

TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR, VERMONT

2024 ANNUAL REPORTS



Fire on the Mountain, Vermont Food and Music Festival

DEDICATION



Photo Credit: Rita Johnson

We are proud to honor the remarkable service of Win Johnson, whose time on the Planning Commission, as a long-time Selectman, and as a Lister have left an enduring legacy. With a background as Vice President, and as Treasurer of Dartmouth College, Win has brought a wealth of experience in leadership, finance, and strategic planning to his roles. This expertise greatly benefited our town, allowing us to navigate complex issues with a steady hand and a clear vision for the future.

Win Johnson is a shining example of what it means to be a true community member. His humility and generosity of spirit leaves a lasting impact on the town of West Windsor. Win's dedication to his neighbors and his town is evident in the countless hours he devoted to civic service, always willing to lend a hand or offer guidance whenever it was needed.

Through his actions, Win demonstrates what it means to be a good neighbor—always there with a helping hand, a listening ear, and a sense of shared responsibility. He is a quiet but steadfast presence, working behind the scenes to make West Windsor a better place for everyone.

His contributions are not driven by the need for recognition, but by a deep-seated desire to see his community thrive. His legacy is one of kindness, dedication, and selflessness—a true embodiment of civic pride and service. Win Johnson's impact will not be forgotten, and his example inspires all who have the privilege of knowing him.

**WARNING
TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR, VERMONT
ANNUAL MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of West Windsor, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Story Memorial Hall in said Town of West Windsor on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To act on the reports of the Town for the year ending December 31, 2024.

ARTICLE 3: To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Selectboard	3 years
Auditor	3 years
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 year
First Constable	1 year
Second Constable	1 year
Town Agent	1 year
Campbell Fund Trustee	3 years

ARTICLE 4: Due to the change from Calendar Year to Fiscal Year and the resulting transitional 18-month budget, shall the Town vote to pay all property taxes to the Town Treasurer in two installments, the first installment of 67% thereof on or before October 31, 2025 by 4:30 p.m., with no discount for payment in advance? Payments received after 4:30 p.m. will incur penalty and interest. **POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS TIMELY PAYMENT.** And, the second installment of 33% thereof on or before April 24th, 2026, with no discount for payment in advance? Payments received after 4:30 p.m. will incur interest only. **POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS TIMELY PAYMENT.**

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to repeal the Ordinance to Regulate the Operation of Short-Term Rentals?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town approve budgeted expenditures for the General, Highway, Library and Cemetery Funds for the year 2025 totaling \$2,599,500 as shown below:

General	\$965,990
Highway	\$1,546,136
Library	\$79,174
Cemetery	\$8,200

of which \$2,022,092 shall be raised by taxes (General \$651,616; Highway \$1,291,302; Library \$79,174; and Cemetery \$0) after applying \$531,708 of non-tax revenues and

\$45,700 from prior year reserves/surpluses, all as shown in financial statements published in the Town Report?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town appropriate \$98,250, to be raised by taxes, for distribution to the four West Windsor organizations in the amounts listed below?

W.W. Volunteer Fire Department	\$83,750
W.W. Volunteer FAST Squad	\$3,000
W.W. Historical Society	\$8,500
W.W. Independence Day Celebration	\$3,000

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town appropriate \$10,203, to be raised by taxes, for distribution to thirteen other organizations which provide important social services to Town residents in the amounts listed below?

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont	\$1,067
Windsor County Mentors	\$1,000
Volunteers in Action	\$500
VT Center for Independent Living	\$140
Green Up Vermont	\$100
Visiting Nurse Assoc.& Hospice of VT/NH	\$2,475
SEVCA	\$1,050
VT Assoc.of Conservation Districts	\$100
The Moover	\$125
Windsor County Youth Services	\$600
Senior Solutions	\$796
Reading/West Windsor Aging in Place	\$2,000
Windsor on Air	\$250

ARTICLE 9: To do any other business that can legally be done at this meeting.

WEST WINDSOR SELECTBOARD

Mark Higgins

Mark Harley

John Brodie

Dated this 27th day of January, 2025

Amy W. Yates, Town Clerk

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Planning Commission (Town Hall)	6:30 PM 4 th Wednesday
Selectboard (Town Hall)	6:30 PM 2 nd & 4 th Monday
Development Review Board (Town Hall)	6:30 PM 2 nd Tuesday (As needed)
Conservation Commission (Town Hall)	7:00 PM 1 st Monday

PHONE NUMBERS

Town Office - Clerk & Treasurer	484-7212
Town Administrator	484-3520
Zoning Administrator	484-3520
Lister Clerk	484-3113
Highway Garage	484-5044
Mary L Blood Library	484-7205
Albert Bridge School	484-3344

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance	911 OR 1-802-295-9425
Police	911 OR 1-802-295-9425
Fire	911 OR 1-802-295-9425
Fast Squad	911 OR 1-802-295-9425
Game Warden	1-802-674-2185
State Police	1-802-234-9933

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Town Newspaper	Vermont Standard
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Official Notices:

1. Posted at Town Hall (Basement Bulletin Board)
2. Post Office
3. Town Web Site at <http://westwindsorvt.govoffice2.com>

Official Address:

Town of West Windsor
P. O. Box 6
Brownsville, Vermont 05037

Physical Address:

22 Brownsville-Hartland Road
West Windsor, Vermont 05089

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 9:00 – 12:00 and 1:30 – 4:30

TOWN OFFICES

Moderator:	2025	Matthew Birmingham
Selectboard:	2025	Mark Higgins
	2026	Mark Harley
	2027	John Brodie
Auditors:	2025	Barbara Gerstner
	2026	Justin Burrows
	2027	Nancy Gaynor
Delinquent Tax Collector:	2025	Amy Yates
First Constable:	2025	Matt Kantola
Second Constable:	2025	Mark Morse
Town Agent:	2025	Matthew Birmingham
Campbell Fund Trustees:	2025	Betty French
	2026	Patricia Kenyon
	2027	Jennifer Hastings Tobias
Justices of the Peace:		Margaret Clough Nancy Gaynor Deb Shearer Deb Spackman Anne Yates
Representative-Windsor 1:		John Bartholomew Elizabeth Burrows

OFFICERS BY APPOINTMENT

Animal Control:	Selectboard
Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	Clyde Jenne
Cemetery Sexton:	Dr. Thomas Whelan
Conservation Commission:	2025 Mark Nowlan Suzanne Greenall 2026 Christopher Nesbitt 2027 Ted Siegler, Chair Laura Stillson 2028 Barbara Gerstner Ken Parrot
Senior Solutions:	Pauline Ouelette
Deputy Registrar:	Stuart Olmstead
Development Review Board:	2025 Bruce Boedtker Jane Hoisington 2026 Barbara Truex, Vice Chair 2027 Shannon Harrington, Chair Ryan Thompson
ECFiber Delegates:	Ken Parrot Alessandro Iuppa
Emergency Mgmt. Coord.:	Michael Spackman
Fire Warden:	Michael Spackman
Fire Warden, Keyman:	Erik Boedtker
Green-Up Coordinator:	Sustainability Committee
Health Officer:	Nancy Gaynor
Highway Foreman:	Michael Spackman
Inspector of Lumber:	Vacant
Library Trustees:	2025 Anne Yates Colin McKaig Shannon Harrington 2026 Matthew Birmingham Cindy Stacey Elissa Kellner 2027 Michael Epstein, Chair Jenifer Aldrich Nancy Nesbitt

Lister Clerk:	Deb Spackman
Planning Commission:	2025 Lauren Stevens Leah Montalbano 2026 Jill Appel Michael Dudley 2027 Al Keiller, Chair
Poundkeeper:	Selectboard
Service Officer:	Vacant
Southern Windsor County Waste Management District:	Mark Higgins
Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission:	Edwin Johnson
Southern Windsor County Transportation Advisory Committee:	Vacant
Surveyor of Wood/Lumber:	Vacant
Sustainability Committee:	2025 Suzanne Wirak 2025 Susan Yost 2026 Jill Crowley 2027 Alessandro Iuppa, Chair 2027 Pattie Carrington
Town Administrator:	Matt Frederick
Town Clerk:	Amy Yates
Town Treasurer:	Amy Yates
Tree Warden:	David Putnam
Utility Advisory Committee:	Bob Norris Karl Grissett Sharlene McEachern Jim Bonney David Leavitt Wayne Scarsilloni Peter Varkonyi Tom Marsh Mark Harley
Zoning Administrator:	2026 Deb Shearer
Assistant Zoning Administrator:	Vacant

In March after the Town meeting the Selectboard elects a chair and appoints the tree warden, three fence viewers, pound keeper, one or more inspectors of lumber shingles and wood, and one service officer.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK/TOWN TREASURER

I can't believe that I have had the pleasure of being your Town Clerk and Treasurer for a year already! Time does fly, and I have truly enjoyed my first year and have learned so much. This is a busy little office, and I am fortunate to have been elected for the job and I look forward to going to work every day. It is also nice to reconnect with people I had not seen for a long time since selling the store.

Recordings were about the same as last year with 1548 pages. I attended selectboard meetings, ran three elections, and worked hard to learn the complicated but efficient NEMRC accounting system.

Please remember to file your Homestead Declaration form HS-122 by April 15, 2025, even if you file for an extension on your taxes. If you file after the April 15th deadline, you will be billed a penalty on your education tax amount.

Also, all dogs residing in West Windsor must be licensed with the Town Clerk on or before April 1, 2025. This is a Vermont law and there are no exceptions. A late fee will be charged for any dogs not registered by the April 1st deadline. Please call the Town Office with questions about the rabies certificates dates or amount due, and registration can be done by mail. I am also working on credit card processing for payments to the town, so stay tuned for that option if that is a better form of payment for you.

Amy W. Yates, Town Clerk/Treasurer

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TOWN

We submit that we have reviewed the internal controls and records of the Town of West Windsor and the various control accounts that the Town Clerk and Treasurer administers. This was done using the guidelines set forth in the Handbook Aids of Auditors issued by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

Preparing this annual report requires the participation of numerous town employees and outside organizations. We appreciate their submitting the reports in a timely and efficient manner.

We have had the assistance of our new Town Clerk, Amy Yates, and Town Administrator, Matt Frederick, in preparing this report.

Justin Burrows
Nancy Gaynor
Barbara Gerstner

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Upon the conclusion of the Town of West Windsor's first trip around the sun with Matt Frederick as our Town Administrator and Amy Yates as our Town Clerk and Treasurer, it is clear that fortune has smiled on our little town. We are fortunate to have two such dedicated and able public servants. Please join the Selectboard in supporting Town Administrator Frederick and Town Clerk/Treasurer Yates, and thank them for their relentless energy and enthusiasm. Their success is our success, and we are well-positioned for the future with them at the helm.

This year was the Selectboard's first without Matt Kantola in six years. Although he has graciously consented to serve as First Constable, his absence is felt at Selectboard meetings. The Town chose John Brodie to fill the open position. John has brought a pragmatic and insightful approach, and we are grateful for his service.

We were fortunate to be south of the floods in the summer of 2024. The Town was reimbursed over 95% of what it spent dealing with the previous year's floods. FEMA reimbursement was the first project Town Administrator Frederick tackled. Despite the slow wheels of government, Mr. Frederick ensured West Windsor received every penny it was entitled to.

The Planning Commission sent updated zoning bylaws and new river corridor and flood regulations to the Selectboard for approval. Implemented at the State's urging, these bylaws are a first step toward addressing housing affordability. Similarly, the updated regulations will allow the Town to be reimbursed at a higher rate in future emergencies.

Other projects this year included the approval and kickoff of the Better Connections Grant with the Vermont Department of Transportation resulting in the series of meetings "Between the Bridges and Beyond." The goal of the project is to identify improvements for the ease and safety of multimodal travel in the village. Another was the initiation of state-funded energy audits for the Town Hall and Town Garage. At no cost to the Town, these audits resulted in a prioritized list of possible improvements to both buildings.

The Highway Department added Mark Biathrow to its crew this year after Chip Craig's unexpected departure to become a road foreman in New Hampshire. We were sorry to see Chip go. Mark, a native of Reading, has proven to be a competent contributor, and the Highway Department is lucky to have him. The Highway Department also purchased a new grader which is due to arrive this spring. Our investments have kept the department fully staffed and our roads in good condition.

This year, we allocated the remaining ARPA funds received during the pandemic. Thanks to the ARPA committee's work, the Selectboard identified projects that increased the Town's emergency preparedness. Investments included a generator and office remodeling at the Town Garage, allowing the Highway Department to work without interruption during severe weather. Additionally, we began mitigating flood hazards along Mill Brook with a commissioned study. The Fire Department received a new boiler and air compressor for their oxygen tanks. The Town also purchased an automatic external defibrillator (AED) for the Town Hall. We thank everyone who contributed to the ARPA committee's work. Without their efforts, the Selectboard would not have had such clear guidance.

The ARPA funds experience highlighted the need for more long-range financial planning. Several necessary projects remain unfunded. Further work on the Town Hall is needed, including replacing the

wood floor in the auditorium, investing in energy efficiency, repairing the emergency exit from the basement, and adding a shower to one of the bathrooms. In future budget cycles, the Selectboard is considering creating a capital fund for the Town Hall to address these issues and continue to improve the surrounding grounds for family and community gatherings without incurring unnecessary interest costs or burdening a single budget cycle. Planning for the future can help avoid undue costs or hardships for taxpayers.

The Budget

At the Special Town Meeting in November, the Town voted to change the fiscal year start from January 1 to July 1. Among many other benefits of this new cycle, this change will allow voters to approve the Town's budget before it takes effect. The budget you are voting on today has been effective since the start of the year. This is the last time the Town will spend money before voter authorization.

Due to the fiscal year change, expect some initial difficulty in comparing this budget to previous years and adjusting to a new tax collection cadence. This budget covers the next 18 months (until June 30, 2026) to transition the Town's accounting. To ease the burden on taxpayers, the Town will shift to a semiannual collection cycle, which it plans to maintain.

The bottom-line numbers for total expenses and taxes raised will appear much higher than in previous years. Most of this difference is because the budget covers eighteen months instead of twelve. We have attempted to display what the budget for the next 12 months will look like to ease your evaluation, but the 12-month comparison does not tell the full story. The 6-month period in 2026 included in this budget is not simply 50% of the 2025 budget. The Town has carefully evaluated payment timing and seasonal expenses to ensure this budget does not request unnecessary funds. Additionally, this budget attempts to predict a future more than a year away, with some costs, like health insurance, currently unknowable. The Town has been conservative in its estimates to avoid a shortfall requiring additional taxpayer funds. A helpful metric is comparing this budget to past ones on a per-month basis. Dividing last year's taxes by twelve months and this budget's taxes by 18 shows a monthly average increase of about 5.9%. Unfortunately, this increase slightly outpaces inflation. Fortunately, the general and cemetery funds remain essentially unchanged on a per-month basis, with offsets found for anticipated price increases. The main drivers this year are the highway and library funds.

The library's increase results from the final step in fully integrating the library into the Town's budget. The work by Town Librarian Liz Frederick and the Library Trustees is exemplary, and the Selectboard believes the library has been prudent in its funding requests and expenditures.

The highway fund increase is driven primarily by three factors. First, health insurance costs continue to outpace inflation. Our employee mix has changed, resulting in a different cost structure. Wages, the largest line item in the highway budget, are also a significant increase on a per-month basis. However, predicting overtime for the winter of 2026 is challenging. To avoid returning to taxpayers for additional funds, we have forecasted a wage expense with a prudent safety margin. The final driver is our contribution to the Highway capital fund. This fund saves money for equipment purchases, avoiding interest expenses or leasing costs. Trucks and heavy equipment costs are also outpacing inflation. We have reevaluated future equipment costs and adjusted the annual contribution to ensure continued purchases without incurring interest or requesting large amounts in a single cycle.

Eighteen months is a long time to forecast. The Selectboard and Town employees have spent many late nights on these figures, believing this transitional budget balances fiscal prudence with taxpayer impact. The per-month increase is less than the actual inflationary increase, indicating savings found elsewhere. Moving forward, the Selectboard will focus on non-real estate tax revenues to mitigate future real estate tax increases.

Thank you for your time and consideration. It is a pleasure to serve you, our fellow citizens, as we work together to ensure our community's continued health and functioning.

Sincerely,
Mark M. Higgins, Chair
Mark Harley
John Brodie

REMEMBERING THE TOWN CANNON

For nearly 25 years, our Town Cannon stood in front of the Town Hall. Prior to that, it was a feature of our community at Danny Knowles' property on the other side of Beaver Brook. The cannon held a fascinating history that intertwined discovery, transportation, historical significance, and community impact. Around 1978, Knowles, then a police officer in Hampden, Massachusetts, stumbled upon the cannon in the woods of Hampden. While pursuing a suspect, Knowles tripped over the cannon's barrel, which was buried open end down on a large, wooded parcel. Intrigued by his find, Knowles returned to the site without the property owner's permission and spent six hours unearthing the cannon with the assistance of a tow truck. The property was so vast that Knowles believed the owners were unaware of the cannon's existence. After its discovery, Knowles transported the cannon to Brownsville, where he displayed it in his yard on a carriage he built himself.

Research conducted by Jack Dugdale indicated that the cannon itself was a Swedish Finbanker-type, likely cast between 1690 and 1710. These cannons were typically used on merchant ships, providing defense without the need for larger caliber guns. The Finbanker, named after the Finspång foundry in Sweden, was a product of the Swedish iron industry. The cannon's design, featuring a tapering barrel and broad bands, is indicative of its Swedish origin and its role in maritime history.

Here in West Windsor, the cannon was a significant local landmark. Following Knowles' death in 2003, his family approached the Town and offered the cannon as a gift. The cannon stood on the lawn of Town Hall with a plaque that read "W.W. 4th of July cannon, 2004, honoring Danny Knowles." In the summer of 2023, Selectboard Chair Matt Kantola noted the deteriorating condition of the cannon and, in lieu of spending Town tax dollars on its restoration, asked the Highway Department to move it to the Highway Garage until a permanent solution could be found.

In pursuit of finding that permanent solution, Town Administrator Matt Frederick had the inspired idea to reach out to the Town of Hampden, Massachusetts to gauge their interest in bringing the cannon home. The Hampden Select Board confirmed its interest in the return of the cannon and were able to add further color to the history of the cannon. Apparently, the former Chief of Historic Ordnance, Senior Historian and Curator of the Springfield Armory for the National Park Service lived in Hampden prior to his passing. In 2012, another resident of Hampden had approached the artillery expert's wife wanting to examine a second (unrelated) cannon that stood in the artillery expert's front yard in hopes of ascertaining whether the cannon in the yard was the cannon that had been stolen years earlier from the resident and the

resident's father's property. As of this writing, no further information is available as to whether that resident's cannon was the very same that stood in front of our Town Hall.

Hampden, Massachusetts may be a place where cannons are stolen but West Windsor, Vermont is not. In August of 2024, the Hampden Highway Department took the trip to our neck of the woods and brought our town cannon home to Hampden, bringing its journey full circle. The return of the cannon to Hampden ends our part in its history and its in ours but the memory of it will live here, hopefully for some curious future student.

Mark Higgins

TOWN PERMITS/LICENSES REQUIRED

Burning Permit	Fire Warden
Cemetery Lots	Brownsville-Shannon Harrington Sheddsville-Selectboard
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk
Dog Kennel Permit	Town Clerk
Fireworks Display	Fire Chief and Selectboard
Highway Access	Selectboard
Liquor License	Town Clerk
Marriage License	Town Clerk
Public Assembly	Selectboard
Use of Town Property	Selectboard
Weathersfield Transfer Station	Town Clerk
*Zoning Permits	Zoning Administrator
Accessory Structures	Zoning Administrator
Certificate of Occupancy	Zoning Administrator
Change of Use	Zoning Administrator
Conditional Use	Development Review Board
Construction of Building	Zoning Administrator
Fences (under 5 feet)	Zoning Administrator
Fences (over 5 feet)	Development Review Board
Flood Hazard Review	Development Review Board
Home Occupation	Zoning Administrator
Planned Unit Dev.(PUD)	Development Review Board
Pond Construction	Zoning Administrator
Pond Construction (10,000+ sq. ft.)	Development Review Board
Subdivisions	Development Review Board
Variance	Development Review Board

*Note: State Permits are often required, so please check with the State Permit Specialist (802-279-4747) before proceeding with any project.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 2024

BROWNSVILLE CEMETERY

Jeff Sylvester
Sylvia Young
Thomas Eagan
Rachel Tierney
Marie Walbridge

SHEDDSVILLE CEMETERY

Patrick Nowlan
Richard Beatty
Marta Gibbs
Darry Alexander

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

One

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

Four Licenses Issued in Town

DEATH CERTIFICATES

Seven

IN MEMORIAM

*IN MEMORY OF OUR FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY*

Darry Alexander

Wilmer Baker

Clare Collins

Thomas Eagan

Robert French

Harold Ingalls

Robert Menzenhauer

Guy Roberts

Derek Siegler

Jeffrey Sylvester

Rachel Tierney

April Tyrrell

Marie Walbridge

Joyce White

Sylvia Young

Michael Zito

LIQUOR AND TOBACCO LICENSES

2 First Class @ \$115.00	\$230.00
2 Second Class @ \$70.00	<u>\$140.00</u>
TOTAL TO GENERAL FUND	\$370.00

LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF CIVIL MARRIAGE

	T.C. FEES	LICENSES	TOTAL
5 @ \$10.00(cert.copy)	\$ 50.00		
5 @ \$80.00	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	<u>\$325.00</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>
	\$125.00	\$325.00	\$450.00
	to Town	to State	
	General Fund	of Vermont	

DOG LICENSES

290 Tags Issued	Town Fees	State Fees	Total
Licenses	\$1,308.00	\$1,450.00	\$2,758.00
Late Fees	238.00		238.00
	<u>\$1,546.00</u>	<u>\$1,450.00</u>	<u>\$2,996.00</u>
	to Town	to State	Total
	General Fund	of Vermont	

DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVED

	DUE	COLLECTED	BALANCE
2023 Del. Taxes	\$219,317.15	\$218,598.10	\$719.05
2024 Del. Taxes	\$632,269.22	\$530,081.06	\$102,188.16
	<u>\$851,586.37</u>	<u>\$748,679.16</u>	<u>\$102,907.21</u>

TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets

Town Checking	5,124,102.62
HRA Checking	8,113.92
Sweep In Transit	35,400.00
Cash on Hand	25.00
Due To/From	-1,242,353.57
Accounts Receivable	53,643.73
Uncollected Taxes 2022	6,196.65
Uncollected Taxes 2023	71,432.02
Prepaid Expenditures	3,510.60
Weathersfield Transfer Station	3,002.50

Total Current Assets **4,063,073.47**

Tax Clearing Account	314.53
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TOTAL ASSETS **4,063,388.00**

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	2,422,377.54
AP Statewide Property Tax	1,180,645.76
Dental Reimbursement	32.71
Due to State - Dogs	5.00
Deferred Taxes	24,518.33
Prepaid Taxes 2024	26,637.62

Total Current Liabilities **3,654,216.96**

TOTAL LIABILITIES **3,654,216.96**

FUND BALANCE

Unreserved Fund Balance	378,842.25
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	378,842.25
Fund Balance Current Year	30,328.79
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	409,171.04
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, FUND BALANCE	4,063,388.00

CAPITAL ASSETS

Land	915,791.00	
Buildings & Improvements	1,361,431.30	
Highway Vehicles	831,656.00	
Highway Machinery & Equipment	602,770.30	
Road Improvements	367,967.00	
Small Tools	6,499.00	
Office Equipment	5,000.00	
Furniture & Fixtures	1,946.07	
2007 Fire Truck	250,000.00	
2017 Fire Truck	275,000.00	
School Well	29,906.26	
Total Capital Assets		4,647,966.93
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,356,963.76)	
Net Capital Assets		3,291,003.17

TOWN BUDGET

SUMMARY - 18-MONTH BUDGET 2025-2026 BUDGET (01/01/25 - 06/30/26)	General Fund	Highway Fund	Library Fund	Cemetery Fund	Total All Funds
TAXES RAISED FOR TOWN FUNDS	651,616	1,291,302	79,174	-	2,022,093
NON-TAX REVENUES	276,874	254,834	-	-	531,708
RESERVES/SURPLUSES FROM PRIOR YEARS	37,500	-	-	8,200	45,700
	965,990	1,546,136	79,174	8,200	2,599,500
OPERATIONS EXPENSES	965,990	1,546,136	79,174	8,200	2,599,500
	965,990	1,546,136	79,174	8,200	2,599,500
	-	-	-	-	-
	Appropriations				
TAXES RAISED FOR APPROPRIATIONS	108,453				108,453
W. W. ORGANIZATION APPROPRIATIONS	98,250				98,250
OTHER ORGANIZATION APPROPRIATIONS	10,203				10,203
	-	-	-	-	-

TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR APPROPRIATIONS	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	1/1/25- 12/31/25 12mo. Budget	1/1/26- 6/30/26 6mo. Budget	2025-2026 18mo. Budget
APPROPRIATIONS- W.W. ORGANIZATIONS							
W. W. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.	56,750.00	61,500	72,000	72,000	83,750		83,750
W. W. FAST SQUAD	6,500.00	7,500	7,000	7,000	3,000		3,000
W.W. HISTORICAL SOCIETY	6,350.00	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500		8,500
W.W. INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION	2,000.00	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000		3,000
APPROPRIATIONS-OTHER ORGANIZATIONS							
HEALTH CARE & REHAB.SERVICES	1,067.00	1,067	1,067	1,067.	1,067		1,067
WINDSOR COUNTY MENTORS	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000
VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION	400	500	500	500	500		500
VT. CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	140	140	140	140	140		140
GREEN UP VERMONT	100	100	100	100	100		100
VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE FOR VT & NH	3,475	3,475	2,475	2,475	2,475		2,475
SEVCA	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050		1,050

VT. ASSOC. OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS	100	100	100	100	100		100
READING/WEST WNSDR FOOD SHELF	1,00	1,000	1,000	1,000	-		-
THE MOOVER (FORMERLY THE CURRENT)	125	125	125	125	125		125
WINDSOR COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES	600	600.00	600	600	600		600
SENIOR SOLUTIONS	765	780	780	780	796		796
READING-WEST WINDSOR AGING IN PLACE	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		2,000
WINDSOR ON AIR			250	250	250		250
Total Appropriations	82,422.00	91,437	101,687	101,687	108,453	-	108,453

GENERAL FUND

TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR GENERAL FUND	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	1/1/25- 12/31/25 12mo. Budget	1/1/26- 6/30/26 6mo. Budget	2025-2026 18mo. Budget
REVENUES							
TAXES RAISED	475,980.00	433,506.00	434,467	434,467.00	429,545	222,072	651,616
DEL. TAX INTEREST	3,868.61	6,055.98	2,072	14,888.85	2,000		2,000
DEL. TAX PENALTY	21,669.91	17,464.40	5,672	48,144.61	8,000		8,000
CURRENT USE - VT	83,846.00	82,146.00	83,000	84,504.00	84,000		84,000
PILOT PAYMENT - NRA				79.61			-
INTEREST INCOME ON MONEY MARKET	775.20	1,041.76	600	47,246.50	60,000	20,000	80,000
DOG LICENSES	1,676.00	1,556.00	1,700	1,440.00	2,100	1,700	3,800
LIQUOR LICENSES	370.00	370.00	370	370.00	370	370	740
MARRIAGE/CIVIL LICENSES	130.00	175.00	100	125.00	100		100
TOWN CLERK FEES	28,631.35	27,674.35	24,000	19,764.50	18,000	9,000	27,000
USE OF COPY MACHINE	8.00	11.00	2,000	1,327.86	50	25	75
POSTED LAND	145.00	170.00	150	140.00	140		140
GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT	32.00	30.00	25	50.00	25		25
MISCELLANEOUS	1,218.48	2,804.77		235.01	-		-
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT				5,100.00			-
XFER STATION PERMIT SALES	21,880.00	22,125.00	21,500	22,378.00	21,500		21,500
DONATIONS SUSTAINABILITY		4,141.00					-
CENTER FOR TECH & CIVIC LIFE GRANT				2,500.00			-
CONSERVATION COMMISSION REVENUE							-
DEBT SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT-EC FIBER	9,167.84	9,167.84	9,100	9,167.84	9,168	4,584	13,752
ACCOUNTING REIMBURSEMENT-UTILITIES	6,858.25	8,353.45	6,000	6,000.00			-
FACILITY USE FEES			500	375.00	500	200	700
EVENT PERMIT FEES			500	775.00	500	200	700
REFUND/OTHER				5,305.77			-
FIRE DEPT INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT				9,583.91	10,063		10,063
FAST SQUAD INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT				1,652.63	1,730		1,730
SEWER INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT				975.84	1,006	520	1,526
WATER INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT				393.98	410	213	623

ZONING APPLICATION FEES AND PERMITS	2,981.65	4,507.40	2,750	5,899.60	4,000	2,000	6,000
SHORT-TERM RENTAL APPLICATION FEES					7,200	7,200	14,400
MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT	7,855.00						-
BETTER CONNECTIONS GRANT				25,734.77			-
COPY OF ZONING ORDINANCE	20.00						-
POLICE-STATE REFUNDS	347.50	157.50	100	37.50			-
	667,460.79	621,457.45	594,606	748,662.78	660,407	268,084	928,490.14
Expenses							
SELECTBOARD							
BETTER CONNECTIONS GRANT			7,500	48,447.56			-
SALARIES	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000	3,000.00	3,000	-	3,000
FINANCIAL SYSTEM PROJECT	5,000.00	5,425.00	5,500	5,642.00	7,000		7,000
LEGAL FEES	4,735.00	4,500.00	5,000	660.00	5,000	2,500	7,500
CPA EXPENSES & OUTSIDE AUDIT	18,048.57	21,670.00	19,000	11,534.00	15,000	7,500	22,500
SELECTBOARD EXPENSE	3,491.94	4,737.91	3,000	2,688.02	3,000	1,500	4,500
YALE HEIGHTS STORMWATER PERMIT							-
Total Selectboard Expenses	33,275.51	39,332.91	43,000	71,971.58	33,000	11,500	44,500
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR							
WAGES	42,199.87	30,631.19	46,200	46,266.96	48,048	24,985	73,033
WEBSITE	660.00	699.60	900	741.58	800		800
TRAVEL		-	250	556.66	250	125	375
TRAINING			1,000		500	250	750
TA UNUSED PERS. TIME				1,681.73			-
Total Town Administrator Expenses	42,859.87	31,330.79	48,350	49,246.93	49,598	25,360	74,958
TOWN CLERK							
SALARY	40,757.60	44,302.68	32,500	35,128.90	30,420	15,818	46,238
TC ASSISTANT WAGES	7,833.00	3,080.00	5,000	4,449.21	5,000	2,500	7,500
TRAVEL & EXPENSES	906.09	1,064.40	1,000	1,362.54	1,000	500	1,500
TRAINING			10,600	11,101.35	2,000	1,000	3,000
TC&T UNUSED PERS. TIME		7,242.00					-
Total Town Clerk Expenses	49,496.69	55,689.08	49,100	52,042.00	38,420	19,818	58,238
TOWN LISTERS							
WAGES	12,033.00	8,591.00	10,000	7,411.57	4,300	2,550	6,850
CONSULTANT	877.50	360.00	1,500				-
NEMRC ASSESSOR CONTRACT				1,377.50	16,150	8,075	24,225
TRAVEL & EXPENSE	2,470.80	2,276.81	2,500	2,237.88	1,000	500	1,500
REAPPRAISAL RESERVE	1,000.00	1,000.00	6,000	6,000.00	5,000		5,000
Total Town Listers Expenses	16,381.30	12,227.81	20,000	17,026.95	26,450	11,125	37,575
TOWN TREASURER							
SALARY	40,757.60	43,789.32	32,500	30,667.97	30,420	15,818	46,238
Total Town Treasurer Expenses	40,757.60	43,789.32	32,500	30,667.97	30,420	15,818	46,238
TOWN AUDITORS							
WAGES							-
PRINTING TOWN REPORT	1,205.00	2,004.00	2,000	1,949.98	2,000	2,000	4,000
EXPENSES	12.00		100	1,000.00	100	100	200
Total Town Auditors Expenses	1,217.00	2,004.00	2,100	2,949.98	2,100	2,100	4,200

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR							
WAGES	283.50	462.00	500	500.00	500	250	750
EXPENSES	73.52	276.08	200	77.85	200	100	300
Total Delinquent Tax Collector Expenses	357.02	738.08	700	577.85	700	350	1,050
ELECTION/TOWN MEETING							
BALLOT CLERKS	1,475.25	77.00	2,500	1,342.81	500	500	1,000
ELECTION EXPENSES				2,500.00			-
Total Ballot Clerks Expenses	1,475.25	77.00	2,500	3,842.81	500	500	1,000.00
GENERAL OFFICE							
SERVICE CONTRACTS-CANON COPIER	306.49	326.67	400	300.71	360	180	540
TRAINING EXPENSE		634.00	2,000	1,807.31	500	250	750
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	179.99	-	250		-	-	-
TELEPHONE/INTERNET	492.24	394.00	400	480.00	500	250	750
ADVERT/PRINTING/POSTAGE	2,613.21	1,896.32	2,500	3,037.03	2,300	1,250	3,550
OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,260.71	6,421.25	6,000	4,573.00	6,000	3,000	9,000
COMPUTER SUPPLIES	1,221.29	152.63	1,500	1,455.01	1,000	500	1,500
COMPUTER SYSTEMS SUPPORT -VC3	12,681.25	12,599.66	14,989	15,553.27	14,720	7,360	22,080
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT		-			1,600		1,600
Total General Office Expenses	22,755.18	22,424.53	28,039	27,206.33	26,980	12,790	39,770
OTHER GENERAL EXPENSES							
FICA/MEDICARE	15,628.63	18,284.98	17,000	13,947.45	10,935	5,737	16,672
ACT 76 - CHILDCARE & EARLY EDUCATION			300	299.82	629	330	959
VMERS RETIREMENT	6,704.32	7,216.84	7,500	7,203.60	6,125	3,256	9,381
MEDICAL INSURANCE	19,142.20	17,959.82	18,150	39,474.96	47,217	27,255	74,472
SHORT-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE	300.00	225.00	420	360.00	360	180	540
DENTAL INSURANCE	741.20	667.08	890	889.44	936	488	1,424
VISION INSURANCE			200	157.92	158	82	240
UNEMPLOYMENT TAX		-					-
Total Other General Expenses	42,516.35	44,353.72	44,460	62,333.19	66,360	37,327	103,687
TAXES, DUES & ASSESSMENTS							
COUNTY ADA BOND PAYMENT	6,073.04	5,942.11					-
COUNTY TAX	13,199.98	14,440.44	16,505	17,597.22	22,380		22,380
REGIONAL PLANNING	1,747.20	1,747.20	1,747	1,747.20	1,882		1,882
VLCT DUES	2,617.00	2,813.00	2,813	2,958.00	3,023		3,023
Total Taxes, Dues & Assessments Expenses	23,637.22	24,942.75	21,065	22,302.42	27,285	-	27,285
PLANNING & ZONING							
WAGES	12,253.50	15,235.00	15,500	16,294.50	17,928	9,322	27,250
SHORT-TERM RENTAL WEB SCRAPING					4,200		4,200
ADVERTISING/PRINTING/POSTAGE	1,299.23	1,460.80	3,000	2,089.23	2,000	1,000	3,000
EXPENSES & MILEAGE	1,578.08	1,316.50	4,200	77.45	1,300	300	1,600
SUPPLIES	158.86		100	402.22	150	75	225
MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT	8,640.00				3,000		3,000
Total Planning & Zoning Expenses	23,929.67	18,012.30	22,800	18,863.40	28,578	10,697	39,275
PUBLIC SAFETY							
EMERGENCY MNGMT WAGES	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000	2,000.00	2,000		2,000
DISPATCH FEES	13,973.00	14,571.00	15,000	15,263.80	15,500	8,000	23,500
FIRE EXT.INSPECTION		780.95	1,150	820.85	1,000	1,000	2,000

AMBULANCE CONTRACT	12,270.50	12,272.00	12,300	12,272.00	18,192	10,298	28,490
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS-OFFICE		837.25	250				-
TREE REMOVAL	12,650.00						-
EMER.MGMT EXPENSES		1,370.75	1,000	296.79	500		500
UTILITIES (STREET LIGHTS)	1,439.14	1,485.13	1,500	1,422.72	1,500	750	2,250
RADIO/FCC LICENSE			250				-
Total Public Safety Expenses	42,332.64	33,317.08	33,450	32,076.16	38,692	20,048	58,740
POLICE							
FIRST CONSTABLE WAGES		-	100		500	250	750
LAW ENFORCEMENT - WINDSOR CONTRACT	108,213.00	104,680.00	114,114	117,622.00	117,965	60,908	178,874
COMM FACILITIES					2,500	2,500	5,000
Total Police Expenses	108,213.00	104,680.00	114,214	117,622.00	120,965	63,658	184,624
ANIMAL CONTROL							
POUNDKEEPER							
Total Animal Control Expenses							
CONSERVATION							
EXPENSES & MILEAGE	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,000		1,000		1,000
BICENTENNIAL TRAIL COMPLETION			4,000	1,250.00			-
CONSERVATION FUND	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,000	1,000.00	1,000		1,000
Total Conservation Expenses	7,500.00	7,500.00	8,000	2,250.00	2,000	-	2,000
TOWN HALL							
WAGES-CUSTODIAL	2,928.75	2,030.00	2,650	1,907.50	2,000	1,000	3,000
RUBBISH REMOVAL	442.74	505.43	500	474.13	500	250	750
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	721.68	3,809.51	2,500	2,694.49	3,000	1,500	4,500
CLOCK MAINTENANCE			1,500		1,500		1,500
OPERATING SUPPLIES	331.22	408.92	500	704.93	500	250	750
GROUND CARE & SUPPLIES	1,626.55	1,969.00	2,000	2,665.00	2,700	1,350	4,050
ELECTRIC	2,140.89	3,035.48	2,200	4,196.30	4,200	2,100	6,300
WASTEWATER FEES	3,644.00	3,716.00	3,700	3,716.00	3,716	1,858	5,574
FUEL	6,888.27	5,601.97	6,000	3,929.96	4,000	2,000	6,000
IMPROVEMENTS							-
Total Town Hall Expenses	18,724.10	21,076.31	21,550	20,288.31	22,116	10,308	32,424
INSURANCE							
INSURANCE (WORKERS COMP, GL, ETC.)	51,027.80	53,609.03	54,000	65,808.00	66,537	34,600	101,137
Total Insurance Expenses	51,027.80	53,609.03	54,000	65,808.00	66,537	34,600	101,137
LONG-TERM DEBT							
FIRETRUCK	56,344.07						-
EC FIBER	9,167.84	9,167.84	9,100	9,167.84	9,168	4,584	13,752
FUEL TANK REMOVAL							-
DEBT SERVICE-VILLAGE SEWER	44,017.94	44,017.94	44,018	44,017.94	44,018		44,018
Total Long Term Debt	109,529.85	53,185.78	53,118	53,185.78	53,186	4,584	57,770
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES							
WEATHERSFIELD TRANSFER STATION	35,224.00	41,610.00	43,610	43,610.00	49,470		49,470
FLAGS	350.50	516.42	550		550		550
BANK CHARGES	129.90	20.00		99.86			-
SPEED CART	113.73						-
WINDSOR RECREATION CENTER	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500	1,500.00	1,500		1,500

TRANSFER OUT - TREE REMOVAL	1,000.00			10,758.30			-
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE EXPENSES		592.52		689.60			-
XFER TO SUSTAINABILITY				2,858.88			-
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	38,318.13	44,238.94	45,660	59,516.64	51,520	-	51,520
TOTAL EXPENSES	674,304.18	612,529.43	644,606	709,778.30	685,407	280,584	965,990
TO/FROM FUND BALANCE	(6,843.39)	8,928.02	(50,000)	38,884.48	(25,000)	(12,500)	(37,500)
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	484,244.93	378,842.25		409,171.04			
TAXES COLLECTED (INCLUDING DELINQUENT)	5,317,339.99	5,792,639.75		6,060,596.60			
SCHOOL	2,228,277.00	2,355,447.00		2,333,883.00			
STATE	1,875,496.02	2,234,411.51		2,361,289.76			
ACT 144	82,591.00	76,067.00		-			
APPROPRIATIONS	82,422.00	91,437.00		101,687.00			
GENERAL FUND	475,980.00	433,506.00		434,467.00			
HIGHWAY FUND	642,130.00	757,460.00		800,773.00			
LIBRARY FUND	25,472.00	31,984.00		37,800.00			
CEMETERY FUND	4,000.00	-		-			

HIGHWAY FUND

TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR	2022	2023	2024	2024	1/1/25-12/31/25	1/1/26-6/30/26	2025-2026
HIGHWAY FUND	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	12mo. Budget	6mo. Budget	18mo. Budget
REVENUES							
TAXES RAISED	642,130.00	757460	800,773	800773	910,208	381,094	1,291,302
STATE OF VERMONT-HIGHWAY	98,533.83	144829.47	95,000	110189.17	95,000	47,500	142,500
MAJOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE GRANT							-
BACKROAD MAINTENANCE GRANTS	82,533.65		33,000	27194.83	65,516		65,516
FEMA REIMBURSEMENT				75819.94	36,068		36,068
BROOK RD MAINTENANCE-WINDSOR	1,500.00	1750	1,750	1750	1,750	1,000	2,750
XFER IN-ROADWAY MAINT. FUND	29,355.05			4016.7			-
XFER IN-DISCRETIONARY RESERVE			38,000				-
XFER IN-TREE REMOVAL RESERVE					8,000		8,000
BANK INTEREST	4.47	7.56		11.89			-

METAL/IRON RECYCLE			-				-
MISCELLANEOUS	2,129.19	2277.12	750				-
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT- COACHING LANE	4,500.00	4500	-				-
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS				70			-
HIGHWAY ACCESS PERMITS				150			-
REIMB.FROM INS.CLAIM/GRANT		32025	-				-
TOTAL REVENUES	860,686.19	942849.15	969,273	1019975.53	1,116,542	429,594	1,546,136
EXPENSES							
GENERAL HIGHWAY							
PRIOR YEAR AP ADJUSTMENT		13.88		133.86			-
HIGHWAY WAGES	213,213.71	212824.98	264,019	233291.68	268,747	146,500	415,247
HWY VACATION,HOLIDAYS,PERSONAL	31,030.30	31315.25	37,944	38486.05	36,036	18,035	54,071
HIGHWAY UNUSED PERS. TIME				288	3,633	1,889	5,522
FICA/MEDICARE	18,257.67	16299.73	23,100	20388.77	25,050	13,750	38,800
VMERS DB RETIREMENT	11,799.32	12724.71	15,853	14525.66	15,200	8,300	23,500
MEDICAL INSURANCE	80,946.92	92733.35	93,159	106280.24	136,492	78,293	214,785
HRA REIMBURSEMENT					8,000	4,000	12,000
SHORT-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE	718.62	675	720	675	720	360	1,080
DENTAL INSURANCE	1,778.88	1667.7	1,779	1597.93	1,872	974	2,846
VISION INSURANCE			384	405.23	316	168	484
ACT 76 - CHILDCARE & EARLY EDUCATION			664	664	1,450	800	2,250
TRAINING	45	45	750				-
SPECIAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE	368.5	34634.5	500	1100	750	375	1,125
ACT 64 CLEAN WATER ACT	1,350.00	640	1,600	1350	1,500	750	2,250
ASCUTNEY I/II STORMWATER PERMIT				2801.96			-
UNIFORMS	4,424.71	4558.17	4,500	4757.56	4,760	2,400	7,160
General Highway Totals	363,933.63	408132.27	444,973	426745.94	504,526	276,594	781,120
SUMMER MAINTENANCE							

EQUIPMENT RENTAL	5,970.00	0					-
GRAVEL/CULVERTS							-
CULVERTS	15,186.50	20569.2	20,000	25230	15,000	5,000	20,000
GRAVEL	33,041.91	30018.64	30,000	19385.01	27,500	10,000	37,500
OTHER AGGREGATE/STONE	1,813.34	11317.02	5,000		5,000	2,000	7,000
CALCIUM CHLORIDE	11,884.14	20507.25	18,000	17700	18,000	9,000	27,000
CALCIUM CHLORIDE TRAILER TANK/PUMP	34.98	839.4	500	764.52	500	-	500
OPERATING MATERIALS	6,787.16	2685.96	5,000	4389.89	4,500	2,250	6,750
Summer Maintenance Totals	74,718.03	85937.47	78,500	67469.42	70,500	28,250	98,750
WINTER MAINTENANCE							
EQUIPMENT RENTAL							
SAND/GRAVEL							
SAND	40,143.38	32994.24	35,000	40715.45	35,000	17,500	52,500
GRAVEL	28,545.48	23435.79	25,000	26155.8	25,000	20,000	45,000
SALT	25,412.65	18780.13	24,000	21154.17	24,000	22,000	46,000
OPERATING MATERIALS	76.86	7918.92	6,000	2038.93	5,500	4,000	9,500
Winter Maintenance Totals	94,178.37	83129.08	90,000	90064.35	89,500	63,500	153,000
BRIDGE MAINTENANCE							
OPERATING MATERIALS		0	1,000		2,000	1,000	3,000
EQUIPMENT RENTAL/CONSTR	2,002.18	0	1,000	4763.7	1,000	500	1,500
Bridge Maintenance Totals	2,002.18	0	2,000	4763.7	3,000	1,500	4,500
RETREATMENT							
EQUIPMENT RENTAL		198.2					-
PAVING PROJECTS							-
OPERATING MATERIALS	23,955.05	370.98	500	4016.7	1,000	500	1,500
Retreatment Totals	23,955.05	569.18	500	4016.7	1,000	500	1,500
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE							
RADIO REPAIRS		520	1,000	889.03	3,900	-	3,900
REPEATER ANNUAL FEE	250	250	250	300	-	-	-

TIRES	9,843.97	12337.92	10,000	10737.11	10,000	5,000	15,000
REPAIRS TO GRADER	3,900.00	6030.73	6,000	3997.95	2,500	1,250	3,750
REPAIRS TO LOADER	81.87	1480.25	2,000	1717.32	2,000	1,000	3,000
REPAIRS TO MOWER/TRACTOR	2,211.16	443.04	15,000	19338.76	2,500	1,250	3,750
REPAIRS ON 2014 TRUCK/TRAILERS	2,527.57	7	1,000		1,000	500	1,500
REPAIRS TO ONE TON TRUCK	5,118.21	1386.77	2,500	15491.46	2,500	750	3,250
REPAIRS TO 2016 TRUCK							-
REPAIRS 2018 TRUCK	3,322.78	3447.68					-
PARTS FOR PLOWS	894.3	8696.95	3,000	1566.21	3,000	1,500	4,500
REPAIRS 2012 TRUCK							-
REPAIRS TO CHAINS/TRIMMERS	866.5	924.95	1,000	913.23	1,000	500	1,500
REPAIRS TO CHIPPER	15.88	0	500	42	500	250	750
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	4,402.50	5470.99	3,500	3202.46	3,500	1,750	5,250
REPAIRS ON 2020 TRUCK	3,431.56	2191.61	2,000	1316.19	2,000		2,000
HYDRO SEEDER	62.44	963.64	500	448.42	500	250	750
EXCAVATOR	352.46	1982.34	2,000	289.68	2,000	1,000	3,000
REPAIRS TO 2022 TRUCK	374.96	757.37	2,000	4306.97	2,500	1,500	4,000
REPAIRS TO 2024 TRUCK		9.05	2,000	759.57	2,000	1,000	3,000
REPAIRS TO 2026 TRUCK						1,000	1,000
MISC. ITEMS FOR ALL EQUIPM	2,274.94	1631.4	1,750	1115.72	1,750	875	2,625
Equipment Maintenance Totals	39,931.10	48531.69	56,000	66432.08	43,150	19,375	62,525
TOWN GARAGE							
RUBBISH REMOVAL	426.36	473.01	500	700.85	650	325	975
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	5,601.13	5352.22	4,000	7050.57	5,000	2,500	7,500
STORAGE BUILDING			3,500	90.02	3,500	1,750	5,250
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	1,798.58	508.51	500	158.68	500	250	750
UTILITIES (TELEPHONE & INTERNET)	737.29	618.53	700	618.53	700	350	1,050
OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,116.65	2832.77	2,000	4227.22	3,000	1,500	4,500
UTILITIES (ELECTRICITY)	2,302.73	3052.2	2,600	3519.64	3,000	1,500	4,500

UTILITIES (FUEL)	13,098.69	10681.44	9,500	10462.68	10,000	6,700	16,700
SMALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	1,097.14	2479.2	2,000	1207.73	2,000	1,000	3,000
Town Garage Totals	26,178.57	25997.88	25,300	28035.92	28,350	15,875	44,225
OTHER HIGHWAY EXPENSES							
TRAVEL	616.6	772.24	1,000	697.9	1,000	500	1,500
DIESEL FUEL	56,225.67	43091.6	46,500	37656.74	41,500	20,750	62,250
SIGNS	1,135.78	2775.44	2,000	10374.81	3,000	1,500	4,500
TREE REMOVAL		3400	8,000	1440	8,000	-	8,000
Other Highway Expenses Totals	57,978.05	50039.28	57,500	50169.45	53,500	22,750	76,250
NEW CONSTRUCTION							
EQUIPMENT RENTAL		0	-				-
OPERATING MATERIALS		0	2,500	257.96	2,500	1,250	3,750
SPECIAL PROJECTS (GRANTS)	75,907.67	0	33,000	60842.1	80,516		80,516
ENGINEERING COSTS-BVILLE-HARTLAND							-
New Construction Totals	75,907.67	0	35,500	61100.06	83,016	1,250	84,266
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES							
NEW EQUIPMENT	116,500.00	211500	161,500	161500	215,000		215,000
ROADWAY MAINTENANCE	15,000.00	25000	25,000	25000	25,000		25,000
Transfers to Reserves Totals	131,500.00	236500	186,500	186500	240,000	-	240,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	890,282.65	938836.85	976,773	985297.62	1,116,542	429,594	1,546,136
TO/FROM FUND BALANCE	-29,596.46	4,012.30	-7,500	34,677.91	-	-	-
Restricted Reserve:							
Beginning Balance	80,583.62	50987.16		54999.46			
Ending Balance	50,987.16	54999.46		89677.37			
Change	-29,596.46	4012.3		34677.91			

HIGHWAY CAPITAL BUDGET

Highway Department	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
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Capital Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
EQUIPMENT FUND									
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE									
10W Truck/Plow		\$ 171,311						240000	
10W Truck/Plow				\$ 205,602					
10W Truck/Plow						226,162.2			
Hydro Seeder/Pressure Washer		\$ 6,875							
Excavator/20-ton Trailer							150000		
One Ton Truck			\$ 77,230	\$ 31,300					
Grader				\$ 352,500					
Loader									200000
Tractor/Mower							75000		
Chloride Trailer									
Subtotal - Equipment	\$ -	\$ 178,186	\$ 77,230	\$ 589,402	\$ -	\$ 226,162	\$ 225,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 200,000
BALANCE SHEET									
Beginning Balance	\$ 138,277	\$ 254,796	\$ 288,157	\$ 414,986	\$ 40,599	\$ 40,604	\$ 29,447	\$ 19,451	\$ (5,547)
Additions									
Interest	\$ 19	\$ 47	\$ 59	\$ 15	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 4	\$ 2	\$ (1)
Transfer from G/F Unrestricted Reserve/ARPA Alloc.			\$ 42,500						
Transfers from Operations	\$ 116,500	\$ 211,500	\$ 161,500	\$ 215,000		\$ 215,000	\$ 215,000	\$ 215,000	\$ 215,000
Grants									
Loans									
Deductions	\$ -	\$ (178,186)	\$ (77,230)	\$ (589,402)	\$ -	\$ (226,162)	\$ (225,000)	\$ (240,000)	\$ (200,000)
Ending Balance	\$ 254,796	\$ 288,157	\$ 414,986	\$ 40,599	\$ 40,604	\$ 29,447	\$ 19,451	\$ (5,547)	\$ 9,453
ROADWAY MAINTENANCE FUND									
ROADWAY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS									
Repave/Repair Brownsville-Hartland Rd	\$ 23,955								
Repave Ski Tow Road									
Paving			\$ 4,017	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000				
Annual Back Road Projects (BBR & MGRP)	\$ 98,972		\$ 60,842	\$ 65,516					
Yale Heights Road Elevation Project				\$ 15,000					
Bible Hill Rd - Replace culvert by Calhoun's									
Repave Hotel Road									
Repave Seems & Pierce Hill Roads									
Flood Rcovery Work		\$ 100,000							
Widen Churchill Road by Madison's									
Farm Road - Replace culvert	\$ 54,000								
Harrington Road - Replace culvert by Biebel's									
Rush Meadow Rd - Replace culvert by Wardner Road									
Harrington Road - Replace culvert by Harrington's									
Subtotal - Roads	176,927	100,000	64,859	130,516	50,000	-	-	-	-
BALANCE SHEET									
Beginning Balance	\$ 51,348	\$ 37,027	\$ 62,068	\$ 83,102	\$ 58,164	\$ 8,208	\$ 33,214	\$ 58,239	\$ 83,282
Additions									
Interest	34	41	50	62	44	6	25	44	62
Funding from Operations	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Grant Matching Funds from Operations	\$ 65,039	\$ 30,000	\$ 33,647	\$ 15,000					

Grants	\$ 82,534	\$ 70,000	\$ 27,195	\$ 65,516					
Loans									
Deductions	\$ (176,927)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (64,859)	\$ (130,516)	\$ (50,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Ending Balance	\$ 37,027	\$ 62,068	\$ 83,102	\$ 58,164	\$ 8,208	\$ 33,214	\$ 58,239	\$ 83,282	\$ 108,345



West Windsor Highway Department. From left to right, Erik Boedtke, Mark Biathrow, Mike Spackman, Eric “Coop” Cooper.

LIBRARY FUND

TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR LIBRARY FUND	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	1/1/25- 12/31/25 12mo. Budget	1/1/26- 6/30/26 6mo. Budget	2025/2026 18mo. Budget
REVENUES							
TAXES RAISED	25,472.00	31,984.00	37,800	37,800.00	52,140	27,034	79,174
INTEREST	7.03	13.55		20.98			
DONATIONS	6,569.00	7,855.00	7,000	9,697.00			
GRANTS	9,590.24	3,500.00		3,300.00			
TOTAL REVENUES	41,638.27	43,352.55	44,800	50,817.98	52,140	27,034	79,174
EXPENSES							
WAGES - LIBRARY STAFF	19,014.10	24,499.50	32,040	28,889.13	35,617	18,521	54,138
WAGES - SHOVELING/SAND	310.00	140.00	700	450.00	500	400	900
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,120.00	1,100.50	1,000	2,938.07	1,500	750	2,250
MISCELLANEOUS/PETTY CASH	341.43	188.24	400				
FICA/MEDICARE			2,451	2,210.02	2,737	1,417	4,154
ACT 76 - CHILDCARE & EARLY ED			141	66.74	156	81	238
POSTAGE/BOX RENTAL	147.20	166.86	250	449.20	400	250	650
SUPPLIES	725.94	940.99	1,000	818.84	1,200	600	1,800
BOOKS/AUDIO BOOKS	2,266.69	2,896.77	2,300	2,333.69	2,400	1,200	3,600
BANK CHARGES		24.20		32.45			
ELECTRICITY	1,420.82	1,386.41	1,500	985.33	1,500	750	2,250
WASTEWATER FEES	911.00	924.50	900	929.00	929	465	1,394
FUEL OIL	2,056.30	1,789.46	1,800	2,546.19	1,800	900	2,700
COMPUTER & EXPENSES	375.00	281.86	300		300	150	450
IMPROVEMENTS	13,426.73	2,571.33					
MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	110.00	1,765.40	1,600	1,208.52	1,600	800	2,400
PROGRAMS	91.00	466.73	1,000	838.95	1,000	500	1,500
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	90.00	100.00	500	170.00	500	250	750
TRANSFER TO RESERVES							
CAPITAL BUDGET							
TOTAL EXPENSES	42,406.21	39,242.75	47,882	44,866.13	52,140	27,034	79,174
TO/FROM FUND BALANCE	(767.94)	4,109.80	(3,082)	5,951.85	-	-	-
Restricted Reserve:							
Beginning Balance	15,572.25	14,804.31		18,914.11			
Ending Balance	14,804.31	18,914.11		24,865.96			
Change	(767.94)	4,109.80		5,951.85			

CEMETERY FUND

TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR CEMETERY FUND	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	1/1/25-12/31/25 12mo. Budget	1/1/26-6/30/26 6mo. Budget	2025-2026 Budget
REVENUES							
TAXES RAISED	4,000.00						-
LOTS SOLD	400.00			800.00			-
OTHER							-
INTEREST	0.82	2.05		2.95			-
SALE OF RIGHT OF WAY		7500.00					-
TOTAL REVENUES	4,400.82	7502.05	-	802.95	-	-	-
EXPENSES							
WAGES	1,911.00						-
CORNERSTONE EXPENSE		192.00		192.00			-
MISC SUPPLIES		52.03					-
MOWING & TRIMMING			500		500.00	200.00	700
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE		3960.00	500	317.56	5,000.00	2,500.00	7,500
OTHER	300.00						-
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,211.00	4204.03	1,000	509.56	5,500.00	2,700.00	8,200
TO/FROM FUND BALANCE	2,189.82	3298.02	(1,000)	293.39	(5,500.00)	(2,700.00)	(8,200)
Restricted Reserve:							
Beginning Balance	5,920.00	8109.82		11407.84			
Ending Balance	8,109.82	11407.84		11701.23			
Change	2,189.82	3298.02		293.39			

WATER FUND

WATER FUND	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	1/1/25-12/31/25 12mo. Budget	1/1/26-6/30/26 6mo. Budget	2025-2026 Budget
REVENUES							
NEW WATER APPLIC.				25.00			-

FEE							
USER FEES COLLECTED	134880.0 0	134880.0 0	134,880	131040.0 0	134,880	67,440	202,320
UNCOLLECTED USER FEES				3840.00			-
ADJUSTMENTS				240.00			-
INTEREST INCOME	119.83	132.33	125	162.92	125	63	188
ALLOCATION FEE				1381.00			-
MISCELLANEOUS	1095.04						-
Total Revenues	136094.8 7	135012.3 3	135,005	136688.9 2	135,005	67,503	202,508
EXPENSES							
FICA/MEDICARE				576.45	1,342	694	2,036
WAGES	9918.00	10066.98	15,000	12952.30	16,776	8,662	25,438
RETIREMENT					769	409	1,178
ACT 76					77	40	117
BANK CHARGES	24.20	92.82	100				-
DEBT SERVICE	25061.41	24807.34	26,588	26587.65	27,385		27,385
SUPPLIES	5431.00	3160.69	3,000	24.20	1,000	500	1,500
LEGAL	0.00		1,000		1,000	500	1,500
ACCOUNTING	2312.21	3415.45	2,400	3000.00			-
PROF SERVICES	18478.80	19516.80	19,000	18616.90	19,000	9,500	28,500
TELEMETRY	1804.20	1858.20	1,900	1957.00	2,000	1,000	3,000
LIABILITY INS	828.96	236.79	850	393.98	410	213	623
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	12738.85	17065.11	21,000	15918.65	21,000	10,500	31,500
POSTAGE	167.72	183.00	200	214.88	200	100	300
ADVERT/PRINTING	0.00		150		150	75	225
OFFICE SUPPLIES	46.40		100		100	50	150
ELECTRICITY	8017.46	7948.90	8,300	9892.19	8,500	4,250	12,750
VT RURAL WATER ASSOC DUES	0.00	857.50	-	305.00	305		305
GENERATOR PROPANE	0.00	1248.61	1,400		1,400		1,400
RF3-376 INTEREST EXPENSE	5296.35	4613.90	4,788	4787.61	4,522		4,522
RF3-376 ADMIN FEE	10592.71	9227.79	9,575	9575.22	9,043		9,043
Total Expenses	100718.2 7	104299.8 8	115,350	104802.0 3	114,980	36,493	151,473
TO/FROM FUND BALANCE	35376.60	30712.45	19,655	31886.89	20,025	31,010	51,035

WASTEWATER FUND

WASTEWATER FUND	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	1/1/25-12/31/25 12mo. Budget	1/1/26-6/30/26 6mo. Budget	2025-2026 Budget
REVENUES							
NEW SEWER APPLIC. FEE				50.00			-
USER FEES COLLECTED	277,855.00	283,345.00	277,855	193,216.00	283,345	141,673	425,018
UNCOLLECTED USER FEES				90,129.00			-
BANK INTEREST	123.49	113.47	125	160.93	125	63	188
ALLOCATION FEES	25.00			2,241.00			-
MISCELLANEOUS	7,000.00	0.32		0.25			-
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL							-
ADJUSTMENTS				(6,524.00)			-
Total Revenues	285003.49	283458.79	277,980	279273.18	283,470	141,736	425,206
EXPENSES							
FICA/MEDICARE				576.53	1,105	592	1,697
WAGES	8,557.71	6,475.98	9,900	9,866.50	13,676	7,112	20,788
RETIREMENT					769	409	1,178
ACT 76					64	34	98
BANK CHARGES	101.59		25				-
TOW OPER & MAINT	51,130.62	51,511.24	51,500	52,289.70	53,466	26,932	80,398
TOW PROC FEE	153,391.88	154,533.76	154,500	156,869.16	160,399	80,796	241,195
RF1-165 ADMIN FEE	6,467.53	5,985.32	5,985	5,985.32	4,992	4,480	9,472
RF1-165 REV LOAN	24,110.83	24,593.04	24,593	25,084.90	25,587	26,098	51,685
RF1-233 REV LOAN				1,400.00	1,400		1,400
RF1-228 ADMIN FEE	2,690.88	2,621.52	2,551	2,550.76	2,551		2,551
RF1-228 REV LOAN	3,468.33	3,537.69	3,608	3,608.45	3,608		3,608
LEGAL			-		1,000	500	1,500
ACCOUNTING/OUTSIDE AUDIT	4,546.04	4,938.00	4,500	4,000.00			-
PROF SERVICES-ENGINEERING	2,500.00	2,500.00					-
REPAIRS	-	625.50	2,000		24,298		24,298
LIABILITY INS	799.84	787.45	800	975.84	1,006	520	1,526
POSTAGE	442.00	360.00	400	390.38	400	200	600
OFFICE SUPPLIES	145.62	-	100	32.30	100	50	150
ELECTRICITY	174.79	380.43	350	606.04	400	200	600
MISC EXPENSES		562.50					-

GENERATOR DIESEL	384.21	533.15	500		500		500
Total Expenses	258,911.87	259,945.58	261,313	264,235.88	295,320	147,923	443,244
TO/FROM FUND BALANCE	26,091.62	23,513.21	16,667	15,037.30	(11,850)	(6,188)	(18,038)

ARPA FUND

West Windsor ARPA Fund	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	Total Obligated
REVENUES						
New ARPA Monies	155,889.92	155,963.44				311,853.36
Interest Income	25.09	139.80	256.47	200.00	260.16	681.52
Total Revenues	155,915.01	156,103.24	256.47	200.00	260.16	312,534.88
EXPENSES						
Highway Generator			17,294.50			17,294.50
Town Hall AC			43,602.72			43,602.72
Roof Repairs			8,671.38			8,671.38
Library Window Inserts				1,016.72	1,016.72	1,016.72
Well Pump Generator - ABS				17,741.00	17,741.00	17,741.00
Flood Resiliency Study				26,000.00	7,000.00	26,000.00
Mill Brook Watershed Study				10,000.00		10,000.00
Affordable Housing Study				28,790.69		28,790.69
OneDigital Personnel Policy				3,250.00	1,625.00	3,250.00
Fire Dept Air Compressor				34,879.02		34,879.02
Fire Station Boiler				19,675.00	19,675.00	19,675.00
Highway Garage Upgrades				30,281.73	30,281.73	30,281.73
Highway Dept Grader				42,500.00		42,500.00
TA Tablet & Radio				1,017.95	1,017.95	1,017.95
Highway Department Radios				4,942.37	4,942.37	4,942.37
Town Hall Attic Insulation				3,404.23	3,404.23	3,404.23
TH Exterior Painting				15,748.00	15,748.00	15,748.00
Town Hall AED				3,659.41	3,659.41	3,659.41
Total Expenses	0.00	0.00	69,568.60	242,906.12	106,111.41	312,474.72
RESERVE						
Total Funds	155,915.01	312,018.25	312,274.72	242,906.12	242,966.28	312,534.88
Total Expenses	0.00	0.00	69,568.60	242,906.12	106,111.41	312,474.72
Funds Remaining	155,915.01	312,018.25	242,706.12	(0.00)	136,854.87	60.16

CONSERVATION FUND

TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR CONSERVATION FUND	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual
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REVENUES

INTEREST	8.95	4.29	4.26	6.71	9.84
REIMBURSEMENT FROM STAB					
REIMBURSEMENT FROM GMHA					
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	5,008.95	5,004.29	5,004.26	5,006.71	1,009.84

EXPENSES

BICENTENNIAL TRAIL WORK			5,145.00	1,400.00	
WAGES FOR STAB					
BARTON ROAD STONE					
WATER TESTING					
TOTAL EXPENSES	-	-	5,145.00	1,400.00	-
TO/FROM FUND BALANCE	5,008.95	5,004.29	(140.74)	3,606.71	1,009.84

Conservation Fund Reserve:

Beginning Balance	23,432.17	28,441.12	33,445.41	33,304.67	36,911.38
Ending Balance	28,441.12	33,445.41	33,304.67	36,911.38	37,921.22
Change	5,008.95	5,004.29	(140.74)	3,606.71	1,009.84

TREE REMOVAL RESERVE

TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR	2024
TREE REMOVAL RESERVE	Actual
INTEREST	0.91
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL	10,758.30
	10,759.21
TRANSFER TO HIGHWAY FUND	
	-
	10,759.21
Beginning Balance	
Ending Balance	10,759.21
Change	10,759.21

RESTORATION FUND

TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RESTORATION FUND	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
REVENUES					

INTEREST					
RESTORATION FEES	11,596.00	9,730.00	8,886.00	8,872.00	6,524.00
TOTAL REVENUES	11,596.00	9,730.00	8,886.00	8,872.00	6,524.00
EXPENSES					
RESTORATION EXPENSES	1,628.76	-	-	3,649.70	135.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,628.76	-	-	3,649.70	135.00
TO/FROM FUND BALANCE	9,967.24	9,730.00	8,886.00	5,222.30	6,389.00
Restoration Fund Reserve:					
Beginning Balance	21,644.51	31,611.75	41,341.75	50,227.75	55,450.05
Ending Balance	31,611.75	41,341.75	50,227.75	55,450.05	61,839.05
Change	9,967.24	9,730.00	8,886.00	5,222.30	6,389.00

LISTER FUND

TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
LISTER FUND	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
REVENUES					
STATE OF VT PARCEL ID	7,760.50	7,752.00	7,718.00	7,684.00	7,667.00
STATE OF VT EQUALIZATION	913.00	912.00	908.00	904.00	902.00
STATE OF VERMONT LISTERS ED					
INTEREST	53.45	23.44	22.48	25.21	30.96
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00
CURR. USE WITHDRAWAL MONEY				1,985.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	9,726.95	9,687.44	9,648.48	11,598.21	14,599.96
EXPENSES					
REAPPRAISAL WAGES					
REAPPRAISAL POSTAGE			660.00	88.80	
REAPPRAISAL SUPPLIES					
REAPPRAISAL EXPENSES			112.97		
REAPPRAISAL CONSULTANTS					
NEMRC REAPPRAISAL CONTRACT			22,626.00	45,252.00	22,626.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	-	-	23,398.97	45,340.80	22,626.00
TO/FROM FUND BALANCE	9,726.95	9,687.44	(13,750.49)	(33,742.59)	(8,026.04)
Lister Fund Reserve:					
Beginning Balance	151,996.06	161,723.01	171,410.45	157,659.96	123,917.37
Ending Balance	161,723.01	171,410.45	157,659.96	123,917.37	115,891.33
Change	9,726.95	9,687.44	(13,750.49)	(33,742.59)	(8,026.04)

CAMPBELL FUND

TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR CAMPBELL FUND	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL					
INTEREST	31.30	24.01	19.31	13.46	141.88
	31.30	24.01	19.31	13.46	141.88
ASSISTANCE	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	31.30	24.01	19.31	13.46	141.88
Beginning Balance	17,427.54	17,458.84	17,482.85	17,502.16	17,515.62
Ending Balance	17,458.84	17,482.85	17,502.16	17,515.62	17,657.50
Change	31.30	24.01	19.31	13.46	141.88

DANIEL CADY TRUST FUND

TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR DANIEL CADY TRUST FUND	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual
REVENUES					
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL	-	-	-	-	-
INTEREST	0.63	0.24	0.22	0.34	0.11
TOTAL REVENUES	0.63	0.24	0.22	0.34	0.11
EXPENSES					
ASSISTANCE	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	-
TO/FROM FUND BALANCE	0.63	0.24	0.22	0.34	0.11
Cady Fund Reserve:					
Beginning Balance	1,666.74	1,667.37	1,667.61	1,667.83	1,668.17
Ending Balance	1,667.37	1,667.61	1,667.83	1,668.17	1,668.28
Change	0.63	0.24	0.22	0.34	0.11

LONG-TERM DEBT

Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2024 was as follows:

General Fund Budget Notes & Bonds Payable:

VT/EPA Revolving Loan Fund - RF1-167 Brownsville village sewer system bond payable in annual payments of \$44,018 including a 2% administration fee through July 2047	\$805,186
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Water & Sewer Fund Budgets Bonds Payable:

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| □ VT/EPA Revolving Loan Fund - RF1-165 wastewater system purchase bond - payable in annual installment of \$30,578, including a 2% administration fee, through February 2034 | \$299,266 |
| □ VT/EPA Revolving Loan Fund - RF3-338 water system improvement bond - payable in annual installments of \$38,649 including a 3% interest/administration fee through December 2037 | \$411,031 |
| □ VT/EPA Revolving Loan Fund - RF1-228.1 wastewater system improvement bond – payable in annual installments of \$6,159 including a 2% administrative fee through July 2050 | \$123,930 |
| □ VT/EPA Revolving Loan Fund - RF3-376 water system improvement bond – payable in annual installments of \$2,301 including a 3% interest/administration fee, through October 2050 | \$41,142 |

Long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 was as follows:

	Balance 1/1/24	Additions	Retirements	Balance 12/31/24	Principal Due in 2025
Charged to General Fund					
Village Sewer Bond (RF-167)	\$832,552		27,367	\$805,186	\$27,914
Charged to Utility Funds					
Sewer System Purchase (RF-165)	\$323,377		24,593	\$299,266	\$25,085
Water System Improvements (RF3-338)	\$436,583		25,552	\$411,031	\$26,318
Sewer System Improvements (RF1-228.1)	\$127,538		3608	\$123,930	\$3,608
Water System Improvements (RF3-376)	\$42,178		1036	\$41,142	\$1,067
Wastewater Asset Mgmt Study (RF1-233)	\$5,600		1,400	\$4,200	\$1,400

Note 1: The Town has obtained conduit debt on behalf of East Central Vermont Community Fiber in the form of a 20-year bank loan of \$135,000 due in semi-annual payments through November 2035 with 3% interest for the first five years and variable interest thereafter. The loan was used to finance fiber optic network installation costs. This note is not reflected in the General Fund section above as payment on these notes will be made or reimbursed by East Central Vermont Community Fiber. Principal Balance as of 12.31.24 was \$85,372.51.

LISTERS' REPORT TO STATE

Homestead Tax Rate \$1.4023
Non-Residential Tax Rate \$1.4469

Real Estate	No. Parcels	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Education Listed Value	Non-Homestead Education Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I	313	\$130,895,700	\$90,340,700	\$40,555,000	\$130,895,700
Residential II	322	\$284,037,700	\$146,737,100	\$137,300,600	\$284,037,700
Mobile Home-L	9	\$2,278,800	\$1,086,500	\$1,192,300	\$2,278,800
Seasonal I	2	\$345,700	\$0	\$345,700	\$345,700
Seasonal II	1	\$555,600	\$0	\$555,600	\$555,600
Commercial	8	\$12,970,700	\$0	\$12,970,700	\$12,970,700
Commercial Apts.	1	\$369,200	\$0	\$369,200	\$369,200
Utilities-Electric	2	\$7,070,515	\$0	\$7,070,515	\$7,070,515
Utilities-Other	1	\$249,900	\$0	\$249,900	\$249,900
Other	127	\$28,647,400	\$9,108,200	\$19,539,200	\$28,647,400
Miscellaneous	88	\$19,821,300	\$0	\$19,821,300	\$19,821,300
Total Listed Real	874	\$487,242,515	\$247,272,500	\$239,970,015	\$487,242,515
Cable	1	\$261,014		\$261,014	\$261,014
Total Listed Value		\$487,503,529	\$247,272,500	\$240,231,029	\$487,503,529
Exemptions					
Veterans 10K	10/10	\$100,000	\$100,000	0.00	\$100,000
Veterans >10K		\$300,000			
P.P. Contracts	1	\$261,014			
Current Use	89/89	\$22,821,500	\$8,197,000	\$14,624,500	\$22,821,500
Special	1		0.00	\$570,700	\$570,700
Total Exemptions		\$23,482,514	\$8,297,000	\$15,195,200	\$23,492,200
TOTALS		\$4,640,210	\$2,389,755	\$2,250,358	\$4,640,113

BOARD OF ABATEMENT

The Board of Abatement is composed of the Board of Civil Authority (Gary Burke, Margaret Clough, , Nancy Gaynor, Shannon Harrington, Christine Rovinski-Wagner, Barbara Truex), Mark Harley, Mark Higgins, John Brodie, the Listers (Edwin Johnson, Joel Schreibman and Debra Spackman) and the Town Treasurer, Amy Yates.

The Board’s primary duties are to hear requests from tax payers for abatement of taxes due to unusual circumstances such as a flood or a fire to the property.

The Board of Abatement had no meetings in 2024.

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The Board of Civil Authority is composed of the Justices of the Peace (Gary Burke, Margaret Clough, Nancy Gaynor, Shannon Harrington, Christine Rovinski-Wagner, and Barbara Truex), the members of the Selectboard (Mark Harley, Mark Higgins, and John Brodie) and the Town Clerk, Amy Yates.

The Board’s primary duties are to approve changes to the list of registered voters, to count election votes, and to hear appeals from property tax assessments issued by the Board of Listers.

The Board of Civil Authority had no meetings in 2024.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board (DRB) reviews applications for Conditional Uses, Site Plan Review, Subdivisions of Land, Planned Unit Developments, Variances and any Appeals of a Zoning Administrator’s decision.

The DRB is a five-member board of resident citizens appointed by the Selectboard. The DRB meets once a month on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 (as needed). Additional meetings take place as necessary. At the closure of a Hearing, the DRB typically deliberates in private to discern the Decision and set forth any conditions set by the Board.

The DRB welcomes Ryan Thompson who joined the board in 2024.

2024 Hearings

- 1/2/24 : Conditional Use, Site Plan & SFHA review continuance hearing for Brownsville Butcher & Pantry
- 1/16/24: Conditional Use, Site Plan & SFHA review continuance hearing for Brownsville Butcher & Pantry
- 7/9/24: Variance Hearing for a Deck (Continued to 8/6)
- 8/6/24: Variance Hearing for a Deck. Application approved at hearing
- 8/27/24: Variance hearing for working homestead & housing development
- 10/22/24: Conditional Use, Site Plan & SFHA amendment review hearing for Brownsville Butcher & Pantry
- 11/12/24: Conditional Use and Site Plan hearing review floor increased seating at Brownsville Butcher and Pantry.

Board Members: Shannon Harrington (Chair), Barbara Truex (Vice-chair), Jane Hoisington, Bruce Boedtger and Courtney McCaig (Alternate)

ZONING ADMINISTRATION

West Windsor requires a Zoning Permit for all land development, which is defined as “the division of a parcel into two or more parcels, the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation, or enlargement of any building or other structure, or any mining, excavation, site preparation, or landfill, and any change in the use of any building or other structure, or land, or extension of use of land.” All necessary zoning application documents can be found on the West Windsor website under Zoning and Planning. West Windsor also requires a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) to be issued before any new construction can be used or occupied. If you have completed a project in the last few years and have not applied for a CO, please call or email Deb Shearer, the Zoning Administrator, at zoning@westwindsorvt.org Zoning office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-12:00 noon. Please stop in or call if you have any questions.

Zoning Permits Issued 2024

Single Family Home — 7
Accessory Dwelling Unit — 0
BLA/Minor Subdivision—4
Accessory Structures —14
Additions/Alteration — 13
Change of use/amended permit — 2
Exempt — 2
Conditional Use/Site Plan Review— 2
Other-pools/ponds — 2
Signs — 0
Home Occupations -0
Driveway -1

WEST WINDSOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The West Windsor Conservation Commission usually meets on the first Monday of the Month at 7pm. All residents and visitors are welcome to attend. Agendas are posted in advance of each meeting on the Town website.

The Conservation Commission is tasked with managing the Town Forest Conservation Easement, and also worked in 2024 on:

- Drafting Flood Plain/Flood Hazard Zoning bylaws for review by the Planning Commission to reflect Sate guidance on River Corridor zoning as a key component of flood management
- Completion of relocation of significant segments of the Bicentennial Trail to alleviate erosion issues and to tie in with the Ascutney Outdoors Trail – a dedication of the new trail is expected to occur during the spring of 2025.
- Supervision of Trail Easements held by the Town outside of the Town Forest, together with potential new trail easements
- Monitoring and potential management of invasive species

If it were not already apparent to most residents of Brownsville, two “100 year” floods in less than six months a year ago is a real reminder that the Town must do more to make the Town infrastructure and the

Mill Brook watershed river banks more resilient to higher energy flow flooding. The Conservation Commission expects to work on additional projects in 2025 concerning River Corridor easements. Members: Ted Siegler, Mark Nowlan, Laura Stillson, Barbara Gerstner, Chris Nesbitt, Sue Greenall, and Ken Parrot

Respectfully submitted, Ted Siegler, Chair

WEST WINDSOR SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

The West Windsor Sustainability Committee (WWSC) was established as a Selectboard subcommittee in 2020. The current members include Patricia Carrington, Jill Crowley, Suzanne Wirak, Alessandro Iuppa (Chair) and Susan Yost.

Purpose: The WWSC works to create a healthy community now and in the future by proposing measurable solutions to the pressing environmental, social and economic concerns facing the Town of West Windsor, its residents, and its neighbors.

Mission Statement: The mission of the WWSC is to assist the Selectboard in leading the Town in a more sustainable direction by encouraging local leaders and citizens to integrate sustainability into their everyday decisions and actions. This effort will have a positive impact on the environment, the community and the local economy, and will be guided by the following principles:

- Sustainability initiatives must meet the needs of the present without compromising the resources available for future generations.
- Climate change must be addressed without delay, and requires courage, outside-the-box thinking, and innovative action.
- Moving toward a model of circularity will result in healthier people and a healthier planet. (Note - Circularity refers to practices that optimize resource use and minimize waste across the entire production and consumption cycle, emphasizing sustainability and economic efficiency).

2024 Highlights

- Municipal Energy Resilience Grant - the Committee applied for and received a \$4,000 grant in CY 2023. The grant funds are intended to contribute to increasing energy resilience, reduce energy use and operating costs, and curb greenhouse gas emissions by promoting weatherization, thermal improvements, fuel switching, renewable energy, battery storage, electric vehicle charging, and enhanced comfort in municipal buildings. The fund balance as of December 31, 2024, was \$2,858.88 including \$141 in donations from prior years. During 2024 funds were dispersed to purchase an evergreen flutter flag for use at public events and underwriting the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) presentation at the West Windsor Town Hall during the October 5th Fall for Brownsville Day.
- The Committee submitted, on behalf of the West Windsor Selectboard, a preliminary grant application to the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development to offset the cost of installing EV chargers in a public location. We learned that we were unsuccessful with the application. The Committee remains committed to seeking funds to install EV chargers in the community.
- January 28, 2024 – In collaboration with the Mary L. Library, the Vermont Energy Education Program (VEEP), the Sustainability Committee sponsored a Workshop For Adults covering Home Heat Transfer at Town Hall. The Library program was geared towards Green S.T.E.M for Kids.

- May 4, 2024 - The WW Sustainability Committee has taken on the responsibility for coordinating town's Green Up Vermont activities. The community owes a debt of gratitude to Ted Siegler for his efforts as the West Windsor GUV Coordinator over the past several years.
- July 4, 2024 - In speaking with some parents of local children, the idea arose to have the WWSC sponsor a kids' activity table celebrating bees and other pollinators.
- October 5, 2024 - Fall for Brownsville - The committee took part in the community-wide program. The committee sponsored three initiatives at Town Hall, an information table, the Apple Pie Contest, and the VINS presentation. The latter explained how people banded together to save these magnificent raptors and how we can help them thrive in the wild. The program, which included 3 live birds, was very well attended by both children and adults.
- Committee usually meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month and are open to all residents. The Committee is looking forward to another busy year during 2025 and your assistance can help make it a successful one. For more information about the Committee's ongoing activities please refer to the [West Windsor webpage](#) where our meeting minutes are available online and meetings listed on the Town Business Calendar. The West Windsor Sustainability Committee (WWSC) was established as a Selectboard subcommittee in 2020. The current members include Patricia Carrington, Jill Crowley, Suzanne Wirak, Alessandro Iuppa (Chair) and Susan Yost.

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911 REPORT

Local 911 Responsibilities primarily consist of addressing new structures, keeping the 911 Atlas up to date and performing yearly audits to resolve the discrepancies that occasionally occur. All new address numbers are based on the location of the driveway; therefore, addresses can only be generated when all local and/or state approvals for site access have been obtained. Audits conducted yearly may occasionally necessitate address numbers to be changed to best serve first responders. Six new 911 addresses were assigned in 2024.

Deb Shearer, 911 Coordinator

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission held 10 meetings during 2024. After completing an update of the Town Zoning Bylaws in November 2023, in 2024 the Planning Commission turned to updating the existing Flood Hazard Bylaws and considering adoption of the model River Corridor Bylaws recommended by both the State of Vermont and the West Windsor Conservation Commission. The draft combined Flood Hazard and River Corridor bylaws was prepared by Ted Seigler and Win Johnson. With the help and input of the Mt. Ascutney Regional Planning Commission, this draft was reviewed and modified. On May 1, a mailing was sent to all West Windsor property owners, with a special sticker on the letters going to the 185 parcels partially or fully in the River Corridor footprint, notifying everyone of a public hearing on the matter. A hearing was held on May 22 with 40 attendees. At its June 27 meeting the Planning Commission voted to approve the combined Flood Hazard Bylaws as presented at the May 22 hearing and to pass them on to the Select Board recommending approval. The Select Board did approve these bylaws later in the year.

In September, the Planning Commission moved on to address affordable housing. With the urging of the Select Board, the Planning Commission prepared and distributed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to consulting firms. The RFP requested assistance in evaluating West Windsor's affordable housing situation and to provide potential solutions for adding to the affordable housing stock in Town. Four responses were received, and two firms interviewed. A consultant selection was made in December with work beginning in January 2025, using ARPA funds as the primary source of funding for the project. This project will be the primary focus of the Planning Commission for the first half of 2025.

WEST WINDSOR MOUNTAIN WATER SYSTEM

P2 Environmental, Inc. (P2E) and the West Windsor Mountain Water system had a good year together. The system is running well and is in good shape. Following is an overview of the projects and work performed by P2E on the water system.

P2E performed all monthly sampling requirements for Total Coliform along with all the Chemical Monitoring requirements throughout the year. The water quality continues to be good and very safe for drinking without any major concerns in 2023, the wettest season Vermont has seen.

Every three years the system's drinking water storage tanks have to be inspected and cleaned and we organized and managed the inspections. On June 19th the concrete tank on the ski slope was cleaned by divers from Liquid Engineering out of Montana. They hauled a trailer up to the tank and had a "control room" so we could view the diver and see what they do when inside the tank. The tank remains in good condition and has minimal sediment at the bottom.

The two steel tanks are due for inspection in 2024 and will be emptied (one cell at a time for the fire protection) and entered by a local tank cleaner - Blue Rock Environmental. Ten fire hydrants on the

system were flushed in October with no observations of failure on the older ones. The hydrant near the Bennington Building was replaced later that month. The annual maintenance on the system's two generators was performed by Brook Field Services late summer to ensure the integrity of the stand-by power for when the town power has an outage.

The State, VT DEC, requires PFAS sampling for every public water system. This commenced in 2019 and 2020 and is then required every three years. We collected PFAS samples in October and the system remains PFAS free! This is a very important test.

Federal changes to the Lead Copper Rule will be in effect in October 2024. Every public water system is required to have a Lead Service Line Inventory conducted on their water service connections by October, 2024. P2 Environmental signed up the system for the free assistance offered by the VT Drinking Water Division with funds from the EPA in May and the award came up in late August. The operators worked with Cathy Archibald on providing each SPAN property number to the Contractor, Truepani. P2E is managing this project and everything is on track.

Users/Residents on the water system should keep an eye out for a postcard from Truepani asking questions about their service line to their dwelling. P2E will join Truepani for the physical inspection of the service line come Springtime.

The water system had the every-three-year inspection (Sanitary Survey) with P2E and the Drinking Water Division in mid-December. The system remains in good condition and the only deficiency observed was the concrete storage tank needs to have a vent installed during 2024. P2E will handle this small project and no issues are anticipated.

Ongoing grounds maintenance around the Pumphouse, Treatment building and Upper Storage tanks was performed throughout the summer months, including clearing of several trees at the Treatment building and Upper Tanks. We plan to remove a few more trees in 2024.

P2E monitors several parameters and outputs on an ongoing basis using a telemetry system called Mission. We check tank levels, water flow, pressure, pumps, etc. We had a few issues due to power outages and battery failure but all issues were resolved by P2E, Greg Blanchard and Matt Kantola. The telemetry system continues to be a very useful tool for monitoring the water system. We plan to install a new antenna on Mission in 2024 that will help improve the telemetry signal.

Each month P2E does the Monthly Operations Report (MOR) which calculates the total water flow and submits the report to VT DEC. This is how we oversee the water consumption and helps us see and manage any irregularities, leaks or problems with the system. Overall, water consumption was "normal" for the system in very wet 2023, pumps are in good shape and we did not see any concerns.

WEST WINDSOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Taxpayers of West Windsor:

As we close out 2024, the West Windsor Volunteer Fire Department reflects on another year of dedicated service to our community.

In 2024, our department responded to a total of 69 calls; some are as follows:

- **Structure Fires:** 7
- **Brush Fires:** 4

- **Medical Assists:** 5
- **Motor Vehicle Accidents:** 3
- **Rescues:** 4
- **Missing Persons:** 3
- **Chimney Fires:** 4

Additionally, we worked alongside Green Mountain Power on 7 incidents to ensure safety and mitigate hazards involving utility services. Throughout the year, we conducted our regular monthly training sessions to ensure our skills remain sharp and up to date. Additionally, we engaged in joint training exercises with other departments to enhance coordination and mutual support.

We strongly encourage all homeowners protected by an alarm company to invest in a Knox Box for fire department access. These secure, well-regulated devices allow us to enter your home during emergencies without causing damage. If we are called to your house for an alarm and access is required, a Knox Box ensures a swift and efficient response while preserving the integrity of your property. For more information, please email me at chief@westwindsorfire.net.

This year, we welcomed new members to the department and congratulated some who have achieved national certification. Their dedication and hard work exemplify the spirit of volunteerism and reinforce our ability to serve the community effectively.

The West Windsor Volunteer Fire Department is deeply grateful for the continued support of the town and its residents. This year, we were fortunate to receive a new air compressor, funded through ARPA. This vital equipment enhances our operational readiness and safety during emergencies. Your encouragement and backing enable us to maintain and improve our services, ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in our community. We also participated in several community events throughout the year, including fire prevention activities, assisting the school in fixing flags, working with the Independence Day Committee for the 4th of July celebrations, and contributing to the annual Christmas tree lighting, fostering stronger ties with the residents we serve.

We are always accepting applications for new members. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to me or any member of the department.

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Proposed
Utilities	\$9,500	\$7,778	\$11,000	\$11,000
Insurance	12,000	10,877	12,000	12,000
Trucks	8,500	8,622	9,500	11,500
House	2,000	4,337	3,000	3,500
Equipment	6,400	7,435	7,000	7,000
Testing & Compliance				5,000
PPE	9,800	10,582	14,000	14,000
Communications	3,000	3,064	3,000	3,500

Miscellaneous	1,000	2,198	1,000	1,500
Due/Training	3,200	3,632	3,500	3,750
Awards Banquet	2,100	2,709	3,000	3,000
Flags				500
Admin & Tech	<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,071</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>7,500</u>
	\$61,500	\$64,304	\$72,000	\$83,750

Respectfully submitted, Erik Boedtke, Chief

WEST WINDSOR VOLUNTEER FAST SQUAD

Request Amount \$3,000.00

The West Windsor Volunteer Fast Squad is licensed with the State of Vermont – Department of Health at the Advanced Level.

We are beginning our 41st year of service to the town. The Squad currently has 12 members, 4 EMT’s, 2 RN’s, 4 VEFR’s and 2 who are CPR certified. I wish to thank all the members who give their time and skills volunteering for our town in EMS.

Members of the 2024 squad are : Eric Boedtke, Jim Bonney, Collin Eggleton, Nancy Gaynor, Bill Howland, Gene Ann Kinney, Bob Lewis, Jake Margulies, Dana Stillson, Andy Tufts, Camden White, and Anne Yates.

This year we have been working with Reading Rescue on several training topics and Dartmouth Hitchcock doctors and paramedics have provided several of these training sessions.

I would also like to thank all the Volunteer Firefighters who assist us on calls throughout the year.

The West Windsor Volunteer Fast Squad answered 99 calls in 2024- 59 Medical Emergencies, 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 32 Falls and lift assists , 4 Trauma calls and 1 Assist to the Fire Dept for CO Detector.

Windsor Ambulance Service will continue to be the transport service for the town. This has decreased response times for an emergency and they are licensed at the paramedic level. This provides better care for our community. In any emergency situation, call 911 for Fast Squad and Ambulance.

The Fire Department’s rescue vehicle is a valuable asset for any trail or off-road rescue situation. This has and will continue to assist us in many different rescue scenarios, especially with the popularity of the biking and hiking trails available on the mountain.

The State of Vermont offers an Emergency Medical Responder certification level. This certification requires fewer hours to become certified, and only requires 16 hours of continuing education every two

years to maintain certification with the State Of Vermont. The EMR Level is well suited for any first responder squad.

We participated in the 4th of July activities by selling smoothies and most of our members volunteered their time working as emergency responders for many of the bike races on the mountain.

Anyone wishing to join the FAST SQUAD should call the Town Office or any member.

We continue to receive many generous donations throughout the year, and this allows us to keep our donation from the town very reasonable.

INCOME

DONATIONS	\$1,900.00
TOWN OF WEST WINDSOR	\$7,000.00
EVENTS	\$587.00

TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$9,487.00</u>
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EXPENSES	PROPOSED 2024	ACTUAL 2024	PROPOSED 2025
INSURANCE	\$1,800.00	\$1,652.63	\$1,700.00
Training	\$1,000.00	\$195.00	
EQUIPMENT	\$1,700.00	\$1,122.83	
SUPPLIES	\$1,200.00	\$1,287.17	
REPEATER	\$1,300.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	<u>\$7,000.00</u>	<u>\$5,757.63</u>	<u>\$3,200.00</u>

This year we are only asking the town for \$3,000 because we have enough to cover our operating expenses with this amount from the town.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy S. Gaynor, Director, EMT

ECFIBER

West Windsor is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, the state’s first communications union district (CUD), whose mission is to provide world-class fiber-optic based internet service to all on-grid homes and businesses in its member towns. The District consists of 31 member towns and owns the business which operates under the trade name ECFiber. The business added over 900 new customers in 2024, and now serves nearly 9,500 customers, via 1,800 miles of network. When completed, the ECFiber network will be available to about 32,000 premises over more than 2,000 miles of

network. ECFiber is a miracle of collective action; without it few customers in our mostly rural towns would have decent internet.

As a municipality, West Windsor is extended a discounted rate pricing for its ECFiber service. It receives “Wicked Speed” (1Gbps) at the “Basic Service Plan priceRate” (100Mbps). Any governmental or quasi-governmental organization may qualify for this pricing.

Construction in 2024 was focused on finishing work in the White River Junction, Wilder, and Quechee villages in the Town of Hartford; completing Fairlee, Bradford and most of West Fairlee except for a small area where Green Mountain Power (GMP) is burying their services. The first customers will be coming on line this winter in Newbury with work continuing in Topsham.

The remaining towns along our northern tier, Corinth and Washington, will see construction beginning in the spring with the northwest section of Windsor, west of I91, constructed in 2025. Once upgrading of our existing hubs is complete At that point, all “unserved” or “underserved” locations in our 31 towns will have multi-gigabit fiber service available. ECFiber, on its own, will have addressed 20% of Vermont’s rural broadband crisis with only a fraction of its funding – about 15% – coming from grants.

ECFiber dates its legal existence back to Town Meetings in 2008, when a two-year organizing effort paid off with 24 towns agreeing to create an internet service provider. The first customers began receiving service in 2011; ECFiber became a CUD in June, 2015, opening the way to issuing revenue bonds. Montpelier withdrew from the ECFiber CUD to join CVFiber in 2018. In 2020, eight new towns joined ECFiber. In November, ECFiber’s Series 2023A municipal revenue bond received a “BB” rating from Standard & Poor’s Global Credit arm, a historic moment in US financial history: the first time a municipal revenue bond not backed by taxes, and not for a regulated utility or exclusive service territory, received a rating. This was extended to the District’s six earlier bonds as well.

ECFiber’s Governing Board consists of 65+ delegates who volunteer their time to represent their towns, provide oversight of the organization and are appointed annually by each town.

We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber and encourage you to subscribe. You won’t be charged anything until we start service.

Sign up today: www.ecfiber.net | About the District: www.ecvtd.gov

Questions may be addressed to info@ecfiber.net | 802-ECFiber (802-323-4237)

The current West Windsor delegates are Alessandro Iuppa and Ken Parrot and may be emailed at WestWindsor@ecfiber.net

WEST WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We’ve made it through the Historical Society’s 51st year, thanks to the ongoing efforts of a great group of core and other volunteers who stepped up to meet short-term needs and move us forward. Highlights include:

- **Community programs that enhance understanding of historical concepts.** We finished off our 50th year celebrations with a historical musical program in November (thanks Adam Boyce and accompanist) and an end-of-year birthday party, chili cook-off, and trivia contest in December. We also co-hosted a program on the Red Scare in Vermont along with the local library. In March of this year we co-hosted another program focused on stories and songs from the suffragette era.

April we had a community photo scanning event, which was a lot of fun. The spring Bean Supper took place on June 1st, in collaboration with SCIP. July included the Independence Day ice cream social as well as the long-postponed historical hike up to the Norcross Quarry site. August saw the second annual Brownsville village walking tour. Finally, this month we also had the 2nd annual Artisan Fair, highlighting historical crafts.

- **Joint programs with Reading/West Windsor Aging in Place and Other Local Organizations.** This past week we co-hosted a program with a focus on decluttering, downsizing and organizing all the stuff in our lives. In June it was a program on the Vermont Homeshare Program. For several months this past spring, the Grange Hall space was used weekly by the Savvy Seniors group.
- **Working with kids and partnering with the school.** We've served as a resource to Albert Bridge School on a number of projects that include the spring sugaring program and the recent collaboration on the topic of personal histories.
- **Outreach to the larger community of fans and friends.** WWHS maintains a very active Facebook page as a key means of communicating with our larger community. Heather Smith took the lead to produce two newsletters and our website (www.wwhs-vt.org) is better serving as a resource to the community while we continue digitization of our photographs and historical records.
- **Annual Fund Drive and Honorary Donor Memberships.** We've been giving honorary memberships to people who have donated in response to the annual appeal, which appears to be an easier way for locals and those away to support our operations than regular membership.

Finally, we want to thank the citizens of West Windsor for their support in voting town funds to help maintain the physical location of the Historical Society. The old Grange Hall is a legacy that reverts to the town if WWHS ever ceases to exist. It's an old building that needs continued maintenance and repair. The funds voted by our citizens help to make sure we're able to keep things in good order. This year we have also received many individual donations for operations, digitization, and the newsletter. We could not operate without them. Thank you.

Submitted by Karen Diop

WEST WINDSOR CIVIL DEFENSE

MEMBERS (Appointed)

Erik Boedtker	Fire
Windsor Police Department	Traffic
Nancy Gaynor	Rescue Squad & Health Officer
Amy Yates	Clerk
Matthew Frederick	Clerk
Michael Spackman	CD Coordinator
Jenifer Aldrich	Albert Bridge School
Town Highway Dept.	Close roads as per CD Coordinator
William Young	Runner

1. Check on well-being list several times due to no power (out for several days)
2. Check on high water at several locations

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Spackman, Civil Defense Coordinator (Emergency Management)

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Rabies remains an important problem. Never come into contact with a wild animal and never invite a stray dog, cat or other animal into contact with you or your family. If you suspect that rabies exists in any animal, please immediately contact the Selectboard, as acting animal control officer, at (802) 484-7212.

As a reminder, please observe West Windsor's leash law which dictates that your dog must be on a leash or under voice control at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Matt Kantola

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

My appreciation to the residents of West Windsor for their continued support in obtaining burning permits. 185 permits were issued during 2024, compared to 257 in 2023. Burning permits may be obtained by calling either Michael Spackman at 484-9142, or Erik Boedtke at 484-5427. Permits **MUST** be obtained to have any open fire in Vermont. An open fire, no matter how small, should never be left unattended.

I would like to thank the West Windsor Volunteer Fire Department and its membership for their dedication and assistance in fire prevention.

West Windsor had one forest fire this year.

Please protect our forests and fields!!! Do not hesitate to report any suspicious smoke or fire by calling (802) 295-9425 or 911.

Michael Spackman, Forest Fire Warden

INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMITTEE

The Brownsville IDC Steering Committee and its many volunteers are pleased to report that this year's two-day celebration was spectacular with beautiful weather both days and another year of record-breaking attendance. We wish to thank the many individuals who, each and every year, make this event possible. We are very appreciative and recognize the generous support of the Town of West Windsor, the record number of business sponsors and all the individual donors as we are faced each year with ever-increasing expenses to hold this very special free two-day event.

The evening festivities on July 3rd are always memorable for all, but particularly for the children and for the "young at heart". We are very grateful and thank Ascutney Outdoors for providing us with a spectacular venue, second to none in the Upper Valley. The fireworks continue to be the highlight of the evening with a world class display of color and sound. What a sight to behold with the beautiful slopes of Ascutney Mountain as the backdrop! The Firehouse Six Dixieland Band entertained us with their patriotic-themed music. And throughout the evening, great food was plenty from the local and ever popular Moonlighters Snowmobile Club, The Lazy Cow of Vermont from Baltimore and Wicked Awesome BBQ from White River.

The 4th of July events started with the wonderful and well-attended pancake breakfast put on by the Brownsville Community Church. As participants in the parade were gathering at the top of the parade route, visitors enjoyed the offerings of vendors at the town hall, food delights provided by the Moonlighters, the West Windsor Fast Squad and Goodman's American Pie, and the music of the

Firehouse Six Dixieland Band. The Ice Cream Social put on by the West Windsor Historical Society and the popular book sale by the Mary L. Blood Library were great additions to the other official IDC events. The Shriner Clowns joined the parade again this year and it was all a remarkable success.

We are forever grateful for the assistance & vigilance of the Windsor Police and our West Windsor Volunteer Fire Department as well as for their participation in the parade along with first responders from many of our surrounding communities.

With your support, our small Vermont village will continue to be able to provide the intimate backdrop for the celebration of America's birthday, independence and freedom for our residents and so many area towns throughout the Upper Valley.

Brownsville Independence Day Celebrations Committee
Respectfully submitted, Linda Ley, IDC Administrator, (802) 484-3200

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Staff: Liz Frederick (Librarian), Izzy Beer (Library Assistant), Caitlin Flanigin (Youth Coordinator)

Hello West Windsor,

The community support the library has received in the last year has been astounding, and I'm incredibly grateful. In 2024, we welcomed 98 new patrons to the library!

Numerous organizations have partnered with us to bring events and educational opportunities to West Windsor, including the West Windsor Historical Society, Ascutney Outdoors, the West Windsor Sustainability Committee, SCIP, Albert Bridge School, Aging in Place, and other community members and organizations.

In 2024, the Library either hosted or participated in the following events:

For adults:

- Monthly Book Group
- Writers Group (bi-weekly)
- Savvy Seniors
- A Vermont Humanities Talk
- Annual Poetry Walk
- Visits with our legislators
- July 4th festivities
- Poetry Hike with Mt. Ascutney State Park
- Tree Identification Walk
- Fall for Brownsville Marimba Music
- Craft events
- Author talks
- Sustainable Solstice event at AO

For youth:

- First Read (New Years Day)

- After school crafts (all spring)
- Summer Reading Kick-off Brunch (June)
- Summer Reading story times and activities (weekly)
- A summer-long reading challenge
- School visits
- Base Camp visits to the library
- A storytelling event with Jools Skeet
- Friendship Gathering Story & Craft
- Family Holiday Movie Night

I would like to acknowledge the Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library. Both groups have dedicated time, resources, and support that are essential to making the library run. Most of our programs are supported by the Friends or through grants. Thank you also to every member of our community who have donated books, time, and financial support to the library.

If you haven't signed up for a card yet, here is your reminder that cards are FREE and give you access to e-books, audiobooks, and museum passes as well as physical books. We are also a part of OneCard, which allows you to use your Brownsville library card at 16 other Upper Valley libraries.

Last year I shared that we were finishing the cataloging of our collection. You can view all our books, DVDs, and museum passes on our website. If you are looking for something we don't have, we can now borrow it from another library through Interlibrary Loan. In 2024, we provided Interlibrary Loan services for 124 items.

Our current operating hours are: Tuesday & Thursday: 12-5 and Wednesday & Saturday: 9-2

In addition to our website, you can follow our Facebook or Instagram page to stay abreast of upcoming events. I am looking forward to offering more programs, meeting new patrons, and incorporating all your ideas to make the library a more robust resource for the town.

In gratitude, Liz Frederick

www.marylbloodmemoriallibrary.com

www.facebook.com/WestWindsorLibrary

FRIENDS OF THE MARY L. BLOOD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

With the help of so many in our community and beyond our Library had a stellar year! The role the Friends play, through memberships and fundraising events, continues to be a gratifying part of that growth. Our mission is to add to the resources of the Library for items and programs that are not covered by the Town budget.

Our annual book sale during the 4th of July celebration and raffle of a local artist's work were the two major fundraiser's this year. (Thank you to Lynn VanNatta for her donation of the Mt Ascutney print.) The funds realized through fundraising, donations and memberships pays for items such as museum passes for patron's use (Montshire, VINS, Billings, among others available), the awards for children who completed the summer reading program, a magnetic poetry board, and the spring 'Poetry Month' poetry stroll through town. We are an integral part of the annual Fall for Brownsville celebration and this past year offered an inter-active family oriented musical marimbas event.

We meet on the second Monday of each month at the Library. Membership is \$20 annually per household. Membership is a definitive way to show your support for expanding the resources available to our Library. Resources that enable additional programs, events and items that benefit our whole community. Ideas, suggestions and volunteer offers are also welcome and appreciated!

We look forward to working with our Librarian and the Library Trustees in the year ahead. There are already some exciting events and programs on the radar so stay tuned!

Submitted by Penny Bliss, President, Friends of the Mary L Blood Memorial Library

WINDSOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT

At the 2020 Town Meeting, West Windsor voters approved an Article to pay up to \$2,000 to the Town of Windsor to enable West Windsor residents to utilize the various facilities and programs of the Recreation Center without paying the additional non-resident fee.

Programs attended, among others, were summer camp, swim lessons, youth sports (basketball, baseball, football, etc.) and gym memberships.

There were 26 individuals who registered for 83 activities. Some households have used this program multiple times.

The cost to the Town of West Windsor for 2024 was \$1,500.

WINDSOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE

It has been a busy year at the Windsor County Building. There has been a great deal of activity and changes here in Windsor County. We have been having difficulty with our aging heating system for several years. The Assistant Judges secured a grant for the county to replace an old boiler with a new efficient boiler system. The grant will pay for about 50% of the cost of the boiler replacement and installation. We are already seeing the effects of the new, more efficient system in both the comfort level of the building and in reduced energy costs.

This fall Assistant Judge David Singer retired from his position with the county. We thank him for his contribution to the county and wish him well.

Michael Ricci was re-appointed in November to fill the remaining 2 years of the assistant judge position. We welcome back Assistant Judge Ricci. He has once again embraced this position and its challenges.

Recently, the courthouse in White River Junction has closed for renovations. Criminal court and a number of staff members have moved to the Woodstock courthouse for approximately 18 months. There will be much more activity at the Woodstock courthouse than it has experienced in the past years. Some minor renovations were made to the courthouse in Woodstock to accommodate this move. Though there have been several challenges, through the dedication of the court staff, all is going along very smoothly.

We thank the Rotary Club of Woodstock who cleaned the War Monument in front of the courthouse in Woodstock. The monument looks very bright and clean.

We are thankful to each of the towns in Windsor County for their trust and support of our work. We welcome your thoughts and questions on the management of the affairs of the County and our court.

MOUNT ASCUTNEY REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC) is an organization that serves the towns in the southern Windsor County Region, including West Windsor. The activities and programs of the MARC are governed by a Board of Commissioners that are appointed by each member town. The primary function of the MARC is to assist member towns with their planning and other community related activities, and to promote cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY24, the dues from member towns contributed about 2% of the MARC's annual budget of \$2,059,606. The town dues assessment of \$1,747 was determined on a \$1.30 per person based upon U.S. Census data. The remaining revenues were derived from federal, state and other funding sources. The MARC offers member towns a broad range of services, including assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, water quality, emergency management, data, mapping and other planning activities. In FY24, the MARC provided the following services to the Town of West Windsor including:

- Assistance with emergency management planning and updating the Local Emergency Management Plan;
- Assisted with the response and recovery from the July 2023 flooding event;
- Provided technical assistance to the Planning Commission in preparing zoning updates;
- Provided assistance in preparing amendments to the flood hazard and river corridor bylaws;
- Assisted the Town with the Municipal Energy Resilience Program;
- Assisted with managing the Better Connections-funded planning project for walking and bicycling improvements within Brownsville and with connections to the adjacent residential, commercial and recreational area on the mountain;
- Provided technical assistance with the Grants-in-Aid Program;
- Provided project development support to guide the advancement of select clean water projects; and,
- Provided information and technical assistance related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

We would like to thank Edwin Johnson, West Windsor's representative who has served on the MARC Board and Committees this past year.

Thank you for your continued support of local and regional planning. For more information about the MARC, call us at (802) 674-9201, visit our website at www.marcvt.org, or look us up on Facebook.
Jason Rasmussen, AICP, Executive Director

GREEN UP VERMONT

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

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

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

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

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

2025 Green Up Day is May 3rd.

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.

SOUTHERN WINDSOR/WINDHAM COUNTIES SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District

The Weathersfield Transfer Station accepts food scraps for (including meat and bones) from people with an access permit. To facilitate backyard composting, the District sells food scrap pails. Order form is on the District website.

The District’s household hazardous waste (HHW) depot in Springfield was popular with District residents. It was open, by appointment, for up to six hours a week for five months last summer. The Depot will re-open in May 2025. We accept a long list of products, which can be read on our website, vtsolidwastedistrict.org. When the Depot is closed, the Rutland County Solid Waste District will take HHW from non-residents; make an appointment at rcswd.org.

All household batteries are accepted at the Weathersfield Transfer Station. Batteries are “special recycling” and do NOT go in with other recycling (fire hazard).

Aubuchon Hardware in Windsor accepts unwanted paint year-round. Bring paint during regular business hours and dispose of it for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty; bring others to the HHW Depot).

Reuse is what happens with glass that is brought to the Rockingham, Springfield, Weathersfield, and Ludlow transfer stations. Strategic Materials, Inc. picks up the glass for free and makes it into new products. However, if a truckload is contaminated (with caps, lids, plastic, metal, etc.) SMI will reject it, and the sending town has to pay the trucking and disposal costs.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas Kennedy (District Manager), Mary T. O’Brien (Recycling Coordinator), and Ham Gillett (Outreach Coordinator)

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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

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

- Legal and technical assistance, including prompt responses to thousands of questions on how to comply with state and federal requirements. VLCT also creates and publishes

guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs to simplify the day-to-day work of municipal officials and staff. In 2024, members used VLCT’s consultation, resources, and government-specific finance training to help them obtain federal infrastructure funding, respond to flooding, and manage grants. Staff even helped state leaders design and implement grant programs to be easier for municipalities to use.

- Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials. VLCT provides training via webinars, classes at members’ locations, and its annual member conference. In the wake of the 2023 floods, VLCT became a crucial information hub for local officials, and in 2024 VLCT helped members understand the local effects of updates to the Open Meeting Law, Act 250, and other state laws. VLCT’s Equity Committee assists local officials in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in their municipalities’ decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT’s recent legislative efforts have helped secure flood relief for municipalities, increase local transportation funding, expand remote meeting authority, improve emergency medical services, exempt downtowns from Act 250, and create local option tax authority. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- Not-for-profit insurance programs. The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers’ compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members group rates on desirable employee benefits. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are only available to VLCT members.

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

HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental health issues, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health, substance use, community rehabilitation and treatment, and developmental services programs. HCRS also offers 24/7 emergency services for anyone experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis.

During FY24, HCRS provided 968 hours of services to 27 residents of the town of West Windsor. The services provided included all of HCRS’ programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of West Windsor.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

WINDSOR COUNTY MENTORS

For 50 years Windsor County Mentors has been creating and nurturing intensive community- and school-based mentoring partnerships, free of charge, to any Windsor County child between 5 and 18 who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship with an adult in their community.

Strong evidence shows that mentoring offers vulnerable youth opportunities to share experiences with reliable adults to widen their vision of themselves, helping them to become confident, contributing members of their community and increasing their social and mental wellbeing.

According to Mentor VT, youth with mentors have:

- Increased high school graduation rates, including higher college enrollment rates
- Enhanced self-esteem
- Enhanced self-confidence
- Improved behavior, both at home and at school
- Stronger relationships with parents, teachers, and peers
- Decreased likelihood of initiating drug and alcohol use

During the past year, WCM served and supported school- and community-based mentorships for children from towns throughout Windsor County including two (2) in West Windsor. Collectively, our mentors have volunteered thousands of hours to their communities.

Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring on local families, with a clean sweep once again this year:

- 100% of Mentors would recommend mentoring to a family member, friend, or colleague.
- 100% of Mentee parents said their child is hopeful about his/her future.
- 100% of Mentees reported that having a mentor has made a difference in his/her life.

WCM employs regional outreach coordinators around Windsor County, assuring that we are able to give each town the attention it deserves.

Financial support from Windsor County towns helps ensure the well-being of children and their families.

For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website www.wcmentors.org, or contact us at ProgramsWC@outlook.com 802-674-5101. WCM thanks the voters of West Windsor for their support for the children of Windsor County.

Matthew Garcia, Executive Director

MAHHC COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM

(formerly Volunteers in Action)

The Community Health Team at Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) continues to strengthen health and well-being across our region through innovative programs and partnerships. In 2024, our team prioritized prevention, education, and access to essential services to meet the community's needs.

Key programs included Volunteers in Action, which mobilized community volunteers to provide transportation, companionship, and other vital services to those in need, and Health Connections, which

linked individuals with critical resources such as housing, transportation, and food assistance. Through our partnership with Meals on Wheels, we helped ensure that seniors received both nutritious meals and regular wellness checks.

Additionally, the VeggieVanGo program distributed fresh, healthy produce to hundreds of families, promoting better nutrition and food security. These efforts reflect our commitment to reducing health disparities and addressing social determinants of health in innovative ways.

The team's outreach and educational efforts also focused on chronic disease management, mental health resources, and substance use prevention. By working closely with schools, businesses, and local organizations, we expanded our impact and strengthened community ties.

We are deeply grateful to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and partners for making these programs possible. Together, we continue to build a healthier, more resilient community, and we look forward to addressing new challenges and opportunities in the coming year.

Submitted by Erin Aiken

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of West Windsor for 2025.

Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Brownsville in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes or other locations; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people with disabilities under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY). We are requesting \$140.00 from the Town of West Windsor to continue supporting people with disabilities in the coming year. Enclosed you will find a summary of VCIL's programs and services for the town and a copy of our FY'25 budget.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely, Sarah Launderville, Executive Director slaunderville@vcil.org

READING-WEST WINDSOR AGING IN PLACE

Thanks to all who have so generously supported Reading-West Windsor Aging in Place (RWW-AiP) during the past four years. Together, we have achieved great things.

Rita Rice, our dedicated Wellness Nurse, works forty hours each month checking on our neighbors, providing them with emotional support, information on resources such as relevant grants and adaptive equipment. Rita shares her wealth of knowledge about how her clients might best take care of themselves as they navigate through challenges, and make difficult choices. Rita's work is invaluable. In the 3rd quarter of 2024, Rita served 34 clients, with a median age of 82, in a total of 235 encounters.

We have provided socialization sessions through our "Savvy Seniors" program, led by Ginger Mason. A small group meets at 10AM at the Mary L. Blood Library or the Grange on the first Thursday of the

month. Special speakers have shared their expertise on such topics as decluttering and downsizing, the Homesharing Program coordinated by the Thompson Center, and fall prevention and recovery.

Our “Gentle Fitness with Chair” class continues at 10AM each Tuesday at the Brownsville Town Hall. Linda Churchill guides the popular class through stretches and strength and balance exercises, after taking the time to relax our minds and bodies. There is no fee to attend.

During the past school year, we again worked with the Reading 3rd and 4th grade teacher to reprise our successful pen pal program. Each student was paired with a willing older adult and monthly letters were exchanged, fostering basic skills, connections, social intelligence, and fun! A celebratory luncheon uniting all pen pals happened on May 22nd at the Reading Town Hall.

Your financial support of RWW AiP will allow us to continue to pay our Wellness Nurse and our Gentle Fitness instructor, to update our Resources handbook as needed, and to work creatively toward our mission. We are grateful for your past support and for the grants we have received over the years from the Couch Foundation, Mascoma Bank, Ottauquechee Health Foundation, Byrne Foundation, Ben and Jerry’s Community Action Team, Community Nurse Foundation, and Windsor Elks. We are thankful to our volunteer board members.

SENIOR SOLUTIONS

Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc.) promotes the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community. From 7/1/2023-6/30/2024, West Windsor residents received one or more of these services: Information & Assistance (19 calls or office visits), Medicare assistance (5 calls), Caregiver support and respite assistance, Grant Assistance, In-home Case Management/support (3 clients received 34.5 hours of service), and/or meals provided in collaboration with Olde Windsor Village, Windsor Diner, and Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Care.

We financially support local meal providers by administering federal and state funds which help them operate. However, these funds do not cover the full cost, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use our town funding to support senior meals and does not benefit from any funds the towns provide directly to meal sites.

We also support transportation services, mental health services, exercise programs, and many other services, often in partnership with other organizations.

Financial support from towns and individuals is very important to us, and we are enormously grateful for your contributions.

To get help or learn more about us, visit www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org or call 1(866)673-8376.

Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director

WINDSOR COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES

Windsor County Youth Services offers a range of services for Vermont’s Homeless and Runaway Teenagers. The House at Twenty Mile Stream offers short term crisis stabilization and emergency shelter for Vermont Teenagers ages 13-18. We are also very proud to provide a VT Department of Education Licensed school program to all residents. For more than 30 years we have provided a warm bed, hot meals, support, structure, and a Vermont licensed education to *over 3,000 Vermont teenagers. We provided housing on many occasions in 2024.*

We are a Non-Profit Organization providing Vermont's Homeless and Runaway Teenagers with services that include housing, meals, counseling, and education. In light of the number of clients we continue to serve, we again hope you will keep us in your town's appropriations for FY2026. We respectfully request \$600 from the town to continue providing these services.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity in FY 2025.

Sincerely, Jacqueline Hanlon, Executive Director

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is one of the oldest and largest non-profit providers of in-home healthcare services in the region. VNH is committed to providing the highest quality of care throughout all stages of life, from maternal child care to end of life hospice care, and everything in between. Providing individuals and families with the services they need at home allows them to maintain comfort and dignity throughout their recovery, rehabilitation, or final days.

VNH services reduce cost associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital stays and emergency room visits. Between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, VNH made **47,875** in-home visits to **2,429** residents of Vermont and New Hampshire

Residents served in the Town of **West Windsor** include:

- **Home Health Care**: 4 patients (35 visits) with short-term medical or physical rehabilitation needs.

VNH serves many of our Region's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, at-risk families, individuals with terminal illnesses, children with chronic medical needs, and the uninsured or underinsured. We are dedicated to delivering outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve.

It is with your help that we are able to provide services to those in need. Annual appropriations to VNH help to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate the root causes of poverty.

SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel, utility, housing, and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Financial Coaching (asset building & financial literacy), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, a Community Solar program, and a Thrift Store Voucher Program.

SEVCA has served a total of 2 unduplicated households, comprised of 2 people in West Windsor between Oct 2023 and the end of September 2024. Unduplicated means that some of these households may have received services from more than one of our program areas.

In West Windsor, SEVCA's impact in FY2024 included:

- No-cost weatherization services that reduce a household's energy costs and make homes healthier and safer valued at least \$5,274.
- Fuel & utility assistance to keep people's homes heated and their power on, valued at least \$407.
- 2 Households received assistance preparing their income taxes to take advantage of tax credits, refunds and rebates.
- The combined value of services provided to residents in the Town of West Windsor exceeded \$5,681.00. The figures reported here are for direct client assistance only and do not include the cost of SEVCA providing these services through staffing and operating costs.

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but increase and improve service. We thank the residents of West Windsor for their support.

Josh Davis, Executive Director

THE MOOVER ROCKINGHAM

Thank you again for West Windsor's \$125 donation last year.

As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company since 1996, The MOOver relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. West Windsor has contributed to us for many years, and we thank you again for your support.

The MOOver's mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for 34 Windham and southern Windsor County towns. We operate bus routes and senior and disabled transportation services via our fleet of 69 buses and a network of volunteer drivers. Last year we provided 500,777 bus, van, and volunteer rides, travelling almost two million miles over 117,393 hours.

We receive state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, foundations, sponsors, businesses, and contributions from our human service partners. Like most agencies and businesses, expenses have risen faster than traditional funding resources. Town contributions such as West Windsor's are now more than ever key to us sustaining service levels and avoiding cuts.

We are requesting a \$125 contribution from West Windsor this year. We hope that all towns in our service will support the region's public transit services, regardless of the level of services received. These levels can change overnight, and we will be there to serve them with the region's continued support.

Please let me know if I should attend a Select Board meeting to brief the Board on our activities or answer any questions. Also, please contact me if you have any questions or comments on our request. Thank you!

Sincerely, Christine Howe

READING-WEST WINDSOR FOOD SHELF

Since 2000, the Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf (RWWFS) has been supplying food, free of charge, to families in need. The Food Shelf is located at the Old Stone Schoolhouse in South Reading (3456 Tyson Road). It is open on Mondays (2-4pm) and Thursdays (4-6pm), except on major holidays and school snow days.

The RWWFS strives to ensure that all members of the community have adequate amounts of nutritious food. The Food Shelf offers canned and packaged foods, dairy products, fresh produce, and frozen meats. Toiletry items, household products, and pet food are also offered when available.

The RWWFS depends heavily on the hard work of dedicated volunteers and its relationships with myriad local organizations including the Vermont Food Bank, Price Chopper, the Woodstock Farmer’s Market, the Brownsville Butcher and Pantry, the Reading Greenhouse, Springbrook Farm, the Upper Valley Food and Wood Bank, the Hall Art Foundation, Vermonters Feeding Vermonters, and local residents — all of whom assist in stocking our shelves at low or no cost. Additional outreach efforts include the provision of healthy snacks to the children at the Reading and West Windsor Elementary Schools, the access to free wi-fi/internet from our parking area and the recent establishment of a ‘community resiliency program’, able to assist with short-term needs of those in crisis.

The RWWFS also pursues grants whenever possible to assist with improvements to the infrastructure of the building we occupy. In 2023, the Mascoma Foundation awarded the RWWFS with a \$10,550 grant to repaint the interior walls, resurface the ceiling and build new shelving—all of which has been done, resulting in a brighter, cleaner space of which we are very proud.

The RWWFS welcomes donations of food and funds from the generous communities we serve. The mailing address is Reading – West Windsor Food Shelf, Inc., PO Box 384, Brownsville, VT 05037. Feel free to call Sara at 802-484-5097, Diane at 802-299-7851, or Tish at 603-731-1450 with any questions you may have. Better yet, stop by the Food Shelf on a Monday or Thursday and see what’s going on!
Submitted by Tish Lewis, Chair of the Board

VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM

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

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.

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

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2023 was **\$227,662** of which **\$105,483** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **13 rural fire protection projects** throughout

Vermont. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Division of Fire Safety of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$200 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2023, we received **\$9,150** in town appropriations from **90 towns**. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

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

Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person, Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program
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VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Springfield Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Southern Windsor and Northern Windham Counties.

For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/springfield

WINDHAM & WINDSOR HOUSING TRUST

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and Southern Vermont Windsor County. We provide housing for residents with low and moderate incomes, provide supportive services, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and support homeowners with critical repairs to homes in Windham and Southern Vermont County.

WWHT's mission is *to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

The organization applies mission to practice through three branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, and Property Management. The **Homeownership**'s Home Repair Program assisted *17 homeowners* by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. *95 participants completed the Homebuyer Educational Workshop*. The one-to-one counseling assisted *19 new homeowners* in 2024 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing

on their new home. The *Shared Equity program has 141 homes* currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. The VHIP (Vermont Housing Improvement Program) works with private landowners to rehab and/or create new units. There are 91 units under construction spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties this year with a healthy pipeline for 2025 with VHIP 2.0 funds.

Housing Development: WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meet the diverse housing needs within a community. This takes the form of both the rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. In 2022, *the Bellows Falls Garage opened creating 27 new, affordable apartments* to downtown Bellows Falls. The *Central & Main 25-apartment development in downtown Windsor* will be opening spring of 2025, leasing information will be available through Stewart Property Management. *Alice Holway Drive in Putney is slated to create 25 new homes* within the village and is planned to break ground in 2025. We are also in the funding phase for the innovative redevelopment plan of the Chalet property, a multi-phase development that will cumulate in a new neighborhood of rental townhomes, multifamily apartments for general occupancy, single family shared equity homeownership properties, and the restoration of the iconic original Chalet building. Information and updates on all these can be found under the FAQ tab on our website. www.homemattershere.org

Property Management: WWHT owns 83 residential properties housing 16 commercial spaces with 929 rental apartments and 3 mobile home parks, home to over 1,500 residents. We manage the rental properties in southern Windham County and contract with Stewart Property Management for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure the long-term health and safety of our residents as well as the preservation of property values. For resident support, between Windsor's SASH program and Brattleboro-area's SASH For All, we had over *137 participants connected to health and wellness resources*.

Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM AKA "VSNIP"

VSNIP helps income-eligible Vermonters have dogs and cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated at a very reduced cost to them. Veterinary offices are throughout Vermont and we invite other veterinarians to join this altruistic effort to help continue eliminating routine euthanasia of mostly an overpopulation of cats and kittens. For an application, call (802) 672-5302. Push #2 for instructions or visit: VSNIP@VERMONT.GOV

