

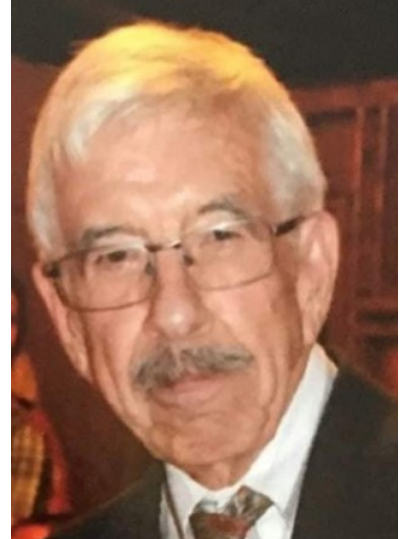


Dorset Town Report 2022

TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

Theron Troumbley

Theron Troumbley loved to serve his community. He was born in Danby and settled in Kirby Hollow in Dorset with his wife Ann in the early 1960s. Together with Ann he raised two kids and became part of the fabric of our community. Theron owned and operated Kirby Hollow Electric and was known as a hard working, honest, and humorous businessman.



Dorset was fortunate to have Theron's dedicated service. He worked for 36 years as Second Constable. Many community members can remember Theron helping to look after our community with an eagerness and a sense of pride for helping others in a time of need. During that time he also served on the Vermont Constable's Association Board, and worked for the Bennington County Sheriff's Department. He took his duties as a Constable so seriously that he was a natural fit to play a Constable on the Dorset Playhouse stage in the early 1990s. He had only one line, but he excelled in the role nonetheless. During all this time he somehow found the time to run a successful electrical business, often performing service calls day or night for his customers.

Theron like most good old Vermonters could tell a funny story. He always had a mischievous twinkle in his eye as he set up and rolled out the punchline in a joke. He loved to tell about being first on scene at a plane crash in Dorset Hollow in the 1970s.



Theron also served on the Dorset Fire District Prudential Committee and as a member of the Dorset Fire Department for over 30 years, much of that time as Assistant Chief. He was an active member of the Dorset Sportsman's Club, helping to run the annual fishing derby and often being the center of attention at fundraising dinners making people laugh and smile.

Theron dedicated his life to serving the Dorset community through his business and efforts as a municipal official. We are fortunate to have had his combination of selflessness and good humor in our midst. His smile and laughs will be missed.

Thank you Theron and family for your many years of service to Dorset!

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TOWN OFFICE CALENDAR & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Town Manager's Office Monday to Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Town Clerk's Office Monday to Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Zoning Administrator Tuesday to Thursday ~ 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Assessor's Office Monday to Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Select Board Meetings Third Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Office
 Planning Commission Meetings First Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Office
 Zoning Board Meetings Third Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Office
 Design Review Board Third Monday each month at 5:30 p.m. ~ Town Office

Bennington County Sheriff	Staff Sergeant Chris Miller	(802) 442-4900	www.benningtonsheriff.org
Town Office		(802) 362-4571	www.dorsetvt.org
Town Manager	Rob Gaiotti	x3	townmanager@gmail.com
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper	Nancy Aversano	x4	dorsetadmin@comcast.net
Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerks	Sandra Pinsonault Judy Collins/Jennifer Halligan	x2	dorsetclerk@gmail.com
Zoning Administrator	Tyler Yandow	x5	dorsetza@gmail.com
Assessors	Margot Schoffstall	x6	dorsetlister@gmail.com
Town Office Fax		(802) 362-5156	
Town Garage		(802) 362-5244	
Town Road Foreman	Jim Hewes	(802) 362-5244	
Animal Control Officer Vermont Game Warden	Town Manager Kyle Isherwood	(802) 362-4571 (802) 442-5421	
Health Officer	Dolores Marcotte	(802) 362-4571	
Town Constable	Ryan Matteson	(802) 430-8407	
Dorset Chamber of Commerce	dorsetvtchamber@gmail.com	(802) 440-0455	www.dorsetvt.com
Schools	Dorset School	(802) 362-2606	sites.google.com/brsu.org/ thedorsetschool/home
	Burr & Burton Academy	(802) 362-1775	www.burrburton.org
	Long Trail School	(802) 867-5717	www.longtrailschool.org
Taconic & Green Regional School District Board		(802) 362-2452	sites.google.com/brsu/home
Post Offices	Dorset	(802) 867-5501	
	East Dorset	(802) 362-3233	
East Dorset Fire Warden Dorset Fire Warden	Doug Beebe Shawn Hazelton	(802) 362-4601 (802)-867-5311	www.dorsetfiredistrict.org/
Dorset Library	Erica Shott	(802) 867-5774	dorsetvillialibrary.org
VNA & Hospice	Sara King, Chief Exec. Officer	(802) 775-0568	802-362-1200
State Representative	Mike Rice	(802) 828-2228	mrice@leg.state.vt.us
State Senator	Brian Champion	(802) 753-7705	bcampion@leg.state.vt.us
State Senator	Richard Sears	(802) 828-2228	rsears@leg.state.vt.us

2022 Appointed Town Officers

Town Manager.....	Rob Gaiotti
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper.....	Nancy Aversano
Zoning Administrator	Tyler Yandow, AIA
Assessor.....	Margot Schoffstall
Health Officer.....	Dolores Marcotte
Animal Control Officer.....	Town Manager
Fence Viewers	Henry Chandler
.....	Megan Thörn
Tree Warden.....	Hal Coolidge
Town Service Officer.....	Ellen Maloney
Energy Coordinator	Jim Hand

Planning Commission

Gay Squire, Chairperson.....	2023	Scott Ross.....	2024
Scott Thompson, Vice Chair.....	2023	Dave Berard.....	2026
Kit Wallace.....	2023	Conor Welch	2024
Natalie Quigley.....	2026	David McAneny	2025
Scott Durgin	2024		

All four (4) year terms expire April 30th of the year indicated

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Kevin O'Toole, Chairman	2023	Ed Tanenhaus.....	2025
David Wilson, Vice Chairman...	2025	Bruce Ketcham	2025
Martha Merwin	2025	Chad Smith.....	2025
Tuck Rawls	2023	Vacancy	2025
Ruth Stewart	2023		

All three (3) year terms to expire April 30th of the year indicated

Conservation Commission

Malcolm Cooper, Jr.....	2025	Kevin O'Toole	2024
Tim Duclos	2025	Chip Ams	2024
Lee Romano	2023	Marilyn Kinney.....	2026
Sig Buchmayr.....	2026		

All four (4) year terms expire May 31st of the year indicated

Design Review Board

Kit Wallace, Chairperson	2023	Michele Pagan.....	2024
Arnie Gottlieb.....	2023	James Clubb.....	2024
Lindy Bowden.....	2023	Ruth Tanenhaus (Alternate)	2025

All three (3) year terms expire April 30th of the year indicated

Bennington County Regional Commission

Vacancy.....	2024	Nancy Faesy.....	2023
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All two (2) year terms expire on April 30th of the year indicated

Elected Town Officers

Moderator, Town..... Kevin O’Toole 1 Year Term..... Expires 2023

Moderator, School Kevin O’Toole 1 Year Term..... Expires 2023

Town Clerk..... Sandra Pinsonault..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2023

Town Treasurer..... Sandra Pinsonault..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2023

Select Board..... Henry Chandler..... 1 Year Term..... Expires 2023

..... James Salsgiver..... 3 Year Term..... Expires 2025

..... Frank Parent 3 Year Term..... Expires 2023

..... Liz Ruffa..... 1 Year Term..... Expires 2023

..... Megan Thörn 3 Year Term..... Expires 2024

First Constable Ryan Matteson 1 Year Term..... Expires 2023

Town Agent..... Kevin O’Toole 1 Year Term..... Expires 2023

Justices of the Peace..... Howard Coolidge Michele Pagan

..... Russell Appelman..... Jennifer Rich

..... Sandra Pinsonault..... Roger Squires

..... Bo Thörn Lee Fox

2 Year Terms for all Justices Expire November 2025

Taconic & Green School District Representatives: David Chandler & James Salsgiver

DORSET’S 2023 INFORMATIONAL TOWN MEETING

will be held *in person* at Dorset Elementary School located at

130 School Drive

Monday, March 6th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Please bring this Town Report with you.

Australian Ballot Voting will take place on Tuesday, March 7th, from

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Dorset School

THANK YOU

Ed Torres of East Dorset for this year’s front & back cover photos.

Dorset Road Crew: Jim Hewes, Duane Sherman, Bill Nichols & Jamie Green

Tom Smith for your dedicated service as a Dorset Select Board member

SELECT BOARD & TOWN MANAGER

Town Office Update:

The new Town office effort was impacted by higher pricing in 2022. As a result, the building size has been reduced from 5,900 square feet down to around 5,100 square feet. We were able to retain the original layout and net zero design of the building, and we're on track for a 2023 summer start. This facility will help anchor the activities at Raptor Lane by providing ample parking for access to hiking and biking trails in the Town Forest.

Dorset Village Water System:

We are happy to report that the partnership between the Town and the Dorset Fire District has been successful. The Town Manager has worked with the Prudential Committee to help secure at least \$2.25 million in grants for the upcoming \$5 million large service line project. Construction is set to start in the spring of 2023 and should take a year. The group is quickly pivoting to complete design on a Phase 2 that would include water main replacement and restoration of the fire hydrants for fire protection. The hope is to capitalize on the wealth of federal funding that will be available in the coming years.

Draft Zoning Bylaw:

The Planning Commission has worked very hard over the past 18 months to update and streamline the Dorset Zoning Bylaw. The goal has been to update the document while retaining the character that makes Dorset a special place to live and work. Be sure to attend the upcoming Public Hearings this winter as the approval process starts.

Housing:

The Town completed a housing needs assessment during 2022. This valuable document will help us to better understand the portions of our housing stock that are lacking based on the needs of the community. Our place as a rural community with good schools and a great quality of life for residents needs to be shared with more young families. The Town also conducted a local option tax analysis to better understand if a LOT could offer resources to this effort. Our goals are to have a plan to present in the near future with regard to a community led housing effort at Raptor Lane.

Flooding:

It has been an ongoing goal of the Town to be a valuable resource to our residents and businesses when issues arise. We have been working with the State and FEMA to pursue options to solve problems with flooding in East Dorset. We are happy to report that the State will chip in the funding for a full price sale of the Chanteclear restaurant. This is bittersweet news, as we hate to lose a long-standing business, but it is likely the best outcome for all involved. We are also happy to report that a State grant will help to cover the cost of moving Brookside Drive out of the floodway.

Dorset – Manchester Pathway:

In 2023 we will benefit from a scoping study to better understand possible improvements to pedestrian and cycling infrastructure along Route 30. The ultimate goal of the project is to study a possible connection from Dorset Village to the Manchester Rail Trail. We are excited to pursue this long-term goal and look forward to engaging the community about how this asset could make life in Dorset better. Be sure to attend the public meetings related to this project.

Many thanks to all our Town employees who help to keep services in Dorset running in good order. We also extend our thanks to all the volunteer board and commission members who play a role in making Dorset a great place to live!

Respectfully Submitted, Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager

Town Clerk Report

I have had the pleasure of serving the Town of Dorset since March, 2005. While I am completing my eighteenth year in office, I am still amazed at how each day is different and the love for my job never fades. Our office continues to maintain and preserve the land and vital records for our town. This past year, our office continued to be extremely busy with land record recordings. Home sales are beginning to slow down and continue to be a huge part of our daily recordings.

2023 will be a quiet year involving elections! We will only have the Annual Town Meeting in March. This year we are welcomed back at the Dorset School for both the floor meeting on Monday, March 6th at 7 pm. and Australian voting on Tuesday, March 7th from 7 am to 7 pm. If you wish to have a ballot mailed to you, please contact my office and we will send one to you.

Please remember to license your dog on or before April 1st of each year. A spay/neutered dog is \$11 and \$15 for one that is not. Large penalties will be assessed after April 1. This is state law for the protection of your dogs and our citizens.

I want to thank my Assistant Judy Collins for her continued support and service to the Town.

Sandra "Sandy" Pinsonault, MMC/CVC

Town of Dorset Liquor Licenses: 2022

First Class License

Barrows House.....	\$115
Chantecleer Restaurant.....	\$115
Dorset Field Club	\$115
Dorset Inn.....	\$115
Dorset Playhouse	\$115
Dorset Bakery	\$115
Inn at West View Farm	\$115
Vermont Summer Festival.....	\$115

Total First Class\$920

2022 Animal License Report

130 Spayed Female @ \$6.....	\$780
109 Neutered Male @ \$6.....	\$654
13 Males @ \$10.....	\$130
13 Females @ \$10.....	\$130

265 Total Dogs

Total Town Revenue\$1,694

Second Class License

Dorset Union Store	\$70
Global Montello Group	\$70
HN Williams Store.....	\$70
Hasgas General Store.....	\$70

Total Second Class\$..... \$280

Total All Licenses..... \$1,200

2022 Vitals

Births

Males.....	0
Female.....	13

Deaths

Males.....	9
Females	14

Marriages

Resident	12
Non-Resident.....	32

Treasurer Report

I am currently finishing my third year of my three-year elected term as Treasurer for the Town of Dorset. As Treasurer, my duties include the review and approval of accounts payable, payroll checks and delinquent tax warrants for the Town of Dorset.

In addition to an annual external audit (currently conducted by Mudgett, Jennett, & Krough –Wisner, PC) the Town of Dorset has in place internal controls into the municipal finance system; this includes periodic testing of accounts by a retired finance person and monthly review of balanced bank statements by the Treasurer.

Previous fiscal year audits can be found on the Town website at: www.dorsetvt.org

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Pinsonault, Clerk/Treasurer

Health Officer Report

In 2022 the Health Officer received 18 phone calls with regard to health questions. No on-site inspections were required. The health officer responds to health & safety complaints and helps residents get in touch with the proper resources to remedy the situation. Residential rental properties in Vermont are regulated by the Vermont Rental Code Handbook. This regulation is drafted by the Vermont Department of Health and is available online.

The Vermont Department of Health provides support to the Health Officer and is a good resource for residents: <http://healthvermont.gov>

Respectfully Submitted,
Dolores K. Marcotte

Animal Control Officer Report

In 2022 the Animal Control Officer received 30 calls about animal related issues. Common issues were dogs running at large, unlicensed dogs. The Animal Control Officer position continues to be vacant, anyone interested in filling the position should contact the Town Manager's Office. For Animal Control calls contact the Town Manager at 417-7814.

If you have a problem with a wild animal, please call VT Game Warden Kyle Isherwood at 442-5421, option 8. If the Game Warden cannot be reached, the ACO should be contacted in case of an emergency. Due to the fact that we live in a rural area with wildlife, rabies and distemper can be a concern, so be sure to get your pets vaccinated.

Please remember to license you dog, it's required by Vermont Law. Dog licenses are due April 1st, all dogs over the age of 6 months are required to be licensed and have proof of vaccination with the Town Clerk's Office.

During the year we always have dogs that get loose from a property. PLEASE buy a collar with your name, address, and phone number for your dogs. This will help us return your dogs to you safely and quickly. PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager

2022 Assessor Report

For the twelve months ending December 31, 2022, the Assessor's office processed 68 valid "arms-length" sales. These sales ranged from \$215,000 to \$4,850,000 for residential property, \$25,500 to \$1,200,000 for land, and one commercial property sale at \$950,000. In addition, routine maintenance was done on the working Grand List such as property transfers into trusts, transfers between family members, or abutters' sales and foreclosures.

Dorset's new 2022 CLA (common level of appraisal) – a three-year average of total town sales divided by the total assessment, is now established by the State at 81.14%. The State rate for the education tax is factored by the CLA for each Vermont Town in order to arrive at the "equalized tax rate" for that Town. Further our new COD (coefficient of dispersal -- that measures equity across types of property) is now at 21.32%.

2016-2022	Education Equalize Value		% Change	CLA
2016	\$665,605,197		.30%	105.94
2017	\$651,285,470		-2.2%	108.00
2018	\$645,580,592		-1.8%	108.18
2019	\$640,220,999		-.80%	108.49
2020	\$681,775,466		6.1%	103.02
2021	\$761,562,729		11.24%	91.78%
2022	\$866,038,307		12.1%	81.14%

We are concerned with the fairness of your assessed value. Every year a property owner has the right to appeal their property value. This should be done before the start of the Town's spring grievance period. We encourage you to contact us with any questions or comments on your property assessment. Office hours Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Phone 802-362-4571 x 6 or E-Mail: dorsetlister@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted,
Margot Schoffstall--Assessor

Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, and Design Review Board Report

A summary of permits and board referrals is shown in the table below.

Permit Type	# of Permits		Referred to Planning Commission		Referred to Zoning Board of Adjustment		Referred to Design Review Board		Referred to Selectboard	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Building	72	58	13	4	6	2	11	10	---	---
Demolition	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	---
Change of Use	3	0	1	0	0	0	---	---	---	---
Boundary Line Adjustment	6	5	0	0	0	0	---	---	---	---
Sign	8	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	---	---
Subdivision	0	1	0	1	0	0	---	---	---	---
Driveway Access	4	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	2
Totals	95	72	14	5	6	2	14	10	4	2

Zoning Administrator:

Much time was spent addressing questions from potential real estate purchasers and real estate agents. The Administrative Officer continued to work with the Planning Commission and the town's planning consultant, *Placesence*, on possible amendments to the zoning bylaw, subdivision regulations, and town plan. The annual E911 report was completed for the State Enhanced 911 Board.

Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission spent 2022 continuing its work of revising the town's zoning and subdivision bylaws with the guidance of Brandy Saxton of *Placesense*. The aim of this revision is to bring our bylaws more into compliance with state statutes and to more closely follow the principles laid out in our 2020 Town Plan.

One of our members, Will Clarke, resigned from the PC because of personal scheduling reasons. We thank him for his many years of positive contributions. Shortly thereafter we welcomed David McAneny to the PC. David moved here with his family from California several years ago and lives in Dorset Hollow.

In addition to its regular monthly meetings, the Planning Commission held two public information meetings, in June and July, to provide Dorset residents a chance to give their input regarding the proposed revision of the bylaws. These meetings were very valuable to the Commission and we made several modifications to the bylaws based on the comments received. In addition, Brandy Saxton provided a "Comment Box" on the town web site where residents could ask questions and make comments on any aspect of the zoning proposals. These were always forwarded to the full PC and to the Zoning Administrator. Also, in addition to our regular meetings, we held four work sessions, in June, July, August and September, which were devoted entirely to bylaw discussion and revision. The new set of bylaws, whose final draft should be ready for public hearings in the early spring of 2023, is more detailed and comprehensive than anything the town has had to work with in the past, and will greatly facilitate all aspects of zoning compliance and subdivision proposals.

Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, and Design Review Board Report

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On a personal note, I would like to thank each member of the Planning Commission for their steadfast commitment to attend every meeting, regular and otherwise, and for the constructive way in which we all have worked together on this massive undertaking over the past two plus years. I am proud and grateful to be a part of this remarkable team.

Design Review Board:

The Design Review Board is tasked with reviewing exterior alterations or additions in the Dorset Village Design Overlay District for conformity with certain design guidelines. In this area of historic significance, many of the decisions contribute to the preservation of the iconic historic character of the village.

During 2022 the DRB had fewer applications than usual. Several meetings were taken up with reviewing relevant sections of the new by-laws being proposed by the Planning Commission.

Jim Clubb resigned after many years of dedicated service on the DRB. We will be looking for a replacement in 2023.

With thanks to Tyler Yandow for administrative support and zoning advice, Becky Nawrath for careful work on the meeting minutes, and to the Design Review Board members for their hard work, commitment and caring: Jim Clubb, Lindy Bowden, Arnie Gottlieb, Michelle Pagan, and Ruth Tanenhaus.

The town continues to be grateful for the time and energy donated by members of each board.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay Squire, PC Chair
Kit Wallace, DRB Chair
Tyler Yandow AIA, Zoning Administrator

Zoning Board Of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is a quasi-judicial body comprised of nine individuals appointed by the Select Board. At present, the ZBA has eight members, namely the Chair, Kevin O'Toole, and Vice-Chair, Ed Tanenhaus, as well as members at large David Wilson, Tuck Rawls, Ruth Stewart, Martha Merwin, Chad Smith and Bruce Ketchum.

The Chair wishes to thank everyone for their commitment to volunteer their time and talents during the past year, especially to those members who stepped down this past year: Patrick McGuire, Bill Bridges and Chair, John LaVecchia, and to Tuck Rawls, who has served on the ZBA for over thirty years and plans to step down in April. So we need some new members!

The ZBA meets on an as-needed basis on the third Monday of the month and hears applications for conditional use permits, variances, expansions of non-conforming buildings and/or uses, as well as appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator.

During 2023, the ZBA considered four applications. In May, the ZBA granted a conditional use permit application for a barn with an apartment in Dorset Hollow and, in August, approved an amendment relocating the barns. Also in August, the ZBA granted another conditional use permit application for a garage apartment on Peckham Lane. In May, the ZBA granted a setback variance and a conditional use permit to the Wilson House of East Dorset.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin M. O'Toole, Chair

Recreation

Another year of outstanding Outdoor Recreation in Dorset has welcomed exciting changes for locals and visitors alike. Although a warmer winter, the little East Dorset ice rink was opened for a second year and much used by the local children. The mountain biking trails in Owls Head Town Forest have expanded to include several new flow trails of intermediate level. The network of bike trails in Owls Head is over 5 miles. The Outdoor Recreation department (Hike Dorset) was awarded a Vermont state grant to build a new downhill flow trail and construction is planned to begin in the spring of 2023. In addition, the local Boy Scout troop, led by Kyle Southworth, has built a beautiful new kiosk for the bike trails that will be a wonderful home for new maps and user information.



The Vermont Youth Conservation Corp (VYCC) returned to Dorset and worked on a very special project at Emerald Lake State Park. The crew conducted much needed repairs on the Vista Loop trail and this has made the trail so much better for hikers! Emerald Lake won State Park of the Year in 2022 and the Town of Dorset is thrilled to be in partnership with such a wonderful local natural resource. Be sure to visit and hike the Vista Trail and see the stunning views for yourself.

The Hike Dorset trail crew came into the summer of 2022 with the goal of repairing the upper Owls Head vista trail to Gilbert Lookout and the new lookout along the freshly constructed red route. The old blue route has been closed due to safety concerns and environmental degradation to the mountain. The Hike Dorset crew was busy throughout the summer building stone stairways, improving bench on over 2 miles of existing trails, and manually removing invasive species in Pinnacle Forest. Annual trail drainage was cleaned and re-dug according to the Town Forest Plan and the crew worked hard to make our existing 30+ miles of trail as pristine as possible. The Department hosted several natural history programs, wild edible and mushroom foraging events, and educational school group outings throughout 2022 and worked closely with the Dorset Village Library to make these happen. The continued partnerships with local natural resource organizations and non-profits are essential for the continued success of Hike Dorset. Community involvement and volunteers are needed and welcome so please email hikedorset@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved. Happy Hiking!

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Batz



Conservation Commission

Outdoor Recreation and Stewardship:

The little East Dorset Ice Rink was opened in its second year. At Owls Head Town forest, mountain biking trails were expanded, adding intermediate trails, to a total of 5 miles of biking trail. Moreover, a local Boy Scout troop built a new informational kiosk at the trails. These trails will be expanded in 2023 with the support of a VT state grant awarded to the town in 2022. The upper parking lot at Raptor Land was expanded. Cases of vandalism at Owls Head and Cutler Memorial Forest were addressed. The Recreation Director recruited, trained, and led 5 individuals on the Hike Dorset crew, as well as mentored one BBA student. At Emerald Lake State Park, a Vermont Youth Conservation Corps made repairs to the Vista Loop Trail. At Owls Head, the Hike Dorset crew improved a 1-mile section of the red route trail, widening the trail, building stone staircases, and adding a lookout. Invasive plants were also removed from Owls Head.



At Pinnacle Forest, the Hike Dorset Crew built stone stairways, improved over 2 miles of trail, and removed invasive plants. Across the over 30 miles of town-wide trail network, this crew also cleaned and improved drainage and addressed stewardship needs across the over 30 miles of trail. Furthermore, new efforts to manage multi-stakeholder use of town lands during hunting season was piloted across the network and the town continues to work to address challenges with multi-use at the Freedleyville Quarry.

Education:

In partnership with the Dorset Village Library, the Outdoor Recreation Department hosted a rich array of natural history programs throughout the year, in addition to wild edible and mushroom foraging events, a kids fishing day, and regular school group outings.



Conservation Planning:

Over the last year, the commission has initiated a landscape-level conservation initiative focused upon strategizing and working towards identifying parcels of high conservation value within the township for outreach and conservation. The goal is to work with private landowners to elevate the understanding of the ecological value of their lands and those around them- and, in doing so, work to preserve the integrity of the currently forested and undeveloped landscape across the town of Dorset. The commission recognizes that continual demand for real-estate development, coupled with increased rates of landowner succession, threatens to increase the level of forest loss and the continual fragmentation of the integrity of our natural environment within the township. Using data and guidance from the

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Vermont Conservation Design, the commission is working through an initial stage of identifying conservation targets and the prioritization of parcels for targeted outreach and engagement. In our next stage, we intend to stimulate a community conversation about the ecological value of our town landscape, the value of each parcel in the landscape, and to collectively and individually empower Dorset landowners with the knowledge, tools, and resources with which they can best steward and preserve the ecological integrity of their lands now and for our future generations.

Dorset Energy Committee

This year, the Dorset Energy Committee continued to respond to inquiries about household energy efficiency, visited the homes of Dorset residents, and participated in the work of the Regional Energy Committee.

In particular, we co-hosted the very successful Dorset EV Drive In Show in April and donated untold hours to Window Dressers in October.. Window Dressers is a program in which volunteers assemble very reasonable, custom fitted, storm--type windows for residences and business in the Northshire. We are planning to do the same next year so your inquiries are welcome.

On the municipal front, we laid the groundwork for receiving an Act 174 grant for needed energy and money saving improvements to both the Dorset and East Dorset Fire Houses. We'll keep you informed!

At Town Meeting each year we deliver the latest information on incentives, rebates and other opportunities to save on energy. Last year's presentation ended in many successful referrals to NeighborWorks Heat Squad for reduced price audits and follow through.

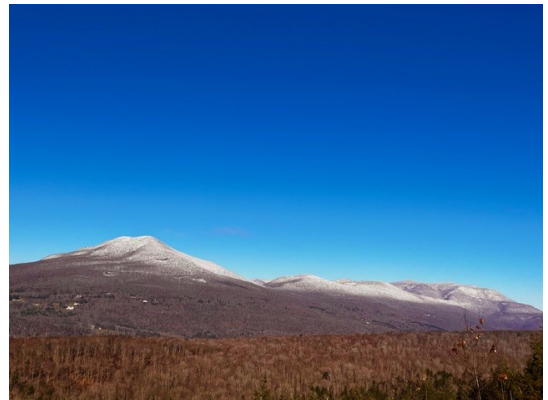
We also tracked current legislation on energy matters and met with our new Representative, Mike Rice.

Publicity wise, the Committee prepared for an event, "SAVE BIG IN 2023," which explains the generous benefits for households, businesses and municipalities available through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

Our most important functions are to help meet the energy needs of our town's residents and save taxpayers' money. Your questions and suggestions are what we look for. Please contact any of the members listed below. We also welcome new members!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Jim Hand, Town Energy coordinator; Jim Salsgiver,
Nancy Faesy, Bill Laberge, and Ellen Maloney, Chair, and
Robert Gaiotti, Advisor





Bennington County Regional Commission

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region. The BCRC plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests. The organization is governed by local appointees from seventeen area municipalities and commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: www.bcrcvt.org).

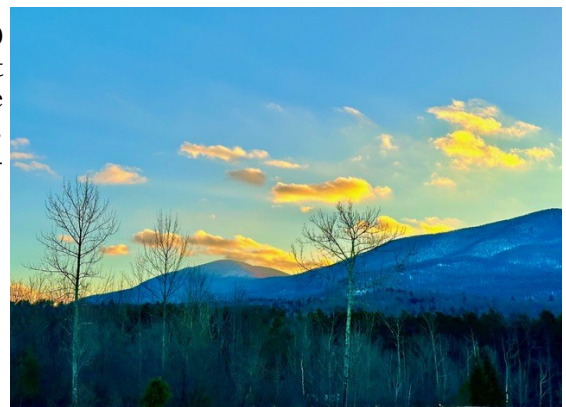
In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials, the BCRC is a regional center for programs in community and economic development, transportation, energy, environmental conservation, water quality, public health, solid waste management, and emergency management. BCRC staff is available to provide direct assistance in these areas and to serve as a liaison with state and federal agencies.

During the past year, the BCRC has worked to implement its comprehensive plan through a variety of programs and cooperative work with member municipalities. Economic development planning at the BCRC is conducted by dedicated staff and supported by a committee with representatives appointed by the regional development corporation. The goal of this BCRC program is to support business retention, growth, and recruitment. Related BCRC planning and community development initiatives support redevelopment initiatives in downtowns and village centers, grant assistance for local businesses, and have produced reuse planning studies for key properties such as the former SVC campus and the recently idled Energizer complex. Concern over the state's water quality has led the BCRC to identify and implement local projects that not only reduce stormwater runoff, but also protect roads, bridges, culverts, and private property from damage. Other important activities have included: an assessment of land use regulations affecting housing in each town and village, expanded staff capacity to assist with implementation of local energy plans, village center and neighborhood development area designations, implementation of the regional solid waste management plan, and planning for roadway, bicycle and pedestrian, and public transportation improvements.

In the coming year, the BCRC will continue to provide information and resources to assist business and local governments to take advantage of opportunities created through the federal American Rescue Plan and other programs. We expect to see continued focus on infrastructure (including broadband) improvement projects, pandemic recovery and business support services, planning for workforce housing, and measures to support implementation of the Vermont Climate Action Plan.

While our downtown Bennington offices, located at 210 South Street, have reopened, staff still work remotely at times, so it generally is easiest to contact us via email (see contacts at www.bcrcvt.org). Fortunately, technology has allowed us to continue work with little interruption in progress on any projects.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Colvin, Director





Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

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

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

The Alliance hosts a website at www.bcswa.org, and manages public outreach through social media at facebook.com/solidwastealliance, instagram.com/bcswa_vt, and youtube.com/@bcswa. The website and social media channels provide information to residents about:

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

During 2022 the Alliance assisted 41 businesses, held composting and Recycling events at the Manchester Library, and hosted tables at several farmers markets. On-site presentations and/or curriculum were provided to Southshire Community School, the Dorset School, Mount Anthony Union Middle School, Mt. Anthony Union High School, and Molly Stark Elementary School.

BCSWA holds an annual sale of reduced price composting equipment to encourage citizens to remove food scraps from their landfill waste. In 2022 BCSWA sold 103 composters/digesters, and 22 composting accessories.

The Alliance held household hazardous waste collection events in Bennington, Searsburg, Dorset with 613 households participating. Also in 2022, BCSWA began the development of a permanent household hazardous collection waste facility to be located at the Bennington Transfer Station. The facility is expected to open in June 2023.

Visit bcswa.org for updates and details. The Alliance receives most of its funding from the thirteen towns along with grants from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Agriculture and Markets.



State of Vermont
Department of Health
Bennington Local Health Office
324 Main St., Suite 2

[phone] 802-447-3531
[toll free] 800-637-7347
HealthVermont.gov

Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns across Bennington County in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, the Bennington Local Health Office:

Protected communities from COVID-19: Since the pandemic began three years ago our doors have remained open, and we've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. We provided vaccine, testing, and information, along with other key public health services.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In collaboration with community partners, since COVID-19 response efforts began, we hosted over 60 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 5,500 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies: We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 25 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered.

Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved: We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools without access, shelters, meal, and food distribution sites, farms, and more.

Collaborated with Town Health Officers around environmental health: To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about environmental health including lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at www.healthvermont.gov/environment.

Provided WIC services and resources to families and children: Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,037 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at www.healthvermont.gov/wic.

Supported student health and youth empowerment: According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 54% percent of students in Bennington County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, efforts like mentoring and after-school enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

Promoted health in all policies: Health is not just individual behaviors and access to care, it's also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We worked with towns, schools, worksites, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.

Learn more about what we do at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/Bennington>



TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (**VSNIP**), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. **Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law by six months of age.** Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics as well as humane societies during the month of March. Call for their schedules. After the vaccination, contact your town clerk and provide proof of the rabies vaccination to license your dog. **Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.**

Licensing a dog:

- 1) Helps identify your dog if lost.
- 2) Provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

For an Application for VSNIP and a List of Participating Offices, send a S.A.S.E. (a 9" Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope) to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Or, to download and print, go to: VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. Once *fully* completed, you will mail it back. If approved, you will receive your Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pay the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog registration. Please be **SURE** your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit. Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We **NEED** them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they've made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let's keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator

1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647) ~ <https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/vsnip>



VSNIP is funded by \$4.00 added to the licensing of dogs. Dogs are required by law to be licensed in the town in which you live by six months of age. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required to be able to license a dog. Puppies and kittens can have a rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Tractor Supply stores offer monthly rabies clinics as do some humane society shelters.

Below is a list of places that offer low cost spay & neuter clinic options to VSNIP. Animals usually come home the day of surgery. If you must travel, enjoy the day in the area! You may want to call your local humane society to see if they've added a spay day to their schedule.

LOW COST SPAY NEUTER OPTIONS: LOOK UP THEIR WEB SITES ☺

Cat Crusaders of Franklin CTY: Franklin CTY residents considered first. 802-782-9968

Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden CTY, 3 clinics a week! 802-923-9023

Feline & Friends Foundation: 802-323-4793 Cats ONLY in Caledonia, Orleans & Essex Counties considered first. Outside area will be considered as space allows AND Barn & Feral (frightened) Cats in the Northeast Kingdom are welcome. If possible: Schedule on FFFVT.org

Franklin County Humane Society, St. Albans 802-524-9650 X 707

Frontier Animal Society, Orleans, VT 754-2228 Cats ONLY

Homeward Bound: Addison CTY Humane Society, VT "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100

Humane Society of Chittenden County's Community Pet Clinic, So. Burlington 802-923-9028

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: 802-484-5829 West Windsor, VT

Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter: 802-754-2228 Orleans, VT Cats ONLY

Riverside Rescue: 802-892-5300 Lunenburg, VT 524-9650 X

Rutland County Humane Society: 802-483-6700 Rutland, VT

Second Chance Animal Center: 802-375-2898 Shaftsbury, VT

Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc.: 603-259-3244 Littleton, NH

Springfield Humane Society: 802-885-3997 Springfield, VT

Sullivan CTY Humane Society: 603-542-3277 Claremont, NH

The Feline Connection: Rutland County: thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com

Upper Valley Humane Society: 603-448-6888 Enfield, NH

Windham County Humane Society: 802-254-2232 Brattleboro, VT

VT- CAN: 802-223-0034: Middlesex, VT

N.E. Kingdom Spay-Neuter Program: 802-334-7393 Orleans, Essex County

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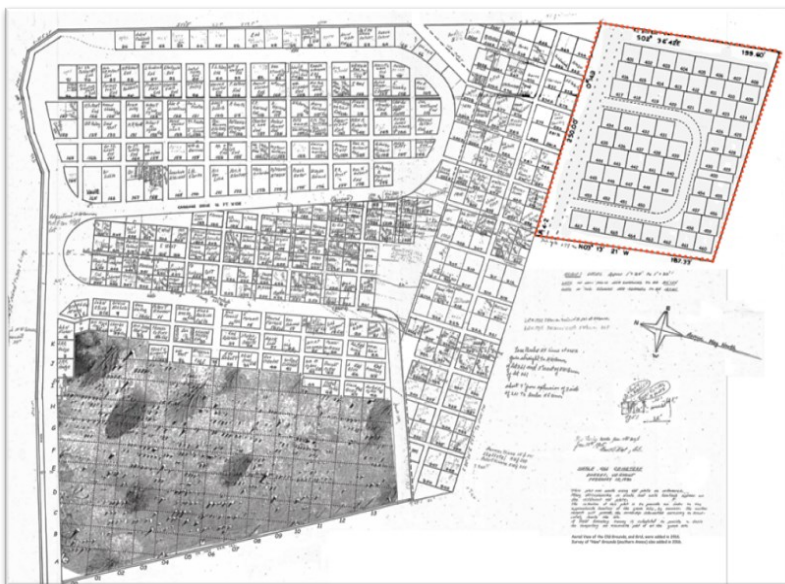
Maple Hill Cemetery Association

Maple Hill Cemetery, located on Route 30 just south of Dorset Village, has just completed its 250th year of continuous operation (since before the Declaration of Independence was written!). In September 1772, the infant Benjamin Baldwin was “the first that was beuryd in this yard” adjacent to a log meeting house that later became Dorset’s first church, the “Lord’s Barn”. Over the years, our ledger has recorded the names of more than 3000 people buried across an area that has now grown to 7.4 acres. To commemorate this anniversary, a brief pamphlet has been prepared telling the history, current activities and future improvements planned for Maple Hill Cemetery, and it’s available by contacting the Sexton.

During 2022 we oversaw 16 new burials and sold 10 burial lots. Besides contracting for grounds-keeping and seasonal clean-ups, this past year we blew the budget by:

- 1) hiring a landscaping crew to reset &/or repair almost 200 old headstones,
- 2) paving an access road into our new “Southern Annex”, and
- 3) starting the job of expanding and upgrading our dilapidated Tool Shed.

The cemetery association of all deed-holders and their heirs is governed by a volunteer board and sexton. Ongoing expenses are met by burial fees, lot sales, income from our endowment and occasional gifts. In the past Maple Hill Cemetery has received no contributions from Dorset Town taxes and we are not requesting any now. The point of this annual report is to raise public awareness of our active role in Dorset village and to encourage community interest and contributions. Our annual meetings in June are open to all. For more information, please contact the sexton or a board member.



Respectfully submitted,
Andy Longacre,

Maple Hill Sexton (802-867-0297)
alongacre@aol.com

For the board: Malcolm Cooper,
Pres., Tom Cooper, Sec’y, Tracie
Salmon, Tres., Sean Osborne, Keith
Michl and Ellen Maloney



Bennington County Sheriff's Department
Dorset, Vermont
A summary of 2022

- Calls to service = 340
- Traffic Stops = 195
- Motor Vehicle Crashes = 6

Arrest

- Larceny (Shoplifting) X 2
- Drugs-Possession x 2
- Drivers License Criminally Suspended x 7
- Violation of Conditions x 1
- Arrest on Warrant x 2

Staff Sergeant Chris Miller
Bennington County Sheriff's Department
811 US Rte 7 South
Bennington VT 05201
Office-802-442-4900



**Southern Vermont
Communications
Union District**

Arlington Bennington Dorset Landgrove Londonderry
Manchester Peru Pownal Rupert Sandgate Shaftsbury
Sunderland Winhall Woodford

**210 South Street
Suite 6
Bennington, VT
05201**

Southern Vermont Communications Union District

The Southern Vermont Communications Union District, a political subdivision of the State of Vermont, is a multi-municipal organization working to solve the longstanding rural broadband connectivity challenges in its fourteen member towns. Since forming in March of 2020, the CUD has grown to include Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Peru, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, Sunderland, Winhall, and Woodford.

SoVT CUD has had a very busy, and successful third year. The CUD worked with its partner, Consolidated Communications Inc. (CCI) to submit an application to the Act 71 Construction Grant Program, which was successfully funded in the amount of \$9,009,085. The CUD also signed a Master Services Agreement with CCI to begin construction of a fiber network in the CUD’s service territory. In June, the CUD and CCI celebrated the launch of Phase 1 of CCI’s three-phase buildout in Bennington County, and in August, the first customer was connected to the new fiber network. **All 14 towns in the CUD are expected to be covered by the end of 2023.**

CCI, in consultation with the CUD, has developed the following three-phase construction plan for the CUD territory:

- Phase 1: Now Complete! This phase is financed by CCI as part of their Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) obligations and covered most of the Southshire, including Bennington, Woodford, Glastenbury, and part of Pownal and Shaftsbury.
- Phase 2A: This phase will be financed by the Act 71 Construction Grant. Set to begin in early 2023 and complete by the end of the year, this phase of the buildout will cover approximately 1,300 unserved and underserved addresses in the CUD’s territory. Most of SoVT CUD’s territory will be covered at the conclusion of this phase.
- Phase 2B: Funded by CCI, the second part of Phase 2 will begin in early 2023 and complete by the end of the year. This portion of the project involves a fiber build to an additional 619 unserved addresses and is part of CCI’s RDOF obligations.
- Phase 3: The final phase will build out fiber to the “hardest 100” addresses in the CUD’s territory, which has since been narrowed to the “hardest 17” addresses. Additionally, because of the strong partnership between the CUD and Consolidated, Consolidated has agreed to invest its own capital to cover an additional 4,689 served addresses across the CUD.

By way of closing, we would like to thank the many people and organizations who continue to support our work: the Department of Public Service; the Vermont Community Broadband Board; our elected officials; and the Bennington County Regional Commission. Most importantly, however, we would like to recognize the delegates that you have appointed to the CUD’s Governing Board. They have dedicated their time and energy to solving an immensely difficult problem, and we would not have made the progress that we have made to date without them.

We meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 PM. Please join us, and learn more at sovtcud.net.

Sincerely,
Eric Hatch, Chair
Southern Vermont Communications Union District

Delinquent Tax Report ~ December 31, 2022

Casey, Evelyn.....	\$844.28
Greene, Kristyn	\$11,247.14*
3557 Route 7	\$9,852.85*
Hazelton, Allen.....	\$831.15*
McPhee, Kate	\$30,748.62
Putnam, Wendy	\$14,545.54
Sheldon, Shelly	\$1,750.76*
Staunton, Sidney Jr	\$3,795.82*
Stimson, Ellen	\$43,168.17*
Towsley, Ann.....	\$515.25
Wrend, Jonathan	\$215.83
Total	\$117,424.41

*** Paid or partially paid after December 31, 2022**

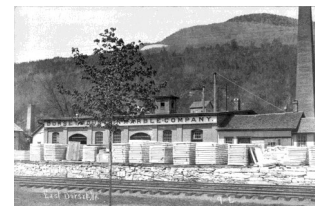
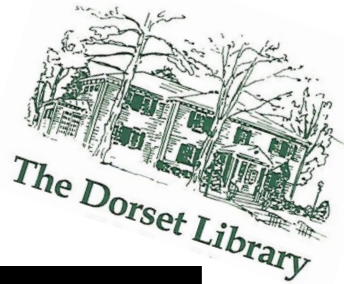
As a percentage the Delinquent amount is less than 1% of the annual property tax levy, which is over \$12,500,000 including local and State school, and Town funding.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Gaiotti - Town Manager/ Delinquent Tax Collector

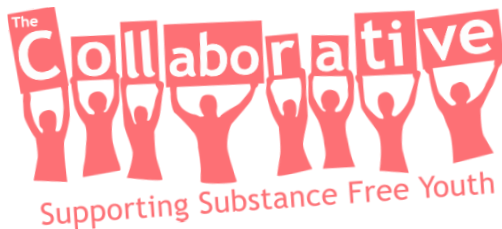
VOTER APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS



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Dorset Marble Preservation Association, Inc. (DMPA)





December 16, 2022

To the Citizens of the Town of Dorset,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action was available to the residents of the Town of Dorset. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$1,000.00.

We truly value our collaboration with Dorset as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom", is positioned above the typed name of the CEO.

Thomas L. Donahue, CEO
tdonahue@broc.org

BROC.ORG

45 Union Street Rutland, VT 05701
332 Orchard Road Bennington, VT 05201

802.775.0878

BENNINGTON COUNTY
COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS
"WORKING TOGETHER  MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless has continued to serve the needs of those in Bennington County experiencing homelessness in 2022. BCCH is grateful for the town of Dorset's support for families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

In 2022 we served twenty three families at our family shelter including 46 adults and 45 children. We served 111 individuals at our adult shelter. Additionally, this past year we created a new position for motel outreach and served over sixty individuals placed in local motels.

This last year, we have focused on expanding relationships with community partners including but not limited to GBICS, Sunrise, SVSU, BPD, SVMC, COC, and UCS. Additionally, we were able to increase our grant funding to have two full time case managers for our clients at our adult shelter. This has enabled us to dramatically increase referrals to outside agencies and supports as well as increase the number of applications submitted by and on behalf of clients.

As we look ahead to 2023, we are excited to move into our new family shelter, Norton House, in a partnership with Shires Housing. We ask for you continued support as we navigate:

- Increased communication from local businesses to help with local encampments
- Zero available motel/hotel rooms within the County
- Increased case management for those whose mental and physical health needs cannot be met in the County.

BCCH currently operates year-round, 24/7, at two different shelter locations. An adult shelter at 966 Main Street, houses sixteen adult guests. Thatcher House Family Shelter at 212 Pleasant Street serves nine families but will soon be replaced by Norton House at 300 Pleasant Street. Especially in the winter months the shelters are at capacity with waiting lists. In addition to providing shelter, we serve many others experiencing homelessness through drop-in services for those in need. Our services range from the use of our kitchen, laundry, bathroom to providing a safe, warm space for those in need during the day or providing someone in need with toiletries, blankets, clothing, or food to take away. Those who come in to warm up are also given the opportunity to meet with a case manager, apply for services, and/or help seeking/applying to housing and/or employment.

Here are the 2021 allocations received from municipalities which hopefully will continue to be received in the coming year:

Bennington:	\$25,000
Shaftsbury	\$5,000
Arlington	\$500
Dorset	\$1,000
Peru	\$500

Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can provide anything else.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.



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

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Dorset during SVCOA’s most recent annual reporting period of 10/1/2021 through 9/30/2022.

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 305 meals that were delivered to the homes of 7 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. In addition, 2 Dorset elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 2 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 10 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 6 residents of Dorset.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 14 elders in your community for a total of 85.75 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

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

2022 Revenue - FY 09/22	
Older Americans Act	\$ 1,502,510
American Rescue Act	\$ 55,365
Other Federal	\$ 1,192,451
State funds	\$ 1,060,936
Town Funds	\$ 76,719
Other Funds	\$ 363,674
Total	\$ 4,251,655
2022 Expense—FY 09/22	
Salary and Fringe	\$ 2,166,620
Contract Services	\$ 1,487,346
General Operating	\$ 556,341
Total	\$ 4,210,307
surplus	\$ 41,348

The Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) has been serving Bennington County as its community justice agency since 1982. Each year, the agency continues to grow and expand to meet the ever-changing needs of the community. CRJ is touted by state leaders as Vermont's model community justice agency.

Due to CRJ's partnership with help more people to set their lives in times of crime heal from the harm our community a safer place to live.

CRJ, a non-profit organization, of-residents of Bennington County; those with a fee (i.e. Court Diversion on income. All CRJ programs are restorative justice, a philosophy of justice communities harmed by crime. A individuals were served through one year. Highlights from this past year include:



towns like yours, we are able to the right direction, help more vic-that was caused, and to help make

fers programs and services to all most all programs are free and sion) offer a sliding fee scale based based on the principles of restora-that focuses on the people and total of 1,801 Bennington County of CRJ's many programs this past

- ◆ 76 students struggling with truancy issues were supported to re-engage and attend school regularly
- ◆ 98 young people with civil alcohol and marijuana possession violations completed CRJ's Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program
- ◆ 150 adults facing charges in criminal court completed the Court Diversion Program, a restorative program holding those who harmed accountable to their victim(s) and community, and had their charges dismissed
- ◆ 82 people completed CRJ's Victim Impact/DRIVE classes; classes focus on the immense impact poor decisions have when getting behind the wheel
- ◆ 36 individuals were helped to file petitions to get their past criminal records expunged
- ◆ 432 teens accessed Threads, CRJ's free clothing boutique run by teens exclusively for teens.
- ◆ 112 individuals were helped to get their driver's license reinstated and legally back on the road
- ◆ 391 individuals were assisted who did not fit into one of CRJ's pre-defined programs. CRJ turns no one away simply because we do not have a specific program for them; CRJ is committed to connecting our community members with needed supports such as emergency housing, mental health counseling, substance use support services, reentry supports, accessing health insurance, etc.

The work of CRJ could not be done without the dedication of our 36 restorative panel volunteers, 9 community volunteers who sit on CRJ's governing Board, and 10 dedicated staff members.

CRJ receives support through state grants, local contracts, private donations and funding from towns such as yours. Together through our partnership, our community is strengthened as we create opportunities to help empower people to get their lives back on track.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leitha Cipriano,
Executive Director
Center for Restorative Justice

FY 2022 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT		
Revenue:	State Grants	455,881
	Other Grants	85,182
	School Funding	30,000
	Program Fees	30,915
	Town Funding	5,740
	Contributions, Fundraising	4,336
Total Revenue		612,054
Expenses	Personnel	507,030
	Facilities	36,539
	Operations	40,707
	Ins	5,413
	Training & Travel	3,278
	Depreciation/Misc	8,044
Total Expenses		601,011



**PROJECT AGAINST
VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS**

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Physical: 102 Dewey St, Bennington, VT 05201
Office: 802.442.2370 | Hotline: 802.442.2111
www.pavebennington.org

In the past year our community has been confronted by issues that bring many of us to despair; drugs, gangs and community violence abound. PAVE stands with our community daily, combatting domestic & sexual violence and promoting hope in our community.

Community violence, as well as substance abuse heavily effect and are entangled with the issue of domestic and sexual violence. One cannot address one concern without bumping up against the other. Therefore, collaboration between community providers is essential in efforts to address these issues.

PAVE continues to provide our core services to survivors which include; emergency housing, crisis hotline, advocacy services for housing and systems navigation, as well as community education. Our shelter provided 5461 nights of safety for survivors and advocates conducted 1138 service sessions in the past year.

In the past year, PAVE provided services to 231 survivors, which equals approximately one new survivor a business day. The highest areas of service utilization were in regards to housing, emotional support, and systems navigation advocacy.

PAVE is asking for level funding this year; \$500.00.

In the coming year PAVE will continue to focus on prevention, collaboration with our community partners, and maintaining our core services. We will strive to bring the hope of nonviolence to our community, while aiding survivors in taking the steps to heal their lives.

On behalf of our board of directors, staff, and the families we served, I thank the Town of Dorset for your ongoing support. It allows us to create greater opportunities for those that are impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence, and need our services each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Brillon, M.Ed. LSW

Suzanne Kirkpatrick, Board President

Executive Director
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PAVE is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and your donation is fully tax deductible, less the value of any goods or services received. PAVE does not appraise the value of gifts. Our tax ID number is 03-0285583.



	Jul 21-Jun 22
4005 · Contribution-Warm The Children	14,535.00
4010 · Contributions	
4015 · Contribution - Shelter	2,500.00
4020 · Contribution - Individual	43,215.92
4030 · Contribution - Business	1,430.81
4040 · Contribution - Groups	1,342.60
4045 · Contribution - Towns	9,350.00
4061 · Contribution - Clients	540.00
Total 4010 · Contributions	58,379.33
4100 · Grant Income	
Total 4110 · Grants - State	295,564.28
Total 4120 · Grants - Federal	251,053.56
Total 4130 · Grants - Other	26,260.00
Total 4135 · Grants - Restricted	5,600.00
Total 4100 · Grant Income	578,477.84
Total 4200 · Contracts - State	11,055.00
Total 4500 · Deferred Grant Income	0.00
4550 · Interest Income	434.95
Total Income	662,882.12
60001 · Salaries	305,409.55
60002 · Employee Benefits	
Total 60002 · Employee Benefits	82,830.36
60014 · Operations Expense	
60013 · Accounting Audit Fee & 990	14,100.00
60016 · Payroll Service Fee	3,012.67
60034 · Postage	188.00
60035 · Dues & Subscriptions	4,977.78
60037.0 Materials & Supplies (Main Ofc)	3,891.72
60037.1 Office Supplies (THP)	197.87
60037.2 M&S - Shelter (VT Kids-Fundrais)	4,066.61
60037.3 M&S (HOP)	2,255.42
60037.4 M&S (WTC)	11,907.22
60038 · Telephone & Internet	7,648.47
60040 · Website Expense	282.11
60051 · D & O Insurance	1,683.66
60080 · Subcontractor/Advertising	4,892.50
Total 60014 · Operations Expense	59,104.03
60015 · Program Services	
60006 · FT Monitor/Expense	48,405.65
60007 · Education/Workshop Expense	4,333.40
60012 · Training/Travel	
60012-1 · Travel/Training (THP Partner)	0.00
60012-2 · THP Bus Vouchers	0.00
60012 · Training/Travel - Other	671.98
60044 · Hotline	7,592.81
60045-1 · Client Subsidy - Motel	21,693.28
60045 · Client Emergency Subsidies	10,200.30
60065 · Mileage - Outreach	148.06
60067 · Animal Emergency Subsidy	1,059.79
60069 · Client Motel Kits	1,532.96
Total 60015 · Program Services	95,638.23
60023 · Facility Expense	
60019 · Rent - Gore Rd	36,000.00
60020 · Liability Insurance	3,675.50
60021 · Repairs & Maintenance	285.92
60022 · Rent-Family Time	6,873.48
60025 · Utilities - Electric	3,673.65
60026-1 · Utilities - THP	0.00
60026 · Utilities - Fuel	6,011.66
60028-1 · Snow	275.00
60028-2 · Pest	0.00
60028-3 · Cleaning	1,300.00
60028 · Trash	684.43
60047-1 · THP Rent - 1 (750)	0.00
60047-2 · THP Rent - 2 (850)	2,550.00
60047-3 · THP Rent - 3 (950)	0.00
60047-4 · THP Security Deposit - 1	0.00
60047-5 · THP Security Deposit - 2	850.00
60047-6 · THP Security Deposit - 3	0.00
60047-7 · THP Flexible Funding	28.44
60047 · THP Moving Cost	0.00
60068 · Rent - McKenna Realty LLC	18,000.00
Total 60023 · Facility Expense	80,208.08
60029 · Equipment Expense	5,550.04
60056 · Misc. Expense	640.12
60061 · Fundraising Expense	26.55
60063 · Unpaid Grant Obligation	300.00



Strengthening Communities Through Local Independent Media

GNAT-TV Service Territory:

Arlington
Dorset
Londonderry
Manchester
Peru
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CHANNELS:

1074 (PUBLIC)

1084 (GOVERNMENT)

1094 (EDUCATION)

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Thank you for your past support of GNAT-TV. Your continued support enables us to provide authentic local information, and transparent access to your government. GNAT-TV is the only local independent nonprofit media outlet in our area. People rely on us to keep them informed and connected to one another, and to Vermont.

In 2022 alone, we aired and archived 27 Dorset select board, school board, and other town government meetings on cable and online (and nearly 200 in total across our region in 2022). We produced interviews and discussions with your legislators, and aired Governor Scott's press conferences; helping to bring the implications of statewide issues to the local level, so you can be better informed.

We are committed to our role as an independent non-commercial informational resource and a facilitator of diverse community voices. Our commitment, to every citizen we serve, has never had more evident than during the past few years.

GNAT-TV Operating Revenue / Expense Summary Year Ending 9.30.2022

Operating Revenue	
Mandated Cable Funding	\$432,864
Municipal Contributions (7 Towns)	\$13,000
Program Services, Contributions, Grants	\$60,125
Investments / Other	-\$8,555
Net Asset Release from Restrictions	\$24,090
Total Operating Revenue	\$521,524
Operating Expenses	
Program / Production	\$413,915
General / Management	\$94,922
Fundraising	\$1,605
Total Operating Expense	\$508,837

Full financial reports available at gnat-tv.org

2022 Usage Data

621 Local Public Programs Produced

189 Government Meetings

97 Community Video Announcements

237 Community Bulletin Announcements

231,005 Online Video Views

620 Equipment & Facility Reservations

275 Training Sessions

405 People Trained

- We worked with local schools to share their stories and live stream their graduation ceremonies.
- We also made it possible for the faith community to share their weekly services on cable and online.
- We provided skill building opportunities for everyone in our community via our youth education program, mentorship program, and adult media training.
- We produced 214 local News Project segments
- We expanded our weekly community calendar to provide real time local information to our community
- We captured and archived 42 community events for current and future citizens to view with pride.

As we navigate the impact of a changing global media industry, and our traditional cable funding becomes unstable, we rely on your support, now more than ever. A strong local community media organization is vital to our community, to our democracy, and to our collective futures. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and financial support.

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



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Neighbor to Neighbor’s mission is to assist our neighbors to live independently by providing no-cost, non-medical volunteer services that nurture relationships.

Since 2004, Neighbor to Neighbor and our dedicated team of volunteers has provided vital services to older, disabled and other housebound residents of the Northshire, primarily in Manchester, Arlington, and Dorset. After the prolonged shutdowns of Covid, 2022 has been an active year. We resumed regular operations, including transportation to appointments and errands, friendly visits and phone calls, friendly handwritten notes, help with home and yard projects, and monthly social events. We are also working to expand our geographical reach to new areas of the Northshire, including Rupert, Pawlet and Danby, as well as investigating new programs and partnerships that will provide our elder community with more social opportunities.

Currently, there are 14 residents in Dorset who are either Neighbor to Neighbor volunteers or care recipients. We hope to increase that number with additional Dorset residents who would benefit from our services, as well as volunteers who would like to make this happen. We receive funding through local towns as well as through private, corporate, and foundation donors. Last year, we were able to create a professionally-made promotional video about Neighbor to Neighbor, featuring many current and former volunteers and care recipients. Visit our website <https://neighbortoneighborvt.org/> and see for yourself what makes Neighbor to Neighbor so special!

On behalf of the Steering Committee, our amazing volunteers, and most importantly the care recipients we serve, Neighbor to Neighbor is most grateful for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Suzie Eisinger
 Program Director

Revenue (Fiscal Year ending 6-30-22)

Expenses

Grants	\$ 2,500	Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 30,849
Foundations/Corporations	\$ 39,803	Worker’s Comp	\$ 675
Fundraising Events	\$ 7,368	In-Kind Contributions	\$ 4,483
Individual Contributions	\$ 12,307	Utilities	\$ 450
Support from Towns	\$ 3,750	Phone/Internet	\$ 1,870
Houses of Worship	\$ 1,030	Office Supplies	\$ 1,800
Interest Income	\$ 58	Printing/Publicity/Advertising/Newsletter	\$ 2,020
In-kind Donations	\$ 4,483	Postage	\$ 670
		Fund Raising	\$ 1,186
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 71,299	Bank/Credit Card Charges	\$ 100
		Care Recipient Events	\$ 1,062
		Insurance: Liability	\$ 2,250
		Volunteer Recognition (Gas Cards)	\$ 2,560
		Office Comp/Furniture	\$ 839
		Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 1,944
		Donations to Church/Maint/Depreciation	\$ 598
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 53,356



DORSET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The year 2022 was again one of significant and varied activity for the Dorset Historical Society. We continued to play a major role in the cultural calendar of the Dorset community and we continued to work closely with the Town Office, the Library and the local schools.



During the year, we led three quarry hikes and opened the following new exhibits: The General Stores of Dorset, The Ferns of Ellen Hitchcock Terry, The Proposed Taconic Loop of the Long Trail, Dorset Civil War dog tags, new acquisitions, and the twelfth, and last, installment of the Hunt Gilbert negative digitization project. We welcomed visitors to Bley House for our annual Ice Cream Social, Halloween Trick or Treating and Holiday Open House. We uploaded our Third Thursday Lunchtime Lectures to our YouTube channel. Our curator gave an architectural tour of the Dorset Green to students of the Dorset School, spoke at Equinox Village and participated in a talk about archives at the Southern Vermont Art Center. He is busy working on the new exhibits for 2023 and will begin to develop podcasts

to share with the community. We will continue to have our Third Thursday Lunchtime Lectures, hikes and annual events.

The Board of Directors of the Dorset Historical Society

	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>Proposed 2023 Budget</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Membership Income	\$39,870.00	\$40,000.00
Museum Proceeds	1,853.27	1,350.00
Special Gifts	1,500.00	1,300.00
Dorset Town Grant	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>
Total Income	\$50,723.27	\$50,150.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Programs and Exhibits	\$ 7,507.47	\$ 5,950.00
Newsletters	814.78	1,250.00
Administration	49,729.36	49,500.00
Facilities	9,329.69	15,300.00
Utilities	<u>3,706.59</u>	<u>3,900.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$71,087.89	\$75,900.00
NOTE – Dorset Town Support\$	7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00



The Dorset Library

2022 was a great year for the Dorset Village Library. We joined the Catamount Library Network, received grants from the Vermont Humanities Council and Dollar General to cover the cost of two inclusivity programs this past summer, and really amped up our programming.

The first few months of the year we spent preparing our collection to be migrated to our new Koha catalog and to join the Catamount Library Consortium. Our new system makes it much easier for our patrons to browse not only our library, but 23 other libraries around the state for the materials they seek. Materials arrive much more quickly than a traditional inter-library loan.

Our programming, which has been recognized on a State Library level, began with our summer reading activities. We held our first Drag Queen Story Hour, which was one of our highest attended programs ever. World renowned poets read from their latest works, we learned about the impact of highways on the Vermont way of life, and the community gathered for the 8th Annual Dog Days Cookout in July. The Library participated in the 3rd Vermont Fairy Tale Festival which drew 850 attendees to the Sherburne Library in Killington. The Fall season kicked off with our first ever Drag Show, fully sponsored with a grant from the Vermont Humanities Council. We also had foliage and foraging hikes, broom making workshops, a Halloween Party for Kids, authors Joseph Citro and JW Ocker discussed Vermont legends and lore, and we wrapped up with our famous Haunted House. We are grateful for our ever-growing group of volunteers who make these great programs happen. We ended the year with Megan Mayhew Bergman and David Mance III discussing the Vermont Almanac. Other regular activities at the Library also flourished: knitting, book club, Dungeons and Dragons, story time, and kids club.



The Library has been garnering attention and reaching not only our community, but all around the world, through our social media platforms. We have nearly 800 followers on Instagram, another 750 follow us on Facebook, and our monthly newsletter reaches over 700 people. We are new to TikTok, creating innovative, informational and entertaining videos that are spread far and wide. Search @dorsetvillagelibrary to find us on any social media platform.

We invite you to stop in and check out our bi-monthly artists, the new book and DVD selections, the circulation desk display, use one of our new computers, read some stories in our children's room, or relax in front of the fire with a newspaper. We also would like to remind everyone of our online resources available to all members: our new Aspen platform to search the catalog, explore a myriad of subjects via Universal Class, learn or practice a new language with Mango, and download an e-book or audio book from the Listen Up Vermont! service.



The Library would like to thank the community for their support in helping us fulfill our service to the Northshire and beyond.



Habitat for Humanity International (HfHI) is a global non-profit housing organization whose vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat works in all 50 of the United States and in 70 countries. Since its founding in 1976 by Linda and Millard Fuller, Habitat has helped more than 35 million people achieve strength, stability and self-reliance through safe, decent and affordable housing.

Bennington County Habitat for Humanity (BCHfH) is an affiliate of HfHI. BCHfH works in partnership with Bennington County residents who cannot otherwise become homeowners or afford needed home repairs. Applicants must have a need for better housing, the ability to pay, and the willingness to partner with BCHfH. Once accepted into the homeownership program, each adult family member must complete 200 hours of sweat equity. Homebuyers who become homeowners pay an affordable mortgage thru monthly payments that include escrow for property taxes, insurance, and Homeowner Association fees, where applicable. Homebuyers' monthly payments do not exceed more than 30% of their income. The monthly mortgage payments help build more affordable homes.

BCHfH is locally run and funded. With the exception of some contract services, volunteers build Habitat houses. Businesses, subcontractors, and individuals help build, donate materials, and provide financial support. Town appropriations purchase building supplies and materials for our construction programs.

In Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022), BCHfH welcomed home the Brown family to the Jennifer Lane Neighborhood of Manchester Center and began construction of the Metcalf Family House in Pownal. The Metcalf House is nearing completion, and our goal is to get the family home by the end of calendar year 2022. We did one home repair-ramp project (Rice Family in Shaftsbury) during Fiscal Year 2022, and our home repair program continues to accept applications from income-qualified homeowners who need minor exterior home repairs, including ramps, to stay safely in their homes.

Our Resale Store in Manchester sells, at reasonable prices, new and gently used furniture, building supplies, appliances, housewares, tools, and home improvement products that have been donated to us. Not only does the store provide people with quality furnishings they can afford, it also keeps items out of the landfill. The proceeds from the store provide meaningful support for our construction programs.

Two Dorset residents serve on our Board of Directors and many Dorset residents have helped build our local Habitat homes. We encourage Dorset residents to apply for homes and home repair projects. We are grateful for the Town of Dorset's continued support. None of the projects would be possible without the support we receive from the local community. Together, we do make a difference in the lives of hard-working, lower-income area residents. Our website address is www.benningtoncountyhabitat.org.

Respectfully submitted by John Jacobi, President, Board of Directors

Bennington County Habitat for Humanity
Town Reports
7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
Cash Flows

	FY22 Actual	FY22 Budget
Contributions & Other In- come	\$145,942	\$190,489
Restricted Contributions/ Grants	85,035	55,900
Fundraising Events	16,875	31,000
Resale Store Fundraising	125,649	110,000
Interest & Other Income	11,288	1,500
Mortgage/Loan Payments Received	<u>324,570</u>	<u>109,644</u>
 Total Cash Flow In	 <u>\$709,359</u>	 <u>\$498,533</u>
 Construction, Property Devel- opment & Program Opera- tions	 \$315,425	 \$386,354
Fundraising and Resale Store Operations	57,256	93,770
Administrative & Other	<u>179,040</u>	<u>192,876</u>
 Total Cash Flow Out	 <u>\$551,721</u>	 <u>\$673,000</u>
 Net Cash Flow/(Budgeted Use of Surplus)	 <u>\$157,638</u>	 <u>(\$174,467)</u>

VNA & HOSPICE

of the Southwest Region
Serving Bennington and Rutland Counties

In 2021, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Dorset residents with exceptional home care, hospice, and community health services. From medically fragile infants with hi-tech needs to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, and those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring medically necessary health care wherever it is needed, regardless of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective healthcare services Dorset's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 116,571 to 3,900 patients. *In the Dorset, we provided 1,964 visits to 57 individuals.*

Thank you for your continued support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to fulfill our promise to your community to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Sincerely,



Sara C. King, CEO	Dan DiBattista, President
VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region	Board of Directors

VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, Inc.			
Annual Budget			
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023			
<u>12/31/23 BUDGET</u>			
REVENUE			
Home Care		\$ 12,000,674	
Hospice		5,342,868	
Pediatric Programs		1,548,096	
Choices for Care		1,661,990	
Private Duty		458,538	
Community Services		2,000	
			\$ 21,014,166
OTHER REVENUE			
Grant Revenue		1,358,072	
Contract Services		204,945	
Thrift Shop		150,000	
Flu Clinics/Misc		149,598	
			1,862,615
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE			22,876,781
CONTRACTUAL ALLOWANCES			(1,911,295)
NET OPERATING REVENUE			20,965,486
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Wages and Benefits		\$ 15,740,088	
Contract Services		2,030,730	
Administrative Expenses		1,295,217	
Program Expenses		3,605,560	
Occupancy Costs		125,700	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES			22,797,295
EXCESS OF OPERATING REVENUE OVER			
OPERATING EXPENSES			\$ (1,831,809)
NON OPERATING REVENUE			
United Way		10,000	
Town Appropriations		225,200	
Contributions		342,250	
Investment Income		837,500	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUE			1,414,950
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES			\$ (416,859)



The Dorset Players Inc. community theatre has stood on the property of 104 Cheney Road since 1927. The dream of a community theatre supported by many continues to grow with each season. This season 2022-2023 we offer 7 productions from October through May; all produced by local

talent. Performances range from one-act plays for those who want to experience being part of a small cast to the musical with a large cast of actors, singers, dancers, musicians and a host of support people.

Donations, grants, and fundraising help the Dorset Players repair and maintain the historic theater. This fiscal year 8/1/21-7/31/22 we completed a large weatherization project installing insulation throughout the building hoping to save on future heating and cooling costs. We removed dangerous trees that posed a potential hazard to the building. We continue to make electrical and plumbing improvements, and the septic system was evaluated and pumped. Our sprinkler system has also been tested and new sprinkler heads will be replaced in some areas.

Future projects on the horizon include a new boiler and repairs to our baseboard heating, new aisle lights for audience safety, and replacement of carpeting throughout the building. A long term project is replacement of our auditorium seats which can no longer be repaired.

The Dorset Players Inc. sees itself as a cultural asset to not only the town of Dorset, but to the Northshire Valley and beyond. We participated in the Dorset Halloween celebration once again, and we are reaching out with our advertising and our productions to attract a wider variety of visitors to our area. We are also coordinating our efforts with more businesses in order to grow our audience.

We greatly appreciate the support of the town of Dorset and the voters who have continued in their loyalty and support of the Dorset Players.

The Dorset Players Inc.	Profit & Loss 8/1/2021 to 7/31/2022	Current Budget 8/1/2022 to 7/31/2023
Income		
Production	47,352.00	84,299.00
Fundraising/Donations	88,887.00	90,742.00
Membership	8,545.00	8,265.00
Rental Income	14,244.00	15,592.00
Other Income	613.00	611.00
Total Income	159,641.00	199,509.00
Expenses		
Production Expense	21,082.00	38,112.00
General Theater Expenses	1,708.00	3,458.00
Administrative Expenses	56,898.00	63,171.00
Building Expenses	86,039.00	86,040.00
Total Expenses	165,727.00	190,781.00

Dorset Marble Preservation Association

We restored about 430 feet of marble sidewalks in East Dorset on properties owned by the East Dorset Congregational Church and Griffith Library. As before, the town crew provided valuable help with excavation, drainage stone, topsoil and seed. Some of the original marble was unusable and was replaced with four pallets of new material sourced from the Danby Quarry.

“Old” marble – material that has been weathered and textured by use over the years – is difficult to obtain. A property owner on Upper Hollow Road graciously offered some slabs that had become available during a home renovation. One of our DMPA board members, Malcolm Cooper, drove his tractor to the site and retrieved this donated marble. DMPA is very grateful for this gift and the volunteer work that will make it available for sidewalk projects.

Scheduling issues delayed repairs to some slabs on Church Street that were damaged during a property owner’s construction project. We hope to complete those repairs as soon as warm weather returns.

Our plan for 2023 is to return to East Dorset and restore more of its sidewalks on Mad Tom Road. Our board thanks the voters for supporting DMPA’s mission of restoring Dorset’s historic marble sidewalks.

2022 Financial Report

Revenue

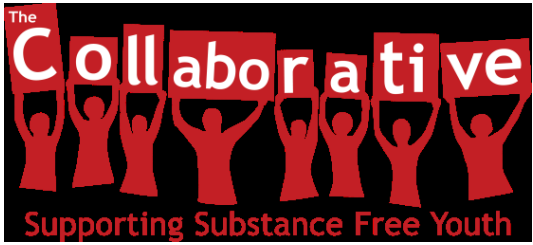
Beginning Balance 1/1/2022	\$18,081
Town appropriation	15,000
Grants and contributions	4,000
Property owner reimbursements	<u>1,800</u>
Total	\$ 38,881

Expenses

Sidewalk restoration	\$12,790
Marble purchase	-0-
Maintenance and repair	<u>165</u>
Total	\$12,955

Bank balance 12/31/2022 \$25,926





The Collaborative appreciates your vote of confidence as you vote for the 2023-24 budget. Since 1999, we have grown from a small after school program to an organization providing a wide range of individual, youth, and family programs focused on preventing youth substance use, supporting working families and creating a healthy community. With you on our team The Collaborative has been able to continue to provide healthy opportunities for our youth and young adults, strengthen community connections and increase outreach in the Northshire and mountain communities.

In the town budget we are requesting funds for The Collaborative mission to support substance free middle and high school youth. We are honored and inspired by the 360 RTU participants from 8 schools that are participating in over 50 virtual, asynchronous and in person substance misuse and healthy alternative programs. These programs are primarily led by our staff and community volunteers who recognize the value of this education in our community. With a focus on healthy choices this project allows for our young people to pick their unique path toward a healthier future. We also are actively providing support to schools and families to tackle the tough issue of vaping in our community through providing resources and presentations on the topic.

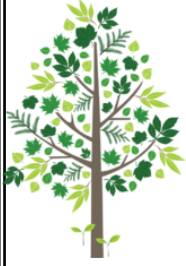
We are requesting your approval of \$750 in your town's budget to assist The Collaborative in continuing to provide these services to our community. We appreciate your involvement!

Sincerely,
Maryann Morris
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Executive Director

Mountain Communities Supporting Education Inc			
dba The Collaborative			
		RTU	Town Funding
		July 2021-June 2022	July 2021-June 2022
Revenue			
	Indiv/business contribution	\$330	
	Foundation/trust grants	\$10,000	
	Nonprofit organization grants		
	Federal grants	\$71,677	
	State grants	\$15,909	
	Local government grants		\$8,100
	Program service fees	\$18,300	
Total Revenue		\$116,216	\$8,100
Expense			
	Payroll Processing Fees		
	Salaries & wages	\$55,018	\$5,507
	Employee benefits - PTO	\$7,272	\$800
	Payroll taxes & Other Fringe	\$18,687	\$799
	Accounting fees	\$250	
	Enrichment	\$19,685	
	Contracted Services		
	Supplies	\$2,064	\$792
	Telephone & telecommunications	\$702	\$102
	Postage, shipping, delivery	\$144	
	Printing & copying	\$554	
	Curriculums	\$777	
	Marketing Materials	\$1,000	
	Incentives	\$1,425	
	Occupancy expenses	\$123	
	Travel & meetings expenses	\$292	
	Events	\$705	
	Bank Charges	\$315	
	Insurance - non-employee	\$905	\$100
	Education & training	\$877	
	Outside computer services	\$2,018	
	Advertising expenses	\$2,513	
	Scholarships	\$1,500	
Total Expense		\$116,825	\$8,100
Net Revenue vs Expenses		-\$609	\$0



NDS | Northshire Day School

The early childhood educators and staff at Northshire Day School wish to express our thanks to **Dorset residents and the Town of Dorset** for appropriating support to our program. **Last year, the voters approved our request for \$13,000 and we are hoping that voters will do the same this year!** Your support benefits our entire community by providing a nurturing and inclusive place where children grow and thrive while their families serve our

community as bakers, builders, landscapers, cleaners, lawyers, electricians, mechanics, teachers, volunteers, veterinarians, firefighters, doctors, and so much more. The voters of Manchester and Sunderland also supported NDS last year and we will be requesting their support again this year. The Manchester appropriation is \$87,000 and Sunderland's is \$11,000. These numbers are based on the numbers of children served from those communities.

In June 2022, NDS achieved 5 STARS in the Vermont Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS), the highest quality rating for early childhood education in Vermont. We hire talented educators and staff, offer affordable access to families from all backgrounds, and are committed to providing top-quality early learning experiences. We strengthen families and communities through early childhood education, family support, and community partnerships.

What We Spend

Top-quality early childhood education is expensive. During the 2021-2022 school year, we invested \$17,950 in each child in our program, resulting in a total expenditure of \$1,555,744. Eighty-eight percent of our spending goes toward our employees. Northshire Day School has low student-to-educator ratios, which allows us to implement a rich emergent curriculum and offer individualized instruction. For the first time since the pandemic began, Northshire Day School is fully-staffed with credentialed educators. We are pleased to announce that as of January 2023, we currently have 6 licensed educators in our classrooms, with 5 more who will become licensed in 2023. The seven percent of our budget spent on classrooms, enrichment, and more includes administrative costs, activity supplies, playground equipment, and classroom enrichment programming - all of the non-human resources that make NDS a wonderful place for children to grow. The six percent of our spending going toward facilities includes cleaning supplies, building maintenance, and custodial expenses.

Our Revenue Sources

Family tuition covers 47% of the total cost of running our early childhood education program, with CCFAP and Act 166 PreK Funding also going toward tuition expenses. These funding sources combined to pay an average of \$13,350 per child during the 2021-2022 school year. Annual giving is our second most critical revenue source. The Growth Fund contributed \$155,821 last year. These investments enhance every aspect of our program. NDS relies on multiple grants each year to further support our program. In 2021-2022, NDS established the President's Fund, an endowed fund to build fiscal solvency.

Value Added

The difference between the \$17,950 we spend on each student and the \$13,350 received in tuition reflects the \$4,600 annual subsidy enjoyed by every family, thanks to the resources provided by endowment earnings, grants, and gifts. A quarter of our families receive additional subsidy and tuition relief based on their ability to pay. Our commitment to need-based tuition relief makes it possible for all families to access opportunities at NDS regardless of their family circumstances and explains why our actual revenue per child falls short of tuition. It is our goal to ensure that no family pays more than 10% of their income to NDS.

The Power of Your Appropriations

The \$4,600 subsidy per student leaves a significant annual gap. We rely on CCFAP subsidy from the State of Vermont, Act 166 PreK Funding, grants, scholarships, special programs, and endowment income to fill this gap. To secure our top-quality programming for the future, we must maintain the real purchasing power of our endowment in perpetuity. Our Board of Trustees has limited endowment spending and works to ensure that we do not rely on the endowment to fill the entire gap in our budget. Town Appropriations help NDS fulfill our commitment to deliver top-quality early childhood education to as many children and families as possible.

To view our Annual Report, please visit: <https://www.northshiredayschool.org/support-nds/growthreport/>



Shire Kids is an all-volunteer early childhood literacy nonprofit, founded in 2019. Shire Kids' mission is to increase literacy in Southern Vermont by ensuring all young children may participate in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a monthly book gifting program. Our objective is to create positive reading practices and engage families in reading on a regular basis. This year Shire Kids grew in many ways thanks to the support of our donors, including an appropriation from Dorset in 2022. Thank you Dorset voters! Presently, 1,080 children are actively enrolled and receive a new book from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library every month. They will continue to do so every month until their fifth birthday.

Of those, Shire Kids served 60 children who live in Dorset and East Dorset. Nine Dorset children graduated from the program on their fifth birthday and 51 are actively enrolled, receiving a high-quality, age-appropriate book every month in the mail. If you have a child under five and are not already registered for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, please visit shirekidsvt.org to enroll your child for a free book mailed each month!

Shire Kids is partnering with local organizations including Dorset Physio and childbirth course instructors to provide resources on reading to young children, and ensure the newest local babies are enrolled in the Imagination Library. Shire Kids hosted two successful Free Community Book Swaps this summer; the first at Burr and Burton Academy, and the second at Sunrise Family Resource Center, to re-circulate well loved books. Shire Kids is also working on an exciting project with The Dorset School Art teacher to create a free library. Thank you for supporting childhood literacy.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nicole Campbell, Founder and Executive Director

Shire Kids

603.759.9415

nicole@shirekidsvt.org

Income	Town appropriations	4,250
	Grants	14200
	Individual donations	12,468
Total Income		30917.61
Expenses	Imagination Library Book Invoices	27,927.99
	Insurance	266.2
	USPS Returned books	846.46
	Office Supplies and Services	648.39
Total Expenses		29,689.04
Surplus/ Deficit		1,228.57

EMERALD LAKE, EAST DORSET



BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS





GREEN UP VERMONT

www.greenupvermont.org

**Green Up Day
May 6, 2023**



Green Up Day on May 7, 2022 was a wonderful success thanks to 19,141 volunteers statewide who participated on Green Up Day. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is crucial and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play, a truly special place. As one of Vermont's favorite unofficial holidays, it is imperative for today and future generations to build pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding again for Green Up Day 2023.

Green Up Vermont initiatives are year-round for further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. **Thank you for your support of this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.**

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 802-522-7245



Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)

170 Lower Sumner Hill Road, Sumner, ME 04292

(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com | www.vacd.org

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and

Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, designs installations, and finds financial resources to support the costs of construction. During the **25+ years** of the program, almost **1200 grants** totaling over **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs. The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development, are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2022 was **\$285,901**, of which **\$165,422** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **27 rural fire protection projects** throughout Vermont. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Division of Fire Safety of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2022, we received over **\$9,000** in town appropriations from **over 90 towns**. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support. **216** Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Enclosed please find a summary report for the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice and W-9 from VACD in case they are required. VACD's tax form 990 is also available upon request. Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you would like to receive this appropriation request by mail instead of by email, please contact Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom Maclay, Chair Rural Fire Protection Task Force (802) 426-3265 | 83creameryst@fairpoint.net

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

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program (802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com

Jill Arace, Executive Director Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD) (802) 496-5162 | jill.arace@vacd.org

Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone

Walter Bothfeld, Jr., Cabot Volunteer Fire Department

Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1

Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety, Department of Public Safety

Christine Kaiser, Stowe, VT

Lars Lund, VT Department of Forest Parks & Recreation

Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders Office

Northshire Rescue Squad

PO Box 26

Manchester Center VT 05255

Business: (802) 362-1995 Fax (802) 362-8175

Email: northshirerescue@gmail.com

“Serving the community since 1964”

www.northshirerescue.com



Northshire Rescue Squad has the honor of serving this community with Emergency Medical Service at the paramedic level. We do this with a mixture of volunteers, first responders and full & part-time paid staff. This past year was a busy and trying year, but our members continued to be dedicated to providing Emergency Medical Service to our friends, family, neighbors, and visitors. We would also like to acknowledge the overwhelming support of this community as we could not possibly provide the level of coverage and care without the financial support of this community. We would like to thank all that have reached out with kind words, gestures of gratitude and donations.

We will continue to respond to your calls for assistance and ever strive to provide the highest level of care to this community.

We responded to the following calls during fiscal year 2020-2021:

Manchester	1032
East Dorset	74
Dorset	172
Danby	94
Mount Tabor	19
Winhall	21
Mutual Aid	91
Total	1503





Northshire Rescue Squad Budget FY2023		2022 - 2023 Budget
Income		
Patient Medical Receipts (insurance/direct)		650,000
(Provider Tax - medicaid)		-20,460
Net Patient Med Ins Receipts		629,540
Municipal Support ("Service Fees")		
Manchester		142,767
Dorset		32,510
Danby		13,817
Mt Tabor		3,657
Winhall		3,048
Municipal - Other		1,452
Ambulance Lease - Municipal Support ("Dues")		
Danby		11,759
Dorset		19,528
Mt Tabor		1,920
Winhall		735
Manchester		41,052
Fundraising		
Annual Fund		130,000
Subscriptions - Donations		30,000
Subscriptions		95,000
Other Income		
Classes		2,000
Ambulance Coverage		0
Event Revenue		42,000
Misc from Estates		17,500
Investments		20,000
Total Income		\$1,238,285
Expense		
Wages (Medical Staff)		668,157
Payroll Expenses		52,314
Employee Medical Insurance		84,000
Simple IRA - Company		5,000
Ambulance Lease		64,231
Insurance (W/C, Property, etc.)		60,000
Accounting		2,400
Legal		1,000
Billing - medical services		71,500
Bookkeeping		8,500
Occupancy / Dispatch		
Rent - Agmt with Manchester		43,000
Dispatch - Agmt with Manchester		67,000
Grounds/Snow/Sewer - Manchester		2,500
Total Utilities		16,500
Other occupancy expenses		2,000
Vehicles Fuel/Maintenance/Repairs		35,000
Medical Equipment & Supplies		45,000
Communications/Repairs		4,000
Total Education		1,000
Educational Supplies		2,500
Total Office Supplies/Software		3,500
PR/Fundraising/Postage & Printing		6,500
Uniforms		2,000
Gifts/Dues /Subscriptions		500
Functions		1,000
Misc Expense		2,000
Total Expense (ex depreciation)		\$1,251,102
Net Income		(\$12,817)

EAST DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

East Dorset Fire District Calls For The Year 2022

East Dorset	31	Wallingford	1
Dorset	61	Manchester	23
Danby	14		

Types of Calls:

CO Alarms	3	Accident	2
Grass Fire	1	Alarm Calls	12
EMS Assist	5	Water Emergency	1
Trees on Wires	3	Propane Tank Explosion	1
Anti-freeze Spill	1	Police Related	1
ATV Accident	1		

We did a total of 129 for the year. I would like to thank all the members of the department for their time and training they have donated to the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Young II Fire Chief



EAST DORSET FIRE DISTRICT # 12021/2022

ACCT. #	EDFD #1		bud. 2021/2022	ACTUAL	bud. 2022/2023
FIREHOUSE					
2000	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR		\$ 13,500.00	\$ 12,180.23	\$ 13,500.00
2100	UTILITIES		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,257.52	\$ 7,000.00
2200	SUPPLIES		\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
2201	ALARM MAINTENANCE		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,467.57	\$ 1,200.00
APPARATUS					
3000	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 17,340.97	\$ 10,000.00
3001	NEW EQUIPMENT		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 153,694.19	\$ 10,000.00
3002	FUEL		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,873.71	\$ 5,000.00
3003	RADIOS		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
3005	TRUCK SINKING FUND		\$ 35,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
3006	TRUCK PAYMENT				36,237.00
PERSONNEL					
4000	PROTECTIVE GEAR		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,026.42	\$ 5,000.00
4002	DUES/TRAINING		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,222.00	\$ 1,500.00
4004	MEALS		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 138.77	\$ 1,000.00
4200	FEC		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,912.60	\$ 12,000.00
4100	AIR PACK VALVES				
4300	AIR PACK SINKING FUND		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
ADMINISTRATION					
5000	PROFESSIONAL FEES		\$ 3,550.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 3,550.00
5001	OFF. SUPP./POSTAGE		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 899.73	\$ 1,000.00
5005	ADVERTISEMENTS		\$ 100.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 100.00
5200	INSURANCE		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 17,433.50	\$ 25,000.00
5201	ADMINISTRATION/CHIEF		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5202	FIRE PREVENTION		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
5203	AUDIT		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
	TOTALS		\$ 147,800.00	\$ 266,111.21	\$ 154,037.00

Dorset Fire District #1

DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1



The Dorset Fire District #1 serves over 1000 property owners in the Town of Dorset and operates the Dorset Water Company, providing water to approximately 180 customers. Our next annual meeting will be held on May 15, 2023.

The fire department responded to 121 calls in 2022, with the following breakdown:

In 2022, the firemen of the Dorset Fire District #1 logged a total of 2,068 hours of in-house training.

Fire Chiefs

Chief: Jacob Gribble

1st Assistant Chief: Joe Clark

2nd Assist. Chief: Shawn Hazelton

Firefighters

David Green

Tyler King

Gregory Harrington

Chris Dyer

Jolene Sweet

Eaden Ryan

August Stauffer

Rusty Kelly

Alan Casey

Alan Dufresne

Randy Welp

Prudential Committee

Ben Weiss (Chairman)

Lee Fox (Treasurer)

Roger Squire

Cindy Loudenslager

Jonathan Ams

Type of Call	Amount
Accident with Injuries	6
Brush Fires	5
Chimney Fires	4
CO ² Alarm	4
CO ² Problem	2
Electrical Power Issue	1
EMS Assist	2
Fire Alarms:	
Cooking	3
False Alarms	11
Fireplace	2
Other	7
Furnace Malfunction	0
Good Intent Calls	0
Hazmat	5
Mutual Aid:	
Arlington	0
Danby	2
East Dorset	29
Granville, NY	0
Manchester	12
Pawlet	2
Rupert	4
Wells	0
West Pawlet	0
Winhall	1
Service Call	1
Smoke Condition	1
Structure Fires	3
Traffic Control	0
Trees Down in Road	3
Trees on Wires	8
Vehicle Fire	0
Water Emergency	1
Wires Down	2
TOTAL	121



DORSET FIRE DISTRICT # 1-FIRE DIVISION 2023/2024

			FY22 BUDGET	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGET	FY23 TO DATE	FY24 BUDGET			
REVENUES										
DEL. FIRE TAX			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.72	\$0.00			
INTEREST			\$0.00	\$61.00	\$0.00	\$33.00	\$0.00			
TOWN APPRO.			\$184,000.00	\$183,700.00	\$188,000.00	\$94,000.00	\$193,000.00			
DONATIONS			\$0.00	\$213,144.00	\$0.00	\$1,475.00	\$0.00			
SALE OF EQUIP			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,500.00	\$0.00			
INSURANCE REIMBURSED			\$0.00	\$5,757.00		\$0.00				
DISPATCH REIMBURSED			\$0.00	\$4,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
TOTAL			\$184,000.00	\$407,262.00	\$188,000.00	\$109,008.72	\$193,000.00			
EXPENSES										
ADVERTISEMENTS			\$100.00	\$216.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00			
FIRE PREVENTION	\$	750.00	\$	-	\$	600.00	\$	600.00		
INSURANCE	\$	17,250.00	\$	15,643.00	\$	19,000.00	\$	13,875.00	\$	19,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	1,100.00	\$	306.00	\$	1,100.00	\$	761.00	\$	1,100.00
POSTAGE & PRINTING	\$	200.00	\$	244.00	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$	200.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$	15,000.00	\$	4,347.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	2,430.00	\$	3,500.00
CLERK/MGR FEES	\$	10,000.00	\$	9,750.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	-	\$	10,000.00
DAM FEE	\$	-	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$	200.00	\$	-
DISPATCH CONTRACT	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,900.00	\$	-
FUEL	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,253.00	\$	2,200.00	\$	2,955.00	\$	2,200.00
EQUIP - MAINT.	\$	18,000.00	\$	35,021.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	36,335.00	\$	22,000.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$	20,300.00	\$	10,268.00	\$	22,000.00	\$	106,921.00	\$	23,000.00
TRUCK PAYMENT	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
TRUCK SINKING FUND	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00
FIRE HOUSE MAINT.	\$	25,000.00	\$	17,470.00	\$	30,000.00	\$	9,870.00	\$	30,000.00
FIRE HOUSE SUPPLIES	\$	300.00	\$	198.00	\$	300.00	\$	412.00	\$	300.00
UTILITIES	\$	10,500.00	\$	13,323.00	\$	10,500.00	\$	5,985.00	\$	10,500.00
DUES/TRAINING	\$	3,500.00	\$	2,602.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	1,373.00	\$	3,500.00
MEALS	\$	3,500.00	\$	354.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	220.00	\$	3,500.00
FEC	\$	15,000.00	\$	18,356.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	16,951.81	\$	21,000.00
PAYROLL TAXES	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,870.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	360.00	\$	2,500.00
MISC. EXPENSE	\$	-	\$	10.37	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
TOTALS	\$	184,000.00	\$	172,431.37	\$	188,000.00	\$	243,548.81	\$	193,000.00



December 21, 2022

Dear Members of our Sending Towns:

The Board of Trustees of Burr and Burton Academy has set the tuition for the 2023–2024 school year at \$19,987, a 4.1% increase. In reaching this decision, we have sought to balance the challenges of inflation, which has been running at an annual rate of approximately 8%, while maintaining affordability for you. The entire increase will be passed on to our faculty and staff, the lifeblood of our school. It is our goal to help them partially offset the challenge of inflation which they continue to dedicate themselves to each and every student we serve.

Since 1829, Burr and Burton has strived to be the best possible high school for our community. We will continue to raise money privately not only to support annual operations, but also all capital projects. Each year, our fundraising contributes approximately \$1 million toward operating cost and all of our buildings and grounds have been purchased and built through private philanthropy.

We are extremely grateful to work in partnership with you. Thank you very much for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark H. Tashjian
Headmaster

Edgar T. Campbell
Chair, Board of Trustees



January 2023

Dear Residents,

For over four decades, Long Trail School has maintained a commitment to educating students in southern Vermont. We are grateful for the support of our community members and our school-choice model, which enables us to deliver powerful experiences for students each and every day. Long Trail School seeks to be both a center of educational excellence and a resource for our broader community. We are grateful for your continued support.

For the 2022-2023 school year, Long Trail serves 240 students in grades 6-12 hailing from 31 towns and 2 countries. Families choose Long Trail for our unparalleled intellectual and creative challenges. LTS students have ambitious and diverse goals in the classroom, on the playing fields, in the arts, and within their communities. We are proud that Long Trail is a school where students thrive and upon graduation enter the world prepared to lead purposeful lives.

In my first year serving as Head of School at Long Trail, I have quickly come to realize the transformative power of this school, and I warmly invite you to visit our campus to experience Long Trail for yourself. Please email Paula Allen (pallen@longtrailsschool.org) to schedule a visit or feel free to reach out to me directly at cigoe@longtrailsschool.org or 802-857-5717.

Thank you for caring about our students and our school. We are grateful for tuition funding from our area towns and for your commitment to students in our region. Your investment in Long Trail School is an investment in our community and a commitment to a bright future.

With gratitude,

Colin Igoe
Head of School



Town Warning & Budget





2023 Town of Dorset, Vermont Warning

Legal voters of the Town of Dorset, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at The Dorset School, 130 School Drive Dorset, VT on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot and on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 a.m to transact voting by Australian Ballot as required by law. Australian ballot voting will take place at The Dorset School, 130 School Drive Dorset, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Articles (2 & 4) will be voted by Australian Ballot;

Article 1. To hear and accept reports of Town Officers and take proper action on same.

Article 2. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year. To be voted by Australian Ballot. Officers to be elected as follows:

- Moderator, Town 1 year term**
- Select Board Member 3 year term**
- Select Board Member 1 year term**
- Select Board Member 1 year term**
- First Constable 1 year term**
- Town Agent 1 year term**

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the collection of property taxes in two (2) installments on September 12, 2023 and March 12, 2024. Payments not received will be subject to 1% interest on September 16, 2023 and 1% interest and 8% penalty on March 16, 2024?

Article 4. Shall the voters approve total highway and general fund expenditures of \$2,820,771 of which \$2,451,621 shall be raised by taxes and \$369,150 by non-tax revenues?

Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROCC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)?

Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to Neighbor to Neighbor, a home- based care giving program?

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,600 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for support of its activities with Dorset Elders?

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program?



2023 Town of Dorset, Vermont Warning

- Article 9.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?
- Article 10.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?
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2023 Town of Dorset, Vermont Warning

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Article 21: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to the Northshire Day School to help defray the cost of early childhood education services in the region?

Article 22: Advisory Article on Housing: Should the Town of Dorset consider forming a task-force on housing to explore options for a housing effort located at Raptor Lane and other areas in the community?

Article 23: To transact any other business, to properly come before this meeting.

So approved on this 17th day of January, 2023. By the Dorset Select Board.

Megan Thorn

Henry Chandler

Liz Ruffa

Jim Salsgiver

Frank Parent

2022 Town of Dorset, Vermont Minutes

In accordance with the legally warned notice, the informational meeting of the Town of Dorset, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, was called to order by Moderator Kevin O'Toole via ZOOM on Monday, February 28, 2022 at the hour of 7:05 o'clock in the evening to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot.

Moderator Kevin O'Toole asked that the rules be suspended to allow non-residents to speak in regards to the articles presented. Charles "Chuck" Scranton, interim Headmaster at Long Trail School then spoke on behalf of the school. He stated that things are back to normal, teachers are coming back and are the heart and soul of the school. They have had over 50 applicants and interviewed 10 with hopes to have the replacement announced in early April. He then thanked the community of Dorset for its support.

Moderator Kevin O'Toole then went over a few rules for the ZOOM meeting participants.

Articles (2& 4-22) will be voted by Australian Ballot;

Article 1. To hear and accept reports of Town Officers and take proper action on same.

A motion was made by Ruth Stewart to hear the reports, seconded by Megan Thörn. Town Manager Rob Gaiotti then presented a slide show noting the significant changes in the FY23 budget. Discussion followed and R. Gaiotti explained that the ARPA funds were based on population within the counties. Reports were then accepted.

Article 2. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year. To be voted by Australian Ballot. Officers to be elected as follows:

Moderator, Town..... 1 year term	Kevin O'Toole296
Select Board Member .. 3 year term	James Salsgiver275
Select Board Member .. 1 year term	Henry Chandler.....277
Select Board Member .. 1 year term	Liz Ruffa245
First Constable 1 year term	Ryan Matteson.....289
Town Agent..... 1 year term	Kevin O'Toole281

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the collection of property taxes in two (2) installments on September 13, 2022 and March 14, 2023. Payments not received will be subject to 1% interest on September 16, 2022 and 1% interest and 8% penalty on March 17, 2023? There was no discussion.

Article 4. Shall the voters approve total highway and general fund expenditures of \$2,398,278?

PASSED	YES	286	NO	24
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Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROCC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)?

PASSED	YES	283	NO	27
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Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to Neighbor to Neighbor, a home- based care giving program?

Robert DiCrosta spoke on behalf of Neighbor to Neighbor. They provide rides, companionship, grocery shopping and assistance to Dorset residents. Currently they have 10 volunteers from Dorset and are serving 10 Dorset families.

PASSED YES 290 NO 20

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,600 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for support of its activities with Dorset Elders?

Michele Pagan thanked the voters for their support and asked for continued support.

PASSED YES 292 NO 19

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program?

Ellen Maloney stated that the program is very appreciative of the support it receives from Dorset and asked for continued support.

PASSED YES 261 NO 47

Article 9. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless? There was no discussion.

PASSED YES 277 NO 36

Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?

Dara Zink spoke on behalf of PAVE and stated that PAVE has been serving Bennington County for over 40 years and asked that we continue to support them.

PASSED YES 281 NO 30

Article 11. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to the Dorset Historical Society to support its activities and continued efforts to serve as a cultural resource to our community?

Megan Thörn spoke on behalf of DHS and said they have done the best they could to remain open during COVID and encouraged residents to visit them or participate in some of their programs offered.

PASSED YES 265 NO 45

Article 12. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?

Allan Sullivan then stated that Habitat for Humanity is locally run and locally funded. They continue to seek volunteers to help with the builds, and thanked the community for its support.

PASSED YES 281 NO 28

Article 13. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the VNA and Hospice of the Southwest Region (formerly known as Dorset Nursing Association) for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?

David Sands spoke on behalf of VNA and stated that they appreciate the support from Dorset residents and last year had 1,894 visits in Dorset. Malcolm Cooper asked why the building is being underutilized. David Sands stated that it is being used, as nurses are in and out throughout the day. Michele Pagan mentioned that her family was very appreciative of the care they recently received from VNA.

PASSED YES 264 NO 47

Article 14. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the East Dorset Cemetery Association for the care and maintenance of the cemetery? There was no discussion.

PASSED YES 286 NO 23

Article 15. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Village Library for support of its services provided to Dorset residents? There was no discussion.

PASSED YES 262 NO 49

Article 16. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) for support and defray of costs related to videotaping and television cable cast of the Select Board, School Board, and other municipal meetings?

Robert Niles thanked the community for its support.

PASSED YES 259 NO 47

Article 17. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to The Collaborative for support of its substance free events and educational programs to middle and high school youth?

MaryAnn Morris, Executive Director of the Collaborative spoke on the programs that they continue to provide to area youth in regards to drugs, smoking and vaping and making healthy habit choices.

PASSED YES 273 NO 35

Article 18. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to the Dorset Marble Preservation Association for the purpose of restoring Dorset’s marble sidewalks?

Roger Squire spoke about the marble sidewalk projects. He noted that their was on page 39 of the Town Report and that marble is expensive, delicate and hard to find.

PASSED YES 220 NO 90

Article 19. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Players Inc. to help sustain the playhouse preservation and maintenance fund for the ongoing repairs to the Dorset Playhouse? There was no discussion.

PASSED YES 197 NO 109

Article 20: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to Shire Kids; a program of Dolly Parton’s Imaginary Library to help defray the costs of production and mailing of books that are provided to Dorset children from birth to 5 years? By Petition.

Nicole Campbell spoke on behalf of the program. This past year they sent out over 20,000 books to area children and currently serve 50 children in Dorset. She then thanked everyone for supporting them and early childhood literacy.

PASSED YES 257 NO 47

Article 21: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to the Northshire Day School to help defray the cost of early childhood education services in the region? By Petition.

Julie Mackey state the Northshire Day School is a non-profit organization with over 50 years of service to Manchester and the surrounding areas. They currently have a \$250,000 deficit and are seeking support from the communities in which they serve. Megan Thörn asked how many Dorset children are enrolled? Julie Mackey replied “8”. Annmarie Lareau asked if we would be setting a precedent and noted this was worth serious consideration before casting a vote in favor of this request. Jennifer Luty, a staff member then state that there currently is a long wait list to attend and that all children are accepted in order of request. Allison Clarke noted that we should be supporting all daycare centers. Ellen Maloney mentioned that NDS accepts children for headstart as well as subsidized children. Megan Thörn then asked how they arrived at the request amount. Julie Mackey stated that the deficit was divided amongst the three communities they serve.

PASSED YES 199 NO 106

Article 22: Shall the voters indicate support for the concept of a regional fieldhouse at the Dana Thompson Recreation Park in Manchester, with the understanding that towns would participate in its construction costs under a formula based on a combination of grand list, population and distance, in exchange for a special use status for those who live or own a second home in the Town of Dorset. The article is advisory in nature and does not bind the town to further action.

(The Dorset contribution is estimated at \$1.3 million via 30-year bond. The building will be owned and operated solely by the Town of Manchester. If the

advisory article passes, the Selectboard would participate in negotiating an intermunicipal agreement to give Dorset some representation on the Field House advisory-board. Pending the agreement, the project would then be scheduled for a bond vote. Using current interest rates annual bond payment would be around \$59,000 or \$0.008 cents per \$100 of assessed value.)

Cynthia Gubb spoke on behalf of the fieldhouse and will take any questions asked. Justine Cook asked what demographic groups would be using the facility? Cynthia Gubb state that the elementary aged groups would be first. Ben Weiss noted that the building would not be a net zero construction. C. Gubb made note that it was designed as a high-performance building and that energy usage and costs were considered. Justine Cook asked about summer usage. Bo Thörn noted that \$1.3 million is a lot of money and asked what is in it for value for Dorset residents? What happens after 5 years when it is no longer self-sufficient? C. Gubb stated that Dorset would have a representative on the board. Sara Lareau voiced concern about the annual costs for membership. Sandra Pinsonault shared concern with the profits of the fieldhouse being put into the general fund of Manchester and not being kept separate. C. Gubb stated that this would be a separate “business” of operation. Malcolm Cooper, a local employer shared concerns about finding affordable housing and qualified employees. Violet Gannon asked if a community needs assessment had been done. C. gubb stated “no”. Paul Carroccio reiterated on comments made by Sandra Pinsonault and asked if the founders had considered Manchester doing this alone.

FAILED YES 100 NO 208

Article 23: To transact any other business, to properly come before this meeting.

Ellen Maloney spoke on behalf of the Dorset Energy Committee and noted that they are available to town residents for home energy audits through Efficiency Vermont. Elise Fielding then asked if parking was considered in the fieldhouse plans. C. Gubb noted that a certain number have been planned and more are being considered as part of the ACT 250 permit.

Having no other business or discussions, the meeting was recessed until 7:00 before noon on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 8:55 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Pinsonault, MMC/CVC
Dorset Town Clerk



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	Previous/ Current Year				Upcoming Year	
	FY22	FY22	FY23	FY23	FY24	% Change FY23 vs FY24
	Approved Budget	Actual Budget	Approved Budget	To Date Budget	Proposed Budget	
DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES - BY DEPARTMENT						
Selectboard						
Selectboard Salaries	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	1,575.00	6,300.00	100.0%
Misc Expense	400.00	814.50	400.00	-	400.00	100.0%
Legal Expense	12,500.00	7,857.50	10,500.00	1,422.25	8,500.00	81.0%
Tax Sale Expense	1,200.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	100.0%
Recording Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
VLCT Dues	3,700.00	3,599.00	3,779.00	3,779.00	3,900.00	103.2%
Total Selectboard:	24,100.00	18,571.00	21,979.00	6,776.25	20,100.00	91.5%
Town Manager's Office						
Town Manager Salary	86,871.00	95,192.35	92,000.00	45,999.00	102,000.00	110.9%
Administrative Assistant Salary	59,000.00	76,178.68	60,770.00	37,594.00	63,808.00	105.0%
TM Clerk Expense	250.00	198.19	250.00	95.49	250.00	100.0%
TM Office Expense	3,800.00	5,092.09	3,800.00	707.95	3,800.00	100.0%
Vehicle Expense Reimbursement	6,000.00	6,337.48	7,200.00	4,303.94	7,200.00	100.0%
TM Phone - Life Insurance	3,000.00	1,498.48	3,000.00	1,059.10	3,000.00	100.0%
Training - Travel - Dues	2,500.00	1,555.10	2,500.00	1,028.06	2,500.00	100.0%
Postage	3,000.00	2,597.80	3,000.00	1,584.90	3,000.00	100.0%
TM Fund	2,000.00	300.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	100.0%
Total Town Manager's Office:	166,421.00	188,950.17	174,520.00	92,372.44	187,558.00	107.5%
Town Clerk & Elections						
Town Clerk Salary	67,000.00	68,288.38	69,010.00	31,850.88	72,460.00	105.0%
Assistant Town Clerk Salary	9,500.00	19,873.85	41,600.00	8,944.28	43,680.00	105.0%
Office Expense	2,000.00	2,968.72	2,000.00	777.98	2,000.00	100.0%
Record Preservation	3,000.00	2,010.28	3,000.00	210.08	3,000.00	100.0%
Postage	700.00	451.43	700.00	566.95	700.00	100.0%
Training - Travel - Dues	3,000.00	4,032.90	3,000.00	459.09	3,000.00	100.0%
Vault Preservation Projects	3,500.00	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	100.0%
BCA Worker Salary	600.00	-	600.00	-	600.00	100.0%
BCA Expense	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00	100.0%
Town Meeting Expense	500.00	1,489.86	500.00	59.49	500.00	100.0%
Ballot Printing	700.00	430.05	700.00	-	700.00	100.0%
Tabulator Programming	1,600.00	1,995.95	3,100.00	-	1,600.00	51.6%
Tabulator Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
BCA Postage	500.00	-	500.00	-	500.00	100.0%
BCA - State Abatements	1,000.00	4,914.59	750.00	-	750.00	100.0%
Total Town Clerk & Elections:	93,700.00	106,456.01	127,060.00	42,868.75	131,090.00	103.2%
Town Treasurer & Outside Audit						
Treasurer Salary	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	1,333.35	3,200.00	100.0%
Postage	500.00	571.00	500.00	236.00	500.00	100.0%
Outside Audit	13,500.00	10,400.00	14,500.00	8,200.00	12,500.00	86.2%
Town Report Printing - Mailing	1,800.00	1,541.19	1,800.00	-	1,600.00	88.9%
Total Treasurer & Audit:	19,000.00	15,712.19	20,000.00	9,769.35	17,800.00	89.0%
Assessors						
Assessors Salaries	70,000.00	57,215.00	65,000.00	24,780.00	67,500.00	103.8%
Reappraisal Expense	35,000.00	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Office Expense	1,500.00	2,578.79	1,800.00	506.90	1,800.00	100.0%
Mileage	1,000.00	70.79	800.00	-	800.00	100.0%
Training - Travel - Dues	1,000.00	305.00	600.00	-	600.00	100.0%
Tax Mapping	500.00	2,262.25	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	100.0%
Computer - Software Support	4,500.00	4,627.06	4,500.00	-	4,500.00	100.0%
Postage	500.00	327.32	350.00	-	350.00	100.0%
Total Assessors:	114,000.00	67,386.21	74,250.00	25,286.90	76,750.00	103.4%



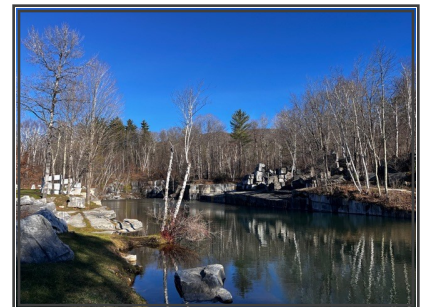
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Planning & Zoning						
Zoning Administrator Salary	23,000.00	23,947.57	23,000.00	13,260.00	24,150.00	105.0%
ZBA Clerk	250.00	100.00	250.00	-	250.00	100.0%
PC Clerk	250.00	-	250.00	-	250.00	100.0%
DRB Clerk	500.00	804.50	500.00	-	500.00	100.0%
Office Expense	1,500.00	2,879.91	1,500.00	2,372.28	1,500.00	100.0%
Planning Consultant	10,500.00	5,982.10	10,500.00	9,213.28	7,500.00	71.4%
Mileage	850.00	212.24	750.00	142.62	750.00	100.0%
Training - Travel - Dues	600.00	-	250.00	99.00	250.00	100.0%
Postage	400.00	54.52	300.00	60.00	300.00	100.0%
Ads - Printing - Notices	1,500.00	2,258.00	1,500.00	2,999.40	1,500.00	100.0%
Regional Planning	6,500.00	6,394.26	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	100.0%
DRB Expense	300.00	-	300.00	-	300.00	100.0%
Board Education Expense	800.00	-	800.00	-	800.00	100.0%
Total Town Manager's Office:	46,950.00	42,633.10	45,900.00	34,146.58	44,050.00	96.0%
Town Office Building						
General Office Expense	4,000.00	4,665.07	4,000.00	1,678.00	4,000.00	100.0%
Equipment	6,000.00	3,696.01	4,000.00	2,228.00	4,000.00	100.0%
Town Website	375.00	566.25	375.00	44.95	375.00	100.0%
Heat	2,500.00	3,286.37	2,800.00	2,369.50	3,300.00	117.9%
Electric	1,600.00	1,781.82	1,400.00	931.50	1,650.00	117.9%
Phone	3,400.00	3,827.78	3,400.00	2,033.99	3,600.00	105.9%
Water	800.00	910.00	800.00	364.00	910.00	113.8%
Maintenance	6,500.00	5,604.00	6,500.00	2,409.19	6,500.00	100.0%
Current Office Planning/Project	40,000.00	20,111.55	15,000.00	14,716.00	15,000.00	0.0%
New Town Office Bond Payment	-	994.50	75,000.00	-	125,000.00	
Total Town Office Building:	65,175.00	45,443.35	113,275.00	26,775.13	164,335.00	145.1%
Public Safety						
Constable	200.00	-	200.00	-	200.00	100.0%
Animal Control	2,500.00	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	100.0%
Health Officer	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,000.00	2,400.00	100.0%
ACO/ Constable Expense	400.00	-	400.00	71.06	400.00	100.0%
Law Enforcement	110,000.00	88,136.50	110,000.00	41,755.00	110,000.00	100.0%
Radar - Speed Signs	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
ACO/ Constable Mileage	200.00	-	200.00	-	200.00	100.0%
Street Lighting	10,500.00	3,800.27	10,000.00	2,608.00	10,000.00	100.0%
Animal Boarding Fees	600.00	-	600.00	-	600.00	100.0%
East Dorset Fire District - Fire Contract	148,000.00	148,000.00	150,000.00	75,000.00	154,000.00	102.7%
Dorset Fire District - Fire Contract	184,000.00	184,000.00	188,000.00	94,000.00	193,000.00	102.7%
Fire Dispatch & Appropriations	10,500.00	4,600.00	11,500.00	-	12,000.00	0.0%
Northshire Rescue Squad	49,839.00	49,840.00	51,000.00	-	60,365.00	118.4%
Hazard Mitigation Grant Exp	-	289.50	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total Public Safety:	519,139.00	481,066.27	526,300.00	214,434.06	545,165.00	103.6%
Insurance & Bonds						
Health Insurance - Current Employees	155,000.00	149,468.21	153,000.00	78,285.00	161,500.00	105.6%
Health Insurance - Former Employees	19,000.00	20,649.58	17,500.00	10,357.00	18,500.00	105.7%
Dental Insurance	7,650.00	6,697.87	8,000.00	3,070.00	7,500.00	93.8%
Vision Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
PACIF Insurance	52,000.00	37,740.00	43,000.00	17,161.00	41,500.00	96.5%
Unemployment Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Insurance & Bonds:	233,650.00	214,555.66	221,500.00	108,873.00	229,000.00	103.4%



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General Services						
Payroll Taxes	47,500.00	51,119.16	49,500.00	23,963.00	52,000.00	105.1%
Employee Retirement - VMERS	29,500.00	31,566.70	35,000.00	13,895.00	35,000.00	100.0%
Recreation - Staff & Events	56,000.00	65,107.68	58,000.00	44,682.00	60,000.00	103.4%
Recreation - Programs	50,000.00	39,332.16	50,000.00	23,285.00	52,500.00	105.0%
VYCC Internship	40,000.00	38,000.00	15,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	80.0%
NATs Trails Support	15,000.00	20,998.13	40,000.00	40,000.00	-	0.0%
East Dorset Village Improvements Expense	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	0.0%
Green Space & Streets	4,000.00	3,169.54	4,000.00	2,022.00	4,000.00	100.0%
Mad Tom Garden	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Marble Sidewalks Expense	-	11,080.00	-	265.94	-	0.0%
Old Cemetery Maintenance	750.00	962.85	750.00	522.55	750.00	100.0%
Solid Waste Expense	21,500.00	31,182.93	21,500.00	17,609.00	30,000.00	139.5%
Interest Expense	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	100.0%
County Tax	51,500.00	52,197.04	51,500.00	34,532.00	51,500.00	100.0%
Employee Christmas	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	150.0%
Contingency	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	100.0%
Bank Service Charge	200.00	126.00	200.00	36.00	200.00	100.0%
Town Event - Picnics	2,000.00	135.10	2,000.00	157.76	2,000.00	100.0%
Town Forest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Raptor Lane Expense	10,000.00	4,245.15	10,000.00	1,510.00	5,000.00	0.0%
Total General Services:	333,450.00	351,222.44	352,950.00	215,480.25	320,950.00	90.9%
Budgeted Appropriations						
Memorial Day	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00	100.0%
Green Up Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	100.0%
Northern VT Conservation District	-	100.00	-	-	-	0.0%
Dorset Economic Development	30,000.00	30,223.65	30,000.00	12,546.00	30,000.00	100.0%
Conservation Commission Association	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00	100.0%
Bennington County Industrial Corp.	2,031.00	-	2,133.00	-	2,133.00	100.0%
Total Budgeted Appropriations:	32,781.00	30,473.65	32,883.00	13,196.00	32,883.00	100.0%





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Highway Department						
Road Crew Wages	223,870.00	231,880.27	230,586.00	107,189.00	242,115.00	105.0%
Overtime Wages	23,500.00	23,877.94	24,500.00	1,537.00	25,000.00	102.0%
DOT Testing	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00	100.0%
Equipment Replacement Fund	185,000.00	185,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00	155,000.00	96.9%
Town Garage Electric	2,500.00	9,323.74	2,500.00	3,237.00	2,500.00	100.0%
Town Garage Water	725.00	939.50	725.00	364.00	725.00	100.0%
Town Garage Maintenance	3,000.00	14,701.19	3,000.00	7,149.00	6,500.00	216.7%
Equipment Repairs - Supplies & Parts	40,500.00	58,246.41	40,500.00	29,705.00	45,000.00	111.1%
Fuel - Gas - Diesel - Oils	42,000.00	47,045.93	45,000.00	23,697.00	50,000.00	111.1%
Trees - Mowing	5,000.00	2,025.00	5,000.00	2,950.00	5,000.00	100.0%
Training - Safety	500.00	60.00	500.00	-	500.00	100.0%
Highway phones	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	1,725.00	3,600.00	100.0%
Gravel Road Surfaces	30,000.00	38,037.48	30,000.00	20,236.00	30,000.00	100.0%
Highway Construction Reserves	105,000.00	105,000.00	155,000.00	155,000.00	185,000.00	119.4%
Village Pedestrian Improvements	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	100.0%
Cold Patch	100.00	912.00	100.00	-	100.00	100.0%
Paved Roads - Striping - Cracksealing	8,500.00	16,200.42	8,500.00	1,360.00	8,500.00	100.0%
Storm Emergencies - Misc.	4,000.00	7,940.91	4,000.00	200.00	5,000.00	125.0%
Engineering Expense	15,000.00	9,149.62	12,500.00	21,784.00	10,000.00	80.0%
Road Salt	80,000.00	90,991.33	80,000.00	51,045.00	82,500.00	103.1%
Winter Sand - Gravel	38,000.00	36,077.03	38,000.00	47,525.00	38,000.00	100.0%
Chloride	15,000.00	4,467.80	15,000.00	4,189.00	15,000.00	100.0%
Culverts	1,500.00	1,084.11	1,200.00	2,230.00	1,200.00	100.0%
Equipment Rental	800.00	-	800.00	-	800.00	100.0%
Road Signs - Guardrails	1,200.00	835.05	1,200.00	1,126.00	1,200.00	100.0%
Bridge Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	100.0%
State - Road General Permit	1,800.00	1,350.00	1,800.00	350.00	1,800.00	100.0%
Grant Expense	-	742.59	-	541.00	-	-
FEMA Storm 2019	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Highway Department:	837,695.00	892,488.32	870,611.00	645,915.23	921,640.00	105.9%
Voter Approved Appropriations						
BROC	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	100.0%
Homeless Coalition	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	100.0%
Council on Aging	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	-	1,600.00	100.0%
Center for Restorative Justice	750.00	750.00	750.00	-	750.00	100.0%
PAVE	500.00	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	100.0%
Neighbor to Neighbor	750.00	750.00	750.00	-	1,000.00	133.3%
Dorset Historical Society	7,500.00	10,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	100.0%
Habitat for Humanity	1,000.00	850.00	850.00	-	850.00	100.0%
East Dorset Cemetery	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	100.0%
GNAT-TV	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	100.0%
Dorset Village Library	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	100.0%
VNA & Hospice - Dorset Nursing	40,000.00	20,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	100.0%
The Collaborative	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	100.0%
Dorset Marble Preservation Association	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	100.0%
Dorset Playhouse	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	100.0%
Shire Kids	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	100.0%
Northshire Day School	-	-	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	100.0%
Total Voter Approved Appropriations:	116,350.00	96,200.00	129,200.00	101,250.00	129,450.00	100.2%



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DETAIL OF REVENUES - By Source						
Assessors Income	250.00	-	250.00	-	250.00	100.0%
Town Clerk Fees	28,000.00	52,371.60	30,000.00	18,165.00	35,000.00	116.7%
Vital Records	-	820.00	-	950.00	-	0.0%
Penalty on Taxes	32,000.00	17,578.45	32,000.00	-	30,000.00	93.8%
Town Forest Donations	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Town Forest Grants	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
State Aid Highways	95,000.00	123,554.43	95,000.00	50,427.00	96,500.00	101.6%
Liquor Licenses	1,000.00	1,085.00	1,000.00	70.00	1,000.00	100.0%
Dog Licenses	2,000.00	2,162.00	2,000.00	126.00	2,000.00	100.0%
Animal Control Fines	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interest (Late Taxes)	35,000.00	21,371.11	35,000.00	15,572.00	30,000.00	85.7%
Unanticipated Income	-	3,651.78	-	715.00	-	0.0%
Mad Tom Garden Donations	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Wilson House Donations	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
DMPA Donations	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Zoning Income	10,000.00	15,998.24	10,000.00	4,748.00	13,500.00	135.0%
State Owned Properties	22,000.00	23,254.83	22,000.00	23,842.00	23,000.00	104.5%
Federal Owned Properties	13,500.00	16,272.00	13,500.00	-	15,000.00	111.1%
State Land Use Tax	35,000.00	41,420.00	37,500.00	45,796.00	40,000.00	106.7%
Current Use Tax	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
DFD No. 1 Agreement	13,500.00	14,431.99	14,000.00	360.00	15,000.00	107.1%
Interest Revenue	2,500.00	1,185.12	2,500.00	2,249.00	2,500.00	100.0%
Weight Permits	400.00	500.00	400.00	10.00	400.00	100.0%
Solid Waste Revenue	-	50.00	-	-	-	0.0%
Sale of Equipment	-	500.00	-	-	-	0.0%
Traffic Fines	10,000.00	9,435.77	10,000.00	1,481.00	10,000.00	100.0%
Municipal Education Grant	800.00	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
AOT Grant	-	7,372.80	-	12,554.00	-	0.0%
FEMA Grant	-	16,345.44	-	15,786.00	-	0.0%
ARPA Funds	-	-	-	291,020.00	-	0.0%
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	35,000.00	21,495.00	35,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Other Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Previous Year Surplus	25,000.00	25,000.00	37,000.00	5,000.00	55,000.00	148.6%
Total Non - Property Tax Revenues	360,950.00	415,855.56	377,150.00	488,871.00	369,150.00	97.9%
PROPERTY TAXES						
Town Budget Expense	2,602,411.00	2,551,158.37	2,710,428.00	1,537,143.94	2,820,771.00	104.07%
Less Town Budget Revenues	360,950.00	415,855.56	377,150.00	488,871.00	369,150.00	97.88%
Total Amount Taxed	2,241,461.00	2,135,302.81	2,333,278.00		2,451,621.00	105.07%
Estimated Tax Rate: GL 7040500	7040500				0.3482	



Town of Dorset Reserves/Debt/Assets

Summary as of February 2023:

Reserve Fund & Debt/Asset Balances:

ARPA:	\$291,020	Reappraisal	\$180,376
Equipment	\$40,830	Highway Paving	-\$26,054*
Unemployment	\$50,882	Land Records	\$28,545
Town Buildings	\$11,383	Highway Bridges	\$10,141

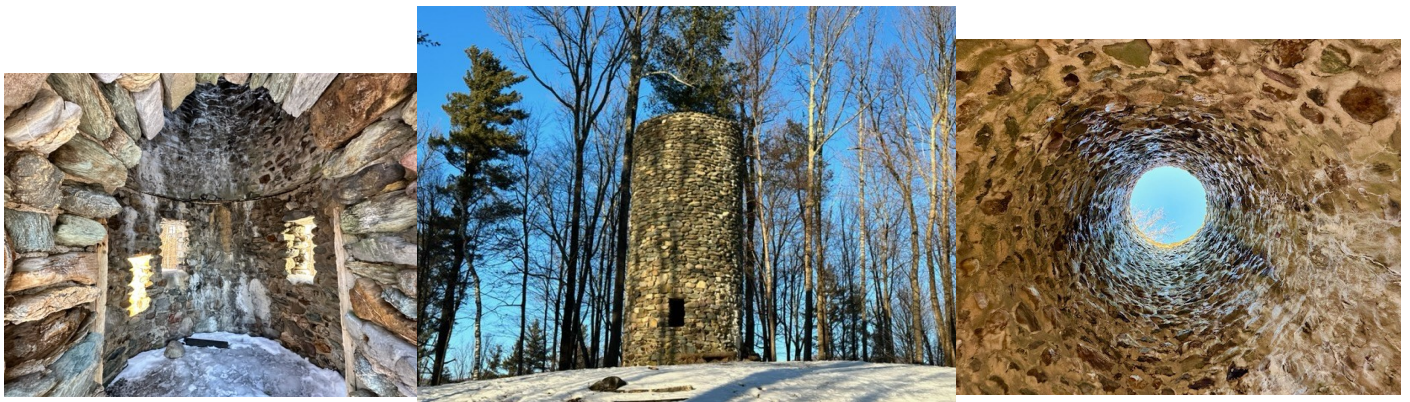
Debt:

Equipment Loan: \$26,190 2021 Town Office Bond: \$0 of \$3,600,000

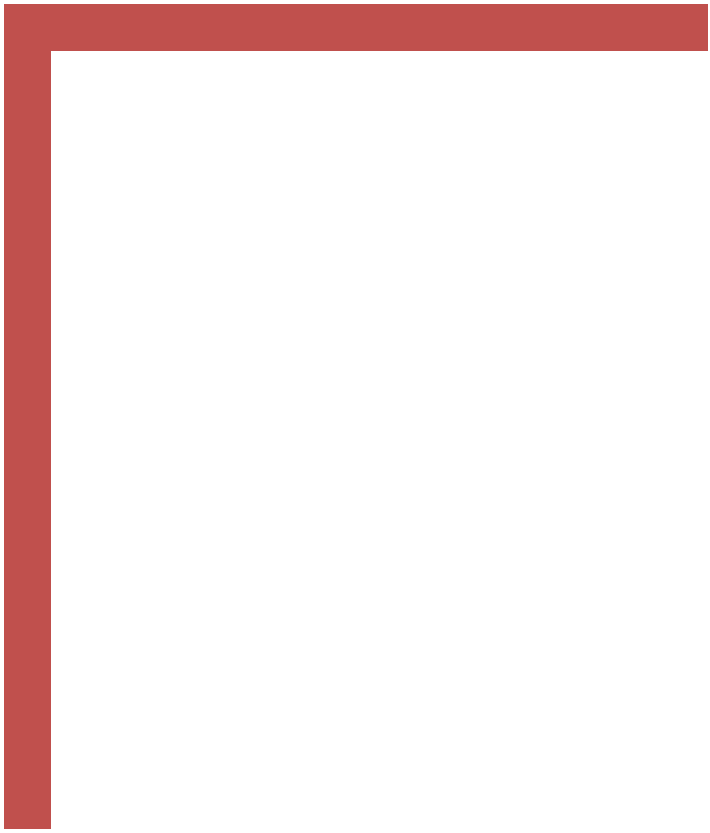
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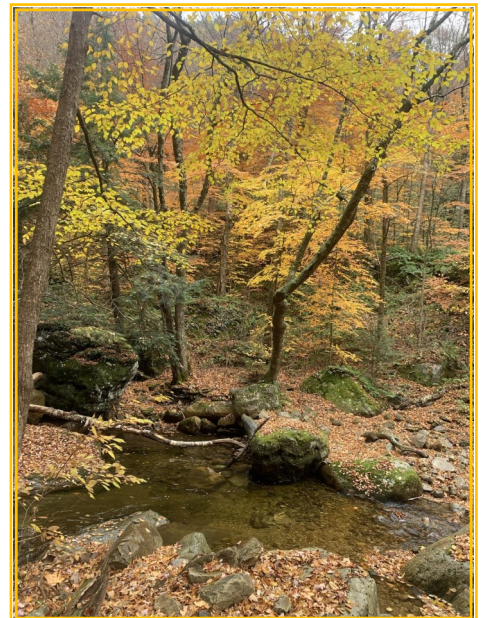
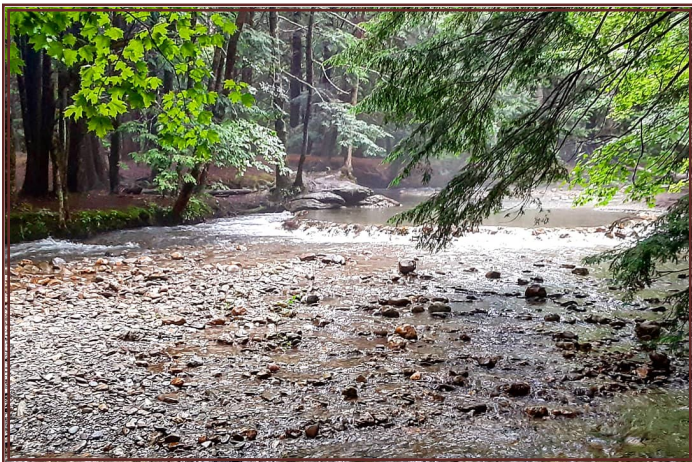
- 10 acres Lower Hollow Road
- 308 acres Raptor Lane

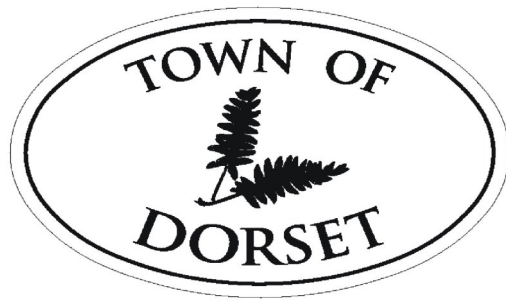
*Deficit in the paving fund is due to 2022 paving project pricing for Paul’s Way & Danby Mtn. This is resolved with the FY24 paving budget line item.



Notes







DORSET'S 2023 INFORMATIONAL TOWN MEETING
will be held in person at the Dorset Elementary School
located at 130 School Drive
Monday, March 6th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Australian Ballot Voting will take place on Tuesday, March 7th, from
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Dorset School