

The Town of

GRAFTON VERMONT



159th Annual Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

TOWN OF GRAFTON

P.O. Box 180
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Grafton, VT 05146

Website: www.graftonvt.org

POPULATION, 2010 CENSUS – 679

REGISTERED VOTERS - 522

Town Clerk & Treasurer

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krecord@graftonvt.org

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
9 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM - 4 PM

Administrator

Bill Kearns
Tel. (802) 843-2552
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townadmin@graftonvt.org

Mon. – Thurs.
8 AM – 4:30 PM

Town Listers

Nancy Merrill
Hardy Merrill
GailAnn Fisher
Tel. (802) 843-6486
listers@graftonvt.org

Tues. & Wed.
10 AM – 1 PM
Or by Appointment

Grafton Public Library

Tel. (802) 843-2404
librarian@graftonpubliclibrary.org

Open by Appointment on

Monday: 10 AM – 1 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM

Thursday: 2 PM – 5 PM

Friday: 2 PM – 5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM – 12 PM

Curbside only on

Tuesday: 10 AM – 1 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM – 1 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM

EMERGENCY – Police, Fire, Ambulance
Vermont State Police & Game Warden
Forest Fire Warden, Bill Brown
Asst. Forest Fire Warden, Eric Stevens
Grafton Town Garage
Health Officer, Rich Thompson

911
(802) 722-4600
(802) 843-2523 or (802) 380-0131
(802) 843-2568
(802) 843-2456
(802) 843-1270 or (802) 843-1344

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

First & Third Monday of each month,
6 PM

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Second and fourth Thursday of each
month at 6 PM currently being held
Via Zoom due to COVID. See WNESU
Website for log in details.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of each month,
6:30 PM

Property taxes are due August 15th, November 15th, February 15th and May 15th

Taxes become delinquent after the May 15th Payment

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GRAFTON, VERMONT
WARNING
For Town and Town School Districts

The legal voters of the Town and Town School Districts of Grafton, Vermont are hereby warned and notified that on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 9:00AM EST the polls are open to take action on the following articles:

- ART. 1 To choose all Town Officers and to vote on each Article proposed at this Town Meeting. Voting shall be by Australian ballot on Tuesday March 2, 2021; polls open from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
- ART. 2 Shall the Town of Grafton receive and accept the Auditor’s Report?
- ART. 3 Shall the Town of Grafton authorize the Selectmen to borrow money, respectively, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes?
- ART. 4 Shall the Town of Grafton raise five hundred ninety-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$599,500.00) and authorize that sum for the maintenance of highways and bridges?
- ART. 5 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two hundred twenty-seven thousand eight hundred thirteen dollars (\$227,813.00) and authorize that sum for the Select board’s budget?
- ART. 6 Shall the Town of Grafton raise nine thousand dollars and zero cents (\$9,000.00) for ambulance service?
- ART. 7 Shall the Town of Grafton raise twenty-nine thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$29,950.00) for the Firefighter’s Association operating expenses?
- ART. 8 Shall the Town of Grafton raise three thousand dollars and zero cents (\$3,000.00) for Grafton Rescue Squad operating expenses?
- ART. 9 Shall the Town of Grafton approve expenditures of any grant monies awarded for purposes named in such grant or grants for fiscal year 2021/2022?
- ART. 10 Shall the Town of Grafton raise nine thousand eight hundred forty-one dollars and zero cents (\$9,841.00) for Humanitarian expenses? (Bellows Falls Senior Center - \$674; Grace Cottage - \$1,500; Grafton Cares - \$1,000; HCRS - \$600; Parks Place - \$100; RSVP - \$160; Senior Solutions - \$650; SEVCA - \$650; The Current - \$250; Valley Cares - \$1,052; Visiting Nurse Association - \$2,300; VCIL - \$105; Women’s Freedom Center - \$600; Youth Services - \$100; Rural Fire Protection - \$100).
- ART. 11 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) for the Capital Budget? (\$15,000 for Fire Truck Fund, \$138,609 for Highway Equipment Reserve, and \$46,391 for Bridge Construction Program).

- ART. 12 Shall the Town of Grafton raise one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the support of the Grafton Community Church Food Pantry programs?
- ART. 13 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two thousand thirty-seven dollars (\$2,037.00) for the support of the community programs of the Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies?
- ART. 14 Shall the Town of Grafton adopt the amendments to the Town Plan offered by the Planning Commission and approved December 21, 2020, by the Select board for adoption at this Town Meeting by Australian ballot?
- ART. 15 Shall the voters of the Town of Grafton rescind Article 1, which was adopted at a special Town Meeting on November 14, 2019: “Shall the voters of Grafton adopt or amend municipal plans by Australian ballot?” and by so rescinding return that authority to adopt a new Town Plan or amendments thereof to a majority of the members of the Select board as set forth in 24 VSA 4385(c)?
- ART. 16 Shall the voters of the Town of Grafton approve and ratify the withdrawal of the Town of Westminster from the Windham Northeast Elementary Union School District, subject to the certification of Westminster’s January 5, 2021 vote to withdraw?
- ART. 17 Shall the Town of Grafton pay its property taxes to the Treasurer in Quarterly installments, with the due dates being Aug. 15, Nov. 15, Feb. 15, and May 15?
- ART. 18 Shall the Town of Grafton levy an interest charge on all overdue tax payments on real and personal property of one (1) percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment for the first three months, and one and one-half (1 ½) percent per month or fraction thereof for every month thereafter, as provided for in 32 VSA 5136.

Joe Pollio, Chair

Stan Mack

Cathy Siano-Goodwin

John Gregory

**GRAFTON TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS
SELECT BOARD APPOINTEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS
UNE 0, 2020**

APPOINTED B SELECT BOARD

GRAFTON PLANNING COMMISSION

2021 Dave Culver, Chair
2021 Eric Stevens
2022 Valerie Rooney
2022 Matt Siano
2022 Chris Wallace

RETIRING TOWN OFFICERS

Select Board: Stan Mack
Select Board: Cathy Siano-Goodwin
Auditor: Joe Valente
Town Agent: Kimberly Record

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

2021 Jan Archambault
2021 John Gregory (Alt.)
2021 Rachel Plummer
2022 Steve Fisher (Alt.)
2022 Eric Stevens
2022 Christopher Wallace
2023 John Plummer
2023 Rodney Record (Alt.)

Lister: Nancy Merrill
Moderator: Dave Ross
Trustee Public Funds: Kimberly Record
Campbell & Woolson Fund: Kimberly Record
Library Trustee: Mary Beth Culver
School Director: Jack Bryar

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

2021 Hardy Merrill, Chair
2021 Jason Archambault
2021 Cynthia Gibbs
2021 John Gregory
2021 Joan Lake
2021 Kim Record, ex officio
2021 Linda Robertson
2021 Joe Valente

TOWN APPOINTED

Emer. Mgmt. Director:	Bill Kearns	Forest Fire Warden:	William Brown
Emer. Mgmt. Dep. Director:	Al Sands	Town Health Officer:	Rich Thompson
Emer. Mgmt. Coordinator:	Eric Stevens	Asst. Forest Fire Warden:	Eric Stevens

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICERS**

2023 Treasurer: Kimberly Record
 2023 Town Clerk: Kimberly Record
 2023 Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Michelle Dolloph

SELECT BOARD

2021 Stan Mack
 2021 Cathy Siano-Goodwin
 2022 John Gregory
 2022 Al Sands
 2023 Joe Pollio

AUDITORS

2021 Joe Valente
 2022 Heather Gregory
 2023 Debe Plummer

LISTERS

2021 Nancy Merrill
 2022 GailAnn Fisher
 2023 Hardy Merrill

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

2021 Kimberly Record, Treasurer
 2022 GailAnn Fisher
 2023 Ronald F. Carey

**TRUSTEES OF CAMPBELL WOOLSON
FUNDS**

2021 Kimberly Record
 2022 GailAnn Fisher
 2023 Ronald F. Carey

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRAR

2021 Mary Beth Culver
 2022 Patrick Spurlock
 2022 David Whittall
 2023 Lucia Corwin
 2023 Jay Maciejowski

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

2020 Jessa Westclark
 2021 Jack Bryar

**SELECT BOARD APPOINTEES
ELECTED OFFICIALS
As o n 0, 2020**

ELECTED FOR ONE YEAR TERM

Town Agent: Kimberly Record
 Moderator: David Ross

GENERAL ELECTIONS as o No rd, 2020

Senators, Windham County:
 Becca Balint Jeanette White

Windham Windsor District R r s ntati s

Carolyn Partridge Matthew Trieber

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE as o No rd, 2020

Sam Battaglino, Pamela Johnson-Spurlock, Wendy Martin, Christopher Wallace, and David Whittall

APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD

Cemetery Agent: Walter Critchfield
 Constable: Mike Waysville
 Council on Aging Rep:
 Dog Census: Michelle Dolloph & Kimberly Record

Emergency Mgr. Director: Bill Kearns
 Emer. Mgmt. Dep. Director: Al Sands
 Energy Coordinator: Eric Stevens
 Fence Viewers: Listers
 Administrative Officer: Bill Kearns
 Inspector of Lumber: Tracy Lake
 Planning Commission Chair: Dave Culver
 Pound: Windham County Humane Society

Road Commissioner: Select Board
 Road Foreman: Daniel Taylor
 Select Board Chair: Joe Pollio
 Select Board Vice. Chair: Stan Mack
 Select Board Clerk: Cathy Siano-Goodwin
 Solid Waste District Rep.: Cynthia Gibbs & Kimberly Record

Town Administrator: William Kearns

Tree Warden:
 Windham Reg. Comm. Rep.: Eric Stevens

Report of the Grafton Selectboard

This year has been a real challenge for the Board and the Town due to the COVID 19 pandemic and all the restrictions the State and the Federal Government have imposed on the Town and its residents. For the first time since the Town was founded, we will not have a live, in-person Town Meeting and we will be voting on all Town Meeting articles by Australian ballot. In addition, the pre-Town meeting will not be in person, but virtually by using Microsoft Teams.

This year Joe Pollio and Allan Sands were re-elected to the Board, and John Gregory was elected as a new member replacing Josh Hearne who resigned for personal reasons. The Town Hall continues to be refurbished with insulation, new siding and an upgrade to the heating system that will be more energy efficient, and easier on the budget.

The Village Park restoration has begun with the task of eliminating the invasive species that started to take over certain areas of the park. We will be doing a logging job to both fund improvements and encourage the health of the forest. The funds generated from the forestry project will be used to improve trails and picnic areas, erect new signage, and build a small, covered structure for events hosted by the Grafton Nature Museum, the Town, and its residents.

The Wastewater Commission is hard at work looking for a feasible solution for disposing of wastewater in the Village along with preserving the quality of the drinking water and by doing so could provide a means for expansion of existing businesses in town and perhaps draw in new businesses.

We are replacing the single-axle dump truck that is 7 years old and we are continuing to put aside funds for the Walker Bridge replacement, which the State has scheduled to begin within the next 4 to 6 years.

The school has been a focus of attention this year. The Town now owns the building and is looking into the possibility to withdraw from the newly created union. If that were to happen the school could go back to the joint Athens-Grafton contract as it was before the forced merger with control going back to the Towns and our own school boards to make decisions. This would all have to be voted by the District and, if the dissolution is approved by the Towns, Athens and Grafton would have to vote to decide how they would be formed. If both towns wished and so voted, they could return to the joint contract.

This year the Town paved Rt 35 from the Chester line to the Ellsworth home and the hill on Route 121 in Houghtonville. The Town also replaced a large culvert on Hinkley Brook Road with funding from the State and the Capital Budget. The Town is also facing severe negative impact that might be caused by the Emerald Ash Borer which is attacking most of the ash trees in the region. When these trees begin to die and must be removed, the effect on the Town budget will be significant in a negative way. We have many of ash trees in the Town road right of way. The Town Tree Warden would and will have a very important role as the Ash Borer begins to attack

these trees. However, despite our efforts, we have not been able to find someone willing to fill the position of the Tree Warden. Will you?

The Selectboard is grateful to the residents for their cooperation and support and their efforts on behalf of the Town of Grafton. We ask residents to attend our regular meetings either in person, when that becomes possible or, in the meantime, by virtual Microsoft Team meetings whenever they are able. We want to thank the voters of Grafton for the privilege of serving the Town and ask them to attend the pre-town meeting on Monday, February 22 at 6:00 PM via Microsoft Team, unless by some miracle we can meet in person, and please remember to vote on Town Meeting Articles by Australian Ballot, Tuesday March 2, 2021 from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted.
Joe Pollio, Chair

Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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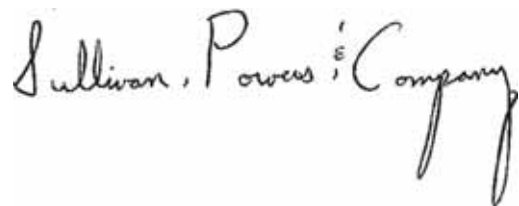
Fred Duplessis, CPA
Richard J. Brigham, CPA
Chad A. Hewitt, CPA
Wendy C. Gilwee, CPA
VT Lic. #92-000180

January 4, 2021

Selectboard
Town of Grafton
P.O. Box 180
Grafton, Vermont 05146

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Grafton, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Office.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.

TOWN OF GRAFTON AUDITORS REPORT

For the year ending June 30, 2020

For the year ending June 30, 2020 and in accordance with 24 VSA 1681, we have examined and adjusted the accounts of all Town Officials and other Grafton organizations authorized to draw funds from the Town of Grafton.

The accounting for the Town is done on a modified accrual basis. As far as we can determine, the financial statements in the Town Report represent a fairly accurate position of the Town for the year ended June 30, 2020.

In addition, the Professional Auditing Firm of Sullivan, Powers and Co. audits the town's book on an annual basis.

We would like to extend many thanks to the numerous members of Grafton's organizations who volunteer their time so freely. It is a serious responsibility and not always easy. We appreciate your hard work and countless hours. Thank you for holding up to the standards of strict accounting procedures. This makes our job easier. Your commitment to our community makes Grafton the special place it is.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and we look forward to serving you again in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Plummer, Joseph Valente, and Heather Gregory



**TOWN OF GRAFTON
CLERK TREASURER REPORT
JUNE 30, 2020**

2020 has been a year we would all like to put behind us. But we cannot forget how it has changed so many lives, communities, schools, healthcare, and businesses. Even the way businesses carry out their everyday work has changed, and it has for our local Town Government as well. The Town Office had closed its doors to the public at the beginning of the pandemic. Both Bill and I continued to work but, allowed public and researchers by appointment only. This seems to work for the most part but created extra work for the clerk's office when it came to title searches. That is when Vermont Department of Taxes offered a "Coronavirus Municipal Records Digitization Grant". This grant which I applied for and was granted in the amount of \$19,625.00 was to begin the process of digitizing our land records through Cott Systems. This system would allow researchers to electronically do their title searches which would elevate the need for appointments, thus keeping down the health risk and potential exposure of Covid-19 for everyone. The digitization will be an ongoing process. Going forward I will now add an extra step to my recording process, and to provide past content I will have someone coming into the office to electronically scan land records and other important information as far back as possible.

We have lost 11 residents of the Town of Grafton this past year, 7 burials and have had no births. There were 16 marriages that took place in Grafton, which was way down compared to last year, again due the travel restrictions because of Covid-19.

Our elections were also affected by Covid-19. We needed a location that could accommodate safe distancing guidelines. Thankfully, we were able to use The Grafton Volunteer Fire Department and the Brick Meeting House. We intend to hold our local Town Meeting elections at the Brick Meeting House again and Town Meeting will be virtual.

We have completed our first full fiscal year of using the "Modified Cash Basis" accounting system. I am happy to say the annual professional audit report done by Sullivan Powers seems to be easier to read and follow. You will find the Audit Report on our website at www.graftonvt.org

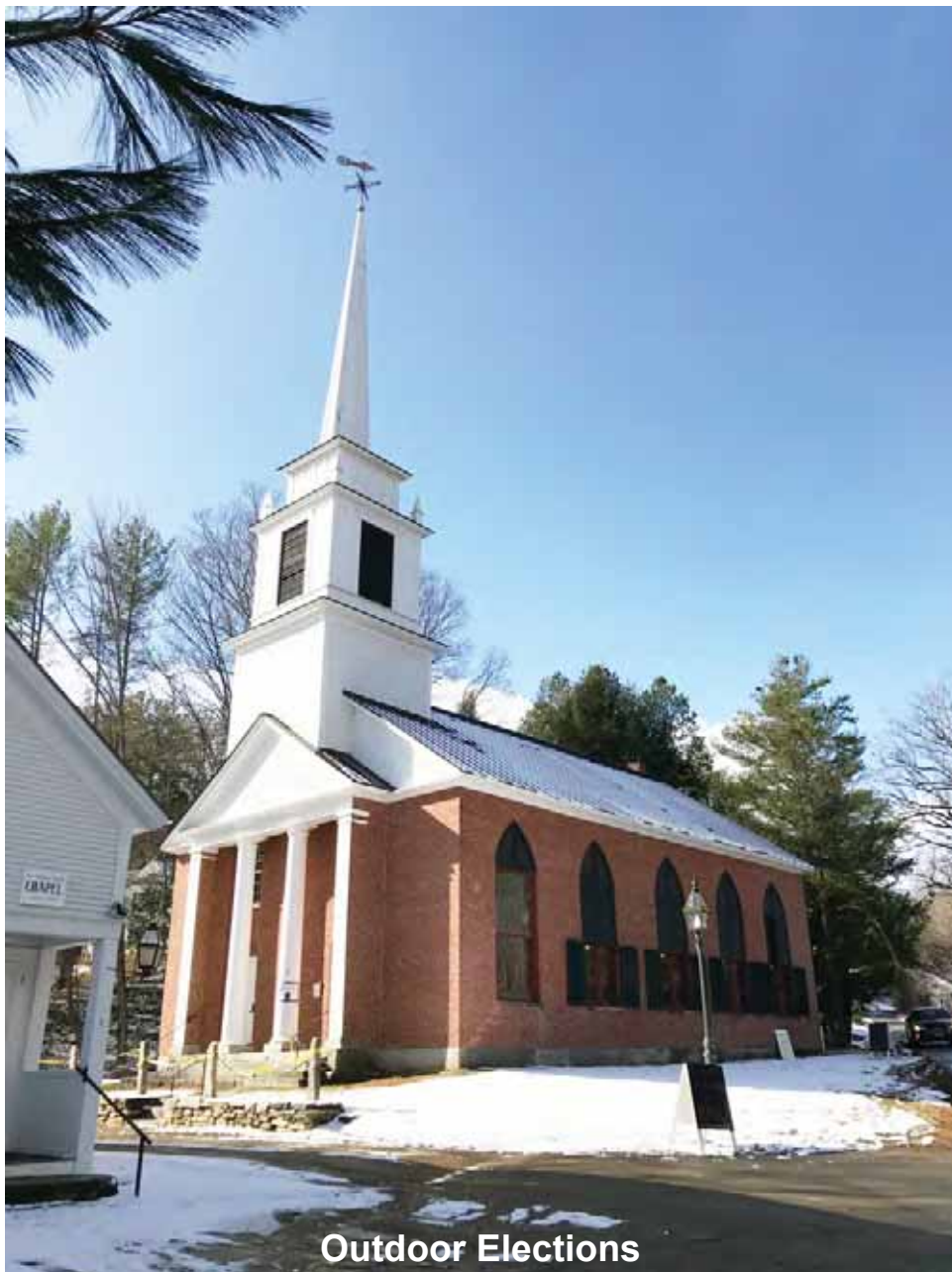
Most renovations have been completed so the office has been much quieter this year.

The Office will remain closed to the public except for appointments until we feel it is safe for all of us. I will ask that you continue to use the slot in the Town Office door for you tax payments or send them by mail. We are discouraging the use of "cash" for payment due to the risk of exposure.

Dog licenses are now available, and we still encourage you to be sure that this is done before April 1, 2021. If your dog is up to date on rabies and is spayed or neutered, please mail us the \$9.00 fee and we will send back your tag along with the license. If your dog is not spayed or neutered there is a \$13.00 fee to license. If you are unsure as to whether your dog needs a rabies shot, please feel free to give me a call at 843-2419. Sorry that this may seem a little confusing, but it is the best and safest way that I can think of conducting business during this pandemic.

I just want to thank everyone in advance for your understanding and co-operation during this whole unusual year. I can only hope and wish for a happy and healthy 2021 for all of you

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Record
Grafton Town Clerk/Treasurer



TOWN OF GRAFTON					
GENERAL FUND					
TOWN GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAYS					
Statement of Revenue					
			Variance		Proposed
GENERAL FUND	2019-2020	2019-2020	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	Voted	Actual	(Unfavorable)	2020-2021	2021-2022
TAX REVENUE / TOWN GOVERNMENT					
Property Tax	\$ 858,259	\$ 759,011	\$ (99,248)	\$ 875,944	\$ 878,641
Del Tax Revenue	\$ -	\$ 73,581	\$ 73,581	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment Pmt	35,000	42,550	\$ 7,550	35,000	35,000
State of VT - Current Use Funds	108,000	113,417	\$ 5,417	110,000	110,000
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	\$ 1,001,259	\$ 988,559	\$ (12,700)	\$ 1,020,944	\$ 1,023,641
INTEREST AND PENALTIES					
Interest on Overdue Taxes	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,975	\$ 3,975	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,000
8% Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	2,500	6,118	\$ 3,618	2,500	2,500
TOTAL INTEREST AND PENALTIES	\$ 7,500	\$ 15,094	\$ 7,594	\$ 9,500	\$ 7,500
LICENSES					
Liquor Licenses	\$ 400	\$ 415	\$ 15	\$ 400	\$ 400
Dog Licenses	600	735	\$ 135	900	800
TOTAL LICENSES	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,150	\$ 150	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,200
INTERGOVERNMENT REVENUE					
State of VT - Highways	\$ 120,000	\$ 124,743	\$ 4,743	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
State of VT - In lieu of taxes	1,000	624	\$ (376)	3,000	1,000
State of VT - Civil Fines	700	1,058	\$ 358	700	700
State of VT - Reappraisal	-	5,304	\$ 5,304	-	-
State of VT - Other	-	3,530	\$ 3,530	-	-
State of VT - Fed Aid Highways	-	-	\$ -	-	-
U.S. Government / FEMA	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Better Back Road Grants	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Re-Use Grant donation	-	-	\$ -	-	-
TOTAL INTERGOVT. REVENUE	\$ 121,700	\$ 135,258	\$ 13,558	\$ 123,700	\$ 121,700
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,597	\$ 3,597	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,000
Preservation of Records	3,500	4,236	\$ 736	3,500	3,500
Copying Fees	100	142	\$ 42	100	100
Bank Fees Paid	-	70	-	-	100
Cott Research Fees Collected	-	-	\$ -	-	360
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 8,600	\$ 13,045	\$ 4,445	\$ 9,600	\$ 12,060
INTEREST EARNED - MONEY MKT.	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,869	\$ 3,869	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
Town Hall Rent	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,901	\$ 1,401	\$ 10,200	\$ 10,200
Sales - VLCT Insurance checks	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Grants	-	39,973	\$ 39,973	-	-
Permits	500	575	\$ 75	500	500
Surplus for Town Garage	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Village Park / Trustee of Public Funds	-	21	\$ -	-	-
Town Hall Handicap Access	-	10,000	\$ 10,000	-	-
Other Revenue	-	248	\$ 248	-	-
TOTAL MISC. REVENUES	\$ 9,000	\$ 60,718	\$ 51,718	\$ 10,700	\$ 10,700
INTERFUND REVENUES					
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Wilson Park	-	-	\$ -	1,000	-
Village Park	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Sherwin Cambridge Fund	300	267	\$ (33)	300	-
TOTAL INTERFUND REVENUES	\$ 300	\$ 267	\$ (33)	\$ 1,300	\$ -
TOTAL ALL REVENUE	\$ 1,150,359	\$ 1,218,959	\$ 68,600	\$ 1,179,044	\$ 1,179,801



TOWN OF GRAFTON					
GENERAL FUND					
TOWN GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAYS					
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance					
			Variance		Proposed
	2019-2020	2019-2020	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	Voted	Actual	(Unfavorable)	2020-2021	2021-2022
GENERAL FUND / TOWN GOVT. EXPENDITURES					
SALARIES OR COMPENSATION					
Select Board Compensation	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Select Board Town Administrator	46,000	51,109	\$ (5,109)	47,400	48,100
Administrative Officer	2,000	228	\$ 1,772	500	500
Town Treasurer	17,500	18,436	\$ (936)	18,025	18,300
Town Clerk	29,500	31,077	\$ (1,577)	30,385	30,800
Assist.Treasurer / Clerk	11,500	9,873	\$ 1,627	12,000	13,000
Listers	10,500	11,693	\$ (1,193)	13,500	13,500
Auditors	2,000	1,590	\$ 410	1,500	2,000
Trustee of Public Funds	500	500	\$ -	500	300
Constables & Insurance	300	300	\$ -	300	1,000
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	2,500	6,058	\$ (3,558)	1,500	1,500
Health Officer	1,000	1,000	\$ -	1,000	1,200
Forest Fire Warden	300	300	\$ -	300	500
Temp Town Office Help	-	-	\$ -	-	-
TOTAL SALARIES / COMPENSATION	\$ 128,600	\$ 136,663	\$ (8,063)	\$ 131,910	\$ 135,700
BENEFITS					
Social Security (FICA)	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,144	\$ (2,144)	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,700
Medicare	1,900	2,372	\$ (472)	2,200	2,400
Employee Health Insurance	37,000	34,765	\$ 2,235	39,000	33,000
Employee Dental Insurance	700	767	\$ (67)	800	900
Retirement	5,300	5,828	\$ (528)	7,500	7,500
Workers Compensation	1,200	299	\$ 901	700	500
Unemployment Insurance	175	44	\$ 131	150	150
Experience Modification	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Penalties	-	11	\$ (11)	-	-
TOTAL BENEFITS	\$ 54,275	\$ 54,230	\$ 45	\$ 59,850	\$ 54,150
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 182,875	\$ 190,892	\$ (8,017)	\$ 191,760	\$ 189,850
TOWN MEETING AND ELECTIONS					
Ballot Clerk Compensation	\$ 800	\$ 1,000	\$ (200)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
Town Reports	900	701	\$ 199	900	1,000
Other Town Meeting / Election Expense	200	126	\$ 74	200	500
TOTAL TOWN MEETING / ELECTIONS	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,827	\$ 73	\$ 2,100	\$ 3,000
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Office Supplies	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,723	\$ (323)	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,500
Postage	1,400	1,363	\$ 37	1,400	1,500
Telephone	2,500	2,554	\$ (54)	2,500	2,700
Copier Expense	1,400	1,247	\$ 153	1,400	1,700
Computer Expense	8,400	11,366	\$ (2,966)	13,300	14,000

Travel - Town Officials	1,800	735	\$ 1,065	1,800	500
Dues - Town Officials	400	235	\$ 165	400	300
Conferences	1,600	340	\$ 1,260	1,000	700
Dog Expense	500	490	\$ 10	500	600
Preservation of Records	-	242	\$ (242)	-	-
Fire Alarm Systems Town Hall	220	569	\$ (349)	240	250
Cott Systems - Land Records		-	\$ -	-	2,000
Liability Insurance	1,200	1,402	\$ (202)	1,000	1,700
Public Official Insurance	3,000	3,356	\$ (356)	3,000	3,500
Officers' Bond	100	100	\$ -	100	100
Kidder Bridge Insurance	90	55	\$ 36	90	90
Advertising	1,000	286	\$ 714	1,000	750
Other Professional Services	500	1,254	\$ (754)	500	500
Legal Expense / Tax Appeals	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Legal Expense	5,000	4,868	\$ 133	5,000	5,000
Professional Auditor	15,000	14,699	\$ 301	15,000	15,000
Other Operating Expenses	500	437	\$ 63	500	500
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 47,010	\$ 48,320	\$ (1,310)	\$ 51,130	\$ 53,890
TOWN HALL EXPENSES					
Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 671	\$ (171)	\$ 600	\$ 800
Insurance	4,000	2,761	\$ 1,240	2,000	2,800
Heat	3,500	3,961	\$ (461)	4,000	3,000
Electricity	1,500	1,338	\$ 162	2,000	2,000
Repairs and Maintenance	10,000	4,714	\$ 5,286	5,000	5,000
Town Hall Restoration	-	7,000	\$ (7,000)	-	-
Snow Removal	1,500	850	\$ 650	1,500	1,000
Janitor	-	-	\$ -	-	2,000
TOWN HALL EXPENSES	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,294	\$ (294)	\$ 15,100	\$ 16,600
RECREATION AND PARKS					
Swimming Pool	\$ 500	\$ 995	\$ (495)	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
Town Greens	500	175	\$ 325	500	300
Village Park	500	1,400	\$ (900)	1,000	1,000
Wilson Park	500	350	\$ 150	500	500
Winnie Park	500	350	\$ 150	500	500
Park Forester	1,000	-	\$ 1,000	-	-
Water Testing (Pool)	300	-	\$ 300	300	-
Parker Hill Park	500	-	\$ 500	500	-
Village Park Maintenance	-	-	\$ -	500	-
TOTAL RECREATION AND PARKS	\$ 4,300	\$ 3,270	\$ 1,030	\$ 4,300	\$ 3,300
CEMETERIES					
Labor	\$ 20,000	\$ 19,514	\$ 486	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Benefits - FICA and Workers Comp.	2,000	879	\$ 1,121	2,000	1,000
Supplies	900	862	\$ 38	-	900
Plot Mapping	-	-	\$ -	300	-
Equipment	500	316	\$ 184	1,000	500
Rental	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Other Expenses-Spec. Exp./Contractor Services	1,500	1,500	\$ -	1,500	1,500
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$ 24,900	\$ 23,072	\$ 1,828	\$ 24,800	\$ 23,900

OTHER TOWN EXPENSES					
VT League of Cities and Towns Dues	1,800	1,920	\$ (120)	1,900	2,000
County Tax	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,644	\$ 356	\$ 12,500	\$ 13,300
Bank Service Fee	\$ -	\$ 36	\$ (36)	\$ -	\$ -
Street Lights	1,500	1,504	\$ (4)	1,500	1,000
Grafton Public Library	5,000	5,000	\$ -	5,500	5,500
Planning Commission	1,100	1,215	\$ (115)	1,500	1,500
Development Review Brd	200	167	\$ 34	200	300
Windham Regional Commission	1,300	1,582	\$ (282)	1,500	1,600
Emergency Management	1,000	5,798	\$ (4,798)	1,000	1,000
Hydrant Maintenance	-	500	\$ (500)	-	-
Reappraisal	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Mutual Aid	15,000	14,764	\$ 236	15,000	15,000
Fact TV	1,300	1,000	\$ 300	1,300	300
Sheriff's Department	4,900	4,896	\$ 4	4,900	4,900
Cornet band	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ (300)	\$ 300	\$ 300
Misc Expenses	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Tax Maps	2,500	2,500	\$ -	2,500	1,100
Sewage Study	300	134	\$ 166	-	-
TOTAL OTHER TOWN EXPENSES	\$ 46,900	\$ 51,960	\$ (5,060)	\$ 49,600	\$ 47,800
OTHER VOTED ARTICLES					
Ambulance Service	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,760	\$ 240	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Firemen's Operating Budget	27,500	27,500	\$ -	27,950	29,950
Rescue Squad	3,000	3,000	\$ -	3,000	3,000
Humanitarian Articles	9,741	9,741	\$ -	9,741	10,841
SEVEDS		-	\$ -	2,037	2,037
Rural Fire			\$ -	100	-
TOTAL OTHER VOTED ARTICLES	\$ 49,241	\$ 49,001	\$ 240	\$ 51,828	\$ 54,828
DEPT SERVICE					
Payment on Principal	\$ -		\$ -		
Interest Expense	53,333	14,408	\$ 38,925	53,333	53,333
Interest Expense	\$ 14,500	\$ 53,333	\$ (38,833)	\$ 14,000	\$ 13,800
TOTAL DEBT SERVICES	67,833	67,742	\$ 91	67,333	67,133
TOTAL TOWN GOVT. EXPENDITURES					
	\$ 445,959	\$ 457,377	\$ (11,418)	\$ 457,951	\$ 460,301

	2019-2020	2019-2020	Variance	Budget	Proposed
GENERAL FUND HIGHWAY DEPT.	2019-2020	2019-2020	Favorable	Budget	Budget
Statement of Expenses	Voted	Actual	(unfavorable)	2020-2021	2021-2022
LABOR					
Labor - Regular Hours	\$ 158,100	\$ 166,491	\$ (8,391)	\$ 162,843	\$ 165,000
Labor - Overtime	17,000	8,500	\$ 8,500	17,000	10,000
Temporary Labor	5,000	3,994	\$ 1,006	5,000	5,000
TOTAL LABOR	\$ 180,100	\$ 178,985	\$ 1,115	\$ 184,843	\$ 180,000
HIGHWAY BENEFITS					
FICA (Social Security)	\$ 10,500	\$ 9,923	\$ 577	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,600
Medicare	2,700	2,321	\$ 379	2,700	2,700
Health Insurance	65,000	61,806	\$ 3,194	70,200	70,000
Dental Insurance	1,000	1,079	\$ (79)	1,200	1,300
Retirement-Highway	9,800	10,064	\$ (264)	12,250	12,250
Workers Compensation	13,500	9,200	\$ 4,300	12,000	12,000
Unemployment Insurance	300	61	\$ 239	400	200
Uniforms	6,300	5,617	\$ 683	6,300	6,300
TOTAL HIGHWAY BENEFITS	\$ 109,100	\$ 100,073	\$ 9,027	\$ 115,550	\$ 115,350
FUEL					
Truck 1 - 2018 Western Star	\$ 7,575	\$ 5,683	\$ 1,892	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,300
Truck 2 - 2016 Western Star	7,075	6,981	\$ 94	8,000	7,500
Truck 3 - 2019 Chevy	2,875	1,869	\$ 1,006	2,800	2,800
Truck 4 - 2014 Freightliner	4,075	2,770	\$ 1,305	3,500	3,300
Loader - 2013	1,700	938	\$ 762	1,600	1,400
Grader - 2010 Caterpillar	2,500	2,386	\$ 114	3,500	3,300
Backhoe - 2012 John Deere	1,000	489	\$ 511	750	500
Chipper	200	-	\$ 200	200	100
DEF For Equipment	550	450	\$ 100	800	800
Mower / Blower	1,000	1,316	\$ (316)	1,500	1,500
Excavator	-	145	\$ (145)	2,000	1,900
Other Equipment	500	231	\$ 269	600	600
TOTAL FUEL	\$ 29,050	\$ 23,258	\$ 5,792	\$ 32,750	\$ 31,000
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE					
Truck 1 - 2018 Western Star	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,860	\$ (3,860)	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500
Truck 2 - 2016 Western Star	4,000	4,875	\$ (875)	6,000	6,500
Truck 3 - 2019 Chevy	1,500	1,350	\$ 150	1,000	1,000
Truck 4 - 2014 Freightliner	5,000	5,503	\$ (503)	3,500	2,000
Loader - 2013	1,200	296	\$ 904	1,200	1,200
Grader - 2010 Caterpillar	2,500	9,553	\$ (7,053)	3,500	3,500
Plows and Sanders	14,000	12,614	\$ 1,386	14,000	14,000
Backhoe-2012 John Deere	2,000	507	\$ 1,493	2,000	1,000
Chipper	200	112	\$ 88	200	200
Mower / Blower	1,000	612	\$ 388	1,000	1,000
Hydrant Repairs		-	\$ -	-	-
Eager Beaver Trailer 1996		6,735	\$ (6,735)	1,000	1,000
Excavator	-	458	\$ (458)	-	1,000
Small Equipment Repairs	1,000	639	\$ 361	1,000	1,000
TOTAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 36,400	\$ 51,113	\$ (14,713)	\$ 38,400	\$ 37,900

CONTRACTED SERVICES					
Plowing Contractors	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Tree Removal Contractors	2,000	-	\$ 2,000	2,000	2,000
Retreatment Contractors	105,000	9,770	\$ 95,230	105,000	105,000
Bridge Maintenance	6,000	-	\$ 6,000	6,000	3,000
Street Sweeping Contractors	2,000	-	\$ 2,000	2,000	2,000
Beaver Maintenance	-	-	\$ -	2,000	2,000
Small Equipment Rental	2,000	1,293	\$ 707	2,000	1,000
Generator Contract	400	406	\$ (6)	400	400
Other Professional Services	2,500	1,820	\$ 680	2,500	2,500
TOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 119,900	\$ 13,289	\$ 106,611	\$ 121,900	\$ 117,900
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES					
Culvert Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,525	\$ (525)	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Cold Patch	1,000	1,367	\$ (367)	1,500	1,500
Guard Rails	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Gravel	35,000	29,284	\$ 5,717	35,000	35,000
Road Repair Material	15,000	23,120	\$ (8,120)	15,000	25,000
Salt	60,000	61,261	\$ (1,261)	60,000	60,000
Sand	60,000	48,258	\$ 11,742	60,000	60,000
Storm Water Grants / Better Back Roads Grants	-	6,826	\$ (6,826)	-	-
Chloride	8,000	14,301	\$ (6,301)	8,500	9,500
Road Signs	1,000	461	\$ 539	2,000	1,500
Clean Water Act / Grants	-	21,043	\$ (21,043)	-	-
Miscellaneous Supplies	2,500	833	\$ 1,667	2,500	2,000
TOTAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	\$ 187,500	\$ 212,278	\$ (24,778)	\$ 191,500	\$ 201,500
TOWN GARAGE					
Supplies and Tools / Inventory	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,615	\$ (615)	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Radio	1,000	600	\$ 400	1,000	1,000
Telephone	1,300	1,322	\$ (22)	1,300	1,300
Insurance	5,000	3,876	\$ 1,125	4,000	4,000
Heat	7,000	5,912	\$ 1,088	7,000	7,000
Electricity	2,000	1,589	\$ 411	1,200	1,600
Repairs and Maintenance - Town Shed	4,000	5,051	\$ (1,051)	3,500	3,500
New Town Shed - Grant E	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Pagers for Highway Workers	800	538	\$ 262	600	600
Fire Alarm Systems	500	1,249	\$ (749)	500	500
TOTAL TOWN GARAGE	\$ 26,600	\$ 25,752	\$ 848	\$ 24,100	\$ 24,500
OTHER EXPENSES					
Training	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
Advertising	500	899	\$ (399)	500	500
Liability Insurance-Highway	4,000	2,200	\$ 1,800	2,100	2,100
Equipment Insurance	7,000	5,477	\$ 1,523	6,000	6,000
Safety Equipment	1,000	1,372	\$ (372)	800	800
Commercial Licences	200	180	\$ 20	200	200
General Road Permit	2,600	-	\$ 2,600	2,000	1,500
Miscellaneous Highway Expenses	200	105	\$ 95	200	-
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 15,750	\$ 10,232	\$ 5,518	\$ 12,050	\$ 11,350

TOTAL BUDGETED HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 704,400	\$ 614,981	\$ 89,419	\$ 721,093	\$ 719,500
Tropical Storm Irene Expenses	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 704,400	\$ 614,981	\$ 89,419	\$ 721,093	\$ 719,500
TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES	\$ 445,959	\$ 457,377	\$ (11,418)	\$ 457,951	\$ 460,301
TOTAL TOWN AND HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 1,150,359	\$ 1,072,359	\$ 78,000	\$ 1,179,044	\$ 1,179,801
Anticipated Revenue					\$ 177,660
Anticipated State Grant for Highways					\$ 120,000
Capital Budget					\$ 200,000
TOTAL TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN					\$ 1,082,141



TOWN OF GRAFTON
TOWN BUDGET

SELECTBOARD S ITEMI ED BUDGET	2021-2022 Proposed	HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES	2021-2022 Proposed
Salaries/Compensation	\$ 135,700	Bellows Falls Senior Center	\$ 674
Benefits	\$ 54,150	Grace Cottage Foundation	\$ 1,500
Town Meeting and Elections	\$ 3,000	Grafton Cares	\$ 1,000
Operating Expenses	\$ 53,890	HCRS	\$ 600
Recreation and Parks	\$ 3,300	Parks Place Resource Center	\$ 100
Cemeteries	\$ 23,900	RSVP	\$ 160
Other Town Expenses	\$ 47,800	VT Rural Fire Protection	\$ 100
Town Hall	\$ 16,600	Senior Solutions	\$ 650
Town Garage Interest	\$ 13,800	SEVCA	\$ 650
Town Garage Principal	\$ 53,333	Southeast Vermont Transit Inc. - The Current	\$ 250
TOTAL SELECTBOARD S ITEMI ED BUDGET	\$ 405,473	Valley Cares, Inc.	\$ 1,052
		Visiting Nurses	\$ 2,300
		VT Center for Independent Living (VCIL)	\$ 105
LESS OTHER REVENUE		Women's Freedom Center	\$ 600
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment	\$ 35,000	outh Services	\$ 100
Interest on Overdue Taxes	\$ 5,000	TOTAL HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES	\$ 9,841
8% Penalty	\$ 2,500		
Liquor Licenses	\$ 400		
			2021-2022 Proposed
Dog Licenses	\$ 800	OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	
State-Current Use Payment	\$ 110,000	Ambulance Service	\$ 9,000
State Land Tax Payment	\$ 1,000	Firemen's Assn.	\$ 29,950
Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 8,000	Grafton Rescue	\$ 3,000
Permits	\$ 500	SEVEDS	\$ 2,037
Copying Service	\$ 100	Grafton Church	\$ 1,000
Civil Fines	\$ 700	TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$ 44,987
Interest Earned	\$ 3,000		
Town Hall Rent	\$ 10,200	CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 200,000
Cott Research Fees	\$ 360	SELECTMEN'S ITEMI ED BUDGET	\$ 405,473
Bank Fees Paid	\$ 100	HUMANTARIAN ARTICLES	\$ 9,841
Sherwin Cambridge Trust Fund	\$ -	OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$ 44,987
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	\$ 177,660	TOTAL OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET	\$ 660,301
		LESS REVENUE	\$ 177,660
		TAX REVENUE NEEDED FOR SELECTMEN	\$ 482,641
TOWN OF GRAFTON HIGHWAY BUDGET	2021-2022 Proposed		
All Highway Expenditures	\$ 719,500	TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN GOVT.	\$ 482,641
Less State Grant For Highways	\$ 120,000	TAXES NEEDED FOR HIGHWAYS	\$ 599,500
TAXES NEEDED FOR HIGHWAYS	\$ 599,500	TOTAL TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN	\$ 1,082,141

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
COMPARISON OF TAXES**

FISCAL YEAR	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	PROPOSED 2021-2022
TOWN OF GRAFTON SCHOOL TAXES				
Total to State Education Fund	\$ 478,318	\$ 438,505	\$ 497,667	
Total School Taxes	\$ 1,273,499	\$ 1,499,938	\$ 1,580,451	
TOWN GOVERNMENT				
Selectmen's Budget	\$ 209,780	\$ 213,485	\$ 159,190	\$ 160,680
Loan Town Garage	\$ 69,700	\$ 67,833	\$ 67,333	\$ 67,133
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 279,480	\$ 281,318	\$ 226,523	\$ 227,813
S A	\$ 46,241	\$ 49,241	\$ 51,828	\$ 54,828
HIGHWAYS	\$ 527,200	\$ 530,400	\$ 601,093	\$ 599,500
CAPITAL PRO ECTS FUND	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 200,000
TOTAL TOWN, HWYS, CAP. BUD.	\$ 1,001,921	\$ 1,291,277	\$ 1,054,444	\$ 1,082,141
TOTAL TAXES NEEDED				
TOWN, HIGHWAY, CAP.BUD. ONLY	\$ 1,001,921	\$ 1,291,277	\$ 1,054,444	\$ 1,082,141
GRAND LIST-A E				
Municipal	\$ 1,587,855	\$ 1,592,580	\$ 1,590,712	
Education - Homestead	\$ 432,833	\$ 537,745	\$ 596,796	
Education-non- resident	\$ 840,666	\$ 962,193	\$ 983,655	
TAX RATES				
Town	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.65	0.65	
School (non-resident)	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.43	1.52	
School (homestead)	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.54	1.64	

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**

GRAND LIST - G P			07/01/2019 - 06/30/2020
Municipal Grand List			\$ 1,592,044
Education Grand List - Homestead			\$ 569,468
Education Grand List - Non Resident			\$ 1,024,839
TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED			
Municipal	\$ 1,592,496	0.6342	\$ 1,010,014
Education-Homestead	\$ 569,468	1.5351	\$ 874,190
Education-Non Resident	\$ 1,024,839	1.4269	\$ 1,462,343
Local Agreement	\$ 1,592,580	0.0158	\$ 25,163
Late Penalties			\$ 982
TOTAL			\$ 3,372,692
TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR			
Taxes Collected			\$ 3,335,162
Prebates from State of Vt			\$ 38,487
Plus unpaid Current Taxes			\$ 37,530
TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR			\$ 3,411,179

TOWN OF GRAFTON
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET

	6/30/2020
ASSETS	
Checking Account	\$ 768,240
Money Market Account	104,232
Hydrant Fund	25,659
Repurchase Reserve	102,923
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,001,054
LIABILITIES	
Due to others	684
Due to Capital Projects Fund	376,270
TOTAL LIABILITIES	376,954
FUND BALANCES	
Highway monies (Statue)	\$ 80,303
Preservation of Records	18,317
Reappraisal Funds	50,067
Solid Waste	5,372
Retreatment	114,295
Walker Bridge Project	102,923
Hydrant Fund	25,659
Town Hall Restoration	18,317
Village Park Maintenance	9,044
Town Hall Handicap Access	10,000
Unassigned	189,803
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 624,100

NOTES ON HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES

BELLOWS FALLS AREA SENIOR CENTER: Provides recreational opportunities, meals, flu shots and services to area residents. (802)463-3907 or BFASC.org

GRACE COTTAGE FOUNDATION: (Townshend) An organization that provides support for the Otis Health Care Center, known as the Grace Cottage Hospital. (802)365-7357 or gracecottage.org

GRAFTON CARES: A local organization that provides home-delivered meals, transportation to medical facilities, Strong Living classes and other services for residents. Contact Dennis Hunt (802)869-2674

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP and VOLUNTEER CENTER: Matches volunteers, age 55 and over, with important work in non-profit organizations within Windham County. (802)254-7515 or rsvpvt.org

HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION: (Division of Health Care and Rehabilitative Services of Southeastern Vermont) Provides children and adult outpatient, substance abuse, mental health, vocational and emergency services. (800)622-4235 or hcrs.org

PARKS PLACE RESOURCE CENTER: (Bellows Falls) Provides a place for residents of the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union communities to receive a variety of educational services. (802)463-9927 or parksplacevt.org

THE CURRENT aka SOUTHEAST VERMONT TRANSIT INC.: Provides rides to medical appointments for the elderly, disabled and/or residents who receive Medicaid. (888)869-6287 or crtransit.org

SENIOR SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT: Provides a wide range of services to seniors. (802)885-2655 or seniorsolutionsvt.org

SEVCA: Provides weatherization, fuel and/or utility assistance, and family services for the Windham County area. (800)464-9951 or sevca.org

VALLEY CARES: Provides affordable housing and options for supportive services to elders in the West River Valley area. (802)365-4115 or valleycares.org

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING: Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. (800)639-1522 or vcil.org

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF VT AND NH: Provides nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, home-maker and health aides. (888)300-8853 or vnhcare.org

WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER: (Brattleboro) Services and safe houses available for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. (802)254-6954 or womenscc.org

YOUTH SERVICES: (Brattleboro) Provides counseling advocacy and mentoring programs, and works with other providers in drug prevention and treatment. (802)257-0361 or youthservicesinc.org

VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION:(ME)Supports projects dry hydrants repair, replacement, relocating, upgrades of existing systems and drafting site development (802) 828-4582

**Collector of Delinquent Taxes
Grafton, Vermont**

On May 26 I received the 2019-2020 Delinquent Tax Report from Town Treasurer, Kimberly Record. At that time, the tax amount due was \$71,256.90 plus interest of \$1,230.66 and penalty of \$5,700.56 for a total of \$78,188.12. As of January 1, 2021, the total amount still due for 2019-2020 was \$22,890.23.

There were no tax sales scheduled as of January 1, 2021. If there are any to be scheduled in 2021 the information will be posted at the Town Hall, in The Grafton News as well as the local newspaper as required by law.

**Town of Grafton
Schedule of Delinquent Taxes as of 10/31/2020**

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2020	, 2
2020	0
2020	0
2020	,
2020	<u>, 2</u>
Total	, 2

TOWN OF GRAFTON		
FI ED ASSETS		
Real Estate and Equipment		
As of June 30, 2020		
DATE		
AC UIRED	DESCRIPTION	COST
	LAND	
1960	Town Pond - 2.7 acres	18,000
1952	Wilson Park - 0.50 acres Total (add'l .25 acres acquired by FEMA / Town Dec. 2015)	23,250
1951	Village Park - 55.9 acres	63,900
1928	Town Forest - Stebbins Land - 72 acres	72,300
2008	Pearo / Tuttle Lots	13,200
2016	Winnie Park - 0.50 acres	9,000
2017	Trayhan Property - 2.7 acres	9,400
	BUILDINGS	
1990	Village School	1,076,898
1988	Town Hall Addition and Vault	135,303
2015	Town Garage	993,856
2015	Salt Shed	22,875
1953	Grafton Public Library	5,000
1857	Town Hall	450
	OTHER ASSETS	
1975	Hydrant System	230,900
1975	Street Lighting	23,700
	HIGHWAY E UIPMENT	
2018	Western Star w/plow and sander	193,340
2016	Western Star w/plow and sander	159,298
2019	Chevy 2500	44,180
2013	Freightliner w / plow & sander (Trk 4)	143,419
2013	924 Cat Loader	174,500
2012	John Deere Backhoe	93,650
2010	Caterpillar Grader	173,900
1995	ork Rake x 2	3,444
2003	Power washer x 2	4,495
2005	Chipper	7,500
2017	Case tractor w/mower & blower	130,548
	OFFICE E UIPMENT	
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58e	1,006
2013	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
2004	HP Laserjet 2300d printer	524
2011	IBM Personal Wheel Writer	330
1997	File Cabinets and Chairs	589
2015	Lenovo Laptop Highway Dept.	695
Note Improvements to buildings are not included in cost.		

TOWN OF GRAFTON
CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Capital Budget Committee met on November 24, 2020 to discuss the recommendations for Capital appropriations for the fiscal year 2021/2022.

Based on the current projects identified and the current and projected fund balances available the Committee recommended funding the Capital Budget for the upcoming fiscal year at \$190,000 and as follows:

Highway Roadway Structures Pro ra ,

Fire Truck Fund ,000

Highway Electric Pro ra 22,0

Bridge Maintenance Pro ra : ,000

Bridge Construction Pro ra ,

Capital Budget Committee Members:

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Hardy Merrill Chairman | Kim Record ex officio |
| John Gregory | Linda Robertson |
| Joan Lake | Joseph Valente |
| Cynthia Gibbs | Jason Archambault |

On December 1, 2020, the committee presented their recommendations to the Select Board. At their discussion regarding the town's intentions with the Select Board voted to increase the Highway Electric Pro ra to \$22,000, which increased their total debt to \$200,000.

On December 2, 2020, the Public Hearing regarding the Capital Budget for 2021-2022 was held and at their discussion of the various town proposals regarding funding in 2021-2022 the Select Board voted to approve their recommendation of \$190,000 to be allocated as identified in the following schedule:

TOWN OF GRAFTON CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

UPDATE DECEMBER 2020

HIGHWAY ROADWAYS & STRUCTURES PROJECTS

There are no major roadway projects scheduled requiring capital funds identified in the coming year.

FIRE TRUCK FUND

With this year's funding of \$15,000 the fire department is estimated to have a truck reserve close to \$150,000 by 6/30/22. In the coming year it is expected they will be reviewing all options for refurbishing /replacing the department's Ladder Truck which is approaching the end of its useful life. They will also identify any other equipment of a capital nature, other than trucks, that is needed in the performance of their duties.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

The town will need to replace several pieces of equipment including the loader & grader by 2024/2025. To meet the financial needs required by these purchases the town will need to allocate approximately \$138,609 to the Highway Equipment Fund for the next four years.

GUARD RAIL PROGRAM

With a fund balance of \$20,000 no additional funds need to be allocated this year.

TOWN HALL STRUCTURAL REPAIRS

With the establishment of the Town Hall Restoration Fund and a reserve of over \$11,000 in the Capital Projects Fund no additional funds are being allocated in 2021/22.

COMPUTOR UPGRADE PROGRAM

With a fund balance of \$11,239 no additional funds need to be allocated this year.

BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

With a funds balance of \$27,000 no additional funds need to be allocated this year.

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The Town's 10% cost share for the Walker Bridge replacement is expected to be \$414,846. With the allocation of \$46,391 each year thru the 2025/26 Capital Budget year this obligation will be met.

TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL BUDGET CASH FLOW ANAL SIS				
	Actual			Actual
	Program	Actual	Actual	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2019	2019-2020	2019-2020	6/30/2020
PROGRAM ANAL SIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	116,440	10,500	(79,112)	47,828
Highway Equipment	215,516	75,000	(47,085)	243,431
Guardrails	12,000	4,000	-	16,000
Fire Truck	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Town Hall	11,239	-	-	11,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	17,000	5,000	-	22,000
Computer Replacements	4,404	3,000	-	7,404
Bridge Construction Program	-	36,500	(8,132)	28,368
TOTAL	\$ 376,599	\$ 149,000	\$ (149,329)	\$ 376,270
	Actual			Projected
	Program	Voted	Projected	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	6/30/2021
PROGRAM ANAL SIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	47,828	25,609	(54,000)	\$ 19,437
Highway Equipment	243,431	75,000	(177,372)	\$ 141,059
Guardrails	16,000	4,000	-	\$ 20,000
Fire Truck	-	15,000	(15,000)	\$ -
Town Hall	11,239	-	-	\$ 11,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	22,000	5,000	-	\$ 27,000
Computer Replacements	7,404	4,000	-	\$ 11,404
Bridge Construction Program	28,368	46,391	-	\$ 74,759
TOTAL	\$ 376,270	\$ 175,000	\$ (246,372)	\$ 304,898
	Projected			Projected
	Program	Proposed	Projected	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2021	2021-2022	2021-2022	6/30/2022
PROGRAM ANAL SIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	19,437	-	-	\$ 19,437
Highway Equipment	141,059	138,609	(23,198)	\$ 256,470
Guardrails	20,000	-	-	\$ 20,000
Fire Truck	-	15,000	(15,000)	\$ -
Town Hall	11,239	-	-	\$ 11,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	27,000	-	-	\$ 27,000
Computer Replacements	11,404	-	-	\$ 11,404
Bridge Construction Program	74,759	46,391	-	\$ 121,150
TOTAL	\$ 304,898	\$ 200,000	\$ (38,198)	\$ 466,700

TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL BUDGET TA REVENUE				
	Voted	Voted	Voted	Proposed
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
TA REVENUE				
Highway Roadway Program	20,000	-	-	-
Highway Structures Program	-	10,500	25,609	-
Highway Equipment	100,000	75,000	75,000	138,609
Guardrails	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
Fire Truck	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Town Hall	-	-	-	-
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	7,000	5,000	5,000	-
Computer Replacements	3,000	3,000	4,000	-
Bridge Construction Program (Walker Bridge)	-	36,500	46,391	46,391
Total Tax Revenue	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 200,000
TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET				
	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	Projected 6/30/2021	Projected 6/30/2022
ASSETS				
Due from General Account	\$ 376,599	\$ 376,270	\$ 304,898	\$ 466,700
Accounts Receivable-State of VT				
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 376,599	\$ 376,270	\$ 304,898	\$ 466,700
FUND BALANCE	\$ 376,599	\$ 376,270	\$ 304,898	\$ 466,700
EXPECTED USE OF CAPITAL FUNDS				
Highway Roadway & Structures Program	116,440	47,828	19437	19437
Highway Equipment	215,516	243,431	141059	256470
Guardrails	12,000	16,000	20000	20000
Fire Truck	-	-	-	-
Town Hall	11,239	11,239	11239	11239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	17,000	22,000	27000	27000
Computer Replacements	4,404	7,404	11404	11404
Bridge Construction Program	-	28,368	74759	121150
FUND BALANCE	\$ 376,599	\$ 376,270	\$ 304,898	\$ 466,700

CEMETER AGENT REPORT 2020

There was a total of four burials in the township of Grafton, Vermont in 2020.

One full body burial with casket and vault and two cremated burials were laid to rest in the Houghtonville Cemetery. There was also a cremated burial at the Middletown Cemetery.

As usual the cemeteries are closed to burials from November 1 until June.

I have been working with the Select board to replace a gate at the Village Cemetery. One at the Middletown Cemetery was replaced by a member of the Select board.

Good luck to Don Lawrence on his retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Walt Critchfield
Cemetery Agent

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
TOWN CONSTABLE REPORT FOR 2020**

This year:

- Served 2 Summons.
- 6 calls about lost dogs.
- 1 call about trash alongside of the road.
- 1 call about a dog bite
- 1 lost cat
- 1 call to pick up dead fox on the side of the road.
- Followed up with phone calls about unregistered dogs.

Please remember to register and keep tags on your four-legged canine friends by April 1st. After that date, any dog is considered unlicensed and will be dealt with per order of the Town Ordinance. I will be traveling the roads in search of unlicensed dogs. Please if possible, write a phone number on your dog's collar in case the tags fall off, this makes locating the owners much easier.

Beware of strange acting animals. If you suspect an unhealthy critter, please contact me as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
Mike Waysville, Town Constable
Emergency Phone Number:
Home (802)875-2240

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
FIRE WARDEN S 2020 REPORT**

We had a busy fire season this year. Eric and I issued 13 burn permits. In April we lost about 3 acres of grass on Wyman Hill Rd. April is the worst time of the year for wild land fires. Thanks to our wonderful volunteer Fire Department and with some help from Town of Townshend this fire was extinguished and kept away from the woods. In May we had a permitted burn on Stagecoach Road which got out of control with the wind. Grafton Volunteer Fire Dept. extinguished the fire quickly and burned no more than about 6,000 square feet of leaves and debris on the hillside. Then at the end of July, Green Mtn Power accidentally caused a tiny brush fire on Eastman Road.

If anyone wishes to kindle an outdoor fire, please call or text me at 802-380-0131 for a permit. If the ground is covered with snow, no permit is required. You are reminded that we may only burn natural material. Painted and pressure treated wood and household trash must be disposed of by other means.

Respectfully submitted:
William Brown, Grafton Fire Warden 843-2523 & 802-380-0131
Eric Stevens, Deputy Fire Warden 843-2568

Town Health Officer's Services 2020

The main function is to prevent and correct the spread of unhealthy situations.

2. All standing waters where mosquitoes can accumulate should be investigated in spring, summer and fall until frost. This hopefully eliminates chances of WN EEE and possibly the ZIKA virus spread.
3. The Town Health Officer will assist in testing individual homeowner's water upon request.
4. The Town Health Officer will investigate property owners who allow odors or overflow from a failed septic system.
5. There have been reports and investigations by the Town Health Officer into rental conditions that are not up to standards with refuse strewn all over the property. There is a Rental Agency that if need be, we can refer to.

In the unlikely event that our requests are not followed, we can request a formalization of "The Grafton Town Board of Health" to investigate whether further actions by the town is necessary.

I spent a great deal of time this year dealing with the issue at the CIC building.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Thompson
Town Health Officer

Telephone: (802) 843-1334

Email: rjthompson@vermontel.net

**Town of Grafton
Listers Report
For the year ending in 2020**

The 2020 Grand List was filed on June 24, 2020 then completed with revisions on July 9, 2020 with a Municipal Value of \$1,590,712 and a Total Education Value of \$1,604,724.

During the year approximately 33 properties were visited and/or reviewed by the Listers. Where appropriate, changes of appraisal were completed and mailed to the property owners on June 24, 2020. 4 grievances were filed by property owners. After review of the grievances the listers adjusted 4 properties.

There was no appeal to the Board of Civil Authority.

Currently there are 99 parcels in Current Use totaling approximately 15,034 acres which is about 68% of the town's total acreage. Total acreage is about 22,100 acres.

The Board of Listers is charged with maintaining the relative fairness of property values. To accomplish this, we try to review all parcels each year and update assessments according to changes made that have an impact on the value of the parcel. All property owners planning to construct a building or structure (or planning to make any additions to an existing building) with a cost greater than \$500 are requested to obtain a **Building Notification Form** at the Town Hall, complete this form and return it to the Listers.

Reappraisal is ongoing with New England Municipal Consultants despite complications from COVID-19 affecting how property information can safely be collected. Since appraisers were not allowed to enter buildings, they photographed and measured all buildings in town. After that, surveys were mailed to collect information about any interior changes to buildings. All properties will be assessed at Fair Market Value as of April 1, 2021.

We welcome questions or concerns owners might have about their property. The speediest method of contact is via email listeners_graftonvt.org or phone (leave us a message) at 802-843-6486 and we will get back to you asap.

We would like to thank Grafton property owners for their ongoing cooperation and patience as we fulfill the obligations of our job as Listers.

Respectfully yours,

Grafton Board of Listers
Hardy Merrill, Chair
Nancy Merrill
GailAnn Fisher

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I	R1 199	54,530,000	25,633,074	28,896,926	54,530,000
Residential II	R2 187	86,182,200	32,478,100	53,704,100	86,182,200
Mobile Homes-U	MHU 11	155,900	32,000	123,900	155,900
Mobile Homes-L	MHL 17	1,442,400	649,800	792,600	1,442,400
Seasonal I	S1 15	1,097,100	207,600	889,500	1,097,100
Seasonal II	S2 31	5,130,500	464,800	4,665,700	5,130,500
Commercial	C 29	13,555,700	0	13,555,700	13,555,700
Commercial Apts	CA 0	0	0	0	0
Industrial	I 0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E	UE 2	3,911,300	0	3,911,300	3,911,300
Utilities-O	UO 0	0	0	0	0
Farm	F 2	1,388,200	0	1,388,200	1,388,200
Other	O 0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	W 23	2,086,600	0	2,086,600	2,086,600
Miscellaneous	M 86	10,220,800	20,000	10,200,800	10,220,800
TOTAL LISTED REAL	602	179,700,700	59,485,374	120,215,326	179,700,700
P.P. Cable	1	168,600		168,600	168,600
P.P. Equipment	0	0			0
P.P. Inventory	0	0			0
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	168,600		168,600	168,600
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		179,869,300	59,485,374	120,383,926	179,869,300
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	1/1	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
Veterans >10K		30,000			
Total Veterans		40,000	10,000	0	10,000
P.P. Contracts	1	168,600			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	241,100	0	241,100	241,100
Non-Apprv (voted)	3/3	1,203,300			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	5/4	1,613,000	0	241,100	241,100
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv (voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	99/99	19,126,686	2,526,100	16,600,586	19,126,686
Special Exemptions	0		0	0	0
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		20,779,686	2,536,100	16,841,686	19,377,786
Total Exemptions		20,779,686	2,536,100	16,841,686	19,377,786
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		1,590,896.14			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			569,492.74	1,035,422.40	1,604,915.14
NON-TAX	19 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411				

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT**

During the Town fiscal year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020, the Development Review Board (DRB) heard and approved two requests for minor subdivisions. DRB Membership remained unchanged from the previous fiscal year, as follows:

DRB Members:

Chris Wallace, Chair
Eric Stevens
Jan Archambault
Rachel Plummer
John Plummer

DRB Alternates:

Steve Fisher
John Gregory
Rodney Record

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher R. Wallace
Chair, Development Review Board

Grafton Planning Commission
Annual Report
January 19, 2021

After a long and sometime arduous process, the voters of Grafton approved the 2020-2028 Grafton Town Plan in January, 2020. We appreciate the countless hours of discussions, debates and compromise, which usually lead to consensus, from everyone involved.

The final step of the Plan's development happened last March when The Windham Regional Commission confirmed our planning process' and issued a determination of energy compliance for the enhanced energy element' of the Plan. Although towns are not required to have a Town Plan at all, by having these two designations, Grafton now qualifies for, and receives priority to, additional state and federal programs.

During the final stages of the Plan's approval process, Selectboard member, Al Sands, identified a technical concern regarding the Town Plan's Land Designation' descriptions. In June, the Selectboard formally requested that the Planning Commission consider addressing this concern by amending the Town Plan. The Selectboard also requested that invasive species' be identified as a concern for the Town. The Planning Commission agreed with both Selectboard recommendations and developed a set of proposed amendments to rectify their concerns. After a public hearing, the Planning Commission approved the proposed amendments in November, moving the proposal to the Selectboard. If things go as planned, the Selectboard will have held a second public hearing and approved the proposed changes by the time you read this, leaving the final step, the community-vote on the amendments, to tentatively take place on the 2021 Town Meeting Day.

Having an approved Town Plan allowed the Planning Commission to apply for a Village Center Designation' (VCD). Having a VCD provides potential tax credits and gives the village priority consideration for a variety of state grant programs. Grafton's VCD was approved by Vermont's Department of Housing and Community Development in September.

We want to thank our outgoing planning commissioner, Valerie Rooney, for her years of service on the Planning Commission. We wish her well in her new adventures in life. At the same time, we want to welcome Ben Jones as the newest member of the Planning Commission and thank him for stepping forward and volunteering.

Remember, the Planning Commission meets monthly and all are invited. Agendas for upcoming meetings, minutes from previous meetings, as well as Town Plan and Village Center Designation information, can be found on the Town website.

Respectfully submitted by the Grafton Planning Commission

Dave Culver, Chair
Matt Siano
Eric Stevens
Chris Wallace
Valerie Rooney, replaced by Ben Jones in November, 2020

TOWN OF GRAFTON		
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP		
1, 2019 - 30, 2020		
K A. R , T		
TOTAL FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP 6/30/20	\$ 100,451.57	
DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME, to June 30, 2020		
D I R		
AMOUNT DESIGNATED FOR		
Interest on Cemetery Maintenance Funds		\$ 8.06
Interest on Cemetery Lots and Graves Funds		16.50
Village Park		21.03
Wilson Memorial Park		(5,911.28)
Grafton Village Library		0.18
So. Congregational Church Society		0.18
Grafton Fund		19.01
Town School District		4.34
		\$ (5,841.98)
INVESTMENTS		
	C	I
FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE		
Community Bank NA	\$ 16,131.02	\$ 8.06
FOR CEMETERY LOTS AND GRAVES		
Community Bank NA	33,238.14	16.50
FOR VILLAGE PARK		
People's United C/D 4606	6,000.00	21.03
FOR WILSON MEMORIAL PARK		
Community Bank NA	23,795.42	11.91
Community Bank NA		
G.E.C ., C S -1440 \$6.83	9,835.20	(5,860.80)
G A C ., 17 \$31.82	540.94	(62.39)
FOR LIBRARY AND CHURCH		
S. B. Jones Fund-Community Bank	701.28	0.36
FOR GRAFTON INDIVIDUALS		
Grafton Fund People's United C/D 29421	5,000.00	17.53
Grafton Fund People's United Savings Acct. 30630	3,073.81	1.48
FOR TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT		
Edward Walker Fund -Community Bank	1,035.76	0.48
Dean & Baker Fund-Chittenden Bank C/D 4596	1,100.00	3.86
	\$ 100,451.57	\$ (5,841.98)

TOWN OF GRAFTON							
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP-KIM A. RECORD, TREASURER							
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
F Y E 30, 2020							
	Cemetery	Sales-Lots	Wilson	Village	S.B.Jones	Grafton	Totals
ASSETS	Care	and Graves	Park	Park	Library and	Fund	(Memo Only)
					Church		
Cash in Savings or Ck.Acct.	\$ 16,131.02	\$ 33,238.14	\$ 23,795.42		\$ 701.28	\$ 3,073.81	\$ 76,939.67
Certificates of Deposit				6,000.00		5,000.00	11,000.00
Common Stock			10,376.14				
Interest Receivable							
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 16,131.02	\$ 33,238.14	\$ 34,171.56	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.28	\$ 8,073.81	\$ 98,315.81
LIABILITIES FUND BALANCE							
Liabilities Due to General Fund							
F B							
Reserved for Endowment			\$ 10,376.14	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.28	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 22,077.42
Designated for Future Use	16,131.02	33,238.14	23,795.42			3,076.81	76,241.39
T F B	\$ 16,131.02	\$ 33,238.14	\$ 34,171.56	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.28	\$ 8,076.81	\$ 98,318.81
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 16,131.02	\$ 33,238.14	\$ 34,171.56	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.28	\$ 8,073.81	\$ 98,315.81
TOWN OF GRAFTON							
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP-KIM A. RECORD, TREASURER							
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (C B)							
F Y E 30, 2020							
	Cemetery	Sales-Lots	Wilson	Village	S. B. Jones	Grafton	Totals
REVENUE	Care	and Graves	Park	Park	Library and	Fund	(Memo Only)
					Church		
Interest on Investments	\$ 8.06	\$ 16.50	\$ 11.91	\$ 21.03	\$ 0.36	\$ 19.01	\$ 76.87
Unrealized Gain(Loss) on Investments			(5,923.19)				(5,923.19)
Common Stock Dividends			82.72				82.72
From Sales or Other Sources	150.00	300.00					450.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 158.06	\$ 315.50	\$ (5,828.56)	\$ 21.03	\$ 0.36	\$ 19.01	\$ (5,314.60)
EXPENDITURES							
Transfers to General Fund							
Transfers to Other Organizations							
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 450.00			\$ 21.03			\$ 471.03
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES							
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/19	\$ 16,422.96	\$ 32,921.64	\$ 40,000.12	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 700.92	\$ 8,054.80	104,100.44
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/20	\$ 16,131.02	\$ 33,238.14	\$ 34,171.56	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.28	\$ 8,073.81	\$ 98,315.81

TOWN OF GRAFTON			
TRUST FUNDS FOR THE BENEFITS OF INDIVIDUALS			
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
RONALD F. CARE TREASURER			
For the year ended June 30, 2020			
	Campbell Fund	Woolson Fund	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS			
Cash-Business Money Market	\$ 5,670.09	\$ 3,921.15	\$ 9,591.24
Certificate of Deposit-People's United	2,557.44		2,557.44
Money Market-Community BANK	9,068.56	6,039.77	15,108.33
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 17,296.09	\$ 9,960.92	\$ 27,257.01
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities			
Fund Balances			
Reserved for Endowment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Unrestricted	12,296.09	7,960.92	20,257.01
Total Fund Balances	\$ 17,296.09	\$ 9,960.92	\$ 27,257.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 17,296.09	\$ 9,960.92	\$ 27,257.01
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, E PENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES			
RONALD F. CARE , TREASURER			
For the year ended June 30, 2020			
REVENUE			
Interest on TD Bank Money Market	\$ 5.26	\$ 3.18	\$ 8.44
Interest on Comm Money Market	4.01	2.15	6.16
Interest on Peoples Certificate of Deposit	8.97		8.97
Previous ear		0.26	0.26
Payment of Loan			
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 18.24	\$ 5.59	\$ 23.83
E PENDITURES			
Grants to Beneficiaries	\$ 1,000.00		
Grant			
TOTAL E PENDITURES	\$ (1,000.00)		\$ (1,000.00)
E CESS(DEFICIENC) OF REVENUE OVER E PENDITURES			
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/19	\$ 18,268.01	\$ 9,955.33	\$ 28,242.15
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/20	\$ 17,305.06	\$ 9,960.66	\$ 27,265.98
David R.Campbell left \$5000 to the town in 1876 f/b/o individuals in need			
Amas Woolson left \$2000 to the town in 1924 f/b/o individuals in need			

Grafton Cares Town of Grafton 202

Grafton Cares was established in 1993 by a group of townspeople concerned with providing help and support to their neighbors. Many new programs have been instituted in the past few years, along with efforts that have been in place for many years. The virus has put a few of our programs on hold. This includes the Wednesday Lunch and the two community suppers. We hope to be “back in business” when this is finally over. The following programs are still functioning.

Financial Assistance Committee

This committee, often working in collaboration with other organizations, offers a helping hand to those with a variety of temporary or long-term needs, ranging from transportation to medical appointments, to financial assistance for families or individuals with urgent needs. Grafton Cares also offers, for temporary or long-term use, a variety of medical equipment for special health needs. A Fuel Assistance Program that includes cordwood has been in operation for many years with the generous support of various donors. This program has filled an important niche by providing emergency fuel aid for those with a temporary need or who are awaiting more long-term support from other agencies.

Gas Card Program

The gas card program began many years ago with the generous contribution of gas cards from Old Tavern guests, via the Windham Foundation. Grafton Cares now funds this program. We distribute these cards to community members to meet emergency needs involving medical transportation issues or financial hardship.

Meals On Wheels

Meals On Wheels are available from Valley Cares. Delivered by Grafton Cares’ volunteer drivers, Meals On Wheels, is a USDA funded program, available through Senior Solutions (formerly the Council On Aging). Call Dennis Hunt at 869-2674 for more information.

Sunshine Baskets

Sunshine Baskets, filled with fresh fruit, are given to our older neighbors and to those who have had surgery just to give a boost to all. Board members enjoy visiting with these people as much as delivering the baskets.

Strong Living

Strong Living is a popular program where participants ages 40 and up attend two, one hour sessions per week. Led by trained folks through a series of stretching and weightlifting exercises, this program has become a fixed date on many participants’ calendars and a great way to catch up on the local news. A donation is suggested to cover the cost of equipment and facilities.

Welcome Bags

The Welcome Bag Program has been greatly appreciated by recipients who are new to Grafton and Athens. It contains a variety of “goodies” and all kinds of information to welcome new folks to town.

Grafton Cares Knitters

A group of local knitters keeps busy with various projects such as beautiful shawls for those in need of comfort and baby blankets, which are combined with board books and a book bag from the Grafton Library, to welcome little ones born to area families.

Rides Coordinator

To facilitate the coordination of transportation needs, a rides coordinator can help with rides for medical appointments. If you or a family member requires transportation to medical appointments, you can give this program a try.

Additional Events

80 Luncheon. Each Fall, we invite all 80 year olds and guests from Grafton and Athens to our annual luncheon at the Chapel. Our goal is to celebrate their contributions to the quality of life in our two towns. The Sixth Grade joins us to help serve the meal and visit with guests. This year, because of the virus, we cancelled the luncheon and delivered over 40 “goodie bags” to the 80 folks.

Christmas Day Dinner. For the last few years we have sponsored a Christmas Day Dinner at 12:00 in the Chapel building. A good number of residents have attended this special meal. This dinner is also cancelled due to the virus.

For more information about Grafton Cares or any of its programs, contact Dennis Hunt, President of Grafton Cares at 869-2674.



INCOME			
	P	2020	Actual 2020
			Proposed 2021
Town of Grafton	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Athens Organi ations	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Senior Solutions-Lunch	\$	1,200.00	\$ -
Living Strong Donation	\$	1,000.00	\$ 650.00
Donations-Wed Lunch	\$	1,000.00	\$ 7,195.22
Donations-Comm Supper	\$	1,000.00	\$ 753.50
Other Fundraising	\$	500.00	\$ 3,053.16
Interest earned	\$	25.00	\$ 46.76
Interest on CD	\$	10.00	\$ 10.52
Memorials	\$	100.00	\$ 150.00
Welcome Center Fundraiser	\$	1,200.00	\$ 1,463.31
General Income	\$	1,000.00	\$ 9,466.52
Grants	\$	-	\$ 2,000.00
Reimbursements	\$	1,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$	10,035.00	\$ 26,788.99
EXPENSES			
C S			
Food-Grafton	\$	800.00	\$ 313.83
Food-Athens	\$	1,200.00	\$ 232.10
Chapel Rent & fuel	\$	500.00	\$ 200.00
Paper products	\$	400.00	\$ 193.40
T C S	\$	2,900.00	\$ 939.33
W L			
Food	\$	2,000.00	\$ 781.88
Paper Products	\$	400.00	\$ 665.58
Equipment	\$	800.00	\$ -
Chapel Rent & Fuel	\$	1,900.00	\$ 2,125.00
T W L	\$	5,100.00	\$ 3,572.46
L S			
Chapel Rent & Fuel	\$	500.00	\$ 225.00
Instructor's Fee	\$	1,200.00	\$ 1,005.00
T L S	\$	1,700.00	\$ 1,230.00

	P 2020	Actual 2020	Proposed 2021
A			
Insurance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,353.64	\$ 1,500.00
Postage	\$ 600.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 200.00
Office Supplies	\$ 150.00	\$ 305.83	\$ 250.00
Athenian Office Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Federal Filing Fee	\$ -	\$ 980.00	\$ 1,000.00
Misc. Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 250.00
T A	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 3,031.47	\$ 3,300.00
O			
Personal Assistance Expense	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,373.82	\$ 6,000.00
Community Outreach - Gas Cards	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Community Outreach - Children	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 925.00	\$ 2,000.00
Food Shelf	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Community Donations	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Welcome Center Expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 31.32	\$ 200.00
Welcome Basket Expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 119.00	\$ 150.00
Memorial Bereavement Fund	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Community Special Events	\$ 300.00	\$ 597.17	\$ 600.00
Knitters Expenses	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Sunshine Baskets	\$ 500.00	\$ 418.08	\$ 500.00
Fire Victims	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Reconcillation Disc	\$ -	\$ 2,107.50	\$ 170.50
Misc. Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
T O	\$ 17,900.00	\$ 10,621.89	\$ 18,920.50
T E	\$ 30,450.00	\$ 19,395.15	\$ 31,720.50
BALANCES			
Checking Account	\$ 24,356.33		
MMA Fin Asst	\$ 16,777.63		
CD	\$ 7,321.48		
Barbara Fisher Rogers	\$ 50,296.42		
Memorial Fund			
Total	\$ 98,751.86		

Grafton Public Library – Report of the Trustees Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Throughout this year and pandemic challenge, the Grafton Public Library remained a vital point of contact for all our residents, second-home owners and visitors to the region. Connection is at the heart of what we strive for at the local library, and never has that been more needed and appreciated than during this difficult time.

In the months prior to the Covid 19 outbreak, the Library staff and volunteers welcomed visitors to a warm environment that provided a place to have a coffee, skim local newspapers, and catch up with neighbors. As always, they offered book recommendations, and made sure displays highlighted the latest materials featuring up-to-date print books, downloads and digital choices for those who prefer an e-book or audio book.

Library patrons also met regularly for programs like the Lunch Box Book Group and Spanish Language Group, which provided intellectual stimulation and strengthened a sense of community. The Friday at the Library program offered parents after-school connections for their children to the Library through crafts, stories and comradery. Finally, everyone appreciated the connection provided 24/7 by the library's free Wi-Fi, with a signal that extends to the porch, picnic table and into the driveway.

In March, as the pandemic shuttered businesses and libraries across the state, the Grafton Public Library and librarian Michelle Dufort continued to meet the community's needs in the safest and most creative ways possible. The Library continued to offer free Wi-Fi, which became more important than ever with so many patrons needing online services and connection. Michelle staffed the telephone and e-mail requests to provide curbside services that included book and film checkouts, also critically important to those isolating in their homes during the pandemic.

Some programs, including the Spanish Language Group and the Nature & Books discussion group, in collaboration with The Nature Museum, were launched on Zoom, and as it became safer, the Lunch Box Book Group began careful, socially distanced meetings outside on the Library lawn. Michelle and the Library Board kept in constant contact with state health and library officials to ensure our services were in compliance with the best medical and public health protocols, but we remained committed to doing our utmost to ensure our connections as a community was maintained.

We are immensely grateful for the financial and personal support the Library has received from the Grafton community. With your help, we have purchased the protective items needed to keep us all safe when visiting the Library, have developed a 10-year maintenance plan for infrastructure improvements to the building, and are ensuring our books, programs and other offerings are diverse and up to date.

The Library Board remains committed to keeping as many services available to our patrons as safely possible, and to providing the strong community connections that are so important in this trying moment of our history.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Grafton Public Library Board of Trustees
Mary Beth Culver, Chair
Lucia Corwin, David Whittall, Jay Maciejowski and Susan Allen

GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
T R
F Y E 30, 2020
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OPENING BALANCES July 1, 2019

Checking Acct	\$18,685.45
Petty Cash Acct	\$37.13
	\$18,722.58

RECEIPTS

Transfer from TIAA-CREF Trust	\$39,000.00	
Transfer from TIAA-CREF JLS Memorial Fund	\$7,000.00	
Transfer from TIAA-CREF Bond Fund	\$0.00	
Annual Appeal	\$13,830.00	
Book Sale (Ongoing)	\$1,573.10	
Special Events Income (Gingerbread House Festival)	\$298.00	
Copier, Overdue books, Coffee, Postcard Fees	\$331.30	
Town of Grafton Tax Support	\$5,000.00	
Town of Grafton Trust Funds	\$267.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$6.00	
Petty Cash Adjustment	\$53.44	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$67,358.84	
TOTAL Beginning Balance Plus Receipts	\$86,081.42	

DISBURSEMENTS

Gross Salaries	\$32,319.00	
Health Insurance	\$6,250.04	
Payroll Taxes, Unemployment Insur. & Workers Comp	\$2,459.49	
Total Salary Expense	\$41,028.53	

Collection Expenses

Books	\$3,333.50	
Periodicals	\$518.09	
Audio-Visual (includes downloadable audio & ebooks)	\$535.85	
Total Collection Expense	\$4,387.44	

Library Services Expenses

Adult Programs	\$254.13	
Children's Program	\$316.45	
Office Supplies	\$138.66	
Postage (Inter-Library Loan Expenses)	\$731.22	
Misc. & Gifts	\$36.00	
Copier/ Printers, Coffee Station Supplies & Maint.	\$374.60	
Computer Software, Hardware and Subscriptions	\$720.35	
Automation Service and Supplies	\$450.00	
Total Library Services Expense		\$3,021.41

Building Expenses		
Cleaning Services & Supplies	\$761.04	
Grounds	\$520.00	
Services and Supplies	\$502.51	
Snow Removal	\$455.00	
Repairs/ Improvements	\$631.24	
Electricity	\$892.01	
Heat (Fuel) & Service Contract	\$4,055.75	
Telephone	\$538.13	
Furniture and Fixtures	\$199.99	
Building Insurance (VLCT)	\$920.50	
Total Building Expenses		\$9,476.17

Other Expenses		
Fundraising Expenses	\$428.49	
GPA Membership Dues	\$100.00	
Accounting Expenses	\$75.80	
Total Other Expenses		\$604.29

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$58,517.84

ECESS OF RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) \$27,563.58
DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFER

Checking Account Balance 6/30/20	\$27,532.91
Petty Cash Balance 6/30/20	\$30.67
TOTAL OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE 6/30/20	\$27,563.58

LIBRARY ASSETS

	6/30/2019	6/30/2020
TIAA-CREF TRUST MAIN FUND	\$915,725.23	\$899,197.31
TIAA-CREF TRUST LS MEMORIAL FUND	\$159,681.87	\$159,354.29
TIAA-CREF MUTUAL FUNDS (B F)	\$16,342.42	\$16,818.57
	<u>\$1,091,749.52</u>	<u>\$1,075,370.17</u>
E Y O A B	\$18,722.58	\$27,563.58
E Y T L A	<u>\$1,110,472.10</u>	<u>\$1,102,933.75</u>

TIAA-CREF TRUST MAIN FUND	
Beginning Market Value 7/1/19	\$915,725.23
Change in Market Value	\$2,728.19
Income	\$25,216.68
Transfer to Operating Account	-\$39,000.00
Financial Management Fees	-\$5,472.79
TIAA-CREF T M V 6/30/20	<u>\$899,197.31</u>

TIAA-CREF TRUST LS MEMORIAL FUND	
Beginning Market Value 7/1/18	\$159,681.87
Change in Market Value	\$3,300.55
Income	\$4,338.12
Transfer to Operating Account	-\$7,000.00
Financial Management Fees	-\$966.25
LS M F M V 6/30/20	<u>\$159,354.29</u>

TIAA-CREF MUTUAL FUNDS (B F)	
Beginning Market Value 7/1/19	\$16,342.42
Change in Market Value	\$130.64
Transfer to Operating Account	\$0.00
Income	\$345.51
TIAA-CREF B F M V 6/30/20	<u>\$16,818.57</u>

Grafton Fire Department Annual Report 2020

This fiscal year 19/20 Grafton Fire responded to 66 911 generated emergencies and countless other non-emergency events. As always Grafton Fire is busy keeping up with training so as to better prepare our responders for that inevitable call in the middle of the night. This year we had one in-house training a month and weekly equipment checks on top of calls to respond to emergencies, so there is always plenty to fill our volunteer time.

OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE ALL IN THE COMMUNITY IN THEIR TIME OF NEED!

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Thompson
Grafton Fire Chief

Current Roster

Bonk, Tammy FF
LT. Hallock, Rob FF1
Haseltine, Matt FF 1
Hermiz, Keith FF AEMT
Mack, Stan FF
CAPT. Noyes, Nathaniel FF1 EMR
Rogers, David FF
Ross, Dave FF
Rushton, Kelsey FF
Rushton, Mark FF
Rushton, Sam FF
Schmidt, Brian FF
ASST. CHIEF Sprague, Robbie FF1 EMT
Stevens, Eric FF EMT
LT. Stevens, Ivor FF1
Stevens, Lain FF
CHIEF Thompson, Rich FF1 EMT
Watson, William FF EMR

Junior Members

Powers, Austin
Squiers-Restino, Ty

GRAFTON FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
OPERATING STATEMENT, as of FY 2019 ended June 30, 2020
Albert C Matt, Treasurer

	2019-2020	2019-2020		2020-2021	2021-2022	
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Budget	Budgets passed by the GFA
RECEIPTS						
Town of Grafton-Operating Budget	\$27,500	\$26,000	\$1,500	\$27,950	\$29,950	General Fund
Town of Grafton-Truck Fund	\$17,500	\$16,500	\$1,000	\$15,000	\$16,500	Specific to Truck Replacement
Annual Fundraising	\$0	\$19,659	(\$19,659)	\$14,900	\$15,000	Au illary Fundraising
Auxiliary Donation	\$0	\$6,760	(\$6,760)	\$6,500	\$6,500	
Donations	\$0	\$26,662	(\$26,662)	\$23,000	\$20,000	Appeal Letter
Grafton Fire & Rescue	\$4,200	\$3,500	\$700	\$4,300	\$4,300	Rent Wireless
Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sales and Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Grants	\$0	\$62,849	(\$62,849)	\$5,100	\$0	Equipment, Air Pacs, PPE
Interest	\$0	\$1,826	\$1,826	\$1,600	\$1,800	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$49,200	\$163,757	(\$110,905)	\$98,350	\$94,050	
DISBURSEMENTS						
Vehicle Fuel, Service & Maint.	\$5,000	\$11,283	(\$6,283)	\$4,000	\$10,000	Old equipment, breakdowns are rising
Equipment Maintenance-Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	
Heat for Building	\$3,000	\$1,944	\$1,056	\$3,500	\$2,000	
Electricity	\$1,400	\$1,345	\$55	\$1,300	\$1,300	
Telephone / Internet	\$1,500	\$1,721	(\$221)	\$1,600	\$1,700	
Communications, Radio	\$2,000	\$1,339	\$661	\$800	\$1,300	
Repeater Site Maintenance	\$500	\$9	\$491	\$500	\$500	
Repeater Battery - Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	
PPE Equipment	\$2,500	\$5,628	(\$3,128)	\$2,500	\$6,000	Grants helped to fund ma or e pences
Building, Grounds	\$1,500	\$1,505	(\$5)	\$3,000	\$2,000	
Building - Reserve	\$0	\$2,000	(\$2,000)	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Truck - Reserve	\$17,500	\$21,500	(\$4,000)	\$20,000	\$20,000	
Staff Training	\$500	\$860	(\$360)	\$500	\$800	
Fund Raising Expense	\$500	\$3,803	(\$3,303)	\$2,500	\$3,500	
Fire Extinguishers & Testing	\$250	\$404	(\$154)	\$250	\$400	
Dues & Donations	\$600	\$493	\$107	\$600	\$500	
Office Expenses	\$450	\$817	(\$367)	\$800	\$800	
Loose Equipment	\$1,700	\$1,467	\$233	\$2,000	\$3,000	Grants helped to fund e pences
Volunteer Recognition	\$500	\$233	\$267	\$800	\$400	
Compensation	\$3,000	\$2,875	\$125	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Wireless Tech Support	\$800	\$1,237	(\$437)	\$400	\$1,000	
Insurance	\$6,000	\$4,004	\$1,996	\$4,200	\$4,000	
Grant Spending	\$0	\$68,458	\$0	\$5,100	\$0	WRV Training, Equipment, Air Pacs, PPE
Auxillary Spending / Transfer	\$0	\$23,940	\$0	\$13,000	\$15,000	To Au illary Account
Other	\$0	\$1,001	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$49,200	\$157,866	(\$15,268)	\$75,850	\$78,200	
NET	\$0	\$5,891	(\$95,637)	\$22,500	\$15,850	Grants and Donations were not budgeted

GRAFTON FIRE ASSOCIATION

BALANCES, as of FY 2019 ended 6/ 0/2020

Albert C Matt, Treasurer

	Operating Fund	Truck Fund	Au ilary Account	Equipment Reserve	Repeater Batt. Reserve	Building Reserve	Totals
ASSETS BY ACCOUNT							
Current Assets							
Operating Fund Checking Account	6 ,6 . 2						6 ,6 . 2
Debit Card Checking Account	1, 0.6						1, 0.6
Money Market		6 ,0 1.19	6, 29. 6	1,000.	00.2	6, 01.61	112, 0 . 1
Truck Fund CD		,060.20					,060.20
TOTAL ASSETS	6 ,9 . 1	121,1 1. 9	6, 29. 6	1,000.	00.2	6, 01.61	2 1, .
ASSETS BY CLASS							
Unrestricted-Operating Fund	6 ,9 . 1						6 ,9 . 1
Restricted-Reserves				1,000.	00.2	6, 01.61	,002.
Restricted-Truck Fund		121,1 1. 9					121,1 1. 9
Restricted Au ilary Funds			6, 29. 6				6, 29. 6
TOTAL NET ASSETS	6 ,9 . 1	121,1 1. 9	6, 29. 6	1,000.	00.2	6, 01.61	2 1, .
Less Au ilary Account							- 6, 29. 6
FINAL NET ASSETS							\$195,108.99
MEMO: Restrictd Grants:							
Purpose	Holt	Pollio	FEMA	GIA	Totals		
	WRV Training	Air packs	Air Pacs	Rescue Equipt			
Balance during the year	6,6 2.	,000.00	, .20	2,292.06			
Spent during the year	1, 9.9	000.00	, .20	2,292.06			
Balance at the end of the year	,192. 9	0.00	0.00	0.00	,192. 9		
Spending continuing in FY 2020							

Your Grafton Rescue Squad responded to 87 911 calls and covered an additional 19 events for the year ended June 2020.

Medical calls		Schedule activities	
Medical related	40	Training	11
Trauma related	20	Classes	1
Fire and police standby	18	Events	7
Service calls	9		

In 2020 we find ourselves victim of the popular curse: “May you live in interesting times.” In March, with only three cases of COVID-19 reported in Vermont, we began to search out sources for personal protective equipment (PPE). Even this early in the pandemic we found ourselves needing to rely on the gray market. While we have always used PPE appropriate to the circumstances of each 911 call, we now always don full PPE because we have to assume every call has an element of COVID-19. PPE and other essential medical supplies remain hard to find, even at a cost 5-10 times what they sold for pre-COVID-19. As a result, we are asking for a modest increase in our budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022 to support what we see as the “new normal” baseline for medical supply expenses in the coming years.

The pandemic has added another layer of stress on our providers as they calibrate the risk of being infected on a call and bringing COVID-19 home to family, friends and co-workers. We have mustered a crew for every call but it is more likely that we see *just enough* providers on scene rather than too many.

On behalf of the Town, I thank the dedicated volunteers listed below for their unselfish service under some extraordinary conditions this year.

Respectfully,
 Keith Hermiz, AEMT
 President

Members:

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| Rachel Lalibert , AEMT | Laura Mayer, AEMT, Secretary |
| Nathaniel Noyes, EMR | Maureen Parker, EMT |
| Cathy Siano-Goodwin, EMR, Vice President | Robbie Sprague, EMT |
| Amber Stevens, EMR | Eric Stevens, EMR |
| Rich Thompson, EMT | Bill Watson, EMR |
| Jessa Westclark, EMT | |

Associate members:

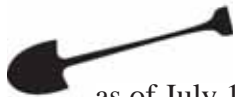
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| Mary Ann Kearns, Treasurer | Stan Mack |
| Dave Ross | |

Rescue 2019-2020

	19-20 Budget	YTD	Difference	20-21 Budget	21-22 Budget
<u>RECEIPTS</u>					
Town of Grafton	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,500.00
Donations Annual	\$12,500.00	\$ 19,616.05	\$7,116.05	\$14,050.00	\$15,500.00
Windham Foundation	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Grants IBM			\$0.00		
Ames Holt		\$ 20,150.00	\$20,150.00	\$24,550.00	\$10,100.00
Pollio		\$ 4,500.00	\$4,500.00		
Repeater Site Income from Town	\$600.00	\$ 600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Interest Income		\$ 17.71	\$17.71		
Reimbursements					
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 18,600.00	\$50,383.76	\$31,783.76	\$ 44,700.00	\$ 33,200.00
<u>DISPURSEMENTS</u>					
Vehicle Operations/Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$ 614.46	\$885.54	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Occupancy GFA shared	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00
Communications	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
covered by grants (iPads)		\$ 82.46	\$82.46		
Medical Supplies & Equipment	\$4,000.00	\$ 8,764.91	\$4,764.91	\$3,500.00	\$6,000.00
grants		\$ 10,960.66	\$10,960.66	\$16,050.00	\$1,350.00
Safety & Training	\$2,000.00	\$ 1,044.28	\$955.72	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
grants		\$ 3,974.39	\$3,974.39	\$8,500.00	\$8,750.00
Community Awareness	\$200.00	\$ 117.35	\$82.65	\$200.00	\$200.00
<u>Insurance:</u>					
Life	\$1,000.00	\$ 2,683.61	\$1,683.61	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Town/PACIF	\$3,000.00	\$ 912.00	\$2,088.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
VLCT		\$ 966.00	\$966.00		\$1,000.00
Workman's Comp		\$ 403.41	\$403.41		\$700.00
Uniforms	\$500.00	\$ 497.75	\$2.25	\$500.00	\$750.00
grants		\$ 4,152.23	\$4,152.23		
Office Expenses					
Misc	\$200.00	\$ 193.80	\$6.20	\$500.00	\$500.00
grants		\$ 889.59	\$889.59		
Annual Appeal Letter	\$500.00	\$ 542.20	\$42.20	\$750.00	\$750.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$150.00	\$ 100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Volunteer Recognition	\$750.00	\$ 555.96	\$194.04	\$750.00	\$750.00
Repeater Site Expense	\$600.00	\$ 600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 18,600.00	\$ 41,555.06	\$22,955.06	\$44,700.00	\$ 33,200.00
<i>Analysis of Accounts</i>					
	<u>B 7/1/19</u>	<u>A _____</u>	<u>W _____</u>	<u>B 6/30/20</u>	
Checking Account	\$ 26,310.86	\$ 50,383.76	\$ 41,555.06	\$ 35,039.55	off \$100 from
CD	\$ 75,685.92	\$ 1,415.74		\$ 77,101.66	check written
TOTALS	\$ 101,996.78			\$ 112,141.21	last year, cleared July



The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves fourteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Grafton’s representative is Cynthia Gibbs; Kim Record is the alternate.



All food scraps were banned from the landfill as of July 1, 2020. To help residents divert their food scraps from the trash, the District has offered backyard composting workshops for several years but had to cancel them in spring 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, Ham Gillett made a video about the subject, which can be seen at <http://okemovalley.tv/virtual-composting-workshop>. We’ve also sold backyard composters for years. Composters make great presents – call the office to arrange a purchase – 674-9235 – only \$50. Another diversion option? The Rockingham Transfer Station accepts food scraps (including meat and bones) for free.



Four hundred and thirty-two people brought household hazardous waste (HHW) to the District’s two collections in FY20, including nine Grafton residents. We are planning to construct a permanent HHW facility in Springfield in 2021 which will be open for six months of the year, eight to ten hours a week. Before that facility is operational, we will probably hold at least

one HHW event in 2021 – date and time to be determined.



Two retailers in Springfield accept unwanted paint year-round. Bring paint to Bibens Ace Hardware or Sherwin-Williams during regular business hours and dispose of it for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty – bring unlabeled, leaky, or rusty cans to an HHW collection).



AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, hearing aid, coin cell, tool, and rechargeable batteries are accepted at the Rockingham Transfer Station. Batteries are “special recycling” and do NOT go in with other recycling. There is also a convenient collection bucket at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kennedy
District Manager

Mary T. O’Brien
Recycling Coordinator

Ham Gillett
Outreach Coordinator



Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Brattleboro District, 2021

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. More info on your local health office can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>

COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

- COVID-19 Testing:
 - Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost Covid-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
 - Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020
- COVID-19 Cases:
 - As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
 - Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

Additional Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
 - Approximately 213,00* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season *(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
 - 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

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Granton Report

Each year as we prepare town reports, we get to reflect on the time gone by. I don't think anyone will argue that this was a bizarre year, but with the closing 2020, we continue our tradition of sharing with you what's going on. One of the focal points of this year was SARS-CoV-2 (COVID19), which like similar hardships brought our community together, despite the words "socially distant." We were grateful to receive donations of personal protective equipment from area businesses and non-profits when emergency services faced shortages in the supply chain. We coordinated with community groups to ensure people received food and that our neighbors were okay. Our deputies created the "Bring Birthdays Back" program to celebrate the birthdays of children isolated from their friends and families by the lockdown, raising over \$1020 and countless toy donations. In short, the community came forward to support our department and we worked to support the community during this trying time.

COVID-19 brought about numerous changes for us. While we continued to provide policing, service of civil process, and emergency dispatching services, we suspended non-essential activities such as civilian fingerprinting, evictions as required by Act 101, prisoner transports, extraditions, and traffic control for construction, as well as closed our facility to public access. We implemented protocols for safe contacts between the public and our personnel. Foregoing many of these services resulted in a significant financial burden as our expenses remained largely the same, though our non-tax funded revenue sources dropped. Through the efforts of Windham County's Legislative delegation and with the support of the Assistant Judges Barnett and Duff, we were able to obtain emergency funding through the Local Government's Emergency Response grant which diminished the financial impact and allowed our essential services to continue. While several of our services were reinstated over the Summer and Fall, we monitor daily and adjust as the environment changes.

Another important issue brought about this year was regarding police reform and racial justice. Many of us stood in horror as we watched the homicide of George Floyd which sparked conversation and debate nationally and locally. Historically, Vermont has done a lot of work toward better policing initiatives, but we must acknowledge that this isn't a conversation with a finish line. We continuously improve. I am thankful of the many people willing to share their experiences, perspectives, and time to help the Windham County Sheriff's Office measure itself and identify what changes it needed. We reviewed policies, training, data and engaged in community dialogue. As part of our introspection, I established the Windham County Sheriff's Advisory, a group of citizens to help provide community input toward the policies and operations of the Sheriff's Office. We engaged with individuals, organizations, researchers, and public bodies, to listen candidly. We worked with 40 agencies in Vermont to uniformly share traffic stop and race data reporting of all traffic stops. We obtained a grant-funded study from an independent researcher to evaluate us.

Since 2007, we've engaged in various forms of training on de-escalation of force, explicit/implicit bias, fair and impartial policing, and interacting with persons suffering from mental illness. The department has long prohibited the use of chokeholds. We declined to deploy tools such as tasers, acknowledging the power of de-escalation through dialogue and our low occurrences of use-of-force techniques by deputies. We've captured race data on our traffic stops to help us monitor for deputies engaged in biased policing. While many action items of the President's 21st Century Policing Task Force report have been accomplished, we continue to address other areas. You can follow our progress on our website at windhamcountylv.gov

The Sheriff's Office continues to support the interdisciplinary Consortium on Substance Use, working to resolve the opioid and substance use issues that have affected Windham County. This year, we welcomed a Police Liaison social worker through a partnership with HCRS, Dover PD, and Wilmington PD. The Sheriff's Office continues to support the following programs and initiatives: coordination with the Windham County Highway Safety Task Force; daily Are You Okay? welfare check phone calls; Work Zone Safety Enforcement; Toys for Kids; and snow mobile patrols. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications. It is the continued support of Grafton and other towns which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

For the 2020 fiscal year (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020), Grafton contracted with the Sheriff's Office to provide a total of 96 hours of service throughout the year. The Sheriff's Office was able to provide 125.25 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The services provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to calls for service, or calls where response would not be provided by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During the contract period, we issued a total of 21 tickets with the potential net revenue for Grafton of \$1288. Additionally, deputies have issued 10 warnings and responded to 37 calls for service.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Grafton and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Mark R. Anderson





The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively with them to address regional issues. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission is a political subdivision of the state composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. After Town Meeting each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for one-year terms. Grafton is currently represented by Eric Stevens and the second position remains vacant. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, brings information back and forth between the Commission and their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website www.windhamregional.org. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to open meeting law.

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including developing and implementing town plans and bylaws; community and economic development planning and implementation; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; enhanced town energy planning enabled by Act 174; transportation, including traffic counts (vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure as a result of flooding to the state; redevelopment of "Brownfields" (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects applying for permits through state Act 250 (land use) and Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications) and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, assisting with projects in and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on projects that are beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns may choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state programs (Designated Downtowns and Village Centers) and municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a two-year process, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

In 2020 we were able to continue to function with minimal disruption, and transition to remote operations, to serve the towns and people of the Windham Region. As the realities of the pandemic became evident, we organized training for towns on continuity of operations planning. We worked with the legislature, state agencies, and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to make changes to statute to enable towns to continue with their operations while still conducting business in a publicly transparent manner. We arranged for a regular conference call for town emergency management directors and Selectboard chairs with local Vermont Emergency Management, Department of Health, and Agency of Human Services staff. Our website hosts a comprehensive COVID-19 resource guide for individuals, which was developed and maintained by local service organizations and other volunteers. Municipal applications to the Local Government Expense Reimbursement program were and continue to be supported by the WRC. Performance of our normal responsibilities and projects never ceased. Among these was the development of a regional broadband feasibility study and subsequent business plan to provide broadband internet access to the unserved and underserved in the region. The Deerfield Valley Communications Union District organized itself to implement this plan. We are here to support the towns of the region to meet the needs of their residents, conduct their business, and engage in looking forward through and beyond the pandemic.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up approximately 5 percent of our total budget for FY 2021, and is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$1,637.04. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2021, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."

Grafton Elementary School



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Grafton Elementary School has had a challenging year for most of 2020 with the onset of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Under Liz Harty's leadership, the staff quickly moved to dismissal in March and conducted remote learning for the remainder of the school year. They managed the transition well and worked hard to provide as much learning as possible. Ms. Harty finished her 2nd year at Grafton and then moved to be the new principal at Westminster. I joined the Grafton community later in June and began the work of learning as much as I could about the community and the families served by the school and worked throughout the summer with the district leadership to develop plans for reopening schools for the 2020/21 school year.

This is my eighteenth year as a school administrator and my third school in which I have had the honor to serve as a principal. I live in Shrewsbury Vermont with my husband and we have three grown children, two daughters and a son. Both of my daughters live in Vermont and work in the medical field, but my son is in New York City working as an event manager for the New York City Academy of Medicine. So, in some ways they are all in the medical field. I am very happy to have joined the WNESU and have enjoyed getting to know and work with the staff at Grafton and my colleagues in the district. The district has many talented educators.

Grafton began and has continued a hybrid model through the remainder of 2020, which resulted in the need to continue to increase our skills in distance learning. Fortunately, with Wednesday's being a deep cleaning day, we were able to provide district wide professional development focused on distance learning. Our teachers grew a great deal in understanding how to teach remotely effectively with student engagement. The school began the year with an alternating schedule of cohort of students and transitioned to 4 days of everyone in the building the first of November. To make sure we are keeping the building free of germs so as not to spread the disease, Wednesdays have continued to be a remote learning day so the building can get a deep cleaning. This has worked well as our building has been very healthy and student learning combined with teacher professional development was able to occur remotely on Wednesdays. It has proven to be a win/win plan.

Grafton is very fortunate to have an amazing group of educators who work at the school. Each of them provides proficient instruction and demonstrates a deep care and love for all our students. They are truly rock stars and I feel fortunate to be able to work with all the staff at GES.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen Richards-Peelle, Principal

KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2020



Back row: Brooklyn Warner, Alexis Thompson, Ryan Dolloph, Samuel Herzog, Holden Willard
Front row: Corina Stack (Teacher), Areya Croteau, Malik Williams, Abel Stone, Joseph Tenney, Kaydence Silva, Erin Shaw (Para)

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020



Top row: Janiah Auclair, Kory Hallock, Asher Jones, Zoey Perry, Chase Plummer
Bottom row: Ben Rumrill, Braydon Rumrill, Isabella Squiers-Restino, Maisie Twohig

**Independent Northeast Supervisor Union Annual Letter
2020-2021**

Some school years are quiet. Others are more eventful. This year... has been kind of nuts! Since the last time we reported to the communities of the WNUESD:

- We have endured a once-in-a-century pandemic that has turned elementary school education into a stressful, sometimes-costly experiment in remote learning,
- We have been warned about the pandemic's destabilizing effect on the state's education trust fund, with still-unknown implications for local taxes in the next year or two.
- We have continued to deal with the aftermath of a crisis in our Supervisory Union's Finance Office, which started with bad software imposed by the state and which ended up with a nearly complete restructuring of the department and months of oversight by professional auditors,
- We briefly found ourselves in the crosshairs of a high-profile attempt by out-of-state conservative legal activists to overturn the entire local public education system,
- We also found ourselves in the middle of a statewide dispute about secret versus open, mutually supportive discussions regarding labor issues and working conditions.
- We are completing what has been a full-scale re-evaluation of our special education systems. Our administrators have been finding creative ways to manage and reduce those costs in anticipation of Act 173, a state initiative that would transfer special education support away from communities in need and turn these funds into a block grant that ignores the impact of special education costs on poor or small communities,

And we are about to find out if a portion of our district will be allowed to withdraw from the WNUESD by local voters and by the state. As most of you know, the Alliance of School Board Members, together with many other town districts tried to overturn ACT 46 (the so-called Athens case) and were shot down by the Supreme Court of Vermont on a narrow basis.

The good news is that the court did not specifically prevent towns from withdrawing later from their unified districts. One district that "voluntarily" consolidated (under pressure) was able to undo their consolidation. Voters of the town of Westminster have voted to withdraw from the WNUESD. They will need the permission of the voters in Grafton and Athens, as those communities need to determine whether such a change is in their interest to support. The withdrawal will also need to be approved by the State Board of Education and AOE, and we will have to hope the legislature doesn't intervene.

That will be interesting.

So — a lot has been going on.

More recently, the events in the country have caused parents here and elsewhere to ask a lot of hard questions. Are we doing a sufficient job of teaching our children to read critically? Are we helping them to understand the full dimensions of our history and the complex and diverse nature of the American community? Are we doing enough to help them to understand civics and government sufficiently to help run this country once they have reached adulthood? These are great questions and ones that our district and many others will have to examine closely.

Whatever else, the turmoil of the past year has served to remind us all just how important good education is to a free society.

The good news is that we are still educating young people five days a week. We are making sure kids have something to eat at lunch whether they are in our school building or at home. We have been able to expand the educational options they have, ranging from hybrid, in-person learning to a fully realized remote instruction program. Amazingly, our teachers and administrators have been able to run these programs without rolling up anything like the kind of enormous deficits seen elsewhere or generating the kinds of massive layoffs we anticipated earlier in the year. There have been bugs and hiccups in the process. Ask any parent! At times the stress on our kids, our parents and our teachers has been terrific. But — we are gradually returning to in-person instruction for most students. Due to caution, good planning and a lot of luck, the pandemic has been kept outside our doorstep as of today.

There is much to celebrate. We owe this success to our students, parents, our teachers, and staff, and to all of you.

Since we are not going to have a regular town meeting, I want to cover the big items where we need your input and approval.

The first is the school budget.

For the next year, and until we know about the future of the district, we are going to continue to operate as a single entity. The budget you will be asked to approve is the budget for the schools of Athens/Grafton and Westminster considered together. We have broken out the costs of running each school to give voters some idea as to what two separate districts would look like, but it is the grand total of the schools, considered together, that we need you to approve.

The bottom-line number is a mixed bag. We will be asking you to approve a grand total of \$6,954,684 to run our schools next year. This includes the pre-K program and the kids we tuition for grades 7-8. This is about \$150,000 more to run than last year, but that is still about \$5,000 LESS than the year before.

For those looking at the "bottom line" impact If Westminster were a separate district, that town district would have a budget of \$5,187,960. Athens and Grafton would have a budget of \$1,766,724.

Those looking at the financial impact of two districts versus one will quickly find out how hard this is to determine.

Vermont calculates costs per student per a Byzantine," equalized pupil" calculus that changes every year. Elementary school students are now considered only part of an "equalized pupil!" Kids in grades 7-12 are considered slightly more than one. There is an add-on for children eligible for free and reduced lunches, plus several other calculations that the state uses to create a number that doesn't sync up well with the number of actual students in actual buildings. However, it is the best apples-to-apples method of determining relative costs.

Based on this Equalized Pupil formula, if the WNUESD were split into two parts, a separate Athens Grafton district would spend about \$103 more per “equalized pupil” than a separate Westminster district. Using a different calculation, the dollar difference is closer to \$200+. At least that is what it looks like in early January 2021. Things could change.

A caution: This year’s numbers are no prediction of numbers (or tax forecasts) in future years. I predict that moving properties and bond obligations back to the town of Westminster would shift roughly \$25-35 per—equalized pupil cost of cost back to Westminster. There are some long-term building renovation and administrative costs that might add as much as \$15,000-20,000 onto Grafton’s overall budget in coming years. A lot of other per-pupil cost shifts are nearly impossible to forecast. Small districts have fixed costs and wildly shifting populations on a percentage basis. A dozen more or fewer students can have significant effects on per-pupil costs and the size of the local tax bill.

There are several other wild cards on the horizon that could change everything even more dramatically. For example, everyone will be affected by legislation such as Act 173, which could shift millions of special ed costs onto poorer and smaller schools, (as much as a million dollars across the four towns!) But -presumably, the legislature will act to fix this poorly written law before it goes into effect in 2023.

We will be providing more information about all this by holding online community forums in the coming weeks, including Grafton’s traditional “pre-town meeting” in February. My thanks to the three towns and their Education Advisory bodies who will be helping manage this process.

A reminder: Like last year, all actual votes on school matters will be handled via Australian ballot. In addition to the budget and the withdrawal approval questions we will be asking you to vote for one Board member per town. We will also ask you to vote for a slate of district officers that will preside over a future meeting when the pandemic recedes, and we can finally meet in person and talk about schools.

I look forward to that day coming soon.

Jack Bryar,

Representing Grafton on the boards of the BFUHS and combined Athens/Grafton/Westminster school systems. Chair of the WNUESD

"The Windham Northeast Union Elementary School District will be posting a full report on its activities and its proposed budget and warning items online. This will include a breakdown of the financial details of its budget plan for the coming year. We anticipate that additional hard copies will be made available at local town offices throughout the district and the WNESU office at Cherry Hill in Bellows Falls."

COMPARISON OF SCHOOL POPULATION FOR GRAFTON
GRADES K - 12

YEAR	GRAFTON K-6	ATHENS K-6	GRAFTON 7 & 8		GRAFTON 9 - 12
2014-2015	47	45	L&G	0	6
			GM	4	15
			BF	4	8
			OTHER	1	2
				9	31
2015-2016	44	48	L&G	0	6
			GM	6	14
			BF	5	8
			OTHER	2	1
				13	29
2016-2017	43	47	L&G	0	3
			GM	8	11
			BF	5	7
			OTHER	2	2
				15	23
2017-2018	38	35	L&G	1	2
			GM	5	9
			BF	5	13
			OTHER	4	3
				15	27
2018-2019	39	35	L&G	1	2
			GM	5	9
			BF	5	14
			OTHER	3	1
				14	26
2019-2020	23	26	L&G	4	0
	1 Westminster		GM	5	2
			BF	9	21
			OTHER	2	5
					28
2020-2021	23	24	L&G	1	3
	2 Westminster		GM	2	5
			BF	7	20
			Other	4	5

**Grafton, Vermont
Residents Town Meeting
March 3, 2020**

Pursuant to a warning duly posted and recorded, the legal voters of the Town met at the Grafton Elementary School in Grafton, Vermont on March 3, 2020 and took action on the following articles with these results (polls open from 9 am to 7 pm). Moderator David Ross called the 237th recorded Grafton Town Meeting to order at 10:02 am and invited the meeting to join him for the Pledge of Allegiance. He noted that Bill Toomey and Steve Nolan would be passing portable microphones to those who wished to speak. He asked for a moment of silence to remember those no longer with us. The Moderator thanked the Town Clerk and her staff, the Town Administrator, the Board of Civil Authority, the school staff and the Select Board for bringing forth the articles. He noted that dog licenses were being sold at the back of the room.

The Moderator said that the Grafton Grange was offering lunch, including takeout, for a donation of \$5 per person.

The Moderator noted that this was no longer the annual meeting of the Grafton School District, now that the town had been mandated by the state to be part of a unified Grafton, Athens, and Westminster District known as the Windham Northeast Union Elementary School District. He reminded voters that the school district was participating in a suit against the state, hoping that the Vermont Supreme Court would allow the school district to return to having its own district. He said that Grafton's school director Jack Bryar was chair of the new unified board and would offer more information during the non-binding portion of the meeting.

The Moderator announced that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont and Robert's Rules of Order. He noted that voters may vote to overrule Robert's Rules and the Moderator, but not state law. He said that his role was to help voters accomplish the business they intend and urged all to ask clarifying or point-of-order questions. He said that if a voter wishes to speak, he should raise his/her hand, be recognized, stand and identify himself/herself for the record before asking the question. He said that Town Meeting is a tradition dating back to at least 1783 and it is an opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of issues and reach the best possible decisions for the town; he urged voters to be respectful of each other. Persons who are not registered voters cannot vote and cannot address the meeting without permission by the voters and the Moderator asked non-voters to stand and be recognized. The Moderator said he would impose a five-minute limit for each speaker if there were no objections and that the reading of short quotes was allowable; however, lengthy reading would require special action by the body.

There were no suggestions or questions. There being no objection, the Moderator dispensed with the reading of the entire Warning.

ART. 1 It was moved by Allan Sands, seconded by Stan Mack, to choose all Town Officers. Voting to be by Australian ballot; polls open from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. None was offered. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

David Ross, elected Moderator, one year
Hardy F. Merrill, elected Town Lister, three years
Ronald F. Carey, elected Trustee of Public Funds, three years
Ronald F. Carey, elected Trustee of Campbell, Woolson Funds, three years
Heather R. Gregory, elected Auditor, two years
Lucia Corwin, elected Trustee of Public Library, three years
Jay Maciejowski, elected Trustee of Public Library, three years
Debe Plummer, elected Auditor, three years
Joseph Pollio, elected Selectman, three years
Allan Sands, elected Selectman, two years
Kimberly Record, elected Town Agent, one year
John Gregory, elected Selectman, two years
Kimberly Record, elected Town Clerk, three years
Kimberly Record, elected Town Treasurer, three years
Michelle Dolloph, elected Delinquent Tax Collector, three years

ART. 2 It was moved by Chris Wallace, seconded by Joe Pollio, to act on the Auditor's Report.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. None was offered. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 3 It was moved by Stan Mack, seconded by Allan Sands, to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money, respectively, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Jayne Flick asked how the decision was made as to when and how much to borrow. Select board chair Joe Pollio said that this article served one purpose: the new town budget goes into effect on July 1 but the first property tax installment is due on August 15. If there were a shortfall or an emergency, the town could borrow the necessary funds until the first tax payment is made.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 4 It was moved by Liisa Kissel, seconded by Keith Hermiz, to raise nine thousand dollars and zero cents (\$9,000.00) for ambulance service.

Rescue Squad president Keith Hermiz explained this article represented a retainer to ensure the Golden Cross ambulance service would come to an incident if called. The service would then bill the patient after the incident if the patient were transported to the hospital.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 5 It was moved by Suzanne Welch, seconded by Terry Pollio, to raise twenty-seven thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars and zero cents (\$27,950.00) for the Firefighter's Association operating expenses.

Fire Chief Rich Thompson explained that this article represented only part of what it cost to run the fire department; all other funds are raised separately by the department.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 6 It was moved by Maureen Parker, seconded by Cathy Siano-Goodwin, to raise three thousand dollars and zero cents (\$3,000.00) for Grafton Rescue Squad operating expenses.

Keith Hermiz thanked voters for their continued support and noted that squad members are all unpaid volunteers.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 7 It was moved by Joe Pollio, seconded by Allan Sands, to approve expenditures of any grant monies awarded for purposes named in such grant or grants for fiscal year 2020/2021.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. None was offered. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 8 It was moved by Chris Wallace, seconded by Joe Pollio, to raise two thousand thirty-seven dollars and zero cents (\$2,037.00) for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic development services to the Windham Region.

Liisa Kissel asked whether SeVEDS representatives could tell voters what particular activity the organization has funded or were there past examples of activities.

There was no objection from voters, so Christy Betit from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation addressed the question. Betit said SeVEDS takes towns' support and leverages that for more state and federal funds, along with support from private donors to bring money back into the community. She said that the organization creates programming and at BFUHS it has offered workforce development classes to all ninth graders and juniors and seniors have gone on worksite tours. She said that SeVEDS provides a path to post-secondary success for students.

School director Jack Bryar said with the SeVEDS program, it was a way to ensure that money spent on local students stays in the district.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 9 It was moved by Joe Pollio, seconded by Stan Mack to raise one hundred dollars and zero cents (\$100.00) for the support of Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Fire chief Rich Thompson said that this state organization funds dry hydrants in the state and ordinarily the Grafton department maintains them for little to no funds with volunteer help.

Deborah Toomey asked about the status of new dry hydrant installation. Thompson said there was no to-do list per se and spoke specifically to Toomey's property, saying that it already had road accessibility so a dry hydrant wouldn't be needed.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 10 It was moved by Suzanne Welch, seconded by Liisa Kissel, to raise nine thousand seven hundred forty-one dollars and zero cents (\$9,741.00) for Humanitarian expenses (Bellows Falls Senior Center - \$674; Grace Cottage - \$1,500; Grafton Cares - \$1,000; HCRS - \$600; Parks Place - \$100; RSVP - \$160; Senior Solutions - \$650; SEVCA - \$650; The Current - \$250; Valley Cares - \$1,052; Visiting Nurse Association - \$2,300; VCIL - \$105; Women's Freedom Center - \$600; Youth Services - \$100).

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. None was offered. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 11 It was moved by Jason Archambault, seconded by Joe Pollio, to raise one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00) for the Capital Budget (\$25,609.00 for Highway Structures Program, \$15,000 for Fire Truck Fund, \$75,000 for Highway Equipment Reserve, \$4,000 for Guard Rails Projects, \$4,000.00 for Computer Upgrade Program, \$5,000.00 for Bridge Maintenance Program, and \$46,391.00 for Bridge Construction Program).

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. None was offered. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 12 It was moved by Stan Mack, seconded by Allan Sands, to vote to make the office of Delinquent Tax Collector a Selectboard-appointed office under 17 V.S.A. 2651d to take effect in March 2023 at the termination of the three-year term for this office being filled this year.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Current collector Janice Atwood said she had been doing the job for 21 years and that she didn't think it was a good idea for the job to come under the select board because it might become a political football. If voters didn't like the job the collector did, that person could be voted out. Atwood said the 8 the collector makes from the collection of taxes was fair, and given the amount of work that went into the job, a stipend of \$1,500 wouldn't be enough.

Rich Thompson asked why the select board wanted to make this change. Town treasurer Kim Record said that the matter had been discussed with the town's professional auditors, who

recommended moving in this direction. With Atwood's imminent retirement, this gave the town a chance to make the change.

Phil Atwood said the current system wasn't broken and shouldn't be fixed. He said that the \$8 is an incentive that costs the town nothing.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and, after a voice vote result was inconclusive, called for a vote by a show of hands. Motion was defeated by a vote of 38-29.

ART. 13 It was moved by Joe Pollio, seconded by Bill Kearns, to vote for a one-year term for the office of the Delinquent Tax Collector under 17 V.S.A. 2646(9) to take effect in March 2023 at the termination of the three-year term for this office being filled this year.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Mary Beth Culver asked for clarification of what the article was proposing, then said that having to replace a person every year would be difficult. Cynthia Gibbs said that this office, along with the town clerk and treasurer offices, had transitioned from one-year terms to three-year terms in recent years.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion was defeated by voice vote.

ART. 14 It was moved by Kim Record, seconded by Bill Kearns to pay the Delinquent Tax Collector a stipend/compensation in lieu of the \$8 commission, the latter of which shall be turned over to the municipality once a month in accordance with 32 V.S.A. 1674(3) and 24 V.S.A. 1530.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Michelle Dufort asked if this would mean the person elected at the meeting by Australian Ballot would receive only a stipend and not the \$8. Town administrator Bill Kearns said yes. Carol Lind said that it seemed like it would be a time-consuming position and a stipend would represent a serious cut in pay. Janice Atwood said it was indeed time consuming and the system has worked. The \$8 gives the office holder an incentive to do a good job.

Kim Record said the matter had been discussed with the town's professional auditors for three years. She said that the candidate (assistant town treasurer Michelle Dolloph) was already in the office and the position would overlap with her current duties.

Phil Atwood asked what the proposed stipend was and was told it was budgeted for \$1,500.

Deborah Toomey asked what might happen if the office holder wasn't doing a good job.

Kate Muelrath said there was a statute that addressed removal of town officials.

Selectman Allan Sands said the professional auditor had recommended this and asked why. Kim Record said the auditor had told the select board that many towns were moving in this direction in order to bring more revenue into the towns.

Mary Beth Culver said that when she and her family moved to Grafton 20 years ago, the delinquent tax list was much longer than it was now.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion was defeated by voice vote.

At this point in the meeting, the Moderator said that if there were no objections, former Representative Matt Trieber was present and asked to address voters. There were no objections; the Moderator recessed the meeting at 11:13 am. Trieber thanked voters for their support over the years and explained that he had resigned his post because of his work with disabled adults and students, and he was unable to put the necessary time into legislative matters. It was noted that Representative Carolyn Partridge would not be able to attend Grafton's meeting due to a delay in business at the Windham Town Meeting. At 11:17 am the Moderator called the meeting to order.

ART. 15 It was moved by Stan Mack, seconded by Allan Sands, to raise six hundred and one thousand, ninety-three dollars and zero cents (\$601,093.00) for the maintenance of highways and bridges.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Jayne Flick asked how this article related to Article 11. Selectman Stan Mack explained the difference between capital highway projects and regular maintenance road projects.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 16 It was moved by Allan Sands, seconded by Joe Pollio, to raise two hundred twenty-six thousand, five hundred and twenty-three dollars and zero cents (\$226,523.00) for the Selectmen's Budget.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. None was offered. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 17 It was moved by Joe Pollio, seconded by Chris Wallace, to establish a reserve fund to be called the Grafton Town Hall Handicap Access Fund to be used for the construction and installation of handicap access to the second floor of the Town Hall in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 2804.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Phil Atwood asked what the budget was for this project. Joe Pollio said no amount had been yet specified because architects were currently looking at the project. He explained that the town had received a \$10,000 grant from the Windham Foundation toward the cost of providing handicapped accessibility to the Town Hall building. Pollio said that the plan was to raise funds without tax dollars.

Mary Feder asked if there were a public restroom in the Town Hall and she was told there was.

Cynthia Gibbs asked if building access would change the look of the building and would there be a capacity limit and Pollio said that had not yet been determined. Phil Atwood asked why another building is needed when the school building or Brick Church are available.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 18 It was moved by Stan Mack, seconded by Chris Wallace, that the town deposit the funds donated for the construction and installation of handicap access to the second floor of the Town Hall to the Grafton Town Hall Handicap Access Fund.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. None was offered. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 19 It was moved by Allan Sands, seconded by Linda Robertson, that the town pay its property taxes to the Treasurer in Quarterly installments, with the due dates being Aug. 15, Nov. 15, Feb. 15, and May 15.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. None was offered. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 20 It was moved by Stan Mack, seconded by Allan Sands, that the Town of Grafton levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes on real and personal property of one percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment for the first three months, and one and one-half (1 ½) percent per month or fraction thereof for every month thereafter, as provided for in 32 VSA 5136.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. None was offered. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 21 It was moved by Allan Sands, seconded by Joe Pollio, to transact non-binding business.

Hearing no objection, the Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Sam Battaglino asked Fire Chief Rich Thompson to give voters an update on the situation at the former CIC building in Cambridgeport. Thompson said that the town had been told a few months earlier that there was improper chemical storage in the building. He made a visit, documented what he saw, and turned the information over to the state. There are now state agencies involved and cleanup is happening. He said if an anonymous source hadn't initially come forward, there could have been a disaster if firefighters had to enter the building unaware of the potential hazard. Thompson said he continued to monitor the situation and that it was improving.

Joe Pollio thanked Chris Wallace for stepping in to serve on the select board when Josh Hearne resigned in early 2019.

Allan Sands told the meeting about the ash borer infestation and said there was a display and literature at the back of the room. He said the town was looking to appoint a tree warden and was looking for volunteers to help put a plan together to address the situation. Sands said the insect

attacks ash trees at all stages. He said that his forester suggests harvesting ash trees while they still have value (before they're infested); once they're infested, they have no value. Sands said he had already lost trees on his property. Sands would like to inventory Grafton trees and offer that data to Green Mountain Power and that may help Grafton's status when it came to being addressed by GMP maintenance.

Keith Hermiz presented information about the Coronavirus: there were 103 cases in the United States of that morning with six deaths. There were no cases in Vermont; one was announced in New Hampshire the previous day. His message was not to panic and explained that it was similar to flu symptoms but three or four times more contagious and 20 times more deadly. He suggested that if a resident feels shortness of breath or flu symptoms, stay home and contact a primary care physician. Vermont doesn't yet have its own test, he said, and tests are being sent to the CDC. He said the Rescue Squad would take precautions if called by a resident experiencing severe symptoms. Hermiz suggested listening to scientists-not politicians-for up-to-date information.

Dottie Cannon thanked all the organizations who make Grafton the way it is.

Jack Bryar presented information about the upcoming April 9th school district meeting to address the school budget. He asked voters to consider running for the board; officers will be elected from the floor at that meeting. He said that the Grafton School wasn't closing for geographic reasons and because the Westminster School is at capacity and there would be no place to put Grafton students. He said that the transitional board was working under the assumption that the new district would be a permanent situation.

Ron Pilette thanked Janice Atwood for her years of service.

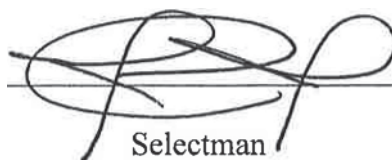
There being no further non-binding business, it was moved by Linda Robertson, seconded by Joe Pollio, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Martin, Assistant Town Clerk



David Ross, Moderator



Selectman