

The Town of

GRAFTON VERMONT



162nd Annual Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

TOWN OF GRAFTON

P.O. Box 180 - 117 Main Street
Grafton, VT 05146

Website: www.graftonvt.org

POPULATION, 2020 CENSUS – 645

REGISTERED VOTERS - 557

Town Clerk & Treasurer

Kim Record
Tel. (802) 843-2419
Fax (802) 843-6100
krecord@graftonvt.org
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
9 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM - 4 PM

Administrator

Morgan Wilbur
Tel. (802) 843-2552
Fax (802) 843-6100
townadmin@graftonvt.org
Mon. – Thurs.
8 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM-4 PM

Town Listers

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

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

Grafton Public Library

Tel. (802) 843-2404
librarian@graftonpubliclibrary.org
Open Hours
Monday: 10 AM – 1 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM
Tuesday: 5 PM – 8 PM
Wednesday: 10 AM – 1 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

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, Matt Siano

911
(802) 722-4600
(802) 843-2523 or (802) 380-0131
(802) 843-2568
(802) 843-2456
(802) 843-2318 or 802-591-0496

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

First & Third Monday of each month,
6 PM @ The Grafton Town Hall
and via Zoom

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are ordinarily held on the
Second and (optionally) the Fourth
Thursdays of each month at the Grafton
Elementary School at 6 PM. Additional
Meetings and times are posted on the
WNESU website. We anticipate continuing
to invite the community to participate
in-person or via ZOOM. See the WNESU
website for login details.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of each month,
7:00 PM @ The Grafton Town Hall
and via Zoom

Property taxes are due August 15th, November 15th, February 17th and May 15th

Taxes become delinquent after the May 15th Payment

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GRAFTON, VERMONT
WARNING
For the Town of Grafton

The legal voters of the Town of Grafton, Vermont are hereby warned and notified that on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 10:00 AM EST the polls are open to take action on the following articles:

- ART. 1 To choose all Town Officers and to vote on each and every article proposed at this Town Meeting, Voting shall be by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2024; polls open from 9:00 AM to 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 Selectboard to borrow money, respectively, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes?
- ART. 4 Shall the Town of Grafton raise seven hundred seventeen thousand eighty-six dollars (\$717,086.00) for the maintenance of highways and bridges?
- ART. 5 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two hundred forty-two thousand four hundred forty-four dollars (\$242,444.00) for the Selectboard's Budget?
- ART. 6 Shall the Town of Grafton raise nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) for ambulance service?
- ART. 7 Shall the Town of Grafton raise twenty-nine thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (\$29,950.00) for the Grafton Firefighters Association operating expenses?
- ART. 8 Shall the Town of Grafton raise four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) 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 2024/2025?
- ART. 10 Shall the Town of Grafton raise twelve thousand eighty-one dollars (\$12,081.00) for Humanitarian expenses? (Bellows Falls Senior Center - \$674; Grafton Cares - \$1,000; Grafton Church (Food Pantry) - \$1,000; HCRS - \$600; VT Rural Fire Protection - \$100; 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 Gathering Place - \$500; Grace Cottage Foundation - \$2,500)
- ART. 11 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for the Capital Budget? (\$45,000 for Highway Structures Program, \$170,696 for Highway Equipment, \$10,000 for the Guardrails Program, \$17,000 for Fire Truck Fund, and \$7,304 for Town Hall Requirements)
- ART. 12 Shall the Town of Grafton raise one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for the support of Parks Place?
- ART. 13 Shall the Town of Grafton grant tax exemption to the Brick Meeting House Foundation for their property identified as Parcel Number 008141, located at 2 Main Street?
- ART. 14 Shall the Town of Grafton grant tax exemption to the Grafton Improvement Association for their properties identified as Parcel Number 008144 and 009056, located at 50 Townshend Road and 877 Kidder Hill Road?

- ART. 15 Shall the Town of Grafton pay its property taxes to the Treasurer in Quarterly installments, with the due dates being August 15, November 15, February 17, and May 15, with no postmarks accepted?
- ART. 16 Shall the Town of Grafton levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes 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 (1½) percent per month or fraction thereof for every month thereafter, as provided for in 32 VSA 5136?
- ART. 17 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town and Town School District meeting.



**GRAFTON TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS
SELECT BOARD APPOINTEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS
JUNE 30, 2023**

APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD

RETIRING TOWN OFFICERS

GRAFTON PLANNING COMMISSION

2027 Warren Fisher
2026 Ron Pilette
2026 Lester Schwalb
2025 Eric Stevens
2024 Matt Siano

Select Board: Rich Thompson

Select Board: Cathy Siano - Goodwin

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Select Board: John Gregory

Auditor: Arlene Carey

2026 Matt Siano
2026 Joe Pollio
2025 Eric Stevens
2025 Christopher Wallace
2024 Steve Fisher
2024 John Gregory (Alt)

Town Agent: Kimberly Record

Lister: Nancy Merrill

Moderator: Dave Ross

Trustee Public Funds: Kimberly Record

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Campbell & Woolson Fund: Kimberly Record

2024 Hardy Merrill, Chair
2024 Mike Faulkner
2024 Cynthia Gibbs
2024 John Gregory
2024 Maureen Parker
2024 Colby Record
2024 Kim Record

School Rep. Hardy Merrill

Union High School Rep. Mary Howard Clark

TOWN APPOINTED

Emer. Mgmt. Director: Bill Kearns
Emer. Mgmt. Dep. Director: Eric Stevens
Emer. Mgmt. Dep. Director: Morgan Wilbur
Emer. Mgmt. Coordinator: Amber Stevens

Forest Fire Warden: William Brown
Town Health Officer: Matt Siano
Asst. Forest Fire Warden: Eric Stevens

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

2026 Treasurer: Kimberly Record (2023 – 3 yr. term)
2026 Town Clerk: Kimberly Record (2023 – 3 yr. term)
2026 Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Michelle Dolloph
(2023 - 3 yr. term)

SELECT BOARD

2026 Seth Pajcic (2023 - 3 yr. term)
2024 Cathy Siano-Goodwin (2021 -3 yr. term)
2024 John Gregory (2022 - 2 yr. term)
2024 Rich Thompson (2022 - 2 yr. term)
2025 Joe Pollio (2023 – 2 yr. term)

AUDITORS

2024 Arlene Carey (2021 – 3 yr. term)
2025 Heather Gregory (2022 – 3 yr. term)
2026 Debe Plummer (2020 3- yr. term)

LISTERS

2024 Nancy Merrill (2021 – 3 yr. term)
2025 GailAnn Fisher (2022 – 3 yr. term)
2026 Hardy Merrill (2023 – 3 yr. term)

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

2024 Kimberly Record, Treasurer (2021 – 3 yr. term)
2025 GailAnn Fisher (2022 – 3 yr. term)
2026 Wendy Martin (2023 - 3 yr. term)

**TRUSTEES OF CAMPBELL & WOOLSON
FUNDS**

2024 Kimberly Record (2021 – 3 yr. term)
2025 GailAnn Fisher (2022 – 3 yr. term)
2026 Wendy Martin (2023 – 3 yr. term)

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

2026 Mary Beth Culver (2023– rem. 3 yr. term)
2025 Kathleen Pajcic (2022 – 3 yr. term)
2025 John Saroff (2022 – 3 yr. term)
2026 Lucia Corwin (2023 – 3 yr. term)
2026 Jay Maciejowski (2023 – 3 yr. term)

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

2024 Hardy Merrill (2022 – 2 yr. term)
2025 Rachel Plummer (2023 – 2 yr. term)
2025 Cathy Siano-Goodwin (2023 – 2 yr. term)

**SELECT BOARD APPOINTEES
ELECTED OFFICIALS
As of June 30, 2023**

ELECTED FOR ONE-YEAR TERM

Town Agent: Kimberly Record
Moderator: David Ross

GENERAL ELECTIONS as of Nov 8th, 2022

Senators, Windham County:
Becca Balint Jeanette White

WINDHAM/WINDSOR REPRESENTATIVE

Heather Chase

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE as of Nov 8th, 2022

Sam Battaglino, Wendy Martin, Seth Pajcic, Christopher
Wallace, and David Whittall

APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD

Cemetery Agent: Austin Powers
Constable: Mike Waysville
Council on Aging Rep: Michelle Dufort
Dog Census: Michelle Dolloph &
Kimberly Record
Emergency Mgr. Director: Bill Kearns
Emer. Mgmt. Dep. Director: Eric Stevens
Emer. Mgmt. Dep. Director: Morgan Stevens
Energy Coordinator: Amber Stevens
Fence Viewers: Listers
Administrative Officer: Bill Kearns
Inspector of Lumber: Tracy Lake
Planning Commission Chair: Matt Siano
Pound: Windham County
Humane Society
Select Board
Road Commissioner: Mike Faulkner
Road Foreman (Interim): Joe Pollio
Select Board Chair: Cathy Siano-Goodwin
Select Board Vice. Chair: Rich Thompson
Select Board Clerk: Cynthia Gibbs &
Solid Waste District Rep.: Kimberly Record
Town Administrator: Morgan Wilbur
Tree Warden:
Windham Reg. Comm. Rep.: Eric Stevens &
Cheryl Kaufman

Report of the Grafton Selectboard

This year the voters elected Seth Pajcic and Joe Pollio to the Selectboard. I'd like to thank Suzanne Welch for her 2 years of service on the Selectboard.

The Walker Bridge project is finally underway! Due to the July flood, the project has started late but there is hope to catch up on some time lost by working through the winter to install a center pier in the river. Beginning in March, traffic over the bridge will be reduced to one lane with a traffic signal control. Completion is scheduled to be in late fall of this year, 2024. The Town's share of this project will be shy of 1 million dollars and financing will be by a low-interest loan.

The Wastewater project is continuing, however, there have been some recent developments that have caused the project to be placed on a temporary hold. In the next several months, the Town is looking forward to the 90% report from Tighe & Bond. The Town received a grant for the project in the amount of \$3,968,331. One of the issues is the inability to find an adequate site to handle the grey water. All of the proposed sites are not suitable for disposal. The Planning Commission has also been looking into alternative methods.

This past year, the Town replaced a 7-year-old truck with a new 2023 Western Star. This year the Capital Budget has changed the purchasing policy for trucks from a 7-year replacement to a 5-year replacement schedule. The reason for this is the warranty on the vehicles is 5 years and all routine maintenance begins to rapidly increase in the last 2 years of ownership.

The Village Park received a grant from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation to construct a universally accessible trail and build a learning center. The parking area is complete, and I would encourage everyone to take a walk on the trails to see the great progress that has been made. The park is another great asset to the Town.

This year, with the help of the APRA funds and the generous \$10,000 donation from the Windham Foundation, the Town was able to renovate the Town Hall. We installed a handicapped elevator/lift, upgraded the heating system by installing heat pumps, upgraded the lighting, installed new flooring, and sanded the hardwood floors in the upstairs meeting room. These renovations have enabled the Selectboard and other organizations to hold their meetings at the Town Hall.

The Selectboard is grateful for all of the support we receive from the residents and other local organizations. We always welcome residents and guests to attend our regular meetings, either in person or via Zoom on the first and third Mondays of each month. We thank the voters of Grafton for the privilege of serving the Town.

It's encouraged to attend the Pre-Town Meeting in person or on Zoom on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. which will be held at the Grafton Elementary School. Also, remember to attend the in-person Town Meeting, on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grafton Elementary School.

Voting will be at the Grafton Elementary School on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Pollio, Chair



Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.

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December 22, 2023

Selectboard
Town of Grafton
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Grafton, Vermont 05146

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Grafton, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

Sullivan, Powers & Co.

TOWN OF GRAFTON AUDITORS REPORT

For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

For the year ending June 30, 2023 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, 2023.

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 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Plummer, Heather Gregory and Arlene Carey

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

JUNE 30, 2023

Kimberly Record, Town Clerk

DOG LICENSE

170 Dogs were registered in fiscal year 2023. A total of \$1,911.00 was collected and of that \$845.00 was sent to the state and \$1,066.00 was for the town. There still seems to be unregistered dogs in Grafton and we will be working closely with our Animal Control Officer which we are contracted with the Windham County Sheriff's Dept. So please remember all dogs need to register by April 1st.

ELECTIONS

We have several dates to keep in mind this year for elections. They are as follows:

Town Meeting / Presidential Primary 3/5/24, Grafton Elementary School 9am -7pm

Primary Election – August 13, 2024, Grafton Town Hall

General Election – November 5, 2024, Grafton Town Hall

The Secretary of State's Office of Elections website is filled with information on voting access and process. Voters are encouraged to log in to www.sec.state.vt.us for more information.

TOWN HALL NEWS

Many changes to the Town Hall in the last 1 ½ years. A complete handicap elevator has been installed, new lighting in the entire building, new flooring throughout all the offices downstairs and refinished the wood floor upstairs in the meeting room. We still have a few more upgrades to make in the next year or two.

VITALS

BIRTHS – 3

DEATHS – 9

MARRIAGES - 28

Due to privacy and identity theft names and dates are omitted from the vital records report.

TOWN OF GRAFTON					
GENERAL FUND					
TOWN GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAYS					
Statement of Revenue					
			Variance		Proposed
GENERAL FUND	2022-2023	2022-2023	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	Voted	Actual	(Unfavorable)	2023-2024	2024-2025
TAX REVENUE / TOWN GOVERNMENT					
Property Tax	\$ 907,067.00	\$ 782,137.00	\$ (124,930.00)	\$ 895,142.00	\$ 1,015,211.00
Del Tax Revenue	\$ -	\$ 79,742.00	\$ 79,742.00	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment Pmt	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 31,321.00	\$ (3,679.00)	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
State of VT - Current Use Funds	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 124,154.00	\$ 9,154.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	\$ 1,057,067.00	\$ 1,017,354.00	\$ (39,713.00)	\$ 1,046,142.00	\$ 1,168,211.00
INTEREST AND PENALTIES					
Interest on Overdue Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,492.00	\$ (1,492.00)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
8% Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,379.00	\$ (3,879.00)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL INTEREST AND PENALTIES	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 12,871.00	\$ (5,371.00)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
LICENSES					
Liquor Licenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 370.00	\$ (30.00)	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,172.00	\$ (322.00)	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL LICENSES	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,542.00	\$ (352.00)	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,400.00
INTERGOVERNMENT REVENUE					
State of VT - Highways	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 130,220.00	\$ 10,220.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
State of VT - In lieu of taxes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,742.00	\$ 3,742.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
State of VT - Civil Fines	\$ 500.00	\$ 838.00	\$ 338.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
State of VT - Reappraisal	\$ -	\$ 5,313.00	\$ 5,313.00	\$ -	\$ -
State of VT - Land Use Release	\$ -	\$ 2,015.00	\$ 2,015.00	\$ -	\$ -
State of VT - Fed Aid Highways	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. Government / FEMA	\$ -	\$ 476,528.00	\$ 476,528.00	\$ -	\$ -
VT. Agency of Transportation Grant	\$ -	\$ 9,906.00	\$ 9,906.00	\$ -	\$ -
State of Vt - other	\$ -	\$ 41,805.00	\$ 41,805.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INTERGOVT. REVENUE	\$ 122,500.00	\$ 672,367.00	\$ 549,867.00	\$ 132,800.00	\$ 134,800.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,636.00	\$ (636.00)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Preservation of Records	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,862.00	\$ 362.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Copying Fees	\$ 100.00	\$ 87.00	\$ (13.00)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Bank Fees Paid	\$ 100.00	\$ 87.00	\$ (13.00)	\$ 80.00	\$ 90.00
Cott Research Fees Collected	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 11,060.00	\$ 12,032.00	\$ (300.00)	\$ 12,080.00	\$ 11,590.00
INTEREST EARNED - MONEY MKT.					
	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,342.00	\$ 342.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

	2022-2023	2022-2023	Variance	Budget	Proposed
GENERAL FUND	2022-2023	2022-2023	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	Voted	Actual	(Unfavorable)	2023-2024	2024-2025
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
Town Hall Rent	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,235.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00
Sales - VLCT Insurance checks	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ 1,866.00	\$ (1,866.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Permits	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,205.00	\$ 705.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
ARPA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Village Park / donations/timber	\$ -	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00	\$ -	\$ -
Town Hall Handicap Access	\$ -				\$ -
Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ 1,879.00	\$ 1,879.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL MISC. REVENUES	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 15,610.00	\$ 1,178.00	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 11,200.00
INTERFUND REVENUES					
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
Wilson Park	\$ -			\$ -	
Village Park	\$ -	\$ 7.00	\$ (7.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Sherwin Cambridge Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INTERFUND REVENUES	\$ -	\$ 7.00	\$ (7.00)	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL REVENUE	\$ 1,213,077.00	\$ 1,735,125.00	\$ 505,644.00	\$ 1,215,972.00	\$ 1,340,201.00



TOWN OF GRAFTON					
GENERAL FUND					
TOWN GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAYS					
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance					
			Variance		Proposed
	Voted	Actual	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	2022-2023	2022-2023	(Unfavorable)	2023-2024	2024-2025
GENERAL FUND / TOWN GOVT. EXPENDITURES					
SALARIES OR COMPENSATION					
Select Board Compensation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Select Board Town Administrator	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 45,081.00	\$ 5,919.00	\$ 43,750.00	\$ 48,700.00
Administrative Officer	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,308.00	\$ (2,808.00)	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00
Town Treasurer	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 21,886.00	\$ (2,386.00)	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 28,500.00
Town Clerk	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 33,849.00	\$ (1,249.00)	\$ 34,600.00	\$ 33,600.00
Assist. Treasurer / Clerk	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,685.00	\$ 2,315.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Listers	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,937.00	\$ 3,063.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Auditors	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 814.00	\$ 1,186.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Trustee of Public Funds	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Constables & Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,379.00	\$ (4,879.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Health Officer	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Forest Fire Warden	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Temp Town Office Help			\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL SALARIES / COMPENSATION	\$ 145,100.00	\$ 143,939.00	\$ 1,161.00	\$ 147,450.00	\$ 152,800.00
BENEFITS					
Social Security (FICA)	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 12,042.00	\$ (1,042.00)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,500.00
Medicare	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,816.00	\$ (116.00)	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 3,000.00
Employee Health Insurance	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 25,810.00	\$ 7,190.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Employee Dental Insurance	\$ 900.00	\$ 588.00	\$ 312.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 700.00
Retirement	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,578.00	\$ 922.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,500.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 500.00	\$ 950.00	\$ (450.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,100.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 150.00	\$ 209.00	\$ (59.00)	\$ 200.00	\$ 220.00
Experience Modification			\$ -	\$ -	
Penalties			\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL BENEFITS	\$ 55,750.00	\$ 48,993.00	\$ 6,757.00	\$ 41,100.00	\$ 51,020.00
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 200,850.00	\$ 192,932.00	\$ 7,918.00	\$ 188,550.00	\$ 203,820.00
TOWN MEETING AND ELECTIONS					
Ballot Clerk Compensation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 624.00	\$ 876.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Town Reports	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,138.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,300.00
Other Town Meeting / Election Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 167.00	\$ 333.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
TOTAL TOWN MEETING / ELECTIONS	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,929.00	\$ 1,271.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,500.00
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Office Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,999.00	\$ 501.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Postage	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,568.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,900.00
Telephone	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,612.00	\$ (412.00)	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,700.00
Copier Expense	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Computer Programs	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 26,716.00	\$ (10,716.00)	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Travel - Town Officials	\$ 200.00	\$ 163.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Dues - Town Officials	\$ 300.00	\$ 146.00	\$ 154.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00

	Voted	Actual	Variance	Budget	Proposed
	2022-2023	2022-2023	Favorable (Unfavorable)	2023-2024	Budget 2024-2025
Conferences	\$ 500.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Dog Expense	\$ 600.00	\$ 556.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Preservation of Records	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 1,755.00	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Alarm Systems Town Hall	\$ 250.00	\$ 340.00	\$ (90.00)	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00
Cott Systems - Land Records	\$ -	\$ 1,760.00	\$ (1,760.00)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Animal Control Officer		\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,450.00	\$ 2,000.00
Listers Consultants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,250.00
Computer IT Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,700.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,510.00	\$ (10.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,650.00
Public Official Insurance	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,827.00	\$ 1,373.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Officers' Bond	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Kidder Bridge Insurance	\$ 75.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 90.00	\$ -
Advertising	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,945.00	\$ (1,195.00)	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,000.00
Other Professional Services	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,833.00	\$ (6,333.00)	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,500.00
Legal Expense / Tax Appeals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Expense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 4,360.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Professional Auditor	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,288.00	\$ (2,788.00)	\$ -	\$ 500.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 55,775.00	\$ 75,266.00	\$ (16,491.00)	\$ 61,740.00	\$ 67,350.00
TOWN HALL EXPENSES					
Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 973.00	\$ (173.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,200.00
Insurance	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,596.00	\$ 1,204.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Heat	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 7,773.00	\$ (4,673.00)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Electricity	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,596.00	\$ (596.00)	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,850.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,190.00	\$ (4,190.00)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Town Hall Handicap/ARPA	\$ -	\$ 414.00	\$ (414.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Town Hall Restoration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Snow Removal	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,315.00	\$ (1,315.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Janitor	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,590.00	\$ (90.00)	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,080.00
TOWN HALL EXPENSES	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 26,447.00	\$ (10,247.00)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,130.00
RECREATION AND PARKS					
Swimming Pool	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ (525.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Town Greens	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (50.00)	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Village Park	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,475.00	\$ (275.00)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Wilson Park	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Winnie Park	\$ 500.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Village Park Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Village Park Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ 9,335.00	\$ (8,835.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
TOTAL RECREATION AND PARKS	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 12,860.00	\$ (9,460.00)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,800.00
CEMETERIES					
Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits - FICA and Workers Comp.		\$ 106.00	\$ (106.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sexton	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Equipment				\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Other Expenses-Spec. Exp./Contractor Services	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 18,519.00		\$ 24,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 19,625.00	\$ (106.00)	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 16,000.00

	Voted	Actual	Variance	Budget	Proposed
	2022-2023	2022-2023	Favorable (Unfavorable)	2023-2024	Budget 2024-2025
OTHER TOWN EXPENSES					
VT League of Cities and Towns Dues	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,889.00	\$ 111.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
County Tax	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 11,570.00	\$ 2,030.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 16,500.00
Bank Service Fee	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Street Lights	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,679.00	\$ (579.00)	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,700.00
Grafton Public Library	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
Planning Commission	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 582.00	\$ 418.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,500.00
Development Review Brd	\$ 300.00	\$ 670.00	\$ (370.00)	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00
Windham Regional Commission	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,661.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Emergency Management	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,474.00	\$ (974.00)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Hydrant Snow Removal	\$ 300.00	\$ 700.00	\$ (400.00)	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Reappraisal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual Aid	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,043.00	\$ (43.00)	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,500.00
Sheriff's Department	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 5,760.00	\$ (860.00)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Cornet band	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Misc Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Maps	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,754.00	\$ (654.00)	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,800.00
Professional Appraisers		\$ 650.00	\$ (650.00)		
TOTAL OTHER TOWN EXPENSES	\$ 49,300.00	\$ 51,232.00	\$ (1,932.00)	\$ 53,200.00	\$ 65,200.00
SANITATION					
Wastewater Project	\$ -	\$ 27,700.00	\$ (27,700.00)	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SANITATION EXPENSES		\$ 27,700.00			
OTHER VOTED ARTICLES					
Ambulance Service	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,760.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Firemen's Operating Budget	\$ 29,950.00	\$ 29,950.00	\$ -	\$ 29,950.00	\$ 29,950.00
Rescue Squad	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Humanitarian Articles	\$ 10,681.00	\$ 10,681.00	\$ -	\$ 12,181.00	\$ 12,231.00
The Gathering Place					\$ -
SEVEDS	\$ 2,037.00	\$ 2,037.00	\$ -	\$ 2,037.00	\$ -
TOTAL OTHER VOTED ARTICLES	\$ 56,168.00	\$ 55,928.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 57,668.00	\$ 55,681.00
DEPT SERVICE					
Payment on Principal	\$ 53,334.00	\$ 53,333.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 53,334.00	\$ 53,334.00
Interest Expense	\$ 11,900.00	\$ 10,648.00	\$ 1,252.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 10,300.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICES	\$ 65,234.00	\$ 63,981.00	\$ (1,253.00)	\$ 64,834.00	\$ 63,634.00
TOTAL TOWN GOVT. EXPENDITURES	\$ 475,127.00	\$ 527,900.00	\$ (30,060.00)	\$ 478,892.00	\$ 493,115.00

	Voted	Actual	Variance	Budget	Proposed
	2022-2023	2022-2023	Favorable	2023-2024	Budget
			(Unfavorable)		2024-2025
GENERAL FUND HIGHWAY DEPT.					
Statement of Expenses					
LABOR					
Labor - Regular Hours	\$ 178,000.00	\$ 178,208.00	\$ (208.00)	\$ 177,000.00	\$ 234,000.00
Labor - Overtime	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 17,935.00	\$ (7,935.00)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Temporary Labor	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 261.00	\$ 4,239.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
TOTAL LABOR	\$ 192,500.00	\$ 196,404.00	\$ (3,904.00)	\$ 196,500.00	\$ 244,000.00
HIGHWAY BENEFITS					
FICA (Social Security)	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 8,531.00	\$ 2,669.00	\$ 11,400.00	\$ 15,200.00
Medicare	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,995.00	\$ 705.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,500.00
Health Insurance	\$ 71,000.00	\$ 50,778.00	\$ 20,222.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,036.00
Dental Insurance	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,800.00
Retirement-Highway	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 12,749.00	\$ (499.00)	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 16,100.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,099.00	\$ 901.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 14,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 200.00	\$ 286.00	\$ (86.00)	\$ 350.00	\$ 450.00
Uniforms	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,708.00	\$ (208.00)	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY BENEFITS	\$ 117,150.00	\$ 93,281.00	\$ 23,869.00	\$ 98,750.00	\$ 120,086.00
FUEL					
Truck 1 - 2018 Western Star	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 10,305.00	\$ (3,005.00)	\$ 8,760.00	\$ 10,300.00
Truck 2 - 2016 Western Star	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 11,068.00	\$ (3,568.00)	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 11,300.00
Truck 3 - 2019 Chevy	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 4,110.00	\$ (1,310.00)	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 4,200.00
Truck 4 - 2021 Freightliner	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 6,638.00	\$ (3,338.00)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,800.00
Loader - 2013	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,433.00	\$ (1,033.00)	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,400.00
Grader - 2010 Caterpillar	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 6,202.00	\$ (2,902.00)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,800.00
Backhoe - 2012 John Deere	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,316.00	\$ (1,716.00)	\$ 700.00	\$ 2,500.00
Chipper	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 100.00
DEF For Equipment	\$ 800.00	\$ 875.00	\$ (75.00)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Mower / Blower	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,614.00	\$ (1,614.00)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 3,000.00
Excavator	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 422.00	\$ 578.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 600.00
Other Equipment	\$ 400.00	\$ 745.00	\$ (345.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL FUEL	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 47,728.00	\$ (18,228.00)	\$ 35,580.00	\$ 50,000.00
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE					
Truck 1 - 2018 Western Star	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,446.00	\$ (946.00)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,000.00
Truck 2 - 2023 Western Star	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 2,142.00	\$ 7,358.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Truck 3 - 2019 Chevy	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 955.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Truck 4 - 2021 Freightliner	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 615.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Loader - 2013	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,335.00	\$ (335.00)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Grader - 2010 Caterpillar	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,840.00	\$ (1,340.00)	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Plows and Sanders	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 12,342.00	\$ 1,658.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Backhoe-2012 John Deere	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 885.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Chipper	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Mower / Blower	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 830.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Eager Beaver Trailer 1996	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,235.00	\$ (735.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Excavator	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 509.00	\$ 491.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Unforeseen Damages	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ (2,400.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Small Equipment Repairs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 44,600.00	\$ 37,644.00	\$ 6,956.00	\$ 37,600.00	\$ 38,600.00

	Voted	Actual	Variance	Budget	Proposed
	2022-2023	2022-2023	Favorable	2023-2024	Budget
			(Unfavorable)		2024-2025
CONTRACTED SERVICES					
Plowing Contractors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tree Removal Contractors	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Retreatment Contractors	\$ 105,000.00	\$ -	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
Bridge Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Street Sweeping Contractors	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (300.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Beaver Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Equipment Rental	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,525.00	\$ (9,525.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Generator Contract	\$ 450.00	\$ 465.00	\$ (15.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
Other Professional Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
TOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 116,950.00	\$ 17,590.00	\$ 99,360.00	\$ 127,000.00	\$ 131,100.00
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES					
Culvert Expenses	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,556.00	\$ 2,444.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,920.00	\$ (420.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Guard Rails	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gravel	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 33,198.00	\$ 1,802.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Road Repair Material	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 18,603.00	\$ 6,397.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Salt	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 76,958.00	\$ (16,958.00)	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Sand	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 38,704.00	\$ 21,296.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Storm Water Grants / Better Back Roads Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Chloride	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 5,466.00	\$ 4,034.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00
Road Signs	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,869.00	\$ (1,369.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Clean Water Act / Grants	\$ -	\$ 3,395.00	\$ (3,395.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 776.00	\$ 724.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	\$ 201,000.00	\$ 186,445.00	\$ (14,555.00)	\$ 201,000.00	\$ 222,000.00
TOWN GARAGE					
Supplies and Tools / Inventory	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,538.00	\$ 3,462.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Radio	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (400.00)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Telephone	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$ (450.00)	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,900.00
Insurance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,299.00	\$ (299.00)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Heat	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,645.00	\$ (645.00)	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,400.00
Electricity	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,396.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Repairs and Maintenance - Town Shed	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,581.00	\$ 1,919.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Pagers for Highway Workers	\$ 600.00	\$ 745.00	\$ (145.00)	\$ 600.00	\$ 750.00
Fire Alarm Systems	\$ 600.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00
TOTAL TOWN GARAGE	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 19,474.00	\$ (4,026.00)	\$ 27,300.00	\$ 27,950.00
OTHER EXPENSES					
Training	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Advertising	\$ 500.00	\$ 505.00	\$ (5.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Liability Insurance-Highway	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 3,002.00	\$ (902.00)	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,000.00
Equipment Insurance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,537.00	\$ 1,463.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Safety Equipment	\$ 800.00	\$ 224.00	\$ 576.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Commercial Licences	\$ 100.00	\$ 290.00	\$ (190.00)	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
General Road Permit	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,765.00	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Transfer to ARPA Fund	\$ -	\$ 3,311.00	\$ (3,311.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Highway Expenses					
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 13,784.00	\$ (1,034.00)	\$ 13,350.00	\$ 13,350.00

	Voted	Actual	Variance	Budget	Proposed
	2022-2023	2022-2023	Favorable (Unfavorable)	2023-2024	Budget 2024-2025
TOTAL BUDGETED HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 737,950.00	\$ 612,350.00	\$ (125,600.00)	\$ 737,080.00	\$ 847,086.00
July 2021 Rain Storm *****	\$ -	\$ 178,650.00		\$ -	
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 737,950.00	\$ 791,000.00	\$ 53,050.00	\$ 737,080.00	\$ 847,086.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 475,127.00	\$ 527,900.00	\$ (52,773.00)	\$ 478,892.00	\$ 493,115.00
TOTAL TOWN AND HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 1,213,077.00	\$ 1,318,900.00	\$ 105,823.00	\$ 1,215,972.00	\$ 1,340,201.00
CAPITAL BUDGET				\$ 200,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES				\$ 1,415,972.00	\$ 1,590,201.00
Anticipated Revenue				\$ 187,330.00	\$ 194,990.00
Anticipated State Grant for Highways				\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
TOTAL TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN				\$ 1,098,642.00	\$ 1,265,211.00

TOWN OF GRAFTON
TOWN BUDGET

SELECTBOARD'S ITEMIZED BUDGET	2024-2025 Proposed	HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES	2024-2025 Proposed
Salaries/Compensation	\$ 152,800	Bellows Falls Senior Center	\$ 674
Benefits	\$ 51,020	Grace Cottage Foundation	\$ 2,500
Town Meeting and Elections	\$ 2,500	Grafton Cares	\$ 1,000
Operating Expenses	\$ 67,350	HCRS	\$ 600
Recreation and Parks	\$ 3,800	The Gathering Place	\$ 500
Cemeteries	\$ 16,000	Grafton Church (Food Pantry)	\$ 1,000
Other Town Expenses	\$ 65,200	VT Rural Fire Protection	\$ 100
Town Hall	\$ 15,130	Senior Solutions	\$ 650
Town Garage Interest	\$ 10,300	SEVCA	\$ 650
Town Garage Principal	\$ 53,334	Southeast Vermont Transit Inc. - The Current	\$ 250
TOTAL SELECTBOARDS ITEMIZED BUDGET	\$ 437,434	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	\$ 33,000	Youth Services	\$ 100
Interest on Overdue Taxes	\$ 5,000		
8% Penalty	\$ 5,000	TOTAL HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES	\$ 12,081
Liquor Licenses	\$ 400		
			2024-2025 Proposed
Dog Licenses	\$ 1,000	OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	
State-Current Use Payment	\$ 120,000	Ambulance Service	\$ 9,000
State Land Tax Payment	\$ 4,000	Firemen's Assn.	\$ 29,950
Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 7,500	Grafton Rescue	\$ 4,500
Permits	\$ 1,000	Parks Place	\$ 150
Copying Service	\$ 100		
Civil Fines	\$ 800	TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$ 43,600
Interest Earned	\$ 3,000		
Town Hall Rent	\$ 10,200	CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 250,000
Cott Research Fees	\$ 400	SELECTBOARDS ITEMIZED BUDGET	\$ 437,434
Bank Fees Paid	\$ 90	HUMANTARIAN ARTICLES	\$ 12,081
Preservation of Records	\$ 3,500	OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$ 43,600
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	\$ 194,990	TOTAL OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET	\$ 743,115
		LESS REVENUE	\$ 194,990
		TAX REVENUE NEEDED FOR SELECTMEN	\$ 548,125
TOWN OF GRAFTON HIGHWAY BUDGET	2024-2025 Proposed		
All Highway Expenditures	\$ 847,086	TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN GOVT.	\$ 548,125
Less State Grant For Highways	\$ 130,000	TAXES NEEDED FOR HIGHWAYS	\$ 717,086
TAXES NEEDED FOR HIGHWAYS	\$ 717,086	TOTAL TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN	\$ 1,265,211

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
COMPARISON OF TAXES**

FISCAL YEAR	2020-2021	2022-2023	2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025
TOWN OF GRAFTON SCHOOL TAXES				
Total to State Education Fund	\$ 609,687	\$ 482,312	\$ 596,893	
Total School Taxes	\$ 1,534,368	\$ 1,468,358	\$ 1,390,684	
TOWN GOVERNMENT				
Selectboard's Budget	\$ 160,680	\$ 171,015	\$ 169,059	\$ 178,810
Loan Town Garage	\$ 67,133	\$ 65,233	\$ 64,834	\$ 63,634
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 227,813	\$ 236,248	\$ 233,893	\$ 242,444
Special Articles	\$ 54,828	\$ 56,168	\$ 57,668	\$ 55,681
HIGHWAYS	\$ 599,500	\$ 617,950	\$ 607,080	\$ 717,086
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 250,000
TOTAL TOWN, HWYS, CAP. BUD.	\$ 1,082,141	\$ 1,110,366	\$ 1,098,641	\$ 1,265,211
TOTAL TAXES NEEDED:				
TOWN, HIGHWAY, CAP.BUD. ONLY	\$ 1,082,141	\$ 1,110,366	\$ 1,098,641	\$ 1,265,211
GRAND LIST- Estimated				
Municipal	\$ 1,590,712	\$ 1,523,005	\$ 1,554,097	
Education - Homestead	\$ 548,625	\$ 489,666	\$ 527,286	
Education-non- resident	\$ 985,742	\$ 978,292	\$ 975,434	
TAX RATES:				
Town	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.74	0.72	
School (non-resident)	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.44	\$ 1.42	
School (homestead)	\$ 1.69	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.37	

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**

GRAND LIST - General Property			7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024
Municipal Grand List			\$ 1,521,943
Education Grand List - Homestead			\$ 542,336
Education Grand List - Non Resident			\$ 978,114
TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED			
Municipal	\$ 1,521,943	0.7290	\$ 1,109,496
Education-Homestead	\$ 542,336	1.4671	\$ 795,661
Education-Non Resident	\$ 978,114	1.4391	\$ 1,407,604
Local Agreement	\$ 1,521,943	0.0138	\$ 21,003
TOTAL			\$ 3,333,764
TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:			
Taxes Collected			\$ 3,282,797
Prebates from State of Vt			\$ 31,321
Plus unpaid Current Taxes			\$ 45,960
TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR			\$ 3,360,078

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET**

	6/30/2023	
ASSETS		
Checking Account	\$ 874,393	
Money Market Account	104,377	
Hydrant Fund	25,694	
Repurchase Reserve	110,135	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,114,599	
LIABILITIES		
Due to others	1,274	
Prepaid Property Taxes	7,363	
Due to Capital Projects Fund	356,850	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	365,487	
FUND BALANCES		
Highway monies (Statue)	\$ -	
Preservation of Records	19,372	
Reappraisal Funds	13,161	
Solid Waste	5,372	
Retreatment	145,048	
Walker Bridge Project	275,271	
Hydrant Fund	25,694	
Town Hall Restoration	1,483	
Village Park Maintenance	6,423	
Town Hall Handicap Access	6,689	
Unassigned	250,599	
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 749,112	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,114,599	

NOTES ON HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES

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

GRACE COTTAGE FOUNDATION: Provides healthcare services to the community, promotes wellness, relieves suffering, and restores health. (802) 365-7357 or gracecottage.org

GATHERING PLACE: Serves elders and adults with disabilities who reside in the Windham County region. Services include nursing oversight, access to transportation, on-site counseling and therapy, daily exercise programs, recreation and social activities, and much more. (802) 254-6559 or info@gatheringplacevt.org

GRAFTON CARES: A local organization that provides home-delivered meals, transportation to medical facilities, Strong Living classes, and other services for residents. Contact Kate or Bob Bova at (802) 869-1527

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

MOOver!: (Southeast Vermont Transit) Provides rides to medical appointments for elderly, disabled, and/or residents who receive Medicaid. (802) 460-7433 or MOOver.com

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 parksplacevermont.com

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

SEVCA: (Southeastern Vermont Community Action) Provides weatherization, fuel and/or utility assistance, and family services for the Windham County area. (802) 722-4575 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. (802) 229-0501 or vcil.org

VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION: Supports project dry hydrant repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development. (802) 828-4582

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH: Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. (888) 300-8853 or vnhcare.org

WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER: (Brattleboro) Provides services and safe housing available for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. (802) 254-6954 or womensfreedomcenter.net

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

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Grafton, VT

On May 16, 2023, I received the 2022-2023 Delinquent Tax Report from Town Treasurer, Kimberly Record.

Below I've included the amounts due as of 05/16/2023 (when I received the 2022-2023 Delinquent Tax List), as of 06/30/2023 (the end of the fiscal year) and as of 01/01/2024.

There were no tax sales scheduled as of January 1, 2024. If there are any to be scheduled in 2024 the information will be posted at the Town Hall, in The Grafton News as well as the local newspaper as required by law.

Michelle Dolloph

Delinquent Tax Due as of 05/16/2023

TAX YEAR	Principal	Interest	Penalty	TOTAL
2017-2018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2018-2019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2019-2020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2020-2021	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2021-2022	\$517.89	\$64.06	\$44.79	\$626.74
2022-2023	\$102,899.50	\$3,796.98	\$8,231.91	\$114,928.39
TOTAL	\$103,407.39	\$3,861.04	\$8,276.70	\$115,555.13

Delinquent Tax Due as of 06/30/2023

TAX YEAR	Principal	Interest	Penalty	TOTAL
2017-2018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2018-2019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2019-2020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2020-2021	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2021-2022	\$256.44	\$56.15	\$20.52	\$333.11
2022-2023	\$45,960.28	\$3,317.62	\$3,676.81	\$52,954.71
TOTAL	\$46,216.72	\$3,373.77	\$3,697.33	\$53,287.82

Delinquent Tax Due as of 01/01/2024

TAX YEAR	Principal	Interest	Penalty	TOTAL
2017-2018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2018-2019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2019-2020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2020-2021	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2021-2022	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2022-2023	\$16,675.06	\$1,905.07	\$1,402.51	\$19,982.64
TOTAL	\$16,675.06	\$1,905.07	\$1,402.51	\$19,982.64

TOWN OF GRAFTON		
FIXED ASSETS		
Real Estate and Equipment		
As of June 30, 2023		
DATE		
ACQUIRED	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 EQUIPMENT:	
2018	Western Star w/plow and sander	193,340
2023	Western Star w/plow and sander	237,369
2019	Chevy 2500	44,180
2021	Freightliner w / plow & sander (Trk 4)	154,230
2013	924 Cat Loader	174,500
2012	John Deere Backhoe	93,650
2010	Caterpillar Grader	173,900
1995	York Rake x 2	3,444
2003	Power washer x 2	4,495
2005	Chipper	7,500
2017	Case tractor w/mower & blower	130,548
1996	Eagerbeaver Trailer	3,000
2019	Caterpillar Excavator	107,300
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT:	
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58e	1,006
2013	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
1997	File Cabinets and Chairs	589
2020	Lenovo Laptop - clerk	1,000
2020	Lenovo Laptop - administrator	1,800
2021	Apple Ipad	800
* Note: Improvements to buildings are not included in cost.		

TOWN OF GRAFTON CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE FUNDING RECCOMENDATIONS:

- No additional capital requirements for 2024/25 have been identified for the following Town programs:
 - Computer Upgrade Program
 - Bridge Maintenance Program
 - Bridge Construction Program

Consequently, we recommend no additional funds be allocated to these programs in the 2024/25 budget.

- The town has applied for a Vtrans Grant of \$180,000 to replace Culvert # 10 Fisher Hill Road. The anticipated cost for this project is \$225,000. The town's share for this project is \$45,000. The Committee recommends funding this amount.
- After reviewing information from the Fire Department, related to the development of plan for identifying their future equipment and financing needs the Committee agreed with their request for \$17,000 and recommends allocating the money in the 2024/25 Budget.
- In the next 4 years, beginning with 2023/24, the town needs to finish paying for the excavator, replace Truck #1, Truck #3, Truck #4, The Loader, and the Grader. The total cash required is estimated at \$856,396 less our expected equipment funds available during 2023/24 of \$344,309. This means the net cash needs for the town over the next 3 years is \$512,087 or \$170,696 per year. We recommend funding this amount in the 2024/25 Budget.
- The town anticipates spending \$10,000 on guardrails this fiscal year. The Committee recommends replacing the \$10,000 in the 2024/25 Budget.
- The town anticipates spending \$40,000 to replace the fire escape stairs and the front walkway. To complete these projects an additional \$7,300 will be required. We recommend funding this amount.
- . Total Funds recommended to be funded by taxes for the 2024/25 Capital Budget \$250,000.

TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL BUDGET CASH FLOW ANALYSIS				
	Actual			Actual
	Program	Actual	Actual	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	6/30/2023
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	19,437	36,608	0	56,045
Highway Equipment	257,417	147,392	(190,566)	214,243
Guardrails	14,795	0	-	14,795
Fire Truck	0	16,000	(16,000)	0
Town Hall	11,239	0	27,000	38,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	27,000	0	-27,000	-
Computer Replacements	9,942	0	0	9,942
Bridge Construction Program	50,404	0	(26,819)	23,585
TOTAL	\$ 390,234	\$ 200,000	\$ (233,385)	\$ 356,849
	Actual			Projected
	Program	Voted	Projected	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	6/30/2024
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	56,045	52,934	(106,850)	\$ 2,129
Highway Equipment	214,243	130,066	(23,198)	\$ 321,111
Guardrails	14,795	0	(10,000)	\$ 4,795
Fire Truck	0	17,000	(17,000)	0
Town Hall	38,239	0	(5,200)	\$ 33,039
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	-	0	0	\$ -
Computer Replacements	9,942	0	0	\$ 9,942
Bridge Construction Program	23,585	0	-23,585	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 356,849	\$ 200,000	\$ (185,833)	\$ 371,016
	Projected			Projected
	Program	Proposed	Projected	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2024	2024-2025	2024-2025	6/30/2025
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	2,129	45,000	(45,000)	\$ 2,129
Highway Equipment	321,111	170,696	(433,198)	\$ 58,609
Guardrails	4,795	10,000	0	\$ 14,795
Fire Truck	0	17,000	(17,000)	0
Town Hall	33,039	7,304	(40,000)	\$ 343
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	-	0	-	0
Computer Replacements	9,942	0	0	\$ 9,942
Bridge Construction Program	-	0	0	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 371,016	\$ 250,000	\$ (535,198)	\$ 85,818

TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL BUDGET TAX REVENUE				
	Voted	Voted	Voted	Proposed
	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
TAX REVENUE				
Highway Road & Structures Program	\$ -	\$ 36,608	\$ 52,934	\$ 45,000
Highway Equipment	138,609	147,392	130,066	170,696
Guardrails	0	0	-	10,000
Fire Truck	15,000	16,000	17,000	17,000
Town Hall	0	0	0	7,304
Computer Replacements	0	0	0	0
Bridge Construction Program (Walker Bridge)	46,391	0	0	0
Total Tax Revenue	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 250,000
TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET				
			Projected	Projected
ASSETS	6/30/2022	6/30/2023	6/30/2024	6/30/2025
Due from General Account	\$ 256,634	\$ 356,849	\$ 371,016	\$ 85,818
Accounts Receivable-State of VT				
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 256,634	\$ 356,849	\$ 371,016	\$ 85,818
FUND BALANCE	\$ 256,634	\$ 356,849	\$ 371,016	\$ 85,818
EXPECTED USE OF CAPITAL FUNDS ASSETS				
Highway Roadway & Structures Program	\$ 19,437	\$ 56,045	\$ 2,129	\$ 2,129
Highway Equipment	142,005	214,243	321,111	58,609
Guardrails	20,000	14,795	4,795	14,795
Fire Truck	-	-	-	-
Town Hall	11,239	38,239	33,039	343
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	27,000	-	-	-
Computer Replacements	9,942	9,942	9,942	9,942
Bridge Construction Program	27,011	23,585	-	-
FUND BALANCE	\$ 256,634	\$ 356,849	\$ 371,016	\$ 85,818

Cemetery Agent Report 2023

There was a total of 8 burials in the township of Grafton, Vermont in 2023.

We had one full burial with casket and vault and one cremated burial was laid to rest in the Burgess Cemetery. There were also six cremated burials at Houghtonville Cemetery.

Cemetery lots are still available in the Houghtonville Cemetery only.

As usual, Town cemeteries remain closed from November 1st until April 1st weather permitting.

All cemetery decorations that you do not want to be destroyed please have them removed by April 15th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Austin Powers
Cemetery Agent
Cell: 1(802)289-2334



**TOWN OF GRAFTON
TOWN CONSTABLE REPORT FOR 2023**

This year:

- 1 call about a dog chasing car, talked to owner
- Call about sheep in the road on Eastman Road, talked to owner, need to keep in a pen.
- 1 call about seeing sheep in the woods.
- 1 call about a dog bite on Route 121

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 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.

We are contracted with the Windham County Sheriff's Office for an Animal Control Officer. They will help with services and calls that include: response to vicious animals, monitoring/enforcement of animals required to quarantine, animal registration and/or vaccination required under Vermont law, and at-large animals. If you need these services, please contact Ashley at (802) 490-9236.

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

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT FOR 2023**

Assistant Fire Warden, Eric Stevens and I issued 91 fire permits this year and had no wildfires. Grafton residents have been very cooperative about what they can and cannot burn. Many thanks to all.

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 materials. Painted and pressure treated wood and household trash must be disposed of by other means.

Respectfully submitted,
William Brown, Grafton Fire Warden (802) 843-2523
Eric Stevens, Assistant Fire Warden (802) 843-2568

Town Health Officer Report

2023

The Board of Health in Vermont towns consists of the Town Health Officer and Town Selectboard. Duties and responsibilities are established by State statute.

In Grafton this year there were 2 recorded dog bites. All dog owners residing in Grafton are reminded they are required to license their pet and have updated full vaccination records available for potential situations. Residents and visitors are to be aware of and follow local ordinances as they may arise and or pertain to our community.

The “Storm with no Name” flooding damage in July that Grafton experienced fortunately resulted in only minor health risks. Mold remediation for wet basements and water testing where flood waters may have infiltrated wells were necessary on a few properties.

Should Homeowners feel their well at any time may have been contaminated they can obtain free water test kits from the state. Call Vermont Department of Health 800-660-9997.

Recent changes in State law have removed health officers from “direct rental housing inspections” and are now under the authority of the Department of Public Safety’s Division of Fire and Safety (DPS)

DPS is now the government entity with the primary authority to enforce State laws governing rental housing health and safety.

Town health officers must notify DPS for any rental housing or short term rental complaints or requests for inspection and are to follow DPS guidelines.

Please contact the Town Health Officer for assistance regarding any health related issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Siano

Town Health Officer



**Town of Grafton
Listers' Report
For the year ending June 2023**

The 2023 Grand List was filed on July 26, 2023, with a Municipal Value of \$1,557,329 and a Total Education Value of \$1,568,572.

Changes of appraisal related to real estate were mailed to 51 property owners on June 7, 2023. 3 Grievances were filed by property owners, reviewed by the listers, and adjustments were made where appropriate.

After receipt of the decisions by the Listers there were no appeals to the BCA.

Currently there are 102 parcels in Current Use totaling 15,143 acres which is about 65% of the town's total acreage. Total acreage is about 23,222 acres. 24 parcels changed value in 2023. There were no grievances.

210 property owners filed for Homestead. Of those people that filed, 144 received Homestead state payments.

Grafton's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is determined by the state of VT each year by averaging the last three years' valid property sales. 2023's CLA for Grafton is 90.06% which compares to 2022's 97.95%. A number over 100% indicates that property is generally listed for more than its fair market value; a number less than 100% indicates that property is generally listed for less than its fair market value.

We performed our yearly update of the town's property maps. These can be found on-line at VCGI (Vermont Center for Geographic Information) or in the Town Office. We encourage property owners to submit to the Town Clerk any surveys not already recorded. This will help us be more accurate in our property information.

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 improvements 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.

We welcome questions or concerns owners might have about their property. The speediest method of contact is via email listers@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	203	53,859,500	22,123,626	31,735,874	53,859,500
Residential II R2	196	85,988,300	33,199,950	52,788,350	85,988,300
Mobile Homes-U MHU	9	128,600	40,500	88,100	128,600
Mobile Homes-L MHL	17	1,315,700	693,200	622,500	1,315,700
Seasonal I S1	15	933,400	145,700	787,700	933,400
Seasonal II S2	31	3,593,500	51,700	3,541,800	3,593,500
Commercial C	25	10,837,800	0	10,837,800	10,837,800
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	3	5,441,000	0	5,441,000	5,441,000
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	2	1,364,100	0	1,364,100	1,364,100
Other O	2	599,800	0	599,800	599,800
Woodland W	9	276,100	0	276,100	276,100
Miscellaneous M	89	9,748,300	199,800	9,548,500	9,748,300
TOTAL LISTED REAL	601	174,086,100	56,454,476	117,631,624	174,086,100
P.P. Cable	1	126,807		126,807	126,807
P.P. Equipment	0	0			0
P.P. Inventory	0	0			0
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	126,807		126,807	126,807
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		174,212,907	56,454,476	117,758,431	174,212,907
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	3/3	30,000	20,000	10,000	30,000
Veterans >10K		90,000			
Total Veterans		120,000	20,000	10,000	30,000
P.P. Contracts	1	126,807			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	248,600	0	248,600	248,600
Non-Apprv(voted)	3/3	1,171,900			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	5/4	1,547,307	0	248,600	248,600
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	101/101	16,812,700	2,293,100	14,519,600	16,812,700
Special Exemptions	1		0	264,400	264,400
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		18,480,007	2,313,100	15,042,600	17,355,700
Total Exemptions		18,480,007	2,313,100	15,042,600	17,355,700
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		1,557,329.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			541,413.76	1,027,158.31	1,568,572.07
NON-TAX					

25 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411

TOWN OF GRAFTON
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT

During the Town fiscal year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023, the Development Review Board (DRB) of the Town of Grafton heard and approved two requests for Minor Subdivision within the Town of Grafton, of parcels located at 2900 Route 121E (009069.1) and 136 Kidder Hill Road (008182), respectively.

The DRB heard no requests for Major Subdivision during the reporting period.

The DRB heard no requests for Boundary Lot Adjustment during the reporting period.

The DBR heard no requests for Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) development during the reporting period.

All DRB warnings, agendas, minutes, and decisions are posted to the Town website; hard copies and Mylar plats are available for public review at the Town Offices, as are copies of the Town Subdivision Regulations and Town Flood Damage Prevention Regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher R. Wallace
Chair, Development Review Board



Planning Commission Report 2023

In 2023, The Planning Commission welcomed Buzz Fisher to continue Seth Pajcic's commission appointment and Matt Siano was elected to the Chair position.

In order to consider future planning of our village and community, the Planning Commission began further investigation of wastewater options as a compliment in parallel to the wastewater engineering study.

The Planning Commission over the past year has held informational monthly meetings discussing potential options in wastewater technology that may assist our community in finding a feasible means to control groundwater contamination in the village.

Meetings consisted of discussions with professionals relative to wastewater control measures including the dynamics and construction of living plant based biological systems, drip line dispersal fields and the overall science on how plants can absorb and filter our wastewaters as a potential means. This effort provided for additional knowledge necessary for choosing alternate opportunities.

The Commission will continue investigating alternative ideas and will be attending wastewater committee engineering study meetings with members of the Selectboard.

In the upcoming year, Commissioners will have opportunities to attend state educational training programs that will assist in future planning for the next town plan and to meet the ever changing regulatory demands on natural resources, energy, transportation, housing and economic development.

Meetings are every second Tuesday at 7PM at the Town Hall second floor. All are welcome to attend and contribute to Grafton's future and it's continuation as a healthy and economically viable community.

Respectfully submitted,

Grafton Planning Commission

Matt Siano Chair

Eric Stevens

Lester Schwalb

Ron Pilette

Buzz Fisher



TOWN OF GRAFTON		
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP		
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023		
Kim A. Record, Treasurer		
TOTAL FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP 6/30/23		
DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME, to June 30, 2023	\$ 111,382.53	
Dividends and Interest Received		
AMOUNT DESIGNATED FOR:		
Interest on Cemetery Maintenance Funds		\$ 3.23
Interest on Cemetery Lots and Graves Funds		6.89
Village Park		6.18
Wilson Memorial Park		8,510.28
Grafton Village Library		0.06
So. Congregational Church Society		0.07
Grafton Fund		4.79
Town School District		1.37
		\$ 8,532.87
INVESTMENTS		
	Capital	Income
FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE		
Community Bank NA	\$ 16,390.39	\$ 3.23
FOR CEMETERY LOTS AND GRAVES		
Community Bank NA	34,952.51	6.89
FOR VILLAGE PARK		
People's United C/D #4606	6,000.00	6.18
FOR WILSON MEMORIAL PARK		
Community Bank NA	23,039.77	4.61
G.E.Corp., Common Stock-180 shares @ \$109.85	19,773.00	8,396.70
General American Corp., 17 shares @\$57.54	978.18	108.97
FOR LIBRARY AND CHURCH		
S. B. Jones Fund-Community Bank	701.76.	0.13
FOR GRAFTON INDIVIDUALS		
Grafton Fund People's United C/D 29421	5,000.00	4.22
Grafton Fund People's United Savings Acct. 30630	3,112.10	0.57
FOR TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT		
Edward Walker Fund -Community Bank	1,036.58	0.24
Dean & Baker Fund-Chittenden Bank C/D 4596	1,100.00	1.13
TOTAL	\$ 111,382.53	\$ 8,532.87

TOWN OF GRAFTON							
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP-KIM A. RECORD, TREASURER							
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023							
	Cemetery	Sales-Lots	Wilson	Village	S.B.Jones	Grafton	Totals
	Care	and Graves	Park	Park	Library and	Fund	(Memo Only)
					Church		
ASSETS							
Cash in Savings or Ck.Acct.	\$ 16,390.39	\$ 34,952.51	\$ 23,039.77		\$ 701.76	\$ 3,112.10	\$ 78,196.53
Certificates of Deposit				6,000.00		5,000.00	11,000.00
Common Stock			20,751.18				20,751.18
Interest Receivable							
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 16,390.39	\$ 34,952.51	\$ 43,790.95	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.76	\$ 8,112.10	\$ 109,947.71
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE							
Liabilities: Due to General Fund							
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for Endowment			\$ 20,751.18		\$ 701.76	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 26,452.94
Designated for Future Use	16,390.39	34,952.51	23,039.77	6,000.00		3,112.10	83,494.77
Total Fund Balances	\$ 16,390.39	\$ 34,952.51	\$ 43,790.95	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.76	\$ 8,112.10	\$ 109,947.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
TOWN OF GRAFTON							
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP-KIM A. RECORD, TREASURER							
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (Cash Basis)							
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023							
	Cemetery	Sales-Lots	Wilson	Village	S. B. Jones	Grafton	Totals
	Care	and Graves	Park	Park	Library and	Fund	
					Church		
REVENUE:							
Interest on Investments	\$ 3.23	\$ 6.89	\$ 4.61	\$ 6.18	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.57	\$ 21.61
Unrealized Gain(Loss) on Investments			8,421.37				8,421.37
Common Stock Dividends			84.30				84.30
From Sales or Other Sources	247.68	775.00				4.22	1,026.90
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 250.91	\$ 781.89	\$ 8,510.28	\$ 6.18	\$ 0.13	\$ 4.79	\$ 9,554.18
EXPENDITURES:							
Transfers to General Fund							
Transfers to Other Organizations		\$ 210.00		6.18			\$ 216.18
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 210.00		\$ 6.18			\$ 216.18
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES							
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/22	\$ 16,139.48	\$ 34,380.62	\$ 35,280.67	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.63	\$ 8,107.31	\$ 100,609.71
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/23	\$ 16,390.39	\$ 34,952.51	\$ 43,790.95	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.76	\$ 8,112.10	\$ 109,947.71

TOWN OF GRAFTON			
TRUST FUNDS FOR THE BENEFITS OF INDIVIDUALS			
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
KIMBERLY RECORD TREASURER			
For the year ended June 30, 2023			
	Campbell Fund	Woolson Fund	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS			
Cash-Business Money Market	\$ 5,714.63	\$ 3,930.66	\$ 9,645.29
Certificate of Deposit-People's United	2,557.44		2,557.44
Money Market-Community BANK	9,080.97	6,048.04	15,129.01
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 17,353.04	\$ 9,978.70	\$ 27,331.74
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities			
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for Endowment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Unrestricted			
Total Fund Balances	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
	\$ 12,353.04	\$7,978.70	\$20,331.74
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 17,353.04	\$ 9,978.70	\$ 27,331.74
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES			
KIMBERLY RECORD, TREASURER			
For the year ended June 30, 2023			
REVENUE:			
Interest on TD Bank Money Market	\$ 4.60	\$ 3.17	\$ 7.77
Interest on Comm Money Market	8.30	5.53	13.83
Interest on Peoples Certificate of Deposit	6.51		6.51
Previous Year			
Payment of Loan			
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 19.41	\$ 8.70	\$ 28.11
EXPENDITURES:			
Grants to Beneficiaries			
Grant			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
EXCESS(DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES			
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/22	\$ 17,333.63	\$ 9,970.00	\$ 27,303.63
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/23	\$ 17,353.04	\$ 9,978.70	\$ 27,331.74
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 2023

Grafton Cares was established in 1993 by a group of townspeople concerned with providing help and support to their neighbors.

Meals Program

The Wednesday Lunch Program is twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 12 noon at the Grafton Chapel. There are two Community Suppers, the first Friday of each month in Athens and the third Friday in Grafton.

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. 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 the Dam Diner. Delivered by Grafton Cares' volunteer drivers. Meals On Wheels, is available through Senior Solutions (formerly the Council On Aging). Call Bill Toomey at 802-843-2397 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, Kate Bova, President of Grafton Cares at 869-1527.



Grafton Cares Budget Report

7/1/22. – 6/30/2023

INCOME	Actual	Budget
Athens Organizations	1,000.00	1,000.00
Donations Community supper	3,240.00	3,000.00
Donations Wed Lunch	3,072.75	3,000.00
General Income-Ge	7,633.00	5,000.00
Living strong donations	1,820.00	1,800.00
Memorials	7,100.00	7,000.00
Other Fundraising	0.00	500.00
Senior Solutions meals	2,097.81	4,000.00
Town of Grafton	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	26,963.56	26,300.00
EXPENSES		
Administration:		
Athenian Office Supplies	37.97	100.00
Insurance	936.64	1,000.00
MISC. Expenses	25.00	250.00
Office Supplies	84.75	250.00
Postage	78.00	100.00
Total Administration	1,162.36	1,700.00
Community Suppers:		
Food - Athens	871.58	800.00
Food-Grafton	602.78	500.00
Paper Products	240.95	400.00
TOTAL Community Suppers	1,715.31	1,700.00
Living Strong:		
Instructor Fee	1,725.00	1,300.00
TOTAL Living Strong	1,725.00	1,300.00
Other, GC Expenses:		
Chapel Rent and Utilities	4,375.00	4,500.00
Children, Community outreach	5,325.00	4,000.00
Community Donations	0.00	100.00
Community Special Events	624.24	500.00
Fire Victims	0.00	500.00
Food Shelf	500.00	1,500.00
Gas Cards, Community Outreach	1,500.00	2,000.00
Knitters	12.00	50.00
Memorial Bereavement Fund	139.61	300.00
Personal Assistance	0.00	2,000.00
Sunshine Baskets	0.00	300.00
Welcome Baskets	49.80	200.00
Other, Expenses-Other	0.00	500.00
TOTAL Other, GC Expenses	12,525.65	16,450.00
Wednesday Lunches;		
Equipment	139.85	400.00
Food	3,026.20	3,000.00
Wednesday Lunches-Other	148.13	300.00
TOTAL Wednesday Lunches	3,314.18	3,700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,442.50	24,850.00
TOTAL INCOME-EXPENSES	6,521.06	1,450.00

Grafton Public Library – Report of the Trustees
Fiscal Year 2022-2023

The Grafton Public Library continues to provide outstanding service to the residents and guests of Grafton. Getting reading material into the hands of patrons is one of our primary missions. This year nearly 3000 items circulated to patrons. We saw an increase in audio and e-books access with over 800 downloaded, along with an increase in interlibrary loans with more than 275 requests fulfilled. The continuation of curbside services has improved and expanded access. Along with Grafton Cares, we distributed numerous baby book bags to infants in town and 250 new books were purchased and added to our collection. We had approximately 2,800 people visit our library in person.

The library supports diverse community programming, both on-line and in-person. Walks of Wonder, our most recent learning and adventure program, connects the community with the Vermont outdoors. We continue to host the Nature & Books Discussion Series with the Nature Museum, Bill Toomey's storytelling sessions, and the Spanish Language Group. Our local school continues to be the focus of our children's programming. We enjoy frequent library visits from Grafton Elementary School students and visit classrooms to share books and activities in turn. With funding from the Vermont Department of Libraries and the Russell/Paulsen family, we brought musician Marcos Levy to the school to perform for the students. We host numerous visitors during Halloween at the Library and the Gingerbread House Extravaganza. As a result of our programming, over 950 people attended library events in 2022-2023.

The library also serves as a gathering space for the community. Several town organizations use the library building and grounds to meet regularly. Of particular note are: monthly meetings of the Investment Discussion group, the annual Memorial and Veteran's Day observations, and Grafton Cornet Band concerts.

Grafton continues to benefit from the dedication of our librarian, Michelle Dufort. Her ability to manage and operate our public library independently enables library trustees to focus on long term concerns such as the maintenance and preservation of our historic building. After completion of much needed interior painting work in 2022, the board focused on an energy efficiency review. In anticipation of major upgrades in these areas, library trustees completed a capital campaign kicked off by a very generous donation from Elizabeth Bankowski, via the Windham Foundation. An energy efficiency audit was conducted that indicated the benefits of improved insulation throughout the building as a necessary first step. Using funds from the capital campaign, closed cell foam insulation was applied in all basement areas of the library in 2023, with promising results. The remainder of the capital campaign funds will provide for the next stage of insulation in the attic areas in the coming fiscal year. These improvements, supported by our involved and generous donors, reduce both energy consumption and costs, while maintaining the library building in good repair.

We are immensely grateful for the ongoing support of the Grafton community and our patrons both near and far. Your generosity enables us to provide on-going access to materials, worthwhile programs, and preservation of our historic building. We are proud to be the stewards of such a fine library.

Respectfully Submitted by
The Grafton Public Board of Trustees

Mary Beth Culver Chair, Lucia Corwin, Jay Maciejowski, Kathleen Pajcic and John Saroff

GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
Treasurer's Report
For Year Ended June 30, 2023

Operating Account

OPENING BALANCES July 1, 2022

Checking Acct		\$50,728.29
Petty Cash Acct		\$152.65
		\$50,880.94

RECEIPTS

Transfer from TIAA-CREF Trust	\$47,345.00	
Transfer from TIAA-CREF JLS Memorial Fund	\$8,256.00	
Transfer from TIAA-CREF Bond Fund	\$0.00	
Directed Donations and Grants	\$2,871.35	
Capital Campaign Appeal	\$25,870.00	
Annual Appeal	\$19,352.00	
Book Sale (Ongoing)	\$894.00	
Special Events Income	\$423.00	
Copier, Overdue books, Coffee, Postcard Fees	\$176.86	
Town of Grafton Tax Support	\$6,500.00	
Town of Grafton Trust Funds	\$247.66	
Miscellaneous Income	\$150.00	
Petty Cash Adjustment	\$95.31	

		\$112,181.18
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		\$163,062.12
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DISBURSEMENTS

Gross Salaries	\$37,191.28	
Health Insurance	\$7,487.70	
Payroll Taxes, Unemployment Insur. & Workers Comp	\$3,144.56	
Total Payroll, Taxes and Benefits Expense		\$47,823.54

Collection Expenses

Books	\$4,744.46	
Periodicals	\$527.46	
Audio-Visual (includes downloadable audio & ebooks)	\$567.24	
Total Collection Expense		\$5,839.16

Library Services Expenses		
Adult Programs	\$1,200.38	
Children's Program	\$737.39	
Office Supplies	\$145.87	
Postage (Inter-Library Loan Expenses)	\$1,593.32	
Misc. & Gifts	\$136.00	
Copier/ Printers, Coffee Station Supplies & Maint.	\$276.95	
Computer Software, Hardware and Subscriptions	\$1,797.40	
Automation Service and Supplies	\$495.00	
	Total Library Services Expense	\$6,382.31

Building Expenses		
Cleaning Services & Supplies	\$418.52	
COVID19 related equipment and supplies	\$95.96	
Grounds	\$480.00	
Services and Supplies	\$505.61	
Snow Removal	\$700.00	
Repairs/ Improvements	\$24,494.61	
Electricity	\$347.07	
Heat (Fuel) & Service Contract	\$6,824.91	
Telephone	\$573.90	
Furniture and Fixtures	\$134.90	
Building Insurance (VLCT)	\$2,011.00	
	Total Building Expenses	\$36,586.48

Other Expenses		
Appeal Expenses	\$1,286.00	
Accounting Expenses	\$37.26	
Grafton Promotional Association Dues	\$100.00	
	Total Other Expenses	\$1,423.26

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$98,054.75

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) \$65,007.37
DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFER

Checking Account Balance 6/30/23 \$64,869.07
Petty Cash Balance 6/30/23 \$138.30
TOTAL OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE 6/30/23 \$65,007.37

LIBRARY ASSETS

	6/30/2022	6/30/2023
TIAA-CREF TRUST MAIN FUND	\$909,080.18	<u>\$950,909.39</u>
TIAA-CREF TRUST JLS MEMORIAL FUND	\$155,918.60	\$163,857.86
TIAA-CREF MUTUAL FUNDS (Bond Fund)	\$13,086.18	\$13,306.63
Total Library Investments	<u>\$1,078,084.96</u>	<u>\$1,128,073.88</u>
End of Year Operating Account Balance	<u>\$50,880.94</u>	<u>\$65,007.37</u>
End of Year Total Library Assets	<u>\$1,128,965.90</u>	<u>\$1,193,081.25</u>

TIAA-CREF TRUST MAIN FUND

Beginning Market Value 7/1/22	\$909,080.18
Change in Market Value	\$70,106.98
Income	\$24,667.87
Transfer to Operating Account	-\$47,345.00
Financial Management Fees	-\$5,600.64
TIAA-CREF Trust Market Value 6/30/23	<u>\$950,909.39</u>

TIAA-CREF TRUST JLS MEMORIAL FUND

Beginning Market Value 7/1/22	\$155,918.60
Change in Market Value	\$13,587.93
Income	\$3,571.38
Transfer to Operating Account	-\$8,256.00
Financial Management Fees	-\$964.05
JLS Memorial Fund Market Value 6/30/23	<u>\$163,857.86</u>

TIAA-CREF MUTUAL FUNDS (Bond Fund)

Beginning Market Value 7/1/22	\$13,086.18
Change in Market Value	-\$159.60
Transfer to Operating Account	\$0.00
Income	\$380.05
TIAA-CREF Bond Fund Market Value 6/30/23	<u>\$13,306.63</u>

Grafton Fire Department
Annual Report
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

For the Fiscal Year 22/23, the Grafton Fire Department Volunteers responded to 53 - 911 emergency calls for the towns of Grafton and Athens and for Mutual Aid in surrounding communities. We also participated in many other non-emergency events in the community. To be prepared for any emergency, we continue with our own monthly training as well as monthly training with some of our Mutual Aid partners in the West River Training Group. Members also participate in extra training outside of these to hone their skills via online, through the Vermont Fire Academy or other Organizations.

In the Fall of 2022, we were approached by the Town of Athens about providing emergency services for them. We came up with a figure to present them based on call volume and tax money that would be for them and the Grafton community. They accepted the bid and as of January 1, 2023, we started providing emergency services for the Town of Athens as well as the Town of Grafton.

There is always continued maintenance being done at the firehouse and with our equipment. In March of 2023, with help from some grants and community members we were able to purchase 13 new sets of turnout gear for our Exterior Firefighters, replacing old and outdated gear. We have created some reserve accounts for future capital expenses with our Ladder Truck replacement being the next huge expense.

At our Annual Meeting in December of 2022, Past Chief and Past GFA President Stan Mack was voted in as the first Lifetime Member of the Grafton Fire Department after serving the Grafton community for over 40 years.

As I like to say, it takes a community to keep a Fire Department going. We appreciate all of the community support that we receive and please keep an eye out for some events in 2024 as it will be our 100 year Anniversary.

Stay safe and don't hesitate to call 911.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robbie Sprague, Fire Chief

Active Member Roster as of June 30, 2022

Robbie Sprague, Chief/FF1	Mike Field, Ext FF	Keltsey Rushton, Ext FF
Nathaniel Noyes, Asst. Chief/FF1	Raymond Plummer, Ext FF	Sam Rushton, Ext FF
Ivor Stevens, Captain/FF1	Austin Powers, Ext FF	Delano Schmidt, Ext FF
Rob Hallock, Lieutenant/FF1	Jim Roberts, Ext FF	Tyler Sprague, Ext FF
Matt Haseltine, Lieutenant/FF1	David Rogers, Ext FF	Lain Stevens, Ext FF
Randy Chaleff, Ext FF	Dave Ross, Ext FF	Bill Watson, Ext FF

Grafton Firefighters Association as of June 30, 2021

Bill Watson, President	Sam Battaglino, Trustee
Mike Field, Vice President	Jim Milbauer, Trustee
Chappy Matt, Treasurer	Noralee Hall, Trustee
Maureen Fletcher, Secretary	Amber Stevens, Auxiliary President

GRAFTON FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
OPERATING STATEMENT, as of FY 2022 ended June 30, 2023

Albert C Matt, Treasurer

	2022-2023	2022-2023		2023-2024	2024-2025	
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Budget	Budgets passed by the GFA
RECEIPTS:						
Town of Grafton-Operating Budget	\$29,950	\$29,950	\$0	\$29,950	\$29,950	General Fund
Town of Athens-Operating Budget	\$0	\$3,000	(\$3,000)	\$0	\$6,000	Athens coverage begins in FY 2022
Town of Grafton-Truck Fund	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$0	\$17,000	\$17,000	Specific to Truck Replacement
Town of Athens-Truck Fund	\$0	\$1,700	(\$1,700)	\$0	\$3,400	Athens coverage begins in FY 2022
Annual Fundraising	\$15,000	\$27,795	\$12,795	\$20,000	\$22,000	Appeal Letter recorded to 12/31
Auxiliary Donation	\$6,500	\$0	(\$6,500)	\$6,500	\$6,500	Donated in FY 2023
Donations	\$4,650	\$5,900	\$1,250	\$5,000	\$5,000	Donations now recorded after 12/31
Grafton Rescue Squad, Inc	\$3,500	\$4,250	\$750	\$3,500	\$4,250	Rent and Mobility phone service
Reimbursements	\$0	\$1,332	\$1,332	\$0	\$0	
Sales and Other Income	\$0	\$441	\$441	\$0	\$0	
Grants	\$0	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0	\$0	Windham Foundation for PPE
Interest	\$1,500	\$856	(\$644)	\$1,300	\$10,000	Increase due US Treasuries Purchased
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$77,100	\$98,724	\$12,224	\$83,250	\$104,100	
DISBURSEMENTS:						
Vehicle Fuel, Service & Maint.	\$10,000	\$5,530	\$4,470	\$12,000	\$12,000	Expences Rising Due to Aging Trucks
Equipment Maintenance- Reserve	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500	
Heat for Building	\$2,500	\$2,706	(\$206)	\$3,500	\$3,050	
Electricity	\$1,500	\$1,610	(\$110)	\$1,500	\$1,875	
Telephone / Internet	\$1,700	\$2,176	(\$476)	\$1,700	\$2,250	
Communications, Radio	\$800	\$1,010	(\$210)	\$1,000	\$1,200	
Repeater Site Maintenance	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	
Repeater Battery - Reserve	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$600	
PPE Equipment	\$3,000	\$58,978	(\$55,978)	\$5,000	\$6,250	Various Grants in FY 23 offset costs
Building, Grounds	\$3,000	\$2,909	\$91	\$3,000	\$3,750	
Building - Reserve	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Truck - Reserve	\$5,000	\$36,000	(\$31,000)	\$12,000	\$20,400	Bought short term US Treasuries
Staff Training	\$500	\$77	\$423	\$500	\$620	
Fund Raising Expense	\$1,000	\$1,084	(\$84)	\$1,000	\$1,100	
Fire Extinguishers & Testing	\$400	\$146	\$254	\$900	\$240	
Dues & Donations	\$600	\$417	\$183	\$800	\$480	
Office Expenses	\$700	\$1,950	(\$1,250)	\$700	\$2,000	
Loose Equipment	\$1,000	\$42	\$958	\$1,000	\$550	
Volunteer Recognition	\$700	\$0	\$700	\$1,000	\$500	
Compensation	\$3,000	\$2,750	\$250	\$2,775	\$2,750	
Wireless Tech Support	\$1,500	\$3,654	(\$2,154)	\$1,500	\$2,400	
Insurance	\$4,100	\$4,665	(\$565)	\$4,400	\$4,600	
Grant Spending	\$0	\$4,638	(\$4,638)	\$0	\$0	GFA does not budget Grants
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$44,500	\$130,342	(\$85,842)	\$57,775	\$68,615	
NET	\$32,600	(\$31,618)	\$98,066	\$25,475	\$35,485	

GRAFTON FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
BALANCES, as of FY 2022 ended 6/30/2023

Albert C Matt, Treasurer

	Operating Fund	Truck Fund	Auxiliary Account	Equipment Reserve	Repeater Batt. Reserve	Building Reserve	Totals
ASSETS BY ACCOUNT:							
Current Assets:							
Operating Fund Checking Account*	\$100,492.16						\$100,492.16
Money Market Bank Account		\$10,035.99	\$48,563.86	\$3,503.22	\$2502.43	\$3,587.87	\$68,193.37
Fidelity Investments - US Treasuries		\$195,770.87					\$195,770.87
TOTAL ASSETS	\$100,492.16	\$205,806.86	\$48,563.86	\$3,503.22	\$2,502.43	\$3,587.87	\$364,456.40
ASSETS BY CLASS:							
Unrestricted-Operating Fund	\$100,492.16						\$100,492.16
Restricted-Reserves				\$3,503.22	\$2501.27	\$3,586.22	\$9,590.71
Restricted-Truck Fund		\$205,806.86					\$205,806.86
Restricted Auxiliary Funds			\$45,346.86				\$45,346.86
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$100,492.16	\$205,806.86	\$45,346.86	\$3,503.22	\$2,501.27	\$3,586.22	\$361,236.59
Less Auxillary Account							-\$45,346.86
FINAL NET ASSETS							\$315,889.73

	Holt Grant		Pollio Family		Windham Foundation		Various *	
	WRV Training	Truck Repair	Truck Repair	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE	PPE
Purpose								
Balance during the year	\$4,097.94	\$2,829.59	\$2,829.59	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spent during the year	-\$2,008.56	-\$2,829.59	-\$2,829.59	-\$7,500.00	-\$7,500.00	-\$51,477.69	-\$51,477.69	-\$51,477.69
Balance at the end of the year	\$2,089.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$51,477.69	-\$51,477.69	-\$51,477.69



Grafton Rescue Squad

Annual Report for the Year Ending June 2023

Your Grafton Rescue Squad responded to 93 emergency medical calls (911) in the year ended June 30, 2023. We supported 9 events and participated in 14 training sessions.

As always, the Squad appreciates the generous financial and encouragement support from the community.

Activity	Grafton	Athens*	Total
Medical related	54	7	61
Trauma related	1	0	1
Fire and police standby	10	1	11
Service calls	17	1	18
Motor vehicle collisions	2	0	2
Total	84	9	93
Events	7	2	9
Training			14

* January 1 - June 30, 2023

During this fiscal year we recognized Cathy Siano-Goodwin, Eric Stevens, and Stan Mack for their many years of service as licensed medical providers. They all have stepped back from actively responding to 911 calls while Eric remains as Associate Member and a valued resource to the Squad. As a sneak peek into the next fiscal year, we have been fortunate to recruit a few new members and to have several existing members studying to upgrade their medical licenses. More to come on this in next March's report.

This is our first report to include coverage of the Town of Athens as their primary emergency medical services (EMS) provider, which became effective January 1, 2023. As we mentioned in last year's report, we were approached by the town in late 2022. There were many factors we needed to consider in going into this arrangement such as the willingness and ability of our volunteer members to cover the additional call volume, and the impact on our expenses. The Squad consensus was that we should extend our services to Athens. We negotiated a conservative reimbursement agreement and waited for the tone-outs. I am pleased to report that Athen's activity over the last six months of this fiscal year has blended into our overall operating model and without dramatic impact to our costs. We are even more confident that we can meet the EMS demands of both Grafton and Athens and can arrive at a funding formula that will be equitable to both towns.

We ask our volunteers to put their patients first when a 911 call comes in – often making significant personal sacrifices as a result. They do so without complaint and with the satisfaction of helping a neighbor as their only reward. Thank you all for your service.

Respectfully,
Keith Hermiz, AEMT
President

Members:

Lynn Field, EMR
Rachel Laliberté, AEMT
Stephen Keegan, VEFR
Maureen Parker, EMT
Robbie Sprague, EMT, Vice President
Jessa Westclark, EMT

Mike Field, EMR
Jean Lix, VEFR, Secretary
Austin Powers, VEFR
Darcie Sprague, VEFR
Amber Stevens, EMR
Bill Watson, EMR

Associate members:

Mary Ann Kearns, Treasurer
Dave Ross

Eric Stevens

Grafton Rescue 2022-2023

	<u>22-23 Budget</u>	<u>22-23 Actual</u>	<u>23-24 Budget</u>	<u>24-25 Budget</u>
RECEIPTS:				
Town of Grafton	\$4,500	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Town of Athens		\$ 4,655.00	\$ 2,650	\$ 2,650
Donations: Annual Appeal	\$15,500	\$ 28,755.00	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500
Windham Foundation	\$2,500	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Grants: Pollio Family Foundation			\$ 2,500	
Repeater Site Income from Town	\$600	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 600	\$ 600
Interest Income		\$ 658.34		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$23,100	\$42,268	\$30,250	\$27,750
DISBURSEMENTS:				
Vehicle Operations/Maintenance	\$1,000	\$ 498.06	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Occupancy	\$3,500	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,250
Communications	\$500	\$ 1,332.10	\$ 500	\$ 500
Medical Supplies & Equipment	\$6,000	\$ 5,688.36	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,500
Grants	\$354	\$ -	\$ 1,500	
Safety & Training	\$2,000	\$ 2,458.45	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Grants	\$3,500	\$ 5,252.77		
Community Awareness	\$200	\$ 874.28	\$ 750	\$ 750
<u>Insurance:</u>				
Town/PACIF	\$2,000	\$ 2,310.50	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000
Workman's Comp	\$700	\$ 127.50	\$ 250	\$ 250
Uniforms	\$750	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 750
Grants			\$ 1,000	
Dues (EMS District 11)		\$ 200.00	\$ 100	\$ 100
Office Expenses				
Miscellaneous	\$500	\$ 669.78	\$ 750	\$ 750
Annual Appeal Letter	\$750	\$ 994.19	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Bookkeeper			\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Volunteer Recognition	\$3,750	\$ 2,134.74	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Repeater Site Expense	\$600	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ 600
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$26,104	\$ 26,790.73	\$ 30,050	\$ 27,950
Reserve			\$200	-\$200
Analysis of Accounts				
	<u>Bal 7/1/22</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Bal 6/30/23</u>	
Checking Account	\$ 71,012.74	\$ 41,651.70	\$ 64,054.13	
CD	\$ 77,563.78	\$ 616.64	\$ 100,000.00	
TOTALS	\$ 148,576.52	\$ 42,268.34	\$ 164,054.13	

WINDHAM NORTHEAST UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

It has been my pleasure to chair the Athens Grafton school board with fellow members Rachel Plummer, Hardy Merrill, Lynn Morgan and Krista Gay. One could not ask for a better mix of talented and dedicated community members who have stepped to the plate in making essential and critical decisions in keeping our school viable for 2023 and moving forward to 2024.

Principal Angela Cartier welcomed and led the new staff who have all worked in harmony in teaching students using their many talents towards greater achievement for individual growth in each student. It is amazing to see the work in progress in each of the classrooms. Children are happy in their learning process.

This is the last year in the finalization of the WNESU Strategic Plan that was developed due to the loss in learning from the Covid-19 virus. Administrators, teachers, support staff, along with community members and families have worked very consciously to improve student's academic and social emotional growth. It has been challenging in all aspects of this recovery. Unfortunately for some, the overall gains were not anticipated as predicted. More work must be done.

In October of 2023 Grafton Elementary School was officially recognized as a PBS school. Positive Behaviors and Supports for all students. This was a school wide approach to discipline focusing on building a safe and a positive environment for better learning. The students have embraced the concept, and it is working to their benefit.

We are faced with meeting educational goals from the Vermont Department of Education and financial responsibility to our taxpayers daily. I ask that each of us take a serious look as to what our Vermont Representatives and Legislatures are promoting that will cause some significant changes that will impact what and how we teach our children in the future. Act 127 and Vermont's dysfunctional financial system will have major complications for all Vermont educational systems, especially in a small school like ours.

It is fortunate that we have Hardy Merrill on our board to lead us in our financial responsibility in managing the school budgets and tuition. Housing families is an issue being faced in many village communities especially here in Grafton. We are strongly promoting our school in nearby towns to seek out our school for a wonderful learning experience. Currently we are keeping our tuition at \$13,000. You will be impressed with what we accomplish each day for our students.

The board strongly encourages Athens and Grafton residents to help us sustain our school by passing the Articles by ballot on March 5, 2024. More detailed financial reports from the SU Budget and our Grafton budget will be discussed at the pre-town meeting. Please join by Zoom or in person.

In closing, I want to thank all our families and community members for their support of our school and the children who attend. We could not have Grafton Elementary School without your continued help.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted,

Catherine A, Siano-Goodwin , Chair
Athens Grafton School District



Grafton Elementary School

Angela Cartier, Principal

Sarah Noble, Administrative Assistant

<https://ges.wnesu.org/>

January 10, 2024

Dear Grafton and Athens Communities,

The staff and students at Grafton Elementary School have had a successful, productive and happy year so far. We retained almost all of our staff and welcomed a new librarian to our school. Our team is strong and works well together to provide joyful, enriching and educational experiences for our students.

Our team is rewarded by watching our students grow and progress through their challenges and gain new skills. GES teachers continue to connect with students and build relationships with students through the approach of Social-Emotional Learning and Responsive Classroom as a way of connecting with students and building relationships within the classroom. With our focus being on social-emotional learning, academic achievement, and student engagement, we continue to utilize a restorative approach to discipline and skill building.

We are proud to have joined 20,000 other schools across the US and implemented PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) at GES. Grafton Elementary School is officially recognized as a PBIS school with the Agency of Education and Vermont PBIS. PBIS is a research-based framework for teaching and supporting positive behaviors for all students. This school-wide approach to discipline focuses on building a safe and positive environment in which all students can learn. The benefits

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of implementing PBIS include fewer behavior issues, more instructional time, and better attendance for student success.

The foundations of PBIS at Grafton Elementary School lie in the four fundamental expectations: We are Kind, We are Safe, We are a Community, We Persevere.

In addition to these behavior expectations, the staff at GES have developed a Behavior Matrix which explains specific behavior expectations in each school setting, along with lesson plans to teach these expectations. We have developed a PBIS acknowledgement system to recognize expected behavior. When an unexpected behavior occurs, staff complete an observation form to record the behavior and then address the unexpected behavior with the student. We have a strong data collection model that allows us to decide on further lessons and interventions to teach prosocial behavior. To learn more about PBIS, you can visit <https://www.pbisvermont.org/>.

Our staff and students continue to appreciate the beautiful outdoor spaces around our building that enrich learning. Creativity comes alive outdoors and students have the opportunity to apply new concepts in unique ways. We are thankful to the Windham Foundation for allowing GES to access the pond, the fields and the stream to enhance our love of learning outdoors. With the strong partnership we have with The Nature Museum, our students and teachers have been able to participate in unique and engaging outdoor learning experiences. Most recently we have put bird feeders outside of every classroom and students and staff are able to identify and enjoy the beauty of our feathered friends.

In the Fall of 2023, WNESU replaced our key lock with a key fob system. In addition, we had more cameras installed throughout the building. These upgrades will provide increased security for our students and staff. ESSER funds have allowed us to order new playground equipment that we look forward to having installed in the spring of this year.



Grafton Elementary School

Angela Cartier, Principal

Sarah Noble, Administrative Assistant

<https://ges.wnesu.org/>

We are fortunate to have a successful Parent Teacher Organization. With the PTO's support and our generous community, we are able to raise money for our students to provide additional learning experiences and resources. Our PTO meets once a month to plan and organize events. The zoom link is sent out with the meeting agenda from the PTO Secretary via email.

We have a talented staff here at GES that remains focused on teaching the whole student every day. This solid team of educators works tirelessly to meet our students' needs and our students are so fortunate. All of the choices we make as a team put the students first and are student centered. We are proud to be a part of the great communities of Grafton and Athens.

Thank you to residents and businesses of Grafton and Athens for always supporting our school. It is a privilege to be able to lead such a tremendous school community, the staff and most importantly, our students. Go Panthers!

Warmest Regards,

Angela Cartier

Angela Cartier

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KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2022-2023



Kindergarten: Maverick Webster, Charles Moul III, Carter Taylor

GRADUATING SIXTH GRADERS CLASS OF 2023



6th Grade:

Back Row: Faith Unwin, Tacomie Milbauer, Aaliyah Clark, Joshua Rumrill, Madison Parker

Front Row: Morgan Westclark, Maya Trenholm, Malachi Crosby, Mason Goldsmith

**COMPARISON OF SCHOOL POPULATION FOR GRAFTON
GRADES K - 12**

YEAR	GRAFTON K-6	ATHENS K-6	GRAFTON 7 & 8	GRAFTON 9 - 12
2016-2017	43	47	L&G 0 GM 8 BF 5 OTHER 2	3 11 7 2
			15	23
2017-2018	38	35	L&G 1 GM 5 BF 5 OTHER 4	2 9 13 3
			15	27
2018-2019	39	35	L&G 1 GM 5 BF 5 OTHER 3	2 9 14 1
			14	26
2019-2020	23 1 Westminster	26	L&G 4 GM 5 BF 9 OTHER 2	0 2 21 5
			20	28
2020-2021	23 2 Westminster	24	L&G 1 GM 2 BF 7 Other 4	3 5 20 5
			14	33
2021-2022	Athens 25	Grafton 20 Grammer School - 4 Home School - 6 Westminster - 1	L&G - 1 GM - 2 BF - 2 Other - 4	L&G - 4 GM - 6 BF - 19 Other - 5

2022 -2023	Grafton Elementary Enrollment			Grafton 7&8	Grade 9-12
	Athens 16	Grafton 21	Westminster 1	L&G - 1 GM - 2 BF - 2 Other - 1	17



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.



Food scraps are banned from the landfill because they generate methane gas which degrades the ozone layer. The Rockingham Transfer Station accepts food scraps (including meat and bones) from people with an access permit. To facilitate backyard composting, the District sold composters and food scrap pails. Many composting resources are available on the District’s website.



The District’s household hazardous waste (HHW) depot in Springfield opened in May 2023 for its second season. It was open, by appointment, for up to six hours a week for five months. The Depot will re-open in May 2024. We accept a long list of products, which can be read on our website. If you need to dispose of HHW before May, go online to make an appointment in Rutland at www.rcswd.com.



This is the “reuse” symbol - that is what we do with glass bottles and jars that are brought to the Springfield, Weathersfield, and Ludlow transfer stations. Strategic Materials, Inc. picks up the glass, grinds it, and makes it into new products.



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 the HHW Depot). Paint is also accepted in Ludlow at Aubuchon’s.



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 (fire hazard). There is also a convenient collection bucket at the Town Offices. Grafton Town Office collected a total of 150 lbs in 2022 and 226 lbs in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kennedy
District Manager

Mary T. O’Brien
Recycling Coordinator

Ham Gillett
Outreach Coordinator



WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Mark R. Anderson
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Town of Grafton Report

I'm pleased to report our efforts working with our towns regarding improvement of regionalized policing in Windham County. Regionalizing services is not a new recommendation for Vermont. There have been countless studies for many decades recommending Vermont transition to regional systems to save funds and allocate services more appropriately. The Windham County Sheriff's Office has held two meetings inviting nineteen towns (specifically, towns who don't have a police department) to the discussion on how to provide an improved regionalized policing service from what services we provide now. We've begun with the problem statement: "Members of the public within Windham County receive inconsistent and non-uniform policing, resulting in lack of response to reported crimes, being disenfranchised by lack of access to services, and an increased propensity for vigilantism." As my office works with the towns to tackle that problem statement, two questions to answer become immediately clear: How is a regional service governed? How is a regional service funded?

Call Types	Count		
Accident - Property damage	1	Of the nineteen towns invited, seventeen have indicated their interest in the discussion, including the Town of Grafton, on how we materialize improvement of policing in Windham County. We are excited to work with the towns and public to develop the answers to these questions that allow for stability to town budgets which also meets the public's general expectations of access to emergency services, including policing.	
Animal - Registration	2		
Animal - Vicious	1		
Animal Problem	1		
Motor Vehicle Complaint	1		
Public Speaking	1		
SMART Cart	1		
Traffic Stop	33		
Grand Total	41		Our Regional Animal Control Officer (ACO) program, which Grafton is a member of, continues to grow each year now representing nine towns. The initial work of the member towns has been a remarkable success, addressing animals that are vicious; at-large; neglected;

unregistered; and in need of quarantine.

Our Regional Emergency Communications Center received upgrades this year as well, providing better workspaces for those answering emergency and non-emergency calls. We have increased from two workstations to four, providing opportunities to better align the public's access to emergency services with best practices. Our Center answers approximately 43,780 phone calls each year, which generates 12,008 responses the communities we serve.

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

TIME TO SPAY & NEUTER CATS & DOGS and LICENSE!

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

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

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

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

Thanks to now retired Lynn Murrell, DVM, who first agreed to extend reduced rates for animals in need, and all the Veterinarians and Clinics that served for the last forty years plus. A sincere thank you to Bernard "Snook" Downing for helping support many animals in need over the years with his hard work, contributions, and the donors we are unable to thank in print – but you know who you are! ***Together We Truly Do Make a Difference!*** 800 HI VSNIP (1-800-448-7647)

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator: VSNIP Executive Director: VVSA



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

WRC assists towns with a wide variety of activities, including updating town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area and river corridor bylaw assistance; addressing natural resource issues, including watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's clean water law; energy resilience and planning; transportation related projects, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), and road foremen training; redevelopment of Brownfields sites (sites that may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), 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, between, 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 a project that is 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 town plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was readopted in 2021, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

2023 will most likely be noted for weather-related disasters, beginning with the late-December heavy snow and flooding, the historical heavy snow and related damage from the March storm, and the summer flooding, with the July 8th flooding being the worst since Irene for the towns in the northwest of the region. WRC staff support municipal disaster preparedness, hazard mitigation, response, and recovery, as well as direct support of State Emergency Operations Center functions. It was also a year when the governor and legislature recognized the limited capacity of rural towns. Programs like the Municipal Energy Resilience Program in support of town building efficiency, and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program in support of high-need towns, will hopefully become models for future statewide initiatives.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 5 percent of our total budget. 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 \$1,720.22. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2024 and 2023 Annual Report, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading "About Us."

SENIOR SOLUTIONS

Detailed Report to the Town of Grafton

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

This is a summary of services provided to Grafton residents in the time period of 10/1/2022-9/30/2023.

Information & Assistance: 27 Calls or Office Visits. Our HelpLine (1-802-885-2669 or 1-866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, and access resources. We assist with health insurance problems, long-term care applications, fuel assistance, applying for benefits, and many other needs. Extensive resources are also on our website: www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org

Medicare Assistance: 8 Calls or Office Visits. Grafton residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides Medicare education and counseling, classes for new Medicare enrollees, and help enrolling in Part D and choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Care Coordination Services: We provided 10 residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance (totaling 151.75 hours) to enable them to remain living safely at home. A Senior Solutions' case manager meets clients at home to create and monitor a person-centered plan of care. Based on this plan, case managers work to secure the services needed to support the client in the community. We also support clients with self-neglect behaviors, and help those who experience abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

Nutrition services and programs: 5 residents received 845 Home-Delivered Meals provided by The Dam Diner. We also supported community meal gatherings at Grafton Cares, Bellows Falls Area Senior Center and other meal sites in our region.

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

Volunteer Visitors: Our volunteers provided home visits, telephone reassurance, and help with shopping or other errands. Our Vet-to-Vet program matched Veteran volunteers with Veteran recipients. One (1) resident received 35.25 hours of volunteer service.

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

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

Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2023

Middlebury Local Health Office | 156 S. Village Green, Suite 102, Middlebury VT
802-388-4644 | AHS.VDHMiddlebury@Vermont.gov

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Middlebury Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Addison County. Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/middlebury

WIC Welcomes Clients In-Person

When the COVID-19 waivers ended, the Middlebury District Office was able to resume in-person Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) services.

This kickoff event was successful, drawing over 100 attendees eager to reconnect. At this event staff met participants, taught about nutrition and shared VT state park passes. Since the start, the WIC team has been meeting clients by phone and in person. They also continue to reach out to families to educate them about WIC services.

802 Smiles

The 802 Smiles initiative is working to improve dental care access, education and prevention.

Our office is working with Vermont's 802 Smiles program and local schools to improve oral health services for students. We will be collaborating to improve infrastructure and increase capacity, making it easier for students to get care. Including oral health in schools ensures students understand the importance of dental health and have access to necessary resources.

Emergency Preparedness

Our office works with community partners to strengthen emergency preparedness and response.

During the recent flood emergency, our office distributed important information and resources. We distributed water test kits and promoted safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers through education and reflector distribution. We worked with the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to offer “Stop the Bleed” training at various locations, including local farms. To learn more about “Stop the Bleed” or to request training, please contact us!



Notice to Vermont Voters

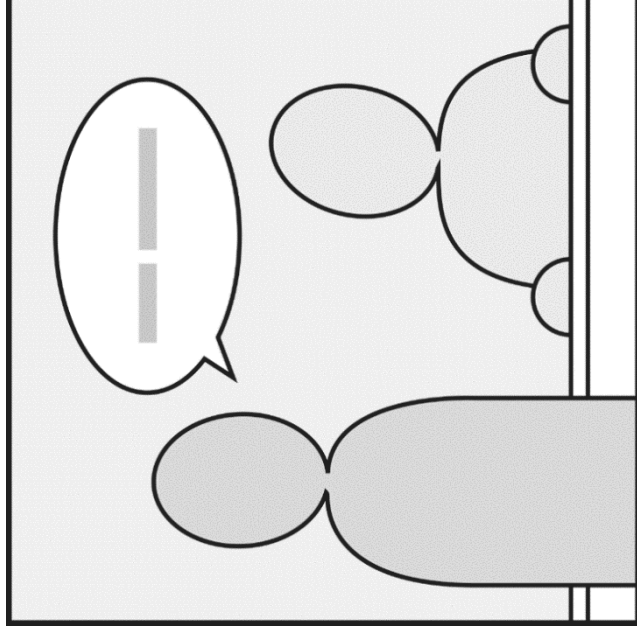
You must declare which ballot you want to vote in the Presidential Primary.

Choose

Democratic Ballot

Or

Republican Ballot



Why? Vermont law requires you to ask for a party ballot and for your choice to be recorded by the election official. 17 V.S.A. §2704.

Grafton, Vermont
Results of Town Meeting
March 7, 2023

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 7, 2023 and took action on the following articles with these results (polls open from 9 am to 7 pm). Moderator David Ross called the 240th recorded Grafton Town Meeting to order at 10:02 am and invited the meeting to join GES students Abby Mack Dyer, Jayden Smith, and Parker Webster in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence to remember those no longer with us. He noted that Sam Battaglino and Stephen Nolan would be passing portable microphones to those who wished to speak. He announced that the Grafton Grange would not be serving lunch but the Grafton PTG had food for sale in the lobby.

There being no objection, he asked Grafton's Legislative Representative Heather Chase to address voters and discuss what was happening in Montpelier. He recessed the meeting at 10:04 am. Chase discussed these topics: paid family leave; child care initiatives; school meals; housing; and, short-term rentals. She said that a statewide registration system was being discussed on the latter topic. She had planned to visit constituents the previous Saturday and had been snowed out, but would plan another date soon.

The Moderator reconvened the meeting at 10:09 am.

The Moderator said that although school articles are no longer taken up at this meeting, and business may seem like it will take a relatively short amount of time, he noted the importance of what voters are doing and said that a great deal of research, organization and preparation preceded the meeting. He said that various items and reports were located in the back of the room. 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; he said that if anyone wished to speak, they should raise their hand, and be recognized. The Moderator asked non-voters to stand and be recognized.

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 Joe Pollio, seconded by Bill Kearns, to choose all Town Officers and to vote on each and every Article proposed at this Town Meeting; voting shall be by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2023; polls open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

It was then moved by Joe Pollio, seconded by Cathy Siano-Goodwin, to substitute this article with the following: to choose all Town Officers; voting to be by Australian Ballot with polls open from 9 am to 7 pm.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion and there was none. He reread the substitution and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

It was moved by Terry Pollio, seconded by Kim Record, to choose all Town Officers; voting to be by Australian Ballot with polls open from 9 am to 7 pm.

The Moderator reread the new Article 1 and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

Results of Australian Ballot:

David Ross, elected Moderator, one year

Kimberly Record, elected Town Clerk, three years

Kimberly Record, elected Town Treasurer, three years

Michelle Dolloph, elected Collector of Delinquent Taxes, three years

Joseph Pollio, elected Selectboard member, two years

Seth Pajcic, elected Selectboard member, three years

Debe Plummer, elected Auditor, three years

Hardy Merrill, elected Lister, three years

Wendy Martin, elected Trust of Public Funds, three years

Wendy Martin, elected Trustee of Campbell, Woolson Funds, three years

Mary Beth Culver, elected Trustee of Public Library, three years

Lucia Corwin, elected Trust of Public Library, three years

Jay Maciejowski, elected Trust of Public Library, three years

Darcie Sprague, elected Union High School District No. 27 Director, three years

ART. 2 It was moved by Kim Record, seconded by Joe Pollio, that the Town of Grafton receive and accept the Auditor's Report.

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

ART. 3 It was moved by Hardy Merrill, seconded by Suzanne Welch, that the Town of Grafton authorize the Selectboard to borrow money, respectively, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes.

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

ART. 4 It was moved by Joe Pollio, seconded by Kim Record, that the Town of Grafton raise six hundred seven thousand eighty dollars (\$607,080.00) for the maintenance of highways and bridges.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Cynthia Gibbs asked if there were plans to repave any roads this summer. Selectboard chair Joe Pollio said that repaving was budgeted at just over \$100,000, but no firm plans had been made. The wish, he said, was to repave Route 35 to Chester but that it would be an expensive project.

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 Bill Kearns, seconded by Joe Pollio, that the Town of Grafton raise two hundred thirty-three thousand eight hundred ninety-four dollars (\$233,894.00) for the Selectboard's Budget.

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

ART. 6 It was moved by Bill Kearns, seconded by Sam Battaglino, that the Town of Grafton raise nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) for ambulance service.

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

ART. 7 It was moved by Bill Brown, seconded by Liisa Kissel, that the Town of Grafton raise twenty-nine thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (\$29,950.00) for the Grafton Firefighters Association operating expenses.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Fire chief Robbie Sprague thanked the town for its continuing support and that the proposed budget represented an operating budget and that it was level funded.

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

ART. 8 It was moved by Terry Pollio, seconded by Margo Matt, that the Town of Grafton raise four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) for Grafton Rescue Squad operating expenses.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Rescue Squad president Keith Hermiz said that expenses had increased by \$750 because of the purchase of software needed for communication with dispatch services. Hermiz also talked about the Rescue Squad's new proposed contract with the Town of Athens. He explained that Athens had come to the squad and asked for a contract and there was discussion within the squad about the impact of these additional calls. Given where the squad was in its budget cycle, the matter was resolved in December with the amount of \$9,300 requested from the Town of Athens. However, Hermiz noted, the Town of Athens had voted its Town Meeting budget down the night before so the situation hadn't yet been resolved. He said that towns are not required to provide rescue services; it may be the case that the contracted ambulance service (such as Golden Cross) would provide the service if there were no rescue squad. Hermiz said that the Rescue Squad would keep its

donors and the town apprised of the situation. Going forward, if there were an ongoing relationship with Athens, Grafton's share could go down, he said, but there were still uncertainties. The squad would like to leave the situation where it was for the next 12 months.

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 Hardy Merrill, seconded by Bill Kearns, that the Town of Grafton approve expenditures of any grant monies awarded for purposes named in such grant or grants for fiscal year 2023/2024.

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

ART. 10 It was moved by Suzanne Welch, seconded by Jack Bryar, that the Town of Grafton raise nine thousand one hundred eighty-one dollars (\$9,181.00) for Humanitarian expenses? (Bellows Falls Senior Center - \$674; Grafton Cares - \$1,000; Grafton Church (Food Pantry) - \$1000; HCRS - \$600; Parks Place - \$100; VT Rural Fire Protection - \$100; 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 and there was none. He reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 11 It was moved by Joe Pollio, seconded by John Gregory, that the Town of Grafton raise two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) for the Capital Budget? (\$52,934.00 for Highway Structures Program, \$17,000 for Fire Truck Fund, \$130,066.00 for Highway Equipment).

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

ART. 12 It was moved by Liisa Kissel, seconded by Terry Pollio, that the Town of Grafton vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) to support The Gathering Place Adult Day Program to provide safe and supportive day services for Grafton residents who are elderly and/or disabled.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Cynthia Gibbs asked if this organization provided transportation as part of its service. Chris Wallace said he thought transportation was provided by The Current (bus service).

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

ART. 13 It was moved by Bob Donald, seconded by Suzanne Welch, that the Town of Grafton vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of two thousand five-hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support of Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital.

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

ART. 14 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 (SeVEDS)?

No motion was made; the article was not considered.

ART. 15 It was moved by Hardy Merrill, seconded by Joe Pollio, that the Town of Grafton pay its property taxes to the Treasurer in Quarterly installments, with the due dates being August 15, November 16, February 15, and May 15.

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

ART. 16 It was moved by Suzanne Welch, seconded by Maryanne Donald, that the Town of Grafton levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes 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 (1½) percent per month or fraction thereof for every month thereafter, as provided for in 32 VSA 5136.

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

There was no objection, so at 10:43 am the Moderator called for discussion of non-binding business.

- Joe Pollio thanked Suzanne Welch for her service on the Selectboard. He also thanked Road Foreman Mike Faulkner and the road crew. He also thanked Bill Kearns for his service as Town Administrator and thanked Morgan Wilbur for her work as the new Town Administrator.

- Al Sands gave an update on the work happening at the Village Park. The committee (consisting of Margo Matt, Mike Field, and Sands) is looking for funding to provide an easy-access trail and a lean-to to be used as an outdoor classroom. The total funding needed is approximately \$32,000, and Sands said that Town Administrator Morgan Wilbur is helping the committee with grant proposals. Sands noted that 2023 is the park's 100th anniversary.

- Lucia Corwin asked the town to revisit the 25 mph speed limit before the cheese company and heading into town. Her driveway enters the road on a blind curve and it is dangerous, she said. She suggested adding an “Entering Village” sign at the cheese company, which would hopefully slow traffic.
- Bill Kearns said that the Town had been reimbursed by FEMA for the July 2021 flooding in the amount of approximately \$500,000; the 5% contribution from the State of Vermont should arrive shortly.
- Jack Bryar thanked the two write-in candidates for the BFUHS Board.
- Robbie Sprague said that he had expected questions about the fire department’s contract with Athens and there hadn’t been any. He said that in late 2022 the department had been asked to come up with a price to Athens, based on the call log. He said that three members of the department were from Athens (two are officers) as is the Auxiliary President, calling voters’ attention to the links between the two communities. He is hoping there will be more members joining from Athens. Joe Pollio asked what would happen with the Athens budget being voted down the night before; Sprague said the contract request would stay the same, regardless.
- Dottie Cannon thanked all of the boards and organizations that keep the town running smoothly.
- Chris Wallace reminded the audience that there was still food available in the lobby with proceeds to the PTG.
- Kim Record thanked retiring school director Jack Bryar for his many years of service to the local and high school boards.
- Joe Pollio thanked Kim Record for all the work she does for the town.

At 11:04 am, a motion was made by Cynthia Gibbs, seconded by Bill Kearns, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.