# The Town of Greensboro, Vermont Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2023 July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023



Rail Trail Bridge, Greensboro Bend

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Town Meeting begins at 9 a.m.

School budget Australian ballot voting open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Highland Center for the Arts
2875 Hardwick Street
Greensboro, Vermont

# **DEDICATION**



SMITH'S GROCERY LANDON, JENNIFER and JORDAN THOMPSON GREENSBORO BEND

Landon and Jennifer Thompson are the owners of Smith's Grocery in Greensboro Bend. This store has a long history in Greensboro Bend, going back to Craig and Aline Smith selling everything from their small store, including upside down ice cream cones. Craig & Aline sold the store in 1977 to Landon's grandparents, Ellis and Lillian Richardson. Then it was sold to Landon's parents, Billy and Mary Thompson, and now is owned by Landon and Jen.

Landon and Jen have been a rock for the village of Greensboro Bend through some of the toughest times. Their service to the community is unwavering through good times as well as the economic downturn and Covid. They have fed the community as well as delivered supplies throughout the region to assist any who need it. They are open 7 days a week and in times of disasters, i.e. fire, and flood. They are there for anyone who needs it 24 hours a day, if necessary. The recent home fire proves they are the anchor the village needs. Landon and Jen served food to the firefighters as well as those displaced by this horrendous blaze.

This year they opened their "Shack Out Back" to serve hard ice cream and creamies. Not sure if any were upside down like Craig did, but still it was a welcome addition to the village. They highlight local products and events to entertain young and old. Their pizzas and grinders are spectacular as well as all the deli items and staples in their grocery line. They sell regular fuel as well as non-ethanol and diesel fuel.

We cannot thank Jen and Landon enough (and sometimes Billy and Mary) and their complete staff, for all they do for us.

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#### **Important Dates and Items to Remember**

The Town's annual audit is prepared by Pace and Hawley, LLC, Certified Public Accountants. You can obtain a copy at the Town Clerk's Office or on the Town website at greensborovt.gov. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call the office at 802-533-2911, or send a treasurer@greensborovt.gov. The Town Clerk's office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you are a Vermont resident and own a home, you **MUST** file Form HS-122, Vermont Homestead Declaration. In addition, in order to receive a Property Tax Adjustment, you must **ALSO** file Schedule HI-144 Household Income (for all persons living in the household). The Greensboro Free Library will be offering tax-preparation assistance again this year. Please call 533-2531 to schedule an appointment.

# Property taxes are due in the Greensboro Town Office by Thursday, November 2, 2023, by 4 p.m.

You can vote in person or by absentee ballot on Town Meeting Day (March 7, 2023) for the Hazen Union School District Budget and Orleans Southwest Union Elementary School District. Please bring your mailed absentee ballots to the polls with you if you vote in person. School absentee ballots must be requested from the Town Clerk.

Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Highland Center for the Arts. This year, Town Meeting will begin at 9 a.m.

# \*If you want to vote absentee, you must request an absentee ballot for both school ballots.

The legal voters of **Hazen Union School District** No. 26 consisting of the Town School Districts of Greensboro, Hardwick and Woodbury are hereby warned to meet for the Hazen Union School District #26 Public Informational Hearing on the FY24 Budget on **Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm** at Hazen Union High School for discussion on the school district's proposed FY24 budget as required by Title 17 VSA §2680 (g).

Orleans Southwest Unified Elementary School District's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School.

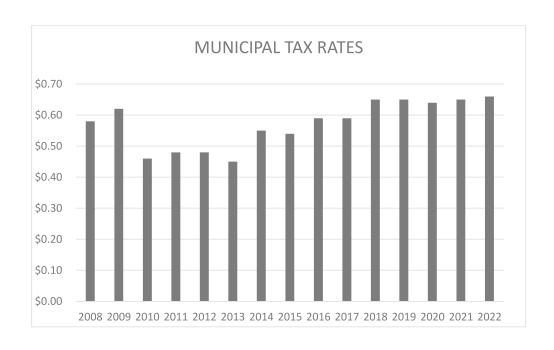
You can mail in your absentee ballots or drop them in the secure metal drop box outside the Town Clerk's Office door. Please bring your mailed absentee ballots with you to the polls if you vote in person.

2018 TAX RATE						
VT Residential Ed Tax	\$1.6409	VT Non-Residential Ed Tax	\$1.5610			
Municipal Rate	\$0.6525	Municipal Rate	\$0.6525			
Total Residential Rate	\$2.2934	Total Non-Residential Rate	\$2.2135			
	201	9 TAX RATE				
VT Residential Ed Tax	\$1.6422	VT Non-Residential Ed Tax	\$1.5435			
Municipal Rate	\$0.6487	Municipal Rate	\$0.6487			
Total Residential Rate	\$2.2909	Total Non-Residential Rate	\$2.1922			
	202	O TAX RATE				
VT Residential Ed Tax	\$1.7542	VT Non-Residential Ed Tax	\$1.6413			
Municipal Rate	\$0.6376	Municipal Rate	\$0.6376			
Total Residential Rate	\$2.3918	Total Non-Residential Rate	\$2.2789			
	202	1 TAX RATE				
VT Residential Ed Tax	\$1.7521	VT Non-Residential Ed Tax	\$1.6851			
Municipal Rate	\$0.6507	Municipal Rate	\$0.6507			
Total Residential Rate	\$2.4028	Total Non-Residential Rate	\$2.3358			
	2022 TAX RATE					
Vt. Residential Ed Tax	\$1.6466	Vt. Non-Residential Ed Tax	\$1.6219			
Municipal Rate	\$0.6603	Municipal Rate	\$0.6603			
Total Residential Rate	\$2.3069	Total Non-Residential Rate	\$2.2822			

#### What Vermonters Dread the Most

Change Running out of gas on a snowmobile Dead Batteries Running out of worms Reappraisal August Frost Zoning Being Rushed Power Failures at Chore Time March Heat Flatlanders with flat tire & advice He Who Shall Not Be Named

(Taken from "Real Vermonters Don't Milk Goats" by Frank Bryan & Bill Mares)



2008	\$0.58	2016	\$0.59
2009	\$0.62	2017	\$0.61
2010	\$0.46	2018	\$0.65
2011	\$0.48	2019	\$0.65
2012	\$0.48	2020	\$0.64
2013	\$0.45	2021	\$0.65
2014	\$0.55	2022	\$0.66
2015	\$0.54		

#### **Greensboro Town Elected Officers**

#### Moderator

Timothy Nisbet (2023)

#### **Town Clerk**

Kim Greaves (2023)

#### **Select Board**

Ellen Celnik (2 yr) (2024)

David Kelley (3 yr) (2025)

Peter Romans, Chair (3 yr) (2023)

Tracy Collier (2 yr) (2023)

Gary Circosta (3 yr) (2024)

#### **Collector of Delinquent Taxes**

Janet Long (1 yr) (2023)

#### **Trustees of Public Funds**

Peggy Lipscomb (3 yr) (2024)

Sherral Lumsden (3 yr) (2025)

#### Library Trustees (3 yr)

Virginia Lapierre (2023)

Krissie Ohlrogge (2023)

Jennifer Lucas (2024)

Anthony Acheson (2024)

Beth Meachem, (2025)

Tim Breen, (2025)

John Miller, Alternate

Rosanne Hickey Cook (2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate)

Carol Reynolds (3<sup>rd</sup> Alternate)

#### **Cemetery Commission**

Patsy Mercier (3 yr) (2024)

MacNeil (3 yr) (2023)

Wayne Young (3 yr) (2025)

#### **Orleans Southwest Union Elementary**

Samantha Friend (2 yr) (2023)

Open Seat (2023)

#### **Union 26 School Board (Hazen)**

Mike Metcalf (3 yr) (2024)

MacNeil (3 yr) (2025)

#### **Justices of the Peace (2023)**

Judy Carpenter

Maya McCoy

Tim Nisbet

Stew Arnold

Mike Metcalf

## **Property Tax Point of Interest**

CONGRATULATIONS to Nat Smith! You were the first person to come in to pay your taxes in 2022!

#### **Selectboard Appointments**

#### **Road Supervisor**

Thomas Camarra

#### **Zoning Administrator**

Brett Stanciu (2023)

#### Caspian Lake Beach Committee

Ila Hunt (Chair)

John Schweizer

Linda Shatney

#### **Conservation Commission** (4 yr term)

Erika Karp (Chair) (2023)

Linda Shatney (2023)

Clive Gray (Clerk) (2023)

David Kelley (2023)

Arlene Averill (2026)

Jane Hoffman (2026)

Peter Watkinson (2026)

#### **Greensboro Grange Building Committee**

Ted Donlon (Chair)

Valdine Hall (Treasurer)

Robbie Hurst

Rob Brigham

Rosanne Hickey

#### **Recreation Committee**

Erika Karp

**Devin Burgess** 

David Kelley

Ellen Celnik

Carolyn Kehler

MacNeil

#### **Town Forest Fire Warden**

Patricia Mercier (2024)

#### NEK Waste Management Dist Rep.

Ken Johnston

Alternate is open

#### **Emergency Mgmt. Chair**

Dave Brochu

#### **Hazardous Mitigation Committee**

Valdine Hall

Kim Greaves

Lorelei Wheeler

Melissa Moffatt

George Young

Tim Nisbet

#### **Energy Committee**

Anna Kehler

Mark Snyder

#### **Recycling Committee**

Judy Carpenter (Chair)

Stew Arnold (Clerk)

**Peter Romans** 

Ken Breitmeyer

Ken Johnston

Christine Armstrong

#### **Development Review Board**

Jane Woodruff (Chair) (2023)

MacNeil (2024)

Nat Smith (2024)

Wayne Young (2025)

BJ Gray (2025)

Tim Brennan (2026)

Mike Metcalf (2025)

Lise Armstrong (Alternate)

Joann Lacasse (Alternate)

Brett Stanciu (ex-officio)

#### **Health Officer**

Karl Stein (2025)

#### **Deputy Health Officer**

Christine Armstrong (2026)

#### **Animal Control Officer**

Kevin Rich

#### Planning Commission (3 yr. term)

Kent Hansen (Chair) (2025)

Ellen Celnik (2023)

Christine Armstrong (2025)

MacNeil (2025)

Kelli Story (2025)

Alexis Mattos (2023)

Brett Stanciu (non-voting)

#### **Emergency Planning**

Anne Stevens, Chair

Wayne Young

Tim Nisbet

Eric Pilbin

Michael Lapierre

#### **Town Service Officer**

Kim Greaves

#### Tree Warden

Cilla Bonney-Smith

#### **Civil Defense**

Open

#### **Constable**

Mark Snyder

# Warning Greensboro Annual 2023 Town Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Greensboro are hereby warned and notified to meet at Highland Center for the Arts in said Town, Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 9 a.m. to transact the following business:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator to govern said town for the coming year.

Article 2: To elect a Town Clerk for a three-year term

Article 3: To take action on the Town of Greensboro Annual printed report.

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro authorize property tax exemption for the "Ballfield" property identified as parcel ID 005-0002 for a three-year period (3). This will eliminate the municipal property tax due. However, the amount due for education taxes will still need to be raised and will be included in our Local Agreement Rate.

Article 5: To elect town officers and school district officers required by law and one or more library trustees:

Office	Term	Elected
Select Board	3 yrs.	
Select Board	2 yrs.	
Cemetery Commissioner	3 yrs.	
Library Trustee	3 yrs.	
Library Trustee	3 yrs.	
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 yrs.	
Orleans Southwest Unified Elementary Dir.	2 yrs.	
Orleans Southwest Unified Elementary Dir.	2 yrs.	

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro appropriate the following sums to the outside agencies listed below?

APPROPRIATIONS				
NEK Council on Aging	1,000			
AWARE	2,000			
Caledonia Home Health	1,400			
Clarina Howard Nichols Ctr	1,500			
Craftsbury Community Care	10,500			

4 Seasons of Early Learning	9,500
Green Up	100
Greensboro Nursing Home	24,000
Hardwick Area Food Pantry	2,500
Lamoille Family Center	1,000
HEK Human Services	1,524
NEK Learning Services	300
N. Country Animal League	600
NVDA	572
Orleans Co. His. Society	700
Orleans Co. Citizens Advocacy	800
NECKA Comm. Justice	300
Red Cross	250
Rescue Squad	22,300
Rural Community Trans.	900
Vt. Ctr for Independent Living	210
WonderArts	3,500
VCRD	500
	85,956

Article 7: Shall the Town of Greensboro vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for the support of Salvation Farms to provide services to residents of the Town?

Article 8: Shall the Town of Greensboro vote to appropriate and expend the sum of \$500 for the support of Craftsbury Saplings, a non-profit child care center located in Craftsbury that provides services to residents of the Town of Greensboro

Article 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve the following Special Appropriation requests from the Municipal Properties listed below?

Greensboro Conservation	\$3,000
Greensboro Free Library	\$40,000
Greensboro Historical Society	\$5,000
Caspian Lake Beach	\$3,650
Greensboro Recreation Committee	\$4,000
Total	\$ 55,650

Article 10: Shall the Selectboard have the ability to approve/disapprove Town Zoning Bylaw Changes or refer Town Zoning Bylaws Changes for a vote at Town Meeting.

Article 11: Shall the voters approve the proposed budget in the amount of \$2,104,396 which contains the necessary amount required by law and proposed expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023? (This budget amount includes the outside and local appropriations requests).

Article 12: Shall the voters approve transferring the surplus, if any, from the current fiscal year (2023) Highway Fund into the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund (HERF) in the next fiscal year (2024)?

Article 13: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve having the Town Treasurer serve as collector of current taxes and set the tax due date of November 2, 2023. Taxes will be delinquent if not received in the office of the Town Treasurer by Thursday, November 2, 2023, by 4:00 p.m.

Article 14: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Greensboro this 26th day of January, 2023

Peter Romans, Chair David Kelley Ellen Celnik

**Tracy Collier** 

**Gary Circosta** 

#### Things Real Vermonters Are Born With Taken from "Real Vermonters Don't Milk Goats" by Frank Bryan and Bill Mares

A sense of where north is.

Patience
One leg shorter than the other
One thousand different ways to indicate the affirmative
Knowledge about angles and leverage
A dexterity for milking cows blindfolded

An inclination to say "no"
An ability to drive in snow
Telling time without a watch
A taste for any boiled greens
An ability to tell NH from Vermont
No fear of the truth

# QUESTIONS ABOUT TOWN GOVERNMENT

(Taken from "The Vermont Quiz Book" By Frank Bryan & Melissa Lee Bryan (Answers on page 29)

1.	On average, in towns under 2,500 population about of a town's registered voters will be
	In attendance at Town Meeting?
2.	In a Vermont town, the list of items to be resolved at town meeting is call the
3.	Town Meeting Day is set by Vermont law as:
	a. The first Tuesday in March
	b. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in March
	c. Either the first Monday or Tuesday in March-whichever the town chooses
	d. The first day of sugaring season
4.	The "quorum" at a Vermont Town Meeting is:
	a. 5% of registered voters in attendance
	b. 5% of eligible voters in attendance
	c. 10% of registered voters in attendance
	d. There is no specific percentage of citizens needed to conduct a town meeting.
5.	What is the first order of business at every town meeting
6.	Road commissioners are:
	a. Always elected at town meeting
	b. Always appointed by the selectmen
	c. Elected unless a vote is taken to have the selectmen appoint
	d. Appointed by the Selectmen unless the town votes to elect
7.	If you want to have an issue placed on the formal list of items to be resolved, you may do
	so by having of the voters sign a petition supporting you
	a. 5%
	b. 10%
	c. 15%
	d. 20%

# Greensboro Town Budget FY 2024

The inflationary consequences of the enormous costs of a two-year pandemic, followed by disruptions in food and energy supplies brought on by the worst war in Europe since 1939 have impacted all of us. With the current inflation rate hovering between six and seven percent, our budgets are feeling the strain at the grocery store, the gas pump and with prohibitive interest rates in the housing market. The Greensboro Town budget cannot escape these pressures.

Fortunately, the Town of Greensboro has been diligently focused on budget-saving opportunities and has essentially level-funded the budget over the last five years. The municipal tax rate has increased a total of 1.2% between 2018 and 2022, substantially less than the rate of inflation.

The Budget Committee worked hard this year to prepare a lean and responsible budget. Like all of us, we hope this storm will pass. However, it is impossible for the Town, as with our families, to escape the economic reality of these times. This year, the proposed budget increase is 6.65%.

Set out below in more detail is a breakdown of significant changes in the coming year's proposed budget. The bulk of increases are expected in highway costs with an increase of 15%. The general budget increased only slightly at .81%

#### **Increases in the general fund budget:**

- 22% increase for the Fire Department. The entire cost of dispatch was moved to the Fire Department, as the Orleans County Sheriff's contract includes police dispatch. \$4,500 was allocated to replace outdated fire suits as ongoing new equipment needs. Fire department payroll increased 14.3% to reflect increased need.
- \$5K grant match for a Lamoille Valley Rail Trail parking lot in Greensboro Bend (additional \$5K requested in FY25).
- A \$3,500 assessor contract increase reflects increased fees and time to get a new person up to speed with town property.
- Cemetery maintenance and projects are increased to reflect needed road work and surveying for additional plots.
- In the highway budget, salt, gravel, equipment maintenance and repairs, and fuel all increased with the best estimates available.
- An additional \$50K was appropriated for paving.

Town appropriation requests are submitted by organizations to the town. The amount of the appropriation is added to the budget as a placeholder based on the request. Registered voters ultimately decide on the amount of the appropriation that the organization will receive during town meeting. The appropriations are 6.7 % of the budget. New appropriation requests from Salvation Farms (\$750) and Craftsbury Saplings (\$500) are not included in this total. These will be voted in separate articles.

In appropriations, a total increase of \$15,594 is reflected here:

- The Greensboro Nursing Home increased \$1,889.
- Hardwick Rescue appropriation requests increased \$1,355.
- Conservation Commission request increased \$1K.
- Greensboro Free Library request increased \$10K.
- The Rec Committee was moved to special appropriations and budgeted an additional \$1K.
- The Caspian Lake Beach Committee was moved to special appropriations and increased \$350. (Hardwick is asked to match this request.)

#### Other Increases include:

- Dental insurance increased 4%.
- Health insurance increased approximately 9%.
- 7% town office payroll adjustment for clerk and treasurer.
- \$1K increase in treasurer training.
- \$1K health officer stipend added to reflect actual practice.
- 5% Selectboard clerk adjustment.
- NEMRC (office software) licenses increased 8%.
- Projected heating fuel increased 20%
- Compost fees up 21%.
- 5% road crew payroll increase and includes a part-time sidewalk plowing position.

#### Decreases:

- \$10K less was allocated to repairs to the town office building. Future plans for the town office building are currently undetermined.
- Technology decreased \$2,500. (\$4K was allocated for FY23 for the website upgrade.)
- Election expenses decreased \$1,300.
- Planning projects decreased \$1K.
- Solid waste payroll decreased \$1,300.
- Signs decreased by \$8K as new 35 m.p.h. signs were purchased in FY22.

#### Other notes:

- The Orleans County Sheriff contract did not increase. An additional \$10K was budgeted above contract last year. Additional expenses are not anticipated in FY24.
- Driveway plowing is in the first year of a three-year contract.

# **Overall Proposed 2024 Town Budget**

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget	BUDGET	
	202021	71010712	Daaget	505021	%
Account	FY2022	FY22	FY23	FY 24	change
TOWN CLERK & TREASURER	\$128,785	\$113,057	\$131,132	\$140,175	6.90%
SELECTBOARD	\$9,363	\$9,439	\$9,674	\$9,760	0.89%
GENERAL EXPENSES	\$77,825	\$73,753	\$82,100	\$79,185	-3.55%
<b>ELECTION EXPENSES</b>	\$1,600	\$4,180	\$2,530	\$1,165	-53.95%
PLANNING & ZONING	\$40,336	\$31,494	\$51,273	\$53,675	4.68%
ASSESSORS OFFICE	\$15,900	\$15,909	\$16,000	\$19,650	22.81%
COLLECTOR OF DEL TAXES	\$1,408	\$1,048	\$1,408	\$1,400	-0.57%
DOGS	\$1,250	\$1,345	\$1,637	\$1,875	14.54%
TOWN HALL & PROPERTIES	\$52,715	\$41,425	\$71,205	\$54,600	-23.32%
POLICE	\$207,905	\$206,579	\$217,405	\$190,400	-12.42%
SERVICES	\$138,418	\$136,417	\$136,700	\$139,200	1.83%
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$14,000	\$10,732	\$10,000	\$13,000	30.00%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$54,385	\$56,047	\$56,880	\$69,700	22.54%
CEMETERY	\$21,143	\$22,308	\$20,193	\$25,945	28.49%
CASPIAN MILFOIIL	\$14,907	\$13,824	\$13,825	\$15,205	9.98%
SOLID WASTE	\$13,023	\$9,018	\$10,780	\$11,105	3.01%
TRANSFERS OUT	\$268,000	\$268,000	\$205,000	\$205,000	0.00%
APPROPRIATIONS	\$75,954	\$75,954	\$82,662	\$85,956	3.98%
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$37,000	\$55,650	50.41%
<b>General Operating Expenses</b>	\$1,162,538	\$992,547	\$1,162,704	\$1,172,146	0.81%
HIGHWAY MATERIALS	\$179,400	\$169,302	\$186,250	\$200,400	7.60%
HWY CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$38,000	\$55,329	\$36,000	\$39,800	10.56%
<b>EQUIP. OPERATION &amp; MNTCE.</b>	\$124,000	\$125,633	\$124,500	\$148,000	18.88%
PAYROLL	\$297,734	\$275,872	\$319,916	\$325,050	1.60%
GARAGE	\$26,650	\$24,696	\$25,750	\$29,000	12.62%
HIGHWAY PROJECTS	\$115,000	\$103,415	\$118,000	\$190,000	61.02%
Highway Expenses	\$780,784	\$754,247	\$810,416	\$932,250	15.03%
Proposed Total	\$1,943,322	\$1,746,794	\$1,973,120	\$2,104,396	6.65%

Proposed FY24 Town Budget					
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget	BUDGET	
Account	FY2022	FY22	FY23	FY 24	% change
TOWN CLERK & TREASURER					
Town Offices Payroll	\$85,914	\$83,995	\$87,240	\$93,200	6.83%
Town Offices FICA/MEDI	\$6,573	\$7,390	\$6,700	\$7,125	6.34%
Town Offices Retirement	\$7,726	\$7,202	\$6,750	\$7,350	8.89%
Town Office Health Insurance	\$17,950	\$8,459	\$17,792	\$19,500	9.60%
Town Offices - HRA	\$5,100	\$1,002	\$6,500	\$6,500	0.00%
Unemployment Admin	\$2,000	\$2,055	\$2,500	\$2,300	-8.00%
Workers Comp - Admin	\$550	\$512	\$600	\$600	0.00%
Workers Comp - Library	\$522	\$537	\$600	\$600	0.00%
Office Training/Dues	\$1,000	\$1,906	\$1,000	\$2,000	100.00%
Employee Miscellaneous	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0	
Health Officer Stipend				\$1,000	
·	\$128,785	\$113,058	\$131,132	\$140,175	6.90%
SELECTBOARD		-	-		
Selectboard Payroll	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Selectboard Clerk Payroll	\$3,000	\$3,316	\$3,281	\$3,500	6.67%
Selectboard FICA/MEDI	\$383	\$230		\$260	-32.11%
Selectboard Clerk FICA/MEDI	\$230	\$254	\$260	\$300	15.38%
Selectboard Training	\$250	\$120	\$250	\$200	-20.00%
Selectboard Miscellaneous					
Expense	\$500	\$520	\$500	\$500	0.00%
	\$9,363	\$9,439	\$9,674	\$9,760	0.89%
GENERAL EXPENSES		-			
Technology/IT	\$4,500	\$4,778	\$8,000	\$5,500	-31.25%
Software Licenses	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,600	\$2,810	8.08%
Office Supplies	\$4,000	\$2,386	\$4,000	\$2,750	-31.25%
Telephone	\$3,700	\$4,706		\$4,300	7.50%
Postage	\$2,300	\$2,413	\$2,300	\$2,500	8.70%
Miscellaneous Expense	\$500	\$301	\$500	\$500	
Copiers	\$2,500	\$1,928	\$2,500	\$2,300	-8.00%
Mileage Reimbursement	\$400	\$259		\$400	0.00%
NEMRC Software Support	\$4,400	\$5,291	\$5,000	\$5,250	
NEMRC Disaster Recovery	\$650	\$652	\$700	\$775	10.71%
County Tax	\$40,000	\$39,722	\$41,000	\$41,000	0.00%
Dues - VT League of Cities &		,	,	,	
Towns	\$2,075	\$2,013	\$2,100	\$2,200	4.76%
Notices/Advt.	\$900	\$0		\$400	0.00%
4th of July	\$4,400	\$4,197	\$4,400	\$4,000	-9.09%
Town Report			\$1,400	\$1,700	21.43%
TOWIT Neport	\$1,400	\$1,547	71,400	71,700	ZI.7J/0
Green Up Day	\$1,400	\$1,547	\$1,400	\$1,700	

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget	BUDGET	
Account	FY2022	FY22	FY23	FY 24	% change
ELECTION EXPENSES					
Election Payroll	\$0	\$119	\$300	\$150	-50.00%
Election FICA/MEDI	\$0	\$9	\$30	\$15	-50.00%
Town Meeting Expenses	\$600	\$369	\$400	\$500	25.00%
Election Expenses	\$1,000	\$3,683	\$1,800	\$500	-72.22%
	\$1,600	\$4,180	\$2,530	\$1,165	-53.95%
DI ANNUNC 9 ZONING					
PLANNING & ZONING	¢21 112	C20 E42	\$23,712	\$25,300	6.70%
Zoning Payroll	1				
Zoning FICA/MEDI	\$1,616	\$1,331	\$1,814	\$1,900	
Health Insurance			\$8,348	\$9,500	
HRA			\$3,250	\$3,250	
Zoning Retirement	¢100	¢27	\$1,989	\$2,125	6.84%
Planning/DRB FICA/MEDI	\$108	\$27	\$10	\$50	
DRB Clerk Payroll	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	
Planning/Zoning Training	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$100	-75.00%
Zoning Misc/Mapping Expenses	\$2,000	\$401	\$1,000	\$200	
Mileage - Zoning	\$50	\$0	\$100	\$100	
Planning Notices/Adv	\$2,000	\$716		\$500	
Zoning Notices/Ads	\$500	\$771	\$750	\$750	
DRB - Legal Fees	\$5,000	\$936	\$5,000	\$2,000	-60.00%
Planning Members	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100	0.00%
Stipends	\$1,400	\$750		\$800	
Planning Projects	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	-33.33%
Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Matching Grant				\$5,000	
	\$40.336	\$31,495	\$51.273	\$53,675	4.68%
ASSESSORS OFFICE	7 10,000	7 - 7 - 7 - 7	7 - 7 - 7	, , , , , ,	
NEMRC/CAMA	\$700	\$653	\$750	\$825	10.00%
NEMRC Disaster Rec Assess	\$700				10.00%
Assessor				\$18,000	
				\$19,650	
COLLECTOR OF DEL TAXES	1		,	, ,	
Deling. Tax Coll FICA/MED	\$1,408	\$1,048	\$1,408	\$1,400	-0.57%
·	\$0		\$0	\$0	
DOGS					
Dog Warden Stipend	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$1,750	16.67%
Animal Control FICA/MEDI	\$0	\$96	\$137	\$125	-8.76%
	\$1,250	\$1,346	\$1,637	\$1,875	14.54%

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget	BUDGET	
Account	FY2022	FY22	FY23	FY 24	% change
TOWN HALL & PROPERTIES					
Custodian	\$1,500	\$225	\$2,600	\$1,500	-42.31%
Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,000	\$3,654	\$17,000	\$7,000	-58.82%
Custodial Supplies-Office	\$900	\$85	\$600	\$200	-66.67%
Heating Fuel	\$6,000	\$6,973	\$7,500	\$8,000	6.67%
Contracted Services	\$1,500	\$1,094	\$2,000	\$1,500	-25.00%
Electric - Town Hall	\$4,300	\$2,817	\$4,700	\$4,000	-14.89%
Electric - Playground	\$450	\$391	\$450	\$450	0.00%
Street Lights	\$4,900	\$4,652	\$5,000	\$5,100	2.00%
Village Green	\$50	\$26	\$50	\$50	0.00%
Electric-Greensboro Grange	\$300	\$179	\$105	\$200	90.48%
Water Bill	\$1,800	\$1,700	\$1,800	\$1,800	0.00%
Generator Expense	\$800	\$947	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%
Grounds	\$7,000	\$6,855	\$10,000	\$8,000	-20.00%
Insurance - Town Hall	\$10,000	\$6,283	\$10,000	\$7,100	-29.00%
Insurance-Historical Society	\$1,500	\$1,427	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.00%
Insurance - Library	\$4,000	\$2,503	\$4,000	\$3,800	-5.00%
Insurance - Greensboro					
Grange	\$350	\$352	\$400	\$400	0.00%
Rubbish Removal	\$2,250	\$1,255	\$2,500	\$2,000	-20.00%
Trash - Park in Bend	\$0	\$7	\$0	\$500	
	\$52,715	\$41,425	\$71,205	\$54,100	-24.02%
CASPIAN BEACH COMMITTEE					
Beach Maintenance	\$1,650	\$2,393		\$0	
Beach Projects	\$1,650		\$1,650	\$0	
	\$3,300	\$4,001	\$3,300	\$0	
RECREATION					
Swim Lessons Payroll	\$900	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Workman's Comp - Swim	\$75				
Recreation Committee Exp	\$2,000		\$2,000	\$0	
Facilities	\$300		\$0	\$0	
	\$3,344	\$2,427	\$2,000	\$0	
POLICE					
Ins - HPD/Constables	\$900			\$400	0.00%
Police Services		\$190,000	-		-5.00%
Dispatch - LVS Office	\$17,005			\$0	
	\$207,905	\$206,579	\$217,405	\$190,400	-12.42%
SERVICES					
Driveway Plowing		\$132,918			1.88%
Plowing Lake Road	\$3,500				0.00%
	\$138,418	\$136,418	\$136,700	\$139,200	1.83%

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget	BUDGET	
Account	FY2022	FY22	FY23	FY 24	% change
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES					
Audit	\$9,000	\$9,831	\$9,000	\$10,000	11.11%
Legal	\$5,000	\$901	\$1,000	\$3,000	200.00%
	\$14,000	\$10,732	\$10,000	\$13,000	30.00%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	. ,	<u> </u>		. ,	
Fire Dept. Payroll	\$10,000	\$9,204	\$10,500	\$12,000	14.29%
Fire Dept. FICA/MEDI	\$765	\$542	\$810	\$900	11.11%
Work. Comp. Insurance	\$1,400	\$1,001	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%
Fire Dept. Dues/Education	\$800	\$507	\$800	\$800	0.00%
Fire Dept. Ads/Notices	\$500	\$49	\$0	\$100	
Fire Dept IT /Software	\$1,750	\$1,654	\$1,750	\$1,750	0.00%
Fire Dept. Telephone	\$2,500	\$2,597	\$2,600	\$2,800	7.69%
Fire House Maintenance	\$2,250	\$3,238	\$2,250	\$2,500	11.11%
Fire House Garbage	\$100	\$28	\$200	\$200	0.00%
Fire Dept. Heating Fuel	\$3,750	\$3,490	\$4,500	\$4,850	7.78%
1Fire Dept. Electricity	\$1,500	\$1,447	\$2,000	\$1,800	-10.00%
Fire Dept. Ins Prop/Casualty	\$5,500	\$3,201	\$5,500	\$6,500	18.18%
Fire Dept. Dispatch	\$5,370	\$5,048	\$5,370	\$12,100	125.33%
Fire Dept. Equip Fuel	\$800	\$619	\$1,200	\$1,000	-16.67%
Fire Dept. Equip Repairs	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.00%
Fire Dept. New Equip	\$5,500	\$15,182	\$6,500	\$11,000	69.23%
FD Radio					
Replacement/Repairs	\$1,500	\$78	\$1,500	\$1,000	-33.33%
FD Supplies	\$400	\$25	\$400	\$400	0.00%
FD Truck Repair	\$5,000	\$138	\$5,000	\$4,000	-20.00%
	\$54,385	\$56,047	\$56,880	\$69,700	22.54%
CEMETERY					
Cemetery Admin Payroll	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$550	0.00%
Cemetery FICA/Medi	\$43	\$42	\$43	\$45	4.65%
Cemetery Maintenance	\$13,000	\$12,750	\$12,000	\$15,000	25.00%
Cemetery Projects	\$7,250	\$7,646	\$7,250	\$10,000	37.93%
Payment of Corner Stones	\$50	\$1,320	\$50	\$50	0.00%
Cemetery Flags/Misc	\$250	\$0	\$300	\$300	0.00%
	\$21,143	\$22,308	\$20,193	\$25,945	28.49%
CASPIAN MILFOIL					
Caspian Milfoil Pay	\$12,500	\$11,984	\$12,000	\$12,800	6.67%
Caspian Milfoil FICA	\$957	\$917	\$925	\$980	5.95%
Caspian Milfoil					
Unemployment	\$550	\$249	\$550	\$550	0.00%
Caspian Milfoil WC Ins	\$350	\$250		\$425	21.43%
Caspian Beach Water Bill	\$475	\$425	\$0	\$450	

**\$14,907 \$13,825 \$13,825 \$15,205** 9.98%

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget	BUDGET	
Account	FY2022	FY22	FY23	FY 24	% change
SOLID WASTE					
Solid Waste Payroll	\$5,500	\$1,350	\$3,000	\$1,500	-50.00%
Solid Waste FICA/MEDI	\$421	\$103	\$230	\$130	-43.48%
Solid Waste Unemployment	\$150	\$222	\$0	\$75	
Workers Comp. Insurance	\$602	\$524	\$350	\$600	71.43%
Recycling Supplies	\$600	\$19	\$200	\$200	0.00%
Hauling Fee	\$2,000	\$3,101	\$4,000	\$4,200	5.00%
Compost Fee	\$1,500	\$1,475	\$1,500	\$1,900	26.67%
Recycle Center Improvement	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	
Recycling Trailer Garbage	\$2,250	\$2,225	\$1,000	\$2,500	150.00%
	\$13,023	\$9,019	\$10,780	\$11,105	3.01%
TRANSFERS OUT					
Transfer - Capital Budget	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	0.00%
Transfer - HERF Appropriation	\$78,000	\$78,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	0.00%
	\$268,000	\$268,000	\$205,000	\$205,000	0.00%
APPROPRIATIONS					
NEK Council on Aging	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%
AWARE	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.00%
Caledonia Home Health	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	0.00%
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.00%
Craftsbury Com. Care Center	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,500	0.00%
4 Seasons Early Learning	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	0.00%
Green Up	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	0.00%
Greensboro Nursing Home	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,111	\$24,000	8.54%
Hardwick Area Food Pantry	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.00%
Lamoille Family	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%
NEK Human Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,524	\$1,524	0.00%
NEK Learning Services	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$300	20.00%
North Country Animal League	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	0.00%
NVDA	\$572	\$572	\$572	\$572	0.00%
Orleans Co. Hist. Society	\$625	\$625	\$700	\$700	0.00%
Orleans Co. Citizens Advo	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	0.00%
NECKA Com & Justice Progr	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	0.00%
Red Cross	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	0.00%
Rescue Squad	\$14,947	\$14,947	\$20,945	\$22,300	6.47%
Rural Community Transp.	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900	0.00%
VT Center Independent Living	\$210	\$210	\$210	\$210	0.00%
WonderArts	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	0.00%
VCRD	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	0.00%
	\$75,954	\$75,954	\$82,662	\$85,956	3.98%

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget	BUDGET	
Account	FY2022	FY22	FY23	FY 24	% change
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS					
Conservation Commission	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	50.00%
Greensboro Free Library	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	33.33%
Greensboro Historical Society	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.00%
Caspian Lake Beach				\$3,650	
Recreation Committee				\$4,000	
	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$37,000	\$55,650	50.41%
General Operating Expenses	\$1,162,538	\$992,547	\$1,162,704	\$1,172,146	0.81%
HIGHWAY BUDGET					
HIGHWAY MATERIALS					
Gravel Pit - Taxes	\$5,100	\$4,258	\$5,250	\$4,400	-16.19%
Chloride	\$32,000		\$35,000	\$35,000	0.00%
Sand	\$27,500		\$20,000	\$20,000	0.00%
Salt	\$68,000		\$65,000	\$75,000	15.38%
Gravel	\$38,000	\$56,599	\$35,000	\$45,000	28.57%
Culverts	\$4,000	\$5,424	\$13,000	\$15,000	15.38%
Signs	\$1,800	\$11,323	\$10,000	\$2,000	-80.00%
Road Project Materials	\$3,000	\$7,029	\$3,000	\$4,000	33.33%
	\$179,400	\$169,302	\$186,250	\$200,400	7.60%
HWY CONTRACTED SERVICES					
Mowing/Brush	\$10,000	\$7,300	\$10,000	\$9,000	-10.00%
Contracted Road Projects	\$4,000	\$3,930	\$3,000	\$5,000	66.67%
Guard Rails	\$7,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000	0.00%
Sidewalks	\$15,000	\$42,750	\$15,000	\$18,000	20.00%
Permits	\$2,000	\$1,350	\$2,000	\$1,800	-10.00%
	\$38,000	\$55,330	\$36,000	\$39,800	10.56%
EQUIP. OPERATION & MNTCE.					
Small Equipment	\$4,000	\$6,190	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.00%
Equipment Repairs	\$45,000	\$41,661	\$40,000	\$45,000	12.50%
Equipment Maintenance	\$30,000	\$34,577	\$30,000	\$35,000	16.67%
Fuel/Diesel	\$40,000	\$37,654	\$45,000	\$58,000	28.89%
Fuel/Gas	\$3,500	\$3,862	\$3,500	\$4,000	14.29%
Equipment Rental	\$1,500		\$2,000	\$2,000	0.00%
	\$124,000	\$125,633	\$124,500	\$148,000	18.88%

Proposed Total	\$1,943,322	\$1,746,796	\$1,973,120	\$2,104,396	6.65%
g.iiray Expenses	<i>\$1.00,104</i>	ψ, υπ, <u>Επυ</u>	<del>4010,410</del>	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	13.03/0
Highway Expenses	\$780,784	\$754,249	\$810,416	\$932,250	15.03%
	\$115,000	\$1U5,415	\$118,000	\$190,000	61.02%
Grants Match	\$5,000 <b>\$115,000</b>	\$1,800 <b>\$103,415</b>	\$3,000	\$25,000	
Paving Projects  Grants Match	\$110,000		\$115,000		
HIGHWAY PROJECTS	¢110.000	¢101 C15	¢11F 000	¢165.000	42.400/
LICUWAY PROJECTS	\$26,650	\$24,697	\$25,750	\$29,000	12.62%
	626.650	624.607	625.750	630,000	12.620/
Miscellaneous	\$600	\$200	\$600	\$200	-66.67%
Notices/Advt.	\$750	\$1,183	\$750	\$1,000	33.33%
Mileage	\$150	\$173	\$150	\$250	66.67%
Town Shed Garbage	\$900		\$900	\$1,000	11.11%
Property & Casualty Insur	\$9,000	\$8,945	\$9,000	\$9,500	5.56%
Water Bill	\$450	\$425	\$450	\$450	0.00%
Electricity	\$2,800	\$3,182	\$3,000	\$3,500	16.67%
Heating Fuel	\$3,400	\$2,987	\$3,400	\$6,000	76.47%
Telephone	\$1,800	\$1,976	\$2,000	\$2,100	5.00%
Shop Supplies	\$5,000	\$3,710	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.00%
Garage Maintenance	\$1,800	\$297	\$1,500	\$1,000	-33.33%
GARAGE					
	\$297,734	\$275,872	\$319,916	\$325,050	1.60%
Employee Misc	\$600	\$595	\$600	\$600	0.00%
Uniforms	\$5,000	\$6,062	\$5,000	\$6,000	20.00%
Training	\$500	-\$295	\$500	\$500	0.00%
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$13,605		\$17,000	\$13,000	-23.53%
Unemployment Highway	\$4,100		\$4,100	\$5,000	
HRA	\$12,750	\$8,796	\$16,250	\$16,250	0.00%
Health Insurance	\$44,853	\$41,342	\$39,091	\$47,000	20.23%
Retirement	\$13,986	\$13,509	\$17,000	\$18,100	6.47%
FICA/MEDI	\$14,379	\$13,307	\$15,675	\$15,600	-0.48%
Payroll/Wages	\$187,961	\$178,595	\$204,700	\$203,000	-0.83%
PAYROLL					
Account	FY2022	FY22	FY23	FY 24	% change
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget	BUDGET	

Capital 2	Budget Fur	ıd				
	<b>FY22</b>	FY23	FY24	<b>FY25</b>	FY26	FY27
Beginning of Year Balance of the						
Fund	183,176	284,379	330,759	378,452	363,245	313,038
Transfers TO the Fund	190,000	175,000	175,000	185,000	195,000	210,000
Planned Expenditures FROM the						
Fund						
Buildings in general (not specifically identified)		10,000	20,000	22,500	25,000	27,500
Town Hall	9,000	0				
Town Garage (Design/Permits, Loan Payments)	2,290	20,000	40,000	93,200	93,200	93,200
Library	5,750		10,000	75,200	75,200	75,200
Historical Society	0,750	0				
Gravel Pit	0	0				
Grange Hall	0	0				
Fire Station Loan Payment	64,307	64,307	64,307	64,307	64,307	64,307
Fire Station	0	3,250		,		
Technology		2,200		7500		
Total Actual Town Building				7500		
Expenditures	81,347	97,557	124,307	187,507	182,507	185,007
Actual Fire Department			,	<u> </u>	,	
Expenditures						
Truck replacement	0	0	0	42,700	42,700	42,700
SCBA	7,450	8,500	10,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Sale of truck(s)				-50,000		
Miscellaneous						
Equipment	0	22,563				
Total FD Expenditures	7,450	31,063	10,000	17,700	67,700	67,700
Beginning balance &	282 487	450.350	505 550	FF2 152	550 345	<b>500</b> 000
transfer in	373,176	·	505,759	553,452		1
Interest Income on Fund Balance	0	0	7,000	5,000		
TOTAL	373,176	459,379	512,759	568,452	563,245	528,038
Total Planned Expenditures FROM the Fund	88,797	128.620	134,307	205,207	250,207	252,707
End of Year Balance of the Fund	284,379		378,452	363,245	ĺ	
Next fire truck planned EV24 or EV						<u> </u>

<sup>\*</sup>Next fire truck planned FY24 or FY25, approximated cost \$450K; Bond for 15 yrs at 5%. Proposed Garage Bond FY 25; estimated cost \$1,500k; 2.25% 20 yrs. Final fire station bond payment FY29.

#### TOWN OF GREENSBORO, Schedule of Findings for the Year Ended June 30, 2022

#### Governmental activities net position

As of June 30, 2022, governmental activities restricted net position consisted of the following:

	Restricted Net Position
Lake Eligo Milfoil	\$17,395
Greensboro Grange	\$1,293
Energy committee	\$6,901
Our community park	\$3,720
Reappraisal	\$122,655
Recreation	\$2,199
Restoration of records	\$51,539
Tolman Fund - ball field	\$540
Caspian Lake Beach	\$8,165
Caspian Milfoil	\$16
Community Project	\$364
Cemetery	\$46,123

Total \$260,910

#### Deficit fund balance

The Town anticipates eliminating the June 30, 2022, fund deficit in the Greater Greensboro Fund of \$73,298 by receiving grant proceeds in future years.

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Capital Budget Fund	HERF
Other financing sources (uses) Transfers in (out)	(272,500)	(202,247)	190,000	278,252
Net change in fund balances	70,486	(128,363)	101,203	251,330
Fund balances, beginning of year	413,667	412,180	183,176	620,575
Fund balances, end of year	484,153	283,817	284,379	871,905

The Town's auditor is Nathan Hawley, of Pace & Hawley, LLC, certified public accountants. The Town audit is available at the town office or on the town website at greensborovt.gov.

# HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND (HERF)

• By town vote, surplus from the previous year's highway budget is transferred into the HERF.

		Hours	Miles	Life	Purchase	Trade-In	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Year	Description	Jan/23	Jan/23	Expectancy	Price	Value (Est.)	Actual	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
2013	Grader	3,971	na	14 yrs	243,000	90,000						450,000
2016	Mini Excavator	400	na	14 yrs	99,900	40,000						
2015	Loader	2,897	na	15 yrs	143,560	40,000						
2011	Yellow Truck/Plow	6,522	101,196	8 Years	136,367	3,000	na	na	na	na	na	na
2015	Blue Truck/Plow		107,255	8 Years	182,728	50,000		250,000				
2016	Green Truck/Plow	1,839	101,840	8 Years	179,005	50,000			260,000			
2020	Mack GR64F Truck/Plow	1,878	33,118	10 Years	199,858	40,000						
2016	Ford F350 Pickup	na	56,451	7 Years	36,230	15,000				95,000		
2021	Trackless Snow Shoveler	2,407	na	8	29,700	na	29,700					
						Purchase price	29,700	250,000	260,000	95,000	0	450,000
						Less trade-in	0	50,000	50,000	15,000	0	90,000
						Net price	29,700	200,000	210,000	80,000	0	360,000
		HERF E	Balance a	at Begini	ning of		618,574	871,904	777,793	600,793	574,793	638,793
			HERF De	eposit			78,000	30,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
						Less trade-in	(29,700)	(200,000)	(210,000)	(80,000)	0	(360,000)
	-					Interest	2,778	4,000	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
						Surplus*	202,252	71,889	0	0	0	0
						Year End Balance	871,904	777,793	600,793	574,793	638,793	352,793

#### **Greensboro Revenues**

The Town receives revenues from a number of sources, predominantly from property taxes. Other sources include recording and zoning fees, a fire department contract with Stannard, and a number of grants. Revenues from the State of Vermont are detailed below; these are also included in the revenue total.

Total Revenues	2019	2020	2021	2022
Town Clerk Fees	\$41,276	\$47,299	\$46,354	\$39,235
Property Taxes	\$1,147,511	\$1,150,035	\$1,102,934	\$1,137,026
Zoning Fees	\$1,590	\$4,565	\$5,960	\$5,531
Property	\$1,126	\$4,501	\$100	\$0
Recreation Don.	\$1,440	\$1,035	\$0	\$568
Fire	\$8,622	\$8,098	\$15,955	\$8,200
Highway	\$848,601	\$756,755	\$837,138	\$843,008
Cemetery	\$5,050	\$3,075	\$3,900	\$7,925
Grants	\$7,306	\$6,568	\$5,776	\$6,513
Solid Waste	\$405	\$355	\$253	\$214
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,062,927	\$1,982,286	\$2,016,356	\$2,048,220

# Vermont Department of Finance and Management FY22 (Monies received from the State of Vermont)

VT State Treasurer Revenue Report				
Agency of Transportation	\$168,704			
Recording Fees	\$376			
Judiciary/Fines	\$355			
VT Dept. of Taxes (Property Tax Adjustments)	\$36,122			
Reappraisal	\$7,803			
Hold Harmless (Current Use)	\$143,615			
Equalization (School)	\$918			
The Bend Revitalization Grant	\$8,800			
ARPA (Final total received \$208K, in FY23)	\$104,475			
TOTAL	\$471,068			

Green	sboro's Capital Assets		
Description	Location	Date	Carrying Value
Duildings			as of 6/31/21
Buildings			
Town Hall building and 1.8 acres	82 Craftsbury Rd.	5/4/1850	\$96,517.00
Town Garage and 1.43 acres	188 Cemetery Ridge	07/25/57	\$28,917.00
Fire Station and 3.5 acres	767 Breezy Ave	2010-2014	\$708,900.00
Greensboro Free Library & .49 acres	53 Wilson Street	05/29/92	\$18,000.00
Greensboro Historical Society .23 acres	29 Breezy Avenue	12/27/00	\$1,000.00
Greensboro Grange building & 0.3 acres	9 Craftsbury Rd	06/28/12	\$6,600.00
Land			
Gravel Pit and 75.89 acres	Glover	10/04/93	\$261,897.00
Stump Dump and 2.33 acres	758 Cemetery Ridge	05/02/53	\$400.00
Willey Beach Park & 3.7 acres w/520' lake	87 Wilson St.	04/01/74	\$45,000.00
frontage			
3.5 acres	175 Lake Shore Rd	03/12/02	\$20,000.00
Highway Equipment			
2013 John Deere Grader	-188 Cemetery Ridge	07/05/05	\$60,750.00
2016 Caterpillar Excavator	-188 Cemetery Ridge	07/09/05	\$66,600.00
2015 Case Loader	-188 Cemetery Ridge	07/08/05	\$86,137.00
2011 Yellow International Truck & Plow	-188 Cemetery Ridge	07/03/05	\$0.00
2015 Blue Western Star Truck & Plow	-188 Cemetery Ridge	07/07/05	\$52,656.00
2016 Green Western Star Truck & Plow	-188 Cemetery Ridge	07/07/05	\$74,503.00
2019 Mack Truck & Plow	-188 Cemetery Ridge	07/12/05	\$159,886.00
2016 Ford F350 Pickup Truck	-188 Cemetery Ridge	07/09/05	\$18,115.00
2011 Trackless Sidewalk Tractor	188 Cemetery Ridge	2022	\$29,700.00
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Fire Equipment			
2017 International Tanker	-765 Breezy Ave	07/13/05	\$168,346.00
2002 International Fire Truck (Engine 1)	-765 Breezy Ave	06/24/05	\$0.00
2006 Freightliner Pumper Truck (Engine 2)	-765 Breezy Ave	07/07/05	\$62,062.00
1999 International Truck (Rescue 1)	-765 Breezy Ave		\$0.00
1985 GMC Pumper Truck (Rescue 10)	-765 Breezy Ave	06/12/05	\$0.00
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Other  Culvert on Craftsbury Road	Craftsbury Rd	07/11/05	\$66,800.00
Current on Charlesoury Road	Ciuitodaly ixu	07/11/03	ψου,ουυ.υυ

Lake Road

Culvert on Lake Road

07/11/05

\$58,402.00

#### 2021 Greensboro Delinquent Tax Statement as of 6/30/2022

Delinquent taxes to be collected as of 11/15/2021	180,651.20
Removed item in list not delinquent	<u>-11.96</u>
	180,639.24
Less taxes abated by Board of Tax Authority	<u>-343.62</u>
	180,295.62
Less small amounts abated	<u>-0.38</u>
	180,295.24
	<u>=</u>
Delinquent taxes collected	<u>180,295.24</u>
Balance uncollected	0.00

#### **Greensboro Selectboard Report**

Looking back at the selectboard's year, I am reminded of a few things deserving a mention here.

Topping my list is our Funky Fourth celebration and auction. The entertainment was eclipsed only by the satisfaction of generating about \$30,000 for Save the Children's Ukraine fund due to many generous bidders, donations, and numerous local volunteers. Dave Kelley generated the plan with John Schweizer, Kim Greaves, and several others sharing the load.

Also in midsummer, the Grange received the first phase of a makeover. Caspian Arts asked to use the building and offered to supply a crew to clean the building. Eleanor Guare organized the process and CA members did a remarkable job removing decades worth of junk and trash, resulting in a very functional space and a successful art show. These local artists have requested use of the Grange again this summer.

I want to recognize Carolyn Kehler, Rec. Committee members and all the folks who contributed time and energy to the Bend Park and garden. This work was long overdue and very successful. Just down the street, Greensboro is planning to build a parking lot and add some amenities to the LVRT trailhead. The concept is to provide a safe, welcoming destination for thousands of anticipated trail users. Dan Predpall and the BRI continue to lead this effort by securing grants and configuring the design. Stuart LaPoint (recently transplanted from distant Craftsbury) is much appreciated for his willingness to assist on these projects.

Heading north on Main Street is the site of the former Lanphear house. Through a default in property taxes, the town was obliged to purchase this property. The collapsing structures were removed this Fall. The selectboard will welcome suggestions or offers for use of this property.

We continue to have an excellent relationship with the Orleans Co. Sheriff's Dept. The organization is responsive and respectful to Greensboro's requirements, while providing very accurate reporting. Their proficiency eases concerns for the selectboard.

After a decade of tending the Memorial Garden, Christine Armstrong has turned over the project to Anna Kehler. Though possibly under-appreciated, maintaining this vibrant space represents a significant commitment to community. Thank you, Christine.

At the time of this writing, the selectboard is still considering the recommendations of our ARPA Committee. We appreciate and respect their thoughtful efforts. There may be an opportunity to discuss options at Town Meeting.

Maya McCoy reworked the town website making it more accessible. Constructive feedback is welcome.

The new town garage project is proceeding, albeit slowly. COVID is credited with interminable delays as organizations try to make up for two years of pandemic life. We had planned to have a financing proposal ready for town meeting, but it's looking doubtful. Stay tuned. More on this at a later date.

Tracy Collier is not running for re-election and her amicable approach to problem solving will be truly missed. Thank you, Tracy, Ellen, and Dave for the positive contributions to the selectboard.

With a high projected inflation rate, we struggled to keep the proposed budget at a reasonable level. It is increasing 6.6% over last year which we consider regrettable. This budget increase and the last three years' averages to about 2.8%, a somewhat more reasonable figure.

Obviously, it takes a village to run the town. If I failed to mention a particular issue or individual, I apologize.

Respectfully,

Peter Romans, Chair



## **Greensboro Town Clerk Report**

The Town Office has suffered a tremendous blow this last year with the passing of our Assessor, Stearns Allen, Jr. Stearns has been our Assessor since 2013. His expert professional views of our Town will be difficult to replace, along with his dry sense of humor. Stearns had started his career working for Vermont Property Valuation, along with working with his wife, Cyndy, with their own company Allen Appraisal and Consulting. Stearns was a dear friend and colleague and is dearly missed. Stearns will be very hard to replace.

As the town office lost a valued co-worker, I am thankful for Brett and Jeanne for all their help and support throughout these tough years. We handle such a wide variety of town aspects and they are willing to jump in. Also,

the Selectboard has been just a great part of the team we have. Peter devotes a tremendous amount of time for a "volunteer" position. He is always willing to take on almost any project that benefits the town (and occasionally carpentry work). Dave Kelley and Ellen Celnik have worked tirelessly on the budget and other committees, along with their Selectboard duties. We will miss Tracy, but I want to thank her for her insight and point of view that has been so valuable.

Also, I want to thank the Road Crew, Tom, Dan and Lenwood for keeping our roads so well cared for. Spring was difficult and they worked diligently to keep us able to get to and from home. Their hard work in winter keeps our roads open during snow and ice. Thank you so very much.

With the current sales climate of real estate, we will be required to have a town wide reappraisal as soon as we can schedule it with an outside appraisal company. The last town wide reappraisal we had was in 2010, so values have certainly changed. Housing has certainly changed during the last few years.

The Town Clerk's Office does have the ability to issue Certified Copies of both Birth and Death Certificates for any birth or death in the State of Vermont. Now you do not have to go to the town of record of the birth or death. We can do it here. It is a bit different than years ago as now there is an application process through the Vermont Health Department. It does take a bit longer but this process is to protect identity theft.

We also still offer Notary services in the office. You just need to provide a photo ID.

At the end of 2022, our website has changed from greensborovt.org to greensborovt.gov. Also, town emails have also have changed to .gov.

The big news in town has been the opening of the Vermont Rail Trail in Greensboro Bend and the rest of the 92 miles from St. Albans to St. Johnsbury. The new bridge over the Lamoille is our cover photo. Also, there is a new bridge over Stannard Mountain Road. This should bring increased traffic to our village along with a safer place for people to walk, hike, snowshoe and ride bikes. We hope to see added improvements at our trailhead on Main Street in Greensboro Bend coming soon. Stay tuned!

Thank you for all your support! From us in the Town Clerk's Office,

Kim Greaves, Town Clerk

# **Greensboro Town Treasurer Report**

The budget committee began working last October on a challenging budget. Selectboard members Peter Romans, Ellen Celnik, and Dave Kelley met repeatedly through the fall and early winter. The committee benefitted greatly from the participation of Jennifer Lucas and Eric Hanson. Jennifer and Eric generously offered their time and expertise to update the Capital Budget Fund and the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund (HERF). Ellen Celnik devoted significant hours to this work as well, with input from Dave Kelley, Road Foreman Tom Camarra and his crew, and Fire Chief Dave Brochu. I'm also grateful for generous assistance and guidance from Andy Kehler. As she steps down, I'll miss selectboard member Tracy Collier for her calm and willingness to step up to numerous projects including thoughtful budget input. Last and certainly not least, Selectboard chair Peter Romans has devoted more hours to the infinite intricacies of Greensboro than seems humanly possible.

The town's small staff includes a road crew who cheerfully answers my questions and works long and often snowy hours to keep the roads maintained. In the town clerk's office, I'd like to particularly note the painstaking care of town clerk Kim Greaves and her assistant Jeanne Eisner regarding the complexities of elections.

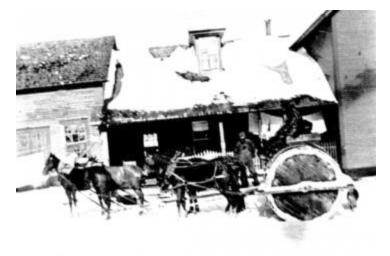
One consistent theme through this report is that we live in uncertain times. In Greensboro, that uncertainty appears in the challenges of the town garage rebuild, an expensive and required bridge repair, maintaining and using multiple town buildings, and writing an annual budget based on best estimates for necessary elements to keep the town running and operational, such as the price of salt.

Just as consistent, however, is this community's dedication. As treasurer/zoning administrator/Development Review Board secretary, I am grateful for the diligence and passion of numerous volunteers who carefully keep this town healthy and vibrant. In 1864, after a bloody war, Abraham Lincoln noted the preciousness of "government by the people, for the people." While I'd like to believe that our future looms rosier than those terrible years of division, I'd like to note that democracy has resiliently withstood centuries of the slings and arrows of American life. Unwieldy and cumbersome as democratic engagement surely is at times, it's a privilege to participate in this process.

Respectfully submitted, Brett Ann Stanciu Town Treasurer

## ANSWERS TO TOWN GOVERNMENT QUIZ

- 1. B. 25%
- 2. Warning
- 3. A. The first Tuesday in March
- 4. D. There is no specified percentage
- 5. The election of the moderator (the person who conducts the Town Meeting
- 6. D. Appointed by the Selectmen unless the town votes to elect
- 7. A. 5%



I-43 Four horse team pulls a snow roller to pack the roads after a snowstorm.

Location speculated to be in front of The Miller's Thumb.

#### **Greensboro Road Report**

Time truly goes by fast. Another year has come and gone. Thank you once again to the Town of Greensboro taxpayers for supporting the road budget this past year. The equipment upgrade was used for a Mack truck, which we have not received as of yet.

Last winter was a very busy season with some snow and quite a few ice storms, which led into an early but challenging mud season that lasted longer than usual. When the drier weather arrived, we were busy with our regular road maintenance, grading and resurfacing a few miles of road and chloride application, as well as ditching. We also changed several other plastic culverts that were in critical condition in other roadways. We also finished our hydrologically connected road grant work on Harrington Hill, by stone lined ditching and gravel resurfacing. Each year we have been fortunate to receive and complete a section, although it doesn't seem like much, thanks to taking advantage of this valuable resource we have completed a lot over the last few years.

We also hauled five thousand yards of sand and managed ten thousand yards of gravel crushing and pit projects. In just five short months, this all happens, and we seem to get it done each year.

Many thanks to the road crew for their hard work and dedication. A big thanks to the Town Clerk's office and other municipal helpers.

Tom Camarra, Road Foreman Dan Tanner, Lenwood Perron

# Town of Greensboro Highway Department Winter Operations Plan

- Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic routes and bus routes first. After all bus routes are done, we will then plow the roads which may cause the most trouble for the public based on traffic volume, steepness, curves, etc. and continue until all roads are open.
- Given the circumstances involved with changing weather conditions, the Town of Greensboro does not have a bare road policy. Travelers who use town roads should exercise due care and reasonable caution during winter conditions.
- The Town recommends snow tires and driving relative to the road conditions.
- During winter weather events, the Town will enforce a ban on all parking along roadsides and places where plow trucks or school buses turn around. Vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.
- The Town of Greensboro has only three employees to do winter maintenance on over 56 miles of town highways. Each employee has a specific route, which takes between 2 to 4 hours to complete. We vary from these routes only for emergency situations (fire, ambulance, etc.).
- The Town does not plow or sand class 4 roads or private roads.
- The Town road crew usually begin operations between 2:30 am and 3:00 am to have major highways and bus routes clear by 7:00 am
- After 16 hours on the job, the Road Crew is required to stop operations and get a minimum of six (6) hours of rest.
- 19 V.S.A.§1111(b) prohibits encroachments on the town's right of way without approval. Common items residents place in the town's right-of-way includes trees and bushes, fences, flowerbeds, posts and stone walls. Objects in the town's right-of-way (25' from the center line) are placed at the owner's risk and the Town assumes no responsibility for any damage to objects placed in violation of the statute. Items that are deemed to be a hazard will be removed at the owner's expense.
- The Town is not responsible for mailboxes or any damage within the road right of way. The Town will not pay for replacement or repair of windshields or damage caused by potholes in road right of ways.
- Salt will be applied to most paved roads, with sand added as necessary. Salt is not effective when road temperatures are below 20 degrees.
- Sand will be applied to the gravel roads. Some particles in the sand mixture may be as large as ½" in size and may cause windshield damage. It is recommended that all travelers use caution and avoid following any winter maintenance vehicles too closely. The Town will not pay for replacement or repair of windshields.
- Under 19 V.S.A. §1111(b) and 23 V.S.A.§1126(a) plowing or shoveling of snow across or onto a town or state highway is prohibited. Violation of this statute may be subject to a fine or penalty. A violator may also be liable for damage to property, vehicles and any undue cost to the town for removal of this snow.

• Overnight parking is prohibited in town parking lots, in front of Willey's store and roads' right of way (25' from the center line) from November 16<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>. Vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

Phone Numbers:

Greensboro Town Clerk's Office 533-2911 Greensboro Town Garage 533-7149

#### Winter Parking and Obstruction Policy

(Effective annually from November 1 - April 1)

Parking vehicles is prohibited on Town Highway rights of way and turnarounds. Vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

Overnight parking is prohibited in public parking lots or in front of Willey's store. Vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

Plowing snow across a Town Highway or depositing snow on a Town Highway is a violation of state law and is strictly prohibited.

Trees and brush in the Town Highway right of way that are deemed to pose a hazard by the Select Board or the Town Road Foreman may be removed.

### **Greensboro Health Officer Report**

Dear Greensboro Neighbors,

It has been a quiet year for your Town Health Officers as compared to the previous two years of significant Covid related activities. The Covid virus has evolved; protocols for prevention and detection are familiar; testing is widely available; antiviral medicine has been developed to treat Covid infections; and 99% of our community members have been vaccinated to protect themselves from significant illness. These facts have served to mitigate against Covid related hospitalization and deaths in our community. The recent surge in local infection activity, while notable, has been well handled by our community members, primarily because of our community members' compliance with medical advisories about vaccination and healthy habits. Not surprisingly, after years of social distancing, other viruses have recently had a chance to surge: RSV and the annual flu are also making their rounds.

Other health topics we offer for your consideration:

Drinking water: Test your spring or well water at least every five years. Rental properties are required to offer safe drinking water. We can help you order your test kit from the Vermont Department of Health Water Quality unit or you can go to: <a href="https://www.healthvermont.gov/lab/drinking-water">https://www.healthvermont.gov/lab/drinking-water</a>

Radon: Has your home ever been tested for excess radon? 1 in 7 homes have excess radon yet it is fairly simple to repair. (Breathing air with radon increases your risk of getting lung cancer over the course of your lifetime.) Free long-term radon in air test kits are available to Vermont residents. You can request one from the Radon Program by calling 1-800-439-8550 (toll-free in Vermont) or emailing radon@vermont.gov.

Lead: Dust from lead-based paint is the major source of lead poisoning among children. Any home built before 1978, when lead was banned from house paint, probably has lead-based paint in it. Over time, lead paint on surfaces crumbles into invisible dust—especially from opening and closing doors and windows—that contaminates

homes and soil. Even if the home has been repainted since 1978, lead dust is released from the original lead-based paint. The Vermont Department of Health has a wealth of information on this important and often overlooked topic. The phone contact is 1-802-865-5323.

If called, your Town Health Officer can:

- Facilitate and assist with rental property inspections along with the State of Vermont's new dedicated inspection staff.
- Support inspections of septic systems which may be causing public health concerns.
- Report animal bites as well as provide information related to potential animal confinement.
- Provide instructions for rabies testing.
- Support lead paint investigations of rental properties.
- Support homeowners when rodents and other pests do become a significant nuisance or a threat to health.

As Town Health Officers, our job is to help keep our community safe. We invite folks to contact us with any concerns or questions that you might have. Karl Stein @ 802-533-2379 Christine Armstrong @ 802-363-8500. And we invite you to keep up with your healthy habits —

Our thanks to you, Karl and Christine

# **Greensboro Giving Closet**

We would like to thank our summer volunteers Brina Peck, and Nicole Mann; and our year-round volunteers, Rebecca Bellavance, Lynette Courtney and Miriam Rogers. Without them, we would not be able to make these resources available to our community.

The Giving Closet is now maintained by two regular volunteers. It is open on Tuesday 12-4 p.m., Wednesday 12p.m.-4p.m., and Thursday 12-4p.m. Please call 533-2911 for an appointment to bring a donation (on Wednesdays only).

We have visitors from Albany, Barton, Brownington, Burke, Cabot, Coventry, Craftsbury, Danville, Derby, East Calais, Eden, Elmore, Glover, Greensboro, Hardwick, Irasburg, Johnson, Lyndonville, Moretown, Morrisville, Newport, North Hyde Park, Peacham, Saint Johnsbury, Stannard, Walden, Wheelock, Woodbury and Worcester.

We accept clean, gently used clothes & shoes, working household items, videos, DVDs, CDs, books and gently used toys. All items should clean and in good working condition. We still receive a fair amount of items that we cannot pass on to others as they are either torn or broken. We ask that you do not bring these items in, but dispose of them.

Please, DO NOT leave donations outside the Town Hall building when the Giving Closet is closed, or during the weekend and holidays. And, please DO NOT deposit donations in our Drop Box. That is for Town Hall business only. You may contact the Town Hall Clerk Office for special drop off arrangements.

Thank you all for your patience as we strive to make this work for all.



**Greensboro Conservation Commission** 

The Greensboro Conservation Commission (GCC) is a statutory body whose members are appointed by the Selectboard to provide leadership on issues relating to protection of our community's natural resources. The current members are Erika Karp (chair), Linda Shatney, David Kelley, Jane Hoffman, Arlene Averill, Peter Watkinson, Will Marlier and Clive Gray (clerk). State law authorizes a membership of nine—one seat is still open. Meetings are posted and open to the public.

Town Meeting 2022 appropriated \$2,000 for the Greensboro Conservation Fund (GCF), bringing the total since 2004 to \$36,500. Of this amount, by December 31, 2022, the Selectboard, acting on GCC proposals, had voted most of the Fund for thirteen projects, including local contributions to five conservation easements of the Vermont Land Trust, financed mainly by the Freeman Foundation, and (Project #11) a conservation easement on the Green Mountain Monastery, financed mainly by the VT Housing & Conservation Board, the Greensboro Land Trust, and The Nature Conservancy.

Projects 7 and 8 were contributions to the expense of repairing and improving the road to the Barr Hill Natural Area.

The ninth project, carried out in 2018, was a "PLACE" (Place-based Landscape Analysis & Community Engagement) study of Greensboro Bend, conducted by Lauren Sopher, an M.A. candidate at the University of Vermont.

The tenth and twelfth projects were illustrated talks on the eastern coyote and beaver, held at the Highland Center for the Arts and each attended by over a hundred people. We plan to hold more such events in the future.

At present the GCC is having maps prepared in consistent format by Northern Forest Conservation Services for six hiking trails in Greensboro. One of them is the Rail Trail's section in Greensboro Bend, which is already boosting traffic and business in The Bend.

To carry out this project and others in the pipeline, we ask Town Meeting 2023 to increase the\annual appropriation to the Greensboro Conservation Fund from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Clive Gray, Clerk

## **Greensboro Planning Commission**

The Greensboro Planning Commission welcomed two new members in 2022 – Kelli Story and Alexis Vabre. The other members are Kent Hansen (Chair), Christine Armstrong, Ellen Celnik, and MacNeil. We currently have an opening for a new member. If interested, please attend one of our regular monthly meetings.

2022 was another busy year for the Greensboro Planning Commission. Guided by the action plans published in the Town Plan along with feedback from the public, the Commission and its subcommittees continued to address the priorities of housing and shoreland protection.

After public hearings with both the Planning Commission and the Selectboard, the following three zoning bylaws were approved at Town Meeting earlier this year:

- The new Extended Village District Bylaw allows for and promotes residential expansion adjacent to both Greensboro and Greensboro Bend village centers.
- The Shoreland Protection District's Zoning Bylaw was amended to reflect the goals of the Town Plan and to bring Greensboro's bylaw into alignment with Vermont Shoreland Protection Act.
- A change to the eastern watershed of Eligo Lake, from the Rural Lands District to the Resource District. This change serves to limit forest fragmentation, protect wildlife habitat and decrease potential for erosion caused by development.

This Fall the Commission approved a simplified registration bylaw for Short Term Rentals in Greensboro. This proposed bylaw will come up for a public hearing in the first half of 2023.

The Commission's Housing Sub-Committee continues to work with Rural Edge and Habitat for Humanity to increase the available inventory of affordable housing in the Town Greensboro.

Respectfully submitted, Kent Hansen, Chairman

## **NEK Broadband 2022 Annual Report**

NEK Broadband had a successful and busy year. Construction continued throughout 2022, and customers in Concord, Waterford, and Lunenburg were connected to our fiber-optic internet network! We prepared multiple grant applications, received significant funding from a multitude of sources, and were able to procure and purchase a majority of the materials needed to continue construction throughout our district.

#### **Preparation for Construction**

- We purchased over 700 miles of fiber optic cable.
- More than \$2 million in hardware and equipment was ordered.
- We submitted the necessary applications to eight electric and communication utility companies, giving us access to more than 12,000 utility poles spread over 500 miles of roadways in 24 towns. We are now able to prepare these poles for installation.

#### **Building Capacity**

- We hired three full-time employees in 2022, and are in the process of hiring additional staff.
- Contracts have been finalized with all major construction and operations companies.
- We secured warehouses in both Saint Johnsbury and Brighton.

#### Grants and Financing in 2022

- This year, the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved \$8,023,915 in Pre-Construction Grants and \$20,865,889 in Construction Grants.
- We secured American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Recovery Funds from 13 towns, totaling \$941,750 plus an added \$941,750 in matching funds from the VCBB.
- We secured and completed a USDA Rural Business Development Grant to build seven miles, serving 90 premises.



## **Budget Summary**

#### 2022 Budget to Actual (Projected)

NEK W BROADBAND	BUDGET	ACTUAL (Projected)
Administrative Grant Revenue	\$494,750	\$762,985
Operations Revenue	\$203,000	\$49,138
Capital Grant Revenue	\$26,005,250	\$5,565,444
Total Cash In	\$26,703,000	\$6,377.567
Administrative Cost	\$494,750	\$617,969
Operational Cost	\$215,900	\$97,353
Construction Cost	\$25,705,000	\$5,565,444
Total Cash Out	\$26,415,650	\$6,280,766
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$403,134	\$96,801
Increase in Capital Assets	\$25,705,000	\$5,565,444

#### 2023 Proposed Budget

Projected Surplus from 2022	\$145,016
Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,252,718
Operations Revenue	\$747,767
Capital Grant Revenue	\$28,785,288
Total Cash In	\$31,930,789
Administrative Cost	\$1,847,193
Operational Cost	\$586,601
Construction Cost	\$28,785,288
Total Cash Out	\$31,219,081
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$711,707
Increase in Capital Assets	\$28,785,288

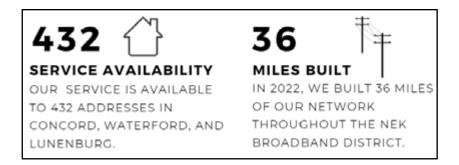
#### **Construction and Service**

#### **About NEK Broadband**

We are a Communications Union District (CUD), a municipal entity representing our 51 member communities in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, plus Wolcott in Lamoille County. Our district is building high-speed broadband internet infrastructure for underserved communities in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

## Sign up for updates

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, fill out the form at get.nekbroadband.org.



#### Who We Are:

A Communications Union District (CUD) is a municipal entity made up of multiple towns. Our district is building fiber-optic based internet access that has a capacity far beyond most current services available. Each town appoints at least one representative to our Governing Board, which has chosen to develop a publicly-owned network.

## **Greensboro Zoning**

Zoning applications were slightly down in 2022, likely due to building challenges, with just over 60 applications submitted. Approved projects include a number of small additions, decks, greenhouses, and saunas. The year saw approved boathouses and accessory dwelling units. Five new dwellings were approved. Three subdivisions were approved.

I continue to be the secretary to the Development Review Board, a thoughtful and diligent board chaired by Jane Woodruff.

If you need a zoning permit – or have questions whether you need a permit – check the zoning page on the Town's website, call 533-2640, or email zoning@greensborovt.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
Brett Ann Stanciu
Zoning Administrator/Development Review Board Secretary

## **Greensboro Cemetery Commission**

This was a banner year for the Village Cemetery. In the undeveloped part of the cemetery terracing was started and a road extension put to the boundary line to enable access. We engaged a surveyor to lay out plots in this newly terraced section. We had the boundary line recut and the stumps removed. An island of overgrown trees was removed and trees cut on the boundary line with Eisners. We feel this may be the last of the tree cutting and the last of clearing the boundary lines.

This summer of 2023 we start repairing and resetting another section of headstones. The commission is currently looking into finishing the terracing and putting in more access roads. Thanks to the DAR and all the help for cleaning some of the headstones!

We appreciate any donations made to the cemetery commission for future work.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne G. Young, Chair Patsy Mercier, Secretary MacNeil, Vice Chair

## **Greensboro Fire Department**

The Greensboro Fire Department responded to 38 calls from 7/01/2021 to 6/30/2022. These calls are broken out as follows:

Structure Fires	6	Chimney Fires	1
Car Fire	1	Dispatched but cancelled	8
		False Alarm/ Detector	
Hardwick Rescue Assist	1	Malfunction	3
Propane Leak	1	CO Alarm Malfunction	2
Service Calls	1	Grass Fire	1
Power Line down	3	Electrical Wiring issue	2
Car Accidents	6	CO Incident	1
Station Coverage	1		

Of these 38 calls, we helped Mutual Aid departments 7 times and received help 6 times. Of these 38 calls, 2 calls were made to the Town of Stannard.

The breakout is as follows: CO Incident: 1

Power Line Down: 1

The Greensboro Fire Dept. continues to be the first response for a wide variety of 911 calls as the chart above indicates. We continued to have a surge in Structure Fire and car accidents once again this year.

Training and meetings continued in 2021-2022 along with training with our mutual aid depts as Covid guidelines have loosened.

The Greensboro Fire Department would once again like to say thank you to the citizens of Greensboro and Stannard for their continued participation in our 911 address sign program. We have had a great turn out and it is great to see all the signs in the community. We would like to remind people that you can still get your 911 address sign if you need one. We will always have signs on hand and continue to fill requests as needed. Forms can be obtained on the Town website. The completed forms can be mailed to the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

David Brochu Jr, Chief



Jennifer L. Harlow Sheriff

## ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has been honored to provide the Town of **Greensboro** with patrol services this past year. The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has had the opportunity to work this past year with the United States Marshal's, ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms), DEA (Department of Drug Enforcement Agency), United States Border Protection/Customs, Homeland Security Investigations, Vermont Drug Task Force, Newport Police Department and Vermont State Police in an effort to make our community a safer place to live and a pleasurable place to come and visit. We will continue to work with our Federal and Local partners to continue with the effort to fight back against violence occurring within our community.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department continues to be supplemented by the Newport Police Department for dispatching services for nights and weekends. We all continue to be very pleased with the level of service that has been afforded to this department and the towns we serve.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department participates in the Governor Highway Safety Program and look forward to providing the added coverage to our community in 2023.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department currently has a Deputy assigned to Lake Region Union High School as their School Resource Officer. Deputy Morrill has done extremely well in the position and has built wonderful relationships with students, staff and families.

We continue to work in partnership with the Newport Restorative Justice Board to maintain a "Drug Take-back" box in our lobby at the Sheriff's Department. The Department has collected approximately 220 lbs of prescriptions in 2022. We also participate with Wal-Mart and Kinney Drugs in Derby on National Drug Take Back Day. Each year this program, in cooperation with the DEA, is responsible for getting hundreds of pounds of drugs out of medicine cabinets and off the street and properly disposed of by incineration.

In December the Sheriff's Department celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Operation Santa". We received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and community members. <u>Thank you!</u> The program helped bring a happy holiday season to over 311 children in our community. We want to once again thank our own Tammy Lacourse who works tirelessly all year to make this a success. If you know of a family or child (children) in need throughout the year with clothing or other needs please contact your school to let them know, if not please contact the Orleans County Sheriff's Department to see if we can help.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Harlow

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

## Hardwick Emergency Rescue Squad, Inc. P O Box 837 Hardwick, VT 05843 802-472-6343

Hardwick Rescue Squad (HRS) is on pace for another banner year. As I write this letter HRS has had 750 calls for service. Many of the issues that plagued our service over the last few years have continued with low staffing, increased cost for supplies, fuel and supply chain issues. Despite all of that, HRS volunteers have continued to provide compassionate care to their fellow community members. The towns we serve will see minimal changes in appropriations this year with a slight overall increase. The gift the HRS members provide to the community does come at a cost and without the dedication of the members the cost to provide paid 24/7 coverage would almost triple our budget. To staff an ambulance with our three person model is 24,208 hours of volunteer time excluding our one paid employee. This would put basic payroll without insurance and other benefits at \$500,000 for EMT and AEMT staffing. This would push our budget well over a million dollars. We need you to help us continue our mission of service to our communities. It takes months to train a new driver and a year or more to educate and train a new provider. We are always looking for new volunteers so if you wish to answer the call, give us a call.

Many people have never needed to call 911 for a medical emergency and for that I am thankful. Many do not know what it is to be a volunteer for a rescue squad, so let me paint you a picture. It is a cold snowy night much like today. The wind is howling and the trees are snapping and popping as they struggle to bend with the wind. Something has happened for you to call 911, a cut, a fall, chest pain, illness, etc. Somewhere in three homes near the rescue building tones ring out on portable radios, rousting you from a pleasant slumber. Two providers and a driver, in their respective homes, jump out of bed, get dressed and head off into the cold night to drive the less than 10 minutes to the building. The crew chief calls the hospital as the responders grab their N95s and eye protection and the ambulance heads out. Red lights reflect on the snow as the ambulance speeds towards you. Driver and crew chief scour the mailboxes and trees looking for your address, hoping you have a large 911 numbered sign so we can find your address quickly. We find a narrow driveway and the driver skillfully heads up as tree branches scrape the sides of the ambulance heavy with snow. As the ambulance stops, the providers hop out as the driver tries to turn around in preparation for loading a patient into the back. We enter your home and greet you with a warm welcome despite the hour and the weather. We listen, assess, and provide you with care as we determine the medical problem and treatment required. If you are fortunate enough to not need to go to the hospital, we answer your questions and determine a plan that you are comfortable with. If you need to go to the emergency room you are assisted onto a stretcher, covered with a warm blanket and wheeled through the snow into the waiting ambulance. Your crew comforts you, treats you, and brings you to the hospital. The call does not end there for the providers and driver who need to write a report, clean, restock and then head back home hopeful that is the end of the calls for the shift. Statistically it is not, and they may head out several more times leaving their family to answer a call to help you.

HARDWICK EMERGENCY RESCUE SQUAD PO Box 837, Hardwick VT 05843 Phone/Fax # 802-472-6343 It takes a special person to answer a call and take the time to volunteer for their community. Currently we carry a roster of 45-50 volunteers to cover over 95% of our schedule, but it is not enough. Many of our members work out of town and we struggle like many local fire departments to cover weekday and weekend schedules. Many of our volunteers come from outside of our response area and must stay at an aging building with sub-par accommodations. Our membership is in the process of finding a new larger home for HRS, and we hope as community members you not only continue to support our noble cause but are willing to support our building campaign. Our next building will be for our future. This will allow us to have more appropriately sized meeting and training space, private gender neutral bathrooms and sleeping quarters. HRS is at a critical juncture where we must walk the fine line between our ability to stay a volunteer service supplemented by paid staff or move into a more career structure.

Our membership deeply desires to maintain our heritage as a volunteer service. HRS is working hard to become a more supportive, open and inclusive organization. We open our doors to all walks of life. If you are looking for a place to make new friends and give back to your community we welcome you.

I remain humbled to lead an organization of such fine individuals. Thank you for your support. During a time where it is hard enough to find paid workers, please thank all those who volunteer their time regardless of the way.

Happy Holidays to you and yours from your ever devoted HRS family.

Respectfully, Lindsay O'Steen President of HRS



## **Greensboro Historical Society**

The GHS was founded in 1977 to preserve, educate and foster interest in local history. We are most grateful for the support of the Town of Greensboro in helping to fulfill this goal. The use of a town building to house our museum, exhibits, archives and activities and a generous annual appropriation which promotes and allows us to cover operating costs are deeply appreciated.

Below is a list of some of our activities this year:

Summer Exhibit proposed by Clive Gray, "Saving Land, Saving History: 50 Years of Land Conservation in Greensboro." This program honored the people who conserved their land in Greensboro, highlighted land conservation, and promoted children's interest through a Kids Corner.

Self-guided history explorer walks in Greensboro and Greensboro Bend with revised brochures featuring an architectural element scavenger hunt, thanks to the Circosta family.

Collaboration with the Greensboro Library on the Summer theme of "Oceans of Possibilities."

Publication of our outstanding history journal, *The Hazen Road Dispatch* by Gail Sangree which, thanks to Alison Gardner's marketing, was so popular it had to be reordered.

Two book sales were hosted at Janet Long's Book Emporium and our ever-popular Ice Cream Social, hosted by Paula Harmon, was held at our museum.

The Summer presentation, "The History of Land Conservation in Vermont" featured Darby Bradley, former president of The Vermont Land Trust, and Bob Klein, former director of The Vermont chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

Tombstone cleaning at the Village Cemetery with The DAR.

Participation in the Independence Day parade.

Maintenance of our extensive website, including videos of programs, by Kyle Gray.

Leslie Rowell, our professional archivist and Kyle Gray, tech management, keep us in the 21st Century.

Trustees: Paula Harmon, Amelia Circosta, Martha Niemi, Mark Snyder, Debbie Kasper, BJ Gray Officers: President BJ Gray, Vice President C, Secretary Jenny Stoner, Treasurer Lise Armstrong

Website - www.greensborohistoricalsociety.org

Respectfully submitted, BJ Gray, Greensboro Historical Society, President

## **Greensboro Free Library**

#### By Paula Davidson, Library Director

In a recent state survey of public libraries, Greensboro Free Library was featured among the top 3 libraries serving fewer than 1,000 residents in almost every service category, including annual visits, program attendance, and circulation. In each of the last two years, we have circulated almost 19,000 items, higher than the median circulation for libraries serving 2,500-5,000 residents. Of course, as a lake community, Greensboro attracts many summer visitors, and we strive to meet their needs with additional hours and programs. We make use of volunteers, donations, and grants to be a "big-town library" in the summer as our visits and circulation spike. But the Library doesn't hibernate once the summer bustle fades. Our off-season use has nearly doubled in recent years, and we hope to continue meeting the needs and interests of residents and visitors alike.

Some highlights our work this year at the Library:

- We tripled the size of our youth graphic novel collection with a \$3,000 grant from the Association for Rural and Small Libraries. Graphic novels are popular with young readers and a gateway to art and storytelling.
- We secured a \$1,500 grant for 13 laptops to offer on long-term loan to students and adults.
- We received and installed our WindowDressers interior storm windows, purchased with a grant from the Pleasants Fund of the Greensboro United Church of Christ and made by volunteers from the Greensboro Energy Committee. These windows blend in beautifully with our traditional double-hung windows, install easily for winter, and will reduce our heating bills.

- We expanded our new "hybrid" programming, allowing patrons to attend a program here, Zoom in from home, or view the program recording after the event. We also continued to offer programs in our backyard tent and set up four Story Walks along the Willey Beach Park trail.
- We expanded our outreach to Greensboro Bend, restarting weekly story time at Four Seasons of Early Learning and hosting two summer programs: Bike Skills in cooperation with the Craftsbury Outdoor Center, and the CLiF Summer Readers storytelling and book giveaway.
- We offered several art programs, thanks in part to the Greensboro Association. 30 participants Zoomed in to make Korean paper lanterns. 21 kids drew ocean creatures with cartoonist Rick Stromoski. Painters of all ages joined our Van Gogh Painting Party, and local potter Emma Podolin taught an after-school clay class. In October, our gallery displayed local artworks depicting Caspian Lake, opening with a reception and a reading by Stephen Russell Payne from his novel set on Caspian.
- We hosted several programs highlighting the talents of local residents. Brett Stanciu spoke about her book *Unstitched*, Janet Givens talked about civil conversation, and Elaine Cole Kerr read her new picture book, *The Floating Sunflower*. Barr Hill Spirits shared samples of their honey-distilled gin following a Vermont Humanities talk on the history of beekeeping. And poets visiting for HCA's Back Roads Readings offered a free writing workshop.

The organizations named in these highlights represent some of the many connections we make in order to provide outsized services to this small community. Donations and grants allow us to maintain our high-quality services and fund special events and purchases each year. Our volunteers—thank you oh thank you, volunteers!—allow us to offer more open hours than most small-town libraries, providing more than 40 hours of service each week. And local tax funding from Greensboro and Stannard forms the base of our operations budget. We are so grateful for this ongoing support. We look forward to welcoming everyone into the Library in 2023!

GREENSBORO FREE LIBRARY

12/27/2022

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REVENUE		
Annual Appeal	\$	56,000
Other Fundraising	\$	3600
Grants & Appropriations	\$	47,500
Interest & Dividends	\$	<u>5700</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	112,800
EXPENSES		
Administrative	\$	2,500
Treasurer	\$	2,600
Books, Periodicals, Audios	\$	7,000
Copier, Printers, Laminator	\$	250
Fundraising	\$	2,100
Furnishings	\$	400
Maintenance & Lease	\$	8,500
Payroll	\$	70,420
Professional Development	\$	200
Programs	\$	1,600

\$

Technology

2,000

Utilities	\$	16,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	113,570
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$	-770
PER TAX RETURN		
DEPRECIATION		-16,331
CAPITAL GAIN		0
ENDOWMENT DONATION	NS	2,000
ENDOWMENT INT & DIVID	ENDS	9,000
RESTRICTED GRANTS		13,000
RESTRICTED INC EXPEN	SES	-13,000
STOCK DONATION		0
NET INCOME PER TAX RETUR	N	-6,101





## **Caspian Lake Beach Committee Report**

2022 was a busy, fun and productive year for the beach and the Beach Committee. We have been working with the Hardwick Electric Department Board of Directors to finalize a memo of understanding that clarifies the specific responsibilities of the Beach Committee and those of the Hardwick Electric Depart. The Committee received permission from the Department of Agriculture to mitigate the geese population that feeds on Beach grass and deposits its waste there. After a two-year mitigation campaign, the Beach goose poop problem has been significantly reduced.

Unfortunately, there were also incidents that the committee dealt with. Two dog attacks were reported at the beach. One young person suffered a serious bite injury to her arm and had to be treated at Copley Hospital. Unfortunately, the dog was never vaccinated for rabies so the girl had to be monitored for two weeks. In both dog cases, the animals were unleashed which violated Beach rules. One summer evening, some people smashed in the bathroom door and destroyed the toilet. Costs were over \$1,000 to repair the damage. On another evening, a young driver doing donuts in the parking lot ran over a companion who was unfortunately injured.

The Beach Committee recommended that the Select Board to ask the Orleans Sheriff to patrol the beach on weekend evenings. We are producing new signage so all Beach users are aware of the rules. Finally, we are installing a security camera system on telephone poles plus security signage to discourage future vandalism. We are considering more stringent dog control and appropriate places at the beach for dogs to be. In response to the vandalism, we are considering changing the beach hours from closing at eleven to being open from dawn to dusk, and we will continue to talk with police regarding enforcement.

## **Recreation Committee Report**

One of the most important highlights of the Recreation Committee's work this year has been the successful collaboration the Committee enjoyed with the Greensboro Free Library, the Hardwick Recreation Committee, the Highland Center for the Arts, the Craftsbury Outdoor Center and the volunteers who have generously helped with our projects. Below is a recap of those projects.

#### **Swimming:**

This summer's swimming lessons were held the week of July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Caspian Lake Beach. Funded by Greensboro and Hardwick Recreation Committees, the Greensboro Association, and family contributions, the lessons were taught by instructors from the Aquatic Connection in Newport to 19 Greensboro resident kids, 26 out of town kids together with Hardwick's 36 kids. The weather cooperated, and we even attracted a spot on WCAX. We plan on continuing lessons next summer and increasing them to two weeks. We plan to have Greensboro kids attend the swim program at no charge to them or their families this coming year.

#### **Skating Rink**

This last winter the Recreation Committee partnered with the Highland Center for the Arts to create the Greensboro Town Skating Rink. The Highland Center has given us access to water (through the hydrant to fill and spigots to maintain the rink). HCA has also helped support us with lighting and bathroom facilities. Last year's skating got off to a slow start because an overanxious young man went out on the rink before the water was sufficiently frozen. This year we have gotten to a slow start because Mother Nature has been unseasonably warm. We are still looking for volunteers to help maintain the rink and we are looking forward to a great skating season this year.

#### **Our Community Park**

It is the responsibility of the Recreation Committee to maintain the Park and facilitate its use for the youth of the Bend. In June, eight volunteers from both the Bend and Greensboro weeded, cleaned and mulched the garden donating over forty hours of labor. Volunteers put the garden away for winter. At the same time the Town bought chips to put under the swings, slide, monkey bars, and teeter totter to keep the use of the equipment safe. With the Craftsbury Outdoor Center we also organized a bike maintenance and rodeo attended by 16 children. We were also able to install a fence on two sides of the basketball court to prevent the ball from bouncing into the swamp. This greatly increased use of the court. During the summer the Greensboro Free Library hosted a reading for toddlers at the Park with more than 75 in attendance. Along with the Craftsbury Outdoor Center we organized a bike maintenance and rodeo attended by 16 children.

The Committee looks forward to 2023 and opportunities to deepen the relationships with our community partners and to forge new partnerships.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Kehler, Chair David Kelley, Devin Burgess, MacNeil, Ellen Celnik and Erika Karp

## Four Seasons of Early Learning

Many of us are familiar with the proverb "It takes a village to raise a child." It's based on the idea that many different people in a community need to engage in the successful raising of children. In the education of children, the same principle applies. When children enroll in our school, their family's 'village' expands. Both students and parents make connections that last a lifetime. These connections are powerful, especially in our rural corner of VT where social isolation is common.

As the COVID-19 pandemic raged last year, our village was not stymied in our commitment to keeping one another safe and healthy. With science-based protocols and policies in place, we were able to keep our doors open and programs operating without a single disruption. This was only possible by the unwavering commitment of our village. Their dedication allowed us to serve 59 students from Greensboro and eleven surrounding towns.

Throughout the school year, we welcomed village educators from both the Greensboro Fire Department and the Orleans Country Sheriff's office. Both organizations took time to teach our students about the important community helpers we have, the role they play to keep us safe, and shared the different responsibilities of their jobs. Our students were thrilled to learn from them and now have a better understanding of their greater community.

As we enter our 49<sup>th</sup> year serving local students, we will continue to make progress on expanding our outdoor learning space. With the building on the adjacent lot demolished, we enter the next phase of our expansion. This spring we will test soil in preparation of adding more gardens and an orchard to grow our farm to school program.

The longevity of our practice, our staff, and our center are owed to the people who have believed in it from the start. Whether you've championed us with a smile and fond memory, an endorsement to family or friends, or through financial support—we thank you for being a part of our 'village'.

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Michelle LaFlam, Executive Director





## **Greensboro Nursing Home**

The Greensboro Nursing Home is a 30 bed skilled nursing rehabilitation and long-term care facility. As a not-for-profit organization, our only priority is to provide high quality care to our residents in a caring, homelike environment. We are one of the largest employers in the area and are very proud of our dedicated staff who work hard to take care of the elderly and disabled in our community.

After the constraints and restrictions of the first two years of the pandemic we were able to bring the residents some taste of normalcy this year. The very high vaccination rate among residents, staff, and the community meant that even when cases of COVID-19 infection appeared in the facility they were most often mild and not life-threatening. As a result, family visits were easier, and grants from the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging and the Pleasants Fund allowed us to organize trips for the residents to the Barton Fair, ice cream shops, and other local attractions. In September we opened a walking path from GNH up to Maggie's Pond, which will allow residents and family members to get outdoors and enjoy the landscape. Within the building, fresh paint and other renovations have warmed the atmosphere. On a practical level, dedicated hard work by our Administrator, Michelle Pippa, and the rest of the staff has ensured that our revenue has stayed in line with expenses, even as federal, pandemic-related assistance has drawn down.

A major project in the coming year will be the replacement of the more than 35 year old, 17,000 square foot roof on the nursing home. We have received generous support from the Wisdom Connection, the Vermont Department of Human Services Building Fund, and many individual donors, and have applied for support from the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Fund and the American Recovery Plan Act. We hope to see the new roof installed this summer.

The Board of Trustees of the Greensboro Nursing Home is deeply grateful to the strong community support we have received from many donors. We have received critical grant support from the Town of Greensboro, the Greensboro Association, the Wisdom Connection, the Pleasants Fund, and the Towns of Hardwick and Craftsbury. We are also very grateful for the generous support we receive from many community organizations and businesses, including the American Legion Hardwick,

Calderwood Insurance, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court of St. Veronica, the Cellars at Jasper Hill, DesGroseilliers Funeral Home, Hillstead Farm Brewery, the Greensboro Garage, Stannard Farms, the Hardwick Sons of the American Legion, and Heather Hollow Farm.

Greensboro Nursing Home exists to serve the community; if you have questions about the nursing home, about resources for elder care or rehabilitation in the area, if you would like to join the great team at Greensboro Nursing Home, or if you would consider volunteering to serve on the Board of Trustees, please be in touch.

Respectfully,

Bill Rogers President, Board of Trustees



The Greensboro Bend Depot

## State of the Lake Report, by The Stewards of the Greensboro Watersheds

Everybody lives in a watershed-it all ends up in a lake.

Caspian Lake has been classified as oligotrophic (a deep clear water lake with a very low nutrient level). However, in 2016 the status of the lake was downgraded to Stressed. Volunteers from the Greensboro Association, now in concert with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, have monitored the water quality for decades.

It will be noted that while Caspian does not have invasive species yet, largely due to our Greeter Program at the Town Beach, we do have a highly disturbed watershed and shoreland that are in the red zone and a stressed and declining water quality that is in the yellow zone.

Phosphorus levels provide an indication of water quality. (A lower number is better). The mean total phosphate (TP) concentrations in the DEC data show the Caspian Lake trend is "significantly increasing." The summer TP concentrations have increased from the 5-7 ug/l to about 11 ug/l since the late 1990's.

Agricultural runoff into streams represents the largest phosphorus input, followed by land development, (e.g. homes located in the Greensboro Shoreland District where lawns, road erosion, buildings, non-permeable surfaces that prevent water from absorbing like a sponge into the earth and causes more runoff). Cleared shorelines contribute to 18x the sediment, 5x the runoff and 7x the phosphorus of wooded shores. Unpaved roads and stream bank erosion in the entire watershed are another significant source of phosphorus. Furthermore, the groundwater table is unusually high, and old, outdated and expired, overburdened septic systems increase the danger of septic pollutant overflow. For instance, if your leachfield is in an area where the ground surface is 1 1/2 feet above the lake level, it is probably not possible to have the needed separation distance from the bottom of the leachfield and the groundwater. Because excess nutrient loading results from activities both in the watershed and along the lakeshore, protective action is required at both the lake and along the waterways in the watershed. The sources of total phosphorus and pollutants are being evaluated and, hopefully, together we can mitigate to the fullest extent possible to rescue Caspian's water quality.

The Stewards of the Greensboro Watersheds, a local group in our community, has spearheaded a number of initiatives to protect the lake. More information can be found at *greensboroassociation.org*. They include:

- 1. LakeWise: Individual property assessments around the lake, completed at no cost by trained evaluators, to determine what property improvements can contribute to lake protection.
- 2. Streamwise: Individual property assessments of the streams in the watershed, completed at no cost by trained evaluators, to determine streams' improvements that can contribute to lake protection.
- 3. Caspian Lake Watershed Assessment: We have hired a consultant to perform a Caspian Lake Watershed Assessment to collect the data about sources of pollutants and to advise a plan for remediations. This report will be completed in 2023.
- 4. Septic Social: In August of 2022, the Stewards hosted a Septic Social where community members heard from a local wastewater engineer and septic system provider to learn about how old wastewater systems contribute to lake pollution and what to do about it. More of these informative social gatherings are planned for next summer.
- 5. Reclassification: In 2021, the Stewards of the Greensboro Watersheds filed a petition with the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) to reclassify Caspian Lake from its current B2 status to the most pristine A1 status. The public meeting, originally scheduled for July of 2022, was postponed until July of 2023. Changing the classification of the Lake to A1 will bring more attention to declining lake water quality and actions that can be done to help improve water quality.
- 6. Wake boats: Active engagement in the effort to prohibit wake boats from Caspian. In April of 2022, a group called 'Responsible Wakes for Vermont Lakes' filed a petition with ANR to regulate the use of wake boats on Vermont lakes. After applying their suggested distance from shore for operation (500 feet) and water depth (20 feet), only about 20 lakes in Vermont would be open to wake boat operation, including Caspian and many lakes in the Northeast Kingdom (NEK). We are actively involved with a group of NEK lakes to bring attention to possible water quality issues that could arise from wake boat use. Most critical is the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) from undrained ballast water. We are planning to pursue action to increase the State budget for AIS and improve our Greeter Program to provide more scrutiny for all boats entering Caspian.

While the details above focus on Caspian Lake and its watershed, the Stewards are also charged with looking out for the other watersheds in Greensboro: the Whetstone Brook watershed to the North and the Lamoille River Watersheds to the East and South. Stay tuned.

## **Greensboro Community Garden – Summer 2022**

First established in the Summer of 2021, the Greensboro Community Garden is a volunteer-led effort to grow fresh produce in and for our local community.

Located centrally in front of the Greensboro Town Hall, the community garden brings people together to work in harmony with the land, and supports gardeners with mentoring, education and social interaction. Intended as a giving garden, produce is grown for everyone in the community to enjoy, with the majority going to the Hardwick Area Food Pantry to help address food poverty in local communities.

#### Highlights in 2022 include:

- Addition of 3 raised beds and 3 new in-ground planting areas
- Increase in produce production as well as a number of new varieties including indigenous corn, Palestinian squash, edamame and asparagus
- Over 300lbs of produce donated to the Hardwick Area Food Pantry
- Temporary sharing table set up at the Greensboro Giving Closet in August to provide visitors with local produce
- Hosted drop-in "Gardening Hour" on Wednesdays @5pm for volunteers to work together in the garden, supporting the Greensboro Farmers Market and local farming community initiatives
- New Greensboro Community Garden Facebook page with over 60 members

Shout out to all those in the community that donated their time, enthusiasm, gardening knowledge and resources, especially: Meghan Wayland for coordinating our gardening group; Ed Sunday-Winters and Hugh Knox for putting together the new raised beds; Tom Gilbert at Black Dirt Farm and Boomer Mercier for donating and trucking all the compost rich soil (great to know all our food scraps are being put to good use!); Elizabeth Rossano for nurturing many of our starts; Jenny Bayles for making all our signs; and Cilla Smith for the wonderful sunflower plants that inspired our "International Peace" planting area.

Many thanks to our core group of garden volunteers:

Jenny Bayles, Alison Gardner, Hugh Knox, Marty Macdonald, Nancy Riege, Sara Slater, Liz Steel, Emily Stone, Ed Sunday-Winters, Fan Watkinson, Meghan Wayland.

We hope others from the Greensboro community will join us in 2023.

The Greensboro Community Garden is a community initiative and does not have 501c(3) status; the Greensboro United Church is our fiscal sponsor.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Steel



## **Agencies Requesting Town Funds**

For more information about these agencies, please review our complete packet of information. Packets are available at the Town Hall and on the Town of Greensboro website – www.greensborovt.org.

**American Red Cross, Northern Vermont Chapter** provides support to victims of fires, floods, and other disasters as well as CPR classes. 1-802-660-9130 www.nvtredcross.org

**NEK Council on Aging (formerly Area on Aging)** provides services to senior citizens, such as caregiver support, health insurance help, and casework services. 1-802-748-5182 www.nevaaa.org

**AWARE, Aid to Women, Men and Children in Abuse and Rape Emergencies,** provides services to victims of sexual and domestic violence. 802-472-6463

Caledonia Home Health Care provides home care and hospice services regardless of ability to pay. 802-748-8116 Clarina Howard Nichols Center is a shelter for battered women and their children. 802-888-2584 www.clarina.org

Craftsbury Community Care Center is a non-profit residential care facility. 802-586-5414 www.craftsburycommunitycarecenter.org.

Green Up Vermont sponsors Green Up Day. 1-800-974-3259 www.greenupvermont.org.

Hardwick Area Food Pantry provides food for low-income individuals and families. 802-472-5940

**Hardwick Area Community Justice Center** works with offenders in the criminal justice system and their re-entry into the community. 802-644-1960.

**Lamoille Family Center** provides specialized services to families with children, including programs for pregnant and parenting teens. 802-888-5229 www.lamoillefamilycenter.org

North Country Animal League promotes animal welfare. 802-888-5065 www.ncal.com

**Northeast Kingdom Learning Services** provides home and learning-center education to persons over 16. 802-334-6532

**Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA)** is our regional planning and development commission. 802-748-5181

**Orleans County Citizen Advocacy** brings people with disabilities together with volunteer advocates. 802-624-0877 *orleanscountycitizenadvocacy.org* 

**Orleans County Court Diversion** helps first-time juvenile and adult offenders of nonviolent crimes and their victims, 802-334-8224

**Orleans County Historical Society** owns and operates the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington. 802-754-2022 www.oldstonehousemuseum.org

**Rural Community Transportation (RCT)** provides transportation for many purposes. 802-748-8170 www.rideRCT.org

**Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)** provides services to Vermonters with disabilities, including information, counseling, training, advocacy, and help with independent living. 1-800-639-1522 www.vcil.org

## **GREENSBORO**

2022 TOWN MEETING VOTE RESULTS	YES	NO
MODERATOR: (Vote for no more than one) 1 YEAR TERM		
Tim Nisbet	271	
Write-in		
SELECTBOARD MEMBER (Vote for no more than one) 2 YEAR TERM		
Ellen Celnik	152	
Matt McAllister	107	
Write-In		
Write-In		
Write-In		
SELECTBOARD MEMBER (Vote for no more than one) 3 YEAR TERM		
David Kelley	234	
Write-In Matt McAllister	2	
Write-In Anybody but Dave Kelley	1	
Write-In Andy Kehler	2	
Write-in Craig Dezell	3	
Write-In Nat Smith	1	
Write-In Putin	1	
Write-In Wayne Young	2	
Write-In Chuck Hill	2	
Write-In Mike Lapierre	1	
Write-In No	1	
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES (Vote for no more than one) 1 YEAR TERM		
Janet Long	247	
Write-In Craig Dezell	1	
Write-In Michael Porrazzo	1	
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (Vote for no more than three) 3 YEAR TERM		
Timothy H. Breen	229	
Beth Anne Meachem	216	
Write-In Rick Walsh	1	
Write-In Jane Hoffman	2	

	YES	NO
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (Vote for no more than one) 3 YEAR		
TERM		
Wayne Young	263	
Write-In		
Write-In		
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS (Vote for not more than one) 3 YEAR TERM		
Sherral Lumsden	259	
Write-In Not Sherral	1	
Write-In Craig Dezell	2	
Write-In		
HAZEN UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #26 BOARD (Vote for no more than one)		
3 YEAR TERM		
MacNeil	243	
Write-In Virginia Lapierre	1	
Write-in Daffy Duck	1	
Write-in Craig Dezell	2	
Write-In Brett McAllister	1	
ARTICLES:		
ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of Greensboro approve the proposed amendments to		
the Greensboro Zoning Bylaw related to the Shoreland Protection District?	190	76
ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters approve the proposed amendment to the		
Greensboro Zoning Bylaw and create an Extended Village District?	190	78
ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters approve the proposed amendment to the		
Greensboro Zoning Bylaw and create an Eligo Resource District?	185	78
ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters approve the proposed amendments to the		
Greensboro Zoning Bylaw known as Miscellaneous Changes	179	81
ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of Greensboro approve setting a speed limit of 35 miles		
per hour for all gravel roads in Greensboro?	184	89

	YES	NO
ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize a property tax exemption for the "Ballfield"		
property identified as Parcel ID 005-0002 (the playing field across the street from		
the fire station and theater) for a one-year period? This will eliminate all		
property taxes due for the landowners (about \$1,000)	251	24
ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters approve transferring the surplus, if any, from the		
current fiscal year (2022) Highway Fund into the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund		
(HERF) in the next fiscal year (2023)?	258	13
ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters approve the proposed budget in the amount of		
\$1,648,658.00 which contains the necessary amount required by law and proposed		
expenses for the fiscal year 2023?	251	21
ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters approve spending \$30,000 to fund the Highway		
Equipment Reserve Fund (HERF, a reserve fund) for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022		
through June 30, 2023)?	254	19
ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters approve spending \$175,000 to fund the Capital		
Budget Fund (a reserve fund) for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 through June 30,		
2023)?	241	28
ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters appropriate \$20,945 to the Hardwick Rescue Squad		
the town's ambulance service)?	269	9
ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters appropriate \$25,000 to the Greensboro Free		
Library?	240	37
ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters appropriate an additional \$5,000 to the Greensboro		
Free Library?	207	69
Article 14: Shall the voters appropriate \$22,111 to the Greensboro Nursing Home?	248	26
ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters appropriate \$10,500 to the Craftsbury Community		
Care Center?	233	44
ARTICLE 16: Shall the voters appropriate \$9,500 to the 4 Seasons of Early Learning?	241	33
ARTICLE 17: Shall the voters appropriate \$5,000 to the Greensboro		
Historical Society?	232	44

	YES	NO
ARTICLE 18: Shall the voters appropriate \$3,500 to WonderArts?	213	56
ARTICLE 19: Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Hardwick Area Food Pantry?	251	27
ARTICLE 20: Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to AWARE?		
Center?	241	30
ARTICLE 21: Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Greensboro Conservation		
Commission?	219	53
ARTICLE 22: Shall the voters appropriate \$1,500 to the Clarina Howard Nichols		
Center?	215	54
ARTICLE 23: Shall the voters appropriate \$1,400 to Caledonia Home Health?	246	26
ARTICLE 24: Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 to the Lamoille Family Center?	219	51
ARTICLE 25: Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 to the NEK Council on Aging?	242	32
ARTICLE 26: Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to the Vermont Council on		
Rural Development (VCRD)?	212	56
ARTICLE 27: Shall the voters appropriate \$900 to Rural Community Transportation?	236	38
ARTICLE 28: Shall the voters appropriate \$800 to Orleans County Citizens		
Advocacy?	206	59
ARTICLE 29: Shall the voters appropriate \$700 to the Orleans County Historical		
Society?	192	77
ARTICLE 30: Shall the voters appropriate \$600 to the North Country Animal		
League	220	43
ARTICLE 31: Shall the voters appropriate \$572 to the Northeastern Vermont		
Development Association (NVDA)?	200	67
ARTICLE 32: Shall the voters appropriate \$300 to NEKCA Community & Justice		
Program?	218	50
ARTICLE 33: Shall the voters appropriate \$250 to NEK Learning Services?	223	45
ARTICLE 34: Shall the voters appropriate \$250 to the Red Cross	241	32

	YES	NO
ARTICLE 35: Shall the voters appropriate \$210 to the Vermont Center for		
Independent Living?	237	37
Article 36: Shall the voters appropriate \$100 to Green Up Vermont?	255	20
Article 37: Shall the voters appropriate \$1,524 to Northeast Kingdom Human		
Services?	228	44
Article 38: Shall the voters approve having the Town Treasurer serve as the		
collector of current taxes and set the tax due date of Thursday, November 3, 2022		
at 4:00 p.m. in the Town Office?	263	11

Dated March 1, 2022 Kim Greaves

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 Greensboro Vital Statistics

Statistic	Number
Civil Marriages	10
Births	2
Deaths	12

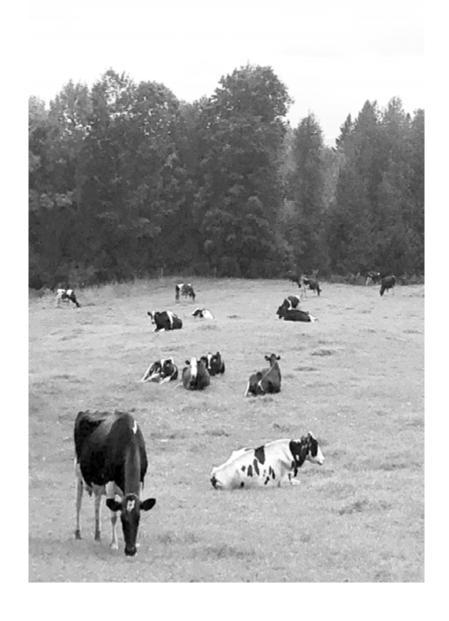
<sup>~</sup> Jeanne Eisner

## **Student Enrollment Figures for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

SCHOOL	Greensboro	
School	Greensooro	
Lakeview Union	16	
Hazen Union	36	
Greensboro students in other		
schools	18	

## **Contact Numbers for Local Senators and Representatives**

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	802-988-2977	
Katherine Sims	ksims@leg.state.vt.us	
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#### **RECYCLING IN GREENSBORO - 2023**

Category	Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Notes
Category	Acceptable	NUL ACCEDIADIE	110168

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Brown	Corrugated cardboard	Waxed cardboard	Please flatten
Paper	Brown paper grocery bags	soiled items	all boxes!
	Boxboard (all colors inc.	milk or juice cartons	Remove excess tape
	white)		
Mixed	Newspapers & magazines	Paper clips, wire bindings	No bundles with
White	Office paper & envelopes	Hardcover books	string please
Paper	Junk mail & glossy inserts	Carbon paper, rubber bands	Staples are OK
	Catalogs & telephone books	Milk or juice cartons	
	Manila folders & envelopes	Kleenex, paper towels	
	Shredded paper (loose is OK)	Metallic wrapping paper	
	Soft cover books	Ice cream cartons	
Tin Cans	Tin cans and lids	Aluminum cans (go in	Labels OK
	Metal caps & lids from	their own bin)	Rinse cans.
	other containers	Scrap metal	FYI: Tin is magnetic!
Aluminum	Soda, beer, and other	Tin cans (go in their own bin)	Labels OK
cans	aluminum cans	Scrap Metal	Rinse cans
	Aluminum foil & pie plates		FYI: Aluminum is
			not magnetic!
Glass	Glass bottles and jars	Non-glass items	All colors & types are
		(i.e. metal caps or lids)	mixed together
		Broken china, Pyrex, crystal	Labels OK
		Broken drinking glasses	Rinse containers
		Broken window glass	Remove caps, lids & corks
Plastic	Plastic bags labeled #2-#4	Black trash bags	Bags must be labeled
Bags	& #5	Dirty bags	#2 or #4 to be
	Any color, & bubble wrap	Non-labeled bags	acceptable
Plastics	Rigid plastic containers	Plastic bags	Drain and rinse all
#1 - #5	labeled #1, #2, #3, #4, #5	Styrofoam	containers
	Plastic lids	Black plastic	

#### ODDBALL ITEMS AT THE GREENSBORO RECYCLING CENTER

**ACCEPTED:** Egg cartons, rechargeable batteries, button-cell batteries, alkaline batteries,

fluorescent light bulbs (compact & tubes) lead sinkers, hardcover books, aerosol cans

(empty or full), bubble wrap

NOT ACCEPTED: (throw in trash) Styrofoam of any kind, pet food bags, milk & juice cartons, aseptic

cartons (i.e. soy milk) waxed items (i.e. ice cream, paper coffee

cups)

The Center is located behind the Town Hall. Open Saturdays 9-11

a.m.; additional July & August hours 3:30-5:30 pm.

Do not leave items when the Center is closed. Only metal in the

metal dumpster, please!

# **Notes**

#### **Greensboro Information**

#### townclerk@greensborovt.gov

www.greensborovt.gov 802-533-2911

Population (2020 Census) 811 Registered Voters: 642

#### Selectboard Members:

Peter Romans	533-2571
Tracy Collier	533-2504
Gary Circosta	533-2281
David Kelley	586-2588
Ellen Celnik	533-9097

#### Additional Telephone Numbers:

Emergency	911	Rescue Squad	911
Orleans County Sheriff	334-3333	State Police-St. Johnsbury	.748-3111
Fire-Emergency	911	Forest Fire Warden	533-2914
Fish and Wildlife	748-3111	VT Poison Center	748-2393
Health Center	472-3300	School District	.472-6531
Town Clerk	533-2911	Town Garage	533-7149
Lakeview	533-7066	Four Seasons of Early Learning	533-2261
Library	533-2531		
AWARE	. 472-6463	Health Officer	533-2379
Water District Operator	533-2576	Animal Control Officer	533-2410
Hardwick Electric Power Outage	888-472-5201		

#### Office Hours and Meeting Times:

Town Clerk's Office	. Monday through Thursday 9a.m4p.m.
Library	Winter Hours: Tuesday 10-7 p.m., Thursday & Friday 10-5
	Saturday 10a.m2p.m., Sunday 11:30a.m1:30p.m.
	Summer Hours: Monday 10a m -4n m. Tuesday 10a i

Summer Hours: Monday 10a.m.-4p.m. Tuesday 10a.m.-7p.m. Wednesday-Friday 10a.m.-4p.m. Saturday 10a.m.-2p.m.

Sunday 11:30a.m. – 1:30p.m.

from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Located behind the Town Hall.

#### Dog Licenses:

Dogs six months old or older must be licensed annually on or before April 1. A current rabies certificate must on file to license your dog.

	Before April 1	After April 1
Neutered Males	\$ 9.00	\$13.00
Spayed Females	\$ 9.00	\$13.00
Unneutered Males	\$13.00	\$17.00
Unspayed Females	\$13.00	\$17.00