

The Annual Report
Town of Bridport, Vermont



2020

Education Tax Rate: Homestead: \$1.7470

Education Tax Rate: Non-Resident: \$1.6971

Municipal Tax Rate: \$0.5989

Grand List: \$1,490,766.00

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Town of Bridport Website: <https://bridportvt.org>

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Bridport Town Clerk's Office

Bridport Department of Public Works (DPW)

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- b. Contact the Bridport Town Clerk's Office at 802-758-2483. Please leave a message if you are unable to speak with a member of the Staff and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation during this challenging time.

We wish our residents and visitors continued good health.

Respectfully, The Bridport Selectboard

2020 BRIDPORT TOWN REPORT DEDICATION



The 2020 Bridport Town Report is dedicated to Edward B. Payne



Ed Payne is a fourth generation Bridport Resident. He tilled the land of his forefathers along the Lemon Fair for more than 25 years. He went to UVM until his father died of cancer in the 1960s, and Ed took over the farm. He returned to UVM and graduated in 1991. He loved his courses in plant and soil sciences and entomology. He was one of the oldest full time students, and won Honors with his senior thesis.

Ed followed the lead of his ancestors who signed the Bridport Town Charter. His service to Bridport includes over twenty years as the Zoning Administrator. He served the Town (and still does) as our representative to the Addison County Regional Planning Commission for many years. In 2017 he received the Bertha Hanson Award for his extensive work with ACRPC. Ed also serves on the Addison County Solid Waste Management Board as both the Bridport member and member of the Executive Board. He remains involved in the Town and continues work on the recent Town mapping, as Ed has extensive knowledge of Town land owners and property history.

Ed has donated family items to the Bridport Historical Society where he is a member. He joined the Masons when he was twenty one and the Shriners fifty years ago. He was the head clown of the Northeast Clown unit and loved performing at Field Days in parades and making balloons for the kids. He volunteered with 4-H and as the local dairy leader, donated a calf to the building fund for the Field Days in New Haven.

Our THANKS to Ed for his long time dedication to our Town, chartered 259 years ago.

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2020 TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED

OFFICE	TERM	EXPIRES IN YEAR	OFFICER
Moderator	1 year	2021	Tim Howlett
Selectboard	3 years	2022	Joan Huestis
Members	2 years	2022	Robert Sunderland
	2 years	2021	Tim Howlett
	3 years	2023	Jessica Stocker
	3 years	2021	David Bronson
Auditors	3 years	2022	Robert Coffey
	3 years (Appointed one year)	2021	JoAnne Kenyon
	3 years	2021	Barbara Stratton
Listers	3 years	2021	Eric Conroy
	3 years	2022	Vicki Major
	3 years	2023	Suzanne Buck
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year	2021	James Craig
First Constable	1 year	2021	James Craig
Second Constable	1 year	2021	Bruce Stocker
Water Commissioner	3 years	2021	James Walker
		2021	Ernest Audet
		2022	Darwin Pratt
Cemetery Commissioners	5 years	2024	Paul Wagner
		2023	Mark Pumiglia
		2022	David Bronson
		2021	David Basque
		2025	Francis Bronson
Justice of the Peace, Elected at General Election:			
	Clement Gaboriault (term expires 1/31/21)		Chris Goodrich
	Darwin Pratt (term expires 1/31/21)		Corey Pratt (term expires 1/31/21)
	Judd Markowski		Joan Huestis
	Paul Wagner (term expires 1/31/21)		Margaret Sunderland
	Phil Wagner		Suzanne Buck
	Susan Yustin		

Board of Civil Authority:

Selectmen
Justice of the Peace
Town Clerk

Board of Abatement:

Board of Civil Authority
Board of Listers
Town Treasurer

APPOINTEES

OFFICE	TERM	EXPIRES IN YEAR	OFFICER
Town Clerk	1 year	2021	Julie Howlett
Town Treasurer	1 year	2021	Kathleen King
Zoning Administrator	1 year	2021	Steve Decarlo
Zoning Consultant	1 year	2021	Edward Payne
Tree Warden	1 year	2021	David Basque
Fire Warden	1 year	2021	Bruce Stocker
Health Officer	3 years	2021	Barbara Wagner
Planning Commission	4 years	2024	Mark Pumiglia
		2024	Steve Decarlo
		2021	Edward Payne
		2021	Adam Broughton
		2023	Paul Miller
		2023	
		2022	Pierre Bordeleau
FEMA/Civil Defense	1 year	2021	Tim Howlett
Board of Adjustment	4 years	2021	Jim Craig
		2024	Cindy Myrick
		2021	Paul Miller
		2021	Mark Pumiglia
		2021	Paul Wagner
		2021	Diana Bain (alternate)
Solid Waste District Rep.		2021	Edward Payne
Solid Waste District Alt. Rep.		2021	Andrew Manning
Addison County Regional Planning		2021	Edward Payne
		2021	Andrew Manning
Addison County Regional Planning Alt.		2021	Mark Pumiglia
		2021	Steve Decarlo
Dog Warden		2021	Jerry Forbes
Town Service Officer		2021	Eric Warren
911 Coordinator		2021	Dusty Huestis
Town Agent		2021	Irene Zaccor

**MINUTES OF BRIDPORT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2020
Masonic/Community Hall**

At 10:30 AM in the forenoon, Town Moderator Tim Howlett called the business meeting to order. Joan Huestis gave the Invocation. All non-voters were asked to stand and be recognized. All Questions were directed to the Moderator. The Annual Town Meeting is governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 1. To elect Town Officers by Australian ballot. The following were elected.

Town Moderator for a term of one year
Tim Howlett was elected.

Selectboard member for a term of three years
Jessica Stocker was elected.

Selectboard member for a term of two years
Robert Sunderland was elected.

Auditor for a term of three years
No one was elected.

Lister for a term of three years
Suzanne Buck was elected.

Lister for a term of one year
Eric Conroy was elected.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year
Jim Craig was elected.

First Constable for a term of one year
Jim Craig was elected.

Second Constable for a term of one year
Bruce Stocker was elected.

Water Commissioner for a term of one year
Ernest Audet was elected.

Town Agent for a term of one year
No one was elected.

Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 5 years
Francis Bronson was elected.

Article 2. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Charlie Bain to approve the reports of the Town Officers. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 3. Motion made by Paul Miller, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Bridport Fire Department. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 4. Motion made by Susan Stocker, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for Townline First Response. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 5. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Charlie Bain to appropriate the sum of \$1,900.00 for Addison County Central Teens. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 6. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Tom Noble to appropriate the sum of \$608.00 for Addison County Economic Development Corporation. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 7. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Tom Noble to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 8. Motion made by Charlie Bain, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Addison County Humane Society. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 9. Motion made by Tom Noble, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 for Addison County Parent/Child Center. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 10. Motion made by Andrew Manning, seconded by Charlie Bain to appropriate the sum of \$350.00 for Addison County Readers, Inc. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 11. Motion made by Charlie Bain, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Addison County Restorative Justice Services. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 12. Motion made by Cynthia Myrick, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$760.00 for Addison County Transit Resources. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 13. Motion made by Tom Noble, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Age Well. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 14. Motion made by Steve Huestis, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for American Red Cross NH VT. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 15. Motion made by Charlie Bain, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for Charter House Coalition. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 16. Motion made by Paul Miller, seconded by Steve Huestis to appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 for Counseling Service of Addison County. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 17. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Steve Huestis to appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for Elderly Services/Project Independence. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 18. Motion made by Tom Noble, seconded JoAnne Kenyon to appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for End of Life Services (formerly Hospice Volunteer Services). Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 19. Motion made by Cynthia Myrick, seconded by Diana Bain to appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00 for HOPE. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 20. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Tom Noble to appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for John Graham Emergency Shelter. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 21. Motion made by Paul Miller, seconded by Tom Noble to appropriate the sum of \$12,180.00 for Middlebury Regional EMS. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 22. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Jessica Norris to appropriate the sum of \$850.00 for Open Door Clinic. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 23. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by John Rigg to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Platt Memorial Library. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 24. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by John Rigg to appropriate the sum of \$320.00 for Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 25. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by John Rigg to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Vermont Adult Learning. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 26. Motion made by Darwin Pratt, seconded by John Rigg to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 27. Motion made by John Rigg, seconded by Tom Noble to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Vermont CARES. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 28. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by John Rigg to appropriate the sum of \$190.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 29. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by John Rigg to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for Vermont Family Network. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 30. Motion made by Paul Miller, seconded by Charlie Bain to appropriate the sum of \$ 1,250.00 for Womensafe. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 31. Motion made by Lynn Boie, seconded by Diana Bain to authorize the creation of a Masonic/Community Hall Maintenance Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintenance, including for repairs and improvements, of the Hall, which Fund shall be under the control of the Selectboard with it having the right to spend the Fund for said purpose and which Fund shall include from Hall rents received \$25.00 of every daily rental charge. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 32. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Steve Huestis to authorize the Selectboard to spend up to \$45,000.00 to be financed over a three year period to purchase a one ton truck with equipment to replace the 2012 Dodge one ton truck in addition to the use of the old truck as a trade-in or its sale proceeds to purchase the replacement truck. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 33. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Steve Huestis to authorize the Selectboard to spend from the accumulated General Fund Balance an estimated \$90,000.00 amount on the Basin Harbor Road project based on using an estimated \$450,000.00 for the project's cost and with the Selectboard authorize to increase both of said amounts as it determines is needed to complete the project. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 34. Motion made by Cynthia Myrick, seconded by Diana Bain to authorize the Selectboard to construct a new bridge and/or culvert improvements regarding replacement of a bridge on Middle Road and/or replacement of a culvert on each of the Mountain Road and/or Lake Street and/or replacement of double culverts on Rattlin Bridge Road as designated by the Selectboard and to borrow up to \$400,000.00 for use of the Town's share of the costs of such projects to be paid as determined by the Selectboard over a period of up to five years; with the Selectboard authorized to also borrow for the costs of such projects for which the Town is due to be reimbursed by funding from the State of Vermont or any other source which costs might exceed an estimated \$1,270,000.00. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 35. Motion made by Tom Noble, seconded by Jessica Norris to have the Town's property taxes paid to its Treasurer on or before November 10, 2020. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 36. Motion made by Diana Bain, seconded by Jessica Norris to approve the sums of \$1,068,650.00 and \$293,853.00 for the total of proposed expenses of the Department of Public Works and General Fund, respectively, for a total of \$1,362,503.00; with up to \$1,126,666.00 to be raised by taxes in addition to other non-tax receipts. Motion passed by voice vote.

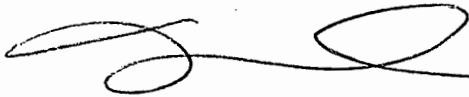
Article 37. Other non-binding business; Steve Huestis suggested the Town change to a fiscal year, Paul Wagner & Bob Zeliff want more information from Bridport Central School in the Town Report.

Joan Huestis made the motion to Adjourn the meeting. Diana Bain seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM.

Tim Howlett, Moderator



Joan Huestis, Selectboard Chair



Julie Howlett, Town Clerk



Selectboard Report 2020

Like many of you, 2020 has been a year of unprecedented change. Our ability to react, adapt, and overcome a variety of challenges is what has helped our little town keep functioning this year.

The first 2 months were pretty uneventful as we prepared for Town Meeting. We were in the process of replacing our treasurer, Irene Zaccor after 3 years in the position. We hired Katie King and she joined us shortly after Town Meeting. After our election, we welcomed Bob Sunderland and Jessica Stocker to the board. The board also elected me as their new chair. In the first 2 weeks of chairing the board, COVID forced us to close the office and learn how to do business in a different way. Our next several meetings were held remotely until we were able to meet in the Masonic Hall.

In April, Joan Huestis decided to step down as the DPW clerk after 4 years of dedicated service. Her ability to procure grants has saved the town hundreds of thousands of dollars on several projects including the Sunderland bridge and Mountain Road culvert well as many infrastructures upgrades both within the walls of our garage and on the roads.

We have been working on several projects this year. Most of the focus has been on the replacement of the twin culverts on Rattlin Bridge Road. The damage was the result of the Halloween night storm that forced closure of the road. The project will be funded largely by FEMA with the State and our town picking up equal shares also. We are hopeful that construction will begin in early spring. The culverts will be replaced with an arch that spans roughly 30'.

Another project we have been working on for a much longer period of time is the replacement of the culvert at the West Branch of Dead Creek on Basin Harbor Rd. This project has been in the works at a very slow and methodical pace for a few years now. As it turns out, it is hopeful that construction of that project will begin at the conclusion of the Rattlin Bridge Road project in late spring or summer.

We did manage to get one project completed this year. There has been a failing culvert on Mountain Road that was replaced this fall and the new stretch of road and culvert came out very nice. This project was partially funded by a grant which provided roughly half the amount of the \$132,000 project.

Our office and the ability to freely enter at any time has changed drastically this year. Per governor's orders and with full support from the board, we have limited access to remote only for most things with new hours and online scheduling for the researchers. A new phone system has been installed so messages can be left to each member of the team and they can retrieve their messages remotely. We are doing everything we can to keep our staff safe while providing the public with the best service we can give. All these changes have not gone without pushback and some unhappy townspeople and researchers. Many thanks to Julie Howlett for her dedication and passion for the town.

Town meeting will be held remotely for the first time in history this year. All articles will be voted by Australian ballot. A lengthy letter of explanation will hopefully shed light on all subjects so voters can be as informed as possible.

We will also be voting to convert the town business calendar from a calendar year to a fiscal year which begins on July 1st and ends June 30th. We feel this is an important piece of our town's puzzle as far as the timing of town events such as tax billing and the town's cash flow. We have for many years relied on a tax anticipation loan to float the town until tax revenue comes in. By the time we receive tax funds, we

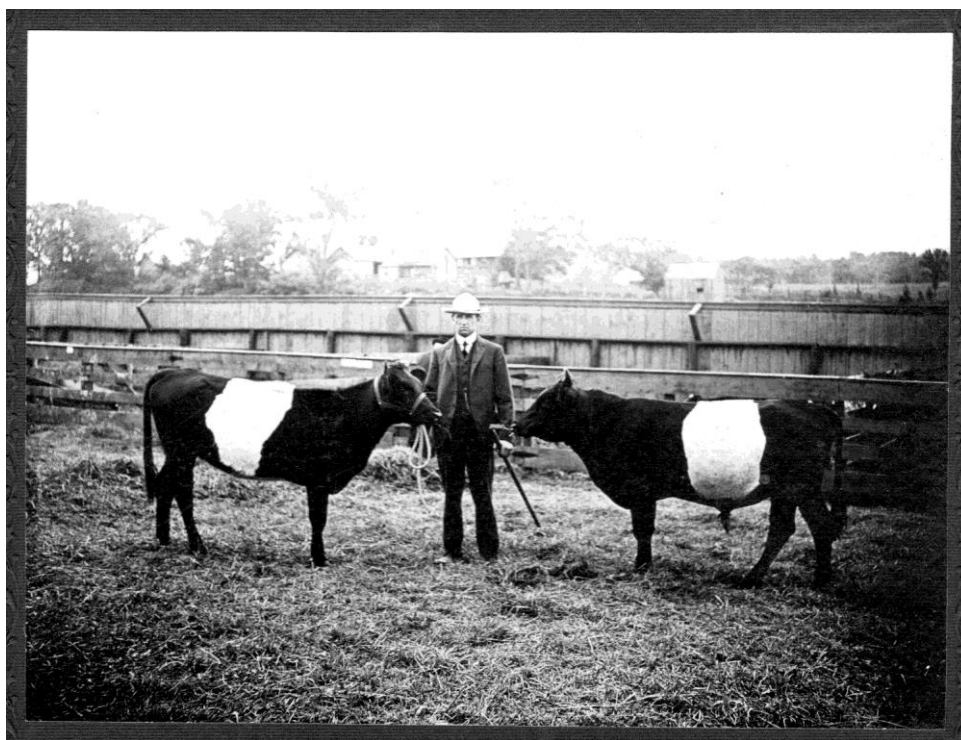
are 11 months into the year we have just received funds for. We will be opting for twice a year tax billing in order to both soften the blow to the taxpayers and help generate revenue in a timely manner. We will also be able to budget in a more streamlined method due to the winter season and the high costs of maintaining roads during that time all within one budget year.

In November, a career opportunity forced Jessica Stocker to move to North Carolina, thus resigning her post as member of the Board. She brought a passionate business sense to the Board and I am glad to have worked with her for a short period of time. We have appointed Steve Huestis to come out of retirement to fill her spot on the Board until March elections. It has been a privilege to work with an experienced board member for the last few months.

Thank you all for your patience and resilience as townspeople during the year. We can not always control what happens, but we can always control how we react. And I am proud of how the town has been able to react to the events of 2020.

Tim Howlett

Selectboard Chair



Horace D. Payne with show cattle

Photo from Bridport Historical Society

DPW report 2020

Many Grants were worked on.

Grants in Aid program provided us with 2, one of which was on Hemenway Rd. and Windy Valley. It provided for stone lining of ditches and culvert replacement to help prevent erosion. The second grant is for the purchase of a bale shredder to better mulch ditches after cleaning them.

A paving grant from VTRANS was used on Basin Harbor Rd.

A total of 2.7 miles were paved on Town Line Rd., Happy Valley, Middle Rd., and Basin Harbor.

Better Roads program provided us with a grant for Mountain Road to replace a 6-foot culvert with an 8-footer, along with cradle walls and erosion control. This project was completed by Munson Earth Moving late this fall.

The mitigation grant project on Basin Harbor Rd. is on track to replace the big culvert with a concrete box hopefully later this summer.

A mitigation grant was also received to do a scoping study for the replacement of the twin culverts on Middle Rd.

2 grants that were applied for from Better Roads program are on Lake Street for culvert replacement and bank stabilization.

The Fema project on Rattlin Bridge Rd. for the 2 nine-foot culverts that washed out on the Halloween storm of 2019 are due to be replaced with a 30-foot open bottom arch this spring if all goes well.

20 various culverts were replaced under the roadways along with 15 various driveway culverts in conjunction with 4.3 miles of ditching.

DPW



Town Garage in April 2020.

Photo by Sheila Huestis

PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

(Modified Cash Basis)	ACTUAL 2019	APPROVED BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (12 Mos)	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (18 Mos)
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
RECEIPTS					
Property Tax Allocation	\$ 863,286	\$ 865,629	\$ 865,629	\$ 866,175	\$ 1,097,875
State Aid Class 2 Roads	54,911	55,000	89,028	56,500	85,500
State Aid Class 3 Roads	66,939	67,000	68,842	69,000	103,500
Services-Work Done	5,075	2,500	3,600	3,750	3,750
Cemetery Mowing	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,500	3,500
Grants / Supplement Funds	42,281	-	25,733	65,000	65,000
Receipts - Other	53	4,000	12,170	47,000	47,000
Sale of Assets	-	-	11,602	-	-
Loans or Other \$\$ Received	215,000	45,000	132,036	-	-
Subtotal	\$ 1,248,544	\$ 1,040,129	\$ 1,210,640	\$ 1,109,925	\$ 1,406,125
EXPENDITURES					
Personnel Expenses					
Wages	\$ 175,938	\$ 175,000	\$ 156,694	\$ 175,000	\$ 237,750
Medicare Expense	2,537	2,500	3,211	3,500	3,750
Social Security Paid by Town	10,848	11,000	14,771	14,000	16,500
Retirement % Paid by Town	7,157	7,000	7,399	8,000	10,500
SUTA Unemployment	480	700	1,415	2,500	4,000
Medical Stipend	3,250	2,750	2,750	2,750	4,125
Health Insurance	17,447	23,300	33,642	36,000	54,000
Workers' Comp Insurance	10,107	12,000	12,304	12,500	18,750
Subtotal	\$ 227,764	\$ 234,250	\$ 232,185	\$ 254,250	\$ 349,375
Services and Supplies					
Legal Advertising & Permits	\$ 451	\$ 1,000	\$ 179	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
MRGP General Permit	15,680	12,000	-	12,000	24,000
Contracted Services-Lawn Mowing	10,205	10,000	7,370	10,000	12,000
Contracted Services - Other	6,050	8,000	112,701	10,000	13,500
Gravel And Stone	66,082	73,000	65,583	73,000	121,500
Anti-Icing Agent	4,500	5,000	7,756	-	-
Winter Sand	24,379	25,000	28,867	25,000	25,000
Road Base	-	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Road Reclamation / Grinding	23,919	20,000	-	38,000	38,000
Paving/Hot Mix/ Cold Patch	221,954	180,000	202,903	200,000	200,000
Culvert Purchase	13,038	15,000	23,978	15,000	22,500
Chloride	32,107	30,000	24,485	24,000	36,000
Salt	65,152	45,000	44,524	45,000	78,700
Road & Street Signs	1,920	2,000	2,316	2,000	3,000
Road Sealant	7,500	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Road Lines Painted	7,688	10,000	7,852	10,000	10,000
Road Fabric	1,050	1,200	(300)	900	1,200
Uniforms & Rags	4,308	4,500	4,650	4,750	7,125
Office Supplies	294	500	236	500	750
Office Equipment	236	500	-	500	750
Training	144	500	-	500	750
Subtotal	\$ 506,656	\$ 454,200	\$ 541,100	\$ 483,150	\$ 607,275

PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

(Modified Cash Basis)	ACTUAL 2019	APPROVED BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (12 Mos)	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (18 Mos)
<u>Maintenance</u>					
Basin Harbor Road Culvert	\$ 27,800	\$ -	\$ 7,703	\$ -	\$ -
Culvert/Bridge Other Repairs	420	40,000	17,917	20,000	30,000
2020 Mack Truck	218,883	1,500	5,480	2,500	4,000
2015 Mack Dump Truck	6,155	6,000	7,293	5,000	6,000
1993 Ford Dump Truck	655	-	-	-	-
2017 John Deere Loader	1,645	1,000	553	1,500	1,500
Chainsaw	159	200	120	200	350
Snow Plows	233	500	2,873	500	750
2010 Mack Truck	9,135	5,000	12,027	5,000	8,500
Roadside Mower - Tractor Attachment	1,968	2,000	155	3,500	4,500
2012 Dodge One Ton / 2020 One Ton	6,664	46,500	390	-	-
2012 Kubota Tractor	78	1,000	-	2,000	2,000
Other Equipment	3,201	3,000	2,063	3,000	5,000
Generator (School)	203	200	-	300	300
Generator	145	200	-	300	300
Wood Chipper	-	250	-	300	400
2016 Grader	1,889	5,000	488	3,500	5,000
2019 chevy 1-ton	-	-	48,641	2,000	3,000
Salt Shed - Building Maintenance	50	500	1,152	500	500
Garage - Building Maintenance	1,847	30,000	22,241	4,500	4,500
Grounds Maintenance	-	500	814	500	1,000
Subtotal	\$ 281,130	\$ 143,350	\$ 129,909	\$ 55,100	\$ 77,600
<u>Other Expenses</u>					
CDL, Certification, Exams, etc.	\$ 450	\$ 600	\$ 357	\$ 600	\$ 750
Equipment Rental	5,173	6,000	4,000	6,000	9,000
Diesel Fuel	34,339	32,000	20,537	32,000	47,000
Gasoline	5,015	4,500	6,248	5,000	6,500
Grease, Oil, Anti-Freeze	4,756	4,800	3,384	4,200	5,000
DPW Shop Supplies	6,890	6,000	6,437	6,000	9,000
Blades & Chains	8,424	8,000	7,823	7,500	9,500
Hydroseeder	1,745	3,500	5,720	4,000	6,500
Heat Garage	4,300	3,500	2,085	3,000	5,500
Trash & Junk Disposal	715	800	845	900	1,350
Electricity Salt Shed	384	350	357	375	525
Electricity Garage	1,953	1,800	2,200	2,200	3,000
Telephone Garage	598	600	726	750	750
Internet DSL - Garage	563	600	563	600	850
New Equipment	4,540	8,500	5,675	17,200	19,200
Septic Pumping	1,100	1,600	1,375	1,500	1,600
Fire Alarm Garage	969	600	608	600	850
Property Insurance	12,291	13,000	8,200	10,000	15,000
Subtotal	\$ 94,205	\$ 96,750	\$ 77,139	\$ 102,425	\$ 141,875
<u>Loan Payments</u>					
2020 Mack Truck Loan	\$ -	\$ 43,000	\$ 43,000	\$ 43,000	\$ 43,000
2015 Mack Dump Truck Loan	38,993	-	-	-	-
2012 Kubota Tractor/Mower Loan	19,646	-	-	-	-

PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

(Modified Cash Basis)	ACTUAL 2019	APPROVED BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (12 Mos)	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (18 Mos)
DPW Garage Building Loan	30,000	30,000	29,878	30,000	30,000
Grant Anticipation Loan	-	-	-	60,000	60,000
2019 Chevy 1-Ton		-	-	15,000	30,000
2016 John Deere Grader Loan	50,000	50,000	49,994	50,000	50,000
Interest Expense	13,480	17,100	16,578	17,000	17,000
Subtotal	\$ 152,119	\$ 140,100	\$ 139,451	\$ 215,000	\$ 230,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,261,874	\$ 1,068,650	\$ 1,119,784	\$ 1,109,925	\$ 1,406,125
Net "Income (Loss)" for the Year	\$ (13,329)	\$ (28,521)	\$ 90,856	\$ -	\$ -

Summary

DPW Fund Surplus Beginning of Year	\$ 36,290	\$ 28,521	\$ 28,521	\$ 119,376	\$ 119,376
Net "Income (Loss)" for the Year	(13,329)	(28,521)	90,856	-	-
Transfers from General Fund	5,560	-	-	-	-
DPW Fund Surplus End of Year	\$ 28,521	\$ -	\$ 119,376	\$ 119,376	\$ 119,376

GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

Taxes

Current Year Taxes Collected	\$ 2,645,414		\$ 2,818,793		
Hold Harmless Payment	233,106		230,716		
Delinquent Taxes Collected	134,990		155,862		
Reimbursement from School	4,719		5,874		
State Payment- Municipal	29,623		24,664		
Gross Tax Receipts	\$ 3,047,852	\$ 3,037,194	\$ 3,235,909	\$ -	\$ -
Less: Paid to School	(1,910,528)	(1,910,528)	(1,800,000)	-	-
Less: 2020 Taxes Owed to School	-	-	-	-	-
Tax Funds Available to Town	\$ 1,137,324	\$ 1,126,666	\$ 1,435,909	\$ -	\$ -
Less: Allocated to DPW	(863,286)	(865,629)	(865,629)	-	-
Taxes to General Fund	\$ 274,038	\$ 261,037	\$ 570,280	\$ -	\$ -

Regular Income

Masonic/Community Hall Revenue	\$ 3,910	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,350	\$ 500	\$ 500
Copier Receipts	1,839	1,500	1,308	1,500	2,250
Interest Income	317	350	193	350	525
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	5,387	3,500	3,836	3,800	5,250
Beverage License	-	70	70	70	140
Light House Lease	-	75	50	50	125
Zoning Regs Sold	-	20	-	20	20
VT PILOT Money	2,218	2,200	2,218	2,200	3,300
Subtotal	\$ 13,671	\$ 12,215	\$ 10,025	\$ 8,490	\$ 12,110

Fees

Tax Collector Fees	\$ 9,362	\$ 5,000	\$ 9,337	\$ 9,300	\$ 11,000
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PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

(Modified Cash Basis)	ACTUAL 2019	APPROVED BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (12 Mos)	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (18 Mos)
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	76	75	5	10	20
Vital Records	817	600	415	600	900
Recording Fees	13,069	10,000	18,646	13,000	15,000
Subdivision Fees	260	200	-	200	300
Board of Adjustment Fees	-	100	200	200	300
Road Weight Permits	990	500	1,085	1,100	1,600
Dog Licenses	462	500	557	500	750
Vault Search Fees	547	400	740	400	600
PTR Recording Fee	740	600	180	500	900
Zoning Admin Fees	1,975	2,000	3,508	2,500	3,000
Green Mountain Passport	32	26	6	20	35
Subtotal	\$ 28,330	\$ 20,001	\$ 34,679	\$ 28,330	\$ 34,405

Other Revenues

Sale of Town Property	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Civil/Road Fines	2,018	-	2,015	-	-
911 House Numbers	195	100	15	100	150
Other	2,800	500	6,288	-	-
Subtotal	\$ 5,013	\$ 600	\$ 8,318	\$ 100	\$ 150

Other Receipts

Tax Anticipation Loan	\$ 159,000	\$ -	\$ 189,301	\$ -	\$ -
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Total NonTax Receipts

	\$ 206,014	\$ 32,816	\$ 242,323	\$ 36,920	\$ 46,665
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Net General Fund Receipts

	\$ 480,051	\$ 293,853	\$ 812,603	\$ 36,920	\$ 46,665
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EXPENDITURES

Personnel Expenses

Town Clerk	\$ 25,929	\$ 27,500	\$ 27,974	\$ 34,500	\$ 51,750
Town Treasurer	20,487	22,000	20,481	28,000	42,000
Delinquent Tax Collector	10,000	5,000	5,069	7,500	10,000
Zoning Administrator	3,151	2,400	341	1,500	3,600
Other Payroll	1,954	2,000	2,293	2,000	3,000
Board of Civil Authority	158	1,500	471	1,500	2,250
Listers	2,263	6,000	7,259	6,000	9,000
Auditors	750	750	750	750	750
Selectboard	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400
Dog Warden	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Planning Commission	442	600	47	600	600
Board of Adjustment	40	200	-	200	200
Moderators	50	50	50	50	100
Board of Abatement	174	100	-	100	100
Poll & Election Workers	647	600	3,160	600	1,200
Medicare	1,049	1,100	154	1,100	1,700
Social Security Taxes	4,487	4,700	659	4,700	7,000
Retirement % paid by Town	1,113	1,150	224	1,150	1,725
SUTA Unemployment	342	600	79	600	900
Direct Deposit Fees	284	300	(293)	300	300

PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

(Modified Cash Basis)	ACTUAL 2019	APPROVED BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (12 Mos)	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (18 Mos)
Seminars/ Education	1,054	900	81	500	750
Mileage	1,300	500	768	500	750
Town Workers' Comp Insurance	665	600	470	600	600
Subtotal	\$ 80,239	\$ 82,950	\$ 74,438	\$ 97,150	\$ 142,675
<u>Utilities</u>					
Water-Town Office	\$ 129	\$ 130	\$ 132	\$ 130	\$ 150
Electricity Town Office	1,523	1,400	1,209	1,400	2,100
Electricity Street Lights	1,542	1,500	1,409	1,500	2,250
Electricity Skating Rink	375	350	242	350	525
Telephone Town Office	736	800	1,075	4,800	7,200
Internet Service - Town	563	570	563	770	855
Heat Town Office	2,252	2,200	2,025	2,200	3,300
Subtotal	\$ 7,120	\$ 6,950	\$ 6,656	\$ 11,150	\$ 16,380
<u>Office Expenses</u>					
Supplies Land Records	\$ 848	\$ 1,000	\$ 271	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
Supplies Office	1,676	1,700	2,097	2,000	2,550
Supplies Other	337	300	360	300	450
Postage & Delivery	1,548	2,000	2,562	2,500	3,000
Copier	1,560	1,600	1,606	1,600	2,400
Flowers & Honorarium	731	1,000	981	1,000	1,500
Legal Advertising	1,379	1,000	935	1,000	1,500
Printing Town Reports	1,815	2,000	1,406	2,000	3,000
Printing Other	561	1,000	211	3,000	4,500
Other / NEMRC	358	250	-	7,500	11,250
Tax Map Update	1,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Website	144	500	144	500	500
COVID Related Expenses	-	-	4,379	-	-
Legal Fees	200	6,000	3,022	4,500	6,750
Outside Appraiser	6,000	8,000	-	-	-
Subtotal	\$ 18,157	\$ 29,350	\$ 17,974	\$ 29,900	\$ 41,900
Town Property Insurance	\$ 9,009	\$ 9,000	\$ 6,686	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
<u>Repairs and Maintenance</u>					
911 House Signs	\$ 163	\$ 100	\$ 19	\$ 100	\$ 150
Cemeteries	6,000	1,500	821	1,500	2,000
Town Office	3,849	2,750	106	2,750	4,125
Town Grounds	1,566	1,500	925	3,000	4,500
Recycling Building & Hearse House	-	150	-	150	150
Park Port-A-Let	1,975	2,100	1,680	2,100	3,150
Subtotal	\$ 13,554	\$ 8,100	\$ 3,550	\$ 9,600	\$ 14,075
<u>Dues & Assessments</u>					
Software	\$ 1,437	\$ 2,000	\$ 925	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000
Vermont Trails & Green Council	(125)	-	-	-	-
Dues, VLCT et al	2,502	2,600	2,658	2,600	3,900
Regional Planning Dues	1,558	1,600	1,575	1,600	2,400

PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

(Modified Cash Basis)	ACTUAL 2019	APPROVED BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (12 Mos)	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (18 Mos)
Otter Creek Natural Resources	125	125	-	126	250
Addison County Tax	5,971	6,000	7,211	7,500	10,800
Subtotal	\$ 11,469	\$ 12,325	\$ 12,368	\$ 15,326	\$ 21,350
 <u>Support Services</u>					
Mosquito Control	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Middlebury Regional EMS	3,500	12,180	12,180	12,180	12,180
Town Line First Response	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Bridport Little League	300	300	-	300	300
Addison County Humane Society	450	500	450	500	500
Green Up Day	-	50	-	50	100
Sheriff's Patrols	3,718	-	-	-	-
Rural Fire Protection	100	100	-	100	100
Subtotal	\$ 22,068	\$ 27,130	\$ 26,630	\$ 27,130	\$ 27,180
 <u>Social Services</u>					
Addison Central Teens	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900
Addison County Econ Dev Corp	608	608	1,216	608	608
Addison County Home, Health and Hospice, I	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Addison County Humane Society	500	500	500	500	500
Addison County Parent Child Center	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Addison County Readers	350	350	350	350	350
Addison County Restorative Justice Services	400	400	400	400	400
Addison County Transit Resources	760	760	760	760	760
Age Well	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
American Red Cross - NH VT	500	500	500	500	500
Better Middlebury Partnership	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Charter House Coalition	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Counseling Service of Addison County	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750
Elderly Services/Project Independence	700	700	700	-	-
End of Life Service (Hospice)	600	600	600	600	600
HOPE	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
J.W.Graham Emergency Shelter	700	700	700	700	700
NeighborWorks of Western VT	-	-	-	150	150
Open Door Clinic	850	850	850	850	850
Platt Memorial Library	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,600	2,600
R & S Volunteer Program	320	320	320	320	320
Vermont Adult Learning	500	500	500	500	500
Vermont Assoc for the Blind....	500	500	500	500	500
Vermont CARES	200	200	200	200	200
Vermont Center for Independent Living	190	190	190	190	190
Vermont Family Network	-	250	250	250	250
WomenSafe	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Subtotal	\$ 22,428	\$ 23,178	\$ 23,786	\$ 24,228	\$ 24,228
 <u>Purchases</u>					
Office Equipment	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 900
Flags	284	500	172	500	500
Office Computer	-	-	923	923	923

PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

(Modified Cash Basis)	ACTUAL 2019	APPROVED BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (12 Mos)	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (18 Mos)
Software	1,998	800	330	800	1,130
Subtotal	\$ 2,282	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,425	\$ 2,973	\$ 3,453
<u>Loan Payments</u>					
Tax Anticipation Loan	\$ 159,000	\$ -	\$ 189,301	\$ -	\$ -
BFD Pumper Truck Loan	40,000	40,000	39,981	-	-
Interest Expense	4,910	5,000	4,170	5,000	5,000
Subtotal	\$ 203,910	\$ 45,000	\$ 233,452	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
<u>Masonic/Community Hall</u>					
Supplies	\$ 372	\$ 500	\$ 356	\$ 500	\$ 500
Repair & Maintenance	8,981	10,000	1,426	5,000	7,500
Water	129	120	132	120	150
Electricity	835	850	661	850	1,275
Heat	1,012	1,500	1,253	1,500	2,250
Subtotal	\$ 11,329	\$ 12,970	\$ 3,828	\$ 7,970	\$ 11,675
<u>Fire Department</u>					
1996 Fire Truck-Pumper	\$ 1,703	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,447	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,500
2015 Fire Truck Pumper	203	1,000	3,003	1,000	2,500
Repeater	-	-	-	16,000	16,000
Support	12,500	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Electricity	1,052	900	944	1,000	1,350
Telephone	1,082	1,100	1,088	1,100	1,650
Heat	1,386	1,600	1,027	1,100	2,400
Water & Septic Pumping	436	500	407	500	750
Repair & Maintenance	1,694	3,000	3,020	3,000	4,500
Insurance - Vehicles	3,846	4,100	4,029	4,100	6,150
Insurance - Workmen's Comp	1,398	2,000	1,236	3,000	4,500
Insurance	5,181	5,000	-	4,000	5,500
Subtotal	\$ 30,482	\$ 35,200	\$ 31,202	\$ 50,800	\$ 62,800
Total Expenditures	\$ 432,046	\$ 293,853	\$ 441,995	\$ 288,227	\$ 377,716
General Fund "Net Income (Loss)"	\$ 48,006	\$ 0	\$ 370,608	\$ (251,307)	\$ (331,051)
DPW Fund "Net Income (Loss)"	-	-	-	-	-
Total Town "Net Income (Loss)"	\$ 48,006	\$ 0	\$ 370,608	\$ (251,307)	\$ (331,051)


PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

(Modified Cash Basis)	ACTUAL 2019	APPROVED BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (12 Mos)	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 (18 Mos)
SUMMARY					
General Fund Surplus Beginning	\$ 199,432	\$ 247,438	\$ 247,438	\$ 618,046	\$ 618,046
"Net Income (Loss)" for the Year	48,006	0	370,608	(251,307)	(331,051)
Less Transfers to DPW Fund	-	-	-	-	-
General Fund Surplus End of Year	\$ 247,438	\$ 247,438	\$ 618,046	\$ 366,739	\$ 286,995
DPW Fund Surplus Beginning	\$ 36,290	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net "Income (Loss)" for the Year	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
DPW Fund Surplus End of Year	\$ 36,290	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Town Surplus	\$ 283,728	\$ 247,438	\$ 618,046	\$ 366,739	\$ 286,995

AUDITORS' REPORT

We the undersigned Auditors of the Town of Bridport hereby certify that we have audited the 2020 accounts of the several Town offices and the related financial information and statements included in this Annual Report. Our audit included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting revenue, expenditures and account balances included in the financial statements. In our opinion, the financial statements audited by us are fairly stated, in all material respects.

Bob Coffey



JoAnne Kenyon



Barbara Stratton



GENERAL AND DPW FUNDS COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

	12/31/2019	12/31/2020
ASSETS		
Cash in Bank	\$ 273,130	\$ 725,155
Total Assets	\$ 273,130	\$ 725,155
LIABILITIES		
Credit Card Balance	\$ 830	\$ -
Payroll Withholdings	1,901	14,833
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,731	\$ 14,833
FUND BALANCES		
<u>General Fund</u>		
Balance at Start of Year	\$ 199,432	\$ 241,878
"Net Income" for the Year	48,006	349,068
Funds Transfer (from) GF to DPW	(5,560)	-
Balance at End of Year (see below)	\$ 241,878	\$ 590,946
<u>DPW Fund</u>		
Balance at Start of Year	\$ 36,290	\$ 28,521
Net "Income (Loss)" for the Year	(13,329)	90,856
Funds Transfer into DPW from GF	5,560	-
Balance at End of Year	\$ 28,521	\$ 119,376
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 270,399	\$ 710,322
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 273,130	\$ 725,155
General Fund Balance at December 31, 2020		\$ 590,946
Collected, But Not Paid, 2020 School Taxes		(273,000)
General Fund Balance Available for Town Expenditures		\$ 317,946

2020 TAXES BILLED

(as of 12/31/2020)

	Grand List	Tax Rate	Taxes Billed
Non-Residential Education	\$ 577,099	\$ 1.6971	\$ 979,395
Homestead Education	872,666	1.7470	1,524,548
Exempt Cost	1,490,766	0.0036	5,367
Municipal	1,490,766	0.5979	891,329
TOTAL 2020 TAXES BILLED			\$ 3,400,638

2020 TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

2020 Taxes Collected By Due Date	\$ 2,818,793
2020 Taxes Collected Between Due Date and Yearend	98,826
2020 State Payments	424,220
2020 Delinquent Taxes Outstanding on 12/31/2020	52,538
Delinquent Tax and Other Reconciling Adjustments	6,261
TOTAL 2020 TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR	\$ 3,400,638

Bridport Listers' Report 2020

The Bridport Listers have received the report from the Vermont Division of Property Valuation and Review (PVR) of the Equalization Study Results for 2020

Education Grand List \$145,084,205

Equalized Education Grand List \$157,481,592.00

Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) 92.13% or 0.9213

Coefficient of Dispersion 11.93 %

The Education Grand List is what the town reports to the state as the town's total property value that is subject to the education property tax. The Equalized Education Grand List represents PVR's statutorily-mandated estimate of the total fair market value of the education grand list in town.

The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is determined by dividing the education grand list by the equalized education grand list. A number over 100% indicates that property in town is generally listed for more than its fair market value. A number less than 100% indicates that property is generally listed for less than fair market value. A CLA of less than 85% necessitates a reappraisal.

The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within our town. A high COD means that within our town many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share, and many are paying less than their fair share.

A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal. Bridport has a COD of 11.93% . Towns usually re-appraise every 10 years to retain equitable fairness indicators (CLA, COD,) and keep up with the fair market value and growth.

At the end of 2019 we said good-bye to our long term appraiser Kermit Blaisdell and want to thank him for his years of service to Bridport. We turned to NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center) for assistance with appraisals and Current Use.

None of your Listers ever expected the world to turn upside down as they started the new year, but that is what happened. We were able to do some property appraisals on site but many were taking the word of homeowners due to COVID 19 restrictions. The year has been one of learning not only about Lister work, but meetings over Zoom, Microsoft Team and conference calls.

We have learned a lot and would like to share some of that with you.

1. When Homestead Declarations are made it is really important that the name appears the same as it did the previous year if ownership has not changed.
2. When Current Use properties are sold it is the responsibility of the new owner to update the Current Use plan and file with the State if planning on continuing with Current Use.
3. We cannot file your Homestead Declaration (HR-122) for you.

So much has changed over the past year and continues to change but we continue to work through each issue as they come along.

We are blessed to live in this community where we all call each other neighbors and are willing to sit, learn and help each other. As we move into 2021 the Listers will be looking to find a firm to recommend to your Selectboard for a town wide re-appraisal. We know that the waiting list is about 3 years but feel that we need to get on the list before our CLA falls below 90%.

We are open by appointment, so please call and schedule a time. Thank you all for your assistance and your patience this past year.

Suzanne Buck

Eric Conroy

Vicki Major



Bridport Listers, March 2020

Photo by Irene Zaccor

SEPARATE FUNDS as of DECEMBER 31, 2020
(Excluding Cemetery Funds)

REAPPRAISAL FUND

1/1/2020 Balance	\$ 41,856
State Payment	5,729
Interest Earned	5
12/31/2020 Balance	\$ 47,590

LISTERS' EDUCATION FUND

1/1/2020 Balance	\$ 2,077
Interest Earned	1
12/31/2020 Balance	\$ 2,078

SCRAP FUND

1/1/2020 Balance	\$ 773
Sales of Scrap Metal	329
Purchases	(502)
Interest Earned	2
12/31/2020 Balance	\$ 602

VIRGINIA LAWTON MEMORIAL FLAG FUND

1/1/2020 Balance	\$ 130
2020 Activity	-
12/31/2020 Balance	\$ 130

PRESERVATION FUND

1/1/2020 Balance	\$ 2,796
Amounts Collected in 2020	4,540
Interest Earned	1
12/31/2020 Balance	\$ 7,337

TOWN OF BRIDPORT DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION POLICY

1. All property taxes are due and payable to the Town Treasurer on or before November 10th of each year.

2. There will be no grace period allowed for late payments without penalty except for mailed payments postmarked on or before the due date.

3. The Town Treasurer, following consultation with the Selectboard and other town officials shall provide to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes the list of delinquent taxpayers whose taxes are scheduled to be referred to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes for collection. Said list of owners whose taxes are delinquent shall be established as soon after November 10th of each calendar year as possible (the “Delinquent Taxpayer List”).

4. Once the Collector of Delinquent Taxes receives the Delinquent Taxpayer List, then at that time the Collector of Delinquent Taxes may extend a warrant on the land which is the subject of the Delinquent Taxpayer List (32 V.S.A. §5252).

5. If the Collector of Delinquent Taxes extends the warrant as provided above, then the Collector of Delinquent Taxes shall file in the Office of the Town Clerk for record a copy of the warrant which warrant shall include the following:

- the amount of the tax bill committed to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes for collection;
- a description of the land levied upon; and
- a statement that the Collector of Delinquent Taxes has levied upon the described land. (32 V.S.A. §5252(1))

6. It is recommended, but not required, that the Collector of Delinquent Taxes shall then (either with or without assistance of counsel) deliver a demand requesting that the taxpayer pay the amount due (principal, interest, penalty, and attorney’s fees (if applicable)).

7. Following the issuance of the tax collection warrant, ALL delinquent taxes shall be remitted only to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

8. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes may, in his/her discretion, accept a “payment plan” from the delinquent taxpayer, but if so, such “payment plans” shall provide for payment of the delinquent tax obligation in full within one year of the establishment of the “payment plan.”

9. Partial payments on account of delinquent taxes (whether through “payment plan”, or otherwise) shall be applied in the following order:

- first, to the penalty assessed;
- second, to interest accrued but unpaid; and
- lastly, to principal.

Unless partial payments are made pursuant to a “payment plan” agreed to by the Collector of Delinquent Taxes and delinquent taxpayer, partial payments shall not constitute a “cure” or an “accord and satisfaction” with respect to the delinquent taxes owed.

10. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes, in his/her discretion, may begin the tax sale process pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5252 as soon as the Collector of Delinquent Taxes extends his/her warrant as provided above. The foregoing notwithstanding, however, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes may, in his/her discretion, delay the initiation of the tax sale proceedings under 32 V.S.A. §5252 but such discretion on the part of the Collector of Delinquent Taxes shall be permitted only with respect to those delinquent tax obligations which are less than two years past due.

11. Once the Collector of Delinquent Taxes determines the tax sale process should begin, then the Tax Collector shall (either with or without counsel):

- follow the notice provisions set forth in 32 V.S.A. §5252 (advertisement, registered mail notice to taxpayer/mortgagees/lienholders, posting of notice);
- prepare an advertisement of the notice of sale pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5253;
- conduct the sale of said property pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254;
- prepare a report of sale pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5255;
- collect fees permitted pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5258;
- provide for redemption pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5260; and
- prepare and deliver a deed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5261.

DATED 5/21/2014; Reworded January 2019

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT
Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2020

Year	Beginning Balance	Taxes Collected in 2020	Balance on 12/31/2020
2017	\$ 1,157	\$ 674	\$ 483
2018	44,707	17,962	26,745
2019	46,492	38,400	8,092
2020	151,364 *	98,826	52,538
Totals	\$ 243,720	\$ 155,862	\$ 87,858

Delinquent Taxpayer List **

Blissful Dairy, LLC	Huestis, Hazel, Estate of
Chamberland, Bruce	Huestis, Stacy
Clark, Janet	Kent, Zachery
Curler, Mark & Andrea	LaFountain, John
Davis, Roger & Sherry	Orvis, Martha
Denu, Phillip, Jr.	Phillips, Richard
Forbes, Jerry & Leita	Savage Solar, LLC
Goodspeed, John & Linda	Schoolcraft, Barbara
Guica, Michael & Jacqueline	Shaw Farm Inc. -1 & -2
Hamilton, Elizabeth	Upson, Penny
Hotte, Timothy	Witschi, Andreas & Astrid, Trustees

* The 2020 Beginning Balance consists of the amount stated in the Warrant delivered to the Delinquent Tax Collector on November 20, 2020 plus corrections made to the 2020 tax bills after the due date.

** Excluded from list are nine properties with a total of \$550 in delinquent taxes.

BRIDPORT TOWN INDEBTEDNESS at DECEMBER 31, 2020

	<u>Principal Paid</u>	<u>Interest Paid</u>	<u>Principal Balance</u>
2020 NBM Tax Anticipation Loan, \$189,301 at 2.5% Interest.			
			\$ 189,301
2020 Payments (Paid-in-Full)	\$ 189,301	\$ 2,984	\$ -
2007 Garage/Salt Shed \$600,000 NBM 20 Year Loan at 4% Interest, Refinanced to 3.65% in 2012			
			\$ 600,000
Payments through 12/31/2018	\$ 360,000	\$ 329,751	\$ 240,000
2019 Payments	30,000	9,000	210,000
2020 Payments	30,000	7,782	180,000
2021 Payments	30,000	6,570 *	150,000
2022 Payments	30,000	5,475 *	120,000
2023 Payments	30,000	4,380 *	90,000
2024 Payments	30,000	3,285 *	60,000
2025 Payments	30,000	2,190 *	30,000
2026 Payments	30,000	1,095 *	-
2015 BFD Pump Truck \$200,000 NBM 5 Year Loan at 2.95% Interest			
			\$ 200,000
Payments through 12/31/2018	\$ 120,000	\$ 63,764	\$ 80,000
2019 Payments	40,000	2,371	40,000
2020 Payments (Paid in Full)	40,000	1,186	-
2019 Mack Truck (2020) \$215,000 NBM 5 Year Loan at 3.25% Interest			
			\$ 215,000
2020 Payments	\$ 43,000	\$ 7,104	\$ 172,000
2021 Payments	43,000	5,590 *	129,000
2022 Payments	43,000	4,193 *	86,000
2023 Payments	43,000	2,795 *	43,000
2024 Payments	43,000	1,398 *	-
2016 John Deere Grader \$200,000 Bank of Orwell 4 Year Loan at 2.25% Interest			
			\$ 200,000
Payments through 12/31/2018	\$ 100,000	\$ 8,856	\$ 100,000
2019 Payments	50,000	1,680	50,000
2020 Payments (Paid in Full)	50,000	561	-

BRIDPORT TOWN INDEBTEDNESS at DECEMBER 31, 2020

	<u>Principal Paid</u>	<u>Interest Paid</u>	<u>Principal Balance</u>
2016 John Deere Grader \$50,000 Cemetery Commission 5 Year Loan at 2.25% Interest			\$ 50,000
Payments through 12/31/2018	\$ -	\$ 2,262	\$ 50,000
2019 Payments	-	1,131	50,000
2020 Payments	-	1,131	50,000
2021 Payments	50,000	566 *	-
2020 NBM \$60,000 Grant Anticipation Loan at 2.5% Interest, Due on April 1, 2021	\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000
2020 Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000
2021 Payments	60,000	432 *	-
2020 NBM \$200,000 Construction Line of Credit at 3.25% Interest, Expiring in 11/2025			\$ 20,091
2020 Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,091
2021 Payments (Note: Up to \$179,909 of Additional Borrowing Available)	-	3,250 *	20,091
2020 Chevy 1-Ton Truck \$45,000 NBM 4 Year Loan at 3.01% Interest			\$ 45,000
2020 Payments	-	\$ -	\$ 45,000
2021 Payments	15,000	1,355 *	30,000
2022 Payments	15,000	903 *	15,000
2023 Payments	15,000	452 *	-

* Estimated

LOAN PRINCIPAL SUMMARY as of DECEMBER 31, 2020

Garage / Salt Shed	\$ 180,000
2020 Mack Truck	172,000
John Deere Grader	50,000
Grant Anticipation Loan	60,000
Construction Line of Credit	20,091
2020 Chevy 1-Ton	45,000
TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOAN PRINCIPAL as of DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$ 527,091
Estimated 2021 Interest (all DPW)	\$ 17,762

Inventory of Town Owned Equipment

1958 V-Snow Plow	2007 Ingersoll Rand 71/2 HP Air Compressor
1973 V-Plow Grader Blade	2007 Miller Matic 212 Welder
1987 Dozer Blade for Grader	2010 Mack Truck w/Plow & Sander
2020 Mack truck w/plow & sander	2019 Chevy 3500 Truck w/Plow & Sander
1996 Tenco Plow	2012 Kubota Tractor & Mower
1996 Peterbilt Firetruck	2015 Mack Dump Truck w/Plow & Sander
2001 Power Eagle Steam Cleaner	2015 Ford F550 Firetruck
2003 Kauf Trailer	2016 John Deere 672G Grader w/ Wing
2004 Utility Trailer with Ramps	2016 WR90 Walk & Roll Roller
2005 1050 Gallon Spray Tank for Chloride	2016 Tractor Wood Chipper
John Deere Generator (school)	2017 John Deere 524K2 Loader
	Generac 22KW generator (DPW)



Inventory of Real Property

Town Clerk's Office and Fire House
Masonic/Community Hall
Fire Station
Hearse House
Town Green
Barrows Park
Tennis Court
Jones Lighthouse Lot
Jones Dock Road & 1 acre at the top of the hill
Recycling Shed and 10 Acres
1 acre on Lover's Lane
Central Cemetery
Pine Hill Cemetery
Town Line Cemetery
Wells Cemetery
16 acres on Crown Point Road/Short Street
Sand/Salt building on Crown Point Road/Short Street
Town Garage/Meeting Facility
Roscoe Pratt Horseshoe Pits

BRIDPORT BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT FOR 2020

The Town takes care of the Central Cemetery, Town Line Cemetery, Pine Hill Cemetery and Wells Cemetery. There are approximately 2,400 gravestones in these Cemeteries. Many of the gravestones are very old with some having an age of about 200 years and/or do not have an adequate base to support them. The result is a continuing need to mostly repair gravestones and to replace some that have deteriorated too much. The respective gravestone owners and/or their families should be doing the maintenance thereon. The lack of such maintenance by them leaves it up to the Town to do so.

2020 GRAVESTONE WORK: All of the Central Cemetery gravestones reasonably needing cleaning, which were most of them, had cleaning done. About 88 gallons of D/2 Biological Solution were first sprayed on gravestones to try to kill lichens and other growths. Thanks go to the Town for use of its pressure washer equipment and to Kim Bronson for use of his pressure washer. The cleaning was done by David and Kim Bronson. Most of the Central Cemetery gravestones reasonably needing to be re-straightened were, being about 480 gravestones. This work was done by David and Kim Bronson and Paul Wagner. David Bronson also did mortar patching on about 40 gravestones. The foregoing work included paying Kim Bronson for 140.5 hours and Paul Wagner for 53.5 hours and included David Bronson volunteering for 246 hours. The 8 replacement gravestones previously purchased for Pine Hill Cemetery were delivered and put in place in 2020.

We have made and plan to continue to make significant progress in improving our Cemeteries. Attached as a part of this Report is an overall CEMETERY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2020.

Thanks go to the Town for all of its support of the Cemeteries, without limitation including its contracting out for the mowing/trimming of grass in the Central Cemetery, Pine Hill Cemetery and Wells Cemetery, the appropriating of other money for the Cemeteries and doing any needed picking up of brush and tree limb debris. Funds from the 2020 Town Budget Cemetery Expense Account paid Craig L'Heureux \$828.00 for mowing, trimming and clean up in Town Line Cemetery for 2020.

Lot owners and family members are asked to please remove old and/or faded plastic flowers or other such items which can become brittle and fall apart and be blown around and be subject to being torn into multiple pieces by a lawn mower or grass trimmer. Glass items are not allowed for reasons that include they can break and create a hazard.

Cemetery lots continue to be available for purchase. If you wish to purchase any lot, please contact the Sexton, David Bronson at 758-2546.

Bridport Board of Cemetery Commissioners, January 2021
David Bronson, Paul Wagner, Mark Pumiglia, David Basque, Francis Bronson

CEMETERY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2020

CENTRAL CEMETERY

NOT-SPENDABLE FUNDS

Perpetual Care Fund – beginning and ending balance	\$46,407.01
Hilda Hunt Water Fund	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total Not-Spendable Funds - ending balance	<u>\$46,907.01</u>

SPENDABLE FUNDS

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning balance			\$26,469.45
Interest on Hilda Hunt Water Fund	\$ 4.35		
Interest on other Bank Accounts	\$ 65.85		
Interest on Town Grader Loan	\$1,013.67		
Sale of 3 Lots	\$1,500.00		
Two \$100.00 donations	\$ 200.00		
Total Income			\$ 2,783.87
Hilda Hunt Water Fund payment to Congregational Church	\$ 9.22		
Mowing/Trimming expense paid to Town		\$2,000.00	
Granite City Tool Co. VT for D/2 (\$2,166.00 & \$1083.00)		\$3,249.00	
Broughton's Farm Supply, Inc. (bag of mortar)		\$ 7.59	
Reimbursement to Town for gravestone maintenance expenses (labor of \$3,880.00; other reimbursement of \$324.05)		\$4,204.05	
Total Expenses			<u>(\$ 9,469.86)</u>
Total Spendable Funds - ending balance (of which \$2.48 is Hilda Hunt Water Money)			<u>\$19,783.46</u>

BANK ACCOUNT AND TOWN GRADER LOAN ASSETS

Hilda Hunt Water Fund - VT Federal Credit Union CD	\$ 511.70
VT Federal Credit Union Share Account	\$ 25.00
VT Federal Credit Union Central Cemetery Account (VFCUCCA)	\$21,034.82
VT Federal Credit Union Central Cemetery Checking Account	\$ 318.95
Principal of Town Grader Loan (perpetual care funds)	<u>\$44,800.00</u>
Total of all Funds - ending balance	<u>\$66,690.47</u>

TOWN LINE AND PINE HILL CEMETERIES

NOT-SPENDABLE FUNDS FOR TOWN LINE AND PINE HILL

Perpetual Care Fund - beginning balance	\$4,325.00
Total Not-Spendable Funds - ending balance	<u>\$4,325.00</u>

SPENDABLE FUNDS

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning balance			\$3,317.05
Interest on Bank Account	\$ 3.03		
Interest on Town Grader Loan	\$117.66		
Total Income			<u>\$ 120.69</u>
Total Spendable Funds - end balance (Town Line, Pine Hill)			<u>\$3,437.74</u>

BANK ACCOUNT AND TOWN GRADER LOAN ASSETS FOR TOWN LINE AND PINE HILL

Principal of Town Grader Loan (perpetual \$4,000.00, spendable \$1,200.00)	\$5,200.00
VT Federal Credit Union Business Money Market Account (VFC-UBMMA)	<u>\$2,562.74</u>
Total ending balance	<u>\$7,762.74</u>

Zoning Administrator's Annual Report

ZONING PERMITS

App. Date	Permit	Parcel	Property Owner		Nature of Work	Action and Date	
1/29/2020	20-02	03.025	Jordan Grant	Replacement	Residence	Issued	2/1/2020
3/17/2020	20-04	10.038.3	Kristin / Taylor Nolan / Patterson	New		Issued	3/17/2020
5/21/2020	20-06	08.054	Travis Whittemore	New	Garage	Issued	5/21/2020
5/21/2020	20-07	07.090	Michael & Lynn Bordeleau	Addition		Issued	5/21/2020
6/9/2020	20-11	04.011	Nathaniel / Brenda Conrad / Hamm	Addition	Agricultural	Issued	6/9/2020
6/9/2020	20-13	06.056	Tram Pham	New	Porch/Deck	Issued	6/9/2020
6/17/2020	20-17	02.016	Bradley & Cynthia Maneely	New	Pool	Issued	6/17/2020
7/13/2020	20-19	10.003	Steven & Sherry Ouellette	Addition	Residence	Issued	7/13/2020
7/13/2020	20-21	11.063	Sunderland Ronnie	Alteration	Porch/Deck	Issued	7/13/2020
7/29/2020	20-24	09.014	Steven & Lynn Harden	Addition	Porch/Deck	Issued	7/29/2020
7/29/2020	20-25	02.009	Jay & Jill Shapiro	Renewal	Residence	Issued	7/29/2020
7/29/2020	20-26	04.043.1	Kathryn & Warren McDermont	Replacement	Accessory Building	Issued	7/29/2020
9/1/2020	20-29	03.011	James Craig	New	Garage	Issued	9/1/2020
9/9/2020	20-30	03.029	Zachary Comeau	New	Garage	Issued	9/9/2020
9/9/2020	20-31	09.017	Andrew & Michele Warren	Addition	Garage		
9/25/2020	20-32	02.014	John & Lisa Marcus	New	Home Occupation	Issued	9/25/2020
9/25/2020	20-33	10.002	James Conroy	Addition		Issued	9/25/2020
10/7/2020	20-35	03.025.1	Monte Provencher	New	Accessory Building	Issued	10/7/2020
10/7/2020	20-36	07.049	Leo & Cheryl Connor	New	Agricultural	Issued	10/7/2020
10/7/2020	20-37	07.18	Blue Spruce Farm	New	Agricultural	Issued	10/7/2020
10/7/2020	20-38	04.061	Susan Ryan	Replacement	Home Occupation	Issued	10/7/2020
11/6/2020	20-44	10.022	Michael / Susan Ladue	New	Accessory Building	Issued	11/6/2020
12/10/2020	20-50	10.050	Dan Barnes	Addition	Agricultural	Issued	5/21/2020

CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

App. Date	Permit	Parcel	Property Owner		Nature of Work	Action and Date	
9/25/2020	20-34	08.054	Travus Whittemore	New			

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

Zoning Administrator's Annual Report

App. Date	Permit	Parcel	Property Owner	Nature of Work		Action and Date
3/2/2020	20-03	10.049	Rock & Sharon D'Avignon			Issued 3/2/2020
5/21/2020	20-08	02.014	John & Ann Hanson	Advisory		Issued 5/21/2020
6/3/2020	20-09	11.006	William Suhr			Issued 6/3/2020
6/3/2020	20-10	11.042	William Shur			Issued 6/3/2020
6/15/2020	20-15	11.013	Ronald & Donna O'neill			Issued 6/15/2020
6/17/2020	20-16	13.011	Roger & Susan Hayes			Issued 6/17/2020
6/25/2020	20-18	07.107	Colin & Cecelia Lindberg			Issued 6/25/2020
7/13/2020	20-20	06.081	Rheal Gevry			Issued 7/13/2020
7/13/2020	20-22	11.005	Susan Simmons			Issued 7/13/2020
7/21/2020	20-23	07.116	Joanne & Lisa Doorey & Campbell			Issued 7/21/2020
7/29/2020	20-27	05.037	Thomas & Judith Tower			Issued 7/29/2020
8/11/2020	20-28	04.055	Tom & Nancy Maxwell			Issued 8/11/2020
10/20/2020	20-39	07.117	Darwin & Carolyn Pratt Rouse			Issued 10/20/2020
10/29/2020	20-41	07.10-02	Andrzej Mlynareski	New	Residence	Issued 10/29/2020
10/29/2020	20-42	08.039	Mignonne St George			Issued 10/29/2020
11/2/2020	20-43	03.003	Ina Jo Clawson	Replacement	Residence	Issued 11/2/2020
11/6/2020	20-45	11.024.2	Jeremy Stocker		Residence	Issued 11/6/2020
11/11/2020	20-46	06.11.2	Kevin / Lyndsay Stocker	New	Residence	Issued 11/11/2020
12/3/2020	20-47	11.050.1	Jeffrey & Karen Wagner			Issued 12/3/2020
12/2/2020	20-48	07.120	Charles Alexander			Issued 12/3/2020
12/18/2020	20-53	13.004	Bartolomeo Mondo			Issued 12/18/2020

SUBDIVISIONS

App. Date	Permit	Parcel	Property Owner	Acreage	Type	Action and Date
11/15/2020	20-49	08.057.1	Clarence & Karen Deering	205	Minor Subdivision	Approved
12/10/2020	20-51	08.003	Theodore Markut	63	Minor Subdivision	Approved 08-Dec-20
12/14/2020	20-52	08.057.1	Clarence 7 Karen DEERING	200	Boundary Adjustment	Approved 14-Dec-20

BRIDPORT PLANNING COMMISSION 2020

The Bridport Planning Commission needs new volunteers as members to fill vacant seats on the board. Our meetings are usually short, informative and “to the point” with subdivision hearings and boundary line adjustments remaining the priority. The Bridport Planning Commission is instrumental while performing duties to ensure the dreams, decisions and desires of our neighbors can be accomplished in a timely manner. Legal and lending institutions, as well as surveyors and engineers rely on our date sensitive responses as a link in the process of land development, estate planning and eventually “up to date” mapping recorded at town and state offices. Three positions MUST be filled in the coming year to continue business as usual. Four members MUST be present at meetings to reach the quorum requirement. A special position as an alternate member will also be entertained with enthusiasm.

We recognize and commend Mark Pumiglia and Paul Miller for their many years of service, hard work and dedication. These folks brought valuable insight and foresight to the table. Speaking for all who served with these fellas, their presence will be sorely missed.

The Planning Commission activity was cut to about 25% due to COVID. With some of the challenges of 2020 behind us, we are optimistic that the pool of talent in Bridport can be tapped to meet the need. Talk to a town official, make a suggestion or volunteer yourself. New members are appointed by our select board. We thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Broughton, Chair



Welcome to Bridport sign and Town Office building after snow storm February 2020.

Photo by Irene Zaccor

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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Middlebury, VT 05753

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Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2020

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2020 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning municipal government.
- Represented the Region in Act 250 and Section 248 hearings.
- Assisted municipalities in applying for Village Center Designation.
- Worked with Ferrisburgh and Shoreham on their 2020 municipal planning grants to create housing
- Continued work on the update of the Population and Housing section of the regional plan.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops, Zoning Administrators Roundtables and monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics, including water quality, housing and planning essentials.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County’s Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC 8) and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning and training.
- Hosted Local Emergency Management Plan training for town Emergency Managers and hosted a Tier II workshop for municipalities and businesses required to report hazardous chemicals.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted in development of a hazard mitigation plan for the Town of Lincoln, and completion of FEMA requirements and acceptance for the Town of Ripton.
- Assisted communities in completing Local Emergency Management Plans to maintain ERAF status.
- Provided COVID-19 updates and information to Town Officials and Emergency Managers
- Assisted in developing a Mutual Aid agreement for Public Works Departments

Energy Planning:

- Assisted a Bristol, Panton New Haven and Shoreham in completing their enhanced energy plans and strengthening policies supporting renewable energy.
- Worked with five municipalities; Monkton, Panton, Salisbury, Vergennes and Weybridge through the process of regional approval of their Enhanced Energy Plans.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.
- Hosted 4 roundtables of municipal energy committees and coordinators

Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee’s regional priorities and studies.
- Supported Tri-Valley Transit/ACTR by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce road erosion inventories for local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, structures, and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for sidewalk construction projects in Middlebury and Weybridge.
- Sponsored town transportation planning studies, and supported municipal capital budget development.
- Hosted regional Walk/bike council and began planning for a future Bike/Ped Summit in Middlebury.

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

Addison
Lincoln
Salisbury

Bridport
Middlebury
Shoreham

Bristol
Monkton
Starksboro

Cornwall
New Haven
Vergennes

Ferrisburgh
Orwell
Waltham

Goshen
Panton
Weybridge

Leicester
Ripton
Whiting



Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Middlebury District, 2021

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

COVID-19

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

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

Additional Programs

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

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
 - Approximately 213,000* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season *(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
 - 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov
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2020 Dog Licenses Issued

80 Spayed Females and neutered Males	@\$9.00	\$720.00
16 Females and Males	@\$11.00	\$176.00
15 Spayed Females and neutered Males (late fee)	@\$13.00	\$195.00
1 Working dog	@\$5.00	\$5.00
0 Females and Males (late fee)	@\$17.00	\$00.00
1 Kennel Permit (variable)		\$46.00
TOTAL FEES		\$1142.00

License fees for 2021 will be \$9.00 for a spayed female or neutered male dog.

\$13.00 for a female or male dog.

\$11.00 for a spayed female or neutered dog after April 1, 2021.

\$17.00 for a female or male dog after April 1, 2021.

\$5.00 for a working dog.

Pet Dealer- dog license and additional \$25.00 before April 1, \$37.50 after April 1.

Breeding License- dog license and additional \$30.00 before April 1 for 1-10 dogs, \$45.00 after April 1. Over 10 dogs additional \$3.00 each before April 1, \$4.50 after April 1.

Dog licenses run from April 1st to March 31st of a given year.

REMEMBER THERE IS A LEASH LAW IN THE TOWN OF BRIDPORT

Failure to register your dog could result in fines, impoundment or both.

Visit www.bridportvt.org for our new Dog Policy and Ordinance.



2021 RABIES CLINICS for cats and dogs, being held at Tractor Supply Company stores.

CALL AHEAD TO BE SURE INFO IS CURRENT, and for possible dates later in the year.

Middlebury: 476 Foote St 05753 802-382-9292 TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 2.27.21 / 3.27.21

No. Clarendon: 1177 US Rte 7 So. 05759 802-747-4759 TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 2.25.21 / 3.25.21 / 4.22.21

Shelburne: 3708 Shelburne Rd 05482 802-985-4092 TIME: 1:00 – 2:30 2.27.21 / 3.27.21

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The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services, helps income challenged care-providers of cats & dogs neutered for \$27.00. The balance is paid ONLY by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, and put into a designated account.

VSNIP is now at “0” funding due to dogs not being registered at least by six months of age. Required by law, a rabies vaccination enables your dog to be licensed. While town offices may not be open to the public, dogs *can* be licensed. Call, provide the rabies certificate, include a check for that amount, and a SASE. **Rabies IS in Vermont and IS deadly.** Tractor Supply Stores are now holding monthly rabies clinics again! Call for their schedule.

Licensing a dog: 1) identifies your dog if lost, **2)** provides proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but would still need immediate medical attention}, **3)** provides current proof of inoculation if your dog bites another animal/person, which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for rabies **4)** helps support VSNIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT.

VSA §3590. List of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed states, in part ... the municipal clerk shall notify the owners or keepers of all dogs and wolf-hybrids named on the list that have not already been licensed or inoculated, and after May 30 shall furnish to the legislative body a list of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed or inoculated as required by law. **Owners shall also be notified that unlicensed or uninoculated dogs or wolf-hybrids may be impounded.** (No one want this, so vaccinate & register – for the protection of your animals and people!

For an application for VSNIP, send a SASE to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if this is for a cat, dog or both. 802-672-5302.

Dog Warden Report

In 2020, due to more folks being at home, I dealt with numerous barking dogs. I picked up 4 'out-of-towners'. These were all successfully returned to their owners.

If you see a dog on someone's property, please leave it there. If you have a question as to whether the dog belongs on that property, please call me, Jerry Forbes, at 802-458-2270.

If you can hear your dog barking outside, so can your neighbors.
Please be respectful of the people who live around you.

On December 9, 2019 the Select Board updated and adopted an ordinance regulating dogs and wolf-hybrids for the town of Bridport, in the entire town. The purpose of the ordinance is "to regulate the keeping of dogs and wolf-hybrids and to provide for their licensing, leashing, muzzling, restraint, impoundment and destruction and running at large, so as to protect the public health and safety of the Town and preserve the quiet enjoyment of its residents' homes and properties." The ordinance "includes various definitions, prohibited nuisances that include lack of current license and/or tag, running at large, failure to remove waste, unconfined dog in heat, disturbing the peace and potentially vicious dog. It requires current licensing. It has provisions governing reckless dog owner, impoundment, vicious dogs and potentially vicious dogs. It includes enforcement provisions that include penalties and costs."

Copies of the ordinance are available on the Town website
www.bridportvt.org.

Remember to put dog tags on your dogs. They are required and help us find you, the owner.

All dogs must be licensed by April 1st of each year.

Jerry Forbes, Dog Warden



Bridport Community Supper

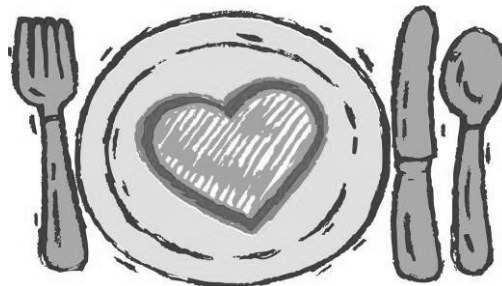
Our 12th season of bringing some food and community time to the town of Bridport, certainly did not end as we had anticipated. We always thought we would be cut short by not enough volunteers with food or help to supply the needs for the suppers, but no, we were cut off at the knees by Covid-19.

We can never really thank all the individuals that helped and the groups that sponsored a meal for us so faithfully for these last twelve years. There were 1502 meals served this season! Wow! All free of charge to anyone that wanted to enjoy. The Community Supper was a place to just come and see your neighbors and friends, enjoy a Friday night out with the whole family. Sometimes we were fortunate enough to have music, free of charge by The Pitch Benders, who allowed others to join in. Just good family fun. In total we served, 25,405 meals to our friends, and neighbors and were able to return for the use of the space, at least \$1,000.00 plus to the facility allowing us to serve our meals in.

We could never have done all this without the support of our local friends; Pratt's Store, Broughton's Farm Supply, Moose Rubbish and Recycling, Bridport Congregational Church, St. Bernadette's Parish, Bridport Grange, Bridport Masons, Bridport PTO, Bridport School Faculty and Staff, Mike's Fuels, Middlebury Lions Club, Town Line First Response, Middlebury College Newman's Club and Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, Bridport Fire, The Pitch Benders. Wow!!! What a list! Then there was also the Ranney family that helped serve the meals at a moment's notice, our ever faithful Bill Hadley with help sometimes by Marshall Atkins doing dishes, and Randy and Barb Palmer supplying with Monument Farm Milk, just to mention a few. If I missed anyone, it was not intentional. What a blessing! When we started, we just wanted to help feed anyone who wanted to be fed, no matter who or where you came from at no cost. A place that everyone was welcome not sponsored by any one individual or group, but by everyone. I think we succeeded. We have been blessed.

Thank You and Stay Safe

Submitted by Co-organizers,
Barbara Wagner & Katie Welch



COMMUNITY DINNER

Bridport Historical Society
2020

All our plans for 2020 were put on hold. We will be gathering together in February to plan meetings and exhibits for 2021. In the meantime, there are still many Bridport stories to share. The following is a story written by Elizabeth Hamilton (1896 – 1953). She was a grammar school teacher here in Bridport for many years. She used Vermont history and Bridport history to the benefit of all her students.

The First Telephone in Bridport

The first telephone in Bridport was started in 1898. There were 16 stockholders. The line started near Lake Champlain at Mr. Albert Preble's. From there it went to Mr. Bailey's store (on the lake shore at the end of Crown Point Road, just below Jon Rigg's). It then crossed over the fields to Mr. Wilcox's house (on Middle Road, formerly the Norris farm, now Andre Vorsterveld's). Mr. Wilcox was a stockholder. Then it went up to William Wheeler's (Darwin Pratt's rental house near the elementary school). The line then crossed over to Dr. Blaisdell's (formerly the Catholic Rectory) and proceeded on the Middlebury Road to Wilbur Hamilton's (the first house on Hemenway Road). There was no central office, so when the phone rang everyone on the line would pick up to see if they were being called.

The Historical Society meets on the third Thursday of each month, April through November. Most of our meetings take place at the Historical Society building on Route 22A. In December we hold an open house and special exhibit of some of our Bridport collection.

Over the years Bridport citizens have contributed over 1400 items to our collection. We have diaries, newspaper clippings, the complete records of the Bridport Telephone Company, which was established after the one described in the story above. We have account books, biographies, broadsides and posters of events that occurred in Bridport, cookbooks, letters, maps, art work relating to Bridport, Town Reports, and an extensive collection of photographs of people and places in Bridport.

We also have farm and household artifacts, baskets, bibles, books, bottles, dishes, furniture, all used in Bridport, some made in Bridport, chairs, chests, genealogies, hats, and personal items including everything from clay pipes to wooden shoes. We have portraits of Bridport citizens, iron ware, cheese presses, apple barrels, school books, sewing kits, silverware, souvenirs, tinware, tools and toys.

Our Textile collection is large. We have quilts, wedding dresses, children's clothing from the late 1800s, dresses made of silk, wool and cotton, veils, stockings made by Bridport women and military uniforms worn by Bridport men.

I've only skimmed the surface in this description of our collection. Feel free to call for an appointment to see the collection or to do research on your family or location.

For appointment contact Margaret Sunderland, 758-2654

President, Charlie Bain 758-2218
Vice President, Claire Huestis, 989-9282
Treasurer, Margaret Sunderland, 758-2654
Trustee, David Bronson, 758-2546
Trustee, Bob Huestis, 758-2445
Trustee, Andrew Manning, 758-2457

Lemon Fair Insect Control District 2020 Annual Report

The Lemon Fair Insect Control District (“LFICD”) provides adult and larval mosquito surveying and larvicide treatment services in the Lemon Fair River valley for the towns of Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge which provide funding. We work closely with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture which provides additional funding for our field analysis and treatment. We do not conduct adult mosquito treatment but instead attempt to destroy larvae before they become adults. Additional information (including monthly meeting minutes) is available on our website (<http://www.lfcd.org/>).

2020 Field Report from Craig Zondag, Field Coordinator/Biologist

The 2020 mosquito season was quiet. Drought conditions interrupted the breeding cycle for most of our mosquito species. In 2019, we trapped over 48,000 mosquitoes. In 2020, a little over 6,000 mosquitoes were trapped and approximately 80% were *Coquillittidia perturbans* (“Cattail Species”). Ironically, the cattail habitats we traversed throughout the summer were dry. The Lemon Fair River never flooded its banks. Larval surveillance was limited to spring/winter thaw conditions.

The LFICD created a College Internship program in 2020. The interns were Ryan Pratt, who graduated from UVM in May 2020 with a BA in Biology and a Business Administration Minor and Olivia Olson, Middlebury College (Feb. ’22) Candidate for BA in Biology and German. The Interns assisted with data collection and analysis. They both were also a significant help in fulfilling State Grant Agreement requirements for Pesticide Use and Resistance Monitoring. I am grateful for the two interns that participated in this year’s program. We wish them well as they journey forward.

Earlier in the year I became certified as successfully completing the Vermont online training in workplace COVID-19 protection. We installed a plexiglass barrier at the lab table where our microscope work takes place. Appalachian Gap Distillery donated a gallon of disinfectant to keep surfaces and lab equipment wiped regularly (“weekly deep cleaning”) which we very much appreciated. Masks were required in the lab as was regular hand cleaning. A limit of no more than three people can occupy the space of the lab at one time. It is likely we will still be deploying the same COVID-19 protocols for 2021.

Our in-person outreach and educational programs were cutback by COVID-19. However, we still maintained our mosquito complaint line and our website, which contains the field data that triggers our treatment program. We provided a news article for the Addison Independent.- Due to dry conditions this year, we spent time in the field identifying “hot spots” for sustained seasonal mosquito activity. Please visit the web site for updates.

Funding

In light of Covid-19’s adverse impact on the Vermont’s finances, we learned that our 2021 Grant Agreement would be renewed for only one quarter, 6/30/20 to 9/30/20 for \$17,500 or 25% of our annual \$70,000 allocation. This would have been a problem given that the bulk of our \$70,000 is spent in the summer months when mosquitoes are active. Fortunately, with the assistance of the VAA and our legislators, the remaining \$52,500 was renewed for 10/1/20 to 6/30/21.

Lemon Fair Insect Control District 2020 Annual Report

Board and Staff

Bridport: Dinah Bain (Treasurer), Judd Markowski, Alissa Shethar. Cornwall: Chris Chapline (Secretary), David Dodge (Chair), Wendy Lynch. Weybridge: Gary Rodes. Chuck Burkins (Bridport) and Melissa Lourie (Weybridge) left the board in 2020 and we thank them for their service. We were fortunate to have Judd Markowski of Bridport join the board. Judd was a LFICD field technician for several summers. We still need two additional board members from Weybridge.

We very much appreciate the diligence and hard work of our Field Coordinator, Craig Zondag and look forward to working with him in 2021. We also were pleased to have our interns and we intend to keep the program in place for 2021.

Attachment: LFICD 2021 budget and notes.



Henry Lawton and Dan Brown collecting sap on Town Green
February 2020

Photo by Irene Zaccor

Lemon Fair Insect Control District	Budget Calendar Year 2020	Actuals Calendar Year 2020	Budget Calendar Year 2021
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See Accompanying Budget Notes

Beginning Period Cash (Approximate)	\$ 97,702.30	\$ 63,965.54	\$ 104,890.00
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INCOME

VAA IPM* Reimbursement	\$ 77,943.58	\$ 80,599.59	\$ 83,443.62
VAA Treatment Reimbursement	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	
Member town assessments:			
Bridport	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Cornwall	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Weybridge	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Donation		\$ 150.00	\$ -
Interest	\$ 9.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 120,952.58	\$ 98,755.59	\$ 101,449.62

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$ 218,654.88	\$ 162,721.13	\$ 206,339.62
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EXPENSES

Payroll incl workers comp	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 43,798.17	\$ 48,333.24
Mileage		\$ 1,829.38	\$ 1,998.10
Lab Exp, IPM supplies	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 5,589.86	\$ 5,984.00
Software	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Treatment	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
Larvicide	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
NMCA Conference	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 500.00
Trailer operations: electricity, repairs	\$ 530.00	\$ 672.28	\$ 700.00
Larvicide loaders, trucking - treatment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Trailer: airport lease	\$ 118.63	\$ 118.63	\$ 118.63
Misc. - public outreach	\$ 450.00	\$ 458.34	\$ 460.00
Admin - stamps, PO box, checks, offc supp	\$ 200.00	\$ 322.47	\$ 180.00
Licenses and permits	\$ 135.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
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REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES	\$ 126,933.63	\$ 53,324.13	\$ 101,308.97
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Legal fees and services	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Review of accounts - FY2020/2021	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Insurance: Operations, Supervisory Board	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,307.00	\$ 3,436.65

UNREIMBURSABLE EXPENSES	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 4,507.00	\$ 4,886.65
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 132,183.63	\$ 57,831.13	\$ 106,195.62
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Ending Period Cash (Approximate)	\$ 86,471.25	\$ 104,890.00	\$ 100,144.00
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*IPM is Integrated Pest Management

Lemon Fair Insect Control District (“LFICD”) 2021 Budget Notes

1. **Background:** The LFICD provides mosquito larval survey and treatment services in the Lemon Fair River valley for Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge. Larvicide treatment is provided by hand or aerially following an analysis of conditions with reimbursement from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture (“VAA”). Additional information is available on our website (<https://www.lficd.org/>).
2. **Fiscal Year:** The VAA fiscal year (“FY”) is 7/1 to 6/30. The LFICD FY is 1/1 to 12/31.
3. **Treatment Acreage:** The LFICD’s 2021 budget assumes one full aerial treatment for the Lemon Fair Valley (1,000 acres) in Cornwall, Bridport and Weybridge. Previous years’ actual aerial treatment acreage: none in 2020, none in 2019, none in 2018, 1,128 in 2017, none in 2016, 2015, and 2014; 720 in 2013; 2,689 in 2012; 5,256 in 2011; 1,784 in 2010; 5,096 in 2009.
4. **Aerial Larviciding:** We will continue to use 3rd party helicopter services for aerial larviciding including JBI Helicopter of Pembroke, NH and North Fork Helicopter of Long Island, NY. We will also conduct hand treatment when and where necessary.
5. **Grant Agreement:** We operated under a 3-month Grant Agreement from 7/1/20 to 9/30/20 while the state determined budget needs under the Covid-19 crisis. Beginning on 10/1/20 our Grant Agreement was renewed for 9 months until the end of the VAA’s fiscal year on 6/30/21. The two Grant Agreements covering 7/1/20 to 6/30/21 total \$70,000 but do not include 2019’s special \$25,000 allocation for treatment (which we did not use). All VAA reimbursements are subject to a 25% in kind or cash matching from the LFICD.
6. **Revenue:** The LFICD’s FY 2021 budgeted revenue is \$101,449.62 and consists of \$6,000 each from Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge and \$83,443.62 from the VAA. The VAA’s \$83,443.62 is \$13,443.62 greater than the Grant Agreement’s \$70,000 and reflects timing differences between reimbursement requests and payment. FY 2020 actual revenues were \$22,346.99 less than projected due to no larvicide treatment reimbursement. VAA reimbursements can be used for aerial larviciding, larvicide purchases, field surveying, adult trapping and specie identification and capital expenditures.
7. **Expenses:** The FY 2021 budget assumes one, 1,000-acre aerial treatment for a cost of \$25,000 with larvicide purchases totaling \$15,000. Other expenses including payroll are budgeted for \$50,331.34 compared to 2020’s actuals of \$45,627.55.
8. **Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury Goshen and Pittsford District (“BLSG”):** Whenever possible, we will attempt to coordinate same day treatments with the BLSG. However, the BLSG mosquito habitat (Otter Creek flood plain, wooded lakes and ponds) does not always generate the same treatment needs as the LFICD mosquito habitat (Lemon Fair flood plain).



ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 21 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate appointed by each of the member municipalities. The Board regularly meets virtually (due to the ongoing pandemic) on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM, and the Executive Board meets monthly 8 days prior to the Board meeting. All meetings are open to the public.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333 **Fax:** (802) 388-0271 **Website:** www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org
E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org **Transfer Station Hours:** M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM
Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM **HazWaste Center Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website. The office is closed to visitors due to the pandemic, but staff can be reached via phone, e-mail, text, and mail.

2020 Highlights

COVID-19. The year 2020 has been a difficult year, requiring the flexibility to adapt to the pandemic that disrupted all of the lives of our community residents and businesses. The District staff have been working diligently, despite the risk, toward maintaining the solid waste management and collection system during these challenging times. Deemed an "essential business" by the Dept. of Homeland Security, and state and local emergency declarations, the District has been following the guidance on how to protect our staff and customers while providing essential services. On March 30th – May 18th, the District Transfer Station was forced to limit residents to food scraps only. The *Reuse It or Lose It!* Centers were closed until further notice. Thankfully, the Transfer Station was able to continue servicing businesses and commercial haulers without interruption.

Waste Diversion. The VT Universal Recycling Law instituted a landfill ban of food scraps as of 7/1/2020. All generators had to begin diverting food scraps, either through backyard composting, through a commercial hauler, or at a waste facility. The District has been busy working with its residents, haulers, schools, institutions, and businesses to comply with the new mandate. As a result, the District has collected an average of 14,500 lbs. per week, a 200% increase since the ban took effect.

Recycling. The decline in market prices for most recyclables continued in 2020. The District has been able to absorb the recycling losses, estimated to reach \$35,000+ this year. However, the District's commitment to recycling remains steadfast. VT Act No. 69 mandates took effect on 7/1/2020. Single-use expanded polystyrene food service products are banned, along with single-use plastic carryout bags. Expanded polystyrene food service products are not allowed to be sold in VT. Plastic straws are available upon request only, and plastic stirrers are banned. A study committee was formed to further examine ways to manage packaging and printed materials.

Product Stewardship. The District has continued to be a strong advocate for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws as a method of controlling costs and keeping unwanted and banned items out of the landfill. EPR laws help distribute the cost of recycling and safe management of these products among industry, government, and consumers. The District continues to serve as a Collector under Vermont's EPR programs for electronics, mercury-containing lamps, primary cell batteries, and architectural paints.

Illegal Burning/Disposal. The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2020 to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. The District served again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, assisting the many area volunteers who organized collection of roadside litter, and providing bags and gloves. Green-up Day collection totals were lower this year, with an event delay and a drop in participation rates due to the pandemic. The District subsidized the disposal of 6.09 tons of roadside trash, 10.81 tons of tires, and various other abandoned items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$2,293.

2021 Annual Budget

The District adopted a 2021 Annual Budget of \$3,818,063, an 8.35% increase. The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$130/ton (\$8 minimum fee) for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will increase to \$125/ton. Residential food scraps will be \$1 per 5 gallons or less. Business Food Scraps will increase to \$15 per 32-gal unit and \$20 per 49-gal unit. Leaf & Yard Waste greater than 3 cu.yds. will increase to \$20. Rates on some other items will have nominal increases. The prices of green food scrap buckets, Soil Savers, kitchen collectors and blue recycling bins will also increase. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2021.** For a copy of the full 2020 Annual Report and Adopted 2021 Annual Budget and Rate Sheet, please give us a call, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

Fire Warden Report 2020

What a year 2020 has been. We had 154 burn permits this year in very dry conditions, with a few wild fire incidents. Corey and I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and understanding with everything that has happened this past year. Hopefully 2021 is new beginnings. With that being said, let's keep up the good work of working together. Neighbor helping neighbor, that's what Bridport is all about

Bruce Stocker Fire Warden
Corey Pratt. Asst. Fire Warden

Central Cemetery Work Done Photos



During 2020 David Bronson, Kim Bronson and Paul Wagner put in a total of 440 hours labor to clean, re-straighten and mortar patch gravestones in Central Cemetery. See the Cemetery Commissioners' Report for details on this massive project.

Thank you David, Kim, and Paul!

Photos courtesy of
Margaret Sunderland



BRIDPORT VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT BRIDPORT, VT 05734

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

In 2020 Bridport Fire Department responded to 27 fire/motor vehicle accidents. We responded to 27 Townline First Response calls with our utility and manpower. We had 4 mutual aid calls to assist Addison Fire and 2 to Shoreham. In total the department averaged 754 man hours responding to calls.

Our current officers are Chief Dusty Huestis, Assistant Chief Chris Gordon, and 2nd Assistant Chief Chuck Welch, 1st Captain Rayne Plante, 2nd Captain Amanda Doughty 3rd Captain Corey Pratt. The Traffic Officer is Bruce Stocker, Treasurer is Chuck Welch, and Secretary is Dan Thomas.

The Department would like to thank Townline First Response for responding to our calls and helping to keep us safe during incidents. Thank you to our neighboring Departments for offering mutual aid when needed. Thank you, Missy Audet our local dispatcher. Thank you to Shelburne Dispatch for dispatching our calls.

For all the hours spent on calls, training, fund raising and working on equipment a huge thanks to all our members.

We would like to thank the community for all the support we get throughout the year. Due to Covid-19 we were not able to do the fundraising. The townspeople were very good with generous donations to the fire department.

We would like to welcome four new members to the department: Colby Beinhaur, Wyatt Laberge, Gabe Laberge, Chaz Welch, and Rick Warren this year. We have 4 members in School firefighter one.

We have purchased one new MSA air pack and 4 new sets of fire Gear.

We would like to thank the Audet Family for the use of the Welch farmhouse for training throughout this year.

On a lighter note with covid-19 the Bridport Fire Department along with Townline First Response would like to welcome Baby Maxwell into this world. He was born on Rt. 125 on the way to Porter Medical Center. (Good job to the members of both departments.)

We are going to have another gun raffle this year.

We are looking for dedicated and enthusiastic new members. Anyone interested in joining the department can contact any Bridport Fire member or attend one of our meetings held the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm at the Fire Station.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Dusty Huestis, Bridport Fire Department

Dan Thomas, Secretary

BRIDPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT
2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Total Funds Available 1-1-2020	45,080.69
Deposits:	
Town Funds	15,000.00
Work detail	2,154.51
Fundraising	179.00
Donations (\$16,236.00 from letter drive)	21,447.00
Interest Income	14.90
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Expenses:	
Equipment Purchased	28,678.51
Communications	9,331.61
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,026.03
Building Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
Dues	802.00
Education & Training Expenses	45.00
Operation Expenses	8,099.31
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Total Funds Available 12-31-2020	35,893.64
(Includes 1035.00 in Chuck Huestis Training Fund)	

Middlebury Regional EMS
 55 Collins Dr., Middlebury VT 05753
 802-388-3286

Amount Requested: **\$12,180**

Income:		
From Federal Taxes	0%	
From State Taxes	0%	
From Municipal Taxes	2%	
From Donations	3%	
Other	95%	
Total Annual Income:		\$1,951,418
		(\$ 300,000) in renewables
Total		<u>\$1,651,418</u>

Major Expenses:	Personnel	\$962,710
	Facility	122,962
	Operations	263,330
	Administration	158,812
	Uncollectable billing write-off	<u>137,474</u>
Total Expenses		\$1,645,288

Middlebury Regional Emergency and Medical Services has been honored to be a part of your community for the past 50 years. A true calling, our amazing staff consisting of friends and neighbors, as EMT's, AEMT's, Paramedics, First Responders, Heavy Rescue Technicians, and Dispatch professionals, have been there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, responding to nearly 3000 calls this year alone. Our dedicated staff have taken unprecedented safety measures during these challenging times to ensure not only the safety of the crews and community, but the individuals that have needed our help. Our crews are prepared to respond at a moment's notice to provide cutting edge, emergency response including Heavy Rescue, and prehospital care to any in need. Historically, we have provided coverage for many community events including football games, marathons, concerts, and fairs. MREMS works to be recognized as a community leader in determining and providing for the emergency healthcare needs of the community while remaining a financially healthy and viable nonprofit organization. We are grateful for the support of our towns and look forward to answering the call of our communities for the next 50 years.

Number of Bridport residents served in FY2020: **49**



2020 proved for Townline First Response to be a challenging one!
Navigating the safety of our responders and our community has been at the front of everything we do this year!

We continue to work towards improving the care we provide to our patients and our community. The national and state requirements have again been revised for 2020 and the membership is striving to meet the increased hours and more detailed requirements of these changes. TLFRS has trained diligently on infectious disease protocols and processes to continue providing safe and adequate care during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have also had to increase personal protective equipment supplies for our team to safely enter people's homes keeping not only our membership but the houses we render aid to safe as well!

We have a few new EMT's who successfully passed their National Registry Exam in 2020! Townline First Response is always looking for new members to join the squad! If you are interested, or know someone else who is, please contact any member of the squad.

Importantly, Townline First Response was able to apply for Governor Scott's EMS Workforce Stabilization Program Grant and were awarded funding for our active members! Townline is a completely volunteer organization that the members are proud to be a part of and for them to be granted a small stipend of appreciation from the State of Vermont through the Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund is heartwarming!

Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have not been able to participate in our usual numerous community service activities that are so important to our towns but remain hopeful that these will resume in 2021!

We would like to express our appreciation and gratefulness to both Addison Fire Department and Bridport Fire Department for all of their help and support they provide to Townline as well. In addition to their fire emergencies, they also are responding to every medical emergency to provide us with our equipment that they carry on their utility truck as well as additional support to the patient and crew. We certainly can't express our gratitude towards all that they do! Thank you!

This year we are once again asking for \$8000.00 from each town to cover our operating costs. We are very grateful for the support and encouragement we receive from the towns of Addison and Bridport. Thank you!

The members of Townline would like to also take a moment to thank our families for their unending support and encouragement they give us as we work towards bettering ourselves, our care and assisting those in need at any hour of the day or night.

Stay well & stay safe,

Jessica Torrey, President

Townline First Response Squad

P.O.Box 82 Bridport VT 05734
 ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2020

Beginning Balance \$14,929.52
 Savings & Checking

	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>
INSURANCE	\$3,400.00	\$3,904.00	\$4,000.00
EQUIPMENT			
COMMUNICATION & REPAIR	\$6,000.00	\$378.00	\$20,000.00
DEFIB & CPR SUPPLIES	\$8,000.00	\$858.30	\$1,000.00
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$3,000.00	\$3,125.58	\$3,000.00
OXYGEN SUPPLIES	\$500.00		\$500.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	\$300.00	\$567.11	\$300.00
DISTRICT DUES	\$150.00		\$150.00
TRAVEL / EDUCATION / TRAINING	\$1,500.00		\$1,000.00
UNIFORMS & PROTECTION	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
ADMINISTRATION / OPERATING	\$1,000.00		\$500.00
FUNDRAISING	\$500.00		\$500.00
DISPATCH COMMUNICATION	\$2,000.00	\$1,811.15	\$2,000.00
MISC EXPENSES	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$30,550.00	\$10,644.14	\$37,150.00
INCOME FOR 2020			
DONATIONS	\$2,050.00		
FUNDRAISING / MEMORIAL DONATIONS			
ADDISON TOWN SUPPORT	\$8,000.00		
BRIDPORT TOWN SUPPORT	\$8,000.00		
			Communication Budget \$ 20000.00 Due to adding a Communication Tower In Bridport
TOTAL CHECKING BALANCE	\$9,619.17		
TOTAL SAVINGS BALANCE	\$5,289.00		
LESS INSURANCE DUE MARCH 10TH	\$3,400.00		
TOTAL FUNDS REMAINING FOR THE 2021 OPERATIONS	\$11,508.17		

REQUESTED INCOME FOR 2021: ADDISON = \$8,000.00 BRIDPORT = \$8,000.00

Ending Balance \$14,908.17
 Savings & Checking

Social Service Ballot Requests Information*

*Additional information about these agencies is available at the Town Clerk's Office and from the agencies.

Addison Central Teens (ACT), 77 Mary Hogan Drive, PO Box 1115, Middlebury VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$1,900**, same as in 2020.

Addison Central Teens (ACT) teen center provides a safe and welcoming place for teens to socialize after school and throughout the year. The teens who attend the center make up a very diverse group. ACT hosts a variety of activities, including youth leadership development and training, summer camps, community service projects, wellness and exercise programs, field trips, mentoring and tutoring, camping and travel, fund-raising and entrepreneurial opportunities. At ACT the teens create and direct much of the activities and programming, and are pivotal in the running of the center.

Income: \$89,649. Expenses: \$88,256

Estimated number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **10**.

Addison County Economic Development Corp. (ACEDC), 1590 Rte. 7 South, Ste 8, Middlebury

Requested for 2021: **\$608**; same as in 2020.

Per VSA 24 [2781] "Principal purpose of ACEDC is to promote, organize or accomplish economic development including providing planning and resource development services to local communities, supporting existing industry, assisting the growth of new and existing small businesses and attracting industry or commerce to a particular economic region of the state."

ACEDC also provides loans and grants to businesses, holds workshops and trainings to support business needs, and connects businesses to other resources they need to stay strong and grow. We have worked with several Bridport businesses over the years and have connected with many more during the COVID pandemic. We also work with many businesses located elsewhere in Addison County that employ or are owned by Bridport residents.

Income: \$310,628 Expenses: \$227,282

Dozens, if not more, residents are impacted by our services when you add up those attending our workshops, receiving referrals to resources, & those Bridport residents who own or are employed by the Addison County businesses we assist.

Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc., PO Box 754, Rt. 7 North, Middlebury VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$2,500**, same as in 2020.

The mission of Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc. is to provide community focused high quality comprehensive home health care to residents of Addison County regardless of their ability to pay.

We have adjusted our practices because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We have incurred substantial unplanned expenses for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which keeps our employees, patients and the entire community safe. Our revenues dropped in the early days of the pandemic when patients were hesitant to have our employees in their homes. During all this, not one of our clinicians or aides said "I will not go" into a home where a patient or family (continued next page)

(ACHHH continued) member had Covid-19. They suited up in the appropriate equipment designed to keep them safe and they did exactly what they have done for more than fifty years – treated their patients with skill and kindness. In this regard, it has been business as usual at ACHHH.

Income: \$2.74 million Expenses: \$8,772,506

Number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **45 patients; 1490 visits.**

Addison County Humane Society, 236 Boardman St., Middlebury VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$500**; same as in 2020.

The mission of Homeward Bound, Addison County’s Humane Society, is to be a community-centered shelter that supports the human-animal bond through compassionate care, adoption, education, and advocacy.

We provide services to pets and their people throughout Addison County. We provide shelter and adoption services for approximately 900 animals per year; we operate a lost and found referral service; we offer spay/neuter to community feral cats; we provide humane education to schools and youth groups; we support law enforcement in investigating animal cruelty and neglect complaints, we work with local social service agencies to address the animal-related needs of victims of domestic violence and natural disasters, we offer microchipping, and we support low-income pet owners with food and other in-kind resources.

Income: \$820,865 Expenses: \$721,922

Number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **11** residents surrendered animals; **2** brought in stray animals; **3** animals were returned to residents; **5** residents adopted new pets from us; **2** residents used the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program; **3** residents enrolled in the low-income support program.

Addison County Parent/Child Center, PO Box 646, Middlebury VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$1,600**; same as in 2020.

The mission of the Parent/Child Center is to provide support and education to families and assure that our community is one in which all young children get off to the right start, with the opportunity to grow up healthy, happy, and productive. The center provides parenting education classes and workshops (on site and in neighboring communities), community playgroups, home visits, pregnancy prevention programs, job training, academic classes, transportation, and childcare.

Income: \$2,111,000 Expenses: \$2,111,000

Estimated number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **63.**

Addison County Readers, Inc., 2657 Hemenway Rd., Bridport VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$350**, same as in 2020.

Since 2008, Addison County Readers, Inc., an entirely volunteer organization, has sponsored the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Program, which mails a free quality book monthly to the homes of registered children. The annual cost to Addison County Readers, Inc. is approximately \$30 per child. The program is open to any child from age 0 to 5 who resides in Addison County.

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Having books in the home has been demonstrated to improve children's readiness and achievement in school. The National United Way website, as part of its education initiative, cites studies which show that reading is an essential gateway for children on the path to success in school and later in the workplace. It is the mechanism through which many other vital life skills are acquired and improved. Reading to children even before they can hold a book on their own is one of the smartest choices parents and caregivers can make. Speaking to an 8-month old infant improves vocabulary at age three (Hart and Risley, 1995).

Income: \$34,313 Expenses: 28,785

Estimated number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **38** children in last fiscal year; actual number in November 2020: **30** children.

Addison County Restorative Justice Services, 282 Boardman St., Suite 2E, Middlebury VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$400**, same as in 2020.

Our programs are designed with a Restorative Reparative focus: repairing harm and reducing recidivism. Our agency provides Court Diversion for Youth and Adult, Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program, Civil Driving License Suspended Program, Pretrial Services, Tamarack Services, Circles of Support and Accountability Programs (COSA), Reentry Program, Reparative Program, and Safe Driving Program.

Income: \$280,651.45 Expenses: \$270,451.45

Number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **5**.

Age Well, (formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging), 875 Roosevelt Hwy, Ste. 210, Colchester VT 05446.

Requested for 2021: **\$2,000**, same as in 2020.

Age Well's mission is to provide the support and guidance that inspires our community to embrace aging with confidence. Age Well is the largest Vermont Area Agency on Aging, providing meals, care & service coordination, and nutrition to older Vermonters. Those who are provided services through Age Well have increased access to healthy meals, in-home care, and community resources enabling them to remain healthier and more independent.

Income: \$6,527,703 Expenses: \$6,519,905

Number of Bridport residents served: **70**. They expect that number to increase to 80 during FY21.

American Red Cross NH VT, 32 North Prospect St., Burlington VT 05401.

Requested for 2021: **\$500**, same as in 2020.

Our mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of disasters by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. The most common disasters in Vermont are home fires. When we go to a home fire, we provide those affected with clothing, shelter, financial and emotional support.

Income: \$9,414,992 Expenses: \$9,414,922

We were not called to respond to any Bridport home fires in 2020. We were on the scene at 7 disaster events throughout Addison County, where we provided services to 21 people.

Better Middlebury Partnership, PO Box 853, Middlebury, VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$1,000**. No request was filed in 2020.

Better Middlebury Partnership is dedicated to making the greater Middlebury area a thriving community. We host events, fund initiatives, provide business support and communication. We connect the municipalities to the business community, to the college and to the people that live here. Our intent and mission is to continue to make this a better place to live, work and play.

Income: \$40K Expenses: \$40K

Funds from Bridport would be for programs and to support business development.

Estimated number of Bridport residents served in 2020: The impacts of our organization are a bit less straightforward to measure than they would be for a traditional social service agency that has a set number of clients. A thriving shire town hub positively impacts all of us who live in the surrounding communities. We're happy to put the value of our benefit to Bridport at **100% of the population**.

Charter House Coalition, 27 North Pleasant St., Middlebury VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$1,000**, same as in 2020.

Charter House Coalition was founded in 2005 as a county wide volunteer based outreach to provide free meals, emergency housing, and personal support for adults and children throughout Addison County. The services we have needed to provide have been dramatically increased by COVID. Over the past year our volunteers and staff prepared 76,000 free meals for those who are food insecure and provided shelter and support services to over 230 children and adults from across our region. About 540 people from across Addison County benefited from these programs this past year. Neighbor helping neighbor is the foundation that drives all of this work.

Income: \$501,963 Expenses: \$404,412

Estimated number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **16**.

Counseling Service of Addison County, 89 Main St., Middlebury VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$1,750**, same as in 2020.

The Counseling Service of Addison County provides mental health, substance use recovery, and developmental services agency to the residents of Addison County. The agency serves children, adolescents, adults and families facing challenges and crises in their lives; individuals living with developmental disabilities and their families; people with severe and persistent mental illness; people seeking substance use recovery, and; elders experiencing depression, anxiety; and other mental health issues. CSAC collaborates with other community organizations to help individuals and families achieve maximum wellness. CSAC makes services available to all, regardless of ability to pay.

Income: \$24,020,309 Expenses: \$23,740,253

Number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **4,840.5** hours of service. (We do not disclose the specific number of people served in order to ensure client confidentiality.)

Elderly Services / Project Independence, 112 Exchange St., Middlebury VT. 388-3983

Requested for 2021 **\$0**. **\$700** was requested in 2020.

Due to the COVID pandemic, Elderly Services will refrain from our usual funding request at the 2021 Town Meeting. This is in deference to the financial pressure faced by state and local governments due to the pandemic.

During 2020, Elderly Services has developed a remote services model and offers residents of Bridport; Adult Day Center without Walls, online ESI College Lifelong Learning classes, counseling and advice for elders and families, education and respite referrals for caregivers, and geriatric needs evaluation and planning.

No Town funds requested this year, so no financials provided.

Number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **1** resident regularly attended Project Independence and **2** residents were students at our lifelong learning center, ESI College.

End of Life Services (formerly Hospice Volunteer Services), PO Box 772, 63 Maple St, Ste 8A, Middlebury VT 388-4111

Requested for 2021: **\$600**, same as in 2020.

End of Life Services exists to provide trained hospice volunteers to hospice patients and families in Addison County. EOLS recruits, trains, places and coordinates volunteers. EOLS maintains four ARCH respite care rooms at Porter Hospital and Helen Porter Nursing facility. EOLS also provides grief and bereavement support to the community and school systems, and education and outreach to promote a healthy understanding of death and grief.

Income: \$251,933 Expenses: \$278,990

Number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **12**

HOPE (Addison County Community Action Group – ACCAG), 282 Boardman St., Suite 1A, Middlebury VT. 388-3608

Requested for 2021: **\$1,250**; same as in 2020.

HOPE seeks to assist individuals and families in identifying and obtaining the resources that will help them meet their own basic needs. HOPE provides significant goods and services to people in need, including food, clothing, housing and heating fuel, medical items, job-related needs and more. We work to assist people in accessing information and developing new skills in order to become more empowered and have healthier and more stable lives.

Income: \$597,957 Expenses: \$573,144

Number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **117**.

John Graham Emergency Shelter, 69 Main Street, Vergennes VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$700**; same as in 2020.

For 39 years, the John Graham Shelter has served individuals and families as Addison County's only full-time homeless service provider. We provide food, shelter, housing, services and support to help transform lives, and prevention and intervention for people in crisis.

Income: \$690,850 Expenses: \$689,825

Estimated number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **30+**; difficult to say exactly because those we serve are homeless.

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, 110 Marble Street, West Rutland, VT 05777

Requested for 2021: **\$150**. No request was filed in 2020.

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont provides low-cost comprehensive HEAT Squad energy audits, energy loans to help homeowners make energy improvements, down payment assistance loans to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier, rehab. loans for homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes, provide homebuyer education, and provide financial coaching.

Income: \$1,695,793.32 Expenses: \$1,525,731.58 Figures are for 1/1-9/30/2020

Number of Bridport residents served in 2020: no specific numbers were provided for Bridport. Numbers (ranging from 13-168 homeowners or families for each service) are provided for the whole service area, which includes Addison, Bennington and Rutland counties.

Open Door Clinic, Community Health Services of Addison County, 100 Porter Drive, Middlebury, VT 388-0137

Requested for 2021: **\$850**, same as in 2020.

The Open Door Clinic provides access to health care services, free of charge, to uninsured and underinsured community members. It is our goal is to provide high quality health care until each patient can obtain insurance and find a permanent medical care home. We hold 7-10 clinics per month in Middlebury and Vergennes, provide help with health insurance, and through our outreach program provide medical visits, education and flu vaccines on 30-40 farms throughout Addison County.

Services provided include preventive, acute and chronic care of illnesses, dental screenings, preventive and restorative care, physical therapy, chiropractic services and dietary counseling, free lab work and x-rays through an agreement with Porter Medical Center, and enrollment in Vermont Health Connect (VHC) via our Navigator.

Income: \$490,781 Expenses: \$383,088

From January 1 – November 30, 2020, **54** Bridport residents received our services through 129 medical visits, 24 dental visits and 45 outreach visits.

Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main Street, Shoreham, VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$2,600**. Amount requested in 2020 was \$2,000.

The Platt Memorial Library is a small, rural public library. Like everyone else, we have experienced many challenges this year, and we continue to offer services that are essential to the community. We provide a wide selection of books, audiobooks, and DVDs for borrowing by cardholders. Our collection of over 14,800 items includes fiction and nonfiction for patrons of all ages. We have provided virtual programming this year, including a take-home Summer Reading Program that provided 485 activity bags, 609 activity sheets, 236 letters mailed to children, and 2,484 meals distributed in our community. Though we had to remove our deposit collection of popular fiction and nonfiction for check out at the Bridport Grange and Town Clerk's Office due to COVID-19 concerns, we will be putting that back into place as soon as it is safe to do so. Over the past few years we have seen a large increase in the number of Bridport (continued next page)

(Platt Library continued) residents who are using our building to check out materials, find information and ask questions, or use our public access computers and Wi-Fi. 8 years ago, we had 39 Bridport residents who were active card holders. Today we have 113 – a 13% increase over last year. This trend will continue to grow as we continue to expand our services. These 113 residents have checked out over 4,800 items since May of 2012, 1,189 of which are since January of 2019. This does not include the number of Bridport residents who take advantage of our online eBooks and downloadable audiobooks – we’ve seen circulation of that collection increase 41% over last year. During normal library operations, Bridport residents regularly attend storytime and special programs; they participate in our Summer Reading Program for youth, which includes free lunch to help mitigate summer hunger in our area. The per capita cost for the town of Shoreham remains around \$44, despite our increased usage. Our operating costs have increased and we are working hard to do more, while keeping our budget increases modest. Since Bridport does not have a public library, we are happy to help serve the community’s needs. We hope you support us financially in order that we may continue to do so.

Income: \$55,768 Expenses: \$52,338

Number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **113 +** uncounted patrons who may have used our virtual services.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Addison County, 79 Court Street, Suite 7, Middlebury VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$320**, same as in 2020.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the financial impact of COVID-19 on our organization and allow us to continue to respond to the increasing needs of the community.

RSVP is a volunteer management program which offers individuals of all ages the opportunity to share their experience, skills and time by volunteering for local non-profit organizations.

RSVP also oversees several free community outreach programs that benefit local residents. These include Bone Builders health and osteoporosis prevention classes offered twice per week at many locations throughout Addison County; the Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program which places volunteers in our schools; the Warm Hearts Warm Hands Initiative which distributes clothing items to local schools, hospitals, shelters, nursing homes and social service agencies; the RSVP/AARP Tax Program which provides income tax return preparation services to low income residents; and the Peaceful Packs Program which provides essential items to children/families in crisis.

Income: \$179,321.16 Expenses: \$167,021.71

Approximate number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **47 +**.

Through RSVP Bridport residents volunteered **3,500 hours** to support the community.

Any Bridport resident who received assistance from a local service organization benefited from the work RSVP volunteers do. Examples include receiving free meals at meal sites where our members volunteer, and receiving free transportation services from volunteers who drive for Meals on Wheels and Tri-Valley Transit (formerly ACTR).

Tri-Valley Transit (formerly ACTR), 297 Creek Rd., Middlebury VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$760**, same as in 2020.

Tri-Valley Transit's mission is to enhance the economic, social and environmental health of the region by providing public transportation services that are safe, reliable, accessible and affordable for everyone. Although many Tri-Valley services are available to the general public, our primary constituents in Bridport are elders, persons with disabilities and Medicaid recipients who have no ability to self-transport.

Income: \$5,675,000 Expenses: \$5,377,000

Over the past four years, provided an **average of 790 rides** annually to Bridport residents; unique Bridport residents served in FY20: **11**. Additionally, riders coming into Vergennes or Middlebury have access to an extensive shuttle bus system that can take them around the county, north to Burlington and south to Rutland.

Vermont Adult Learning - Addison, 282 Boardman Street, Middlebury VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$500**, same as in 2020.

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) offers a variety of learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. We work with each student to develop an individualized learning plan that includes a transition to further education or employment. We offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing and math, and classes for English Language Learners (ELL). Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes.

In addition, we are contracted by the Vermont Department of Children and Families to place and support Reach-Up participants in unsubsidized work experiences. Our programs are free and confidential.

Income: \$417,254 Expenses: \$423,254

Number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **5**

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 60 Kimball Ave, South Burlington VT.

Requested for 2021: **\$500**, same as in 2020.

Our mission is to enable Vermonters, whether blind or visually impaired, to be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life. We are the only private non-profit organization to provide services to all Vermonters who are blind or visually impaired state-wide. Our services include rehabilitation, orientation and mobility training, assisted technology, peer support meetings, and a volunteer transportation program.

Income: \$3,499,858 Expenses: \$3,553,089

Number of Bridport residents served in 2020: We did not serve any Bridport residents in FY20, however, we did serve 53 adults and 13 students in Addison County. The specific locations that we provide services in has to do only with demand for our services / where our clients are located; if any Bridport resident requested our services, we would be happy to assist them, and have served Bridport residents in the past.

Vermont CARES, PO Box 5248, Burlington VT 05402.

Requested for 2021: **\$200**, same as in 2020.

The mission of Vermont CARES is to “improve the quality of life, create compassionate communities and prevent the spread of HIV by working with people affected by HIV/AIDS as catalysts for social and individual change.” One hundred percent of our time and resources are devoted to HIV-related work, providing prevention outreach, direct client services and education services across ten of the fourteen counties in the state of Vermont.

Income: \$916,990 Expenses: \$896,239

Estimated number of Bridport Residents served in 2020: **1%**

Vermont Center for Independent Living, 11 East State Street, Montpelier VT 05602.

Requested for 2021: **\$190**, same as in 2020.

Since 1979, the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently.

Due to the pandemic VCIL has a new temporary program that provides financial help and/or equipment for needs directly related to COVID-19.

Income: \$3,373,446 Expenses: \$3,373,446

Number of Bridport Residents served in 2020: **1**

Vermont Family Network, 600 Blair Park, Suite 240, Williston VT 05495.

Requested for 2021: **\$250**; same as in 2020.

The mission of Vermont Family Network is to empower and support all Vermont families of children with special needs. Through our Family Support Program, we offer families a variety of services such as trainings, parent matches, school meeting support, and a help-line. Our Family Support Consultants are all experienced parents of children with special needs, allowing them to relate to and understand the unique needs of families dealing with the special needs of their children.

Income: \$1,180,511 Expenses: \$1,280,184

Number of Bridport residents served in 2020: **3 families**.

WomenSafe, PO Box 67, Middlebury VT 05753.

Requested for 2021: **\$1,250**, same as in 2020.

WomenSafe works toward the elimination of physical, sexual and emotional violence against women and children through direct service, education and social change. We do this through our 24-hour hotline, advocacy, transitional housing program, supervised visitation program, education and outreach.

Income: \$962,546 Expenses: \$960,893

Number of Bridport residents served in 2020: at least **8**, including the parents of at least **8** children who were exposed to violence.

BRIDPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The disequilibrium that every member of our community has felt this year cannot be overstated. Although we have always prided ourselves on our commitment to social and emotional learning, this year has tested us in ways we never imagined. Throughout the pandemic our teachers and staff have been steadfast in their commitment to our students and families. Our students have risen to every challenge, and our families have been strong supporters of learning, whether remote, hybrid, or in-person.

In the midst of the challenges associated with the pandemic we have also been preparing our fifth and sixth graders for the transition to middle school. We have been teaching our youngest learners to take care of each other, to be curious, and to explore letters and numbers. We have utilized outdoor spaces in new ways and we have continued our exploration into Farm to School. In other words, we have continued to be a community of learners. The formal recognition of our commitment to our students came to us in the form of being recognized as an IB World School! This recognition is the culmination of the hard work of our teachers and staff as well as my predecessor, Jen Paquette. Jen's work and leadership were crucial to our school's success with IB, and I am grateful to her and excited to continue the work.

The hard work of our teachers, families and students have mitigated the challenges caused by the pandemic, but we know there is more work to be done. In the coming months and years, we will need to vigilantly work to make sure every student is able to recover fully from the setbacks we have endured this year. It is with a sense of optimism as well as urgency that we look forward to a new school year and continuing the work of supporting every student and making up the ground that we have lost this year.

Matthew Brankman, Principal

**BRIDPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL
FY22 Budget Summary**

Account	FY21 Budget	FY22 Proposed Budget	% Difference
Direct Instruction	474,583	527,344	11.12%
Pre-K Program	95,544	99,659	4.31%
Guidance	67,583	117,928	74.49%
Occupational/Physical Therapy	1,600	1,600	0.00%
Nurse	33,404	20,411	-38.90%
Library Media	28,047	28,926	3.13%
Administration	176,436	191,370	8.46%
Transportation-Field Trips	3,000	3,000	0.00%
Debt Service	42,614	41,232	-3.24%
Fund Transfers to Food Service	15,000	15,000	0.00%
Total Budget	937,811	1,046,470	11.59%

Notes:

No FTE changes reflected in any area of the budget.

Direct Instruction - Increases in wages and benefits. No FTE changes.

Guidance - No FTE changes. Purchased behavioral services reclassified here from Direct Instruction.

Nurse - No change in FTE. Reflective of grants vs. general fund split.

Additional Information for Bridport Central School

In 2016 the Addison Central School District, which includes Bridport, voted to consolidate the governance of the School District. This means that all the member schools are now governed by a single board that presides over a global K-12 budget. Specific information about Bridport Central School is compiled jointly with information about the other schools in the District. Information specific to Bridport is available alongside that of the other schools in each report, but not separately.

The District does not include teachers/staff names, positions and salaries in the budget book.

To access information about Bridport Central School and the Addison Central School District that is not printed in the Bridport Town Report, go to the ACSD Annual Report and Budget Book online:

<https://www.acsdvt.org/domain/30>

From the list on the left side, click on: ACSD Annual Reports and Budget Books.

Then select and click on the Report you wish to view.

To request a printed copy of the ACSD Annual Report, call 802-382-1274.



The May 2020 version of a parade. Most school teachers, fire engines, and more drove around town honking and hollering. They were wishing the kids well and telling them they were thinking of them...especially the ones moving on to the Middle School.
Photo by Irene Zaccor

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The conditions within which we have built the FY22 budget have been unprecedented, both regarding the impact of the pandemic and the fiscal challenges we face as a community. This is our first unified budget that exceeds the excess spending threshold, and much of our work on this FY22 budget has been focused on stabilizing resources and looking at ways to meet the challenges ahead as we expect our yearly staffing and health care costs to outpace increases in the threshold. The objective with this budget has been to maintain vital services and provide time to consider how we face the fiscal challenges in FY23 and beyond. We expect much work at the state and federal levels focused on recovery and education funding over the next year to address fiscal challenges brought on by the pandemic.

This budget represents the culmination of work that began many years ago, with our initial study of creating a 6-8th grade middle school. Over the last 18 months, MUMS teams and staff have been looking at all facets of this change, including how to maintain key aspects of what makes MUMS such a strong experience for students. Throughout this process, we have remained firm in our belief that we will see consistent student enrollment numbers after a steady decline over the last 10 years. We are excited to welcome our 6th grade students to a three-year experience at MUMS that will provide them with access to all of the great opportunities of the middle school experience.

We couldn't have gotten through this year without the support of our community. Meeting the challenges of this budget - and the challenges we'll face in the future - will continue to require the commitment to our students and their success that we've always carried in supporting our schools and each other. Thank you for being an active part of the ACSD community.

Sincerely,
Peter Burrows, Superintendent
Addison Central School District

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIR

As our district continues to focus on meeting the needs of all students, our 2021–2022 school budget reflects the ongoing challenges we face with decreasing enrollment and increasing costs. Our work to stabilize our financial foundation remains critical, as it affords us the opportunity to meet our challenges head-on and provide the necessary services and resources to our entire learning community.

The ACSD 2021–2022 budget sees a decrease in education spending of 0.59% from the prior year. This brings our estimated per pupil spending to \$18,936.57, representing a 0.34% increase over the prior year. For the first time, the ACSD Board has decided to use reserve funds to bring our budget under the spending threshold. Included in general fund revenues is \$550,000 of unassigned reserve funds. Without use of these funds, ACSD's education spending per equalized pupil threshold would have been \$19,254.39, which exceeds the spending threshold by \$309 per pupil after exemptions. Unfortunately, such an overage would cause significant additional tax burdens on our community. While this use of fund balance provides a short-term solution, use of reserve funds in this capacity provides one-time revenue to address ongoing costs. We will need to remain focused on bringing our costs in line with available funding.

The ACSD Board is committed to providing an outstanding education to all students. We are also committed to doing so in a fiscally responsible manner. Our socio-economic diversity, our commitment to responsible leadership and our commitment to our community fuels both intentions. The Facilities Master Planning process of the past four years demonstrates the complexity of our challenges, but also the opportunity for sustainable solutions. The Board wants to thank our community members who have shared their perspectives, frustrations, and ideas. Civil discourse is at the root of our democracy and more important now, than ever. Please know, your inputs continue to inform our decisions as we move ahead, and we look forward to working together as we finalize the plan.

Our education system is the root of our strength as a state and as a local community. We encourage you to voice your concerns not only locally, but at the state level as well. No one institution can solve the challenges we face. Health care costs, increasing tax burdens, declining populations are foundational issues that must be addressed at national and state levels. Your voice matters, and we are committed to working together to be part of the solution.

This past year, we have once again demonstrated our strength. Efforts from our community partners who have helped us deal with the unfathomable challenges caused by the pandemic, our educators, service providers and support staff who have had to re-engineer classroom instruction and find new ways to support the development of our children, and our families and friends who have had to deal with profound pressures and uncertainty, each done so with determination and purpose. For this, and so much more, the Board thanks you for your commitment to education and for providing hope as we move forward.

Mary Cullinane, Board Chair
Addison Central School District

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Year to Year Budget Summary

Expenditures		FY21 Revised Budget	FY22 Proposed	% Change
General Fund	Student Instruction/Support, Regular Education	22,269,766	22,853,852	2.62%
	Student Instruction/Support, Special Education	5,519,553	5,118,343	-7.27%
	Universal Pre-K	496,080	523,328	5.49%
	Technical/Career Center Education	1,246,668	1,189,696	-4.57%
	Transportation	925,509	1,064,286	14.99%
	Facilities	3,264,353	3,279,782	0.47%
	Technology	1,116,957	1,138,035	1.89%
	Board and District Administration	1,949,298	2,001,456	2.68%
	Professional Development/Curriculum	627,476	603,976	-3.75%
	Debt Service	333,405	176,413	-47.09%
Other Funds	Consolidated Federal Program	1,395,768	1,519,600	8.87%
	Special Education Federal Grant Expenditures	580,337	625,694	7.82%
	Medicaid/MAC	183,907	198,315	7.83%
	Special Funds	60,165	60,165	0.00%
	Total Expenditures	39,969,243	40,352,941	0.96%
Separately Warned Articles	Special Article - Ed Reserve Fund	1,282,303	0	
	Special Article - Capital Reserve Fund	0	623,744	
Revenues	General Fund	4,784,896	5,179,060	8.24%
	Federal Grant Funds	1,976,105	2,145,294	8.56%
	Other Funds	183,907	198,315	7.83%
	Special Funds	60,165	60,165	0.00%
	Total Revenues	7,005,073	7,582,833	8.25%
	Prior Year Fund Balance	1,282,303	1,173,744	
Total Local Education Spending	Education Spending	32,964,170	32,770,107	-0.59%
	Equalized Pupils	1,746.74	1,730.52	-0.93%
	Education Spending/Equalized Pupil	18,871.82	18,936.57	0.34%

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FY22 Tax Calculation

Our total Local Education Spending amount of \$32,770,107 is the first and only figure used in calculating our tax rate that we have control over. The other components in the formula are supplied by the Tax Department or Agency of Education.

All figures are subject to changes by the State Legislature

Projected Property Yield:	\$11,385
Projected Income Yield:	\$13,572
Projected Non-residential rate:	\$ 1.64
Projected Spending Threshold:	\$18,789
ACSD Equalized pupils:	1,730.52

ACSD Tax Rate Calculation

Local Education Spending	\$32,770,107
Divided by Equalized Pupils	<u>÷ 1,730.52</u>
Education Spending/Equalized Pupil	\$18,936.57

Education Spending / Equalized Pupil	\$18,936.57
Divided by the Property Tax Yield	<u>÷ \$11,385</u>
Equalized District tax rate	\$1.66

Equalized District tax rate	\$1.66	
Less the consolidation incentive	- \$0.02*	*incentive decreases \$.02 each year*
Estimated District tax rate	<u>\$1.64</u>	(pre CLA adjustment)

.03 decrease from current year

The estimated District tax rate is divided by each Town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) as set by the VT Department of Taxes to determine each Town's estimated tax rate.

<u>Town</u>	<u>ACSD Tax Rate</u>	<u>CLA (FY22)</u>	<u>Estimated Town Tax Rate</u>	<u>Change</u>
Bridport	\$1.64	92.13%	\$1.78	+0.04
Cornwall	\$1.64	93.59%	\$1.76	+0.03
Middlebury	\$1.64	100.00%	\$1.64	+0.02
Ripton	\$1.64	89.78%	\$1.83	-0.04
Salisbury	\$1.64	87.88%	\$1.87	+0.07
Shoreham	\$1.64	98.30%	\$1.67	-0.04
Weybridge	\$1.64	96.62%	\$1.70	-0.04

WARNING
ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING
FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Member Towns are Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Weybridge

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby notified of the Virtual Public Information Hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM, to discuss Australian Ballot articles warned for vote on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Virtual connection details may be found on the ACSD Website: <https://www.acsdvt.org>

Linda J. Barrett, ACSD Clerk
Addison Central School District

Mary Cullinane, ACSD Chair
Addison Central School District

The Addison Central School District Annual Report and FY22 Budget Book will be available in the following manner: <http://www.acsdvt.org/domain/30> (*Departments/Finance*) or call 802-382-1274 to request a copy.

**WARNING
ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021**

Member Towns are Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Weybridge

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby warned to meet at the following polling places on March 2, 2021 to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article(s) of business:

District	Location	Polling Hours
Bridport	Bridport Community/Masonic Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Cornwall	Cornwall Town Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Middlebury	Middlebury Recreation Center/Gym 154 Creek Road	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Ripton	Ripton Community House	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Salisbury	Salisbury Town Office	8:00 AM-7:00 PM
Shoreham	Shoreham Town Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Weybridge	Weybridge Town Clerk's Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM

ARTICLE 1: To see if the voters of the Addison Central School District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors, under 16 VSA 562 (9), to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District vote to authorize the ACSD school board to expend **\$40,352,941** which is the amount the ACSD school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$18,936.57** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **0.34%** higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District vote to authorize the ACSD school board to appropriate **\$623,744** of the FY 2020 Unassigned Fund Balance (estimated at **\$1,173,744**) to the ACSD Capital Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 4: To elect four (4) school directors from the nominees to serve on the Addison Central School District Board for the following terms:
Two (2) who are residents of Middlebury for a three-year term.
One (1) who is a resident of Cornwall for a three-year term.
One (1) who is a resident of Shoreham for a three-year term.

ARTICLE 5: To elect the following school district officers from the nominees for a one-year term: a) Moderator b) Treasurer c) Clerk

Ballots shall be commingled and counted at Middlebury Union High School by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the member town school districts under the supervision of the District Clerk of Addison Central School District.

Linda J. Barrett, Clerk
Addison Central School District

Mary Cullinane, Chair
Addison Central School District

WARNING

**PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

Member Towns are Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham and Weybridge.

The legal voters of the Regional Technical School District are hereby notified of the Virtual Public Information Hearing on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., to discuss Australian Ballot articles warned for vote on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

The Virtual Hearing link can be found here and on our website:

Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/95448286829?pwd=L05G0Th6Y0pjMTNUVWx6WHR2RHBEUT09>

Meeting ID: 954 4828 6829

Passcode: FxT6yq

The Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District Annual Report and FY22 Budget will be available at the following address and on our website. <https://tinyurl.com/pahcc2021>

WARNING

PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2021 & MARCH 2, 2021

Member Towns are Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham and Weybridge.

The legal voters of the Regional Technical School District are hereby warned to meet at their local polling places (see attached) on March 2, 2021 to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article(s) of business:

- ARTICLE 1:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money, pending receipt of payment from member districts, by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date for the purpose of paying the sum approved by the voters.
- ARTICLE 2:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to assign Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) of the school district's FY20 fund balance into the Building & Equipment Reserve Fund.
- ARTICLE 3:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to use funds in the Building and Equipment Reserve Fund for capital improvements and program equipment.
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to assign Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) of the school district's FY20 fund balance into the Health Reserve Fund.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to use funds in the Health Reserve Fund for expenses related to Health Care Coverage.
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to allocate its current fund balance as follows: assign Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$28,500) of the school district's FY20 fund balance as revenue for the 2021-2022 operating budget, and assign Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$27,500) as revenue for future budgets.
- ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend **\$3,829,301** which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? This budget represents a **0.92%** decrease over expenses for the current year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending at the Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center to be **\$23,827** per full-time equivalent student on a 6-semester trailing average. This projected spending per full-time equivalent student is **6.57%** lower than spending for the current year. The legal voters and residents of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held on the above-listed Australian ballot article on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at the Hannaford Career Center in the Town of Middlebury, Vermont immediately following the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District's annual meeting which begins at 7:00 pm.

ARTICLE 8: To elect the following officers:

A Moderator

A Treasurer

A Clerk

Dated this 13th day of January, 2021 at Middlebury, Vermont.



Suzanne S. Buck, Chair
PAHRTSD

The polling places and hours of the member districts of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District are as follows:

District	Location	Polling Hours
Addison	Addison Town Clerk's Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Bridport	Bridport Masonic/Community Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Bristol	Holley Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Cornwall	Cornwall Town Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Ferrisburgh	Town Hall - RT 7	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Lincoln	Burnham Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Middlebury	Town of Middlebury Recreation Center/Gymnasium	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Monkton	Monkton Fire Department	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
New Haven	New Haven Town Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Panton	Panton Town Clerk's Office	9:00 AM-7:00 PM
Ripton	Ripton Community House	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Salisbury	Salisbury Town Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Shoreham	Shoreham Town Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Starksboro	Robinson Elementary School	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Vergennes	Vergennes Fire Station	9:00 AM-7:00 PM
Waltham	Waltham Town Office	10:00 AM-7:00 PM
Weybridge	Weybridge Town Clerk's Office/Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM



Bridport Town Meeting March 3, 2020

WARNING

TOWN OF BRIDPORT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Legal Voters of the Town of Bridport are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Bridport Masonic/Community Hall on Tuesday March 2, 2021 to transact the following business. The polls for voting by Australian ballot will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. All business will be voted by Australian ballot.

Article 1. To elect the following officers by Australian ballot:

- Town Moderator for a term of one year.
- Selectboard member for a term of three years.
- Selectboard member for a term of two years.
- Selectboard member for a remaining term of two years.
- Auditor for a term of three years.
- Auditor for a remaining term of two years.
- Lister for a term of three years.
- Water Commissioner to the Board of Water Commissioners of the Tri-Town Water District #1 for a term of three years.
- Water Commissioner to the Board of Water Commissioners of the Tri-Town Water District #1 for a remaining term of two years.
- First Constable for a term of one year.
- Second Constable for a term of one year.
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years.

Article 2. Will the Voters approve of the reports of the Town Officers?

Article 3. Will the Voters appropriate **\$15,000.00** for the **Bridport Fire Department**? *pg 46*

Article 4. Will the Voters appropriate **\$8,000.00** for **Townline First Response**? *pg 48*

Article 5. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,900.00** for **Addison County Central Teens**? *pg 50*

Article 6. Will the Voters appropriate **\$608.00** for **Addison County Economic Development Corporation**? *pg 50*

Article 7. Will the Voters appropriate **\$2,500.00** for **Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.**? *pg 50*

Article 8. Will the Voters appropriate **\$500.00** for **Addison County Humane Society**? *pg 51*

Article 9. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,600.00** for **Addison County Parent/Child Center**? *pg 51*

Article 10. Will the Voters appropriate **\$350.00** for **Addison County Readers, Inc.**? *pg 51*

Article 11. Will the Voters appropriate **\$400.00** for **Addison County Restorative Justice Services**? *pg 52*

Article 12. Will the Voters appropriate **\$2,000.00** for **Age Well**? *pg 52*

- Article 13. Will the Voters appropriate **\$500.00** for **American Red Cross NH VT**? *pg 52*
- Article 14. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,000.00** for **Better Middlebury Partnership**? *pg 53*
- Article 15. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,000.00** for **Charter House Coalition**? *pg 53*
- Article 16. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,750.00** for **Counseling Service of Addison County**? *pg 53*
- Article 17. Will the Voters appropriate **\$600.00** for **End of Life Services (formerly Hospice Volunteer Services)**? *pg 54*
- Article 18. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,250.00** for **HOPE**? *pg 54*
- Article 19. Will the Voters appropriate **\$700.00** for **John Graham Emergency Shelter**? *pg 54*
- Article 20. Will the Voters appropriate **\$12,180.00** for **Middlebury Regional EMS**? *pg 47*
- Article 21. Will the Voters appropriate **\$150.00** for **NeighborWorks of Western Vermont**? *pg 55*
- Article 22. Will the Voters appropriate **\$850.00** for **Open Door Clinic**? *pg 55*
- Article 23. Will the Voters appropriate **\$2,600.00** for **Platt Memorial Library**? *pg 55*
- Article 24. Will the Voters appropriate **\$320.00** for **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program**? *pg 56*
- Article 25. Will the Voters appropriate **\$760.00** for **Tri-Valley Transit (formerly ACTR)**? *pg 57*
- Article 26. Will the Voters appropriate **\$500.00** for **Vermont Adult Learning**? *pg 57*
- Article 27. Will the Voters appropriate **\$500.00** for **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired**? *pg 57*
- Article 28. Will the Voters appropriate **\$200.00** for **Vermont CARES**? *pg 58*
- Article 29. Will the Voters appropriate **\$190.00** for **Vermont Center for Independent Living**? *pg 58*
- Article 30. Will the Voters appropriate **\$250.00** for **Vermont Family Network**? *pg 58*
- Article 31. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,250.00** for **WomenSafe**? *pg 58*
- Article 32. Will the Voters appropriate **\$16,000.00** for **Bridport Fire Department and Townline First Response** for a repeater for better communication?
- Article 33. Will the Voters approve of exempting the Bridport Grange No. 303 from taxation for a period of five years?
- Article 34. Will the Voters approve of exempting the Bridport Historical Society, Inc. from taxation for a period of five years?

Article 35. Will the Voters approve of the Town changing its budgeting fiscal year from a calendar year to a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022; with January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 being an 18 month transition budgeting period?

Article 36. If Article 35 is approved, then for the 18 month transition period of January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, will the Voters approve the sums of \$1,406,125.00 and \$377,716.00 for the proposed expenses of the Department of Public Works and General Fund, respectively, for a total of \$1,783,841.00; with up to \$1,117,482.00 to be raised by property taxes in addition to other non-tax receipts; with each of these last three amounts being reduced by the respective amount from any of Articles 3 to 32 that are not approved; and with all property taxes to be paid to its Treasurer in one installment of 67 percent thereof on or before November 10, 2021 and another installment of 33 percent thereof on or before May 10, 2022?

Article 37. If Article 35 is approved, will the Voters approve of there being due and payable on all property taxes remaining unpaid at the end of the calendar month in which they are due interest thereafter at the rate of one percent per calendar month or fraction thereof?

Article 38. If Article 35 is not approved, then for the calendar year 2021, will the Voters approve the sums of \$1,109,925.00 and \$ 288,227.00 for the proposed expenses of the Department of Public Works and General Fund, respectively, for a total of \$1,398,152.; with up to \$1,428,926.00 to be raised by property taxes in addition to other non-tax receipts; with each of these last three amounts being reduced by the respective amount from any of Articles 3 to 32 that are not approved; and with all property taxes to be paid to its Treasurer on or before November 10, 2021?

Article 39. Will the Voters approve of any vacancy after March 2, 2021 in the office of the Collector of Delinquent Taxes being filled by appointment by the Selectboard, which will change the office to an appointed position?


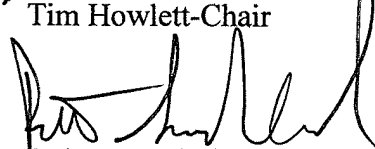
Article 40. Shall the Town of Bridport ratify the Town of Ripton's vote of January 12, 2021 to withdraw from the Addison Central School District?

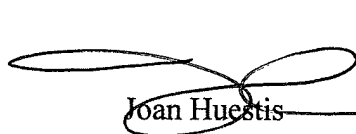
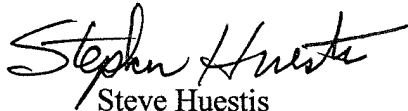
NOTICE of AVAILABILITY of 2020 Bridport Annual Town Report


At the March 3, 2015 Town of Bridport Annual Town Meeting, the Voters authorized the Selectboard to give at least thirty days advance notice before the date of the Annual Town Meeting of the availability of the Bridport Annual Town Report.

The 2020 Town Report will be available for review and/or download on the Town of Bridport website (www.bridportvt.org) on or before February 20, 2021. In addition, printed copies of the Town Report will be made available at the Town Clerk's Office on or before February 20, 2021. Any Town Voter or resident may request to receive a printed copy of the Town Report by requesting it at the Bridport Town Clerk's Office. Residents may call 758-2483, email bridporttown@gmavt.net, mail a request to P.O. Box 27, Bridport, VT 05734. Please do not stop in the Town Offices to request a Town Report due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Dated January 29, 2021 by the Selectboard members of the Town of Bridport.


Tim Howlett-Chair

Robert Sunderland


Joan Huestis

Steve Huestis


David Bronson

Vital Records 2020

Vital records are public records and are available for viewing at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Names and dates of vital records are no longer included in the Town Report due to privacy and identity theft concerns.

Marriages 4

Births 11

Deaths 8



In the Hawthorne Schoolhouse, August 2020

Photo by Irene Zaccor

MEMORY TREE 2020

Ruby Betts Hanmer
Walter Fay Hanmer
Bruce Ernest Bourdon
Arlyn Clark Sunderland
Orrin Petty Sunderland
Richard Denett Sr.
Thelma Denett
Bernice Fucile
Vineenzo Fucile
Vincent (Vinnie) Fucile
Herbert M. Oliver
Gene Alan Oliver
John Williams
Gail Marcielle Barrera
Anna Cooke
H. Kent Wright Sr.
Ruth Lulu Wright
H. Kent Wright Jr.
Naomi Myrick Wright
H. Kent Wright IV
Benedict "Jack" Wright
Loretta Quesnel Wright
Charles A. Batease
Dorothea Wright Batease
Aubrey Leake Jr.
Winifred Wright Myrick
Wright George Myrick
Sharman Iva Wright
Larry George Wright
Linda George Wright
Patricia Payne Wright
Linda Payne White
Jackie White Jackson
Stanton Foote Payne
Marion Hanmer Payne
Howard Welch
Marion Welch
Jim Basque
Thelma Basque
Fred Myrick
Kathleen Myrick
Walter Giard
Helen Giard
Roscoe Pratt
Pat Pratt
Louise Johnston
Faith Huestis Angier
Paul Nocca

Norman Audet
Rosemary Audet
Steve Cooke
Midge Cooke
George Marshall
Barbara Marshall
Kelly Marshall
Edla Browne
Buster Browne
Bernard Bronson
Ellen Bronson
Beverly Norton
Donna Gaboriault
Marie Provencher
Waldo Swinton
June Huestis Ash
Donald Huestis
Leo Huestis
Marjorie Huestis
Dorothy Manning
Rowland Manning





Bridport Defense League Bone Builders
physically distanced exercise on the Town Green 2020.

Photo by Irene Zaccor



Scale model of Old Allen Hotel, created by Dana & Bob Myrick.
The single letter "D" is from the original sign.
The hotel was on the site where the Catholic Church now stands.

Photo from Bridport Historical Society

NOTES

Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday Closed

Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 am – 11:30 am &
1:15 pm -3:30 pm

Thursday & Friday 9:30 am- 11:30 am

Town Clerk's Office 802-758-2483

Town Garage 802-758-2113

Email: briporttown@gmavt.net

Website WWW.bridportvt.org

Holiday Closings for 2021

January 1-New Year's Day

January 18-Martin Luther King Day

February 15-President's Day

March 2 & 3-Town Meeting Day

May 31-Memorial Day

July 5-Independence Day

August 16-Bennington Battle Day

October 11-Columbus Day

November 11-Veterans Day

November 24 & 25-Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25-Christmas

Bridport Town Green Reservations

June 20, 2021 – Firemen's BBQ

Masonic/Community Hall Reservations

The Masonic/Community Hall is unavailable for rent due to covid.

Recycling Center

The recycling center is open on Saturdays from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm.