karlene DeVine, President | 877-6392 | Art Cohn, Vice President | 989-8931 |
| Sally Torrey, Secretary   | 877-6925 | Lissa Gebo, Treasurer    | 877-2879 |
| Pennie Beach              | 475-2318 | Meg Langworthy           | 877-3217 |
| Liz Markowski             | 877-6523 | Chris Melendy            | 373-0102 |

**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](http://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/memberguide](http://vlct.org/memberguide) to download the VLCT Member Guide.

**To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at [vlct.org](http://vlct.org).**



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January 7, 2021

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### **MANAGEMENT LETTER**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ferrisburgh, VT as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town's internal control. We did so to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, but not for expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Ferrisburgh, VT's internal control over financial reporting or compliance.

During our audit we became aware of several matters referred to as "management letter comments" that offer opportunities for strengthening internal control and improving operating efficiencies of the Town of Ferrisburgh, VT. The following pages summarize our comments and suggestions on those matters.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Selectboard, management and others within the entity and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

These matters do not modify our opinion on the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020, where we expressed an unmodified opinion on our independent auditors' report dated January 8, 2021.

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**Budget:**

While performing the audit for the above-mentioned fiscal year, we noted the Town's fiscal software did not have the budget and approved special articles correctly posted. We recommend the Town implement procedures that ensure a balanced budget is posted on its accounting software that includes all approved special articles to ensure accurate reporting.

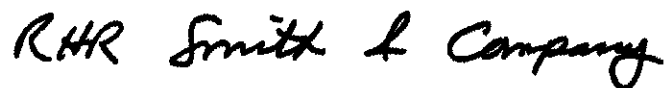
**Bank Reconciliations:**

While performing the audit for the above-mentioned fiscal year, we noted that bank reconciliations did not appear to be completed in a timely manner. We recommend that all bank reconciliations be completed and reviewed within 30 days of the bank statement date to help ensure accuracy and completeness of transactions in the correct reporting period and to help avoid material misstatements in the financial statements.

We would like to thank Deb, Pam and all the staff at the Town of Ferrisburgh, VT for their cooperation throughout this audit process.

If there are any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to call.

Very Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RHR Smith & Company". The script is cursive and fluid.

RHR Smith & Company, CPAs

## TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

|                                       | Budgeted Amounts |                  | Actual<br>Amounts | Variance<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                       | Original         | Final            |                   |                                    |
| Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1        | \$ 53,153        | \$ 53,153        | \$ 53,153         | \$ -                               |
| Resources (Inflows):                  |                  |                  |                   |                                    |
| Property taxes                        | 7,635,191        | 7,635,191        | 7,678,754         | 43,563                             |
| Intergovernmental revenues            | 315,000          | 315,000          | 453,899           | 138,899                            |
| Charges for services                  | 69,525           | 69,525           | 74,475            | 4,950                              |
| Interest income                       | 37,500           | 37,500           | 36,419            | (1,081)                            |
| Other revenue                         | 2,000            | 2,000            | 793               | (1,207)                            |
| Amounts Available for Appropriation   | <u>8,112,369</u> | <u>8,112,369</u> | <u>8,297,493</u>  | <u>185,124</u>                     |
| Charges to Appropriations (Outflows): |                  |                  |                   |                                    |
| General government                    | 414,533          | 414,533          | 383,052           | 31,481                             |
| Public safety                         | 195,419          | 195,419          | 213,432           | (18,013)                           |
| Highway                               | 938,985          | 938,985          | 1,041,713         | (102,728)                          |
| Employee benefits                     | 150,281          | 150,281          | 135,566           | 14,715                             |
| Education                             | 5,962,176        | 5,962,176        | 5,962,176         | -                                  |
| Tax assessments                       | 91,626           | 91,626           | 92,841            | (1,215)                            |
| Town meeting - voted authorizations   | 32,195           | 32,195           | 32,195            | -                                  |
| Contingency                           | 2,500            | 2,500            | 503               | 1,997                              |
| Debt service:                         |                  |                  |                   |                                    |
| Principal                             | 164,823          | 164,823          | 172,640           | (7,817)                            |
| Interest                              | 36,678           | 36,678           | 33,228            | 3,450                              |
| Transfers to other funds              | 70,000           | 70,000           | 70,000            | -                                  |
| Total Charges to Appropriations       | <u>8,059,216</u> | <u>8,059,216</u> | <u>8,137,346</u>  | <u>(78,130)</u>                    |
| Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30       | <u>\$ 53,153</u> | <u>\$ 53,153</u> | <u>\$ 160,147</u> | <u>\$ 106,994</u>                  |

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

## STATEMENT C

## TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2020

|                                                                               | General<br>Fund   | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                                 |                   |                                |                                |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                     | \$ 770,146        | \$ 16,989                      | \$ 787,135                     |
| Delinquent taxes receivable                                                   | 165,863           | -                              | 165,863                        |
| Other receivable                                                              | 1,209             | -                              | 1,209                          |
| Due from other funds                                                          | 11,312            | 374,975                        | 386,287                        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                                                           | <b>\$ 948,530</b> | <b>\$ 391,964</b>              | <b>\$ 1,340,494</b>            |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                                            |                   |                                |                                |
| Accounts payable                                                              | \$ 285,115        | \$ -                           | \$ 285,115                     |
| Accrued expenses                                                              | 28                | -                              | 28                             |
| Due to other funds                                                            | 374,975           | 11,312                         | 386,287                        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                                                      | <b>660,118</b>    | <b>11,312</b>                  | <b>671,430</b>                 |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                                          |                   |                                |                                |
| Prepaid taxes                                                                 | 18,119            | -                              | 18,119                         |
| Deferred property tax                                                         | 110,146           | -                              | 110,146                        |
| <b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                                    | <b>128,265</b>    | <b>-</b>                       | <b>128,265</b>                 |
| <b>FUND BALANCES</b>                                                          |                   |                                |                                |
| Nonspendable                                                                  | -                 | -                              | -                              |
| Restricted                                                                    | -                 | 14,007                         | 14,007                         |
| Committed                                                                     | -                 | 127,077                        | 127,077                        |
| Assigned                                                                      | -                 | 241,561                        | 241,561                        |
| Unassigned                                                                    | 160,147           | (1,993)                        | 158,154                        |
| <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>                                                    | <b>160,147</b>    | <b>380,652</b>                 | <b>540,799</b>                 |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF<br/>RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b> | <b>\$ 948,530</b> | <b>\$ 391,964</b>              | <b>\$ 1,340,494</b>            |

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

## STATEMENT E

## TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

|                                                 | General<br>Fund   | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES                                        |                   |                                |                                |
| Property taxes                                  | \$ 7,678,754      | \$ -                           | \$ 7,678,754                   |
| Intergovernmental                               | 453,899           | -                              | 453,899                        |
| Interest income                                 | 36,419            | -                              | 36,419                         |
| Charges for services                            | 74,475            | -                              | 74,475                         |
| Miscellaneous                                   | 793               | 142,279                        | 143,072                        |
| TOTAL REVENUES                                  | <u>8,244,340</u>  | <u>142,279</u>                 | <u>8,386,619</u>               |
| EXPENDITURES                                    |                   |                                |                                |
| Current:                                        |                   |                                |                                |
| General government                              | 383,052           | 3,149                          | 386,201                        |
| Public safety                                   | 213,432           | -                              | 213,432                        |
| Highway                                         | 1,041,713         | -                              | 1,041,713                      |
| Employee benefits                               | 135,566           | -                              | 135,566                        |
| Grant funds                                     | -                 | -                              | -                              |
| Education                                       | 5,962,176         | -                              | 5,962,176                      |
| Tax assessments                                 | 92,841            | -                              | 92,841                         |
| Town meeting - voted authorizations             | 32,195            | -                              | 32,195                         |
| Contingency                                     | 503               | -                              | 503                            |
| Capital outlay                                  | -                 | 111,956                        | 111,956                        |
| Debt service:                                   |                   |                                |                                |
| Principal                                       | 172,640           | -                              | 172,640                        |
| Interest                                        | 33,228            | -                              | 33,228                         |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES                              | <u>8,067,346</u>  | <u>115,105</u>                 | <u>8,182,451</u>               |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)<br>EXPENDITURES | <u>176,994</u>    | <u>27,174</u>                  | <u>204,168</u>                 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)                  |                   |                                |                                |
| Transfers in                                    | -                 | 70,000                         | 70,000                         |
| Transfers (out)                                 | (70,000)          | -                              | (70,000)                       |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)            | <u>(70,000)</u>   | <u>70,000</u>                  | <u>-</u>                       |
| NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES                     | 106,994           | 97,174                         | 204,168                        |
| FUND BALANCES - JULY 1                          | <u>53,153</u>     | <u>283,478</u>                 | <u>336,631</u>                 |
| FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30                         | <u>\$ 160,147</u> | <u>\$ 380,652</u>              | <u>\$ 540,799</u>              |

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## SCHEDULE C

## TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2020

|                                                | Special<br>Revenue<br>Funds | Capital<br>Projects<br>Funds | Permanent<br>Funds | Total Nonmajor<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                  |                             |                              |                    |                                         |
| Cash and cash equivalents                      | \$ 16,989                   | \$ -                         | \$ -               | \$ 16,989                               |
| Due from other funds                           | 71,093                      | 289,875                      | 14,007             | 374,975                                 |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                            | <u>\$ 88,082</u>            | <u>\$ 289,875</u>            | <u>\$ 14,007</u>   | <u>\$ 391,964</u>                       |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                             |                             |                              |                    |                                         |
| Due to other funds                             | \$ 11,312                   | \$ -                         | \$ -               | \$ 11,312                               |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                       | <u>11,312</u>               | <u>-</u>                     | <u>-</u>           | <u>11,312</u>                           |
| <b>FUND BALANCES</b>                           |                             |                              |                    |                                         |
| Nonspendable                                   | -                           | -                            | -                  | -                                       |
| Restricted                                     | -                           | -                            | 14,007             | 14,007                                  |
| Committed                                      | -                           | 127,077                      | -                  | 127,077                                 |
| Assigned                                       | 78,763                      | 162,798                      | -                  | 241,561                                 |
| Unassigned                                     | (1,993)                     | -                            | -                  | (1,993)                                 |
| <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>                     | <u>76,770</u>               | <u>289,875</u>               | <u>14,007</u>      | <u>380,652</u>                          |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND<br/>BALANCES</b> | <u>\$ 88,082</u>            | <u>\$ 289,875</u>            | <u>\$ 14,007</u>   | <u>\$ 391,964</u>                       |

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## SCHEDULE D

## TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

|                                                 | Special<br>Revenue<br>Funds | Capital<br>Projects<br>Funds | Permanent<br>Funds | Total Nonmajor<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| REVENUES                                        |                             |                              |                    |                                         |
| Other income                                    | \$ 14,216                   | \$ 128,063                   | \$ -               | \$ 142,279                              |
| TOTAL REVENUES                                  | <u>14,216</u>               | <u>128,063</u>               | <u>-</u>           | <u>142,279</u>                          |
| EXPENDITURES                                    |                             |                              |                    |                                         |
| Capital outlay                                  | -                           | 111,956                      | -                  | 111,956                                 |
| Other                                           | 3,149                       | -                            | -                  | 3,149                                   |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES                              | <u>3,149</u>                | <u>111,956</u>               | <u>-</u>           | <u>115,105</u>                          |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER<br>(UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <u>11,067</u>               | <u>16,107</u>                | <u>-</u>           | <u>27,174</u>                           |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)                  |                             |                              |                    |                                         |
| Transfers in                                    | -                           | 70,000                       | -                  | 70,000                                  |
| Transfers (out)                                 | -                           | -                            | -                  | -                                       |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING<br>SOURCES (USES)         | <u>-</u>                    | <u>70,000</u>                | <u>-</u>           | <u>70,000</u>                           |
| NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES                     | 11,067                      | 86,107                       | -                  | 97,174                                  |
| FUND BALANCES - JULY 1                          | <u>65,703</u>               | <u>203,768</u>               | <u>14,007</u>      | <u>283,478</u>                          |
| FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30                         | <u>\$ 76,770</u>            | <u>\$ 289,875</u>            | <u>\$ 14,007</u>   | <u>\$ 380,652</u>                       |

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**LONG-TERM DEBT (Bonds and Leases)**

|                                                    |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2017 Tandem Truck Loan</b>                      |                     |
| <b><u>July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020</u></b>      |                     |
| Outstanding 7/1/19                                 | \$156,275.00        |
| Notes Paid                                         | <u>\$42,275.00</u>  |
| <b>Balance 6/30/2020</b>                           | <b>\$114,000.00</b> |
| <b>Former Sister's Property Mortgage</b>           |                     |
| <b><u>July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020</u></b>      |                     |
| Outstanding 7/1/19                                 | \$45,119.00         |
| Notes Paid 9/2/20                                  | <u>\$22,559.75</u>  |
| <b>Balance 6/30/2020</b>                           | <b>\$22,559.25</b>  |
| <b>Town Highway Shed Mortgage</b>                  |                     |
| <b><u>July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020</u></b>      |                     |
| Outstanding 7/1/19                                 | \$637,500.00        |
| Notes Paid                                         | <u>\$42,500.00</u>  |
| <b>Balance 6/30/2020</b>                           | <b>\$595,000.00</b> |
| <b>Fire Truck Capital Lease</b>                    |                     |
| <b><u>July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020</u></b>      |                     |
| Outstanding 7/1/19                                 | \$184,882.37        |
| Notes Paid                                         | <u>\$23,917.36</u>  |
| <b>Balance 6/30/2020</b>                           | <b>\$160,965.01</b> |
| <b>John Deere Excavator Lease</b>                  |                     |
| <b><u>July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020</u></b>      |                     |
| Outstanding 7/1/19                                 | \$22,839.00         |
| Notes Paid                                         | \$11,145.96         |
| <b>Balance 6/30/2020</b>                           | <b>\$11,693.04</b>  |
| <b>Pick-Up Truck</b>                               |                     |
| <b><u>July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020</u></b>      |                     |
| Outstanding 7/1/19                                 | \$10,000.00         |
| Notes Paid                                         | <u>\$10,000.00</u>  |
| <b>Balance 6/30/2020</b>                           | <b>\$0.00</b>       |
| <b>John Deer Loader</b>                            |                     |
| <b><u>July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020</u></b>      |                     |
| Borrowed 6/20/19                                   | \$80,966.41         |
| Notes Paid                                         | <u>\$20,241.59</u>  |
| <b>Balance 6/30/2020</b>                           | <b>\$60,724.82</b>  |
| <b>Total Bonds and Notes Outstanding 6/30/2020</b> | <b>\$964,942.12</b> |

**NON-BUDGET ACCOUNTS**  
**From 7/1/2019 through 6/30/2020**

**Reappraisal Account**

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7/01/2019 Beginning Balance     | \$85,230        |
| Payment from State              | \$13,504        |
| Minus expenses                  | <u>\$0</u>      |
| <b>Ending Balance 6/30/2020</b> | <b>\$98,734</b> |

**Highway Facility Account**

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7/01/2019 Beginning Balance     | \$10,857        |
| Minus expenses                  | <u>\$0</u>      |
| <b>Ending Balance 6/30/2020</b> | <b>\$10,857</b> |

**Town Hall and Community Center Maintenance Fund**

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7/01/2019 Beginning Balance     | \$22,977        |
| Rental Revenue Received         | <u>\$1,262</u>  |
| <b>Ending Balance 6/30/2020</b> | <b>\$24,239</b> |

**General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance**

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 7/01/2019 Beginning Balance     | \$53,153         |
| Amount added in FY19/20         | <u>\$106,994</u> |
| <b>Ending Balance 6/30/2020</b> | <b>\$160,147</b> |

**Town Clerk's Records and Restoration Fund Account**

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7/01/2019 Beginning Balance     | \$20,076        |
| Plus Revenues                   | \$11,520        |
| Minus Expenses                  | <u>-\$172</u>   |
| <b>Ending Balance 6/30/2020</b> | <b>\$31,424</b> |

**Cemetery Trust Funds Account**

|                                        |                   |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 7/01/2019 Beginning Balance            | \$8,000.00        |
| Plus Revenues                          | \$0.00            |
| Minus Deposit into Cemetery Acct. Fund | <u>\$0.00</u>     |
| <b>Ending Balance 6/30/2020</b>        | <b>\$8,000.00</b> |

**Town Buildings Maintenance Fund**

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 7/01/2019 Beginning Balance     | \$56,499         |
| Plus Deposits                   | \$30,000         |
| Minus Expenses                  | <u>-\$33,330</u> |
| <b>Ending Balance 6/30/2020</b> | <b>\$53,169</b>  |

## NON-BUDGET ACCOUNTS

From 7/1/2019 through 6/30/2020 continued

### Cemetery Checking Account

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 7/01/2019 Beginning Balance     | \$6,007        |
| Plus Revenues                   | <u>\$0</u>     |
| <b>Ending Balance 6/30/2020</b> | <b>\$6,007</b> |

### Lister's Education Fund

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 7/01/2019 Beginning Balance     | \$2,230        |
| Plus Revenues from State        | \$0            |
| Minus Expenses                  | <u>\$0</u>     |
| <b>Ending Balance 6/30/2020</b> | <b>\$2,230</b> |

### Health Reimbursement Account

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 7/01/2019 Beginning Balance     | \$6,951          |
| Plus Deposits                   | \$13,142         |
| Minus Expenses                  | <u>-\$14,820</u> |
| <b>Ending Balance 6/30/2020</b> | <b>\$5,272</b>   |

### Miscellaneous Funds

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7/01/2019 Beginning Balance     | \$13,708        |
| Deposits                        | \$62,723        |
| Expenditures                    | <u>-\$699</u>   |
| <b>Ending Balance 6/30/2020</b> | <b>\$75,732</b> |

### Highway Contingency Fund

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 7/01/2019 Beginning Balance     | \$50,689         |
| Plus Deposits                   | \$92,000         |
| Minus Expenses                  | <u>-\$78,626</u> |
| <b>Ending Balance 6/30/2020</b> | <b>\$64,063</b>  |

### Conservation Fund

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 7/01/2019 Beginning Balance     | \$254         |
| Plus Deposits                   | \$550         |
| Minus Expenses                  | <u>-\$285</u> |
| <b>Ending Balance 6/30/2020</b> | <b>\$519</b>  |

### 2020 Highway Equipment List

|               |                                          |                       |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| F350          | 2016 Ford pickup, plow, sander           | \$23,000.00           |
| Truck #1      | 2010 International plow sander equipment | \$38,500.00           |
| sold          | 2006 Interantional plow sander equipment | \$0.00                |
| Truck # 4     | 2012 Mack plow sander equipment          | \$50,000.00           |
| Vehicle #4    | 2004 John Deere Grader 772CH             | \$30,950.00           |
| Vehicle #5    | 410G Loader/Backhoe                      | \$15,000.00           |
| Truck # 6     | 2018 Mack plow wing sander               | \$169,000.00          |
| Vehicle # 7   | John Deere 6710 tractor                  | \$10,000.00           |
| Truck # 9     | 2005 IH single axle                      | \$10,000.00           |
|               | 2018 John Deere Loader                   | \$109,000.00          |
|               | 2018 Roadside mower                      | \$355,000.00          |
|               | 2011 JD excavator                        | \$42,500.00           |
|               | 2006 John Deere Z mower                  | \$3,500.00            |
|               | 2015 JD 540 mower/bagger                 | \$2,000.00            |
|               | leaf blowers broom                       | \$1,200.00            |
|               | grass trimmers                           | \$500.00              |
| sold          | 2002 Dodge                               | 0                     |
|               | 1999 25 ton trailer                      | \$2,000.00            |
|               | plows                                    | \$18,500.00           |
|               | grader plow wing                         | \$4,500.00            |
|               | plasma cutter                            | \$500.00              |
|               | welders                                  | \$1,500.00            |
|               | chainsaws                                | \$2,000.00            |
|               | small tools                              | \$7,500.00            |
|               | power tampers                            | \$4,000.00            |
|               | compressor                               | \$1,000.00            |
|               | culvert thawer and trailer               | \$2,000.00            |
|               | 2 way radios                             | \$4,400.00            |
|               | pressure washer                          | \$1,200.00            |
|               | Chloride pump tank trailer               | \$4,500.00            |
|               | computer software @ accessories          | \$8,000.00            |
| F550          | 2019 3 ton truck plow sander             | \$65,000.00           |
| new Truck two | 2020 Mack, plow sander wing              | \$ 220,000.00         |
|               |                                          |                       |
|               | <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>\$1,206,750.00</b> |

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020**

|                         |                     |              |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Delinquent July 1, 2019 | \$162,284.87        |              |
| Delinquent June 2, 2020 | <u>\$251,184.90</u> |              |
| Total Delinquent        |                     | \$413,469.77 |

|                                        |                     |              |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Collected July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 | \$248,740.32        |              |
| Abated                                 | \$0.00              |              |
| Delinquent June 30, 2020               | <u>\$164,729.45</u> |              |
| Total                                  |                     | \$413,469.77 |

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Healey  
Treasurer <sup>1</sup>

Delinquent as of January 1, 2021  
2016/17

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Alexander Brace | Michelle Malone |
|-----------------|-----------------|

2017/18

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Alexander Brace | Michelle Malone |
| Victor Chaput   |                 |

2018/19

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Alexander Brace | Michelle Malone          |
| Victor Chaput   | Peggy Parks <sup>3</sup> |

2019/20

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Alexander Brace                      | Michelle Malone     |
| Victor Chaput                        | Erik Arneberg       |
| Estate of Linda Hawkins <sup>2</sup> | Thomas Tatro        |
| Jeffrey Sisters                      | Lotta View Farm LLC |
| Frank Luyster                        | Nancy Chamberlain   |
| Aaron Napoleon                       | Richard Panton      |
| William Devine                       | Peggy Parks         |
| Marcel Marcotte                      | Randy Martin        |

<sup>1</sup> Tom Steadman appointed Delinquent Tax Collector November 17, 2020

<sup>2</sup> Payment Agreement

<sup>3</sup> PAID IN FULL IN JANUARY

## **Ferrisburgh Town Audit Committee Report Year Ending December 2020**

The Town Audit Committee was formed this year with two members.

Due to the pandemic the Auditors have not met in person .

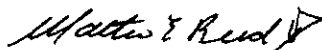
The Committee has been able to audit the town warrants twice monthly, on the day after each Selectboard meeting. We inspected each payment against the warrant signed by the Selectboard, ensuring the payment amounts matched the invoices and were made in a timely manner. The Treasurer, Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk were available during our audit sessions to answer any questions we had on individual payments.

We found no concerns from our inspections. In our opinion the management of the Town accounts is being done in a competent manner.

We thank the Town staff for their assistance during our audit sessions, and their willingness to answer our questions.

If you are interested in volunteering in this role, there is a position available on the auditors board.

Respectfully,



Walter E. Reed II



Andrew Dombek

| REVENUE    |                                      |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ACCOUNT    | GENERAL TOWN FUND                    | APPROVED BUDGET  | ACTUAL           | APPROVED BUDGET  | PROPOSED         |
|            |                                      | 7/1/19-6/30/20   | 7/1/19-6/30/20   | 7/1/20-6/30/21   | 7/1/21-6/30/22   |
| 2000-00-05 | Property Taxes - (All sources)       | 1,640,820        | 1,716,578        | 1,697,923        | 1,746,723        |
| 2000-00-10 | Property Tax Interest                | 22,000           | 20,848           | 22,000           | 22,000           |
| 2000-00-90 | Delinquent Tax Penalty               | 14,000           | 11,990           | 14,000           | 14,000           |
| 2000-00-15 | Vermont State Mileage Aid            | 161,000          | 165,729          | 161,000          | 161,000          |
| 2000-00-12 | State School Tax Coll. Reimbursement | 17,000           | 11,941           | 17,000           | 17,000           |
| 2000-00-20 | Railroad Tax/State Land Tax/PILOT    | 45,000           | 36,072           | 32,000           | 33,319           |
| 2000-00-25 | Liquor License Fees                  | 925              | 995              | 925              | 925              |
| 2000-00-30 | Highway Department and Culverts      | 500              | 0                | 500              | 500              |
| 2000-00-35 | Overweight Permits                   | 1,000            | 1,485            | 1,200            | 1,200            |
| 2000-00-89 | Credit Card Fees Revenue             | 500              | 0                | 0                | 0                |
| 2000-00-40 | Zoning Fees                          | 10,000           | 11,480           | 10,000           | 10,000           |
| 2000-00-45 | Land Recording & Other Clerk Fees    | 35,000           | 37,646           | 40,000           | 40,000           |
| 2000-00-26 | Marriage, Dog, Hunting Fees          | 8,000            | 5,404            | 6,000            | 6,000            |
| 2000-00-50 | Police Fines                         | 7,000            | 11,416           | 8,000            | 8,000            |
| 2000-00-55 | Sister's Property Rental Fees        | 6,600            | 6,050            | 6,600            | 7,800            |
| 2000-00-60 | State - Current Landuse              | 92,000           | 103,382          | 96,000           | 100,000          |
| 2000-00-99 | Miscellaneous                        | 2,000            | 794              | 1,000            | 1,000            |
| 2000-00-65 | Interest on Town Savings             | 1,500            | 3,581            | 2,000            | 2,000            |
| 2000-00-70 | Non-budget Grants                    | 0                | 136,775          | 0                | 0                |
|            | <b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>                 | <b>2,064,845</b> | <b>2,282,165</b> | <b>2,116,148</b> | <b>2,171,467</b> |
|            |                                      |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|            | <b>EXPENSE BUDGET SUMMARY</b>        |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|            | Administration/General Government    | 448,033          | 413,911          | 493,839          | 504,510          |
|            | Highway Department                   | 978,985          | 1,081,713        | 983,451          | 983,007          |
|            | Debt Service                         | 171,501          | 175,867          | 169,666          | 178,312          |
|            | Employee Benefits                    | 149,281          | 135,208          | 170,718          | 153,091          |
|            | Taxes - Contracts (Fire and Police)  | 317,045          | 336,272          | 338,474          | 352,546          |
|            | Town Meeting - Voted Authorizations  | 32,195           | 32,195           | 32,195           | 0                |
|            | Education                            | 7,757,827        | 7,757,827        | 0                | 0                |
|            | <b>EXPENSE TOTAL W/EDUCATION</b>     | <b>9,854,867</b> | <b>9,932,995</b> | <b>2,188,343</b> | <b>2,171,467</b> |
|            | <b>EXPENSE TOTAL W/O EDUCATION</b>   | <b>2,097,040</b> | <b>2,175,167</b> | <b>2,188,343</b> | <b>2,171,467</b> |



| EXPENSE    |                                     |                 |                |                 |                |
|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| ACCOUNT #  | FUNCTION                            | APPROVED BUDGET | ACTUAL         | APPROVED BUDGET | PROPOSED       |
|            |                                     | 7/1/19-6/30/20  | 7/1/19-6/30/20 | 7/1/20-6/30/21  | 7/1/21-6/30/22 |
|            | <b>Town Clerk's Office</b>          |                 |                |                 |                |
| 3400-10.00 | Wages - Town Clerk                  | 50,440          | 54,643         | 52,000          | 52,000         |
| 3400-10.05 | Wages - Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer  | 34,710          | 38,725         | 42,640          | 39,520         |
| 3400-10.50 | Wages - Lister Clerk                | 11,570          | 1,552          | 2,000           | 2,000          |
| 3400-10.60 | Wages - Lister                      | 0               | 8,147          | 21,000          | 21,000         |
| 3400-10.10 | Wages - Zoning Admin.               | 26,000          | 17,106         | 26,000          | 26,000         |
| 3400-10.15 | Wages - Overtime                    | 500             | 1,263          | 500             | 800            |
| 3400-10.25 | Wages - Delinquent Tax Collector    | 3,000           | 102            | 3,000           | 18,000         |
| 3400-10.30 | Wages - Treasurer                   | 26,520          | 26,012         | 27,300          | 27,300         |
| 3400-10.35 | Wages - Clerical                    | 13,260          | 14,544         | 11,000          | 18,200         |
| 3400-10.40 | Wages - Minute Takers               | 10,400          | 4,680          | 10,400          | 9,360          |
| 3400-10.20 | Wages - Contingency                 | 5,687           | 0              | 5,687           | 5,687          |
| 3400-19    | Town & Vital Land Books             | 1,500           | 0              | 1,500           | 1,500          |
| 3400-20    | Office Supplies                     | 5,000           | 4,191          | 5,000           | 4,500          |
| 3400-21    | Office/Leased Equip./Support        | 4,770           | 10,005         | 8,500           | 10,991         |
| 3400-22    | Postage                             | 4,200           | 2,885          | 4,400           | 4,300          |
| 3400-23    | Office/IT/Software                  | 5,270           | 9,919          | 6,400           | 7,500          |
| 3400-24    | Office/Computer Replacement         | 1,500           | 1,088          | 2,800           | 1,500          |
| 3400-25    | Town Web Site                       | 500             | 660            | 600             | 660            |
| 3400-30    | Advertising-Town                    | 800             | 797            | 1,000           | 1,000          |
| 3400-31    | Advertising-Planning & Zoning       | 2,000           | 619            | 1,300           | 1,300          |
| 3400-34    | Telephone-Clerk's Office            | 2,600           | 4,794          | 5,304           | 4,456          |
| 3400-40    | Workshops/Meetings/Dues             | 1,000           | 606            | 1,000           | 1,000          |
| 3400-60    | Marriage, Dog, Hunting & Misc. Fees | 5,800           | 4,261          | 4,800           | 4,800          |
| 3400-70    | Credit Card Fee Expense             | 600             | 3              | 0               | 0              |
| 3420-45    | Professional Auditor                | 11,000          | 9,450          | 11,000          | 11,000         |
| 3430-45    | Lister's Professional Appraisers    | 62,900          | 49,334         | 38,000          | 38,000         |
| 3430-46    | Lister's Tax Mapping                | 3,100           | 1,750          | 2,600           | 3,200          |
| 3430-50    | Lister's Stipend                    | 2,400           | 3,600          | 2,400           | 2,400          |
| 3510-60    | Legal Exp. Selectboard              | 10,000          | 23,742         | 10,000          | 10,000         |
| 3510-61    | Legal Exp. Zoning                   | 4,200           | 0              | 4,200           | 4,200          |
| 3620-48    | Zoning/Planning Expenses            | 1,000           | 207            | 1,000           | 1,000          |
| 3620-49    | Zoning By-laws Rewrite              | 10,000          | 410            | 10,000          | 5,000          |
| 3630-48    | Conservation Commission Fund        | 550             | 550            | 550             | 550            |
| 3640-00    | Recycling                           | 0               | 0              | 0               | 0              |
| 3710-48    | General Liability/Hazard Insurance  | 32,170          | 34,846         | 35,765          | 31,997         |
| 3710-49    | Worker's Compensation               | 16,984          | 19,538         | 18,436          | 19,006         |
|            | <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>371,931</b>  | <b>350,030</b> | <b>378,082</b>  | <b>389,727</b> |

| ACCOUNT # | FUNCTION                                 | APPROVED BUDGET<br>7/1/19-6/30/20 | ACTUAL<br>7/1/19-6/30/20 | APPROVED BUDGET<br>7/1/20-6/30/21 | PROPOSED<br>7/1/21-6/30/22 |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
|           | <b>Administration/General Government</b> |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
| 3000-10   | Selectboard Stipend                      | 3,800                             | 3,100                    | 3,800                             | 3,800                      |
| 3000-11   | Selectboard Expenses                     | 200                               | 0                        | 200                               | 200                        |
| 3080-62   | Annual Report Expenses                   | 5,500                             | 4,418                    | 5,555                             | 5,000                      |
| 3310-20   | Elections/Town Meetings                  | 4,000                             | 1,311                    | 5,700                             | 4,000                      |
|           |                                          |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
|           | <b>Union Meeting Hall</b>                |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
| 3310-76   | Electricity - Union Meeting Hall         | 275                               | 970                      | 275                               | 584                        |
| 3310-68   | Maintenance - Union Meeting Hall         | 100                               | 70                       | 100                               | 100                        |
| 3310-78   | Water - Union Meeting Hall               | 750                               | 750                      | 750                               | 750                        |
|           | <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>14,625</b>                     | <b>10,619</b>            | <b>16,380</b>                     | <b>14,434</b>              |
|           | <b>Town Offices/Community Center</b>     |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
| 3710-85   | Town Offices Routine Maintenance         | 12,800                            | 9,681                    | 11,000                            | 12,800                     |
| 3710-86   | Electricity-Town Offices/Comm. Ctr       | 5,580                             | 4,273                    | 5,580                             | 4,682                      |
| 3710-87   | Heating Fuel-Town Offices/Comm. Ctr      | 4,397                             | 3,963                    | 4,397                             | 4,397                      |
| 3710-88   | Water-Town Offices/Comm. Ctr             | 750                               | 750                      | 750                               | 750                        |
|           | <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>23,527</b>                     | <b>18,666</b>            | <b>21,727</b>                     | <b>22,629</b>              |
|           | <b>Other Administration</b>              |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
| 3710-70   | Town Bldgs. Reserve Fund                 | 30,000                            | 30,000                   | 70,000                            | 70,000                     |
| 9000-91   | Bank Service Charges                     | 200                               | 187                      | 100                               | 170                        |
| 9900-79   | Contingency                              | 2,500                             | 502                      | 2,500                             | 2,500                      |
| 9910-80   | Mileage-all                              | 1,000                             | 358                      | 1,000                             | 1,000                      |
| 6100-10   | Health Officer Stipend                   | 750                               | 750                      | 750                               | 750                        |
| 6100-20   | Health Officer Expenses                  | 300                               | 0                        | 300                               | 300                        |
| 6200-10   | Animal Control Officer Stipend           | 750                               | 750                      | 750                               | 750                        |
| 6200-20   | ACHS Contracts - Homeward Bound          | 800                               | 600                      | 600                               | 600                        |
| 6100-40   | Animal Control Officer - Mileage/Exp.    | 300                               | 100                      | 300                               | 300                        |
| 6200-15   | Fire Warden Stipend                      | 750                               | 750                      | 750                               | 750                        |
| 6310-10   | Web Site Coordinator Stipend             | 600                               | 600                      | 600                               | 600                        |
|           | <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>37,950</b>                     | <b>34,596</b>            | <b>77,650</b>                     | <b>77,720</b>              |

| ACCOUNT #  | FUNCTION                           | APPROVED BUDGET<br>7/1/19-6/30/20 | ACTUAL<br>7/1/19-6/30/20 | APPROVED BUDGET<br>7/1/20-6/30/21 | PROPOSED<br>7/1/21-6/30/22 |
|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
|            | <b>Highway Department Payroll</b>  |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
| 5100-10.00 | Wages - Road Foreman               | 66,632                            | 74,773                   | 67,392                            | 67,932                     |
| 5100-10.02 | Wages - Road Foreman OT            | 12,000                            | 0                        | 12,636                            | 13,016                     |
| 5100-10.05 | Wages - Road Crew                  | 179,608                           | 191,159                  | 185,952                           | 185,952                    |
| 5100-10.10 | Wages - Overtime                   | 23,800                            | 29,656                   | 23,800                            | 24,515                     |
| 5100-10.16 | Highway Wages - Contingency        | 9,050                             | 0                        | 6,670                             | 7,700                      |
|            | <b>Maintenance - Town Highways</b> |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
| 5100-89    | Paving                             | 250,000                           | 360,615                  | 250,000                           | 250,000                    |
| 5110-47    | Chloride                           | 30,000                            | 34,569                   | 32,000                            | 25,000                     |
| 5110-68    | Gravel Rd Repair/Maintenance       | 40,000                            | 37,519                   | 40,000                            | 40,000                     |
| 5110-68.05 | Road Construction/Bridge Repair    | 85,000                            | 71,743                   | 65,000                            | 65,000                     |
| 5110-68.10 | New Const. Rented Svcs/Equip       | 4,000                             | 403                      | 4,000                             | 4,000                      |
| 5110-91    | Painting Class 2 Roads/Line Strips | 5,000                             | 4,598                    | 5,000                             | 5,000                      |
| 5140-21    | Winter Maintenance Materials       | 76,000                            | 75,538                   | 85,000                            | 80,000                     |
| 5220-49    | Culverts                           | 4,500                             | 2,506                    | 4,500                             | 10,000                     |
| 5281-21    | Street/Traffic Signs               | 2,000                             | 6,126                    | 3,000                             | 3,000                      |
| 5290-21    | Tree Maintenance Fund              |                                   |                          |                                   | 4,500                      |
| 5330-66    | Rented Services/Equipment          | 8,500                             | 11,524                   | 10,000                            | 10,000                     |
|            | <b>Town Garage/Yard</b>            |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
| 5310-21    | Shop Supplies/Equipment            | 6,000                             | 7,279                    | 5,000                             | 5,000                      |
| 5310-34    | Telephone - cell & land line       | 1,254                             | 2,661                    | 2,460                             | 2,442                      |
| 5310-68    | Maintenance                        | 2,500                             | 4,054                    | 3,000                             | 3,000                      |
| 5310-69    | Water                              | 750                               | 754                      | 750                               | 750                        |
| 5310-76    | Electricity                        | 3,891                             | 2,647                    | 3,891                             | 3,800                      |
|            | <b>Vehicles/Equipment</b>          |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
| 5310-73    | New Shop Heat                      | 8,000                             | 7,561                    | 8,000                             | 8,000                      |
| 5310-74    | LP Bulk GAS N/T                    | 2,100                             | 1,953                    | 3,000                             | 2,000                      |
| 5310-75    | Diesel Fuel                        | 50,000                            | 36,054                   | 50,000                            | 50,000                     |
| 5330-21    | Operation/Gas                      | 3,400                             | 2,986                    | 2,400                             | 2,400                      |
| 5330-68    | Maintenance of Equipment [renamed] | 65,000                            | 75,035                   | 70,000                            | 55,000                     |
| 5330-70    | Repair of Equipment [NEW]          |                                   |                          |                                   | 15,000                     |
| 5332-00    | Highway Contingency Fund           | 40,000                            | 40,000                   | 40,000                            | 40,000                     |
|            | <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>978,985</b>                    | <b>1,081,713</b>         | <b>983,451</b>                    | <b>983,007</b>             |

| ACCOUNT #  | FUNCTION                                            | APPROVED BUDGET<br>7/1/19-6/30/20 | ACTUAL<br>7/1/19-6/30/20 | APPROVED BUDGET<br>7/1/20-6/30/21 | PROPOSED<br>7/1/21-6/30/22 |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
|            | <b>Debt Service</b>                                 |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
| 5330-98    | Truck - Bond 2017                                   | 38,000                            | 42,275                   | 38,000                            | 38,000                     |
| 5330-99    | Truck - Bond Interest 2017                          | 3,420                             | 3,529                    | 2,573                             | 1,710                      |
| 5330-88    | 2019 HD Truck MELF Prin                             | 0                                 | 0                        | 10,333                            | 10,333                     |
| 5330-89    | 2019 HD Truck MELF Int                              | 0                                 | 0                        | 1,034                             | 827                        |
| 5330-97    | Excavator Lease                                     | 12,267                            | 12,267                   | 12,267                            | 12,267                     |
| 5330-92    | 2020 Mack Truck Prin                                | 0                                 | 0                        | 0                                 | 30,488                     |
| 5330-93    | 2020 Mack Truck Int                                 | 0                                 | 0                        | 0                                 | 3,492                      |
| 5330-94    | Pick-Up Truck/Heavy Duty                            | 10,191                            | 10,181                   | 0                                 | 0                          |
| 5334-90    | JD Loader 2018 MELF bond prin                       | 20,241                            | 20,242                   | 20,241                            | 20,242                     |
| 5334-91    | JD Loader 2018 MELF bond int                        | 1,620                             | 1,619                    | 1,215                             | 1,215                      |
| 5331-90    | Highway Facility Bond                               | 42,500                            | 42,500                   | 42,500                            | 42,500                     |
| 5331-91    | Highway Facility Interest                           | 19,944                            | 19,925                   | 18,564                            | 17,238                     |
| 3710-92    | Sister's Property Payments                          | 23,318                            | 23,330                   | 22,939                            | 0                          |
|            | <b>TOTAL</b>                                        | <b>171,501</b>                    | <b>175,867</b>           | <b>169,666</b>                    | <b>178,312</b>             |
|            | <b>Employee Benefits/Insurance</b>                  |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
| 9700-15    | Municipal Retirement System                         | 20,700                            | 23,744                   | 29,090                            | 24,532                     |
| 9720-14    | Unemployment Compensation                           | 1,700                             | 1,363                    | 1,700                             | 1,370                      |
| 9730-13    | Social Security - Employer's Share                  | 33,491                            | 37,725                   | 37,690                            | 39,950                     |
| 9740-12    | Medical Insurance                                   | 82,790                            | 64,382                   | 95,230                            | 80,244                     |
| 9740-13    | Disability/Life Insurance                           | 10,600                            | 7,995                    | 7,008                             | 6,995                      |
|            | <b>TOTAL</b>                                        | <b>149,281</b>                    | <b>135,208</b>           | <b>170,718</b>                    | <b>153,091</b>             |
|            | <b>Taxes - Assessment</b>                           |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
| 9300-51    | Addison County Tax                                  | 21,476                            | 21,360                   | 21,976                            | 26,742                     |
| 9300-52    | Bristol Gravel Pit Property Tax                     | 639                               | 620                      | 632                               | 667                        |
| 9300-53    | Vermont Stormwater Payment                          | 576                               | 1,926                    | 2,326                             | 2,326                      |
| 9390-52    | Vermont League of Cities & Town                     | 4,350                             | 4,350                    | 4,437                             | 4,529                      |
| 9391-53    | A.C. Regional Planning Commiss.                     | 3,535                             | 3,535                    | 3,592                             | 3,664                      |
| 9400-00    | Bixby Memorial Library                              | 61,050                            | 61,050                   | 61,050                            | 61,050                     |
|            | <b>TOTAL</b>                                        | <b>91,626</b>                     | <b>92,840</b>            | <b>94,013</b>                     | <b>98,978</b>              |
|            | <b>Public Safety (Fire Protection &amp; Police)</b> |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
| 9392-54    | Law Enforcement                                     | 15,000                            | 15,325                   | 16,000                            | 16,000                     |
| 9393-55    | Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Dept. Cont.              | 87,145                            | 87,145                   | 87,145                            | 90,758                     |
| 9000-92    | Fire Truck Payment                                  | 30,000                            | 30,000                   | 30,000                            | 30,000                     |
| 9394-55.05 | Vergennes Fire Department - Contract                | 69,018                            | 86,626                   | 87,060                            | 87,060                     |
| 9395-55.10 | Vergennes Fire Department - Extra                   | 2,000                             | 2,136                    | 2,000                             | 2,000                      |
| 9395-60    | Vergennes Area Rescue Squad                         | 22,256                            | 22,200                   | 22,256                            | 27,750                     |
|            | <b>TOTAL</b>                                        | <b>225,419</b>                    | <b>243,432</b>           | <b>244,461</b>                    | <b>253,568</b>             |

| ACCOUNT #  | FUNCTION                                   | APPROVED BUDGET<br>7/1/19-6/30/20 | ACTUAL<br>7/1/19-6/30/20 | APPROVED BUDGET<br>7/1/20-6/30/21 | PROPOSED<br>7/1/21-6/30/22 |
|------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
|            | <b>Town Meeting - Voted Authorizations</b> |                                   |                          |                                   |                            |
| 9980-56.05 | Homeward Bound (A.C. Humane Soc)           | 1,000                             | 1,000                    | 1,000                             | 1,000                      |
| 9983-56.25 | Addison County Transit Resources           | 3,517                             | 3,517                    | 3,517                             | 3,517                      |
| 9980-56.00 | H O P E                                    | 2,000                             | 2,000                    | 2,000                             | 2,000                      |
| 9981-56.10 | A. C. Restorative Justice Services         | 800                               | 800                      | 800                               | 800                        |
| 9982-56.10 | A. C. Economic Development Corp.           | 500                               | 500                      | 500                               | 500                        |
| 9983-56.15 | A. C. Home Health & Hospice, Inc.          | 2,983                             | 2,983                    | 2,983                             | 2,983                      |
| 9979-56.00 | Addison County Parent/Child Center         | 1,600                             | 1,600                    | 1,600                             | 1,600                      |
| 9979-56.10 | Addison County Readers, Inc.               | 600                               | 600                      | 600                               | 600                        |
| 9998-56.30 | A. C. River Watch Collaborative            | 500                               | 500                      | 500                               | 500                        |
| 9985-56.25 | Am. Legion - Memorial Day Observ.          | 300                               | 300                      | 300                               | 300                        |
| 9979-56.55 | Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes     | 500                               | 500                      | 500                               | 500                        |
| 9987-56.35 | Age Well (C. V. Agency of Aging)           | 1,100                             | 1,100                    | 1,100                             | 1,100                      |
| 9998-56.95 | ODC Open Door Clinic                       | 400                               | 400                      | 400                               | 400                        |
| 9981-56.05 | Counseling Service of Addison County       | 1,650                             | 1,650                    | 1,650                             | 1,650                      |
| 9988-56.40 | Elderly Services, Inc. (this year only)    | 1,100                             | 1,100                    | 1,100                             | 0                          |
| 9991-56.60 | End of Life Services (f/k/a Hospice)       | 500                               | 500                      | 500                               | 500                        |
| 9981-56.15 | Friends of the Vergennes Opera House       | 500                               | 500                      | 500                               | 500                        |
| 9998-56.40 | Gage Cemetery Association                  | 2,500                             | 2,500                    | 2,500                             | 2,500                      |
| 9990-56.50 | Green Up Vermont                           | 150                               | 150                      | 150                               | 150                        |
| 9992-56.65 | John Graham Housing and Services           | 825                               | 825                      | 825                               | 825                        |
| 9998-56.10 | Lewis Creek Association                    | 500                               | 500                      | 500                               | 500                        |
| 9998-56.65 | N. Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association        | 2,500                             | 2,500                    | 2,500                             | 2,500                      |
| 9993-56.70 | Otter Creek Nat. Res. Conserv. Dist.       | 275                               | 275                      | 275                               | 275                        |
| 9994-56.75 | Retired and Senior Volunteer Program       | 210                               | 210                      | 210                               | 210                        |
| 9994-56.76 | Rokeby Museum                              | 1,000                             | 1,000                    | 1,000                             | 1,000                      |
| 9998-56.50 | Union Cemetery Association                 | 2,400                             | 2,400                    | 2,400                             | 2,400                      |
| 9996-56.85 | Vermont Adult Learning                     | 785                               | 785                      | 785                               | 785                        |
| 9997-56.90 | Vt. Center for Independent Living          | 250                               | 250                      | 250                               | 250                        |
| 9984-56.20 | WomenSafe                                  | 1,250                             | 1,250                    | 1,250                             | 1,250                      |
|            | <b>TOTAL VOTED AUTHORIZATIONS</b>          | <b>32,195</b>                     | <b>32,195</b>            | <b>32,195</b>                     | <b>31,095</b>              |

### **Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2021**

#### **Addison County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) - \$500**

ACEDC has been serving the Ferrisburgh community for over twenty-five years. ACEDC is Ferrisburgh's economic development resource. It offers expertise and resources to businesses throughout Addison County. They do this through direct assistance, as with their revolving loan funds. Since 1993, ACEDC has loaned over \$5 million to over 100 projects, creating or retaining more than 1500 jobs in Addison County.

#### **Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc. - \$2,983**

Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc. is a community focused non-profit home healthcare agency. It provides an array of services that enable our neighbors to receive care in their own homes, where they are the most comfortable and often experience the best quality of life. Seventy-nine Ferrisburgh residents were served with 2,027 visits in 2020.

#### **Addison County Parent & Child Center (PCC) - \$1,600**

The mission of the Parent/Child Center is to provide support and education to families and assure that our community is one in which all young children get off to the right start, with the opportunity to grow up healthy, happy, and productive. The Center provides parenting education classes and workshops (on site and in neighboring communities) community playgroups, home visits, pregnancy prevention programs, job training, academic classes, transportation and childcare. Approximately 77 Ferrisburgh residents received service in 2020.

#### **Addison County Readers, Inc. - \$600**

Addison County Readers, Inc. is an entirely volunteer non-profit organization that sponsors Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. The program mails free books monthly to preschool (ages 0-5) children in Addison County at an annual cost of approximately \$30 per child. As of November 2020, 95 children in Ferrisburgh were receiving books through the program. In the last 12 months 1041 books were shipped to Ferrisburgh preschool children. More than half of the parents reported that they read to their children more as a result of the program.

#### **Addison County Restorative Justice Services - \$800**

Addison County Restorative Justice Services provides a community restorative justice response focusing on the "balanced approach" in meeting the needs of the victim, the community and the offender. The goal is to help the offender develop empathy and accept responsibility while providing compensation of loss for the victims, and compensation of resources for the community. They have expanded their program beyond Court Diversion and the Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program to include the Driving with License Suspended Program, Safe Driving Program, Reparative Restorative Panels, Reentry Navigation and Circles of Support and Accountability for those reentering the community from incarceration. Also, Pretrial monitoring & Tamarack for those community members who have committed a crime and have a mental illness or substance abuse problem. Eleven individuals from the town of Ferrisburgh were served through the 11 different programs in FY 2020.

**Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations  
Requesting Town Funds for 2021 (cont'd.)**

**Addison County River Watch Collaborative (ACRWC) - \$500**

Despite cuts at the State level and the restrictions that the pandemic placed on gathering volunteers together and deploying them in teams, they did manage to do some limited E. coli sampling in 2020. Results were posted on Front Porch Forum as well as physically at some of the site's informational kiosks. Provisional results of our 2020 E. coli testing can be found at their website: [acrpc.org/acrwc](http://acrpc.org/acrwc). In 2021 they hope to resume a full suite of sampling. So, town funding is very critical to support water quality sampling at recreation sites.

**Tri-Valley Transit (TVT) - \$3,517**

TVT provides significant services to dozens of "transportation disadvantaged" Ferrisburgh residents. Last year Ferrisburgh helped support 1,500 door-to-door trips for Ferrisburgh residents, either by TVT volunteer drivers or by wheelchair accessible vehicles, including TVT owned vehicles operated by Elderly Services, Inc. Tri-Valley Transit's Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus systems provided 226,281 rides this past year. The state and federal grants through which they provide those rides require them to raise up to 20% of the cost of the programs through "local match" dollars. TVT's requests of the towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement.

**Age Well - \$1,100**

For more than 40 years, Age Well has provided services and support that allow seniors to stay independent, and remain healthy at home, where they want to be. They offer care and service coordination; Meals on Wheels; community meals; wellness programs; social activities; Tia Chi; transportation services; expertise on Medicare, insurance and long and short-term care options; a helpline and more. Age Well has been able to continue supporting older Vermonters during COVID-19, with over 500 individuals signing up for meal deliveries as they self-isolate.

**American Legion – Vergennes Post # 14 - \$300**

This is to help purchase flags and markers to be put at the grave sites of the men and women who have served and were residents of the Ferrisburgh.

**Boys & Girls Club - \$500**

Since reopening in September, they have served over 40 members at the Club and see an average of 15 per day. They continue to look for innovative ways to serve the community during this time including virtual content, meal support, and collaboration with other local organizations.

**Community Health Services of Addison County - Open Door Clinic - \$400**

Open Door Clinic provides access to healthcare services, free of charge, to those uninsured and under-insured and who meet financial eligibility guidelines. Services are provided in a compassionate, respectful and culturally sensitive manner until a permanent healthcare provider can be established. The clinic served 63 Ferrisburgh residents through 86 medical visits, 12 telehealth visits, 42 consults and 10 visits with our VT Health Connect insurance navigator since January 1, 2020.

**Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations  
Requesting Town Funds for 2021 (cont'd.)**

**Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc. - \$1,650**

During fiscal year 2020, the Counseling Service provided 23,137 hours of service to residents from the town of Ferrisburgh, who had mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability needs. CSAC responded to “Stay Safe, Stay Home” by pivoting to a telehealth model within 3 days, allowing safe service continuity for some of our most frail residents. It also provides assistance to individuals living with developmental disabilities as well as their families, people with severe and persistent mental illness, people dealing with substance abuse problems, elderly people suffering from depression, anxiety and other mental health issues and the entire community, through educational programs and special events. Our request has not increased since 2007. Despite more needs, we will not receive increased funds from the Legislature this year. We are committed to being available to help residents regardless of their ability to pay.

**Elderly Services, Inc.**

Due to the COVID pandemic, Elderly Services will refrain from their usual funding request at this Town Meeting. They will skip the request for 2021 in deference to the financial pressure by state and local governments due to the pandemic. They would like to resume our request for \$1100 the following year (2022) without being treated as a first-time applicant.

**End of Life Services - \$500**

During the past year Hospice Volunteer Services provided hospice services, bereavement programs and educational opportunities to 14 residents of the town of Ferrisburgh. Their primary commitment is providing the support of trained hospice volunteers to people with terminal illnesses and their families. They provide services to families free of charge. With the pandemic, we had to switch overnight to online services and rethink the way we were able to provide services. We have been able to carry out our mission through FaceTime, Chromebooks and Zoom to connect safely with our community.

**Friends of the Vergennes Opera House - \$500**

The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to preserve the historic Vergennes Opera House as a center for the presentation of the arts and other activities that promote and celebrate a sense of community. The Opera House serves a population of over 20,000 people from Addison County and beyond. It is a vibrant cultural and community center.

**Gage Cemetery - \$2,500**

The Gage Cemetery Association thanks the Town of Ferrisburgh for supporting them during the past year. With the support of the town they can continue the lawn maintenance at the cemetery.

**Green Up Vermont - \$150**

Green Up Day marked its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020. Some quick litter stats from 2020; Nearly 14,000 volunteers, 241 tons of litter and over 9,000 tires were collected. Since Green Up Vermont is not a state agency, its success depends not only on individuals volunteering to clean up, but also on financial support given by both the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. Mark your Calendar for Green Up Day 2021, May 1st and help us celebrate 51 years of keeping Vermont green! It is even more crucial to expand the Green Up Day reach to our youth, planting the seeds of civic engagement and giving back to our communities. People can choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift



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amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form. You can visit the website at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

**Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE) - \$2000.00**

HOPE seeks to assist individuals and families in identifying and obtaining the resources to help them meet their own basic needs. HOPE operates one of the largest food shelves in the state, which last year provided food for 78,039 meals and distributed over 28,000 pounds of donated and purchased produce from local farms. During the year ended December 31, 2019, HOPE provided assistance to 58 Ferrisburgh residents.

**Homeward Bound - \$1,000**

In FY 2020, Homeward Bound served Addison County by taking in 900 animals. Those animals were cared for daily, provided with necessary medical attention, and spayed/neutered prior to being placed for adoption. Thirteen animals were adopted by residents of Ferrisburgh. One stray animal was turned to their owner. Four strays were brought to Homeward Bound and two animals were surrendered by their owner. Three pets belonging to low-income pet owners received aid from Homeward Bound. As the only animal shelter in Addison County it also offers programs and services to meet a wide array of critical animal welfare needs.

**John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc. - \$825**

This year the John Graham Shelter, located on Main Street in Vergennes, marks 40 years of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals. In 2020, with generous help from Addison County municipalities the shelter provided food, shelter, services and hope to more than 300 people, many of whom were children. Rapid rehousing was provided to many families at our own buildings in Vergennes and at many scattered sites in the area. During the pandemic your support also helped to deliver 3 meals a day to hundreds of people and helped to newly renovate our shelter spaces and apartments for Covid-19 related safety. Also developed three new zero energy modular homes. The shelter helped dozens of families find permanent housing and employment and provided counseling, case management and support services that helped people take the next step in their lives. Visit their website at [www.johngrahamshelter.org](http://www.johngrahamshelter.org) for more information.

**Lewis Creek Association (LCA) - \$500**

Thanks to Ferrisburgh's annual financial support, LCA continues to monitor water quality trends, wildlife habitat, and river corridor conditions while pursuing restoration and conservation opportunities in Ferrisburgh and nearby watershed towns. By keeping track of natural resource conditions in Ferrisburgh, the town can understand Ferrisburgh's local resource conditions over time, document them in Ferrisburgh's Town Plan, and determine goals and strategies based upon actual field assessments and studies. This past year, LCA volunteers participated in many projects including the water quality education and improvement work that they promote through the "Ahead of the Storm" program. LCA is spearheading a study of the most effective way to control the yellow iris, many plants were removed this fall from the Little Otter Wildlife Management Area. LCA also produced new presentations and hosted webinars on aquatic invasive species and water quality.

**Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations  
Requesting Town Funds for 2021 (cont'd.)**

**North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association - \$2,500**

This request will help cover the cost of maintenance of the cemetery and mowing during the grass growing season. We appreciate the help from the town and are continuing to make improvements to the cemetery, which we would not be able to do without your support.

**Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCN) - \$275**

The Otter Creek NRCN has been serving the land use needs of the landowners of Addison County since 1941. They were organized and partially funded by the State of Vermont to furnish free technical assistance to landowners in order to bring about proper land use and treatment. The district continues to receive token administrative funds from the state; however, it is the yearly contribution from Addison County towns that enables them to maintain its services to farmers, landowners, towns, businesses and schools. 5 Ferrisburgh residents purchased fruit and shade tree seedlings from the Annual District Tree sale. The District supported Scholarships for up to 6 area students to attend Green Mountain Conservation Camp. The contribution of \$275 is the same assessment since 1983 and amounts to \$.11 per resident.

**Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) - \$210**

Ferrisburgh senior citizens took advantage of RSVP's free income tax return preparation services and free osteoporosis prevention classes. Overall, 316 Addison County residents benefited from attending the Bone Builders classes and 398 community members received income tax services. During the winter months, RSVP handed out over 1,400 blankets and warm clothing items were distributed to community members throughout Addison County. In response to COVID-19 volunteers distributed over 400 hand sewn masks and provided essential items to families in need and offered wellness calls to isolated seniors.

**Rokeby Museum - \$1,000**

Your donation helps us to support our mission to connect visitors with the experience of the Underground Railroad and with the lives of the Robinson family. 2020 was a difficult year for museums, but one positive aspect was an increase in local individuals visiting Rokeby for the first time. We look forward to continuing in 2021 our relationships with Ferrisburgh and regional schools. We are planning to work more closely with the Union Meeting Hall and Ferrisburgh Historical Society on 2021 programs. To receive an e-newsletter, email [director@rokeby.org](mailto:director@rokeby.org).

**Union Cemetery Association - \$2,400**

This request will help cover the cost of maintenance of the cemetery and mowing of the grass during the growing season.

**Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) - \$785**

In FY 2020, Vermont Adult Learning provided services to 1,143 individuals statewide, 3 of whom were residents of Ferrisburgh. VAL offers a variety of individual learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. They offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing, and math and classes for English Language Learners (ELL). Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes. They also offer WorkKeys certification, a nationally recognized career readiness certificate based on "Real world" skills that employers look for in employees.

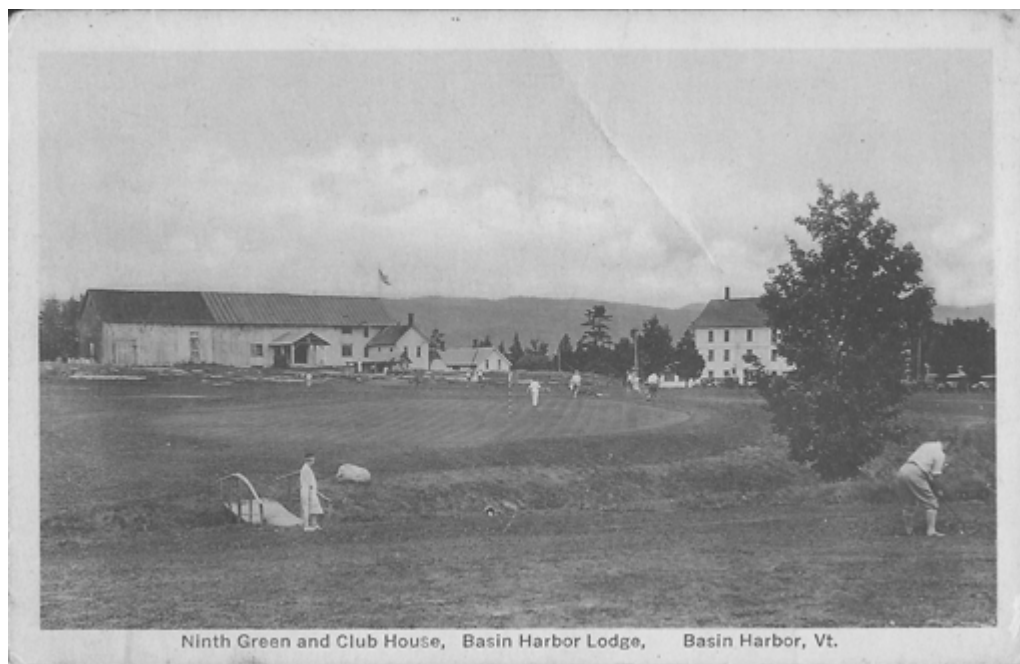
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Requesting Town Funds for 2020(cont'd.)**

**Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) - \$250**

VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability in FY 2020. Tow residents from Ferrisburgh were assisted. Annual support from over 150 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives.

**WomenSafe, Inc. - \$1,250**

During FY 2020, WomenSafe, Inc. served at least 17 residents of Ferrisburgh and the parents of at least 9 children who were exposed to violence. Often victims choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their safety and that of their children. Therefore, statistics for those served in any given town are understated. Your contribution will be used to support the services provided to their service users, such as their hotline, supervised visitation program, education and outreach, and transitional housing support with victims of domestic and sexual violence.



Ninth green and Club House, Basin Harbor, back when the men wore knickers golfing.  
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**WARNING AND NOTICE FOR 2021 TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD BY AUSTRALIAN  
BALLOT AND NOTICE OF**

**INFORMATIONAL HEARING**

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT**

**Pursuant to ACT 162, the Town of Ferrisburgh will conduct its 2021 annual meeting on all warned articles by Australian ballot after an informational hearing which will be held electronically.**

**The legal voters of the Town of Ferrisburgh are hereby warned and notified to meet electronically via Zoom on Saturday, February 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. for a public informational hearing on the warned articles as hereinafter stated and to hear reports of the Town Officers. Legal voters may access and attend the public informational hearing by using the log-in information set forth in detail below at the end of this Warning.**

**The legal voters of the Town of Ferrisburgh are further hereby warned and notified that voting by Australian ballot on all warned articles will take place on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall from 7:00am until 7:00pm.**

**AUSTRALIAN BALLOT WARNING**

**March 2, 2021**

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters of the town vote to collect taxes in four (4) installments with the installment dates to be September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1 with each installment to be received in the town office before 4:00 p.m. on the due date?

**ARTICLE 2:** Shall the voters of the town establish a reserve fund towards the purchase of a replacement pumper tanker and contribute \$30,000 towards it each year until the truck is purchased (about 5 years)?

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the voters of the town authorize the purchase of a tandem dump truck and related snow removal equipment in an amount not to exceed \$220,000, of which a portion up to \$190,000 will be financed over a period not to exceed five years?

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters of the town authorize payment to the appointed delinquent tax collector hourly instead of by stipend? Hourly amount to be approved by the Selectboard.

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the voters of the town establish a reserve fund to be called the Tree Fund to be used for removal of Ash and other danger trees, as well as planting and general tree care, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804 and be funded with \$4500 annually from the Selectboard budget?

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters of the town approve total general fund expenditures of \$2,171,467, of which \$1,746,723 shall be raised by taxes and \$424,744 by non-tax revenue for the 2021-2022 Selectboard Budget, excluding any other amounts authorized by the voters? NOTE: Total expenditures will be increased by any separate articles voted independently.

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters of the town adopt the amendments to the Ferrisburgh Land Use Regulations dated January 19, 2021.

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$31,095 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

|                                                     |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Addison County Economic Development Corporation     | 500             |
| Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc.          | 2,983           |
| Addison County Parent Child Center                  | 1,600           |
| Addison County Readers, Inc.                        | 600             |
| Addison County Restorative Justice                  | 800             |
| Addison County River Watch Collaborative            | 500             |
| Addison County Transit Resources                    | 3,517           |
| American Legion - Memorial Day Observation          | 300             |
| Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes            | 500             |
| Age Well (Champlain Valley Agency on Aging)         | 1,100           |
| Community Health Services Open Door Clinic          | 400             |
| Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.          | 1,650           |
| Elderly Services, Inc.                              | 0               |
| End of Life Services (formerly Hospice)             | 500             |
| Friends of the Vergennes Opera House                | 500             |
| Gage Cemetery Association                           | 2,500           |
| Green Up Vermont                                    | 150             |
| Homeward Bound (Humane Society)                     | 1,000           |
| HOPE (formerly ACCAG)                               | 2,000           |
| John Graham Shelter                                 | 825             |
| Lewis Creek Association                             | 500             |
| North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association              | 2,500           |
| Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District | 275             |
| Retired Senior Volunteer Program                    | 210             |
| Rokeby Museum                                       | 1,000           |
| Union Cemetery                                      | 2,400           |
| Vermont Adult Learning                              | 785             |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living               | 250             |
| Women Safe                                          | 1,250           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                        | <b>\$31,095</b> |

**ARTICLE 9:** To elect Town Officers.

Auditor – 3-year term

Selectboard – 2-year term

First Constable – 1-year term

Lister – 3-year term

Moderator – 1-year term

Rogers & Hazard Fund Trustee – 2-year term

Selectboard – 3-year term


Unified School Director – 3-year term


Unified School Director – 3-year term

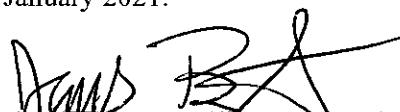
Polls open from 7 a.m. To 7 p.m.


Dated at Ferrisburgh, Vermont, this 19th day of January 2021.

  
Jessica James, Chair

  
Chris Campbell

  
Michael Muir

  
James Benoit

  
Clark Hinsdale

Received for record this 19th day of January 2021.

Pam Cousino Pam Cousino, Town Clerk

Town of Ferrisburgh is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Town Meeting Information Mtg - Feb. 27, 2021

Time: Feb 27, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Hawkins Road through the Slang, April 2019.

– Courtesy of John Bull

# Town of Ferrisburgh

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Ferrisburgh Center, probably the 1940s. Most likely taken by George Lathrop.  
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