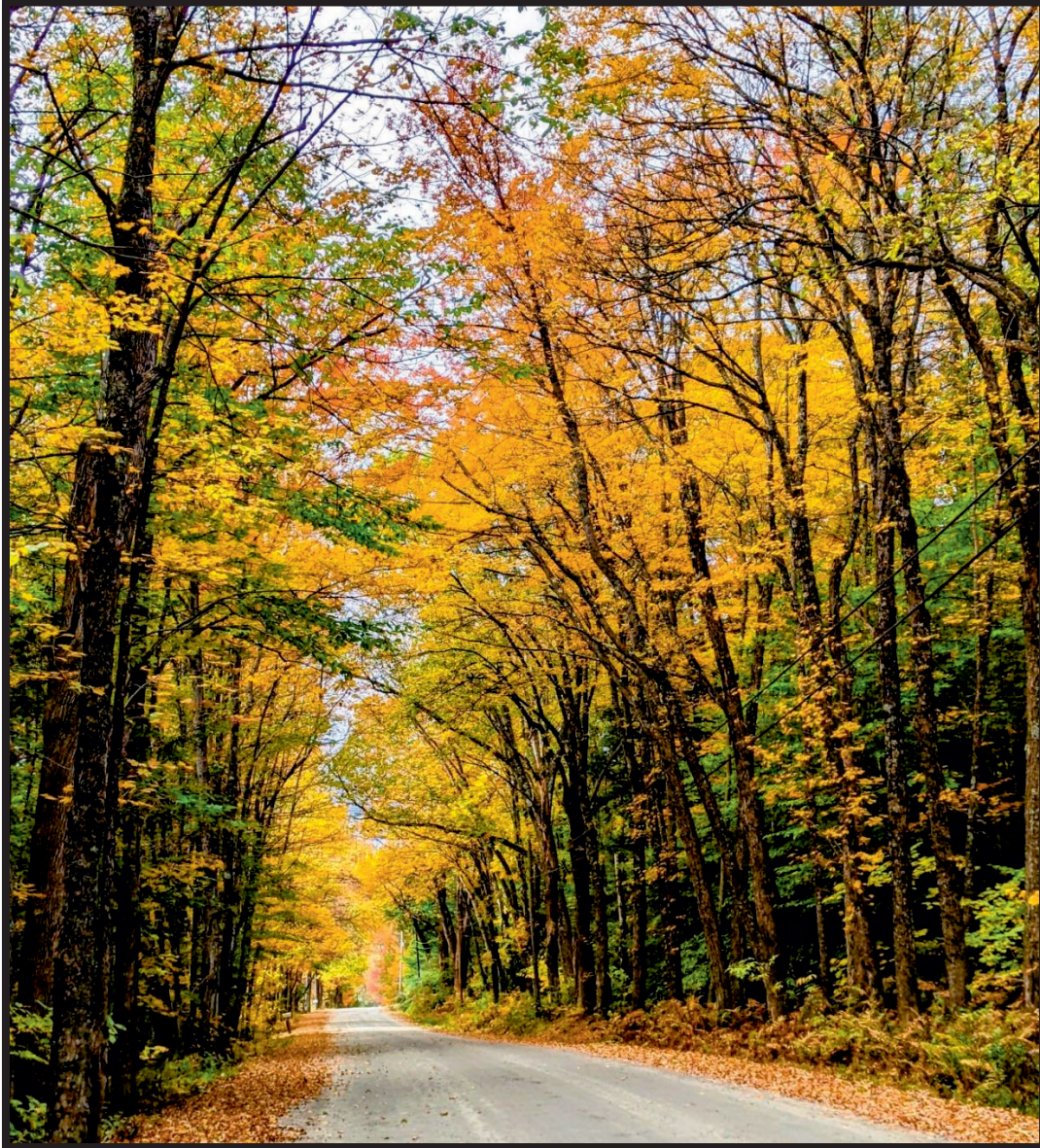


Cavendish

Vermont



2023 Annual Town Report

Includes Budgetary Reports for the
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

TOWN WEBSITE:
www.cavendishvt.com

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

HOLIDAYS

During March 2024 through February 2025 the Town Office will be closed to observe the following holidays:

Good FridayFri., March 29, 2024
Memorial DayMon., May 27, 2024
JuneteenthWed., June 19, 2024
Independence DayThurs., July 4, 2024
Labor DayMon., Sept. 2, 2024
Indigenous Peoples Day.....Mon., Oct. 14, 2024
Veterans DayMonday, Nov. 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day.....Thurs. & Friday, Nov. 28-29, 2024
ChristmasWednesday, Dec. 25, 2024
New Year’s DayWednesday, Jan. 1, 2025
Martin Luther King DayMon., Jan. 20, 2025
Presidents’ DayMon., Feb. 17, 2025

In addition, the Town Clerk's Office will be closed on all election days.

MEETING HOURS AND DATES

Library Board Meetings: 1st Wednesday of every odd numbered month at 5:30 pm in the Library.

Planning Commission Meetings: 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office meeting room.

Select Board Regular Monthly Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Town Office meeting room.

Cavendish Energy Committee Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4:30 pm in the Town Office meeting room.

The Vermont Journal newspaper is to be used for legal notices.

TOWN CLERK VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

Vermonters may renew selected vehicle registrations at the Town Office. For more information, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 226-7291 or 226-7292.

Front Cover: Autumn colors along Center Road, Cavendish.

2023 Cavendish Town Auditor's Report

The Auditor has reviewed the financial statements of Cavendish, its water and sewer departments, its various officials, and the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. I conducted the review in accordance with 24 VSA §§ 1681-1684, which, among other things, requires that the Auditors examine and adjust the accounts of all town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the town treasurer. I am the only auditor, therefore, due to the number of vacancies on the board, this report has not been approved by a majority of the board of auditors as required by the above mentioned statute.

I would like to thank the town office workers for their efforts in helping me to complete this report, and I'd like to give a warm welcome to Rick and Gladys. I would also like to thank the residents of Cavendish for the opportunity to be a part of this process. There are openings for town auditors in Cavendish, and it would be ideal to have all three of our town auditor positions filled. If you have a desire to serve our town, please contact the town office for more information.

Josh Temple, Town Auditor

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) promulgates rules that apply to government entities such as the Town of Cavendish. In GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Reporting for Pensions, each town participating in a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan must recognize its proportional share of total pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense. This requirement became effective for the year ended June 30, 2015 and applies to Cavendish since Cavendish participates in the Vermont Municipal Employee Retirement System (VMERS). VMERS most recent reporting period is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Cavendish's appropriate proportions of the pension liabilities reported by VMERS are as follows: Proportional Share of Net Pension Liability: \$221,348; Deferred Outflows of Resources: \$79,722 Deferred Inflows of Resources: \$149,999; Pension Expense: \$41,583.



Elected Officials

	Term Expires		Term Expires
Town Moderator: Michael Ripley	2024	Town Agent: Vacant	
Auditors: Joshua Temple Vacant positions (2)	2024	Town Treasurer: Diane McNamara	2026
Select Board: Bob Glidden Stephen Plunkard (deceased) David Norton (appointed) Michael Ripley Shannon Devereux George Timko	2026 2024 2024 2024 2024 2025	Town Treasurer: Diane McNamara	2026
Town Grand Juror: Theresa McNamara	2024	G.M.U.S.D. Directors: Lisa Sanders (appointed) Steve Perani Kate Lamphere	2024 2025 2026
Library Trustees: Vacant Claire Berkman (appointed) David Gallagher Christopher Saylor (appointed) Sara Stowell	2024 2024 2024 2028	Justice of the Peace: Doris Eddy (I) Maureen Savage (I) Christopher Saylor (I) Jack Smart (I) (Resigned) Rolf van Schaik (I)	2025 2025 2025 2025 2025
		Trustee of Public Funds: Jane Pixley Doris Eddy	2024 2026



**Town of Cavendish Annual Town Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The legal voters of the Town of Cavendish, in the County of Windsor, met at the Cavendish Town Elementary School and via Zoom on Monday, March 6, 2023 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m. to transact the following business. 44 citizens were present in person with additional citizens present via Zoom.

The Town Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Arrison, District Representative and Alison Clarkson, State Senator were also present and gave updates on the upcoming bills in the legislature.

The Moderator explained that Robert's Rules of Order states that no one can speak more than twice on any one topic and he asked to suspend this rule unless there were objections. There were no objections.

The Moderator called for a moment of silence to remember the town residents we lost this year.

The Moderator explained that all of the ballot items on the warning will be voted on by Australian ballot tomorrow, March 7, 2023 at the Proctorsville Fire Station from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and read the Annual Meeting Warning aloud in full as follows:

Article 1: To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year [by Australian Ballot]

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to collect all taxes on Real and Personal Property, for which it has statutory taxing authority, in installments. Taxes collected by the Town are to be paid to the treasurer on August 15th, November 15th, February 15th and May 15th with interest of one (1) percent per month added to any tax principal balances due and not paid by the quarterly due date. The final due date for all tax principal balances is the 15th day of June after which they shall become delinquent and are subject to an eight (8) percent penalty in addition to the interest. If a payment due date falls upon a day that the treasurer's office is officially closed, payments then due will be accepted without penalty or interest added if received by 4:30 PM the next business day. Amounts allocated to current year taxes under the State of Vermont's Homestead Property Tax Income Sensitivity Program shall be applied to the taxpayers' property tax installments pro rata (total adjustment divided equally between all quarterly installments) in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 6066a(f)(1). [by Australian Ballot]

Article 3: Will the voters adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Town Budget as proposed by the Board of Selectmen in the amount of \$1,950,584.99. [by Australian Ballot]

Regarding Article 3, Roxie Davis inquired about the \$78,600 budget line item for the ambulance service. She wondered why the town paid that amount when the ambulance service bills individuals for their service. Brendan explained that all towns who utilize Ludlow Ambulance pay an annual amount based on their call volume.

Roxie Davis had a further question regarding the Town Manager's increase in pay in the amount of \$10,000 in one year. Brendan explained that this was an annual cost of living increase which was calculated at 8.9% for the upcoming year. The percentage increase used is taken from the Social Security Administrations annual cost of living adjustment. Roxie asked why the other employees did not receive the same increase. Brendan replied that every town employee received the 8.9% cost of living increase.

Tim O'Donoghue had a question on the Sheriff department expense. He recalled that the town had been looking for an alternative to the \$70,000 proposal from the Sheriff's department and there is \$25,000 in the budget for law enforcement. What does that cover? Brendan replied that we usually budget \$18,400 and we were not prepared to jump to \$70,000 so the \$25,000 was a placeholder as our contract with the sheriff's department expires June 30, 2023. The Board will have that conversation with the Sheriff at that time as to what the new contract proposal will be.

Roxie Farrar noted that the gravel budget is generally \$40,000 per year but that it jumped to over \$114,000 last year and she wondered what happened. Brendan explained that we had a horrific mud season last year with warm temperatures

and rain. One weekend in particular where it rained all weekend, the trucks hauled gravel from Cersosimo non-stop to keep up. The Town had no option but to get the roads passable so that people could get home and the fire department would be able to respond to an emergency. In addition, the cost of gravel has increased from previous years.

The Town Moderator invited the ARPA Committee to present information regarding the American Rescue Plan Act funds that the town received. George Timko, Chair of the committee, explained that the Select Board decided to form a committee to conduct a survey on what people think would be the best use of these funds. The committee will also receive applications, review them and submit them to the Select board. The committee members are Stephen Plunkard, Wendy Regier (Vice-Chair), Peter Labelle, Jen Leak, Betty McEnaney and Julia Gignoux. Brendan McNamara is also on the committee as a non-voting member.

Peter Labelle explained that the government passed this program as a result of the Covid pandemic. Cavendish has received \$421,000 and the Select Board would like input from townspeople as to what they believe is the best use of this money. Money has to be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. The U.S. Treasury has provided several rules as to how the funds can be spent and the town has elected a standard allowance which allows us to consider the entire amount for provision of government services. Betty McEnaney noted that Vermont League of Cities and Towns has provided guidance as to what towns can do with these funds. They can be used, for example, for digitizing town land and map records, capital budget & planning, zoom equipment. Funds can be spent on community revitalization and creation of recreational facilities, green spaces, trails & parks, housing, child care, broadband or improvement of water and sewer facilities.

Julia Gignoux informed the citizens present that the committee has created a questionnaire and hopes for community involvement. Their goal is to collect input and identify community needs and to hear any preliminary ideas for the use of these funds. The deadline for the survey is April 15, 2023. The questionnaires are available here at Town Meeting on the table by the door, at the Town Office, the Town's website and the library. After the surveys are reviewed, the committee will create an application to be completed in order to request funds for a project. Basic qualifications are; that the project addresses a long-term issue that the town has been unable to address, that the project invests in urgent needs, that the project prioritizes short term investment with long term benefits for the town and that the project meets widespread community need. The goal is to ensure that the projects that are selected will fulfill wide spread community needs within the federal guidelines we've been given to help our town prepare for a bright future.

Matt Seaton spoke in support of the Cavendish Fire Department applying for ARPA funds in order to weatherize the Fire Department building which currently has very high heating costs.

Neal Snyder asked if the funds could be used to leverage financing the town's portion of a larger project supported by the state such as bridge or culvert repairs or even road repairs itself. George replied that the funds could be used for such purposes.

Betty McEnaney spoke to alert residents to the fact that it is being discussed at the school board and supervisory union level that our local school be closed and she is very troubled by that possibility. She feels that, if we lose this school, it will change the character of our town. She brings it up in the hopes that people will keep this issue on their radar and stay involved.

The Moderator asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. ***Neil Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Labelle. All voted in favor.***

Attest: Diane M. McNamara (ss)
Diane M. McNamara, Town Clerk

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS - March 8th, 2023

POSITION	CANDIDATE	VOTES
Town Moderator - 1 yr	Michael J Ripley	156
Selectperson - 1 yr	Shannon Devereux	152
Selectperson – 1 yr	Stephen Plunkard	147
Selectperson - 3 yrs	Robert W. Glidden	151
Town Clerk – 3 yrs	Diane M. McNamara	167
Town Grand Juror - 1 yr	Theresa H McNamara	163
Library Trustee - 5 yrs	Sara Stowell	156
Trustee of Public Funds – 3 yrs	Doris Eddy	157
GMUSD Director – 3 yrs	Kathleen Lamphere	150
Town Treasurer – 3 yrs	Diane M. McNamara	166
Auditor - 1 yr	Joshua Temple	155
Auditor - 2 yrs	No One Elected	
Auditor - 3 yrs	No One Elected	
Town Agent	No One Elected	

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

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Results: YES – 162 NO – 6 NOT VOTED – 2

Article 3: Will the voters adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Town Budget as proposed by the Select Board in the amount of \$1,950,584.99. [by Australian Ballot]

Results: YES – 146 NO – 23 NOT VOTED – 1

CAVENDISH SELECT BOARD - ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - MARCH 13th, 2023

Position / Item	Term	Term Expiration	Appointment	Tel #	Email
Monthly Meeting Day & Time	1 Year	March '24	2nd Monday @ 6:30 PM		
Official Newspaper of Advertisement	1 Year	March '24	VT Journal	802-228-3600	publisher@vermontjournal.com
Chairman of Select Board	1 Year	March '24	Robert W. Glidden	802-226-7302	glidden2381@comcast.net
Vice-Chairman of Select Board	1 Year	March '24	Mike Ripley	802-342-6422	mjripley7@gmail.com
Clerk of Select Board	1 Year	March '24	George Timko	802-226-7736	gtimko@tds.net
Town Manager	5 Year	March '24	Brendan McNamara	802-226-7291	brendan.mcnamara@cavendishvt.org
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	5 Year	March '24	Brendan McNamara	802-226-7291	brendan.mcnamara@cavendishvt.org
Fence Viewer	1 Year	March '24	Hollis Quinn, Jr.	802-226-7726	hquinn48@gmail.com
Animal Control Officer	1 Year	March '24			
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood	1 Year	March '24	Wayne Gilcris	802-226-7675	No email
Weigher of Coal	1 Year	March '24	Wayne Gilcris	802-226-7675	No email
Tree Warden	1 Year	March '24	Tim Calabrese	802-226-7754	goodearthvt@gmail.com
Emergency Management Director	1 Year	March '24	Robert C. Glidden	802-226-7532	proctorsvilledeputychief_c2@yahoo.com
Town Service Officer	1 Year	March '24			
Health Officer	3 Year	March '26	Doris Eddy	802-558-5670	reiki_vt.yahoo.com
Fire Warden	5 Year	March '28	Chris Marks	802-558-0308	cmarks7@yahoo.com
Regional Planning Commissioner	1 Year	March '24			
Alternate Reg. Planning Com.	1 Year	March '24			
Solid Waste District Representative	1 Year	March '24	Brendan McNamara	802-226-7291	brendan.mcnamara@cavendishvt.org
Solid Waste District Alternate	1 Year	March '24			
Selectmen's Rep. to Local Planning Com.	1 Year	March '24	Stephen Plunkard	802-554-0130	stephenplunkard@outlook.com
Town Planning Commissioners	3 Year	March '24	Bruce McEnaney	802-226-7667	brucebrp@yahoo.com
	3 Year	March '24	Jeffrey Strange		jeff.miso.strange@gmail.com
	3 Year	March '24	Tim Calabrese	802-226-7754	goodearthvt@gmail.com
	3 Year	March '25	Noah Schmidt		noah.charles.schmidt@gmail.com
	3 Year	March '25	Shirley Clark		shirlc2121@msn.com
	3 Year	March '26	Miguel Seville		gseville82@gmail.com
Energy Coordinator	1 Year	March '24	Brendan McNamara	802-226-7291	brendan.mcnamara@cavendishvt.org
Green-Up Committee Chairperson(s)	1 Year	March '24	Stephanie Knockenhauer	802-384-0205	sknockenhauer@gmail.com
Budget Committee	1 Year	March '24			
	1 Year	March '24			
Rep. to Region. Trans. Advisory Committee	1 Year	March '24			
Alt. Rep. to Region. Trans. Advisory Committee	1 Year	March '24			
Board of Water Commissioners [Town Mgr @ 1 year term, four other Commissioners @ 3 years, at least 1 from each village]	1 Year	March '24	Brendan McNamara (Town Manager)	802-226-7291	brendan.mcnamara@cavendishvt.org
	3 Year	March '24	Leon Woods (Proc)	802-226-7476	lgwoods@tds.net
	3 Year	March '24	Robert C. Glidden (Proc)	802-226-7532	rglidden@newsbank.com
	3 Year	March '26	Howard Pixley (Cav)	802-226-7622	japixley@comcast.net
	3 Year	March '26	Gerry Martel (Proc)	802-226-8080	pmartel@tds.net
Animal Pound	1 Year	March '24	Lucy MacKenzie Humane/Springfield Humane Society	802-484-5829 802-885-3997	hedmonds@lucymac.com spfldhumane@vermontel.net
Town Rep. Council on Aging Board	2 Year	March '25			
Town Rep. to Blk River Valley Senior Center Board	3 Year	March '26			
E911 Coordinator	1 Year	March '24	Brendan McNamara	802-226-7291	brendan.mcnamara@cavendishvt.org

TOWN MEETING WARNING
Monday March 4th, 2024 at Seven (7:00) o'clock PM

The legal voters of the Town of Cavendish, in the County of Windsor, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Cavendish Town Elementary School or via Zoom on Monday, March 4th, 2024, at seven (7:00) o'clock pm and at the Proctorsville Fire Department at ten (10:00) o'clock in the forenoon on Tuesday the 5th day of March 2024 to transact the following business.

Tuesday, March 5th, 2024
By Australian Ballot
The polls open at Ten (10:00) o'clock AM
and close at Seven (7:00) o'clock PM

- Article 1: To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year [by Australian Ballot]
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- Article 3: Will the voters adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Town Budget as proposed by the Board of Selectmen in the amount of \$2,456,889.39. [by Australian Ballot]
- Article 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Cavendish authorize cannabis retailers to operate in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863. [by Australian Ballot]
- Article 5: Shall the Town adopt all future Town Budgets by Australian Ballot. [by Australian Ballot]
- Article 6: Shall the Town vote on all future public questions by Australian Ballot. [by Australian Ballot]
- Article 7: To see if the voters of the Town of Cavendish will authorize the Selectman to exempt the Black River Health Center, a 501C non-profit corporation, from all taxes on real and personal property for the next five (5) years on its building and lot in the Cavendish Village. [By Request] [by Australian Ballot]
- Article 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Cavendish exempt the lands and improvements of Fletcher Farm Foundation from real estate taxes for a period of five (5) years commencing with the 2024-2025 tax year. [by Petition] [by Australian Ballot]
- Article 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Cavendish authorize the Selectmen to exempt the Cavendish Volunteer Fire Department from all taxes on real and personal property for the next five (5) years. [by Australian Ballot]
- Article 10: Shall the voters of the Town of Cavendish authorize the Selectmen to exempt the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department from all taxes on real and personal property for the next five (5) years. [by Australian Ballot]

Dated at Cavendish, State of Vermont this 25 day of January 2024.



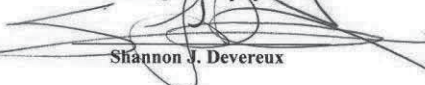
Michael J. Ripley




Robert W. Glidden (Chairman)



George Timko

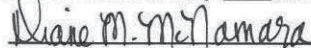


Shannon J. Devereux



David J. Norton

Received for the Record January 30th, 2024 at 11:30 A.M.

Attest: 

Town Clerk, Diane M. McNamara

Cavendish Town Meeting Zoom Information
Monday, March 4 2024 7:00PM EST
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81312391910>

Meeting ID: 813 1239 1910
Passcode: Cavendish

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER AND SELECTBOARD

As 2023 comes to an end we would like to write a brief review of the last year for the Town of Cavendish. This year was a very busy time that saw plenty of changes and the resiliency of this beautiful town we all call our own.

We would like to start by thanking Brendan McNamara for the years of service he gave us leading our town. We wish him the best in his role guiding Ludlow in the future. Thank you, Brendan.

We would also like to recognize the retirement of Randy Shimp. Randy was a long time Town of Cavendish employee. He held the role of Water/Sewer Chief Operator since January 2013. We would like to congratulate Randy and wish him the happiest of retirements and all that comes with it.

This past year also came with some great losses. One such loss is the passing of Stephen Plunkard, Town of Cavendish Selectboard member. Stephen was not only a great person, but a learned one. He brought a wealth of knowledge to the Select Board table and always had this community on his mind. Stephen was always looking to make this a better, safer place for us all. Working with Stephen was always a pleasure, and his thoughts and ideas were always insightful. He will be greatly missed by many. Thank you, Stephen for the many years you dedicated to us all.

We would like to thank Okemo Valley TV for the valuable service you bring to Cavendish. Local coverage of Selectboard meetings and other town meetings and functions is an incredible service we greatly appreciate. We hope to inform as many people as we can on Town business, and your service is significant in reaching that goal. We would also like to thank the many organizations and committees in town. There is no shortage of behind-the-scenes work that is done to make Cavendish such a wonderful place. Whether the work is to beautify our town, give us a social event like the Concert on the Green or making sure we are all informed on important matters. Your work is greatly appreciated, it doesn't go unnoticed.

July 10th of this year we again had to endure catastrophic flooding as a result of extreme rainfall. The way we all came together in this time of need truly gives a person a small glimpse of what it means to be from Cavendish. The amount of volunteer work was incredible. The quick opening and operation of the shelter was truly amazing. Neighbor helping neighbor, even when in need themselves. In this most horrific of times the small-town feel and pride was somehow more prevalent than the events we were dealt. The perseverance of you all is something to take great pride in. Businesses that saw massive damage are once again open or soon to be opening to full capacity. Thank you for seeing what a great town this is with such great residents to do business with. We are all grateful and will continue to patronize the establishments that call our town home. The July flooding also caused close to \$2,000,000 in damage to our town roads and infrastructure. With the widespread damage there was a need to hire contractors. Their work was invaluable to us to be able to open the roads as quickly as possible. The town also came into this storm with a 50% workforce in the Highway Department, with one addition coming in shortly after, making the efforts of the contractors that much more important.

Just to make sure we know who is in charge, Mother Nature decided to end the year with a December mud season. With rain and thawing temperatures our roads looked like a spring thaw. Once the roads froze back up, and with our Highway Department still one man short, they worked tirelessly to get the roads back in order. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the Town of Cavendish.

The front office staff at the Town Office deserves a huge thank you as well. Your nonstop hard work and professionalism is truly a gift to us all. Your ability to multitask in all aspects of Town business is honestly what keeps this town operating on a day-to-day basis. Thank you so very much.

As we move forward into the new year, we have some exciting times in front of us. We have made it a priority to work on our roads. This includes some much-needed paving around town. It will take us some time to get to where we want to be, but we are moving forward. This also includes adding additional gravel to our back roads, which we have recognized as a priority, allowing us to maintain a crown and proper drainage.

We also are looking forward to working as a community on the rebuilding of Greven Field. This is an important and meaningful asset to our town, and it will be fun to be part of making the area one we can all be proud of.

This coming year we will also be doing a comprehensive Black River Flood Resilience Study. This study will identify ways to reduce the impact of future flooding along the Black River corridor in Cavendish as well as neighboring communities.

Town meeting will be at the Cavendish Town Elementary School on March 4th at 7:00 p.m. This will be a hybrid meeting allowing in person attendance or via Zoom. Log-in information can be found on the Town website. Voting by Australian Ballot will take place at the Proctorsville Fire Department on March 5th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

We would like to end by thanking everyone for your continued support. We could not think of any other community we would want to be part of. You all make it very gratifying to say we are from Cavendish.

Rick Chambers, Town Manger

Cavendish Selectboard:
Robert W. Glidden-Chairman
Michael J. Ripley
George Timko
Shannon J. Devereux
David J. Norton

Fire Warden Report 2023

Passing through Proctorsville in January, you may have noticed the black sash draped across Smokey the Bear's shoulder. This is to commemorate and mourn the loss of Retired Deputy Chief Roger Sheehan, former Fire Warden and creator of the Smokey the Bear statues and fire danger information stations at both ends of town. The next time you send up some smoke as you clear debris from your property or enjoy a bonfire with family and friends, think of Rog. We miss you, sir. And, as promised, we will "take care of your bears."

Along with my two keymen Chief Bob Glidden and Ray Fitzgibbons, we issued 71 burn permits in 2023, up from 46 in 2022. This increase is due to some obvious cleanup of natural debris littering our floodplain landscape. The increase is also a sign that more people are following procedure for obtaining permits and burning legally. We appreciate that very much -- you are doing your part to keep our Cavendish fields, forests, and properties safe from wildfire.

Proctorsville Fire was toned to 3 illegal burns and 3 brush fires in Proctorsville in 2022. Cavendish Fire was toned to 1 illegal burn and 1 brush fire in Cavendish in 2022. For the first time as fire warden, I issued a fine for an illegal burn that escaped into a brush fire. Following education, and then warning, repeated violation will, unfortunately, result in being billed for equipment and man hours.

Vermont has a goal of having a water source (hydrant, dry hydrant, water body with drafting access) every 3 road miles so that every residence is not more than 3 miles from a water source, in case of a fire. We will look to add at least one more dry hydrant in 2024 through the VT Rural Fire Protection Program. The town of Cavendish is very close to compliance with that goal.

The state once again offered a 50-50 matching grant that, combined with my \$1,000 budget from the town, has allowed \$2,000 worth of hoses and personal protective equipment to be purchased for Proctorsville and Cavendish Fire Departments.

Finally, a reminder on open burning in VT -- when there is snow on the ground, a permit is not necessary. When there is not snow on the ground, a permit can be obtained by texting or calling Chris Marks, Fire Warden, at (802)558-0308. Any time of year, only natural materials may be burnt; no painted wood, pressure treated, laminates, synthetics, or trash are allowed.

Thank you for your cooperation and communication. Let's shoot for zero brush calls in town for 2024!

Chris Mark, Fire Warden

TOWN OF CAVENDISH

Information Regarding Open Burning

As per Statute VSA T10 '565 and the Town of Cavendish Solid Waste Ordinance, **specific written permit may be granted by the Fire Warden** of the Town of Cavendish or his designee for the open burning of yard and garden debris including: trees, stumps, brush, untreated wood, lawn clippings and leaves. Such permit shall be granted provided that the Fire Warden is satisfied that no hazardous condition will be created by such burning and the emission of air contaminants will not create a danger to the health and property of the citizens of the Town of Cavendish. Permits which are issued under the provisions of the Town of Cavendish Solid Waste ordinance shall be only for a specified date and time and location and only for the burning of specified materials.

It is illegal by State statute to burn plastic, garbage, paper and cardboard; tires and other rubber products; treated, painted or finished wood; tar paper or asphalt shingles.

When snow is covering the ground, trees, stumps, brush, leaves and untreated wood may be burned without a permit provided such burning is done in such a way as to not endanger persons or property.

Burning as permitted by the Town of Cavendish Solid Waste Ordinance shall be attended at all times and such fires shall be allowed to die out or be extinguished before sunset.

General Rules & Information about a Fire Wardens Permit for an Open Burn

- A permit to burn is required except when the ground is snow covered.
- Permits are valid only for the place and time stated.
- Permits in no way relieve the person to whom it is granted from any liability related to the fire or any damages it might cause.
- The person setting the fire must at all times have sufficient help and tools present to control the fire.
- Only natural wood material may be burned under such permits. Other materials burned require a State Air Pollution permit as well as this permit.
- The fire must not be left until it is entirely extinguished.
- Restricted materials cannot be used to ignite natural wood materials.
- Any special conditions written on an issued permit are to be considered as part of conditions to burn.
- If any permit condition is not followed, then the permit is immediately invalid, and you will be burning illegally.
- Violation of the conditions of a permit to burn may result in the permittee receiving a Vermont Fire Prevention Ticket which will result in court action and a fine for each day of violation.
- If you do not understand the law or have further questions, contact your local forest fire warden before any burn. A permit may be canceled for cause at any time.
- If a controlled fire escapes, immediately call 911.

Cavendish Fire Warden and Important Telephone Numbers

Cavendish Fire Warden -	Chris Marks	802-558-0308
Fire Warden Keyman -	Robert Glidden	802-226-7302
Fire Warden Keyman -	Raymond Fitzgibbons	802-226-7288



LIQUOR LICENSE REPORT

Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023

5 - 1 st Class Licenses @ 115.00 =	575.00	
2 - 2 nd Class Licenses @ 70.00 =	140.00	
1- Cannabis License @ 100.00 =		100.00
Total	815.00	

MY VOTER PAGE AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

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

- Check Registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- And much more.

Online registration can be found at: <http://sos.vermont.gov> Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.vermont.gov>

DOG LICENSE REPORT

Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023

<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rates for 2024:</u>
Male/Female Dogs	15	
Neutered/Spayed Dogs	<u>89</u>	
Totals	104	

Dogs registered by April 1st:
\$ 9.00 Neutered Male or
\$ 13.00 Male or Female

State of Vermont Fees		520.00
Town Clerk Fees	208.00	
Town of Cavendish Fees	<u>244.00</u>	
Totals	972.00	

Dogs registered after April 1st:
\$ 11.00 Neutered Male or Spayed Female
\$ 17.00 Male or Female

Rabies shots are good for 36 months (except for dogs under 2 years of age which are required every 12 months). Rabies certificates must be filed in the Town Clerk's Office. Neutered male certificates and spayed female certificates must be presented to the Town Clerk at the time of licensing.

Vermont Department of Health RABIES HOTLINE
1-800-472-2437 (1-800-4-RABIES) or 1-802-223-8697

Cavendish Residents and Taxpayers are reminded of Vermont Law governing dog registrations. For your reference, the statute can be accessed on-line at legislature.vermont.gov/statutes Title 20 Section 3581.

Animal Control Ordinance

Cavendish residents, taxpayers and visitors to the town should also be aware that Cavendish does have an Animal Control Ordinance. A copy of this ordinance, which has been in effect since 1999, is posted at the Town Office, the Town Website and copies are available to anyone requesting same. Please stop by the office, call or write us to request a copy.

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VVSA). Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, resources are limited by the number of dogs licensed as required by law by 6 months of age. A rabies vaccination is required to license. The first vaccination can be given at 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a vet office, Community Animal Aid (free to those on public assistance: 734-0259 at the E. Barre Fire Station) & Tractor Supply host monthly clinics. After vaccinating, contact your Town Clerk to license your dog. By statute, unlicensed dogs can be seized. Rabies is in Vermont and it is deadly.

Licensing identifies your dog and is proof the dog is protected in the event bitten by an animal, but would still need immediate medical attention. Vaccinations and licensing protect if they bite another animal or person, which could result in the quarantine of the animal or euthanized. If not proven by being licensed to be currently vaccinated, testing for rabies requires the brain to be examined.

For an Application for VSNIP send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if it is for a cat, dog, or both. To print out, go to: VSNIP.Vermont.Gov. VSNIP helps income challenged Vermonters with neutering and vaccinations. If approved, you'll receive a Voucher and instructions. If not, a list of low-cost resources will be sent. Several humane societies host spay neuter clinics open to the public. Your cost for a VSNIP surgery is \$27.00, if without complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with their \$4.00 fee collected at licensing. **Veterinarians and their staff are the backbone of this important program. Thanks to their generosity and altruistic vision, Vermont no longer uses routine euthanasia as a means of population control. Sincerely thank your veterinarian for their participation in VSNIP. If not currently a participating office, please ask them to join and help make a difference in your community. They are very needed.**

Facts: Female cats as young as 4 months can become pregnant. The “mom” cat can/will become pregnant when nursing is finished. Males travel for miles to find a female in heat, often not returning. Cats and dogs (naturally) mark their territory if not neutered. Resolve Carpet Cleaner and a single moth ball in its place will help deter from repeat markings. (Do not use moth balls with young children in the house.) 70% of cats and 15% of dogs using VSNIP are reported as strays or abandoned, which is cruel and illegal. Please do promote VSNIP, helping those that cannot afford to neuter, that will otherwise reproduce over and over. Repeat litters can cause uterine infection, mammary tumors, kidney failure, etc., leading to death. “Farm” cats are especially at risk. Be wary of any seller of animals that won't allow you to see how they are kept before acquiring and want to meet in a parking lot. Animals are often used as a means of making money, and their life may be the inside a room or cage. Please be the voice for those that cannot speak. Purchasing does not ‘save’ one, it ‘enables’ those to continue to misuse animals for money. Thank you for promoting this time proven program.

Thanks to now retired Lynn Murrell, DVM, who first agreed to extend reduced rates for animals in need, and all the Veterinarians and Clinics that served for the last forty years plus. A sincere thank you to Bernard “Snook” Downing for helping support many animals in need over the years with his hard work, contributions, and the donors we are unable to thank in print – but you know who you are!

Together We Truly Do Make a Difference! 800 HI VSNIP (1-800-448-7647)

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator: VSNIP Executive Director: VVSA

2023 Vital Statistics

Marriages

Jennifer Roberts Hathaway and Melissa Brooke Stacy- January 28, 2023
Hannah Lee Anderson and Ryan William Gould- February 14, 2023
Michael Carter Seay and Patricia Soares Pereira- February 27, 2023
Lauren Elizabeth Hardy and Daniel Robert Schrank- March 14, 2023
Meaghan Ruth Moro and Matthew Wayne Boynton- March 18, 2023
Melissa Marie Kane and Cole Michael Rutkowski- May 18, 2023
Laura Ashley Brown and Frank Stephen Cyphers II- June 4, 2023
Penny Lynne Parker and Brian Neal Dana- June 17, 2023
Caitlin Elyse Mathers and Guy Bernard deBros- June 30, 2023
Tori Dawn Carter and Joshua Alexander Frye- June 24, 2023
Jerica Laura Hill and Tyler Scott Tyrrell- June 09, 2023
Heather Lyn Daly and John Arthur Vancelette- July 8, 2023
Christopher Joseph Grenham and Phoebe Katherine McGrath- July 15, 2023
Brianna Jane King and Daniel Scott Mickens – July 25, 2023
Nicole Antoinette Giacomelli and Jake Daniel Vernon - September 9, 2023
Matthew MacLean White and Amy Jo Sheketoff- September 16, 2023
Matthew Leigh Romney and Gabrielle Sarah Goldstein- August 26, 2023
Kristen Marie Verille and Francis Xavier Gallagher- September 23, 2023
Katlyn Illa Billings and Joseph Dost Siegmund Ankuda- October 13, 2023
Annelise Sophia Fischer Morgan and Arthur Jack Girdwood-Naddell- October 21, 2023
Ann Kiera Regan and Hubert Witold Pfabe- October 27, 2023
Mohammad Shabazuddin and Cristy Lynn Golec- November 8, 2023

Deaths

Polly E. Johnson- February 26, 2023	Lorraine M. Conway- June 25, 2023
Mark Ian Funt- March 10, 2023	Virginia C. Oliari- June 30, 2023
Ruth Ann Sheldon- March 29, 2023	Lucille A. Evens- July 05, 2023
Suzanne H. See- April 02, 2023	Margaret Morse- August 14, 2023
William John Dalling – April 04, 2023	Stephen P. Plunkard- October 22, 2023
Curtis Bidgood- April 22, 2023	Roger V. Sheehan- December 30, 2023

Burials (for Decedents not listed above) Date listed is date of death unless noted otherwise

Thomas Naclerio- November 26, 2022	Christopher L. Merritt- July 01, 2023
June Martell- May 23, 2023	Constance A. Fitzcharles- May 23, 2023
Hugh Frederick Elliott- November 29, 2022	Teresa Janowski- June 24, 2023
Raymond E. Hutchinson, Jr. – January 12, 2023	Irene E. Wood- August 10, 2023
Alice M. Winot- May 19, 2023	Arthur Elwin Roundy- August 30, 2023
Charles Whitten- April 30, 2023	William Dewalt- August 27, 2023
Donald Edwin Rogers, Sr. – January 23, 2023	Barbara L. Scully – August 12, 2023
Caryl M. Blaise- December 10, 2022	Anna M. Spaulding- November 24, 2023

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT - July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Town General Account	(40,597)	
Cash Box	100	
Cash Per Books July 1, 2022		(40,497)
Adjust for Outstanding Items		422,428
Cash in Bank July 1, 2022		381,931
Deposits & Interest:		
Town General Account		
Total Deposits		7,203,330
Disbursements:		
Town General Account		
Total Disbursements		7,111,809
Cash in Bank June 30, 2023		473,452
Adjust for Outstanding Items		425,207
Cash Per Books June 30, 2023		48,245
Town General Account	48,245	
Cash Box	100	
Cash Per Books		48,345

TOWN TREASURER'S OTHER ACCOUNTS

Bridge Capital Fund		
Certificate of Deposit Balance July 1, 2022	1,516	
Interest Earned	1	
Balance June 30, 2023	1,517	
Darwin Story Fund		
Balance July 1, 2022	14,419	
Interest Earned	12	
Balance June 30, 2023	14,431	
Town Office Playground Fund		
Balance July 1, 2022	1,328	
Interest Earned	0	
Balance June 30, 2023	1,328	
Act 60 Reappraisal Fund		
Balance July 1, 2022	20,346	
Due From General Fund	20,896	
Interest Earned	18	
Balance June 30, 2023	41,260	
Office Renovation Fund MM Account		
Balance July 1, 2022	125,087	
Interest Earned	63	
Balance June 30, 2023	125,150	
Cavendish Family Service Fund		
Balance July 1, 2022	2,720	
Interest Earned	0	
Donations	907	

Withdrawals	(2,450)	
Balance June 30, 2023	1,177	
Transfer Station Closure Fund		
Balance July 1, 2022	5,887	
Interest Earned	1	
FY23 Appropriation From GF	200	
Balance June 30, 2023	6,088	
Highway Blasting Fund		
Balance July 1, 2022	1,928	
Interest Earned	0	
Balance June 30, 2023	1,928	
Ballantine Animal Fund		
Balance July 1, 2022	652	
Interest Earned	0	
Balance June 30, 2023	652	
Building Books CD *		
Balance July 1, 2022	30,048	
Transfer to Building Books Checking	(1,554)	
Interest Earned	38	
Balance June 30, 2023	28,532	
Building Books Checking *		
Balance July 1, 2022	795	
Transfer from CD	1,554	
Donation to CFCL	(1,000)	
Balance June 30, 2023	1,349	
ARPA Fund		
Balance July 1, 2022	210,762	
Deposit	136,930	
Interest Earned	63	
Balance June 30, 2023	347,763	
EV Charging Station		
Balance July 1, 2022	0	
Open Account Deposit	250	
Balance June 30, 2023	250	

* These accounts were transferred to the Treasurer when the Cavendish School Board dissolved and are held by the Treasurer for purchase of books by Cavendish Elementary School.

TOWN OF CAVENDISH SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNT – Mascoma Bank

	Balance 06/30/2022	Deposits	Withdrawal	Interest	Balance 06/30/23
Book Restoration Fund	41,847	14,059	7,010	465	49,337
Capital Equipment Fund	35,133	36,100	25,000	185	46,418
Cemetery Blasting Fund	5,382	0	0	69	5,451
Cemetery Capital Fund	3,046	0	0	39	3,085
Cemetery Equipment Fund	3,118	0	0	40	3,158
Cemetery Mapping Fund	4,433	300	0	57	4,790
Map Digitization Fund	445	0	0	6	451
Office Equipment Fund	6,514	250	0	84	6,848
Office Vault Equipment Fund	207	0	0	3	210
Parcel Map Update Fund	14,791	0	0	190	14,981
Records Microfilming Fund	3,219	625	0	42	3,886
Garage Pole Barn Fund	2,863	0	0	37	2,900
Tree Program Fund	4,782	400	0	62	5,244
Town Energy Fund	1,536	880	0	29	2,445
Town Planning Fund	6,738	750	0	87	7,575
Town Website Fund	1,273	0	533	9	749
Paving Fund	52,669	72	50,000	95	2,836
Community Dev. & Infra. Fund	35,447	0	0	455	35,902
Fletcher Fields Fund	7,358	0	0	94	7,452
Mascoma Checking Account	100	0	0	0	100

TOWN OF CAVENDISH BALANCE SHEET - as of June 30, 2023

ASSETS	TOWN GENERAL FUND	TOWN SPECIAL FUNDS	SEWER FUND	WATER FUND
Operating Cash on Hand	47,396	827,326	202,608	52,376
Delinquent Taxes/Accounts Receivable	174,676			752
Due from Sewer				
Due from Water				
Due from Other Funds		43,146		
Refunds Receivable	2,807			
Total Assets	224,879	870,472	202,608	53,128
LIABILITIES				
Other Payables	3,013		3,175	
Prepaid Taxes				
Due to Other Funds	25,065		50,099	41,887
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	54,558	25,000	33,324	90,670
Total Liabilities	82,636	25,000	86,598	132,557
Excess Assets over Liabilities	142,243	845,472	116,010	(79,429)

NOTES AND BONDS

	Balance	Borrowed	Paid	Balance
	7/1/2022			6/30/2023
Note payable, Berkshire Bank Delinquent Tax Note , Principal payment of \$300,000 paid 06/30/2023. New note principal \$300,000 borrowed June 30, 2023 payable with interest at 6.25% on June 30, 2024.	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Note payable, Berkshire Bank Tax Anticipation Note , principal payment of \$275,000 plus interest at 3.00% was paid September 29, 2022. New note \$400,000 borrowed June 30, 2023 due with 5.75% interest on September 30, 2023.	275,000	400,000	275,000	400,000
Note payable, Mascoma Bank Garage Construction Note, principal of \$475,000 plus 2.95% interest borrowed June 1, 2020 for 20 years. Principal and Interest of \$31,785.06 paid June 1, 2023.	438,919	0	18,844	420,061
Note payable, Berkshire Bank Bond Anticipation Note, principal of \$256,500 plus 1.50% interest due August 1, 2022. Paid \$25,000 on August 31, 2022. Renewed note for \$231,500 plus 4.75% interest due August 1, 2023.	256,500	0	25,000	231,500
Note payable, Berkshire Bank Deficit Refunding Note, \$240,000 principal at 2.75% interest borrowed May 1, 2020. \$35,714.29 payable yearly until May 1, 2027. Paid April 4, 2023.	168,572	0	35,714	132,858



REVENUES COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES				
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023				
	22-23	22-23	23-24	24-25
	Projected	Actual	Projected	Projected
State Aid Highway	130,000	123,247	133,278	138,000
Transfer Station- Tokens	60,000	68,074	73,900	75,000
Licenses, Fees & Permits	1,800	1,549	1,500	1,500
Delinquent Tax, Penalties & Interest	90,000	72,572	45,000	45,000
Interest Past Due - current year	10,000	8,788	9,500	9,000
Interest Earnings	150	86	150	100
Forest & Parks Payment in Lieu of Taxes	33,903	34,340	33,903	34,340
Surplus (from previous year)	0	0	0	0
Other Income	64,480	40,297	40,200	36,647
Town Taxes (Incl. St Hold Harmless)	1,393,024	1,298,145	1,347,815	2,139,254
Town Budget (+ LAS & VHE Est)	1,783,357	1,647,098	1,971,125	2,478,841
Other Income				
Railroad Tax		578	578	578
Highway Fines		3,924	6,200	3,900
Sale - Copies, Maps, etc.		1,848	2,218	2,200
Cemetery Fees & Funds		3,000	4,850	3,800
Recreation Department		4,052	6,764	5,800
Diesel Reimbursements		9,869	7,083	4,808
Sale of Scrap Metal/Glass/E-Waste		2,398	2,844	2,000
Municipal Lien Satisfaction		2,860	0	0
Insurance Reimbursements/Refunds		3,066	0	0
Shipping Reimbursement		49	0	5,061
Education Tax Retained		8,653	8,500	8,5000
Total Other Income		40,297	40,200	36,647
RECONCILIATION: REVENUES TO DEPOSITS				
Town Budget Revenue Raised		1,647,098		
Other Collections and Transfers		(12,160)		
Loans & Grants		620,914		
Non-Revenue Receipts		30,997		
Property Tax Credits		10,892		
Rebates and Reimbursements from Other Funds		865,008		
Adjustment for Outstanding Items		3,826		
Tax Collections:				
For Green Mountain Unified School District		3,687,095		
For State of Vermont Education Department		76,736		
For F.D. #1 and F.D. #2		272,827		
Total Deposits to Town General Account		7,203,233		

CAVENDISH TOWN GENERAL PAYMENTS & BUDGET

Description	22-23	22-23	23-24	24-25
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
Officers				
Town Manager	80,000	71,767	86,960	92,840
TM Expenses/Dues	2,000	849	2,000	2,000
Town Clerk/Treasurer	42,106	42,256	45,769	48,286
Clerk/Treasurer Expenses	500	237	500	500
Asst. Clerk Differential	680	287	680	680
Lister Costs -				
Lister Wages	1,000	518	1,000	0
Lister Expense & Mileage	500	0	500	500
Computer/Camera/Printer Supplies	500	0	500	500
Appraisal-Prof. Valuation Service	10,000	5,185	10,000	10,000
Parcel Map Update	0	0	0	0
Appraisal Software/Support/DR	2,500	3,075	3,000	4,000
Training/Workshops	200	0	200	200
Board of Civil Authority	700	106	700	700
Selectmen - Stipends	1,850	1,850	1,850	1,850
Selectmen-Workshops/Assoc. Dues	250	0	250	250
Auditing	4,000	2,524	4,000	4,000
Sub Total	146,786	128,654	157,909	166,306
Office				
Secretary/Bookkeeper/Office Assistant	36,999	38,999	40,217	42,452.04
Secretarial Assistant	10,000	0	10,000	12,343.50
Board Minutes	1,500	656	1,500	1,500
Training/Workshops	100	0	100	100
Office Supplies -				
Tax Bills	450	340	450	0
Bank Deposit Books	0	0	0	0
Land Record Book	550	1,002	550	550
Dogs Tags	165	138	165	165
Dog Registration	20	0	20	20
Index Card file	0	0	0	0
Paper & Supplies	3,000	2,243	3,000	3,000
Postage & Envelopes	3,500	5,207	3,500	4,000
Micro Filming/Records Mgmnt Fund	625	625	625	625
Office Equipment -				
Copier Service Agreement/Toner	600	549	600	600
Equipment Repair	0	0	0	0
Computer Supplies/Consumables	1,000	541	1,000	1,000
Software Support/Disaster Recovery	4,500	7,561	4,500	7,500
Computer Repairs/Service/Network	1,500	0140	1,500	1,500
Calculators & Cash Register	75	0	75	75
Software/Anti-virus/Operating System	800	150	800	250
Rack/Folders/Shelving	0	0	0	0
Computer Equipment	750	366	750	750
Computer Printers	250	0	250	250
Office Equip. Replacement Fund	250	250	250	250
Telephone Equipment	100	0	100	100

CAVENDISH TOWN GENERAL PAYMENTS & BUDGET

Description	22-23	22-23	23-24	24-25
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
Furniture	250	170	250	250
Office Utilities -				
Electric	1,520	1,520	1,520	1,520
Water	380	410	380	410
Sewer	380	385	380	385
Telephone	4,800	6,062	4,800	6,000
Heating Fuel	650	2,244	1,200	2,500
Furnace Maintenance	200	0	200	200
Janitorial Service Contract	1,850	2,006	2,011	2,461.68
Janitor Supplies & Equipment	350	623	350	350
Building Maintenance -	0	2,232	0	0
Alarm System, Fire Ext & Safety	1,700	890	1,700	1,700
Repairs	200	0	200	500
Office Grounds Maintenance	1,000	296	1,000	750
Town Office Capital Improvement Fund	0	0	.	
Sub Total	80,014	75,605	83,943	94,057.22
Election/Town Meeting				
Election Wages	1,000	1,010	1,000	1,200
Ballot Printing/Tabulator Programing	2,500	1,042	2,500	2,500
Election Misc Expense	0	10	0	0
Sub Total	3,500	2,062	3,500	3,700
General Services				
Cemeteries – 1	18,320	20,138	18,320	18,320
Fire (Wildfire)	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Recreation Department – 2	37,987	42,044	37,987	40,038.40
Transfer Station - 3	122,930	138,648	123,180	152,800
Police Services -				
Animal Control	0	28	0	0
Sheriff's Office Services	18,400	36,899	25,000	27,000
Legal	7,200	1,965	7,200	7,200
Planning -				
Regional Dues	1,845	1,810	1,857	1,809.60
Local Planning	750	885	750	750
Regional Development	750	750	750	750
Emergency Management	500	0	500	500
Town Tree Program/Fund	400	400	1000	1,000
Halloween Safety Program (FD)	100	100	100	100
Town Grounds Mow/Trim (Contract)	5,200	12,634	7,000	12,000
Tree Trim – Proctorsville Village Green	0	0	0	0
Energy Committee	100	100	100	100
Health Officer	800	700	800	800
Sub Total	216,482	258,301	225,744	264,368
Appropriations				
Local Town Entities/Activities -				
Library - 4	56,000	53,250	56,000	56,000
Memorial Day	450	0	450	450
Ambulance Service	73,150	66,763	78,600	78,600

CAVENDISH TOWN GENERAL PAYMENTS & BUDGET

Description	22-23 Budgeted	22-23 Actual	23-24 Budgeted	24-25 Proposed
Green-up Day Activities	250	0	250	250
Cavendish Historical Society	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Sub Total - Local Appropriations	133,850	124,013	139,300	139,300
External Organizations -				
Visiting Nurses	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
HC&R Services of SE VT	600	600	600	600
Black River Senior Center	3,500	0	0	0
RSVP	200	200	200	200
Black River Good Neighbor Services	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
SEVCA	600	600	600	600
VT Rural Fire Protection	100	100	100	100
Windsor Co. Youth/Mountainside 20 Mile	400	400	500	500
Council on Aging – SET/Senior Solutions	350	350	1,900	1,900
VT Ctr. for Independent Living	100	100	0	0
Okemo Valley TV	850	850	850	850
Women’s Freedom Center	250	250	250	250
Vermont Adult Learning	0	0	0	0
Vermont Family Network	100	100	100	100
American Red Cross	500	500	500	500
Windsor County Mentors	200	200	200	200
Vermont Bar Association	100	100	0	0
Southeast VT Transit-MOOver	0	0	0	125
Sub Total - External Appropriations	11,850	8,350	9,800	9,925
Sub Total - All Appropriations	145,700	132,363	205,407	149,225
Garage				
Heat/Utilities -				
Electric	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Water	450	410	450	450
Sewer	450	385	450	385
Telephone/Pagers/Cell Phone	1,900	1,676	1,600	1,800
Propane	4,500	7,479	4,500	8,000
Repair & Maintenance	500	1,588	500	500
Fire Extinguishers/Alarm System	2,500	1,053	2,500	2,500
Work Uniforms/Wipes	4,500	6,811	5,000	6,000
Workshops/Training	350	0	350	350
Fuel Tank/Diesel Pump Maintenance	150	402	150	150
Equip. Pole Barn Improve/Maintenance	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	16,800	21,304	17,000	21,635
Equipment				
Gasoline	300	139	300	300
Oil/Lubricants	2,500	3,365	4,000	4,000
Diesel	30,000	50,661	42,000	50,000
Fuel Additives	300	0	300	300
Oxygen /Acetylene	500	0	500	500
Repair & Maintenance -				
Truck #1 - Maintenance/Repairs	4,000	15,505	4,000	12,000
Truck #1 - Tires	4,500	0	4,500	4,500

CAVENDISH TOWN GENERAL PAYMENTS & BUDGET

Description	22-23 Budgeted	22-23 Actual	23-24 Budgeted	24-25 Proposed
Truck #2 - Maintenance/Repairs	3,500	6,106	3,500	8,000
Truck #2 - Tires	4,000	0	4,000	0
Truck #3 - Maintenance/Repairs	3,000	18,600	3,000	15,000
Truck #3 - Tires	500	425	4,000	2,500
Truck #4 - Maintenance/Repairs	3,000	18,437	3,000	10,000
Truck #4 - Tires	500	0	4,000	2,500
Highway Utility Truck				
Maintenance/Repairs	0	2,439		2,500
Tires	0	0		1,500
Grader				
Maintenance/Repairs	3,000	5,401	3,000	5,000
Tires	1,000	0	1,000	10,000
Cutting Edges	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Loader JD 544J (2007) -				
Maintenance/Repairs	0	2,022	0	0
Cutting Edges	800	0	800	800
Tires	0	0	0	1,500
Backhoe Case 680MD (2002) -				
Maintenance/Repairs	1,000	106	1,000	1,000
Tires	500	0	500	2,500
JD 120 Excavator (1997) -				
Maintenance/Repairs	2,500	3,287	2,500	4,000
Tracks		0		
Trackless (2000) -				
Maintenance/Repairs	3,250	2,521	3,250	3,250
Attachments/Parts	0	1,110	0	0
Tires	0	0	0	0
Case Maxum 110 Pro Tractor -				
Maintenance/Repairs	3,000	1,039	3,000	3,000
Attachments/Parts	500	0	500	7,500
Tires	0	0	0	0
Equipment Trailer - Maintenance/Repairs	0	0	0	1,500
Sanders -				
Maintenance/Repairs/Augers/Spinner	0	3,790	0	0
Plows/Chains & Side Dump Chain				
Maintenance/Repairs	6,500	10,481	6,500	10,000
Asphalt Hot Box (Includes Propane)	0	0	0	0
Screener Plant-Maintenance/Repairs	0	162	0	0
Chain Saw/Trimmers -				
Maintenance/Repairs	250	0	250	250
Replacement(s)	0	0	0	0
Safety Equip/Clothing/Glasses	450	324	450	450
Power Tree Trimmer	0	0	0	0
Small Tools & Parts	150	2,520	150	500
Welding/Cutting Supplies	300	0	300	300
Oil Undercoat/Sandblast/Paint	0	0	0	0
Air Compressor (Smith)	100	24	100	0

CAVENDISH TOWN GENERAL PAYMENTS & BUDGET

Description	22-23	22-23	23-24	24-25
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
Jack Hammer/Drills	0	0	0	0
Radio Repair/Replacement	1,000	0	1,000	6,700
York Rake/Tines	0	0	0	0
Welder	0	0	0	0
Equipment Capital Fund	25,000	25,000	50,000	100,000
Equipment Rental/Services -				
Chipper Repair/Sharpening/Knives	500	0	500	500
Gas Cylinder Leases	275	336	275	400
Equipment - Miscellaneous				
Pressure Washer - Chemicals/Repairs	100	54	100	100
Parts Washer	150	0	150	100
Compactors	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	108,925	173,854	154,425	273,450
Summer Roads				
Salaries/Wages -				
Employee #1	37,603	33,977	40,874	41,480.98
Employee #2	32,770	19,429	35,621	34,340.25
Employee #3	34,049	31,017	37,011	39,273.47
Employee #4	34,049	23,467	37,011	39,273.47
Employee #5	6,500	3,457	7,065	6,500
Gravel	40,000	38,879	40,000	78,500
Culverts	3,500	0	5,000	7,500
Calcium Chloride (& Spreading Equip)	6,000	2,993	6,000	6,000
Asphalt Patch	2,500	2,386	2,500	5,000
Resurfacing	35,000	319,700	50,000	250,000
Crack Sealing	0	0	0	1,000
Pavement Striping	2,500	0	2,500	2,500
Blasting Fund	0	0	0	0
Mulch & Seed	0	1,463	0	500
Road Signs - Name & Traffic	1,000	317	3,500	3,500
Sub Total	235,471	477,085	267,082	515,368.17
Winter Roads				
Salaries/Wages -				
Employee #1	32,397	27,307	35,215	32,745.18
Employee #2	27,730	27,156	30,142	26,262.75
Employee #3	28,783	27,461	31,287	29,749.77
Employee #4	28,738	24,764	31,287	29,749.77
Employee #5 - Seasonal	6,000	5,827	6,522	6,500
Sand	50,000	99,151	55,000	75,000
Salt	30,000	30,062	30,000	33,000
Calcium Chloride	0	0	0	0
Propane for Steamer	0	0	0	0
Clear Ice Damage	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	203,648	241,728	219,453	233,007.47
Bridges				
Repairs & Maintenance	0	346	0	0
Bridge Replace. Capital Fund	0	0	0	0

CAVENDISH TOWN GENERAL PAYMENTS & BUDGET				
Description	22-23	22-23	23-24	24-25
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
Sub Total	0	346	0	0
Streetlights				
Proctorsville	11,680	11,756	8,500	8,500
Cavendish	6,000	6,949	6,000	7,000
Storm Sewers				
Discharge Permits		880		
Drainage Repair Work	2,000	109	2,000	2,000
Sub Total	19,680	19,694	16,500	17,500
Personnel				
Leadman Differential	(200)	0	0	0
Sub Total	(200)	0	0	0
Town Business				
Town Report	2,000	1,993	2,000	2,200
Postage Town Reports	350	481	400.00	500
VLCT Dues	2,750	2,838	2,769	3,000
Misc. Advertising	650	850	0	1,000
Town Business Miscellaneous	270	10,455	0	2,000
EV Charging Station	0	3,281	0	0
Town Website Fund	0	0	0	0
Tax Sale Expense	0	232	0	0
Sub Total	6,020	20,130	5,469	8,700
Taxes				
Social Security	38,045	34,847	39,206	40,781.64
Windsor County Tax	12,896	12,896	13,913	15,919
Windsor County Capital Bond Assessment	5,916	5917	5,731	0
Sub Total	56,857	53,660	58,850	56,700.64
Insurance & Retirement				
Officers' Bond - Public Officials	2,912	2,680	2,732	1,917
Employment Practices Liability	4,824	4,648	4,988	4,136
Property Owner Policy	16,728	17,010	17,068	14,742
Auto/Equipment	11,640	10,573	10,611	9,507
Unemployment Compensation	515	1,036	1,461	3,534
Health Insurance	138,593	97,829	128,422	116,856
Life & Disability Insurance	5,125	3,053	3,628	4,142
Retirement	24,632	25,926	29,341	39,268
Worker's Compensation	36,143	26,573	29,910	27,608
Dental/Vision Insurance	3,694	1,170	3,694	3,694
Sub Total	244,806	190,498	231,855	255,404
Financial				
Delinquent Tax Note Plus Interest	200,000	12,750	208,500	265,625
Tax Anticipation Interest	375	2,079	2,063	0
Tax Anticipation Note	0	0	0	11,500
Equipment Lease	-	30,353	32,725	32,725.49
Deficit Refunding Note Plus Interest	41,826	40,350	41,332	0
Grant Rev. Anticipation Note & Interest	0	0	0	0

CAVENDISH TOWN GENERAL PAYMENTS & BUDGET				
Description	22-23	22-23	23-24	24-25
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
Required Single Audit	-	0	-	40,000
Garage Const. Note Principal Plus Interest	31,785	31,785	31,785	31,785
Deficit Previous Year (Town)	0	0	40,000	0
Municipal Grant Roads Prog. – Ann. Dues	1,350	2,475	1,350	2,500
Bank Service Charges		2,079	2,000	2,000
Debt Reduction	5,220	0	0	0
Sub Total	280,556	121,871	359,755	427,467.49
TOTAL BUDGET	1,762,817	1,916,809	1,950,585	2,456,889.39
Special Appropriations, Exemptions & Local Agreement Shortfall Estimate				
Est. Local Agreement Shortfall	15,931		15,931	16,061
Est. Veterans' Homestead Exemption	4,609		4,609	5,891
Grand Total To Be Raised By Taxes (Less Anticipated Revenues)	1,783,357		1,971,125	2,478,841.39

1 - For a complete Cemetery Report see pg. 46

2 - For a complete Recreation Department Report see pg. 40

3 - For a complete Transfer Station Report see pg. 26

4 – For a complete Library Report see pg. 42

Note: The Local Agreement Shortfall and Veteran's Homestead Exemption numbers shown above for the budget proposal are estimates only and are subject to changes due to state education tax rates set on or about July 1st and the number of veterans who may be determined to be eligible when the Town tax rates are set in early July.

RECONCILIATION: BUDGET EXPENDITURES TO CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Cavendish Budget Grand Total	1,916,809
Reimbursed or Refunded Expenses	57,707
Diesel Spill	48,705
Paid To/For Other Funds	731,982
Tax Anticipation Note Repayment	275,000
Flow Through Payments	22,653
Reconciliation Adjustments	25,074
Outstanding Checks	(2,779)
Tax Transfers:	
Green Mountain Unified School District	3,687,095
Vermont Department of Education	76,736
F.D. #1	138,374
F.D. #2	134,453
Total Disbursements from Town General Account	7,111,809

SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION BUDGET

ITEM	22-23	22-23	23-24	24-25
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
Attendants	27,000	24,674	27,000	30,000
Token Printing	1,000	1,267	1,000	1,500
MSW Compactor Tipping	29,000	33,698	29,000	35,000
Demolition Waste Tipping	22,000	23,710	22,000	24,000
MSW Compactor Hauling	7,000	8,343	7,000	10,000
Recycling Compactor Hauling	10,000	14,085	10,000	15,000
Demolition Waste Hauling	15,000	12,465	15,000	15,000
Electric/Telephone	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900
Recycling & Special Waste	1,000	106	1,000	500
Metal & CFC Removal	500	469	500	1,000
Tire Removal	1,250	3,216	1,500	1,500
Site Improvement/Maintenance	1,080	2,072	1,080	0
Closure Funds	200	200	200	200
Administration	0	0	0	0
Organics Removal	0	0	0	0
Single Stream Recycling Disposal	6,000	12,443	6,000	15,000
Onsite Bathroom Rental	0	0		2,200
Total Expense	122,930	138,648	123,180	152,800
Token Sales	(60,000)	(68,074)		
Recycling Receipts	(3,740)	(2,398)		
Net Expense	59,190	68,176		

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Permits are required and are available to residents at the Town Office. Disposal tokens are available at Cavendish Town Office and Singletons Store in \$1.50, \$3.00 and \$5.00 denominations. These tokens are to be used for disposal of compactor trash or special wastes. Acceptable forms of payment are strictly limited to tokens or a personal check.

PLEASE NOTE: CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE TRANSFER STATION!



STATEMENT OF ASSETS

REAL ESTATE - (ESTIMATED FAIR MARKET VALUE)

Town Office Building, Land & Monuments - 2.19 acres	344,000
Town Garage, Shed & 3 acres – Rt. 131	550,000
Main St. Land & Pole Barn - 0.5 acre	75,000
Cavendish Historical Building & Monument - 0.5 acre	270,000
Stone Church	79,000
Duttonsville School Lot 4 acres	25,500
Sewer System - Treatment Plant - 5 acres (building, land & facility)	977,000
Collection System (mains, Intrepts, Row/s Land Pump Stats)	1,002,000
Water System (building, land, transmission systems, hydrants, storage facilities)	3,448,000
Transfer Station- 9.1 acres & Sheds & w/property lot line adj. 2014	44,900
Proctorsville Village Green - 2.23 acres	305,000
Power Plant Road - 8.89 acres (land) w/Solar Array + lot line adj. 2014	450,000
Greven Field - 5 acres	49,000
601 Main St. Lot - 0.33 acres	26,900
Gravel Lot Rt 131	85,000
Cemeteries	<u>303,000</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE	\$8,034,300

EQUIPMENT

Cost	Model	Estim.	Year of	Equipment	Est. Mkt
New	Year	Life	Purchase	Type	Value
260,000	2006	18 yr.	2015 (used)	Cat Grader 120 H	50,000
114,000	2017	10 yr.	2018	Cat 430F Backhoe	90,000
106,650	2016	8 yr.	2016	Intl. TerraStar Dump w/plow	45,000
204,566	2017	10 yr.	2017	Intl. 7600 Dump w/wing	150,000
171,500	2011	10 yr.	2011	Intl. 7600 Dump w/wing	75,000
175,739	2017	10 yr.	2017	Intl. Workstar Dump w/wing	135,000
84,500	2000	10 yr.	2000	Trackless w/attachments	20,000
60,000	1994	15 yr.	2004 (used)	JD 120 Excavator w/thumb	35,000
98,442	2007	15 yr.	2007	Case Maxxum 110P Trac	65,000
32,000	2010	15 yr.	2012 (used)	Morbark Chipper	26,000
10,000	1985	15 yr.	1998 (used)	Smith Air Compressor	1,000
7,500	2016	15 yr.	2016	Trailer Mount HW Pressure Wash	6,000
36,000	2012	15 yr.	2018	Ford F250 Diesel Utility	25,000
20,000	2019		2019	Equipment Trailer	20,000
Leased	2021		2021	Komatsu Loader	150,000
Misc. Highway Small Equip., Tools & Inventory, Misc. Plows, Sanders					48,000
Misc. Utility Equipment & Inventory					16,200
Office Equipment and Furnishings (including computer equipment)					41,500
S.W. Compactor and Containers					<u>29,000</u>
TOTAL					\$1,027,700

OTHER PROPERTY ASSETS

Monuments	45,500
Special Collections of Books and Documents	212,000
Cemetery Buildings, Vaults, Equipment	<u>48,000</u>
TOTAL	\$305,500

TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE - ALL PROPERTY **\$9,367,500**

TOWN OF CAVENDISH
FY 2022-2023 TAX RATE CALCULATION
 Tax Period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Rates Shown per \$100. of Valuation

TOTAL TOWN VALUATION - ALL PROPERTIES		276,344,968		
TOTAL TOWN VALUATION LESS EXEMPTED PROPERTIES		266,297,768		
NET MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST (Value/100)		2,662,978		

TOWN TAX RATE				HOMESTEAD	NON-HOMESTEAD
				RATE	RATE
Budget & Spec Approps Total Approved by Voters March 2nd, 2021		1,762,817			
General Anticipated Revenues		-356,430			
Deficit/Surplus FY 2020-2021					
PILOT Program/State Land Payment (Estimated)		-33,903			
State Land Use Value "Hold Harmless" Payment		-42,575			
Total Non-Educational Expense - To Be Raised By Local Taxes		1,329,909	0.4994	0.4994	
Veteran's Homestead Exemption Educ. Portion (beyond \$10K per)		3,618	0.0014	0.0014	
Local Agreement Shortfall (Education portion exempt properties)		14,288	0.0054	0.0054	
Total Town Tax Rate			0.5061	0.5061	

EDUCATIONAL GRAND LIST - HOMESTEAD		764,985		
EDUCATIONAL GRAND LIST - NON-HOMESTEAD		1,888,444		

SCHOOL TAX RATES [As set by the Vermont Department of Taxes]

Homestead Tax Rate Adjusted by Common Level of Appraisal		1.5077		
Non-Homestead Tax Rate Adjusted by Common Level of Appraisal			1.5679	

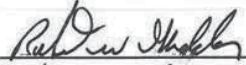
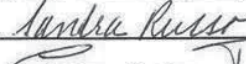
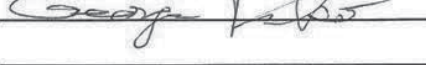
SUBTOTAL TAX RATE (Without Fire Districts)				2.0138	2.0740
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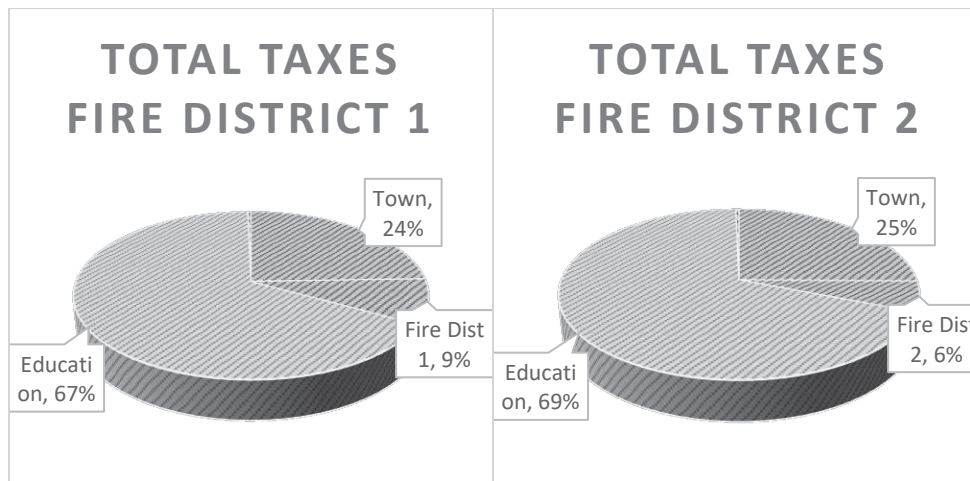
FIRE DISTRICTS					
District	Fire District Grand List	District Budget	Hold Harmless		
F.D. #1	1,477,725	139,234	-860	0.0936	0.0936
F.D. #2	1,185,252	137,450	-2,997	0.1134	0.1134

GRAND TOTALS - TAX RATES WITH FIRE DISTRICTS INCLUDED:					
				HOMESTEAD	NON-HOMESTEAD
TOTAL TAX RATE - PROPERTIES IN FIRE DISTRICT #1				2.1075	2.1677
TOTAL TAX RATE - PROPERTIES IN FIRE DISTRICT #2				2.1273	2.1875

Town Tax Rates Set by the Cavendish Board of Selectmen:

Date:



**EXPLANATION OF GRAND LIST
FY 2022-2023**

Grand List when Tax Rate was Set		
Educational Grand List when Tax Rate was Set:		2,662,978
Residential		764,985
Non-Residential		1,888,444
True Grand List		2,659,750
True Educational Grand List:		
Residential		783,763
Non-Residential		1,854,561
Distribution of Taxes:		
Town	.4994 * 2,652,916	1,324,859
Education Department		
Residential	1.5077 * 783,763	1,181,679
Non-Residential	1.5679 * 1,854,561	2,907,766
Sub-Total		5,414,304
Adjust Veterans Exemption and Homestead Penalty		18,086
Plus Current Use - Hold Harmless		42,575
Plus State Payment in Lieu of Taxes		33,903
Total		5,508,868

TAX ACCOUNT

2022-2023 Taxes Collected by Town	5,284,896
2022-2023 Taxes Delinquent at 06/30/2023	77,162
2022-2023 Taxes Collected by State (Retained by Ed. Fund)	335,439
Less Tax Collected for Fire District #1 & #2	(276,864)
Plus State Payment in Lieu of Taxes	34,340
Plus Current Use Hold Harmless Payment	48,447
Plus VT Homestead Ed Payments	18,900
Adjust Veterans Exemption and Homestead Penalty	18,108
Abatements, Adjustments & Variance	(12,218)
Total Town Tax Account	5,528,210

TOWN TAX ACCOUNT

2022-2023 Taxes Collected by Town	5,284,896
Less Interest on late Payments	(8,788)
Less Ed Tax Retained by Town	(8,653)
Less Taxes for Green Mountain Unified School District	(3,687,095)
Less Taxes for Vermont Education Department	(76,736)
Less Taxes Paid to Fire Districts #1 & #2	(272,827)
Plus Current Use Hold Harmless	48,447
Plus Homestead Ed Collected by State	18,900
Total Town Taxes Collected	1,298,144

Town of Cavendish				
Delinquent Tax Report as of 06/30/2023				
YEAR	TOTAL TAX	INTEREST	PENALTY	PRINCIPLE ONLY
1998-1999	2,531.60	1,741.60	-	790.00
1999-2000	7,173.48	5,172.16	148.24	1,853.08
2000-2001	7,371.68	5,249.24	157.20	1,965.24
2001-2002	7,581.60	5,328.72	166.88	2,086.00
2002-2003	7,449.49	5,157.80	169.72	2,121.97
2003-2004	7,881.48	5,373.32	185.76	2,322.40
2004-2005	720.55	484.95	12.56	223.04
2005-2006	9,687.54	6,369.32	245.75	3,072.47
2006-2007	7,727.58	4,974.94	203.88	2,548.76
2007-2008	8,301.76	5,225.84	227.84	2,848.08
2008-2009	9,131.62	5,216.98	241.64	3,673.00
2009-2010	6,528.32	4,145.36	176.48	2,206.48
2010-2011	10,617.86	6,111.98	333.72	4,172.16
2011-2012	9,646.98	5,353.10	318.08	3,975.80
2012-2013	9,819.14	5,218.50	340.80	4,259.84
2013-2014	9,182.34	4,645.42	336.08	4,200.84
2014-2015	8,929.82	4,259.14	346.00	4,324.68
2015-2016	8,405.24	3,736.80	345.80	4,322.64
2016-2017	8,056.78	3,286.94	353.32	4,416.52
2017-2018	7,426.94	2,722.50	348.48	4,355.96
2018-2019	7,052.66	2,248.26	355.86	4,448.54
2019-2020	5,004.85	1,286.38	208.71	3,509.76
2020-2021	14,997.84	2,965.14	874.78	11,157.92
2021-2022	22,369.49	2,619.53	1,090.91	18,659.05
2022-2023	86,275.80	3,213.57	5,900.52	77,161.71
TOTALS	289,872.44	102,107.49	13,089.01	174,675.94

Pursuant to a resolution made at the 2004 Town Meeting, the following list excludes those who have fully paid on or before December 31, 2023, those who are current on a delinquent payment agreement, and estates that still owe taxes & fees.

Name	Delinquent Taxes 06/30/23	Delinquent Utilities 06/30/23
Aloan, Claire	\$ 16,036.92	
Brown, Nancy		\$ 406.69
Burpee, Cathy	\$ 63.89	
Cavendish Town of (Norton Property)	\$ 137,965.90	
Christensen, Carl	\$ 563.24	
Colbeth, Thomas	\$ 34.60	
Diaz, Antonio	\$ 1,821.90	
Donatiello, Christopher	\$ 974.71	

Name	Delinquent Taxes 06/30/23	Delinquent Utilities 06/30/23
Edgar, Kathleen	\$ 3,216.46	\$ 629.68
Esposito, Lucy	\$ 10,726.30	
Fonteyn, Frank	\$ 228.23	
Fragala, Ryan	\$ 231.33	
Fuller, Helen	\$ 540.80	
Green, Mark	\$ 1,859.23	828.26
Griffith, Marc & Noble, Bruce	\$ 1,811.10	\$ 1,953.66
Grinvalsky, Kevin	\$ 31.09	
Hernon, Brian	\$ 4,750.84	\$ 1,727.05
Hudak, Gregory/Finnegan, Frederick	\$ 332.61	
Jarvis, Pamela	\$ 1,143.75	
Johnson, Dale	\$ 1,357.79	
LCAD Holdings LLC		\$ 1,347.62
Leitch, Robert & Welch, Tabitha		\$ 321.26
Magoon, Edith	\$ 1,984.66	.
Mate, Duane	\$ 3,365.10	
Moore, Everett	\$ 10,068.27	
Pedicino, Adam		\$ 416.92
Pedicino, Adam	\$ 2,778.12	\$ 406.69
Pixley, Robert	\$ 10,136.77	\$ 1,206.63
Randall, Charles	\$ 23,912.09	\$ 7,910.84
Roberts, Corrie		\$ 472.13
Sheldon, Barbara	\$ 2,249.90	
Smith, Agnes	\$ 4,139.33	
Smith, Thomas	\$ 2,000.12	
Sousa, Carlos	\$ 360.96	
Thompson, William & Judith		\$ 209.86
Von Hess, Karl	\$ 1,046.25	
Wilfong, Larry & Janelle	\$ 4,380.18	
Wood, Raymond	\$ 5,288.44	
Woods, Leon	\$ 3,312.32	\$ 736.38
Woods, Richard & Kristina		\$ 2,672.86
Wyman, Patricia	\$ 1,757.64	
Totals	\$ 260,470.84	\$ 21,246.53

SEWER DEPARTMENT – JULY 1, 2022 TO June 30, 2023

Description	22-23	22-23	22-23	24-25
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
Usage Fees	194,044	201,801	194,044	194,044
Interest	0	845	0	0
Bond Refund	0	855	0	0
Total Revenues	194,044	203,501	194,044	194,044
Operator Salary	23,921	25,912	23,921	23,921
Operator Assistant	17,714	33,069	17,714	17,714
Emergency O.T. Wages	2,205	0	2,205	2,205
Health Insurance	12,040	8,073	12,040	12,040
Workers Compensation	3,507	4,164	3,507	3,507
Life & Disability Insurance	1,125	590	1,125	1,125
Dental & Vision Insurance	390	0	390	390
Social Security	3,354	4,512	3,354	3,354
State Unemployment Tax	485	94	485	485
Uniforms	150	971	150	150
Retirement	2,521	4,428	2,521	2,521
Training	500	640	500	500
Electricity	20,200	20,200	20,200	20,200
Water	660	660	660	660
Telephone	760	864	760	760
Propane	2,600	3,355	2,600	2,600
Clerical	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Administrative	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Administrative Social Security	306	306	306	306
State Permit	1,150	550	1,150	1,150
Vehicle Maintenance and Fuel	1,200	47	1,200	1,200
Grounds Maintenance	1,800	603	1,800	1,800
Chemical Supplies	6,000	3,870	6,000	6,000
Equipment Maintenance & Supplies	9,000	4,205	9,000	9,000
Property Insurance	3,400	6,113	3,400	3,400
Testing Services	7,000	3,918	7,000	7,000
Testing Supplies	1,500	0	1,500	1,500
Safety Equipment/Supplies	775	1,352	775	775
Lift Station Fuel	1,200	1,065	1,200	1,200
Lift Station Telemetry	1,600	1,583	1,600	1,600
Lift Station Maint. & Improvements	6,000	12,155	6,000	6,000
Cleaning Greasing	4,000	0	4,000	4,000
Association Dues	250	0	250	250
Aeration System Project Costs	0	0	0	0
Billing Costs	850	1,624	850	850
Equipment Replacement Fund	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Capital Improvement Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000

Description	22-23	22-23	23-24	24-25
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
Advertising	0	52	0	0
Contingency Fund	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Computer Equip / Supplies	0	64	0	0
Sewer System Improvements	0	4,863	0	0
Bank Fees	0	1,235	0	0
Total Expenses	160,663	173,837	160,663	160,663
VT. Bond Bank Principal & Interest	33,381	33,234	33,381	33,381
Budget Grand Total	194,044	207,071	194,044	194,044

SEWER DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	
Operating Account	58,792
Connection Account	69,909
Contingency Fund	3,418
Equipment Fund	7,293
Capital Improvement Fund	50,739
Cash on Hand July 1, 2022	190,151
Revenues	203,501
Expenses	(207,071)
Adjust Due To/From Other Funds	16,417
Cash Balance June 30, 2023	202,998
Operating Account	61,890
Connection Account	69,970
Contingency Fund	5,463
Equipment Fund	8,885
Capital Improvement Fund	56,400
Cash on Hand June 30, 2023	202,608

<u>NOTES & BONDS FOR SEWER</u>					
Item	Beginning Balance	Principal Payments	Admin. Fee	Total	Ending Balance
Aeration System Project Bond RF1- 206	521,058	22,813	10,421	33,234	498,245
20 Year Bond Principal Loan = \$862,599; Principal Forgiven = (\$319,175); Principal Due = \$543,424					
Interest = 0%; Admin. Fee = 2%, Payments Begin September 1, 2021.					
Repayments on this loan were suspended By the Vt Bond Bank during 2020 due to Covid					

REPAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR LOAN RF1-206

Repayment Date	Payment Number	Principal Due	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Admin. Fee	Total Payment	Date of Repayment
9/1/2021	1	\$ 543,423.75	\$ 22,365.53	0.00	\$ 10,868.48	\$ 33,234.01	8/5/2021
9/1/2022	2	\$ 521,058.22	\$ 22,812.85	0.00	\$ 10,421.16	\$ 33,234.01	8/11/2022
9/1/2023	3	\$ 498,245.37	\$ 23,269.10	0.00	\$ 9,964.91	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2024	4	\$ 474,976.27	\$ 23,734.48	0.00	\$ 9,499.53	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2025	5	\$ 451,241.79	\$ 24,209.17	0.00	\$ 9,024.84	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2026	6	\$ 427,032.62	\$ 24,693.36	0.00	\$ 8,540.65	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2027	7	\$ 402,339.26	\$ 25,187.22	0.00	\$ 8,046.79	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2028	8	\$ 377,152.04	\$ 25,690.97	0.00	\$ 7,543.04	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2029	9	\$ 351,461.07	\$ 26,204.79	0.00	\$ 7,029.22	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2030	10	\$ 325,256.28	\$ 26,728.88	0.00	\$ 6,505.13	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2031	11	\$ 298,527.40	\$ 27,263.46	0.00	\$ 5,970.55	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2032	12	\$ 271,263.94	\$ 27,808.73	0.00	\$ 5,425.28	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2033	13	\$ 243,455.21	\$ 28,364.91	0.00	\$ 4,869.10	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2034	14	\$ 215,090.30	\$ 28,932.20	0.00	\$ 4,301.81	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2035	15	\$ 186,158.10	\$ 29,510.85	0.00	\$ 3,723.16	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2036	16	\$ 156,647.25	\$ 30,101.06	0.00	\$ 3,132.95	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2037	17	\$ 126,546.19	\$ 30,703.09	0.00	\$ 2,530.92	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2038	18	\$ 95,843.10	\$ 31,317.15	0.00	\$ 1,916.86	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2039	19	\$ 64,525.95	\$ 31,943.49	0.00	\$ 1,290.52	\$ 33,234.01	
9/1/2040	20	\$ 32,582.46	\$ 32,582.46	0.00	\$ 651.65	\$ 33,234.11	
Payments			\$ 543,423.75	0.00	\$ 121,256.55	\$ 664,680.30	

WATER DEPARTMENT - July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

	22-23	22-23	23-24	24-25
Description	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
Usage Fees	204,856	241,559	204,856	204,856
Interest	0	401	0	0
Connection Fees	6,529	0	6,529	6,529
Hydrant Fees	2,625	840	2,625	2,625
Total Receipts	214,010	242,800	214,010	214,010
Operator Salary	19,094	37,645	19,094	19,094
Health Insurance	10,100	8,073	10,100	10,100
Life & Disability Insurance	812	590	812	812
Dental & Vision Insurance	390	0	390	390
Social Security	2,691	6,424	2,691	2,691

	22-23	22-23	23-24	24-25
Description	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
Workers Compensation	2,343	4,164	2,343	2,343
State Unemployment Tax	492	94	492	492
Uniforms	850	971	850	850
Retirement	1,935	4,628	1,935	1,935
Employee Payroll	16,080	46,331	16,080	16,080
Electricity	12,920	12,920	12,920	12,920
Telephone	650	1,124	650	650
Propane	3,990	5,793	3,990	3,990
Liability & Property Insurance	1,045	4,651	1,045	1,045
Billing Costs	500	1,624	500	500
Clerical	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Administrative Management	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Administrative Social Security	306	306	306	306
Dues	235	400	235	235
Legal	100	0	100	100
State Permits	1,550	2,046	1,550	1,550
Truck Expense	1,250	47	1,250	1,250
Grounds Maintenance	900	354	900	900
Training/Workshops	450	154	450	450
Advertising & Postage	350	52	350	350
Chlorine Supplies	850	721	850	850
Filtration Plant Expense	0	25,937	0	0
Process Chemicals	10,900	16,439	10,900	10,900
Equipment Repairs	7,000	14,710	7,000	7,000
Parts & Tools	575	301	575	575
Meter Supplies	3,000	1,721	3,000	3,000
Testing Services	1,800	2,723	1,800	1,800
Testing Supplies	460	618	460	460
Safety Equipment	390	250	390	390
Computer Equipment / Supplies	0	277	0	0
Well Cleaning & Redev.	0	9,550	0	0
Well # 2 Expenses	0	0	0	0
Equipment Replacement Fund	0	0	0	0
Contingency Reserve	0	0	0	0
Capital Improvement Fund	0	3,460	0	0
Total Operating Expenses	125,758	219,098	125,758	125,758
VT Bond Bank Principal	48,366	50,784	48,366	48,366
USDA Bond Principal	11,553	13,155	11,553	11,553
USDA Bond Interest	28,333	26,731	28,333	28,333
Total Debt Service	88,252	90,670	88,252	88,252
Budget Grand Total	214,010	319,768	214,010	214,010

WATER DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS	
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	
Operating Account	22,049
Connection Account	18,754
Contingency Fund	8,829
Equipment Fund	7,081
Bond Fund	5,395
Improvement Sinking Fund	3,761
Capital Improvement Fund	5,050
Well Cleaning & Redev Fund	5
Cash on Hand July 1, 2022	70,924
Receipts	242,800
Expenses	(219,098)
Debt Service	(90,670)
Adjust Due To/From Other Funds	48,536
Cash Balance June 30, 2023	52,492
Operating Account	3,106
Connection Account	18,770
Contingency Fund	8,940
Equipment Fund	7,170
Bond Fund	5,463
Improvement Sinking Fund	3,808
Capital Improvement Fund	5,114
Well Cleaning & Redev Fund	5
Cash on Hand June 30, 2023	52,376

**CAVENDISH WATER DEPARTMENT
Schedule of Principal and Interest - Paid during FY 2023**

	July 1, 2022 Balance	Principal Paid	Additional Loan	Interest Paid	June 30, 2023 Balance
*USDA Rural Development Bond	620,558	12,880	0	27,006	607,678
**VT Municipal Bond Bank	964,893	50,784	0	0	914,110

* 40 Year Bond Closed at 4.375% on March 7, 2008.

Initial Principal = \$750,000.

Total Interest Over Life of Bond = \$841,498.

** 30 Year Bond was refinanced at Negative 3% on June 1, 2013.

Initial Principal = \$2,170,554.98 Total Savings Over Life of Bond = (\$741,382.97)

Total to be Repaid Over Life of Bond = \$1,429,172.01

Negative Interest Applied as Debt Forgiveness on Feb. 1, 2019 = \$474,688.

Payment on this Bond was suspended by State of Vermont during 2020 due to Covid.

REPAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR LOAN RF3-050

Repayment Date	Payment Number	Principal Due	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Admin. Fee	Total Payment	Date of Repayment
12/1/2011	1	\$ 2,280,795.66	\$ 55,480.97	\$ (18,013.13)	0.00	\$ 37,467.84	
12/1/2012	2	\$ 2,225,314.69	\$ 54,759.71	\$ (17,291.88)	0.00	\$ 37,467.83	
12/1/2013	1	\$ 2,170,554.98	\$ 113,482.23	\$ (65,116.65)	0.00	\$ 48,365.58	
12/1/2014	2	\$ 2,057,072.75	\$ 110,077.77	\$ (61,712.18)	0.00	\$ 48,365.59	
12/1/2015	3	\$ 1,946,994.98	\$ 106,775.43	\$ (58,409.85)	0.00	\$ 48,365.58	
12/1/2016	4	\$ 1,840,219.55	\$ 103,572.17	\$ (55,206.59)	0.00	\$ 48,365.58	
12/1/2017	5	\$ 1,736,647.38	\$ 100,465.00	\$ (52,099.42)	0.00	\$ 48,365.58	
12/1/2018	6	\$ 1,636,182.38	\$ 97,451.05	\$ (49,085.47)	0.00	\$ 48,365.58	
Negative Interest Applied as Forgiveness							
		\$1,538,731.33	\$ 474,688.48	0.00	\$ -	\$ 474,688.48	
12/1/2019	1	\$ 1,064,042.85	\$ 48,365.58	0.00	0.00	\$ 48,365.58	6/30/2018
12/1/2020	2	\$ 1,015,677.27	\$ -	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	6/30/2020
12/1/2021	1	\$ 1,015,677.27	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	11/24/2021
12/1/2022	2	\$ 964,893.41	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	11/3/2022
12/1/2023	3	\$ 914,109.55	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2024	4	\$ 863,325.69	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2025	5	\$ 812,541.83	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2026	6	\$ 761,757.97	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2027	7	\$ 710,974.11	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2028	8	\$ 660,190.25	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2029	9	\$ 609,406.39	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2030	10	\$ 558,622.53	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2031	11	\$ 507,838.67	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2032	12	\$ 457,054.81	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2033	13	\$ 406,270.95	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2034	14	\$ 355,487.09	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2035	15	\$ 304,703.23	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2036	16	\$ 253,919.37	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2037	17	\$ 203,135.51	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2038	18	\$ 152,351.65	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2039	19	\$ 101,567.79	\$ 50,783.86	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.86	
12/1/2040	20	\$ 50,783.93	\$ 50,783.93	0.00	0.00	\$ 50,783.93	
Payments			\$ 2,280,795.66	\$ (376,935.17)	0.00	\$ 1,903,860.49	

CAVENDISH SOLAR ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT		
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023		
Operating Account:		
Balance July 1, 2022		29,739
Interest Income	1	
FY22 Appropriation	33,225	
Total Deposits		62,965
Paid on Bank Note	28,848	
Total Withdrawals		28,848
Balance June 30, 2023		34,117
Maintenance Account:		
Balance July 1, 2022		14,848
Bank Interest	3	
Total Deposits		3
Tax Payments	0	
Unknown Expense	0	
Repair & Maintenance	0	
Total Withdrawals		0
Balance June 30, 2023		14,851

Cavendish Energy Committee Report

For the year ended June 30, 2023

The Cavendish Energy Committee promotes energy conservation at the individual, business and government levels in Cavendish in order to efficiently address ecosystem degeneration while protecting taxpayer resources. The Committee, after thorough research, recommends actions to the municipality that are sustainable, energy efficient, and economically sensible. The Committee engages and educates the Cavendish community on energy efficiency through outreach and the establishment of projects and activities. The Committee partners with other Cavendish groups and with surrounding town energy committees to seek wider solutions to common problems, and to share practices and successes.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 no significant weather events disrupted life in Cavendish. But ten days after the end of the fiscal year the Black River again inundated parts of Proctorsville and Whitesville causing significant damage. The country as a whole saw widespread destruction from weather related events such as fire, flood, wind, and excessive heat during the past fiscal year. The effects of climate change are ever present. Cavendish is still relatively lucky, but always close to the edge as another major catastrophe could be just around the corner.

During the past year the Committee closely monitored use of the two-car electric vehicle charging station installed alongside the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. Use was free for the first few years, but the monthly cost to the

town has risen as people take advantage of the location, especially patrons of nearby businesses. Installation cost Cavendish almost nothing since the Committee secured a grant from the Vermont AOT, and while the town does not want to profit from the charging station, at the same time it does not want to lose money. The town began to charge for the station's use on June 1, 2023 so there is insufficient data for the last fiscal year to calculate efficiency or profitability, but Ludlow Electric charged the town \$3,440 for the year. The Energy Committee is monitoring the use, the cost, and the revenue received, and will have a better picture by June 30, 2024.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 the committee applied for and received a \$4,000 grant under the state of Vermont's Municipal Energy Resilience Program, which the town used to evaluate the town's compliance with the federal and state ADA requirements. We also applied for and received a separate grant to implement a comprehensive evaluation of municipal building energy efficiency. A consultant was hired to evaluate the town office, the wastewater treatment plant and the water filtration facility, and we are waiting for their report. We have also applied for and are awaiting word on a grant to better weatherize our buildings in order to save money on lighting, heating and cooling.

Cavendish's town solar array continued producing electricity and the committee continued analyzing power distribution and KWH savings to maximize the town's use of our own power. In the 12 months ended June 30, 2023 the solar panels produced 183,324 KWH, which converts to \$43,512 electricity cost savings. That's about 79% of the municipal electricity purchased from Green Mountain Power. The town also has seen a steady increase in use of the transfer station's composting facility. During 2024 the town will have substantial compost available for citizens' home yard and garden use. Any residents who do not compost at home can make use of this facility. For more information, just ask at the transfer station.

If you have particular energy saving questions or ideas, please pass them along to a committee member. If you have an interest in energy related issues and are willing to help, please contact the Town Office staff, or call Peter LaBelle at 802-226-7250 or Mary Ormrod at 802-226-7783.

Energy Committee Members: Rick Chambers, Town Energy Coordinator; Peter LaBelle, Committee Chair; Mary Ormrod; Jen Leak; Ron Emig; Bonnie Daya Emig; and Karen Wilson.

Recreation Department Report 2023

Spring sports started with a huge swing during opening day at Greven field. All players were escorted down to Greven field, our very own Terry O'Brien threw out the first pitch and we were on our way for a very successful baseball and softball season. We had all full teams and with most having a winning record and our 5/6 boys playing in the championship! Following the spring sports, we hosted the annual 12u Dishmonsters tournament joined by teams such as Manchester, Woodstock, Hartford, Walpole and Twin River! We made it all the way to the championship game before the dreaded flooding came through. Thankfully, Manchester hosted and we were able to hand out our first and second place trophies. Second place was our very own Troopers team.

Despite the flooding that took place in July we were able to have a very successful soccer season during the fall. With the help of parents, we were able to set up two brand new soccer goals that took us through the whole season. We had three teams a coed K-2, a coed 3/4, and a coed 5/6 team, all with successful records. We have now come into basketball season with a full 3-6 team that shows up eager and ready to play each game and practice. Our k-2 team continues to show up and gives us a great look into the future of what sports will look like to CTES. I want to give a huge thank you to the custodial staff at CTES, they always check into practice to make sure everything is going ok and they are there to send us on our way, unlocking doors and closing up as we leave. It's great to have support from those around. I'm looking forward to the end of winter and what's to come with our spring sports!

Stephanie Knockenhauer, Recreation Director

RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT		
July 2, 2022 to June 30, 2023		
Operating Account Balance July 1, 2022		19,859
Program Income	3,538	
Donations	500	
Bank Interest	15	
Total Receipts		
Cash Plus Receipts		23,912
Bank Service Charge	0	
Total Disbursements		0
Operating Account Balance June 30, 2023		23,912

CAVENDISH RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET

ITEM	22-23 Budgeted	22-23 Actual	23-24 Budgeted	24-25 Proposed
Equipment/Supplies	1,450	4,737	1,450	1,450
Referees/Umpires	600	960	600	1,000
Director Wages	26,00	26,535	26,000	27,430
Wages-Other	0	817	0	0
Employer FICA/Unemployment	1,677	2,219	1,677	2,098
Workers Compensation		1,591		
Field Maintenance	4,500	1,053	4,500	4,500
Electricity	360	312	360	360
Sanitation	1,700	1,588	1,700	1,700
Office Equipment and Supplies	750	0	750	500
Program/League Fees	200	829	200	200
Professional Development	500	0	500	500
Property and Liability Ins.	250	307	250	300
SUTA	0	96	0	0
Total	37,987	42,044	37,987	40,038.40



**Cavendish Fletcher Community Library Annual Report
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

**Library Visits: Public Patrons: 2651; School Patrons: Faculty & Staff - 674; Students – 2072
Circulation: Adult: 1503; Young Adult: 224; Juvenile: 2770
New Titles Added: 498**

The mission of the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library is to promote the exchange of ideas, stimulate thought and support lifelong learning in the school and community by providing relevant, current materials, programs and services for all ages.

This past year the Library hosted adult programs that included a book discussion featuring the Vermont Reads selection, *The Most Costly Journey: Stories of Migrant Farmworkers in Vermont* and a program with “Sheryl Faye Presents” that featured the life of Eleanor Roosevelt. We partnered with the Cavendish Community Conservation Association (CCCA) and hosted a photography presentation featuring local photographer Tim O’Donoghue. We partnered with the school for Family Literacy Nights as well as hosting after school Chess Club, Books & Crafts Club, and Desk Pets Club. We held two Scholastic Book Fairs, both of which were wildly popular with the school community. We also hosted an after school cartoon workshop with cartoonist Rick Stromoski.

In November 2022, through a donation from Building for Books, the Library took the first steps in the creation of Kate’s Corner, a space dedicated to all things early literacy, in memory of former resident and CTES alum, Kate Lorenz. The collection includes board books, early literacy discovery kits, and a Parenting shelf. A full dedication of the space is planned for Spring 2024.

The state program, Everyone Eats, continued through the month of March. The program served residents throughout the Town of Cavendish, many of whom had not been regular library patrons. We were happy to work with the State to improve food security and most of all, it was a pleasure to see and connect with residents and to share information, stories, and smiles.

We appreciate the financial support from the Chase Trust, GMUSD, Town appropriation, the Fletcher Farm Fund, and various other grants and donations. These funding sources address our budget needs and any unexpected expenses. Also, we are able to preserve a portion of our funds for the future sustainability of the library.

Here is what your library offers:

Have you looked at our website lately? Through our website patrons have access to databases, World Book Encyclopedia, and Learning Express Library!

We also have: Books and not just in print! We also have books on CD and, through Libby and Hoopla, library patrons have access to audio and ebooks! Movies and not just DVDs! Through Hoopla, patrons can stream movies! Public computers, printing, and faxing; Notary Public (call for appointment); Interlibrary loan services (free!); and Nature Discovery kits, State Parks and Historic Sites passes, and *now* passes to Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) and Billings Farm are available for patrons!

Your library is a warm-in-the-winter, cool-in-the-summer place to visit. Do you like to play cards, work on puzzles, write and/or read in a quiet space? Our caring, welcoming, and supportive staff are here for you!

Programs to keep an eye out for:

Wednesday Morning Playgroup for Children through the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. The playgroup is free and open to children from birth to age 5 and their grown-ups. Join us from 10:00 - 11:30 am for reading, songs, games, arts and crafts, healthy snacks, and more!

We’re partnering with Fletcher Memorial Library and CCCA to bring two eclipse programs in March - and we will have free eclipse glasses available beginning in March. Learn about our solar system and eclipses!

Summer Reading Program! This year’s theme is *Adventure Begins at Your Library!*

Cartooning workshops, Sheryl Faye Presents (we’ve seen her as Eleanor Roosevelt, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, and Queen Elizabeth II - who will she be next?), book discussions, and more! Is there a program you would like to see? Contact us and we will see what we can do. We are your library!

Do you have your library card? If not, give us a call and we’ll have yours ready the next time you stop by. Library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00 - 6:00. We look forward to seeing you. You can also find us on Facebook (Cavendish Fletcher Community Library 2023), Instagram, and TikTok.

Take care, stay well, and keep reading!

Respectfully submitted,

Amy McMullen, Library Director

Peggy Svec, Chair, Library Board of Trustees

CAVENDISH FLETCHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY - BUDGET				
Description	Trustees Budget 22-23	Actual Accounts 22-23	Trustees Budget 23-24	Trustees Budget 24-25
Receipts:				
Interest & Refunds		386		
Bookfair Income		1,658		
Cavendish Trust Fund		20,000		
Trustee of Public Funds		500		
Fletcher Farm		0		
Donations		5,560		
GMUSD Funding		40,000		
Total Receipts		68,104		
Expenditures:				
Librarian:				
Salary	58,261	59,848	59,785	61,698
FICA	4,457	4,571	4,574	4,720
Health Ins.	0	0	0	0
Pension	3,641	3,849	3,886	4,010
Life/Disability	521	564	518	518
Workers Comp.	0	0	508	524
Unemploy. Ins.	0	0	377	389
Ass't Librarian:				
Salary	16,122	16,221	19,883	20,541
FICA	1,233	1,237	1,521	1,571
Health Ins.	0	0	0	0
Pension	0	0	0	0
Life/Disability	0	0	0	0
Workers Comp.	0	0	169	175
Unemploy. Ins.	0	0	125	129
Saturday Person:	2,073	1,342	0	0
FICA	158	103	0	0
Substitute Tracher:	0	0	0	0
FICA	0	0	0	0
Amazon Prime	200	0	70	140
Automation/Follett	1,000	0	1,200	1,300
Bank & Other Charges	60	24	0	36
Books	6,000	6,629	6,000	7,500
Books-Children	3,500	0	2,600	2,600
Building Maintenance	700	40	2,000	2,000
Computer Expense	2,500	186	2,500	2,500
Equipment Repair	450	0	450	500
Furnishings	1,500	389	1,500	500
Insurance	2,260	3,138	3,000	4,000

Description	Trustees Budget	Actual Accounts	Trustees Budget	Trustees Budget
	22-23	22-23	23-24	24-25
Listen Up Vermont	400	296	504	400
Magazines	500	470	300	575
Marketing	200	20	200	200
Media	4,700	1,538	4,500	4,000
Postage	900	518	900	600
Professional Fees	1,000	110	1,000	1,000
Programs/Refreshments	3,500	2,706	3,500	4,000
Supplies	3,500	761	3,000	4,000
Telephone	400	371	400	400
Webste	200	444	0	0
Total Expenditures	119,935	105,375	124,969	130,526
Tax Funds	(56000)	(56000)	(56000)	(56000)
(Town/School)	(40000)	(40000)	(42000)	(42000) *
Other Lib. Funds	23,935	9,375	26,969	32,526

* proposed

CAVENDISH FLETCHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY		July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023
Operating Account		
Checking Acct. Bal. 07/01/22		15,780
Refunds	335	
Trust Funds	20,000	
Donations	7,269	
Green Mountain School District	40,000	
Trustee of Public Funds	500	
Interest & Miscellaneous	0	
Bank Credit	261	
Total Deposits		68,365
Cash Plus Deposits		84,145
Operating Expenditures	59,317	
Total Disbursements		59,317
Checking Acct. Bal. 06/30/2023		24,828
CAVENDISH FLETCHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY – TRUST FUNDS		
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023		
Held Under Supervision of Trustees of Public Funds		
Principal Held in Perpetuity		12,448
Principal Value at 06/30/2022		27,844
Dividends& Capital Gains		1,867
Expenses		475
Distribution to Library		500
Held Under Supervision of Cavendish Town Treasurer/Clerk: Principle in Perpetuity		
Nancy Peplau Buswell Memorial Endowment		5,600

I.C. Tiemann Memorial Endowment		7,000
Total		12,600
Investments Held to Cover Above Funds:		<u>06/30/2023 Balance</u>
Buswell Memorial Endowment Account (Peoples United)		5,720
Tiemann Memorial Endowment Account (Berkshire)		7,357
Total		13,077
Earnings & Expenses Associated With Above Investments:		
Interest Income		20
Expenses		0
Distributions		0
Held For Use Of Library Trustees But Privately Administered:		
F&Z Chase Charitable Trust, Administered by the Trust Company of Vermont.		
(Earnings on 10% of principal are reserved for the Library and deposited to the Cavendish Library Trust)		
Earnings on Cavendish Library Trust		4,523
Trustee Fees		1,566
Distributions from F&Z Chase Trust to Cavendish Library Trust		59,481
Withdrawal from Cavendish Library Trust by Library Trustees		20,000
Cavendish Library Trust Value at 06/30/2023		211,958

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS			
Library Checking Account:			
Citizens Bank Balance July 1, 2022			330
Receipts			
From Trust Account	776		
Total Receipts		776	
Cash Plus Receipts			1,106
Disbursements			
Bank Charges	0		
To Library	500		
Total Disbursements			500
Citizens Bank Balance June 30, 2023			606
Funds Held In Trust For Library Use:			
Name	Principal In Perpetuity		
Richard Fletcher		2,000	
Alberta Smith		1,000	
Ervin Hesselton		5,000	
Bonds/Securities		4,448	
Total		12,448	
Investments Held at Peoples United Investment Services to Cover Above Monies:			
	Cost	6/30/2022 Market	6/30/2023 Market
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,469	1,445	1,504
Fixed Income Mutual Funds	14,360	12,334	12,048
Equity Mutual Funds	12,406	13,675	15,015
Real Assets	323	390	367
Total Investments		27,844	28,934

Earnings and Expenses Associated with Above Investments:			
Dividends and Capital Gains	1,352		
Expenses	450		
Disbursements to Trustees	776		

THE BUSWELL ENDOWMENT REPORT

The stated purpose of the money from the Nancy Peplau Buswell Endowment is to purchase books or materials especially for use by children under the age of eighteen by the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS			
Cemetery Checking Account:			
Citizens Bank Balance July 1, 2022		4,501	
Receipts			
Interest	1		
New Trust Funds	700		
From Trust Account	4,058		
Total Receipts		4,758	
Cash Plus Receipts		9,259	
Disbursements			
To Cavendish Cemetery	3,000		
To Trust Account	0		
Total Disbursements		3,000	
Citizens Bank Balance June 30, 2023		6,259	
Funds Held In Trust For Cemetery Use:			
Perpetual Care Funds July 1, 2022		98,338	
New Perpetual Care Funds:		0	
Perpetual Care Funds June 30, 2023		98,338	
Investments Held At Peoples United Investment Services To Cover Above Monies:			
	Cost	06/30/2022 Market	06/30/2023 Market
Cash and Cash Equivalents	10,669	10,378	10,865
Fixed Income Mutual Funds	78,326	63,220	65,959
Equity Mutual Funds	68,400	80,471	83,795
Real Assets	1,641	1,761	1,850
Total Investments		155,830	162,469
Earnings And Expenses Associated With Above Investments:			
Dividends and Capital Gains	7,552		
Expenses	2,266		
Disbursements to Trustees	4,058		

CEMETERY BUDGET
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

	22-23	22-23	23-24	24-25
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
Trustees of Public Funds		3,000		
Lot Sales		0		
Recording Fees		0		
Cornerstones		0		
Labor		0		
Donations		0		
Total Receipts		3,000		
Labor Costs	10,000	10,507	10,000	10,000
Parts & Equipment	1,200	3,091	1,200	1,200
Maintenance	0	528	0	0
Opening Graves	0	0	0	0
Insurance	500	411	500	500
Fuel	600	691	600	600
Water	370	410	370	370
Stone Repair	500	0	500	500
Miscellaneous	150	0	150	150
Equipment Fund	500	0	500	500
Mapping & Index Fund	300	300	300	300
Cornerstones	0	0	0	0
Administration/Sexton	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200
Total Operating Costs	21,320	23,138	21,320	21,320
Paid by: Trustee of Public Funds	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Net Budget Costs	18,320	20,138	18,320	18,320
Less: Cemetery Revenues		0		
Net Operating Costs		20,138		

2023 Cavendish Cemetery Report

As some of you may recall, this was a wet summer. Normally we plan on mowing the cemeteries eight to ten times; this summer it was fourteen mowings. In September, we had a high wind that felled twenty trees on the south side of Cavendish Village Cemetery. The trees dropped along the exit road and landed on at least thirty stones. After we cleaned them up we found no stones were damaged. We also had many large pines and hemlocks that fell in the right of way to the Old Revolutionary Cemetery. We will clean these trees up this spring. It will be a huge undertaking.

I would like to thank Mitchell Benoit, Brian Pelkey and Rick Knight for all their efforts in keeping the cemeteries in good order.

Bruce McEnaney, Sexton



November 16, 2023

Town of Cavendish
Attn: Jen Leak
P.O. Box 126
Cavendish, VT 05142

Dear Jen,

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the Northern New England region:

- We made **700 homes safer** by installing **2,177** smoke detectors and educating **897** families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **42,950 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **133,100 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,400** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Cavendish. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$500.00.* These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Service Delivery sheet for Windsor County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Warmly,

Lauren Jordan
Development Coordinator

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Burlington, VT 05401

2 Maitland St
Concord, NH 03301

2401 Congress St
Portland, ME 04101

www.redcross.org/nne
American Red Cross of Northern New England

BLACK RIVER GOOD NEIGHBOR SERVICES, INC.

Serving Belmont, Cavendish, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth and Proctorsville

January 2024

Black River Good Neighbor Services' mission is to provide confidential, temporary food, clothing and financial assistance to those in need, helping them return to self-sufficiency. We serve Cavendish, Proctorsville, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Belmont and Plymouth. We are committed to offering quality programs and assistance to individuals in need residing in Cavendish, and we respectfully request your support.

In 2023 we provided qualifying Cavendish residents with food shelf visits at a value of **\$12,017**. In addition, we distributed food to individuals that qualify for the USDA food program. These individuals live on less than 185% of the federal poverty level. The government provides a small number of items monthly. With BRGNS subsidy we distribute twice a month to those households a full grocery bag including local eggs, fresh produce, meat or fish, and cheese with a value to Cavendish residents of **\$15,670**. This food was largely purchased from the Vermont Foodbank, together with donations through various businesses, organizations and individuals.

Our Holiday Gift Program provided qualifying Cavendish residents with gift cards serving 14 individuals including children. Families with children received toys and gifts for each child. The value of this program's service to your town was **\$1,500**.

Beginning in January 2023, we coordinated and delivered Meals on Wheels meals weekly to 9 Cavendish/Proctorsville residents. Each person receives 7 meals weekly together with milk.

Food Shelf services value: **\$12,017**

Holiday Program value: **\$1,500**

Rental assistance: **\$3,250**

Utility Assistance: **\$2,785**

Bi-monthly USDA Food Distribution Value: **\$15,670**

Total 2023 value for services to Cavendish: \$35,222

Black River Good Neighbor Services is most appreciative of support from the town of Cavendish.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krey Kellington

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Executive Director

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Black River Health Center

The Black River Health Center (BRHC), a non-profit 501 (c) organization, has been serving the people of the town of Cavendish and the surrounding communities since 1956. BRHC is committed to maintaining a facility offering affordable leases for; wellness and medical practitioners, health care providers, social workers, and all their respective services. Opportunities for wellness and health services are growing, and BRHC wants to keep the community healthcare options open and viable well into the future. The stone building is on the State Historic Register.

At Town Meeting this year an Article will be on the Warning asking for a waiver on tax assessment, something voters have continually approved of for the past 60 plus years. The Pandemic hit BRHC hard as Practitioners and the Visiting Nurses had to give up their leases, due to lack of income, from the shut down of face to face contact. Over the past 18 months two therapists, one with a Ph.D., have leased rooms. However, more rooms will need to be leased to sustain viability for the facility.

In 2023 we made sure the heating pipes wouldn't burst, as has happened twice previously, by adding antifreeze to the heating system. The recent upgrade in broadband internet has worked well for practitioners, allowing secure tele-health contact with their clients.

BRHC does offer short term agreements to allow health care providers a safe and secure place to do online meetings and consultations, as well as in house daily rental space. BRHC is looking for people to serve as Trustees to fill out our Health Center Board and as always, we welcome community members who are interested in being involved with the Black River Health Center.

Our mission is to find ways of providing for the health and well being of our residents, and neighbors of the Black River Valley. Donations are always welcome, and tax deductible. Anyone with questions can email brhc4u@gmail.com , or call BRHC President, George Timko at (802) 226-7736

Green Up Day continued to grow with 23,500 volunteers statewide who cleaned up nearly 348 tons of litter and 15,000 tires. We saw 23% more volunteers lend a hand and heard in many cases there was less litter (30%) to be cleaned up. Tire collection saw a 4.8% increase. The statistics show that the hard work to beautify Vermont is still needed but also that our efforts for awareness are paying off. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2024.

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

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

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

Join us for Green Up Day on May 4, 2024. Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 802-522-7245



CAVENDISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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www.thewriterwhochangedhistory.com

December 26, 2023

This has been a rather challenging year. Just when we thought we could return to normal summer programming, now that Covid is under much better control, along comes the July floods. Once again, the Cavendish Historical Society (CHS) provided information on prior events in 2011 and 1927, along with documenting the current situation and its invaluable information for future generations. We were particularly pleased to see our Young Historians lending a helping hand, be it walking the streets with water, or helping with the many activities of the Shelter. Our students are definitely hands on, and it's good to see the impact of the program.

In spite of all the rescheduling and cancellations of activities, we've been able to expand our programming in new ways. We were particularly pleased to offer "A Christmas Carol" Open Studio at the former site of the Crows Bakery in December. We heard from people this summer about how they lost their holiday decorations as they were in basements that flooded. We thought Depot Street was a fitting place to hold an ornament making workshop, accompanied by a delicious hot chocolate tasting, to show that this part of town is a destination and not a place of devastation due to the floods.

Due to the popularity of the December program, we hope to hold more open studios this coming year. Programs we had to cancel will be offered in the late spring early summer.

Starting this September, we've begun a Young Historians Club for the Cavendish Town Elementary School's After School Program. At 100 years old, Gloria Leven has been helping the students understand what life was like through significant eras like the Depression, WWII and beyond.

CHS is requesting level funding as part of the town's budget.

Sincerely,

Margo Caulfield,
Director

Request for Support from the Town of Cavendish

October 2023

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$600.00 from the Town of Cavendish at the 2024 Town Meeting to help support same day access to our services for residents of your community. This funding will support our Access Navigator positions, which allow us to provide mental health and substance use supports to residents when they need them. Same day access is now more essential than ever due to the increased anxiety experienced by so many since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the year ending June 30, 2023, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 3,690 people in Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community include:

Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services: HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance use difficulties. These services include assessment of need, treatment, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance use needs.

Children, Youth, and Families Program: We provide a comprehensive system of care for youth of all ages who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, and employment assistance for older youth.

Kindle Farm School: Our alternative school in Newfane serves boys in grades 2 – 12, who are unable to remain in a traditional classroom setting. Kindle Farm uses a unique approach of strong relationships, a low student to staff ratio, and hands-on learning experiences to engage these students, many of whom are able to return to their sending schools after learning new skills.

Developmental Services (DS): The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person served receives an individualized program to meet their unique needs.

Residential Services: HCRS offers residential care including short term crisis stabilization, intensive residential care, and therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals an appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs.

Emergency Services: This team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially-trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Cavendish for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2023

Springfield Local Health Office | 100 Mineral St, Suite 104, Springfield, VT
802-289-0600 | AHS.VDHSpringfield@Vermont.gov

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

Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit

HealthVermont.gov/local/springfield



Responding to Health Emergencies

It is important that we respond quickly to public health emergencies. This helps reduce illness and injury in our community. There were two major emergencies in our district this past year.

COVID-19

The first was responding to COVID-19 through prevention and response efforts. We distributed over 8,200 COVID test kits for free including through Veggie Van Go events in Springfield and Windsor.

Historic Flooding

The second major public health emergency was the catastrophic flooding in July. We staffed several Disaster Response Centers in Londonderry and Ludlow to distribute free water test kits. We also served as a collection point for water test kits and sent over 180 test kits to the state laboratory for processing. Over 50% of these kits were positive for bacteria. This provided essential information to keep our community safe.



Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Services

Springfield WIC serves an average of 600 individuals monthly with 3 outlying clinic sites in Bellows Falls, Ludlow and Windsor

- In 2023, our WIC staff helped families buy over \$96,000 of fruits and vegetables. Our Farm to Family coupons distributed an additional \$4,000 in our community.
- Also in 2023, our WIC program gave out 100 State Park passes, helping to reduce financial barriers to safe physical activity.
- Springfield WIC continues to be a safe and supportive place for nursing families to access resources, information and support.



Mount Ascutney Regional Commission

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

During FY23, the dues from member towns contributed about 2% of the MARC's annual budget of \$1,741,824. The town dues assessment of \$1,810 was determined on a \$1.30 per person based upon U.S. Census data. The remaining revenues were derived from federal, state, and other funding sources.

The MARC offers member towns a broad range of services, including assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, water quality, emergency management, data, mapping, and other planning activities. In FY23, the MARC assisted the Town of Cavendish with the response and recovery from the July flooding event, assistance with the Local Emergency Management Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, helped to prepare a successful Municipal Planning Grant application for capital planning, assisted with flood hazard permitting, and provided information and technical assistance related to the American Rescue Plan Act.

We would like to thank town appointed representatives Etienne Ting, Shirley Clark, Miguel Seville, John Saydek and Tim Calabrese who have served on the MARC Board and Committees this past year.

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

Jason Rasmussen, AICP
Executive Director

The **Cavendish Planning Commission (PC)** consists of a seven-member volunteer board appointed by the Select Board. Each member serves a three-year term. Current members are Tim Calabrese - Bruce McEnaney Vice Chair and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Mount Noah Schmidt, Secretary; Shirley Clark, Ascutney Regional

Commission (MARC) town representative; Miguel Seville. Alternative MARC representative; and Jeff Strange. There is currently one open position on the PC. Any person interested in joining should contact the Town Manager or the Select Board for consideration. Monthly meetings are held at the Town Office on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Meeting agendas are posted in the Town Office and on the Town Bulletin boards as well as the town website.

The Planning Commission is currently working on developing draft subdivision regulations. These draft regulations will be ready for review by the beginning of February and available on the Town Website as well as the Town Office. The Planning Commission will have an open forum discussion in April to present and discuss the draft regulations. The adoption of Subdivision Regulations process can be found at <https://www.vlct.org/topics/policies-and-ordinances> ; <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/24/059>

2023 brought the stark reality of flooding and it's destructive force. The Town has Flood Hazard Regulations and development in flood hazard zones and river corridors. We urge all property owners prior to any new construction and or development to find out if they are in any of these zones. Information regarding this can be obtained at floodready.vermont.gov .

The Planning Commission is also working with the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission on an affordable housing feasibility study to determine suitable locations and private/public partnerships to provide funding.

Currently there are no subdivision regulations or zoning ordinances in the Town of Cavendish. An Act 250 permit is required for certain kinds of development and subdivision activity — such as commercial projects on more than 10 acres (if the town has permanent zoning and subdivision regulations) or on more than one acre (if it does not) or the subdivision of 10 lots or more in a five year period. Act 250 jurisdictional categories are summarized in the publication Act 250 Jurisdiction and more fully described in the Act 250 Statute and the Act 250 Rules. **To determine whether you need an Act 250 permit, contact your Act 250 District Coordinator.** Prior Jurisdictional Opinions of the District Coordinators are listed on the Jurisdictional Opinions page.

We thank Etienne Ting for his years of service as Chair. His dedication and guidance is greatly appreciated. In closing, In 2023 we lost Steven Plunkard, an instrumental member of the community. As the Planning Commission Liaison and Selectboard. We are forever grateful for his contributions as community member and town leader.

Respectfully Submitted For The Cavendish Planning Commission
Tim Calabrese, Chair



Green Mountain RSVP - Annual Town Report – FY 2023

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSVP) is an AmeriCorps Seniors program that engages people 55 and older in volunteer service to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement. GMRSVP is focused on addressing social isolation, healthy aging, and food insecurity.

Your town's funds help us to continue to support and develop programs for older adults who wish to volunteer. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the AmeriCorps Seniors Program. Thank you for your continued support of local volunteers.

The Cavendish Bone Builder class has been meeting for over 20 years! They meet twice per week using a zoom account provided by GMRSVP. Four certified instructors lead a group of 9 participants in strength and balance exercises. The VT Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired continues to rely on a Cavendish volunteer to provide transportation to the Upper Valley and medical appointments for their clients. The 6 Cavendish residents who receive Meals on Wheels from the Black River Good Neighbor Services program are served by GMRSVP volunteers who bring the meals to the fire station to go out for delivery.

Contact Program Director, Corey Mitchell at (802)674-4547 to learn more about GMRSVP and how you can volunteer in the Cavendish area.

MOOVER!

As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company, **Southeast Vermont Transit the MOOver** relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. These funds allow us to draw down federal funds to provide operating support and the required match for our replacement vehicles. Cavendish and Proctorville has contributed to us for many years, and we thank you again for your support.

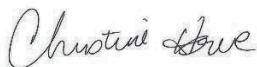
The MOOver's mission is to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for 34 Windham and southern Windsor County towns. We operate fixed bus routes that connect Rockingham to Walpole, Brattleboro, Ludlow, Springfield, DHMC, and Dartmouth College. We provide senior and disabled transportation, Medicaid, and other demand-response service via our fleet of 60 buses and a network of volunteer drivers. We receive state and federal grants plus contributions from 34 towns, three resorts, human service partners, sponsorships, and fundraising.

The town of Cavendish and Proctorville's total operating expenses last year were \$ 30,717. We provided 133,049 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses, vans and volunteers traveled 2,128,771 miles over 70,668 hours.

In Cavendish and Proctorville we operate van and volunteer services for Medicaid and the elderly and disabled, which last year provided 1216 rides at a cost of \$ 30,717. We are requesting a \$ 125 contribution from Cavendish and Proctorville this year. Cavendish and Proctorville's contribution supports continuing public transit in your town and throughout the region. Service levels vary by town and from year by year. We need your help to remain a healthy company to be able to respond to needs of the elderly, disabled, or in an emergency or crisis when the need arises.

Also, please contact me if you have any questions or comments on our request.

Thank you!



Christine Howe
General Manager
Southeast Vermont Transit the MOOver

State Representative John Arrison – Report to the Residents of Cavendish

Dear Constituents,

It is my privilege to represent you, the residents of Baltimore, Cavendish, and Weathersfield, in the Vermont legislature.

As we transition from the Covid era of bountiful federal money into the reality of living within our means, we are faced with a familiar problem: funding. How can we find the means to support our educational institutions and our aging population? How can we address the problems brought about by the opioid crisis?

The lack of affordable housing is an issue that affects all the work we are doing this session. Numerous bills have been presented to help address the housing crisis. Significant changes to Act 250 were passed into law last year, and more changes are under consideration this year, including ways to streamline the application process and to discourage frivolous appeals. There is even movement to eliminate the Act 250 process entirely for development within designated village centers.

The Child Care bill was passed in 2023. Vermont now will assist lower income Vermonters pay for the expenses of child care. This new program should allow more Vermonters to enter the job market, perhaps making it easier for employers to find help.

Also of note is the passage of the "bottle bill", which is intended to decrease the amount of material sent to landfills and to increase the amount of cleaner, more valuable recyclables. In addition to soda, bottled water and other non-carbonated beverages will carry a 5-cent deposit. Wine bottles will have a 15-cent deposit. All dairy and non-alcoholic cider products will be exempt.

The Public Utility Commission has been given the task of formulating rules for the proposed "green heat standard" that was passed last year and for projecting the costs of implementation. The Legislature will carefully review the PUC's findings before making a final vote in 2025.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you need help with any issue or concern. I am happy to hear from you.

Representative John Arrison

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Okemo Valley TV
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November 13, 2023

To: Town of Cavendish
ATTN: Jen Leak, Assistant Town Clerk

To the Members of the Cavendish Selectboard:

Okemo Valley TV is a community organization serving Cavendish and several other surrounding Towns with media services, including:

- operating two non commercial TV channels (on local cable TV and streaming 24/7 on our website)
- providing equipment & training to community members
- supporting municipal governments, schools, libraries, and non profits with media production & other AV resources
- recording, televising, webcasting, & archiving local government meetings

The Town of Cavendish's past contributions to Okemo Valley TV through an annual appropriation has provided vital support to our coverage of municipal meetings. We have been recording meeting coverage in Town for over 20 years. This has included Selectboard and Planning Commission meetings, special meetings, public hearings, the annual Town Meeting meetings, as well as school board meetings. During the last fiscal year (FY2023), we have provided coverage of and distributed (televised & webcast) 20 municipal meetings and 18 school board (GMUSD) meetings. To help support this work, we respectfully request a Town appropriation of \$850 for the coming fiscal year (FY2025), matching this year's contribution.

In addition to the meeting coverage, during FY2023, we provided coverage for & distributed the school graduation, the memorial day parade, 3 concerts on the green, and a CCCA workshop at the Town Office.

We take great pride in serving the Town of Cavendish and helping to connect the community through such programming. Community members can find the programming on our TV channels (on Comcast), which are also streamed live on okemovalley.tv and on the new, free & downloadable "Okemo Valley TV" app across all of the main streaming platforms (Apple TV, Roku, Fire TV, Google Play, iOS). That is to say, you don't need cable to "tune in". In addition, we archive local programming on our website, on the streaming app, as well as our You Tube channel.

Thank you for your support, and please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Patrick Cody
Executive Director

SENIOR SOLUTIONS

Detailed Report to the Town of Cavendish

Senior Solutions, Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. has served the residents of Cavendish and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), Windsor and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

This is a summary of services provided to Cavendish residents in the time period of 10/01/22 - 9/30/23.

Information & Assistance: 44 Calls or Office Visits. Our HelpLine (1-802-885-2669 or 1-866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, and access resources. We assist with health insurance problems, long-term care applications, fuel assistance, applying for benefits, and many other needs. Extensive resources are also on our website: www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org

Medicare Assistance: 17 Calls or Office Visits. Cavendish residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides Medicare education and counseling, classes for new Medicare enrollees, and help enrolling in Part D and choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Care Coordination Services: We provided 18 residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance (totaling 86.5 hours) to enable them to remain living safely at home. A Senior Solutions' case manager meets clients at home to create and monitor a person-centered plan of care. Based on this plan, case managers work to secure the services needed to support the client in the community. We also support clients with self-neglect behaviors, and help those who experience abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

Nutrition Services and Programs: 10 residents received 426 Home-Delivered Meals provided by Meals & Wheels of Greater Springfield. We also supported community meal gatherings at Black River Good Neighbor Services and other meal sites in our region.

Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds to local organizations to help them operate these meal programs. However, the funds we provide do not cover the full cost, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use our town funding to support these meals and does not benefit from any funds that towns provide directly to local meal sites. Senior Solutions also offers the services of a registered dietician to older adults and to local meal sites.

Volunteer Visitors: Our volunteers provided home visits, telephone reassurance, and help with shopping or other errands. Our Vet-to-Vet program matched Veteran volunteers with Veteran recipients. 3 residents received 243 hours of volunteer services.

Other Services: Senior Solutions provides many other services, including caregiver respite, grants for special needs, transportation, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities, and home-based mental health services.

Senior Solutions is enormously grateful for the support of the people from the Town of Cavendish.

Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION (SEVCA)

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty.* SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Thrift Stores, and a Community Solar Program.

In the community of Cavendish we have provided the following services during FY2023:

Weatherization: 4 homes (8 people) received weatherization services.

Emergency Heating System Repair/Replacement: 2 households (3 people) received
Emergency heating system repairs or replacements.

Family Services: 11 households (18 people) received 69 services (crisis resolution, financial counseling; nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 9 households (23 people) received 20 assists to obtain Emergency Heating fuel or assist with utility disconnects.

Housing Assistance: 1 household (1 person) received assistance to obtain or stay in secure housing, or to assist with paying past-due rental or mortgage payments.

Emergency Home Repair: 4 households (6 people) received emergency repairs to address immediate health or safety concerns in their home.

Head Start: 1 family (3 people) received comprehensive early education and family support.

The combined value of services provided for residents of Cavendish exceeded \$29,478.00.

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

Kathleen Devlin, Interim Executive Director
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Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District

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The District was chartered in fourteen Vermont towns. Each a representative and an Board of Supervisors. Bruce McEnaney; Rick Chambers is the alternate.



1981 and currently serves member municipality appoints alternate to serve on the Cavendish's representative is



Food scraps are banned from the landfill because they generate methane which degrades the ozone layer. The Cavendish Transfer Station accepts food scraps from people with an access permit. To facilitate backyard composting, the District sold composters and food scrap pails. Educational resources about composting resources are available on the District's website.



The District's household hazardous waste (HHW) depot in Springfield opened for its second season in May 2023. It was open by appointment, for five months, two mornings a week. The Depot will re-open in May 2024. If you need to dispose of HHW before May, make an appointment in Rutland at www.srscswd.com.



Bring unwanted paint to Aubuchon Hardware or LaValley's Building Supply in Ludlow during regular business hours and dispose of it for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty – bring others to the HHW Depot).



AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, hearing aid, coin cell, tool, and rechargeable batteries are accepted at the Cavendish Transfer Station. Batteries are "special recycling" and do NOT go in with other recycling (fire hazard).



This is the "reuse" symbol - that is what we do with glass bottles and jars that are brought to the Springfield, Weathersfield, and Ludlow transfer stations.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kennedy	Mary T. O'Brien	Ham Gillett
District Manager	Recycling Coordinator	Outreach Coordinator

Town of Cavendish
P.O. Box 126
Cavendish, VT 05142

October 3, 2023

Dear Council Members and Citizens of Cavendish;

We at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) would like to offer our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to have our appropriation request included in 2023 funding. **VNH respectfully requests \$3,000. This represents level funding from last year's request.**

As an integral part of the community healthcare system in Cavendish, VNH serves to breach an otherwise significant gap in the community's continuum of care. Last year, VNH provided 479 visits to 33 residents of all ages and at all stages of life. VNH is also the foremost team of hospice and home health experts for over 140 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. We deliver nursing, hospice and rehabilitation services at home with proven effectiveness, integrity and compassion. Just as local families have counted on us since 1907, you can count on us today.

Having our patients maintain their independence is key. Our nurses, therapists and social workers provide assessments, medical care and education to assist people in leading a more self-sufficient life. This includes patients who are frail, elderly and disabled, people with terminal illness, those recovering from major surgery or illness and children with chronic medical needs. They all benefit by receiving the care they need in the familiarity and comfort of home.

Town funding is what allows us to bring down the cost of services provided to those in need. With adequate town funding, we are able to provide an affordable option for home healthcare in the community. To continue meeting these needs, we urge the Town of Cavendish to budget continued financial support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire.

On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your consideration of this request.

With kind regards,

Anthony Knox

Anthony Knox
Community Relations Manager
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September 28, 2023
Town of Cavendish
Diane McNamara
PO Box 126
Cavendish, VT 05142



Dear Select Board,

The mission of Vermont Family Network (VFN) is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P), merged, VFN has collectively served families across Vermont for more than 30 years. Vermont children, youth, and families are provided with a "one-stop shop" to help them reach their full potential. VFN gives a strong start, lifts family voices, and advances inclusive communities.

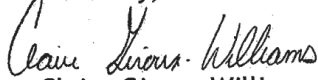
We are writing you today to ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Cavendish and throughout the state, with an appropriation of \$250. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like Cavendish where we have served many families to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we can do all around the state continues to happen with the same excellence and care that it has for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve over 1000 families yearly with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, an annual conference, and more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches children and parents about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Each year over 7000 school children and adults benefit from these educational programs and workshops.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much-needed services to Vermont families. Please feel free to reach out to me at Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org, or my cell phone at 301-509-2435 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Claire Giroux-Williams
Development Manager
Vermont Family Network

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities in Windham and southern Windsor County.

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

The organization applies mission to practice through three branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, and Property Management. The **Homeownership's** Home Repair Program assisted *21 homeowners* by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. *110 participants completed the Homebuyer Educational Workshop.* The one-to-one counseling assisted *31 new homeowners* in 2023 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The *Shared Equity program has 140 homes* currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. The VHIP (Vermont Housing Improvement Program) works with private landowners to rehab and/or create new units. There were *36 under construction and 14 completed projects* spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties this year with a healthy pipeline for 2024.

Housing Development: WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meet the diverse housing needs within a community. This takes the form of both the rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. This year, the Bellows Falls Garage opened creating *27 new, affordable apartments* to downtown Bellows Falls, and contributes to the revitalization of this portion of the historic Vermont village. The Alice Holway Drive development in Putney is slated to create 25 new homes within the village and is planned to break ground in 2024. The Central & Main 25-unit development in downtown Windsor will also be breaking ground in 2024. This year, WWHT completed work on *deep retrofits and renovations on 26 apartments* in Brattleboro and Windsor, comprising some of the oldest buildings in our portfolio. Breathing new life into these units allows us to serve our residents into the coming decades.

Property Management: WWHT owns *83 residential properties* housing 16 commercial spaces with 929 rental apartments and 3 mobile home parks, home to over 1,500 residents. We manage the rental properties in southern Windham County and contract with Stewart Property Management for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure the long-term health and safety of our residents as well as the preservation of property values. We've expanded our supportive services capacity through participating in the SASH For All program, connecting residents of all ages to critical resources to meet their self-driven health and well-being goals. Between Windsor's SASH program and SASH For All, we had over *120 participants connected to health and wellness resources.*

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

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.homemattershere.org



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Town Narrative – Cavendish - For July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

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

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

Youth with mentors have:

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

In FY 2022, WCM served and supported school- and community-based mentorships with children from towns throughout Windsor County. Collectively, our mentors volunteered thousands of hours to their communities.

Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring:

- Mentors (96%) would recommend mentoring to a family member, friend, or colleague.
- Mentee parents (100%) said their child is hopeful about his/her future.
- Mentees (82%) reported having a mentor has made a difference in his/her life.

Finally, a recent study by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy found almost 30 dollars in benefits to children returned to the community for every dollar spent on mentoring!

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

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

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

Matthew Garcia, Executive Director

To: Windsor County Town Clerks

From: Assistant Judges Alison Johannensen and David Singer

Re: **Windsor County News**

Date: December 2023

The County has experienced some changes this year, the first one is the bond that the county tax payers had approved for the Court House renovation has been paid off as of November 01, 2023. Thank you to all the tax payers for supporting this renovation.

Assistant Judge Ellen Terie decided not to run for re-election last year and retired as of January 31, 2023. Assistant Judge Terie was a valued member of the county and we certainly thank her for the 8 years she served Windsor County residents.

We also thank Assistant Judge Michael Ricci, who was also a valued member of the county and served the Windsor County residents for almost 2 years after being appointed by Governor Scott.

Our Deputy Clerk, Dianne Bumps decided to retire from her county position in May of 2023. We thank Dianne for her dedication during her 5 years with Windsor County.

The County Building Superintendent, Bruce Page, who has taken care of both county building since July of 2017 decided to retire from his county position at the end of November 2023. We thank Bruce for all his dedication and hard work.

We thank Mike Chamberlain for the many years he served Windsor County as Sheriff. We wish him well and hope he is enjoying himself.

We wish them all well in their new adventures!

Windsor County residents elected Ryan Palmer as the County Sheriff. Sheriff Palmer has been approaching his new responsibility with a lot of enthusiasm.

Windsor County residents elected two (2) new Assistant Judges, Alison Johannensen and David Singer who assumed office as of February 01, 2023. We welcome both of the assistant judges.

The Assistant Judges are working hard on securing an energy efficiency grant to be used to replace the old boiler in the county building. If the county is successful in securing the grant, we hope the boiler can be replaced within the next year.

The Windsor County Final Budget Hearing is scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2024 at the County Building in Woodstock, Vermont at 5:00 P.M.

**Women's Freedom Center's
Statement of Services
And Report to the Town of Cavendish**

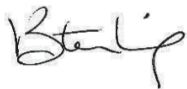
The Women's Freedom Center's mission is to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and southern Windsor County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place, and providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to survivors and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1974, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for survivors and their children; legal, medical, housing, and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and southern Windsor County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with survivors wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes, this means assisting them to get to us, and other times, it means us going to them somewhere safe in their community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,900 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 144 people, and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,099 people** (623 women, 2 non-binary individuals, 31 men, and 444 children) who had been abused. These figures include 2 survivors and their 1 child from Cavendish. In addition, we provided 50 community outreach activities, including school presentations and workshops, to over 700 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor Counties.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center

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Sample Ballot

OFFICIAL BALLOT

ANNUAL MEETING FOR TOWN OF CAVENDISH, VERMONT

MARCH 5, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote, **completely fill in the oval** of your choice(s).

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to collect all taxes on Real and Personal Property, for which it has statutory taxing authority, in installments. Taxes collected by the Town are to be paid to the treasurer on August 15th, November 15th, February 15th and May 15th with interest of one (1) percent per month added to any tax principal balances due and not paid by the quarterly due date. The final due date for all tax principal balances is the 15th day of June after which they shall become delinquent and are subject to an eight (8) percent penalty in addition to the interest. If a payment due date falls upon a day that the treasurer's office is officially closed, payments then due will be accepted without penalty or interest added if received by 4:30 PM the next business day. Amounts allocated to current year taxes under the State of Vermont's Homestead Property Tax Income Sensitivity Program shall be applied to the taxpayers' property tax installments pro rata (total adjustment divided equally between all quarterly installments) in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 6066a(f)(1). [by Australian Ballot]

YES NO

Article 3: Will the voters adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Town Budget as proposed by the Board of Selectmen in the amount of \$2,456,889.39. [by Australian Ballot]

YES NO

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Cavendish authorize cannabis retailers to operate in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863. [by Australian Ballot]

YES NO

Article 5: Shall the Town adopt all future Town Budgets by Australian Ballot. [by Australian Ballot]

YES NO

Article 6: Shall the Town vote on all future public questions by Australian Ballot. [by Australian Ballot]

YES NO

Article 7: To see if the voters of the Town of Cavendish will authorize the Selectman to exempt the Black River Health Center, a 501C non-profit corporation, from all taxes on real and personal property for the next five (5) years on its building and lot in the Cavendish Village [By Request] [by Australian Ballot]

YES NO

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Cavendish exempt the lands and improvements of Fletcher Farm Foundation from real estate taxes for a period of five (5) years commencing with the 2024-2025 tax year. [By Petition]. [by Australian Ballot]

YES NO

Article 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Cavendish authorize the Selectmen to exempt the Cavendish Volunteer Fire Department from all taxes on real and personal property for the next five (5) years. [by Australian Ballot]

YES NO

Article 10: Shall the voters of the Town of Cavendish authorize the Selectmen to exempt the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department from all taxes on real and personal property for the next five (5) years. [by Australian Ballot]

YES NO

Sample Ballot

OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL MEETING FOR TOWN OF CAVENDISH, VERMONT MARCH 5, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Completely fill in the oval to the RIGHT of the person(s) you wish to vote for. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided **and** fill in the oval to the right.

<p><u>For Town Moderator – 1 year:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>Michael J Ripley <input type="radio"/></p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><u>For Town Grand Juror – 1 year:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><u>For Auditor – 1 year:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>Joshua Temple <input type="radio"/></p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><u>For Selectman – 1 year:</u> Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>Shannon Devereux <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Stuart Lindberg <input type="radio"/></p> <p>David J Norton..... <input type="radio"/></p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><u>For Library Trustee – 5 years:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>David Gallagher <input type="radio"/></p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><u>For Auditor – 2 years:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><u>For Selectman – 3 years:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>Michael J Ripley <input type="radio"/></p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><u>For Library Trustee – 2 years remainder of 5 year term:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><u>For Auditor – 3 years:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><u>For Selectman – 3 years:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>Michael J Ripley <input type="radio"/></p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><u>For Library Trustee – 3 years remainder of 5 year term:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>Claire Berkman <input type="radio"/></p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><u>For Town Agent – 1 year:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><u>For GMUSD Director - 3 years:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>Lisa D Sanders..... <input type="radio"/></p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><u>For Trustee of Public Funds – 1 year remainder of 3 year term:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><u>For Trustee of Public Funds – 3 years:</u> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>Jane Pixley <input type="radio"/></p> <p>.....Write-In <input type="radio"/></p>

NOTES



Std. Rate
U.S. Postage
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05142

**Town of Cavendish
P.O. Box 126
Cavendish, VT 05142**

Town of Cavendish – Emergency Numbers:

- Cavendish Fire Department 911
- Proctorsville Fire Department..... 911
- State Police.....911 or (802) 722-4600
- Windsor County Sheriff.....911 or (802) 457-5211

Town Office Numbers:

- Town Clerk(802) 226-7292
- Town Manager.....(802) 226-7291
- Town Office Fax.....(802) 226-7290

**Town Meeting Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7 pm in the Cavendish Town Elementary School
and via Zoom**

To Join Zoom meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81312391910>

Meeting ID: 813 1239 1910

Passcode: Cavendish

Voting

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the Proctorsville Fire Station
10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Due to the Covid pandemic, Town Meeting will be held BOTH in person AND via Zoom. The voting on the Town Budget will be by Australian Ballot at the Proctorsville Fire Department. Information is posted on the town posting boards at the Village Green in Proctorsville & at the Cavendish Town Office, in the Town Clerk’s Office and on the Town website www.cavendishvt.com.