

Town of Rutland, Vermont

Annual Town Report

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024





Frederick G. Nicholson
September 26th, 1948 —
March 8th, 2024



Larry S. Williams
May 25th, 1941 —
March 5th, 2024

This year's town report is dedicated to two individuals who made a difference in Rutland Town: Frederick G. Nicholson and Larry S. Williams. These two men died within days of each other in early March of 2024.

Frederick Glenn Nicholson was a back-row regular at Town select board meetings. He carefully chose his seat to display—for the board but not the camera-- his latest T-shirt message so we would know how he was viewing the world, and local government, that day.

Fred was born and raised in Montpelier and joined the US Navy to serve his country as a submariner. After the Navy, he obtained a forestry degree from UVM and embarked on a long career with the State of Vermont. Rutland Town benefitted from Fred's volunteerism, particularly after his retirement. He served several terms as Justice of the Peace and was often the voice of reason during debates on tax abatement requests. Fred was a familiar face at elections as a ballot clerk, sporting his cowboy boots and favorite patriotic T-shirt sure to elicit smiles from voters.

Fred Nicholson served our town in many other capacities: as delegate to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, as fence viewer, as tree warden, and as consulting forester to oversee timber harvests at Northwood Park. Very few folks—other than Fred—knew about and walked two Town-owned forested parcels in West Rutland. Fred managed those for us, too.

Fred will also be remembered for his work with 4-H and Boy Scouts, for his good humor, and for his determination to do what was right for his town and townspeople.

Fred is survived by his wife Mary Anne, their children Joseph, Christopher and Timony, and several grandchildren.

Larry Sherwin Williams was a life-long Town resident, living and working on the family farm on Route 7 north.

Larry was just 6 years old when their farm was inundated by the 1947 flood which swept away flash boards on the Chittenden Dam, then washed out the East Pittsfield Dam. Larry's father Sherwin Williams wrote that 55 acres of their 85-acre farm was covered by flood waters which left behind 1-4 feet of sand over the fertile acreage. Young Larry and his cousins fished for horned pout in the many small pools left behind by the flood.

Larry attended Cheney Hill School in Rutland Town, then graduated from Rutland High School in 1960. He served four years in the US Air Force, part of that time in Korea. When he returned home, Larry joined his parents running the family farm, which converted from dairy cows to a very successful vegetable operation known as Williams' Farmstead Market Gardens. The farm has remained in the family for 7 generations.

Through Larry's hard work, the Williams Farmstand became popular with locals and visitors alike who appreciate the excellent vegetables and fruit produced in the surrounding fields. An avid sportsman, Larry and local farmers spent time each fall in at hunting camp. Larry was active in the Vermont State Fair and in the local VFW and American Legion.

Larry Williams served his town as a firefighter and was one of the charter members of the Rutland Town Fire Department which organized in 1968. He is survived by his wife Rachel, son Paul, step-children Michelle and Mark, and 2 grandchildren. Larry's son Paul Williams continues the family tradition of firefighting and farming in Rutland Town.

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NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by February 2, 2025. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 22, 2025.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>. The latest you can request ballots for the Annual Meeting is the close of the Town Clerk's office on Monday March 3, 2025. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in the same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

- If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first-time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Australian Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CHECK OUT:

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot in the "Voted Ballots" box.

RUTLAND TOWN WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Rutland, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Rutland Town Elementary School on Post Road on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Articles 1 through 21. At the close of business, the meeting shall recess to 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at the Town Hall in Center Rutland for voters living on the west side of Route 7, and the Elementary School on Post Road for voters on the east side of Route 7, to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 1 through 21 inclusive. Polls will close at 7:00 p.m. on March 4, 2025.

ARTICLES:

1. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to approve ONE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,415,187.00) for use toward the operation of the General Fund Budget to be offset by anticipated income & local option tax receipts from the State of Vermont, the remainder of which, if any, to be raised by taxes?
2. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed SIX HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED THIRTYFIVE & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$693,135.00) for use toward the operation of the Police Fund Budget?
3. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed NINE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$993,339.00) for use toward the operation of the Highway Fund Budget?
4. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$262,538.00) for use toward the operation of the Fire Fund Budget?
5. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$180,211.00) for use toward the operation of the Recreation Fund Budget?
6. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$670.00) toward supporting the work of the Retired Senior Volunteer Service (RSVP) for the year 2025?
7. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed EIGHT HUNDRED & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$800.00) toward supporting the work of ARC for the year 2025?
8. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) toward supporting the work of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging Inc. for the elderly citizens of Rutland Town for the year 2025?
9. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed THREE THOUSAND & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) toward supporting the work of the Child First Advocacy Center for the year 2025?

10. Shall the Town of Rutland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,500.00) for the support of the partial funding of Marble Valley Regional Transit District's (The Bus) public transit service to the residents of the Town for the year 2025?
11. Shall the Town of Rutland appropriate FOUR THOUSAND, NINETY-FOUR & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,094.00) to the Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region, along with area businesses and municipalities with the ultimate goal of growing the economy in our region for the year 2025?
12. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TWO & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,502.00) toward supporting the work of Rutland Mental Health for the year 2025?
13. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes an amount not to exceed SEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$7,700.00) toward supporting the work of the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) for the year 2025?
14. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to raise by taxes the sum of money not to exceed FIFTEEN THOUSAND & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) for scholarships, to be awarded to worthy 2025 High School graduates of the Town of Rutland, who have resided in the Town at least two (2) years and wish to attend institutions of higher learning?
15. Shall the Town of Rutland raise by taxes the sum of money not to exceed FIFTEEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED NINETY-SIX & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$15,696.00) toward the operating cost of the Regional Ambulance Service for the year 2025?
16. Shall the Town of Rutland continue its participation in the Rutland Free Library Association Inc. and to raise by taxes an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND, NINETY-FIVE & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$110,095.00) for the year 2025?
17. Shall the Town of Rutland vote to appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED (\$3,900) to support the programs and services of BROCC Community Action (formerly Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council, Inc.) in 2025.
18. Shall the Town of Rutland vote to appropriate and expend the sum of FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED (\$4,500), for the support of Wonderfeet Kids' Museum to provide services to residents of Rutland Town?
19. Shall the Town of Rutland increase the rate of funding of the Recreation Department Depreciation Fund for the replacement, repair and/or maintenance of recreation equipment and infrastructure from the present rate of .0125 (1.25 cents) per \$100 to the rate of .0175 (1.75 cents) per \$100 of assessed property valuation?
20. Shall the Town of Rutland increase the rate of funding of the Highway Department Depreciation Fund for the replacement, repair and/or maintenance of highway equipment and infrastructure from the present rate of .005 (.5 cents) per \$100 to the rate of .01 (1 cent) per \$100 of assessed property valuation.

21. To elect the following town officers:
- a. A Moderator for a term of one year;
 - b. A Grand Juror for a term of one year;
 - c. A Selectboard member for a term of two years;
 - d. A Selectboard member for a term of three years;
 - e. A Lister for a term of three years;
 - f. A Second Constable for a term of two years;
 - g. A Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years;
 - h. A School Board member for a term of two years;
 - i. A School Board member for a term of three years;


22. To transact any other necessary, legal and proper business, which may come before said meeting.

Dated at Rutland Town, Vermont this 14th day of January, 2025.

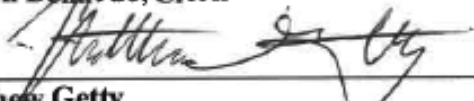
Rutland Town Select Board



Mary Ashcroft, Chair



Joseph Denardo, Clerk



Matthew Getty



Sharon Russell



Kurt Hathaway

Selectboard Annual Report 2023-24

Construction was the theme in Rutland Town as our fiscal year began on July 1, 2023. Our major project was a new Public Safety Building. Voters had approved spending \$5.5 million to house the town's police department and to replace the aging fire station on the McKinley Avenue site. In September the old fire station, stripped of all usable items, was demolished. Erection of the steel frame followed. By close of our fiscal year in June 2024, the nearly completed structure was being sided and interior plumbing and electrical work well underway.

To finance this project, the Selectboard chose as the least expensive option a 3.29%, 10-year municipal bond from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. We borrowed \$2.5 million to supplement the \$3 million we had on hand from ARPA funds.

The use of the former Holiday Inn--renamed The Cortina-- for homeless housing occupied much of the Selectboard's time. The Cortina changed hands in late June of 2023, and impact fee payments to the Town stopped. The new owner approached the board to renegotiate the impact fees contract, with results favorable to the town and more protective of the residents housed there. Back monthly payments were caught up, and a new clause increases monthly payments to the town every 6 months for as long as the building is used as a homeless shelter. Other new provisions protect the children and other vulnerable citizens living there. We negotiated for indoor and outdoor play places for the children, as well as indoor meeting spaces so residents can meet with social service providers. Three laundry facilities are to be available to Cortina residents, maintained in good condition. Security is to be beefed up, exterior doors secured with alarms to prevent unauthorized entry. Video monitors are to be installed, and all Cortina staff are required to have criminal background checks; persons on the sex offender registry are not to be employed at the facility.

The Selectboard met with state DCF and AHS officials to express our concern and to discourage continuation of this homeless housing project. But this use of the Cortina extended throughout the fiscal year. Police calls to the Cortina and adjoining businesses consumed 70-80% of our police department's time throughout the fiscal year.

With its payments from the Cortina, the Town funded the purchase of a new police cruiser, added a new police officer to the force, and defrayed other policing costs.

In other town business in FY 2023-24, the town adopted a short-term rental ordinance and contracted with a service to monitor conversion of housing units to short term use. We started work on a complete rewrite of our town employees' personnel policy, and continued to update other town policies. We revised our E-911 ordinance to make it less onerous to property owners while improving emergency response.

Using depreciation accounts, we purchased a new utility truck for our fire department, and a new truck and plow for the highway department.

Our recreation department added nine more holes to the excellent disc golf course at Northwood, replaced vandalized signs on walking paths, added a mountain bike trail, and

hosted a wonderful Town Wide Celebration in August, complete with fireworks that were rained out from the 4th of July.

Our town escaped damage from the July rainstorms which devastated other parts of Vermont. Only one resident needed to be evacuated from a flood-prone area—and spent the night in our Center Rutland Fire station. There were brief closures on Route 3 and on Business Route 4 due to high water.

Your town Selectboard moved forward on sidewalk/shared use projects on Post Road, Route 7 north and in Northwood Park. We distributed scholarships to local high school graduates. We approved culvert replacement on Stratton Road and paving projects on local roads. We gave up Dyer Road as a town road and closed off a roadside dumping spot on Boardman Hill Road.

We tried to be good neighbors. We visited with Clarendon town officials about road maintenance issues, with Mendon officials about speed limits on Route 4, and with VTrans about changes to the Simons Avenue access to Business Route 4 and to the entrance to Green Mountain Plaza on Route 7 south. We supplied police and fire backup to our neighbors in Rutland City following the devastating car crash and death of one of their police officers.

We said farewell to retiring Bill Bauer, longtime transfer station worker, to School Resource Officer Antje Schermerhorn, and to Lister Jack McCamley, thanking them for their work for us.

My sincere appreciation goes to every one of our Rutland Town officials, department heads, employees, and volunteers, and especially to our Town Administrator, Bill Sweet, who turned Selectboard policies and decisions into action and accomplishments. I deeply thank my fellow Selectboard members Joe Denardo, Sharon Russell, Kurt Hathaway, and Matt Getty. Together we have accomplished much, making Rutland Town a welcoming place to live, work and raise our families.

And thank you, voters and taxpayers, for supporting your local government.

Selectboard meetings, held every other Tuesday evening, are open to the public at Town Hall in Center Rutland, or via zoom. Check for meeting agendas and dates at our town website <https://www.rutlandtown.com/> Please join us.

Mary C. Ashcroft, Chair

Rutland Town Selectboard

TOTAL TOWN EXPENSE BUDGET

	2023-2024 FISCAL BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 FISCAL BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
GENERAL BUDGET	1,214,244	1,145,278	1,385,967	1,415,187
HIGHWAY BUDGET	1,002,558	1,464,176	1,086,969	1,113,339
POLICE BUDGET	564,068	713,226	609,619	754,155
FIRE BUDGET	232,254	215,362	250,038	262,538
RECREATION BUDGET	168,008	168,546	175,792	207,211
TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	\$ 3,181,132	\$ 3,706,588	\$ 3,508,385.00	\$ 3,752,430

<p>Respectfully submitted, Rutland Town Selectboard</p> <p>Mary Ashcroft, Chair Joseph J. Denardo, Clerk Sharon Russell Kurt Hathaway Matt Getty</p>	ANTICIPATED INCOME	2,075,769.00	1,893,410.00
	TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	<u>1,432,616.00</u>	<u>1,859,020.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,508,385.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,752,430.00</u>
	Net Overall Budget Increase from 24 - 25 to 25 - 26:		6.96%
Net Overall Increase to be Raised by Taxes 24 - 25 to 25 - 26:		29.76%	

GENERAL BUDGET

ACCT NO	ITEM	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
INCOME					
034011	DELINQUENT PROP TAXES	100,000	352,882	200,000	200,000
034012	DELINQUENT TAX FEES	-	29,863	-	
034013	DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST	10,000	32,699	10,000	18,000
034021	INTEREST - BANKS	9,000	186,703	20,000	20,000
034031	DOG LICENSES	1,000	2,250	2,750	2,000
034032	MARRIAGE LICENSES	300	1,600	640	640
034040	TRANSFER STATION COUPONS	44,035	46,598	43,360	46,000
034042	TRANSFER MISC	10,256	11,719	10,739	11,000
034043	RECYCLABLES	4,691	117	1,346	500
034060	LIQUOR LICENSES	1,000	510	700	700
034090	CLERK RECORDING FEES	40,000	17,612	40,000	20,000
034092	VAULT TIME & COPIES	7,500	4,632	5,000	5,000
034100	MISCELLANEOUS	2,500	14,964	2,000	2,000
034104	TRAFFIC FINES	15,000	13,869	15,000	15,000
034221	PILOT PROGRAM	10,000	12,043	18,000	12,000
034224	RECORDS RESTORATION	-	-	-	
034225	SCHOOL TREASURER SALARY	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
034229	REAPPRAISAL MAINTENANCE	18,000	18,402	18,500	18,500
034264	RAILROAD TAX	650	649	650	650
034265	SPECIAL ELECTION	-	-	-	
034267	CURRENT USE	10,000	10,703	10,000	10,000
034268	SUB DIVISION	500	600	-	-
034270	PLANNING GRANT	-	-		
034287	LISTER EDUCATION	-	-		
034298	TRAFFIC REIMBURSEMENT	-	-		

GENERAL BUDGET

ACCT NO	ITEM			2025-2026	
		2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
034299	MEAD TRACT	-	-		
034300	REAPPRAISAL MISCELLANEOUS	-	-		
034301	INSURANCE/FIRE DISTRICT	-	413		400
034303	LOCAL OPTION TAX	1,200,000	1,617,158	1,300,000	1,300,000
	GRANT INCOME	-	-	84,000	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME		1,487,432	2,378,986	1,785,685	1,685,390
EXPENSES					
035025	SOCIAL SECURITY	25,500	29,076	31,000	35,000
035026	CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION	-	-	-	1,950
035110	SELECTBOARD	28,064	25,536	29,187	28,000
035115	TOWN LISTERS	71,454	73,514	86,982	115,000
035125	TOWN CLERK	31,930	31,964	33,207	34,203
035130	TOWN TREASURER	31,930	31,964	33,207	34,203
035135	ASS'T CLERK/TREASURER	60,051	49,657	62,453	64,326
035136	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	64,171	64,171	66,738	68,740
035151	BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY	2,000	4,904	6,500	4,500
035152	BALLOT CLERKS	2,000	2,586	4,500	3,000
035153	OFFICE HELP SALARY	36,000	2,799	36,000	37,080
035154	HEALTH OFFICER	3,500	1,197	2,000	2,000
035155	HEALTH OFFICER CONSULTANTS	1,000	-	750	750
035156	HEALTH OFFICER SUPPLIES	350	214	200	200
035161	1ST CONSTABLE SALARY	15,700	1,282	8,000	8,000
035162	2ND CONSTABLE / FIRE POLICE	21,400	24,085	21,400	22,042
035165	2ND CONSTABLE SUPPLIES	250	444	250	250
035166	2ND CONSTABLE VEHICLE	9,500	6,724	9,500	9,500
035167	1ST CONSTABLE EQUIPMENT	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000

GENERAL BUDGET

ACCT NO	ITEM	2025-2026			
		2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
035168	1ST CONSTABLE SUPPLIES	200	150	200	200
035169	1ST CONSTABLE VEHICLE	7,600	464	3,500	3,500
035170	2ND CONSTABLE EQUIPMENT	1,250	-	2,500	2,500
035171	POSTAGE	6,000	7,463	6,000	8,000
035174	TOWN REPORT	6,200	5,844	7,000	6,500
035175	TOWN HALL SUPPLIES	5,500	7,244	5,500	6,500
035176	RECORDING SUPPLIES	4,000	3,100	3,000	5,500
035179	MICRO-FILMING	500	68	1,000	1,000
035180	ELECTION SUPPLIES	4,000	3,114	4,000	3,000
035181	STREET LIGHTS	14,000	14,295	14,500	14,500
035188	TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT	13,505	11,801	10,200	10,710
035189	TRANS STATION START UP CASH	-	-	-	-
035190	TRANSFER STATION UTILITIES	2,400	1,951	2,100	2,100
035192	TRANSFER STATION ENGINEERING	8,000	400	8,000	8,000
035193	TRANSFER STN MISC	1,000	429	1,000	1,000
035194	HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOVAL	6,000	5,594	6,000	6,600
035195	FOOD SCRAPS	2,500	2,308	2,500	2,700
035196	WASTE REMOVAL	36,500	37,791	48,000	48,000
035197	MAINTENANCE	4,000	3,176	5,000	5,000
035198	TRANSFER STATION MANAGER	18,444	17,843	19,181	18,284
035199	RECYCLING	11,530	8,459	11,500	10,000
035200	SWAC	18,700	16,816	19,900	20,490
035201	TOWN HALL ELECTRICITY	7,000	6,192	7,000	7,000
035202	TOWN HALL FUEL OIL	11,500	6,778	10,000	10,000
035203	TOWN HALL PHONE / INTERNET	7,000	4,586	8,500	8,000
035205	TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE	40,000	28,796	40,000	25,000

GENERAL BUDGET

ACCT NO	ITEM	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
035206	TOWN HALL CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	1,000	467	6,000	6,000
035210	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	18,000	22,625	35,000	23,000
035211	ATTORNEYS - GENERAL	40,000	36,854	30,000	30,000
035212	ATTORNEYS - TAX APPEALS	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
035216	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	22,500	19,445	32,486	30,000
035218	STORMWATER	82,500	22,144	105,000	60,000
035219	CLERK / TREASURER TRAINING	3,000	199	1,000	1,000
035221	CLERK / TREASURER MILEAGE	500	269	500	500
035222	SELECTBOARD MILEAGE	250	-	100	100
035223	LISTERS MILEAGE	250	324	150	300
035224	2ND CONSTABLE MILEAGE	-	1,234	-	
035226	OTHERS MILEAGE	100	13	100	100
035227	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MILEAGE	300	251	400	400
035229	HEALTH OFFICER MILEAGE	200	-	200	200
035231	GENERAL INSURANCE	110,000	153,642	148,000	160,000
035232	HEALTH INSURANCE	110,000	106,046	110,000	165,000
035241	NEW EQUIPMENT	7,000	11,069	10,000	17,000
035249	GENERAL EQUIP REPAIR / MAINT / COPIERS	5,000	5,112	7,000	7,000
035251	ADVERTISING	4,000	4,282	5,000	5,000
035261	PLANNING COMM LEGAL	2,000	1,619	2,000	3,000
035262	REGIONAL COMMISSION DUES	2,000	1,566	2,000	4,000
035263	PLANNING COMM SALARY	4,240	2,820	4,409	4,550
035264	PLANNING COMM MISC	500	204	500	500
035265	PLANNING COMM ADVERTISING	2,000	1,713	2,000	2,000
035267	CONSULTING FEES FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION	500	-	500	500
035268	POUND KEEPER	300	-	100	100

GENERAL BUDGET

ACCT NO	ITEM	2025-2026			
		2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
035271	BANK INTEREST	-	-	-	
035272	VLCT DUES	6,275	6,760	6,467	6,609
035275	MISC EXPENSE	4,000	2,539	4,000	4,000
035278	COMPUTER SERVICES	4,500	1,717	4,000	4,000
035279	FIREWORKS	7,500	12,500	13,750	13,000
035280	TOWN WIDE CELEBRATION	2,500	3,271	3,500	4,000
035285	WEST RUTLAND REALESTATE TAX	1,000	781	1,000	1,000
035286	RUTLAND CITY REALESTATE TAX	100	61	100	100
035291	COUNTY TAX	75,000	67,443	70,000	70,000
035301	TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	-	31,841	-	
035304	MARRIAGE LICENSES	500	705	500	500
035305	DOG LICENSES	1,500	203	1,250	750
035501	NEMRC	9,000	9,867	11,000	11,000
035511	PROPERTY MAPS	9,100	9,405	3,500	3,500
035512	WEB SERVICE / SOFTWARE	5,000	8,976	13,500	14,000
035535	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT	-	-	5,000	5,000
035536	EMERGENCY MANAGER	3,000	4,127	3,000	3,000
035537	GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	10,000	9,120	12,500	15,000
035545	SENIORS	3,000	3,000	4,500	-
035630	APPRAISAL UPDATE	6,500	13,000	30,000	650
035633	MISC CONTRIBUTIONS / CIRCLE	4,500	4,500	4,500	6,500
035637	REAPPRAISAL EXPENSES	-	17,000		-
035641	LISTER EDUCATION	-	275	500	500
035647	BANK CHARGES		(488)		-
035651	PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING MAINTENANCE		-	2,000	4,000
035662	PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING ELECTRICITY		-	3,000	6,000

GENERAL BUDGET

2025-2026

ACCT NO	ITEM	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
035663	PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING HEATING FUEL			5,000	5,000
	PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING SEWER				1,000
	PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PHONE / INTERNET			-	10,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,214,244.00	1,145,278.41	1,385,967.00	1,415,187.00
NET TOTAL		(273,188.00)	(1,233,707.98)	(399,718.00)	(270,203.00)

GENERAL RECEIPTS

ACCT	ITEM	2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL AMOUNT	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
034011	Delinquent Property Taxes	200,000.00	352,882.18	
034013	Delinquent Tax Interest	-	32,699.17	
034021	Interest - Banks	20,000.00	186,703.41	
034031	Dog Licenses	2,750.00	2,250.00	
034032	Marriage Licenses	640.00	1,600.00	
034040	Transfer Station Coupons	43,360.00	46,598.00	
034042	Transfer Items	10,739.00	11,719.00	
034043	Recyclables	1,346.00	117.10	
034060	Liquor Licenses	700.00	510.00	
034090	Town Clerk Recording Fees	40,000.00	17,612.00	
034092	Vault Time & Copies	5,000.00	4,632.00	
034100	Miscellaneous	2,000.00	8,675.12	
034104	Traffic Fines	15,000.00	13,869.04	
034221	Pilot Program	18,000.00	12,043.00	
034224	Records Restoration	-	-	
034225	School Treasurer Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	
034229	Reappraisal Maintenance	18,500.00	18,401.50	
034264	Railroad Tax	650.00	648.71	
034265	Special Election	-	-	
034267	Current Use	10,000.00	10,703.00	
034268	Sub Division	-	600.00	
034270	Planning Grant	-	-	
034287	Lister Education	-	-	
034298	Traffic Reimbursement	-	-	
034299	Mead Tract	-	-	
034300	Reappraisal Miscellaneous	-	-	
034301	Insurance/Fire District	-	413.02	
034303	Local Option Tax	1,300,000.00	\$1,617,157.99	
034305	Traffic Study	-	-	
034315	Del. Tax Refund	-	-	
	Grant Income	84,000.00	-	
		1,775,685.00	2,342,834.24	-
034012	Delinquent Tax Collector Fees		29,863.16	

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Police Department

Edward E. Dumas II

Chief of Police

January 21, 2025

As always, I start by thanking the residents of Rutland Town for your continued support of your police Department and the men and women who serve you throughout the year.

This last year 2024 the Rutland Town Police Department handled 2052 calls for service, as compared to 2023, the Police Department handled 1994 calls for service. Of these 2052 calls approximately 64% of all the calls came from the south end of town. When I mention south end of town I'm referring to the businesses, hotels, and homes located in and around the Green Mountain Plaza.

Since the start of Covid, our Administrative Secretary, Lyn Gallipo, has searched our computer-generated calls for service every month tracking for the increased need for police services in the town of Rutland. With the Vermont State voucher program housing over 600 homeless folks in Rutland County alone and prior to covid there were less than 100 homeless people in Rutland County. As you can imagine there has been a substantial increase in the amount of calls for police service in the south end of town.

In 2019 the police department handled 158 calls for service in the south end. At the end of 2024 the police department handled 1305 calls for service in the south end of Rutland Town. Through Lyn's diligence at the request of the Select Board this information was used to negotiate with the hotels who entered the voucher program with the state of Vermont to supply funds that were used directly in extra patrols in and around the Green Mountain Plaza for almost 2 years now. These stats clearly show an increase in criminal activity related to the number of vouchers allowed in Rutland County but particularly in the Town of Rutland.

In September of 2024 the voucher program started to dry up and a local hotel responsible for many of the homeless to stay was closed for 60 days and still is currently closed by the Vermont Health Department. As of September, the calls for service in the South end went from 90 in September, 67 in October, 58 in November and 74 in December. Prior to this there was no month with less than 114 calls in 2024 for service in the south end of town.

As a result of the increased need for police you have authorized the Police Department to hire another officer who started in October of 2024. This Officer has 8 years of experience with the Rutland City Police Department and is a welcome addition to the town Police Department. Officer Jared Dumas whom I have known as you can imagine a very long time. But because he is my son, I will let others speak of his character, and in time the folks of Rutland Town can make their own minds up.

Officer Plakas has recently finished K9 school with his partner, Rooster, which lasted 4 months. They are now certified in tracking, criminal apprehension, building searches, and search and rescue as well as continued narcotic detection. In 2024 this team had 26 deployments resulting in the seizure of illegal narcotics, firearms and currency used in drug trafficking.

Our previous School Resource Officer Antje Schermerhorn resigned in 2024 as she moved on to a federal position. Officer Schermerhorn will be missed, and we wish her well. In her stead Retired Vermont State Police Sgt Mark Perkins was hired and started with the Town of Rutland on January 01, 2025, as the new SRO for the Rutland Town School. SRO Perkins has more than 30 years of experience in Law Enforcement and is a welcome addition to the Police Department.

Deputy Chief Ted Washburn continues to excel at his job. Ted has written several grants saving the town of Rutland hundreds of thousands of dollars over the last 12 years.

At the time of this writing the Rutland Town Police Department is days away from moving into the new Public Safety building along with the Rutland Town Fire Department located on McKinley Avenue. We are all excited for this move for many reasons. For those we serve, it offers a safe place to meet with and talk to the police. This will be a secure facility with a holding area for those who are arrested. There is ample room for officers to do their work, with two interview rooms, evidence storage, officer lockers, Armory, service room, storage room, records keeping and a waiting area for the public. Deputy Chief Washburn also was able to secure a grant for an emergency operations center located between the fire department and the police department.

I would like to thank the volunteer fireman of Rutland Town who continue to be such a help to us as every accident we need assistance on. This means taking over the control of directing traffic as the police take care of the general investigation required at accident scenes and sometimes the processing of individuals who are under the influence.

This building would not be possible unless you, the taxpayers of Rutland Town did not approve of this expenditure in your vote for us and the fire department and we all thank you so much for your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Chief Ed Dumas II

POLICE BUDGET

ACCT NO	ITEM	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
INCOME					
024001	POLICE REPORTS	1,500	1,938	-	1,500
024015	MISC REVENUE	-	251	-	
024102	OMYA PATROL	-	-	-	
024103	OUTSIDE DETAIL	-	-	-	
024105	D.A.R.E.	-	-	-	
024106	SETTLEMENT FUNDS	-	311,870	-	
024207	SRO REIMBURSEMENT	37,100	47,160	38,584	59,520
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME		38,600	361,219	38,584	61,020
EXPENSES					
025025	SOCIAL SECURITY	25,000	30,136	32,000	34,500
025100	POLICE CHIEF SALARY	80,530	80,483	83,751	86,264
025103	OUTSIDE DETAIL SALARY	-	-	55,000	
025105	DEPUTY CHIEF SALARY	75,883	76,337	78,918	81,288
025109	1ST OFFICER SALARY	58,386	58,372	66,560	68,557
025110	SRO SALARY	58,386	58,302	60,721	66,950
025111	3RD OFFICER SALARY	-	-	58,386	60,138
025112	OVERTIME	10,000	78,247	10,000	20,000
025122	OFFICE STAFF / ADMIN SALARY	46,426	42,195	48,283	49,732
025130	COMMUNICATION	12,500	18,655	15,000	15,000
025135	SUPPLIES / UNIFORMS	4,000	6,003	4,000	5,000
025140	EQUIPMENT	21,000	24,351	15,000	26,310
025145	VEHICLE PURCHASE / LEASE	-	57,238	-	

025150	FUEL / MAINTENANCE	20,000	26,487	22,000	24,000
025155	TRAINING	10,000	5,055	20,000	12,500
025160	LIABILITY / VEHICLE INSURANCE	2,600	2,102	-	
025165	HEALTH INSURANCE	109,857	106,376	152,000	150,000
025170	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	25,500	33,082	34,000	48,000
025171	K9 PROGRAM	4,000	4,252	4,000	4,000
025172	D.A.R.E.	-	-	-	
025173	DIRECT PATROL	-	5,553	-	
	CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION	-	-	-	1,916
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 564,068.00	\$ 713,225.92	\$ 759,619.00	\$ 754,155.00
LESS HOTEL FUND		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	
SUB TOTAL		\$ 564,068.00	\$ 713,225.92	\$ 609,619.00	\$ 754,155.00
NET TOTAL		\$ 525,468.00	\$ 352,006.92	\$ 571,035.00	\$ 693,135.00

POLICE ACCOUNT RECEIPTS

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

ACCT	ITEM	AMOUNT
024001	Police Reports Revenue	1,938.00
024010	Property Taxes	419,214.00
024015	Misc Revenue	251.20
024102	OMYA Patrol Income	-
024103	Outside Detail Income	-
024104	K-9 Contributions	-
024105	D.A.R.E.	-
024106	Settlement Funds	311,870.00
024207	SRO Reimbursement	47,160.00
		780,433.20

Rutland Town Highway Department Annual Report

The Town Highway Department had a productive year.

As always, paving is the star of the show.

The Town got quite a bit of paving done in the fiscal year. Approximately 2.3 miles of Town streets were paved in 2024. We paved a mile of Post Rd. from Route 4 to the intersection with Post Rd. Ext. Meadow Way, Timber Ln. and Forest Way were paved to completely pave that section of road. The dead end of Blue Ridge and Linda Dr. were also paved. The VTRANS Class II grant was utilized to pave Post Rd. from Route 7 to a joint just east of Annette Terrace.

Several catch basins and culverts were cleaned to comply with the State of Vermont MS- 4 regulations. These cleanings are now part of our regular maintenance to meet Vermont's Water Quality Standards.

We replaced 5 driveway or road culverts along with replacing 320 feet of culvert on Annette Terrace.

The Town has many corrugated metal culverts (CMP) that have reached the end of their life cycles. We will be replacing many of these in the coming construction seasons.

We completed the Post Rd. sidewalk project. This project consisted of approximately 1250 feet of new sidewalk and a retaining wall. This project was designed to connect the existing sidewalk, that ended at the Rutland Town School, and Chasanna Drive. The next phase of the project will connect this sidewalk to the Multi-Use path on Chasanna Dr. that will bring walkers and bicyclists to Northwood Park.

The winter of Fiscal Year 23-24 was a mild season. We were called out 41 times to treat the streets. We purchased 1428 tons of salt at a cost of \$139,495.42.

We would like to thank Tim Sr., Tim Jr., and Tyler Hubbard of Hubbard Bros. for their service as contractors for our winter operations. These guys are very professional and always ready when the phone rings. Thank You Guys.

The Highway Department now has a Facebook page. To get the latest updates and information, please like and follow us at **Town of Rutland, Vt Highway Department**.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Sears
Road Commissioner

HIGHWAY BUDGET

ACCT NO	ITEM	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
INCOME					
044020	VT STATE AID	120,000	355,656	120,000	120,000
044202	MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	
044205	HIGHWAY ACCESS PERMITS	-	1,185	-	
044207	STATE GRANTS	160,000	(29,625)	111,500	
044208	CULVERT/PAVING	-	200,000	-	
044210	RESTITUTION	-	-	-	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME		280,000	527,216	231,500	120,000
EXPENSES					
045011	WINTER LABOR	-	-	-	
045012	WINTER DE-ICER	125,000	143,635	130,000	130,000
045013	WINTER EQUIPMENT RENTALS	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
045014	SALT SHED UTILITIES	600	332	300	600
045016	WINTER SUPPLIES	7,500	13,340	7,500	7,500
045019	WINTER MISCELLANEOUS	500	8,393	500	500
045020	WINTER SIDEWALK PLOWING	-	-	-	
045021	LABOR	-	-	-	
045022	HOT MIX / COLD MIX	2,200	423	2,000	2,000
045023	EQUIPMENT RENTALS	10,000	8,400	10,000	10,000
045024	HIGHWAY GARAGE UTILITIES	12,000	13,690	15,000	15,000
045025	SUMMER SUPPLIES	6,500	418	6,500	6,500
045026	NEW EQUIPMENT	2,000	1,112	2,000	2,000
045027	SIGNS & BARRICADES	2,500	5,559	3,000	3,000
045028	CULVERT REPLACEMENT	50,000	206,830	35,000	35,000
045029	MISCELLANEOUS	2,000	2,139	2,000	2,000

HIGHWAY BUDGET

ACCT NO	ITEM	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
045030	RETREATMENT	200,000	470,294	250,000	250,000
045031	ROAD PROJECT EQUIPMENT RENTALS	15,000	15,407	15,000	15,000
045032	ROAD PROJECT MATERIALS	15,000	15,787	15,000	15,000
045033	LINE STRIPING	1,000	-	2,000	2,000
045040	ROAD SIDE MOWER	-	-	-	
045041	ONE TON TRUCK	-	-	-	
045042	LOADER	-	-	-	
045043	SWEEPER	-	-	-	
045044	SMALL POWER TOOLS	-	(10,277)	-	
045045	DE-ICING EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	
045046	CHIPPER	-	-	-	
045047	7 YD TRUCK	-	-	-	
045051	SOCIAL SECURITY	17,000	17,493	16,304	18,500
045052	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	18,000	19,019	18,230	20,763
045053	HEALTH INSURANCE	100,000	113,899	130,747	165,000
045054	TRAINING SEMINARS	200	306	200	3,500
045071	RETREATMENT CARRYOVER	-	-	-	
045085	SIDEWALK GRANT	16,000	1,434	16,000	
045094	HIGHWAY BOOK	1,000	-	-	
045095	ENGINEERING SERVICES	30,000	41,360	30,000	30,000
045100	WINTER CONTRACTORS	80,000	59,943	75,000	65,000
045101	ROAD COMMISSIONER	66,144	66,144	68,790	70,854
045102	FULL TIME POSITION #1	49,608	53,307	51,592	53,140
045103	FULL TIME POSITION #2	48,506	54,556	50,446	51,958

HIGHWAY BUDGET

ACCT NO	ITEM	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
045104	COMMUNICATIONS	2,500	5,297	3,500	7,000
045105	VEHICLE FUEL	15,600	27,754	18,000	20,000
045106	VEHICLE EQUIPMENT / MAINTENANCE	28,000	32,071	30,000	35,000
045107	FULL TIME POSITION #3	46,000	48,774	47,840	49,275
045108	PART TIME POSITION #1	8,000	3,880	8,320	
045109	OVERTIME	6,000	-	8,000	8,000
045110	ON CALL PAY	5,200	-	5,200	5,200
045111	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	5,000	21,359	5,000	5,000
045112	CLASS 4 ROAD MAINTENANCE	3,000	2,100	3,000	3,000
	CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION	-	-	-	1,049
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,002,558	1,464,176	1,086,969	1,113,339
NET TOTAL		722,558.00	936,959.98	855,469.00	993,339.00

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT RECEIPTS

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

ACCT	ITEM	AMOUNT	
044010	Property Taxes	882,558.00	
044020	VT State Aid	126,030.92	
044202	Miscellaneous	-	
044205	Highway Access Permits	1,185.00	
044207	State Grants	210,700.00	
044208	Culvert/Paving	-	
044210	Restitution	-	
			1,220,473.92

Rutland Town Fire Department Annual Report

The officers and members of the Rutland Town Fire Department would like to thank the citizens and Selectboard of Rutland Town for their continued support.

The Fire Department would like to thank the community for their continued support of the new Public Safety Building. Construction started on September 7, 2023, with the tearing down of the old station. The building is now near completion, and we expect to be moved in by February 2025. A tremendous amount of planning and skill went into the design of this new building. I'd like to personally thank our Assistant Chief, Larry "Dell" Dell Veneri, for his time and dedication to this building. This town department is lucky to be able to move into a state-of-the-art facility thanks to the hard work of Dell throughout this process. The department would also like to extend our gratitude once again to the Town Highway Department for allowing us to keep our trucks and equipment in their building. We appreciate your generosity.

The officers and members of the department continue to upgrade their skills by attending training classes put on by the department and the State of Vermont Fire Service Training Counsel. We currently have 38 active regular firefighters of which 22 are certified Level 1 or higher.

This year the department responded to 186 calls for service. This is slightly down from 190 calls for service last year.

The Rutland Town Fire Department is always looking for new members. We have three levels in the department: Cadet FF, ages 14 & 15, Junior FF, ages 16 & 17, and Senior FF age 18 and older. If you or anyone you know would like more information on becoming a member then please stop by any one of our two stations on a Wednesday evening. This is our regular training night. You can talk with our members to get an idea of what is involved in the fire service to see if this is something you would like to pursue.

In closing, I would like to thank the officers, the members and the families of the Rutland Town Fire Department for all the sacrifices, dedication, hard work and support they provide to make this department a highly trained, well-organized professional organization.

Respectfully,

Chris Clark, Rutland Town Fire Chief

RUTLAND TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT
2025 Officers and Firefighters

Served in 2024	Elected for 2025
Chris Clark, Fire Chief Larry Dell Veneri, Assistant Chief (Stn 1) Mike Carlson, Assistant Chief (Stn 2) Jared Rau, Captain (Stn 1) Matt Voity, Captain (Stn 2) Chris Henderson, Lieutenant (Stn 1) Jorge Mada, Lieutenant (Stn 2) Paul Williams, Treasurer Dan McCarthy, Training Officer Richard Sweet, Clerk	Chris Clark, Fire Chief Larry Dell Veneri, Assistant Chief (Stn 1) Mike Carlson, Assistant Chief (Stn 2) Jared Rau, Captain (Stn 1) Jorge Mada, Captain (Stn 2) Chris Henderson, Lieutenant (Stn 1) Trevor Brown, Lieutenant (Stn 2) Paul Williams, Treasurer Richard Sweet, Clerk

Chris Alexander
 Alejandro Anderson
 Trevor Brown
 Mike Carlson
 Braden Clark
 Chris Clark
 Edwin Clough**
 Joseph Denardo**
 Larry Dellveneri
 Jax Elliott
 J.P. Fagnant(Fire Police)
 Richard Goodrich**
 Mike Gould
 Quinton Hall Jr. FF
 Bryce Hebert Jr. FF
 B.J. Hathaway
 Chris Henderson
 Ben Hogan
 Devon Kibbey
 Adam Lanfear

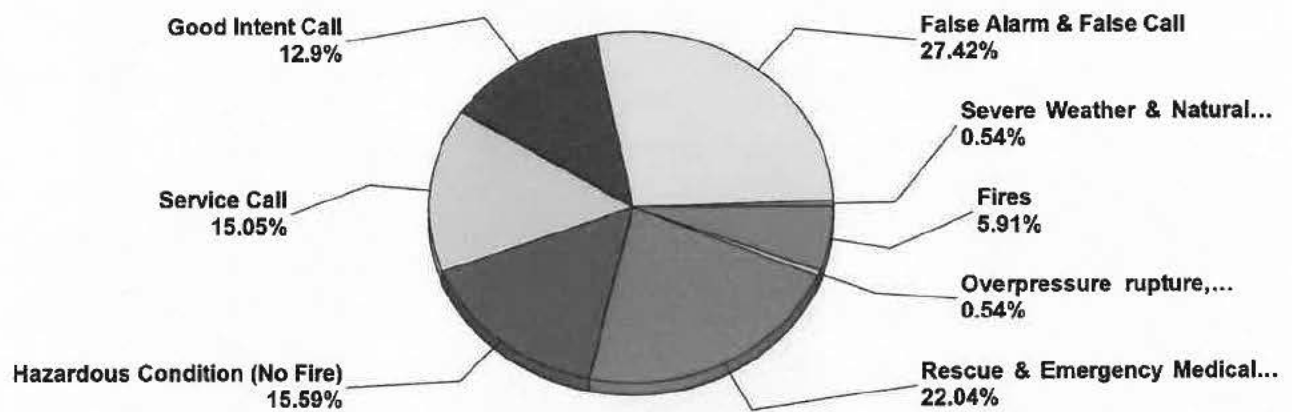
Andrew Maclaclan
 Jorge Mada
 Brogan McCarthy Jr. FF
 Dan McCarthy
 Joe McKirryher
 Ryan McNeil Jr. FF
 Billy Jo Mills
 Aliona Postolachi
 Jared Rau
 Tyler Regula
 Patrick Reidy
 Michael Robertello
 Darrell Sarnowski
 Jake Stamey
 Emilo Strangeway
 Richard Sweet
 William Sweet
 Marty Wasserman
 David Waterhouse
 Paul Williams

** Honorary Member

RUTLAND TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT 2024 CALLS

FIRES	Fires, other	1
	Cooking fire, confined to container	5
	Trash or rubbish, contained	1
	Passenger vehicle fire	1
	Brush or rubbish-and-grass mixture	3
OVER PRESSURE, RUPTURE, EXPLOSION, OVERHEAT, no fire	Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1
RESCUE	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	10
	Motor vehicle accidents with injuries	7
	Motor vehicle/pedestrian (MV Ped)	1
	Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	22
HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS	Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1
	Gas Leak (natural gas or LPG)	7
	Oil or other combustible liquid spill	3
	Carbon monoxide incident	6
	Power lines down	9
	Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2
	Electrical wiring/equipment problem	1
SERVICE CALLS	Water or steam leak	1
	Smoke or odor removal	2
	Assist police or other governmental agency	1
	Public service	1
	Defective elevator, no occupant	2
	Unauthorized burning	2
	Cover assignment, standby, or move up	19
GOOD INTENT CALLS	Good intent call, other	3
	No incident found on arrival at dispatched address	3
	Dispatched & cancelled en route	13
	Authorized controlled burning	2
	Smoke scare, odor of smoke	3
FALSE ALARMS	Malicious , mischievous false call, other	1
	System malfunction, other	2
	Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	4
	Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1
	Alarm sounded due to malfunction	8
	CO detector activation due to malfunction	2
	Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	3
	Sprinkler activation, no fire-unintentional	2
	Smoke detector activation, no fire-unintentional	11
	Alarm system sounded , no fire-unintentional	16
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	
SEVERE WEATHER	Wind storm	1

Total Number of Incidents: 186



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	11	5.91%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	1	0.54%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	41	22.04%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	29	15.59%
Service Call	28	15.05%
Good Intent Call	24	12.9%
False Alarm & False Call	51	27.42%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.54%
TOTAL	186	100%

FIRE BUDGET

ACCT NO	ITEM	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
INCOME					
		-	-	-	-
EXPENSES					
055012	VEHICLE FUEL	6,500	5,567	7,000	8,000
055013	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE / EQUIPMENT	25,000	14,230	25,000	28,000
055021	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	7,500	15,568	7,500	8,000
055022	ELECTRICITY	6,000	5,483	4,000	4,000
055023	TELEPHONE / INTERNET	2,500	4,146	2,500	4,400
055024	WATER / SEWER	1,500	1,019	2,000	2,000
055025	HEATING FUEL	9,500	3,015	7,000	6,000
055026	CABLE SERVICE	5,000	2,252	3,000	1,500
055027	OFFICE SUPPLIES / SOFTWARE	7,500	2,591	7,500	7,500
055028	SCBA MAINTENANCE / EQUIPMENT TESTING	9,000	9,561	10,000	10,000
055031	NEW EQUIPMENT	35,000	33,888	40,000	40,000
055032	INSURANCE	4,000	4,327	4,000	4,000
055033	SALARIES	63,535	63,239	70,720	72,842
055035	SOCIAL SECURITY	6,000	7,157	6,000	9,000
055036	TRAINING	1,000	765	1,000	2,000
055037	UNIFORMS	2,000	2,445	2,500	2,500
055038	MEDICAL / PHYSICALS	500	-	500	500
055039	FIRE PREV EDUCATION	1,500	1,571	2,000	2,000
055091	DISPATCH SERVICES	2,000	2,510	3,000	3,000
055092	DRY HYDRANT	250	-	250	250
055099	MISCELLANEOUS	2,500	4,767	3,000	3,000
055101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	21,969	18,474	22,848	23,533

FIRE BUDGET

ACCT NO	ITEM	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
055102	DAYTIME WAGE	12,000	12,787	18,720	20,000
	CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION	-	-	-	513
TOTAL EXPENSES		232,254	215,362	250,038	262,538
NET TOTAL		\$ 232,254.00	\$ 215,362.17	\$ 250,038.00	\$ 262,538.00

FIRE ACCOUNT RECEIPTS

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

ACCT	ITEM	AMOUNT
054001	Property Taxes	232,254.00
054200	Misc Revenue	-
		232,254.00

RUTLAND TOWN SUTTON FIRE TRUST
PERMANENT FUND

ACCT NO	ITEM	AMOUNT
	Sutton Money Market Balance	6/30/2023 258,205.58
154001	Deposits	-
154002	Interest	6,079.52 6,079.52
155002	Transfers	-
	Balance 6/30/2024	\$264,285.10

RUTLAND TOWN SUTTON FIRE TRUST
EXPENDABLE FUND
RECEIPTS

ACCT NO	ITEM	AMOUNT
	Sutton Checking Balance	6/30/2023 5,578.12
164001	Interest	19.06
164003	Transfer	0 19.06
	Balance 6/30/2024	\$5,597.18

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Clark, Town Treasurer

Rutland Town Recreation Annual Report
2024

This year the Recreation Department had very successful seasons with activities taking place this year. Northwood Pool enjoyed a great summer of warm weather and people at the pool, with the events going on we were able to open and offer swim lessons and groups at the pool for swimming. The town wide celebration was another huge hit with fireworks during the last weekend in August. We also dedicated a plaque to the Founders of Northwood Park. This plaque is on the outside of the pool building. Many thanks to all who helped make this annual event a huge success.

This fall we had a makeover of the infield at Dewey Field, with the help of the highway department we created a new playing surface with fresh sod. We also replaced the fencing on the tennis courts as well.

We had a great turnout for the Halloween party this year. It was a huge success outside on "Trick or Treat on the Trail". The 8th grade class spent lots of time designing, planning and running this activity. We had over 500 people walking the trails during this time for a great event to have a safe Halloween. A special thanks to the RT Fire and Police departments for helping out at this event. We were able to run all our sports programs this past year with a great turn out of kiddo's taking advantage of what we offer, Soccer, Football, Basketball, Baseball and Softball programs for grades K-6. Many thanks to all who helped make this a huge success.

I would like to thank the Town Highway department Dave, Jason, Chris and Ben as they have helped with keeping the parks looking great and our maintenance man Chuck Hall who has really done a great job of keeping Delbianco Park in great shape. We did lots of work this past summer, here are a few things.

- We continued to reseed both parks as the winter and grubs killed most of the grass
- We are continuing the construction of the shared use path from Chasanna Dr. to Northwood Park
- We now have all our sports registrations and payments online

This year the Seniors have started the transition to be under the direction of the recreation department. We hope to be offering many new and different activities for this very active group.

If you have any ideas on programming for the recreation department or would like to help with our programs, please contact me at 802-779-2518. Once again thank you for your support of Rutland Town Recreation.

Sincerely,

Michael Rowe

Recreation Director

RECREATION BUDGET

2025-2026

ACCT NO	ITEM	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
INCOME					
064021	SWIM PASSES/LESSONS	-	9,992	-	
064031	SWIM DAILY FEES	-	4,539	-	
064041	BASEBALL	-	1,235	-	
064081	CONCESSIONS	-	2,011	-	
064091	MISCELLANEOUS	-	22	-	
064101	INTEREST MM	-	3,772	-	
064201	SOCCER	-	2,670	-	
064202	BASKETBALL	-	1,440	-	
064205	CONCESSION - DEWEY	-	80	-	
064206	FLAG FOOTBALL	-	480	-	
064207	FIELD USAGE	-	-	-	
	PREVIOUS YEARS BUDGET	20,000.00		20,000.00	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME		20,000.00	26,241.46	20,000.00	27,000.00
EXPENSES					
065011	RECREATION DIRECTOR	24,608	24,608	25,592	50,000
065013	LIFE GUARDS	52,000	41,792	53,000	53,000
065014	MAINTENANCE LABOR	19,000	18,292	20,000	12,500
065016	UMPIRES & REFEREES	5,500	6,135	6,500	7,000
065029	SOCIAL SECURITY	6,500	6,900	6,500	9,371
065041	ELECTRICITY	8,500	8,216	9,000	9,000
065042	TELEPHONE / INTERNET	3,500	4,352	4,000	4,500
065043	WATER	2,500	2,182	2,500	2,500
065051	CHEMICALS	5,500	7,329	6,000	7,000
065052	SUPPLIES - MAINTENANCE	5,000	5,597	5,000	5,000

RECREATION BUDGET

ACCT NO	ITEM	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
065053	SUPPLIES - MISCELLANEOUS	1,000	947	1,000	1,000
065054	PLUMBING - NORTHWOOD	2,000	2,378	2,000	2,000
065055	GAS - OIL	1,000	1,243	1,500	1,600
065056	PLUMBING - DEWEY FIELD	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
065057	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	1,000	259	1,000	1,000
065058	NEW EQUIPMENT	2,000	6,074	2,000	2,000
065061	ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT	12,000	13,482	13,000	13,000
065062	SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	3,500	2,100	3,500	8,000
065063	MEMBERSHIPS	2,000	2,797	2,500	2,500
065065	ADVERTISING	400	128	200	200
065069	MISCELLANEOUS	2,000	2,830	2,000	2,000
065121	FOOD	6,500	7,801	7,000	7,000
065122	CONCESSION EQUIPMENT	500	(10)	500	500
065123	CONCESSION REPAIRS	500	468	500	500
065200	TIMBER FUND EXPENSES		2,650		
	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT				4500
	CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION				540
TOTAL EXPENSES		168,008.00	168,545.68	175,792.00	207,211
NET TOTAL		148,008.00	142,304.22	155,792.00	180,211.00

RECREATION ACCOUNT RECEIPTS

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

ACCT	ITEM		AMOUNT
064010	Property Taxes	148,008.00	
064021	Swim Passes/Lessons	9,992.00	
064031	Swim Daily Fees	4,539.00	
064041	Baseball	1,235.00	
064081	Concession - Northwood	2,011.00	
064091	Miscellaneous	22.00	
064101	Interest-MM	22.46	
064201	Soccer	2,670.00	
064202	Basketball	1,440.00	
064205	Concession - Dewey	80.00	
064206	Flag Football	480.00	
064207	Field Usage	-	
			<u>170,499.46</u>

RUTLAND TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION 2023/2024

I want to thank the dedicated and diverse group that we have on the Rutland Town Planning Commission: Vice Chair Dana Peterson, Andy McKane, Jerry Stearns, Howard Burgess, Sherman Hunter, Mary Beth Poli, and alternates, Norm Cohen and Jim Hall. Some members have been serving the town in various volunteer capacities for decades. It is a great group, and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their continued service.

This past fiscal year, the planning commission spent much of its time working on two ordinances.

Subdivision Ordinance Rewrite

Since the current Subdivision Ordinance is more than 40 years old, an updated one was certainly in order. We wrapped up our work on what we thought needed to be changed in the ordinance and sent it to the town attorney. He needed several months for his legal review and eventually returned to us a lengthy list of changes that he thought were needed. So that started another round of work by Planning Commission members to incorporate the town attorney's suggestions. We hope to have a version to send to the Selectboard for its consideration in the coming fiscal year.

Short Term Rentals

To address the popularity of Short-Term rentals in the town, the Planning Commission and the Selectboard worked together to pass an ordinance. The Planning Commission spent many months fine-tuning a version that the Selectboard adopted on February 27, 2024. The Short-Term Rental Ordinance became effective April 29, 2024. The state of Vermont defines a short-term rental as a "dwelling room or self-contained dwelling unit rented to the transient, traveling, or vacationing public for a period of fewer than 30 consecutive days and for more than 14 days per calendar year." **The ordinance creates a registry of short-term rentals and stipulates that they meet the same Vermont State fire safety standards as Beds & Breakfasts and other lodging establishments. The Planning Commission decided this would be the fairest way to address the growth of these operations. We also wanted to ensure that housing was safe, available and affordable in Rutland Town.**

Pocket Park

The pocket park at Center Rutland Falls came back to life this year. The owner of the parcel below the falls and on the west side of Otter Creek is Green Mountain Power (GMP). The utility completed an extensive relicensing process with the federal government this year. As part of that relicensing, the federal government agreed that turning the site into a pocket park would be an excellent use of that space. Soon after that, the town went to work on a land transfer between GMP and the town of the proposed park parcel. Next stop, securing funding to start construction of the park; the Planning Commission is looking into potential grant funding for that work.

If you have any questions about any of these topics, please reach out to us.

Respectively submitted,
Barbara Noyes Pulling
Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair

LISTER REPORT 2023-2024

The Listers' office welcomed a new member to our office this past summer. Cathy Kapitanski, a longtime resident of Rutland Town, joined us to fill the vacancy left open by the resignation of Jack McCamley. Cathy has proven to be an asset to our office.

Act 68, which passed in the 23 Legislative sessions, contained a \$50,000 appropriation to complete a study regarding two key issues: updating the reappraisal system to achieve a six-year reappraisal cycle and studying property tax data and classifications. We have received a copy of the "**FINAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ACT 68 OF 2023**" which was due to the legislative committees of jurisdiction by December 15, 2024. The webinar discussing the findings in the report was presented by Jill Remick, PVR Director, and is available on the Department of Taxes website. Recommendations included creating assessment districts (AD), reappraisal contracting, reforming the appeal structure, grand list assessment date, (change date to January 1 from the current April 1), and information technology standardization. There is a lot to discuss throughout the towns & cities in Vermont regarding these recommendations, which will be addressed in the 25-26 legislative session with input from stakeholders that include listers and assessors and especially from VALA (Vermont Association of Listers and Assessors).

Rutland Town did not receive a letter to reappraise, however the RA-308 form that is submitted to PVR for approval was sent out in January 2025. The timeline is now for the year 2029 before any reappraisals can be performed. Many firms are not bidding out to this date as they are reluctant to commit this far in advance. The CLA is 72.91% and the COD is 23.69%. Rutland Town will be receiving a mandate to reappraise when letters are sent out in July. This is in progress as of this writing.

<u>TOWN TAX RATES</u>		<u>GRAND LIST VALUES</u>	
Residential Tax Rate	\$1.7832	Real Property	\$680,801,800
Non-Residential	\$2.0544	Business Personal Property	\$330,047,323
Municipal Tax Rate	\$0.2103	Total Grand List	\$1,010,849,123
		TOTAL TAXABLE GL	\$10,047,156

Rutland Town continues to grow and thrive as we welcomed two new businesses to the town, namely Splash Holdings and Starbucks. We had a continually active year in processing transfers. There was a total of 110 transfers recorded between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024.

REMINDER: HS-122 Homestead Declarations need to be filed annually. April 15th is the due date for filing this form with your State of Vermont tax filings. An extension for filing income tax returns does not relieve a property taxpayer of the obligation to file a timely Homestead Declaration by April 15. Should you miss this date, you will be penalized by the State, and you may not be eligible to receive the State Income Sensitivity payment.

You may qualify for a Veterans Exemption if you have a disability of 50% or greater. All exemption approval paperwork must be filed with the VA on or before May 1st. Please check the Vermont Veterans Affairs website for further information.

As a reminder "**INFORMATIONAL BUILDING PERMITS**" are required for construction of dwellings, garages, outbuildings, etc. There is no fee associated with the permit. They are also required when adding or removing decks, pools, etc. The Permit form can be found on the Town of Rutland's website. www.rutlandtown.com.

Effective as of April of 2024, the Town of Rutland has adopted a "**Short Term Rental Ordinance**" which can be found on the Town's website under the ordinance tab. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1971 and §2291(29). This Ordinance is designated a civil ordinance under 24 V.S.A. §1971(b).

Respectfully Submitted: Marcia Chioffi, Marie Fagnant, Cathy Kapitanski

ANNUAL REPORT of the COLLECTOR of DELINQUENT TAXES

Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §§ 5162, 5163

Donald J. Chioffi

01 Jan 2024 to 31 December 2024

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax

TAX YEAR	TAX DUE FROM WARRANTS	Tax COLLECTED	Tax ABATEMENTS	OUTSTANDING BALANCE
2016-2017	428.89	428.89	0.00	\$0.00
2017-2018	2,544.18	224.85	0.00	\$2,319.33
2018-2019	2,768.42	196.06	0.00	\$2,572.36
2019-2020	3,042.44	462.97	0.00	\$2,579.47
2020-2021	11,570.69	8,898.33	0.00	\$2,672.36
2021-2022	22,861.68	11,124.11	2.50	\$11,735.07
2022-2023	85,394.00	41,722.54	200.80	\$43,470.66
* 2023-2024	267,974.58	209,744.94	12,378.77	\$45,850.87
TOTAL	\$396,584.88	\$272,802.69	\$12,582.07	\$111,200.12

(* - Warrant Received on 29th day of May 2024)

Total Tax Collected:	\$272,802.69
Interest Collected:	\$21,414.31
Total Remitted to Treasurer:	\$294,217.00

By: *Donald J. Chioffi*
 Collector of Delinquent Taxes
 Town of Rutland
 County of Rutland
 State of Vermont

ANNUAL REPORT of the COLLECTOR of DELINQUENT TAXES

Donald J. Chioffi

As of 31 December 2024

List Of Delinquent Taxpayers

Name		Tax Year(s) with Past Due Taxes						
CONWAY PETER	#	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
EUBER WARREN J & E	#	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
KING CHRIS		.....	2018-19					
LANCOUR JAMIE R		.....	2018-19	2019-20		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
SNITKER SUSAN L &	#	.....			2020-21	2021-22		
EARLE TYLER		.....			2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
HUNTINGTON TECHNOL	%	.....			2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
ZILSKI AMANDA & PE		.....				2021-22		
T-SYSTEMS NORTH AM		.....				2021-22	.....	2023-24
PRITCHARD CARL THO		.....				2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
MARTIN THOMAS P &		.....				2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
LAVICTOIRE RONALD		.....				2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
FAIRBANKS JASON J	#	.....				2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
PARON JAKE		.....					2022-23	
LUBASZEWSKI THOMAS		.....					2022-23	
KINNEY MOTORS LTD		.....					2022-23	
GENERAL ELECTRIC C		.....					2022-23	
GLOBAL MONTELLO GR		.....					2022-23	
DS SERVICES OF AME		.....					2022-23	
MILLER EARL		.....					2022-23	
FIRST CITIZENS BANK		.....					2022-23	
LAWRENCE KYLEE R		.....					2022-23	2023-24
MYHRE HEATHER C		.....					2022-23	2023-24
BOYER SANDRA F		.....					2022-23	2023-24
RAGOSTA ROBBIN M		.....					2022-23	2023-24
HEATHER LANE WATER		.....					2022-23	2023-24
R S REALTY TRUST		.....					2022-23	2023-24
R & S REALTY TRUST		.....					2022-23	2023-24
HUNTINGTON TECHNOL		.....					2022-23	2023-24
SUTHERBERG SHANE		.....						2023-24
TARNOWSKI JOHN & L	#	.....						2023-24
HAFF JAMES & MARY		.....						2023-24
GEDNEY RICHARD & S	#	.....						2023-24
LABATE ROBERT J &		.....						2023-24
RUTLAND COUNTRY CL		.....						2023-24
DENARDO JOANNE -		.....						2023-24
RAGOSTA JOSEPH III		.....						2023-24
GALLMAN LUCAS W AN		.....						2023-24
CARRIS JESSE C		.....						2023-24
GLAGOLA EDWARD C		.....						2023-24
ROSE CHRISTOPHER		.....						2023-24
KING KATHRYN E - L		.....						2023-24
BED BATH & BEYOND		.....						2023-24
GUIMONDS JACOB & G		.....						2023-24
SULEMAN ENTERPRISE		.....						2023-24
TALON FOODS 100 LC		.....						2023-24

Legend: * - Tax Sale Pending % - Multiple Properties # - Payment Agreement

Cheney Hill Cemetery Report

2024 was busy year for the Cheney Hill Cemetery. We had 18 burials during the year and sold 12 lots. All proceeds from the sale of cemetery lots are invested in our perpetual fund, from which the interest is then used to maintain the Cemetery and fund periodic upgrades as deemed necessary or appropriate by the Cemetery Commissioners.

We would again like to thank Connor Gallipo for the lawn mowing and groundskeeping services and McKirryher Services for providing trash services once again this year. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and go a long way to keeping the cemetery looking nice and remaining affordable.

As always feel free to contact either of the commissioners with questions or to arrange a time to purchase a lot.

Respectfully submitted,

B.J. Hathaway, Chairman

Kurt Hathaway, Clerk

**RUTLAND TOWN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
PERPETUAL ACCOUNT**

ACCT NO	ITEM	AMOUNT	
101001	Cash on Hand	5,599.43	
101004	American Fund Investment	107,807.61	
101006	Money Market	2,819.55	
101007	Unrealized Gain	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 116,226.59</u>
104001	Lot Sales	5,650.00	
104002	Miscellaneous	600.00	
104022	Interest Investment Acct	248.42	
104023	Interest Money Market Acct	30.04	
104024	Dividends/Capital Gains	4,016.94	
104025	Gain/Loss - Investment	9,014.73	<u>\$ 19,560.13</u>
105001	Cemetery Expenses	3583.12	
105002	Account Fees	1049.85	
105003	Cost Basis Adjustment	-	<u>\$ 4,632.97</u>

CEMETERY TRUST

ACCT NO	ITEM	AMOUNT	
171001	Cash on Hand	428.56	
171004	Cemetery American Fund	<u>181,083.42</u>	<u>\$ 181,511.98</u>
174001	Interest	81.59	
174002	Dividends/Interest/Capital Gains	6,216.06	
174003	Short Term/Long Term Gain/Loss	<u>12,807.41</u>	<u>\$ 19,105.06</u>
175001	Expenditure	-	
175002	Inv Acc't Fees	1,722.95	<u>\$ 1,722.95</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Clark, Town Treasurer

Town of Rutland, Vermont

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Transfer Station

RUTLAND TOWN TRANSFER STATION PRICING:

\$60.00	Punch Card with 20 punches Maximum bag size of 33 gallons
\$30.00	Punch Card with 10 punches Maximum bag size of 33 gallons
\$3.00	By the bag, no punch card. Maximum bag size of 33 gallons
\$10.00	Small Household Items Toilets, Sinks, AC units, Microwaves, Etc
\$20.00	King Size Mattress, Box Spring
\$15.00	Queen Size Mattress, Box Spring
\$10.00	Twin Size Mattress, Box Spring
\$15.00	Recliners, Hideaway Bed, Rugs, Etc
\$15.00	Large Household Appliances Stove, Refrigerator, Washer, Dryer, Hot Water Heaters, Etc
\$25.00 and up	SMALL PICK UP TRUCK (no racks) OR UTILITY TRAILER Building material or debris
\$35.00 and up	LARGE PICK UP TRUCK (no racks) Building material or debris
Variable	Sheetrock and Roofing Shingles

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Wednesday: 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Saturday: 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM

→ Hours May Vary Due to Holidays ←

Larry Dell Veneri
Station Manager

Steve Canney
Station Attendant

TOWN SALARY RATES

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Clerk	\$33,207.00	Per Annum
Town Treasurer	\$33,207.00	Per Annum
Selectboard - Chair	\$5,299.71	Per Annum
Selectboard - Clerk	\$4,820.58	Per Annum
Selectboard - Members	\$4,320.58	Per Annum
Selectboard - Additional Work	\$20.94	Per Hour
Lister 1 MC	\$27.56	Per Hour
Lister 2 MF	\$19.84	Per Hour
Lister 3 CK	\$18.00	Per Hour
1st Constable	\$29.63	Per Hour
2nd Constable - Fire Police	\$29.63	Per Hour
Moderator	\$0.00	Per Hour
Justices of the Peace	\$17.85	Per Hour

HIRED AND/OR APPOINTED

Town Administrator	\$66,738.00	Per Annum
Recreation Director - Part Time	\$25,592.00	Per Annum
Assistant Town Clerk / Treasurer	\$30.74	Per Hour
Assistant Town Clerk / Treasurer	\$21.00	Per Hour
Road Commissioner	\$68,790.00	Per Annum
Police Chief	\$40.24	Per Hour
Deputy Chief	\$38.05	Per Hour
Patrol Officer FT 1	\$32.00	Per Hour
Patrol Officer FT 2	\$27.88	Per Hour
Health Officer	\$29.63	Per Hour
Police Administrative Assistant	\$23.22	Per Hour
Highway Labor FT 1	\$24.80	Per Hour
Highway Labor FT 2	\$24.25	Per Hour
Highway Labor FT 3	\$22.88	Per Hour
Planning / Regional Commission Members	\$46.05	Per Meeting
Ballot Clerks	\$17.85	Per Hour
Transfer Station Manager	\$27.56	Per Hour
Transfer Station Attendent	\$20.80	Per Hour
Recreation Dept. Maintenance	\$20.20	Per Hour
Sr. Lifeguard	\$16.00	Per Hour
Lifeguard	14.00-14.50	Per Hour
Fire Chief Administrative Work	\$40.24	Per Hour
Fire Assistant Chief Admin Work	\$38.05	Per Hour
Fire Captain / Lieutenant Admin Work	\$29.18	Per Hour
Fire Department Member Administrative Work	\$24.80	Per Hour
Emergency Management Director	\$19.33	Per Hour

POLICE ACCOUNT DEPRECIATION FUND

This account is funded with 0.25% of assessed taxes

ACCT NO	ITEM	AMOUNT	
	Balance 6/30/2023		\$32,563.03
124003	Interest Money Market	\$ 297.46	
124010	Property Taxes	\$ 24,305.32	
124011	Miscellaneous	\$ -	<u>\$24,602.78</u>
125005	New Cruiser	\$ 21,350.72	
125006	Miscellaneous	\$ 2,505.00	<u>\$23,855.72</u>
	Balance 6/30/2024		<u><u>\$33,310.09</u></u>

FIRE ACCOUNT DEPRECIATION FUND

This account is funded with 1.75% of assessed taxes

ACCT NO	ITEM	AMOUNT	
	Balance 6/30/2023		\$437,581.56
134003	Interest Money Market	\$ 12,654.69	
134010	Property Taxes	\$ 170,137.26	
134011	Miscellaneous	\$ -	<u>\$182,791.95</u>
135004	Engine Repair	\$ -	
135005	New Truck	\$ 4,712.68	
135006	Miscellaneous	\$ -	<u>\$4,712.68</u>
	Balance 6/30/2024		<u><u>\$615,660.83</u></u>

RECREATION DEPRECIATION FUND

This account is funded with 1.25% of assessed taxes

ACCT NO	ITEM	AMOUNT	
	Balance 6/30/2023		\$431,790.38
144002	Interest Money Market	\$ 14,961.28	
144010	Property Taxes	\$ 121,526.61	<u>\$136,487.89</u>
145005	Fencing	\$ -	
145007	New Equipment	\$ 1,701.19	
145009	Northwood	\$ 14,146.14	
145010	Dewey Field	\$ 3,850.10	
145012	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 5,975.08	<u>\$25,672.51</u>
	Balance 6/30/2024		<u><u>\$542,605.76</u></u>

HIGHWAY DEPRECIATION FUND

This account is funded with 0.5% of assessed taxes

ACCT NO	ITEM	AMOUNT	
	Balance 6/30/2023		\$273,651.98
184002	Interest Money Market	\$ 6,687.81	
184010	Property Taxes	\$ 48,610.65	
184011	Miscellaneous	\$ -	<u>\$55,298.46</u>
185004	New Equipment	\$ 77,348.69	
			<u>\$77,348.69</u>
	Balance 6/30/2024		<u><u>\$251,601.75</u></u>

TRANSFER STATION DEPRECIATION FUND

This account is funded with 0.125% of assessed taxes

ACCT NO	ITEM	AMOUNT	
	Balance 6/30/23		\$ 23,205.43
194003	Interest Money Market	\$ 322.62	
194010	Property Taxes	\$ 12,152.66	
194011	Miscellaneous	\$ -	<u>\$ 12,475.28</u>
	Balance 6/30/24		<u><u>\$ 35,680.71</u></u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Clark, Town Treasurer

GENERAL REAPPRAISAL ACCOUNT

ACCT NO	ITEM	AMOUNT	
	Balance 6/30/2023		\$229,706.05
034021	Interest Money Market	\$ 5,735.68	
034229	Vermont State	\$ 18,401.50	<u>\$24,137.18</u>
	Balance 6/30/2024		<u><u>\$253,843.23</u></u>

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACCOUNT ()**

ACCT NO	ITEM	AMOUNT	
	Balance 6/30/2023		\$1,782,364.00
	Expenses	\$ 708,438.00	
	Surplus Sweepover	<u>\$ 844,917.00</u>	
	Balance 6/30/2024		<u><u>\$1,918,843.00</u></u>

** This account is funded by any budget surpluses at the end of each Fiscal Year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Clark, Town Treasurer

**RUTLAND TOWN SEWER USERS
RECEIPTS**

ACCT NO	ITEM	AMOUNT	
	Balance 6/30/2023		\$ 815,863.44
074013	Sewer Users	65,894.66	
074020	Miscellaneous	2,000.00	
074032	Delinquent Sewer Fee	-	
074033	Delinquent Sewer Interest	35.33	
074036	Flory Height Users	8,075.69	
074046	Allocation	50.00	
		<hr/>	76,055.68
			<hr/>
DISBURSEMENTS			
075011	Town Users	0.00	
075021	Electricity	1,821.72	
075041	Flory Heights Users	9,081.05	
075051	Miscellaneous	0.00	
075052	Engineering Costs	770.00	
075071	Maintenance	3,310.00	
075093	Rutland Town Fire Dist #1	0.00	
075100	Public Works Director	0.00	
075110	Social Security	0.00	
075140	Legal Services	-	
		<hr/>	14,982.77
			<hr/>
	Balance 6/30/2024		\$ 876,936.35

**RUTLAND TOWN WATER USERS
RECEIPTS**

ACCT NO	ITEM	AMOUNT	
	Balance 06/30/2023		\$ 521,344.60
084001	Water Users	67,312.97	
084002	Water Connection	0.00	67,312.97
		<hr/>	
DISBURSEMENTS			
085001	City of Rutland	1,650.00	
085011	Electricity	585.19	
085031	Miscellaneous	-	
085041	Maintenance	13,783.79	
085061	Engineering Services	-	
085063	Water Connection	-	
085065	Public Works Director	-	
085066	Social Security	-	
		<hr/>	16,018.98
			<hr/>
	Balance 06/30/2024		\$ 572,638.59

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Clark, Town Treasurer

**MCKINLEY AVENUE PUBLIC SAFETY
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024**

BOND 2024	\$ 2,517,850.00
ARPA FUNDS	\$ 1,253,646.47
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 630,160.61
STATE GRANT	\$ 158,176.00
BOND 2013	\$ 55,588.34
SETTLEMENT FUNDS	\$ 28,688.22
BANK INTEREST	\$ 174.38
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,644,284.02</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$ 1,440,685.07
TAX PAYER BURDEN	\$ 3,203,598.95
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,644,284.02</u>



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Selectboard
Town of Rutland, Vermont
Rutland, Vermont

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rutland, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Rutland, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rutland, Vermont, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Rutland, Vermont, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter—Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

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Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Rutland, Vermont's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Rutland, Vermont's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Rutland, Vermont's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 30, 2024, on our consideration of the Town of Rutland, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Rutland, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Town of Rutland, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A. M. Peisoch & Company LLP

Rutland, Vermont
December 30, 2024
VT Reg. No 92-0000102

January 16TH, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

Rutland Town finished an audit of the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2024, by A.M. Peisch & Company, LLP. Copies of the complete audit report are available for review at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Clark
Rutland Town Treasurer

Below are the explanations for terms used in the auditor report

Fiduciary funds

Trust and Custodial Funds – These are used to account for assets held by a governmental unit in a trustee or custodial capacity for others and, therefore, are not available to support Town programs. The reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position. Since these funds may not be used to address the general activities of the Town, they are excluded from the government-wide statements. The trust funds consist of assets held for the benefit of the cemetery and fire department. The custodial fund consist of property tax revenue collected on behalf of and distributed to the school district treasury and state treasury.

Proprietary funds

Enterprise funds – Enterprise funds are used to account for operations: (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes. Included in this fund type is the water and sewer fund.

The Town reports on the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The general fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Fire Depreciation Fund (Special Revenue Fund) – The special revenue fund is used to account for the tax proceeds that are specifically approved by the voters and are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

The Town reports the following non-major governmental fund types:

Special Revenue Funds – The special revenue fund is used to account for the tax proceeds that are specifically approved by the voters and are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. Included in these funds are the highway and recreation depreciation funds.

Fire Station Construction Fund (Capital Project Fund) – This fund is used to account for all resources to be used for acquisition and construction of the new fire station. The activities in these funds are reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

**TREASURERS' REPORT
STATEMENT - USED FOR THE 2024-2025 TAX RATE**

HOMESTEAD		x Grand List	Total Raised
General Tax	0.0000	10,105,986.31	0.00
Police Tax	0.0349	10,105,986.31	352,468.00
Highway Tax	0.0957	10,105,986.31	966,969.00
Fire Tax	0.0247	10,105,986.31	250,038.00
Recreation Tax	0.0152	10,105,986.31	153,792.00
School Tax	1.5727	2,975,234.00	4,679,150.51
Fire Depreciation Tax	0.0175	10,105,986.31	176,854.76
Recreation Depreciation Tax	0.0125	10,105,986.31	126,324.83
Highway Depreciation Tax	0.0050	10,105,986.31	50,529.93
Police Depreciation Tax	0.0025	10,105,986.31	25,264.97
Transfer Station Depreciation Tax	0.00125	10,105,986.31	12,632.48
Local Agreement	0.0011	10,105,986.31	11,014.47
TOTAL		1.7831	
NON-RESIDENTIAL		x Grand List	Total Raised
General Tax	0.0000	10,105,986.31	0.00
Police Tax	0.0349	10,105,986.31	352,468.00
Highway Tax	0.0957	10,105,986.31	966,969.00
Fire Tax	0.0247	10,105,986.31	250,038.00
Recreation Tax	0.0152	10,105,986.31	153,792.00
School Tax	1.8441	3,734,878.21	6,887,488.91
Fire Depreciation Tax	0.0175	10,105,986.31	176,854.76
Recreation Depreciation Tax	0.0075	10,105,986.31	75,794.90
Highway Depreciation Tax	0.0050	10,105,986.31	50,529.93
Police Depreciation Tax	0.0025	10,105,986.31	25,264.97
Transfer Station Depreciation Tax	0.00125	10,105,986.31	12,632.48
Local Agreement	0.0011	10,105,986.31	11,014.47
TOTAL		2.0495	
TOTAL TAX:			13,692,527.86
Grand List Tax Report is reflecting necessary adjustments made by the Listers			
Total Tax			
(Municipal) Real Estate Grand List		683,299,700.00	
(Municipal) Personal Property Grand List		<u>333,272,431.00</u>	
	LISTED VALUE	1,016,572,131.00	
	TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	5,973,500.00	
MUNICIPAL TOTAL GRAND LIST		<u>1,010,598,631.00</u>	10,105,986.31

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Clark, Town Treasurer

**TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	General Fund	ARPA Fund	Public Safety Building Construction Fund	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Property taxes, less payments to schools	\$ 1,802,588	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 376,733	\$ 2,179,321
Grants	257,860	-	-	-	257,860
Collector's fees and interest	62,562	-	-	-	62,562
Licenses, fees, fines and permits	35,841	-	-	-	35,841
Charges for services	22,469	-	-	-	22,469
Interest on invested funds	186,725	15,551	91	34,924	237,291
Intergovernmental revenues	138,074	-	-	-	138,074
Reappraisal maintenance	18,402	-	-	-	18,402
Reimbursements	6,312	-	-	-	6,312
Local option tax	1,617,158	-	-	-	1,617,158
Other	399,712	-	2,677,021	-	3,076,733
Total revenues	<u>4,547,703</u>	<u>15,551</u>	<u>2,677,112</u>	<u>411,657</u>	<u>7,652,023</u>
Expenditures:					
General government	1,809,440	1,219,718	1,020,106	-	4,049,264
Public safety	963,737	-	-	28,569	992,306
Public works	1,279,266	-	-	77,349	1,356,615
Parks and recreation	168,545	-	-	25,672	194,217
Ballot items	159,162	-	-	-	159,162
Debt service					
Principal	90,000	-	-	-	90,000
Interest and other charges	55,728	-	-	-	55,728
Total expenditures	<u>4,525,878</u>	<u>1,219,718</u>	<u>1,020,106</u>	<u>131,590</u>	<u>6,897,292</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>21,825</u>	<u>(1,204,167)</u>	<u>1,657,006</u>	<u>280,067</u>	<u>754,731</u>
Net change in fund balances	21,825	(1,204,167)	1,657,006	280,067	754,731
Fund balances - July 1, 2023	<u>3,715,554</u>	<u>1,204,167</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,198,878</u>	<u>6,118,599</u>
Fund balances - June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 3,737,379</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,657,006</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,945</u>	<u>\$ 6,873,330</u>

TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Functions / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$ 4,049,264	\$ 98,907	\$ 30,445	\$ (3,919,912)	\$ -	\$ (3,919,912)
Public safety	992,306	-	47,160	(945,146)	-	(945,146)
Public works	1,356,615	-	336,731	(1,019,884)	-	(1,019,884)
Parks and recreation	194,217	22,469	-	(171,748)	-	(171,748)
Ballot items	159,162	-	-	(159,162)	-	(159,162)
Debt service	145,728	-	-	(145,728)	-	(145,728)
Total governmental activities	<u>6,897,292</u>	<u>121,376</u>	<u>414,336</u>	<u>(6,361,580)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,361,580)</u>
Business-type activities:						
Water and sewer	31,002	143,369	-	-	112,367	112,367
Total business-type activities	<u>31,002</u>	<u>143,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,367</u>	<u>112,367</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,928,294</u>	<u>\$ 264,745</u>	<u>\$ 414,336</u>	<u>(6,361,580)</u>	<u>112,367</u>	<u>(6,249,213)</u>
General revenues						
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				1,802,588	-	1,802,588
Collector's fees and interest				62,562	-	62,562
Interest on invested funds				237,291	-	237,291
Reimbursements				6,312	-	6,312
Local option tax				1,617,158	-	1,617,158
Miscellaneous				3,390,400	-	3,390,400
Total general revenues and transfers				<u>7,116,311</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,116,311</u>
Change in net position				<u>754,731</u>	<u>112,367</u>	<u>867,098</u>
Net position - July 1, 2023				<u>6,118,599</u>	<u>1,337,208</u>	<u>7,455,807</u>
Net position - June 30, 2024				<u>\$ 6,873,330</u>	<u>\$ 1,449,575</u>	<u>\$ 8,322,905</u>

**TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>ARPA Fund</u>	<u>Public Safety Building Construction Fund</u>	<u>Non-major Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 1,232,814	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,232,814
Restricted cash	<u>2,504,622</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,657,006</u>	<u>1,478,945</u>	<u>5,640,573</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,737,436</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,657,006</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,945</u>	<u>\$ 6,873,387</u>
LIABILITIES					
Due to taxpayer	<u>\$ 57</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 57</u>
Total liabilities	<u>57</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Restricted for:					
Fire station construction	-	-	-	85	85
Highway capital purchases	-	-	-	251,602	251,602
Fire capital purchases	-	-	-	615,661	615,661
Recreation capital purchases	-	-	-	542,606	542,606
Police capital purchases	-	-	-	33,310	33,310
Transfer station capital purchases	-	-	-	35,681	35,681
General highway	333,447	-	-	-	333,447
General capital improvements	1,918,841	-	-	-	1,918,841
Long-term debt repayment	252,334	-	-	-	252,334
Public safety building	-	-	1,657,006	-	1,657,006
Committed - Opening balance	558,110	-	-	-	558,110
Committed - For paving	188,047	-	-	-	188,047
Committed - For reappraisal	253,843	-	-	-	253,843
Assigned - Police services	<u>232,757</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>232,757</u>
Total fund balances	<u>3,737,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,657,006</u>	<u>1,478,945</u>	<u>6,873,330</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,737,436</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,657,006</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,945</u>	<u>\$ 6,873,387</u>

TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Original and Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:			
Net property taxes	\$ 1,791,002	\$ 1,802,588	\$ 11,586
Grants	197,100	257,860	60,760
Collector's fees and interest	10,000	62,562	52,562
Licenses, fees, fines and permits	64,800	35,841	(28,959)
Charges for services	20,000	22,469	2,469
Interest on invested funds	9,000	186,725	177,725
Intergovernmental revenues	140,650	138,074	(2,576)
Reappraisal maintenance	18,000	18,402	402
Reimbursements	3,000	6,312	3,312
Local option tax	1,200,000	1,617,158	417,158
Other	63,482	399,712	336,230
Total revenues	<u>3,517,034</u>	<u>4,547,703</u>	<u>1,030,669</u>
Expenditures:			
General government	1,177,144	1,809,440	(632,296)
Public safety	833,422	963,737	(130,315)
Public works	1,002,558	1,279,266	(276,708)
Parks and recreation	168,008	168,545	(537)
Ballot items	166,934	159,162	7,772
Debt service	-	145,728	(145,728)
Total expenditures	<u>3,348,066</u>	<u>4,525,878</u>	<u>(1,177,812)</u>
Excess of budgeted revenues over budgeted expenditures	<u>\$ 168,968</u>	<u>\$ 21,825</u>	<u>\$ (147,143)</u>

**TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024**

	Enterprise Funds
	Water and Sewer Fund
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 1,449,575
Total assets	1,449,575
NET POSITION	
Unrestricted	1,449,575
Total net position	\$ 1,449,575

**TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND NET POSITION
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Enterprise Funds
	Water and Sewer Fund
Operating Revenues:	
Charges for services:	
Service fees	\$ 141,284
Miscellaneous operating revenues	2,085
Total operating revenues	143,369
Operating Expenses:	
City of Rutland - Hydrant agreement	1,650
Engineering and construction expenses	13,784
Other operating disbursements	15,568
Total operating expenses	31,002
Change in net position	112,367
Total net position - July 1, 2023	1,337,208
Total net position - June 30, 2024	\$ 1,449,575

TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 1,232,814	\$ 1,449,575	\$ 2,682,389
Restricted cash	5,640,573	-	5,640,573
Total assets	6,873,387	1,449,575	8,322,962
LIABILITIES			
Due to taxpayer	57	-	57
Total liabilities	57	-	57
NET POSITION			
Restricted for:			
Fire station construction	85	-	85
Highway capital purchases	251,602	-	251,602
Fire capital purchases	615,661	-	615,661
Recreation capital purchases	542,606	-	542,606
Police capital purchases	33,310	-	33,310
Transfer station capital purchases	35,681	-	35,681
General highway	333,447	-	333,447
General capital improvements	1,918,841	-	1,918,841
Long-term debt repayment	252,334	-	252,334
Public safety building	1,657,006	-	1,657,006
Unrestricted	1,232,757	1,449,575	2,682,332
Total net position	\$ 6,873,330	\$ 1,449,575	\$ 8,322,905

**TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Enterprise Funds
	Water and Sewer Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers	\$ 143,369
Payments to City of Rutland for hydrant agreement	(1,650)
Payments to suppliers and utilities	(15,568)
Payments to contractors and engineers	(13,784)
Net cash provided by operating activities	112,367
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	112,367
Balance - July 1, 2023	1,337,208
Balance - June 30, 2024	\$ 1,449,575

**TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2024**

	Trust Funds	Custodial Fund
ASSETS		
Restricted cash	\$ 278,631	\$ -
Investments, at cost	288,991	-
Total assets	567,622	-
NET POSITION		
Held in trust for cemetery	297,739	-
Held in trust for fire	269,883	-
Total net position	\$ 567,622	\$ -

TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY
NET POSITION
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Trust Funds</u>	<u>Custodial Fund</u>
Additions:		
Interest and dividends	\$ 16,692	\$ -
Realized gain on investments - net	21,822	-
Lot sales	5,650	-
Miscellaneous	600	-
Taxes collected for school district treasury	-	9,296,643
Total additions	<u>44,764</u>	<u>9,296,643</u>
Deductions:		
Investment account fees	2,773	-
Miscellaneous expense	3,583	-
Taxes distributed to school district treasury	-	9,296,643
Total deductions	<u>6,356</u>	<u>9,296,643</u>
Change in net position	38,408	-
Total net position - July 1, 2023	<u>529,214</u>	<u>-</u>
Total net position - June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 567,622</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

BIRTHS*BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT**JULY 1, 2023-JUNE 30, 2024*

Date of Birth	Name	Sex	Parents
7/6/23	Hatley, Toren D.	M	Ganguly-Kiefner, Margaret J. Hatley, Brent T.
7/16	Webster, Draco R.	M	Ellison, Sarah I. G. Webster, Roy K.
7/30	McMahon, Hudson J.	M	McMahon, Sarah E. McMahon, Justin S.
8/10	Taylor, Evelyn R.	F	Taylor, Emily M. Taylor, Jacob G.
8/11	Henderson, Charlotte R.	F	Henderson, Abigail R. Henderson, Justin R.
8/13	Sanchez-Groesbeck, Mateo A. E.	M	Groesbeck, Lacie L. Sanchez, Juan A-E
8/28	Vanguilder-Siliski, Peyton J.	F	Vanguilder, Paige M.
9/1	Goodwin, Marcus Francis	M	Kimball, Heather J. Billings, Eric R.
9/15	Creaser, Cruz H.	M	Stevens, Kaitlyn G. Creaser, Austin M.
9/18	Alger, Adrian A.-P.	M	Lang, Lillian M. Alger, Joshua A.-P.
9/21	Briggs-Gaines, Jordan B.-L.	M	Briggs, Antonia M. Gaines, Anthony X.
10/31	Caveney, Sawyer P.	M	Caveney, Nikitta M. Caveney, Shane P.
12/9	Prozzo, Eloise K.	F	Prozzo, Margaret K. Prozzo, Anthony B.
12/26	Raitses, Liza	F	Raitses, Tiffany L. Raitses, Jordan T.

Date of Birth	Name	Sex	Parents
1/1/24	Baroody, Theodore M.	M	Baroody, Kathleen E. Baroody, Mitchell E.
1/20	Hopkins, Mackenzie G.	F	Hopkins, Jennifer K. Hopkins, Charles R.
3/12	Paquette, Alexander H.	M	Stringer, Kelly A. Paquette, Nickolas A.
4/6	McMillan, Avery L.	F	Craft, Cristin A. McMillan, Andrew K.
4/23	Sprague, Madelynn J.	F	Russell, Meghan A-J Sprague, Brad L.
5/7	Wood, Ledger A.	M	Wheeler, Brittney A. Wood, Tyler A.
5/17	Shaughnessy, Quinn E.	F	Shaughnessy, Heidi A. Shaughnessy, Zachariah T.
5/17	Epler, Dillon D.	M	Epler, Brenna G. Epler, Joseph F-W III

MARRIAGES

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT

JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

Date of Marriage	Names	Residence
7/11	Klee, Emily E. Chagnot, Benjamin D.	Connecticut Rutland Town
7/21	Crosby, Kelsey E. Hockemeyer, Matthew H.	New York New York
7/22	Williams, Julie A. Vanderhoof, John J.	Rutland Town Rutland Town
7/23	Loso, Megan E. Hughes, Malik J.	Rutland Town Rutland Town
8/5	Chalmers, Ashlee K. Cabrera, Roberto Jr.	West Rutland West Rutland
8/19	Bombara, Sarah E. Whitbeck, Devon E.	Rutland Town Rutland Town
9/9	Cohen, Alix A. Frankl, David J.	New Jersey New Jersey
9/16	Dumas, Vanessa A. Arsenault, Zachary A.	Rutland Town Rutland Town
9/16	Frederick, Cindy R. Majka, Richard E.	Wallingford Wallingford
10/4	Transue, Melissa M Sheldon, Nathen M	Rutland Town Rutland Town
10/7	Peterson, William A Hardock, Katherine H	Massachusetts Massachusetts
10/15	Kotkowski, Ryann E Lovenbury, James N	Massachusetts Massachusetts

MARRIAGES

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT

JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

Date of Marriage	Names	Residence
2/8	Webster, Amy L. Wilks, Moses	Rutland City Rutland City
1/27	Pontillo, Emma J. Cashman, Nicholas C.	Castleton Castleton
3/9	Carey, Candice M. Whittemore, Jeremy S.	Rutland Town Rutland Town
4/20	Reed, Melissa A. Blanchard, Nathan S.	Rutland Town Rutland Town
4/24	Alderman, Lori A. Fiske, John R.	Rutland Town Rutland Town
4/26	Hurwitz, Susan Woodbury, Thomas J. Jr.	Rutland Town Wallingford
5/4	Johnston, Sophia A. Sargeant, Wesley T.	North Clarendon North Clarendon
5/18	Cassarino, Jessica A. Abatiell, Evan M.	Rutland City Rutland Town
6/24	Yara, Madeleine A. Young, Lawrence D. III	Dorset Rutland Town

DEATHS

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RUTLAND, VERMONT

JULY 1, 2023-JUNE 30, 2024

Date	Name of Decedent	Sex	Age	Residence
7/4	Shappy, Esther	F	90	Rutland Town
7/9	DeLance, Rebecca A.	F	42	Center Rutland
7/10	Biathrow, Norma T.	F	86	Rutland Town
7/31	McGuinness, Joyce G.	F	82	Rutland Town
Jul-23	Sumner, Christopher L.	M	41	Rutland Town
8/5	Carrara, Mary C.	F	79	Rutland Town
8/10	Cavacas, Howard A.	M	90	Center Rutland
8/12	Caleb, Anna R. T.	F	88	Rutland Town
8/13	Gardyne, Beryl	F	94	Rutland Town
8/15	Booth, Shirley	F	92	Rutland Town
8/19	Haley, Rheba	F	93	Mendon
8/24	Schooner, William D.	M	62	Rutland Town
8/25	Marro, Yolanda L.	F	99	Rutland Town
8/25	Kiorpes, Ferne W.	F	101	Rutland Town
9/11	Santoro, Bernice T.	F	86	Rutland Town
9/12	Dreier, Christine L.	F	75	Rutland Town
9/16	Sheldon, Richard H.	M	89	Rutland Town
9/18	Smith, Robert T. Jr.	M	91	Rutland Town
9/23	Van Raden, Audrey	F	96	Rutland Town
9/28	Leonard, Shirley M.	F	93	Rutland Town
9/30	DiPalma, Mary	F	89	Rutland Town
10/7	Forrest, Laurie A.	F	59	Rutland Town
10/15	Johnson, Elaine L.	F	96	Rutland Town
10/17	Douglass, Earle L. Jr.	M	82	Rutland Town
10/29	Soulia, John P.	M	96	Rutland Town
10/7	Pace, Janet N.	F	88	Rutland Town
10/28	Lizotte, Nicholas W.	M	34	Rutland Town
11/3	Stacey, Faith M.	F	90	Rutland Town
11/6	Potter, Warren W.	M	84	Rutland Town
11/6	Moore, Robert L.	M	84	Rutland Town

Date	Name of Decedent	Sex	Age	Residence
11/14	Sharon, Donald T. Sr.	M	88	Rutland Town
11/28	Allard, Gwenith	F	86	Mendon
11/29	Duffy, Mary K.	F	90	Rutland Town
12/2	McKay, Ferguson	M	91	Rutland Town
12/8	Solomka, Veronica F.	F	100	Rutland Town
12/9	Warner, Irene W.	F	77	Rutland Town
12/15	Matt, Cara L.	F	39	Rutland Town
12/16	McKay, Jane C.	F	100	Rutland Town
12/21	Fodor, Gladys E.	F	90	Rutland Town
12/29	Tumielewicz, Thomas A.	M	76	Rutland Town
1/1	Antin, Jean	F	95	Rutland Town
1/12	Majorell, Ronald C.	M	86	Rutland Town
1/18	Carpenter, Susan J.	F	67	Rutland Town
1/18	Depoy, Thomas N.	M	72	Rutland Town
1/20	Parker, Donald G.	M	88	Rutland Town
1/25	Robideau, Tyler	M	22	Rutland Town
1/30	Ragosta, Joseph J. Jr.	M	79	Rutland Town
2/3	Kurath, Doris S.	F	97	Rutland Town
2/3	Pentkowski, Stanley J.	M	78	Rutland Town
2/5	Williams, Sylvia M.	F	84	Rutland Town
2/11	Jones, Joyce A.	F	89	Rutland Town
2/14	Manning, Stephanie M.	F	77	Rutland Town
3/1	Champine, David S.	M	74	Rutland Town
3/5	Williams, Larry S.	M	82	Rutland Town
3/8	Nicholson, Frederick G.	M	75	Rutland Town
3/9	Adams, Gordon B.	M	90	Rutland Town
3/10	McKenna, Barbara J.	F	81	Rutland Town
3/12	Kulig, Celia A.	F	93	West Rutland
3/14	Clute, Roberta E.	F	87	Rutland Town
3/14	Goulette, Wilbur E. Jr.	M	53	Rutland Town
3/19	Pearsons, Donald N. Jr.	M	68	Rutland Town
March	Olson, Garth H.	M	46	Rutland Town
3/19	Wilkins, Margaret P.	F	83	West Rutland

Date	Name of Decedent	Sex	Age	Residence
3/19	Hogenkamp, Joan G.	F	94	Rutland Town
3/24	Alexander, Janet D.	F	94	Rutland Town
4/3	Zielonko, Mary Ann	F	94	Rutland Town
4/16	Zeoli, Joanne S.	F	92	Rutland Town
4/20	Westcot, Margaret S.	F	95	Rutland Town
4/22	McMahon, Charles H.	M	86	Rutland Town
5/4	Czapla, Anna Z.	F	98	Rutland Town
5/4	Dwyer, Marilyn	F	89	Rutland Town
5/4	Donnelly, Vincent J., JR	M	80	Rutland Town
5/14	Walczuk, Mark F.	M	67	Danby
5/22	Albert, Gilberte E.	F	96	Rutland Town
5/22	Curran, Michael F.	M	77	Rutland Town
5/28	Schmitt, David L.	M	73	Rutland Town
5/31	Lauf, Gertrude E.	F	99	Rutland Town
6/6	Reiman, Enid	F	94	Rutland Town
June	Sroga, Michal W.	M	37	Rutland Town
6/14	Brostek, Marilyn A.	F	89	Rutland Town
6/18	Hatt, Kirk N.	M	61	Rutland Town
6/22	Bradder, Ferne E.	F	94	Rutland Town
6/29	Cresci, Christopher R.	M	83	Rutland Town
6/29	Vandenburg, Louis A.	M	86	Rutland Town
6/30	Lyons, Lori K.	F	64	Rutland Town

2024 Town Of Rutland Select Board Committee Assignments

Committee	Board Members
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Public Works	Joe Denardo & Kurt Hathaway
Fire	Mary Ashcroft & Sharon Russell
Recreation	Sharon Russell & Matt Getty
Transfer Station	Kurt Hathaway & Matt Getty
Inter-Municipal	Mary Ashcroft & Joe Denardo
Building & Technology	Joe Denardo & Kurt Hathaway
Police	Mary Ashcroft & Matt Getty
Scholarship	Sharon Russell & Matt Getty
Finance & Personnel	Mary Ashcroft & Matt Getty
Town Event / Celebration	Sharon Russell & Kurt Hathaway
Energy	Mary Ashcroft, Joe Denardo, Barbara Pulling, Sherman Hunter, Norm Cohen
Public Safety Building	Full Select Board
Veterans Memorial	Dave Charnock, Jim Hall, Ed Skwira, Jim Freese, Don Chioffi, Marty Wasserman, Jim Ashcroft
School Board Liaison	Matt Getty

Rutland Town Officials and Term Limits

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Clerk – Kari Clark	2023 – 2026	3 Year Term
Town Treasurer – Kari Clark	2023 – 2026	3 Year Term
Delinquent Tax Collector – Don Chioffi	2024 – 2027	3 Year Term
Moderator - VACANT	2024 – 2025	1 Year Term
Grand Juror – Daron Raleigh	2024 – 2025	1 Year Term

SELECTBOARD

Mary Ashcroft - Chair	2023 – 2026	3 Year Term
Joseph Denardo – Clerk	2022 – 2025	3 Year Term
Sharon Russell	2023 – 2025	2 Year Term
Kurt Hathaway	2024 – 2026	2 Year Term
Matt Getty	2024 – 2027	3 Year Term

LISTERS

Marie Fabian	2022 – 2025	3 Year Term
Marcia Chioffi	2023 – 2026	3 Year Term
Cathy Kapitanski	2024 – 2027	3 Year Term

CONSTABLES

1st Constable – Michael Delehanty	2024 – 2026	2 Year Term
2nd Constable / Fire Police - John Paul Faignant	2023 – 2025	2 Year Term

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Kurt Hathaway	2022 – 2025	3 Year Term
VACANT	2023 – 2026	3 Year Term
Byron J. Hathaway	2024 – 2027	3 Year Term

SCHOOL BOARD

Tina Keshava – Chair	2022 – 2025	3 Year Term
Abby Bennett	2023 – 2025	2 Year Term
Timothy Hammond	2024 – 2026	2 Year Term
Collin Fingon	2023 – 2026	3 Year Term
Jeffrey Colomb	2024 – 2027	3 Year Term

Justices of the Peace

Elected November 2022 - Term from February 1, 2023 to February 1, 2025

Republicans

Leigh Adams	Marc Brierre
Howard Burgess	Don Chioffi
Marcia A. Chioffi	Glen Giles
James Hall	Christopher Howland
William Matteson	Lauston Stephens

Democrats

Martin Wasserman
Joseph Bertelloni

Planning Commission

Barbara Noyes-Pulling – Chair	2024 – 2027
Dana Peterson – Clerk	2024 – 2027
Mary Beth Poli	2024 – 2027
Sherman Hunter	2023 – 2026
Howard Burgess	2023 – 2026
Andrew McKane	2023 – 2026
Jerry Stearns	2023 – 2026
Norman Cohen – Alternate	2024 – 2027
Jim Hall - Alternate	2024 – 2027

3 Year Terms – Appointed

Other Town Officials

Term, if applicable

Town Administrator	William Sweet	
Road Commissioner	David Sears	
Fire Chief	Chris Clark	2023 – 2026
Health Officer	John Paul Faignant	8/2024 – 8/2027
Health Officer Deputy		
Forest Fire Warden	Joseph Denardo	6/2021 – 6/2026
Emergency Management Director	Martin Wasserman	
Emergency Management Coordinator	William Sweet	
Rutland Regional Emergency Management Committee	Martin Wasserman	11/2024 – 9/2025
Rutland Regional Emergency Management Committee	William Sweet	11/2024 – 9/2025
Town Service Officer	Edward Dumas	
Rutland Regional Board of Commissioners	David Rosenblum	7/2024 – 6/2025
Rutland Regional Planning Commission Rep. Alt.	VACANT	7/2024 – 6/2025
SWAC Representative	Larry Dell Veneri	4/2024 – 4/2025
SWAC Representative – alternate	Steve Canney	4/2024 – 4/2025
Rutland Regional Transportation Council Rep.	David Sears	7/2024 – 6/2025
Rutland Regional Transportation Council Rep. Alt.	VACANT	7/2024 – 6/2025
MVRTA – The Bus	VACANT	
Transfer Station Supervisor	Larry Dell Veneri	
Transfer Station Attendant	Steve Canney	
Rutland Regional Ambulance Service	Martin Wasserman	3/2024 – 3/2027
Rutland Free Library	Joe Bertelloni	Ends 10/2024
Rutland Free Library	Ken Watson	Ends 6/20__
Regional Marketing Quality of Life	Mary Ashcroft	
Otter Creek Communications Union District	Dannielle Mumma	Annually in March

Otter Creek Communications Union District Alt.	Andrew Palmer	Annually in March
Weigher of Coal	Lucas Hubbard	Annually in March
Tree Warden	Chris Howe	Annually in March
Pound Keeper	Paul Williams	Annually in March
Inspector of Wood	Byron Hathaway	Annually in March
Fence Viewer	Byron Hathaway	Annually in March
Fence Viewer	Charles Hemenway	Annually in March
Fence Viewer	Howard Burgess	Annually in March
Selectboard Liaison to the School Board	Matt Getty	Annually in March
School Board Liaison to the Selectboard		Annually in March

Dear Rutland Town residents,

Thank you for your support of our school. Last year's budget cycle was not an easy one, and we appreciate you believing in our students and approving funds to continue giving them the high quality education they deserve. As I reported in *The Circle*, I have good news to report this year in that our taxes will be going **DOWN** over 11% for FY26 from the education side. Yes, you read that right! The adjustments made by the legislature to the funding formula at the end of the last legislative session, combined with mostly level funding in the budget and less of a drop in our CLA than in recent years, have enabled us to present a budget with an 11.61% decrease. With the numbers being more in our favor this year, and because we had a larger surplus than usual from last year due to unexpectedly high interest income, using ESSER funding (covid funds) to our advantage, and unfilled positions, the Board has decided to authorize some capital maintenance improvements as one-time line items in next year's budget. We have earmarked \$160,000 to improve the HVAC system and \$290,000 to complete the asbestos abatement for the entire building. Getting asbestos out of the school all at once, rather than piecemeal over several years, will allow us to save extra money as well, because testing and setting up for this project will only have to be done once instead of multiple times. Even with those plans, per pupil spending only increased 1.27% from last year for a total of \$13,587 per student. We are excited that we can improve our school and tackle some items on our capital improvement to-do list without raising taxes or going out to bond. We hope you are, too! We also hope we can count on your support this March. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me (until 3/4/25) at tina.keshava@grcsu.org or any other board member at firstname.lastname@grcsu.org. Our next meeting is 2/11/24 at 6:30pm in the RTS library (if you get this information in time...). There is always a link to join our meetings online at the top of every agenda if you prefer to join virtually. The agenda is posted in the school office and on the school website.

****New this year**** The RTS Board has an email list to keep you updated on school board happenings. If you would like to join, please sign up on the Rutland Town School website at rts.grcsu.org.

Lastly, this will be my last annual letter in the Town Report, for now at least. My term is up in March, and I have decided not to continue at this time. I have enjoyed my last four plus years on the board, but it is time for me to tackle some other projects, both personally and professionally. It has been an honor serving you in this capacity, and I am sure it is not the last you have heard from me! Thank you for allowing me to serve in this position for as long as I have.

Sincerely,

Tina Keshava
Tina Keshava
Rutland Town School Board Chair



GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION

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February 2025

Dear GRCSU Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

On behalf of the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU), we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support and engagement with our schools and communities. The GRCSU proudly serves four school districts: the Ira School District, Quarry Valley Unified Union School District, Rutland Town School District, and Wells Springs Unified Union School District. These districts encompass eight schools: Middletown Springs Elementary School, Poultney Elementary School, Poultney High School, Proctor Elementary School, Proctor Jr./Sr. High School, Rutland Town School, Wells Village School, and West Rutland School. We are dedicated to educating and developing approximately 1,600 students in grades PreK-12. Your partnership is vital to our mission to engage and empower students to achieve academic and personal success, preparing them to be responsible citizens who embrace a love for learning.

The Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU) Central Office plays a vital role in supporting the successful operation of our schools. This includes overseeing curriculum and instruction, professional development, staff evaluation, human resources, policies and procedures, grants, and all financial matters across our districts. Lisa Mattison, our Assistant Superintendent, leads curriculum, instruction, assessment, professional development, academic grants, and teacher mentoring initiatives. Louis Milazzo, Director of the GRCSU Business Office, manages purchasing, contracted services, payroll, bill payments, budgeting, grant oversight, and audits to ensure financial integrity. Tammy Rescott is our Interim GRCSU Student Support Services, encompassing Special Education. Her team includes special education administrators, teachers, paraeducators, psychologists, physical and occupational therapists, speech pathologists, and PreK coordinators—all dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our students. In addition, Greg Connors leads our IT Department, ensuring that technology infrastructure across our schools remains reliable and effective. Together, our Central Office team is committed to providing the resources and guidance needed to foster excellence throughout GRCSU.

Our leadership team and school staff have been engaging with the GRCSU Portrait of a Graduate (POG) and planning learning experiences to help students develop the five core POG competencies of Responsibility, Adaptability, Critical Thinking, Empathy, and Communication. As part of this work, we have developed statements for a GRCSU *Vision for Student Experience* and a GRCSU *Vision for Student Learning*:

- Vision for Student Experience - Each and every GRCSU student feels accepted and valued.
- Vision for Student Learning - All GRCSU students will develop into responsible and resilient learners who experience success through authentic and purposeful learning.

Principals and teachers have articulated instructional practices and school-wide strategies that support each student in advancing their skills. Each GRCSU school is developing plans to expand these practices in their school building and across their school programs.

The 24-25 school year marks the second year of implementation for our 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. As our guiding “north star,” this comprehensive five-year plan allows us to prioritize SU and school-based initiatives and allocate resources efficiently and effectively. This plan ensures that we not only set SU goals but also develop a set of measures to monitor our progress toward achieving these goals and make necessary adjustments. Our Strategic Plan embodies a collective vision for our students, staff, and supervisory union, focusing on three key priority areas:

- Academic Success
- Improved School Climate/Culture

- Community Engagement/Communication

These GRCSU priority areas drive our commitment to providing equitable, high-quality education in every classroom and school, supporting students academically, socially, and emotionally. The plan represents a dedication to a transformative and inclusive educational experience for every GRCSU student. The GRCSU administrative team is fully engaged in advancing the action steps aligned with this plan to continuously improve the quality of the student experience in our schools and reports to the GRCSU regularly with updates and accomplishments in these areas. Some highlights from the past year include:

- Increased enrichment opportunities for students, such as college and career exploration events, a SU-wide “Battle of the Books,” the Harvest of the Month, and Healthy Foods A-Z programs.
- Expansion of student supports through our Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Framework.
- Adoption of updated curriculum resources for K-2 phonics and K-5 mathematics instruction
- Sequencing of units of instruction and assessments across all GRCSU schools
- Ongoing training for teachers and staff related to the new VT Comprehensive Assessment Program (VTCAP) tests and the revised Education Quality Standards will go into effect this coming July.

Please visit our website (<https://grcsu.org/grcsu-2023-2028-strategic-plan/>) for a copy of the GRCSU 2023-2028 Strategic Plan.

At the GRCSU, we are deeply committed to strengthening collaboration with our stakeholders to enhance the quality of our schools. We aim to ensure that every student has access to a high-quality education that equips them for success, no matter their path. If you want to learn more about this work or wish to take a more active role in shaping our schools, we encourage you to connect with your local building principal or attend one of our local district’s board meetings. Together, we can foster an educational environment that champions excellence, inclusivity, and compassion, preparing every student to thrive in an ever-changing world.

We also thank our school board members for their dedication and service throughout the year. Their contributions go beyond budget oversight; they provide invaluable guidance and leadership, helping to create positive and enriching environments for our students, educators, and administrators. Balancing fiscal responsibility with the best interests of our students is no small task, and we sincerely appreciate their commitment to this critical work.

Please remember to vote on Town Meeting Day, March 4, 2025. For more information, visit our website at www.grcsu.org, call 802-775-4342, or email us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Chris Sell

GRCSU Superintendent

Lisa Mattison

GRCSU Assistant Superintendent

January 2025

Dear Rutland Town,

This is my thirteenth year as Rutland Town School principal, and I am proud of the progress our students continue to make year after year. Our students are well prepared for high school and beyond, both academically and socially. We attribute their success to the support and dedication of our incredible teachers and staff, families, and the greater community.

Enrollment numbers remain consistent year after year. We currently have 353 pre-K through grade 8 students and 174 students attending various high schools. Our class sizes average 17 students per class and we welcomed 45 new kindergarten students to our school this year!

We continue to have a strong unified arts program: music, chorus, art, physical education, technical education, health, library, and Spanish. We also offer a variety of sports and clubs for our students. We have an active student council, big buddies and little buddies, Green Team, rock climbing, Rainbow Club, and a Spelling Bee club. We are in our second year of lifetime sports. We appreciate the support of our school board, community, and parents in helping to make this happen- it is all hands on deck! For 6 half-days this winter, K-8th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in skiing/snowboarding at Pico, rock climbing at Green Mountain Rock Climbing Center, skating at Giorgetti, bowling at Bowlerama, gymnastics at Head Over Heels, and tennis at Vermont Sport and Fitness. Last year, we had 50+ students skiing/snowboarding and ice skating for the first time! These opportunities will truly last a lifetime!

We are in our second year of implementing UFLI which is our K-2 literacy program and are seeing great results. Our elementary teachers, special education teachers, interventionists, and middle school English Language Arts teachers have participated in Keys to Literacy training this summer and fall to further our students' writing ability.

Our students participated in the Stuff-A-Bus food drive this November and donated over 2,000 items that will help feed our local food banks. A whole school ice cream celebration will happen in January for surpassing our goal of 1,500 items! We just recently welcomed the Rutland Town Seniors for a luncheon in our cafeteria where they were entertained by our talented Jazz Band and our middle school Chorus sang at the last Rutland Rotary Luncheon. Our middle school students also shopped for multiple RTS families so our children would have gifts for the holiday season.

We are in our second year of offering our summer and after school program Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County to Rutland Town School. The Rutland Town School Boys and Girls Club offers after school programming to 31 students every day.

Again, I am proud to be your principal and I appreciate your continuous support of our school. Our students have a reputation for being hard working, polite, and respectful and our teachers and staff are

second to none. I welcome others to visit our school and meet with me, anytime. Feel free to call the office and make an appointment (802) 775-0566. I also encourage everyone to check out our [Website](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#) to see what is happening at Rutland Town School!

Most Sincerely,

Sarah Tetzlaff, Principal



Stuff - A - Bus



Big Buddies and Little Buddies



8th graders in Mrs McDougall's class researched various types of cold resistant crops and are now planting their seeds. Once sprouted, students will transplant them in late fall to the cold frames out front of the school.

Director of Student Support Services
Annual Report
January 2025

The Student Support Services department is dedicated to providing inclusive and comprehensive support to students, particularly those with special needs (currently GRCSU has 367 students accessing Individualized Educational Plans-IEPs), accommodations through 504 plans, and those facing challenges like homelessness.

We continue to adapt and advance our practices to support the state's decision to add Executive Functioning as a basic skill area for special education eligibility. We have implemented programs within our buildings to meet the needs of our students' social-emotional needs, these programs are for all students to access. Overall, we are seeing success because of the incredible dedication of all those who work for Student Services in the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union.

To address the need for more specialized and intensive support for students requiring additional behavioral and academic interventions, the Bridge's Classroom was introduced at Wells. This program is tailored for students who benefit from a more structured, individualized approach due to behavioral and learning challenges that cannot be fully met in the general education setting.

Additionally, HUB classrooms were established to provide targeted support for students' social-emotional and academic growth. These specialized classrooms, now available at West Rutland and Proctor Elementary, are designed to meet the increasing demand for personalized, therapeutic learning environments. The goal of HUB classrooms is to offer a structured, safe space where students receive individualized attention and targeted interventions, helping them thrive both academically and socially.

Last year, new special education rules were introduced, emphasizing increased professional development for staff and adjustments to these changes. The revised approach focuses on enhancing academic interventions before considering special education testing, promoting a proactive strategy for supporting students with diverse needs. This marks a shift from previous practices, where special education often served as the primary solution for students requiring academic support. To address these new requirements, we will continue to engage with the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework, which aims to deepen the understanding among staff and caregivers. MTSS provides varying levels of support to meet the diverse needs of individuals, typically within classrooms or alternative settings. It consists of three tiers: Universal, Targeted, and Intensive. By fully utilizing this system, we can offer more comprehensive academic support to students while allowing Student Services to focus more effectively on students with disabilities.

Paraprofessionals, teachers, school psychologists, evaluators, speech pathologists, behaviorists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists all play essential roles in the success of our educational initiatives. Recognizing and valuing their contributions is vital, as they are integral to the well-being and development of our students. Despite the critical staff shortages in Student Services, GRCSU is fortunate to have such dedicated professionals.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Rescott

Interim Director of Student Support Services
Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union

CHILD FIND NOTICE

The Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union and each of the member school districts (Ira, Quarry Valley, Wells Springs, and Rutland Town) are responsible for the provision of a free and appropriate public education for every child with an educational disability ages 3-21 living within a member town.

We are searching for any child including those birth through 2 years of age who might be eligible for and in need of special education and related services help. Anyone can and should make a referral of any child living in one of these towns they believe may be eligible for special education. They can do so by contacting in writing or by telephone:

The Principal of the school which the child is or will be likely to attend
OR
The Superintendent of Schools
Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union
100 Westway Mall Drive, Unit 2, West Rutland, VT 05777
Tel: 802-775-4342

Referral information will be handled in confidence. The referral may lead to an evaluation of the child to determine if he or she is eligible for and in need of special education. If the answer is yes, an individualized educational plan will be developed and implemented by a multidisciplinary team of people including the child's parents.

Please. If you suspect a child residing in one of these towns may be in need of special education, make a referral.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union and its member districts, will not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities including vocational education and special instruction as and to the extent provided by law.

The following have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the specified school district's non-discrimination policies:

Principal Poultney Elementary School, 96 School Circle, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 802-287-5212
Principal Poultney High School, 154 East Main Street, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 802-287-5861
Principal Proctor Elementary School, 14 School Street, Proctor, VT 05765 Tel: 802-459-2225
Principal Proctor Jr./Sr. High School, 4 Park Street, Proctor, VT 05765 Tel: 802-459-3353
Principal Rutland Town School, 1612 Post Road, Rutland, VT Tel: 802-775-0566
Principal Middletown Spr Elementary School, 15 Schoolhouse Road, Middletown Springs, VT Tel: 802-855-5155
Principal Wells Village School, 36 MWA Loop, Wells, VT 05774 Tel: 802-645-0386
Principal West Rutland School, 713 Main Street, West Rutland, VT 05777 Tel: 802-438-2288
Superintendent GRCSU, 100 Westway Mall Drive, Unit 2, West Rutland, VT 05777 Tel: 802-775-4342

Additional inquiries regarding the provisions of the federal law related to children or adults with handicapping conditions or disabilities impacting the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union or its member districts including Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act can be obtained by contacting the Superintendent of Schools, Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union, 100 Westway Mall Drive, Unit 2, West Rutland, VT 05777, Tel: 802-775-4342

GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION

**NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT
PLAN AVAILABILITY**

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (40 CFR 763.93 (g) (4)) requires that written notice be given that the following schools have management plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. These management plans are available and accessible to the public at the administrative office of each facility listed below:

Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union
100 Westway Mall Drive, Unit 2
West Rutland, VT 05777
775-4342

Rutland Town School
1612 Post Road
Rutland, VT 05701
775-0566

GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION

Rutland Town School District Assessment Summary

	<u>FY26</u>
Summary of Assessments	
Curriculum Administration	\$ 218,332
General Administration	\$ 459,248
Fiscal Services	\$ 660,407
Technology Services	\$ 589,794
Plant Operations	\$ 122,890
Special Ed	<u>\$ 9,000,928</u>
Total	\$ 11,051,599
Anticipated Non Assessment Revenue	\$ 6,095,766
Amount to be Assessed to School Districts	\$ 4,955,833
 Assessment to Rutland Town School District	 \$ 1,289,785

Please Note: The Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union budget detail is available on-line at www.grcsu.org or by calling the GRCSU central office at (802) 775-4342

Rutland Town School						
2024-2025 Professional Staff						
Last Name	First Name	Position	Years of Experience	Years in District	Total FTE	Annual Salary
Alderman	Jill	Grade 1 Teacher	9	9	1.00	\$ 65,694
Audet	Aaron	Music Teacher	25	9	1.00	\$ 79,362
Bertelloni	Joseph	Librarian	18	1	1.00	\$ 74,953
Bourne	Erin	Preschool Teacher	8	1	1.00	\$ 52,908
Chapdelaine	Jennifer	Grade 4 Teacher	16	5	1.00	\$ 66,576
Cornell	Lorraine	Interventionist	12	12	1.00	\$ 70,985
Curtis	Becky	Interventionist	24	20	1.00	\$ 86,857
Downs	Caitlin	Preschool Teacher	5	0	1.00	\$ 49,381
Duguay	Kathryn	Grade 4 Teacher	18	18	1.00	\$ 60,403
Ettori	Abigail	Grade 2 Teacher	11	11	1.00	\$ 70,985
Gardner	Bayley	Interventionist	7	7	1.00	\$ 63,490
Hescock	Colby	Grade 5 Teacher	8	8	1.00	\$ 63,490
Hogan	Sally	Art Teacher	4	1	1.00	\$ 49,381
Lamarre	Michael	Administrator	1	1	1.00	\$ 88,825
Lones	Lisa	Nurse	28	24	1.00	\$ 85,976
MacIntyre	Amanda	7/8 English Teacher	7	5	1.00	\$ 61,726
Manovill	Katherine	Guidance	6	3	0.80	\$ 47,970
Martelle	Meghan	Kindergarten	11	11	1.00	\$ 52,908
McDougall	Katie	7/8 Science Teacher	14	3	1.00	\$ 77,717
McNamara	Alison	7/8 Math Teacher	23	2	1.00	\$ 79,039
Mero	Megan	Kindergarten	11	11	1.00	\$ 73,189
Neary	Marisa	Grade 5 Teacher	7	6	1.00	\$ 67,899
Norton	Heather	Grade 2 Teacher	25	7	1.00	\$ 80,244
Patterson	Peter	7/8 Social Studies	33	25	1.00	\$ 85,976
Prozzo	Margaret	Grade 3 Teacher	8	7	1.00	\$ 65,694
Quesnel	Sue	Interventionist	31	14	1.00	\$ 90,385
Quigley	Emily	Grade 3 Teacher	10	7	1.00	\$ 71,426
Rocque-Tift	Jenn	Grade 6 Teacher	19	0	1.00	\$ 72,749
Rowe	Mike	Physical Education	34	22	1.00	\$ 85,976
Schneider	Keith	Physical Education	11	11	1.00	\$ 68,780
Spensley	Sybren	Grade 2 Teacher	11	7	1.00	\$ 66,576
Sunderland	Theresa	Spanish Teacher	12	4	1.00	\$ 57,317
Swinyer-Esposito	Patti	Grade 3 Teacher	41	40	1.00	\$ 88,180
Tetzlaff	Sarah	Administrator	13	13	1.00	\$ 110,756
Turner	Marsha	Grade 6 Teacher	11	11	1.00	\$ 73,189
Whitman	Marc	Music Teacher	27	8	1.00	\$ 90,385
2024-2025 Support Staff						
Last Name	First Name	Position	Years in District		Total FTE	Annual Salary
Arnold	Ashley	Para	1		1.00	\$ 28,646
Bathalon	Sheri	Admin Asst	5		1.00	\$ 50,425
Charron	Brittany	Pre-K Para	0		1.00	\$ 20,205
Davis	Darlene	Bus Monitor	0		0.40	\$ 9,223
Davis	Sarah	Custodian	1		0.50	\$ 18,427
Hood	Trey	Custodian	1		1.00	\$ 37,855
Krupp	Roseanne	Para	0		1.00	\$ 23,275
LaFerriere	Skylar	Para	0		1.00	\$ 20,792
Mock	Pamala	Admin Asst	26		1.00	\$ 58,902
Perry	Donald	Custodian	1		0.50	\$ 17,915
Perry	Shannon	Custodian	1		0.50	\$ 18,427
Perry	Susan	Custodian	1		0.50	\$ 17,414
Sabotka	Traci	Home School Coordinator	23		0.78	\$ 55,131
Trayah	Kelly	Facility Director	5		1.00	\$ 63,300
Walker	Jacqueline	Pre-K Para	1		1.00	\$ 23,799
Yaddow	Elizabeth	Behavior Interventionist	2		1.00	\$ 28,287

Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union

2025-2026 GRCSU Budgeted Staffing

Last Name	First Name	Position	FTE	Budgeted Salary	Grant Funded
Alderman	Lori	Bookkeeper	1.00	\$ 57,420	0%
Charron	Regina	SLP	1.00	\$ 68,780	0%
Condrill	Jamieson	Tooth Tutor	0.33	\$ 18,815	100%
Connors	Greg	Administrator	1.00	\$ 107,525	0%
Dambrackas	Deborah	Benefit Specialist	1.00	\$ 70,000	0%
Daub	Neil	IT Tech	1.00	\$ 66,816	0%
Gardner III	Milton	IT System Admin	1.00	\$ 74,500	0%
Hansen	Kristi	Evaluator	1.00	\$ 80,244	50%
Hawkins	Christina	Evaluator	1.00	\$ 78,433	0%
Hutchins	Elizabeth	SR Financial Analyst	1.00	\$ 66,000	0%
Ladabouche	Jillian	OT	1.00	\$ 56,000	0%
Layden	Kelsey	OT	1.00	\$ 61,131	0%
Livak	Delores	Bookkeeper	0.75	\$ 48,024	0%
Loomis	Katy	Coordinator for Student Services	1.00	\$ 87,780	0%
Manning	Jodi	SLP	1.00	\$ 89,180	0%
Marino	Kathy	Bookkeeper	1.00	\$ 57,420	0%
Mattison	Lisa	Administrator	1.00	\$ 111,639	45%
McGuinness	Kristine	Exec Asst to the Superintendent	1.00	\$ 57,420	0%
McKenzie	Thomas	IT Tech	1.00	\$ 52,200	0%
Milazzo	Louis	Administrator	1.00	\$ 115,787	0%
Miller-Spadafora	Marisa	Admin Asst	1.00	\$ 51,156	80%
Milliman	Jesse	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 84,977	90%
Mitchell	Ali	PT	1.00	\$ 71,961	0%
Moriarity	Shannon	Web Design Data Master	1.00	\$ 52,500	0%
Newell	Shannon	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 85,000	0%
Ondria	Cindy	Sub Coordinator	1.00	\$ 52,200	0%
Patterson	Tiffini	Coordinator for Student Services	1.00	\$ 87,780	88%
Pease	Janelle	Special Ed Teacher	1.00	\$ 73,189	100%
Proctor	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 68,458	0%
Rescott	Tammy	Director of Student Service	1.00	\$ 115,000	88%
Sell	Christopher	Administrator	1.00	\$ 161,669	0%
Short	Sally	PT	0.09	\$ 9,227	0%
Taylor	Sarah	Early Ed Coordinator	1.00	\$ 88,825	100%
Temple	Rachelle	COTA	0.53	\$ 27,990	0%
Weeden	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 89,180	0%
White	Kevin	School Psychologist	1.00	\$ 82,155	0%
Wilson	Heather	SLP	1.00	\$ 64,931	0%

* Only Contractual Increases are included in budgeted salaries & hourly staff salaries are estimates

Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union

2025-2026 GRCSU Budgeted Staffing

Last Name	First Name	Position	FTE	Budgeted Salary	Grant Funded
Beach	Kathryn	Special Ed Teacher	1.00	\$ 51,144	0%
Coughlin	Elizabeth	Special Ed Teacher	1.00	\$ 90,385	0%
Crosby	Tonya	Para	1.00	\$ 28,936	0%
Elliott	Lori	Special Ed Teacher	1.00	\$ 85,094	0%
Godnick	Amanda	Para	1.00	\$ 23,063	0%
Jones	Amanda	Para	1.00	\$ 21,759	0%
Kelson	Karen	Para	1.00	\$ 25,738	0%
Kuster	Christina	Para	1.00	\$ 22,391	0%
Menoskey	Julianna	Para	1.00	\$ 22,391	0%
Pollock	Corey	Para	1.00	\$ 25,066	0%
Slenker	Melissa	Para	1.00	\$ 27,754	0%
Trombley	Sheri	Para	1.00	\$ 21,759	0%
Washburn	Erica	Para	1.00	\$ 21,759	0%
Zaengle	Megan	Special Ed Teacher	1.00	\$ 71,426	0%

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2024 8th Grade Graduates

Logan Abbott
Bella Adamaitis
Daniella Bove
Keaton Branchaud
Owen Carris
Carly Caouette
Jaiden Conway
Chloe Courcy-Latullipe
Laylah Diaz
Ronan Duffy
Aiden Fitzsimmons
Brooke Flewelling
Ella Fredette
Gavin Fredritz
Finn Fuller
Eliza Getty
Jonny Gydus
Kelsey Hayden
Calvin Kelley
Lilah Koloseus Gagnon
Trevor Labate
Cameron Lambert
Sparks Lola
Bryce McKeighan
Jaydon McKeighan
Tory Meigs
Paityn Mero
Kolton Merrill
Brogan Moran Zach Moser
Katie Rednour
Maeve Saunders Holden Sehon
Savanna Shelton
Chase Wardwell
Chris Watson
Anna Weidemann
Ellie Whalen
Sophia Wu

RUTLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Rutland Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet in person at Rutland Town Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2025, to discuss the following matters to wit.

Meeting information can be found on the GRCSU and RTS Calendars on their respective websites: www.grcsu.org and rts.grcsu.org

- 1. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town of Rutland School District
- 2. To hear and discuss the proposed school district budget. All citizens are invited to attend virtually and provide the school board with comments and ask questions concerning the proposed school budget.
- 3. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

At the close of business, the meeting shall recess to 7:00 A.M. Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at the Town Hall, Center Rutland, for voters living on the west side of Route 7, and the elementary school gym on Post Road for voters living on the east side of Route 7, to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 1-2. The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLES:

1. "Shall the voters of the Rutland Town School District approve the school board to expend \$11,468,468.35, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Rutland Town School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,587, which is 1.27% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year."

- 2. To elect other School District officials as required by law.
 - A. School Director for a term of two (2) years
 - B. School Director for a term of three (3) years

The legal voters of the Rutland Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

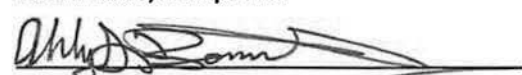
Said persons and voters are further warned and notified that pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2680(h), Article 2 constitutes a Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

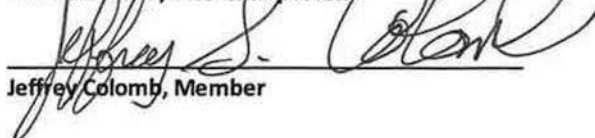
Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Rutland Town School District duly called, noticed, and held on January 14, 2025. Dated at Rutland Town, Vermont this 14th day of January 2025.

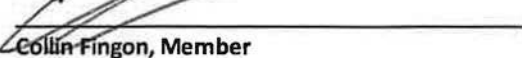
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS


Tina Keshava, Chairperson

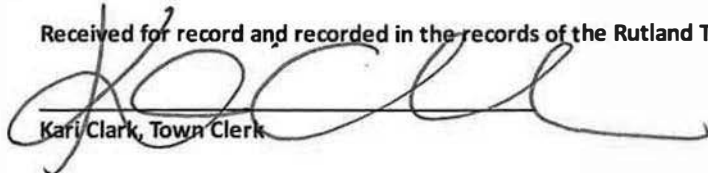

Tim Hammond, Vice-Chairperson


Abby Bennett, Clerk


Jeffrey Colomb, Member


Collin Fingon, Member

Received for record and recorded in the records of the Rutland Town School District on January 15 2025.


Kari Clark, Town Clerk

District: **Rutland Town**
 SU: **Greater Rutland County**

FY25 was the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY23 & FY24. LTWADM are the new counts to use.

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Rutland County

Property dollar equivalent yield

8,553 <--See bottom note

12,260

Homestead tax rate per \$9,553 of spending per LTWADM

1.00

Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income

Expenditures		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, and full technical center expenditures)	\$9,239,524	\$9,939,560	\$10,570,028	\$11,468,468
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$9,239,524	\$9,939,560	\$10,570,028	\$11,468,468
4.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
5.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
6.	Total Expenditures	\$9,239,524	\$9,939,560	\$10,570,028	\$11,468,468
7.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
9.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc.)	\$352,883	\$336,434	\$246,255	\$709,217
10.	Offsetting revenues	\$352,883	\$336,434	\$246,255	\$709,217
11.	Education Spending	\$8,886,641	\$9,603,126	\$10,323,773	\$10,759,252
12.	Pupils (eqpup FY23 - FY24, LTWADM FY25 - FY26)	507.84	526.36	769.43	791.86
13.	Education Spending per Pupil	\$17,498.90	\$18,244.41	\$13,417.43	\$13,587.32
14.	minus Principal and interest payments for all voter approved bonds prior to July 1, 2024	na	na	na	na
15.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$66,446 for an individual (per pupil)	-	-	-	-
16.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
17.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer pupils	-	-	-	-
18.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per pupil)	-	-	-	-
19.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per pupil)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont state teachers' retirement system on or after July 1, 2016 (per pupil)	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	-
23.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$19,997	threshold = \$22,204	threshold = \$23,193	threshold = \$15,926
24.	plus Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	na	na	na	\$15,926.00
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	Suspended thru FY23 \$17,499	Suspended thru FY24 \$18,244	Suspended thru FY25 \$13,417	\$13,587.32
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	131.432% based on yield \$13,314	118.140% based on yield \$15,443	135.625% based on \$9,785	158.860% based on \$8,553
Prorating the local tax rate					
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$13,587.32 ÷ (\$8,553 ÷ \$1.00)]	\$1.3143 based on \$1.00	\$1.1814 based on \$1.00	\$1.1863 based on \$1.00	\$1.5886 based on \$1.00
28.	Tax rate "cent discount" (FY25-FY29) adjusted by statewide adjuster of 72.36%				\$0.188
29.	Cent discount adjusted anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate				\$1.4006
30.	Percent of Rutland Town pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.59)	\$1.3143	\$1.1814	\$1.1863	\$1.4006
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	96.38%	84.40%	75.43%	100.76%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.4006 / 100.76%)	\$1.3637 based on \$1.00	\$1.3998 based on \$1.00	\$1.5727 based on \$1.00	\$1.3900 based on \$1.00
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(13,587.32 ÷ \$12,260) x 2.00%]	2.19% based on 2.00%	2.08% based on 2.00%	2.32% based on 2.00%	2.22% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.22%)	2.19% based on 2.00%	2.08% based on 2.00%	2.32% based on 2.00%	2.22% based on 2.00%
36.		-	-	-	-
37.		-	-	-	-

- Using the revised December 1, 2024 Education Fund Outlook FY26 forecast, the FY26 education fund need results in a property yield of \$8,553 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$12,260 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.791. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

Rutland Town School District

FY26 Estimated Tax Rate Calculation

Tax Rate Calculation	<u>FY25</u>	<u>FY26</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Total Expense	\$ 10,570,028	\$ 11,468,468	8.50%
Education Spending	\$ 10,323,773	\$ 10,759,252	4.22%
LTW ADM *	769.43	791.86	2.92%
Ed Spending Per LTW ADM	\$13,417	\$13,587	1.27%
Property Yield *	9,893	8,553	-13.54%
Equalized Tax Rate Calculated	1.3563	1.5886	17.13%
H850 Incentive	0.1700	0.1879	-

Equalized Tax Rate	1.1863	1.4007	18.07%
CLA % *	75.43%	100.76%	33.58%

Adjusted Tax Rate Actual	1.5727	1.3901	-11.61%
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* Items marked with a star are estimated figures, actuals are not yet available.

Rutland Town School District School

Tax Information

<u>Account</u>	<u>FY2022-2023</u>	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	<u>FY2024-2025</u>	<u>FY2025-FY2026</u>
Total School Taxes Collected & Spent by Rutland Town	\$ 8,498,697	\$ 9,296,643	\$ 10,130,909	N/A*
Total School Taxes received from Montpelier	\$ 286,278	\$ 161,941	-	N/A*
Vocational Spending - No Tax collected	\$ 101,666	\$ 144,542	\$ 192,864	\$ 201,026
Total School Spending	\$ 8,886,641	\$ 9,603,127	\$ 10,323,773	\$ 10,759,252
Total School Taxes Collected & Sent to Montpelier	-	-	\$ 444,662	N/A*

* Current year tax information is not provided by the state treasurer until summer following approval of the budget

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<u>Account</u>	<u>FY24 Actuals</u>	<u>FY25 Budget</u>	<u>FY26 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
1001-20251-110-1302-00000 VT LEA Tuition K-6	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 80,500.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 39,500.00
1001-20251-110-1510-00000 Interest Income	\$ 38,342.90	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
1001-20251-110-1980-00000 PY Assessment Refund	\$ 27,330.00	\$ -	\$ 119,535.90	\$ 119,535.90
1001-20251-110-1980-01000 PY Tuition Refund	\$ 32,572.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1001-20251-110-1990-00000 Misc. Revenue	\$ 4,275.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1001-20251-110-5400-00000 Prior Year Carryover	\$ 317,933.55	\$ 153,755.00	\$ 424,680.71	\$ 270,925.71
	\$ 519,454.10	\$ 246,255.00	\$ 684,216.61	\$ 437,961.61
1001-20251-110-3110-00000 General State Support Gr	\$ 9,458,584.00	\$ 10,130,909.00	\$ 10,583,225.74	\$ 452,316.74
1001-20251-310-3114-00000 From State to Tech Center	\$ 144,542.00	\$ 192,864.00	\$ 201,026.00	\$ 8,162.00
1001-20251-317-3161-00000 ELL Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	\$ 9,603,126.00	\$ 10,323,773.00	\$ 10,809,251.74	\$ 485,478.74
Total Revenue	\$ 10,122,580.10	\$ 10,570,028.00	\$ 11,493,468.35	\$ 923,440.35
1001-20201 Preschool				
1001-20201-110-1101-11100 Preschool Wages	\$ 135,296.20	\$ 155,638.00	\$ 156,289.00	\$ 651.00
1001-20201-110-1101-12100 IA Wages	\$ 49,296.69	\$ 51,451.20	\$ 50,695.68	\$ (755.52)
1001-20201-110-1101-21100 Group Health Insurance	\$ 37,736.93	\$ 59,606.60	\$ 51,334.44	\$ (8,272.16)
1001-20201-110-1101-22000 Fica & Medi	\$ 13,442.63	\$ 15,842.49	\$ 11,703.33	\$ (4,139.16)
1001-20201-110-1101-23100 Retirement	\$ 3,408.54	\$ 3,061.04	\$ 3,548.70	\$ 487.66
1001-20201-110-1101-25100 Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 70.93	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
1001-20201-110-1101-28100 Dental/Eye Care	\$ 1,680.28	\$ 1,425.24	\$ 1,425.24	\$ -
1001-20201-110-1101-29500 Insurance Buyback	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
1001-20201-110-1101-56200 Preschool Tuition	\$ 101,144.04	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -
1001-20201-110-1101-59100 SU Purchase Services	\$ 482.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1001-20201-110-1101-61100 Supplies	\$ 2,364.30	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00
1001-20201-110-1101-64100 Books	\$ 122.72	\$ 550.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00
1001-20201-110-1101-81100 Dues & Fees	\$ 64.59	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
	\$ 346,310.10	\$ 368,374.57	\$ 358,096.38	\$ (10,278.19)
1001-20231 Secondary Expense				
1001-20231-110-1101-56100 In State Tuition	\$ 2,194,904.03	\$ 2,441,183.50	\$ 2,577,408.76	\$ 136,225.26
1001-20231-110-1101-56200 Private Tuition In state	\$ 647,890.00	\$ 676,971.60	\$ 638,421.81	\$ (38,549.79)
1001-20231-110-1101-56300 Private Tuition out of s	\$ 127,862.00	\$ 150,511.84	\$ 122,642.10	\$ (27,869.74)
1001-20231-310-1301-56600 Vocational On Behalf Pay	\$ 144,542.00	\$ 192,864.00	\$ 201,026.00	\$ 8,162.00
1001-20231-310-1301-56700 Vocational Tuition	\$ 120,726.36	\$ 168,699.00	\$ 204,996.00	\$ 36,297.00
	\$ 3,235,924.39	\$ 3,630,229.94	\$ 3,744,494.67	\$ 114,264.73
1001-20251-110-1101 Direct Instruction				
1001-20251-110-1101-11100 Teacher Wages	\$ 2,008,832.47	\$ 2,056,998.20	\$ 2,184,374.00	\$ 127,375.80
1001-20251-110-1101-12100 IA Wages	\$ 34,942.19	\$ 28,291.20	\$ 46,112.64	\$ 17,821.44
1001-20251-110-1101-17100 Other Wages	\$ 11,120.00	\$ 15,400.00	\$ 15,400.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-1101-19200 Retirement Wages	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-1101-21100 Group Health Insurance	\$ 397,664.18	\$ 483,535.71	\$ 573,845.29	\$ 90,309.58
1001-20251-110-1101-21900 HRA Expense	\$ 111,602.23	\$ 108,600.00	\$ 109,200.00	\$ 600.00
1001-20251-110-1101-22000 Fica & Medi	\$ 150,328.30	\$ 164,114.64	\$ 164,160.33	\$ 45.69
1001-20251-110-1101-23100 Retirement	\$ 2,358.57	\$ 3,819.31	\$ 2,892.02	\$ (927.29)
1001-20251-110-1101-23200 OPEB Retirement	\$ 19,617.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-1101-25100 Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 29,151.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-1101-28100 Dental	\$ 19,646.12	\$ 18,753.48	\$ 19,518.60	\$ 765.12
1001-20251-110-1101-29500 Insurance Buyback	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
1001-20251-110-1101-34900 Professional Services	\$ 3,141.21	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 8,700.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-1101-43100 Repair & Maintenance	\$ 2,126.22	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 150.00
1001-20251-110-1101-44300 Copier Expense	\$ 18,675.39	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-1101-59100 SU Purchase - Sped Disal	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-1101-59101 SU Purch Services - Subs	\$ 50,187.35	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 67,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-1101-59102 SU Purch Services - ELL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
1001-20251-110-1101-61100 Supplies	\$ 41,327.55	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-1101-61101 Furniture	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -

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<u>Account</u>	<u>FY24 Actuals</u>	<u>FY25 Budget</u>	<u>FY26 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
1001-20251-110-1101-64100 Books & Periodicals	\$ 12,317.92	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-1101-65100 Software	\$ 31,596.57	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
1001-20251-110-1101-81100 Dues & Fees	\$ 1,927.90	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
	\$ 2,960,562.17	\$ 3,169,062.54	\$ 3,436,402.88	\$ 267,340.34

1001-20251-110-2120 Guidance Services

1001-20251-110-2120-17100 Guidance Wages	\$ 134,922.58	\$ 171,459.96	\$ 172,026.28	\$ 566.32
1001-20251-110-2120-21100 Group Health Insurance	\$ 25,176.93	\$ 49,053.16	\$ 54,899.53	\$ 5,846.37
1001-20251-110-2120-22000 Fica & Medi	\$ 9,883.04	\$ 13,116.69	\$ 13,160.01	\$ 43.32
1001-20251-110-2120-23100 Retirement	\$ 5,307.74	\$ 7,394.22	\$ 7,414.80	\$ 20.58
1001-20251-110-2120-25100 Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 70.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2120-28100 Dental	\$ 804.21	\$ 950.16	\$ 950.16	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2120-29500 Insurance Buyback	\$ 1,585.00	\$ 3,170.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ (2,000.00)
1001-20251-110-2120-32100 Professional Services	\$ 1,460.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2120-58100 Travel	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2120-61100 Supplies	\$ 1,580.90	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
1001-20251-110-2120-64100 Books & Periodicals	\$ 433.16	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
1001-20251-110-2120-81100 Dues & Fees	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 250.00
	\$ 181,228.56	\$ 251,644.19	\$ 257,770.78	\$ 6,126.59

1001-20251-110-2131 Health Services

1001-20251-110-2131-13100 Substitutes	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
1001-20251-110-2131-17100 Health Wages	\$ 84,072.12	\$ 85,976.00	\$ 85,976.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2131-21100 Group Health Insurance	\$ 9,066.53	\$ 10,553.44	\$ 11,811.38	\$ 1,257.94
1001-20251-110-2131-22000 Fica & Medi	\$ 6,581.29	\$ 6,577.16	\$ 6,577.16	\$ 0.00
1001-20251-110-2131-25100 Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 39.59	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2131-28100 Dental	\$ 930.28	\$ 1,293.48	\$ 857.64	\$ (435.84)
1001-20251-110-2131-43100 Repair/Maint Services	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2131-58100 Travel	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2131-61100 Supplies	\$ 987.03	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2131-81100 Dues & Fees	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
	\$ 105,901.84	\$ 109,850.08	\$ 111,672.18	\$ 1,822.10

1001-20251-110-2220 Library Services

1001-20251-110-2220-11100 Library Wages	\$ 71,526.00	\$ 74,953.00	\$ 74,953.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2220-21100 Group Health Insurance	\$ 25,114.46	\$ 29,233.24	\$ 32,717.59	\$ 3,484.35
1001-20251-110-2220-22000 Fica & Medi	\$ 4,783.36	\$ 5,733.90	\$ 5,733.90	\$ 0.00
1001-20251-110-2220-25100 Tuition Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2220-28100 Dental	\$ 475.08	\$ 475.08	\$ 475.08	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2220-61100 Supplies	\$ 199.74	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2220-64100 Books & Periodicals	\$ 3,931.63	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2220-81100 Dues & Fees	\$ 285.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -
	\$ 106,315.27	\$ 117,245.22	\$ 120,729.58	\$ 3,484.36

1001-20251-110-2230 Technology Services

1001-20251-110-2230-43200 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 508.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2230-53100 Communications	\$ 2,959.89	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (12,000.00)
1001-20251-110-2230-59100 SU Purchased Services	\$ 8,337.75	\$ -	\$ 26,275.90	\$ 26,275.90
1001-20251-110-2230-65100 Technology Supplies	\$ 32,857.48	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -
	\$ 44,663.12	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 74,275.90	\$ 14,275.90

1001-20251-110-23 Board of Education

1001-20251-110-2311-16100 Recording clerk	\$ 2,019.85	\$ 1,719.00	\$ 1,813.80	\$ 94.80
1001-20251-110-2311-19100 Board Member	\$ 15,099.92	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2311-22000 Fica & Medi	\$ 1,309.77	\$ 1,470.25	\$ 1,477.51	\$ 7.26
1001-20251-110-2311-31100 Professional Services	\$ 3,429.90	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00
1001-20251-110-2311-52100 Insurance	\$ 17,986.21	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (2,500.00)
1001-20251-110-2311-54100 Advertising	\$ 669.20	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2311-59100 SU Purchased Services	\$ 8,403.00	\$ -	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
1001-20251-110-2311-61100 Supplies	\$ 2,804.67	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -

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<u>Account</u>	<u>FY24 Actuals</u>	<u>FY25 Budget</u>	<u>FY26 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
1001-20251-110-2311-81100 Dues & Fees	\$ 1,094.55	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2314-34200 Audit	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ (6,000.00)
1001-20251-110-2315-34900 Legal Services	\$ 3,251.75	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ (12,000.00)
	\$ 56,068.82	\$ 61,189.25	\$ 62,291.31	\$ 1,102.06
1001-20251-110-2410 Principals Office				
1001-20251-110-2410-14100 Principals Office Wages	\$ 298,982.64	\$ 297,245.32	\$ 308,908.68	\$ 11,663.36
1001-20251-110-2410-21100 Group Health Insurance	\$ 42,523.49	\$ 50,340.11	\$ 55,420.69	\$ 5,080.58
1001-20251-110-2410-22000 Fica & Medi	\$ 21,499.83	\$ 22,739.27	\$ 23,631.51	\$ 892.24
1001-20251-110-2410-23100 Retirement	\$ 11,190.43	\$ 10,852.59	\$ 11,644.56	\$ 791.97
1001-20251-110-2410-25100 Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 945.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2410-28100 Dental/Eye Care	\$ 1,673.76	\$ 1,900.32	\$ 1,900.32	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2410-29500 Insurance Buyback	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2410-53100 Communications	\$ 5,142.42	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2410-53300 Postage	\$ 1,193.01	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2410-54100 Advertising	\$ 168.48	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2410-58100 Travel	\$ 1,019.24	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2410-61100 Supplies	\$ 2,516.63	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 500.00
1001-20251-110-2410-81100 Dues & Fees	\$ 2,646.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2410-81101 Student Fees	\$ 1,802.11	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
	\$ 392,503.54	\$ 414,777.61	\$ 433,705.76	\$ 18,928.15
1001-20251-110-2490 Special Ed Assessment				
1001-20251-110-2490-59300 Special Ed Assessment	\$ 784,048.00	\$ 806,423.00	\$ 774,770.00	\$ (31,653.00)
	\$ 784,048.00	\$ 806,423.00	\$ 774,770.00	\$ (31,653.00)
1001-20251-110-2510 Fiscal Services				
1001-20251-110-2510-22100 Child Care Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,823.55	\$ 13,823.55
1001-20251-110-2510-26100 Unemployment	\$ 676.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (500.00)
1001-20251-110-2510-27100 Workman's Comp	\$ 28,507.31	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
1001-20251-110-2510-29200 Life Insurance	\$ 3,801.75	\$ 4,779.60	\$ 3,945.60	\$ (834.00)
1001-20251-110-2510-29400 Disability	\$ 9,572.10	\$ 13,013.59	\$ 10,078.68	\$ (2,934.91)
1001-20251-110-2510-34900 Professional Services	\$ 6,726.95	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2510-61100 Supplies	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2510-81100 Dues & Fees	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2510-83500 Cash Flow Note Interest	\$ 23,492.69	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	\$ 72,776.80	\$ 64,393.19	\$ 79,947.83	\$ 15,554.64
1001-20251-110-2590 SU Assessment				
1001-20251-110-2590-59300 SU Assessment	\$ 482,968.00	\$ 512,576.00	\$ 515,015.00	\$ 2,439.00
	\$ 482,968.00	\$ 512,576.00	\$ 515,015.00	\$ 2,439.00
1001-20251-110-2610 Plant Operations				
1001-20251-110-2610-13100 Temp Wages	\$ 1,816.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2610-17100 Plant Operation Wages	\$ 164,674.11	\$ 169,536.48	\$ 173,337.60	\$ 3,801.12
1001-20251-110-2610-17200 OT	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2610-21100 Group Health Insurance	\$ 16,251.54	\$ 19,819.92	\$ 22,181.94	\$ 2,362.02
1001-20251-110-2610-22000 Fica & Medi	\$ 12,578.34	\$ 12,969.54	\$ 13,260.33	\$ 290.79
1001-20251-110-2610-23100 Retirement	\$ 8,081.48	\$ 10,543.71	\$ 9,965.16	\$ (578.55)
1001-20251-110-2610-28100 Dental/Eye Care	\$ 780.82	\$ 950.16	\$ 475.08	\$ (475.08)
1001-20251-110-2610-29500 Insurance Buyback	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2610-41100 Water & Sewer	\$ 14,022.76	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
1001-20251-110-2610-43100 Repair/Maint Services	\$ 62,174.90	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2610-43101 Repairs - Asbestos	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290,000.00	\$ 290,000.00
1001-20251-110-2610-43102 Repairs - HVAC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00
1001-20251-110-2610-43101 Disposal Services	\$ 11,813.09	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
1001-20251-110-2610-43102 Snow Plowing	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2610-43103 Grounds Maintenance	\$ 709.62	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 4,800.00
1001-20251-110-2610-43104 Maintenance Security	\$ 700.40	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
1001-20251-110-2610-44200 Equipment Lease	\$ 5,484.84	\$ 5,484.84	\$ 5,484.84	\$ -

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<u>Account</u>	<u>FY24 Actuals</u>	<u>FY25 Budget</u>	<u>FY26 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	
1001-20251-110-2610-52100 Property Insurance	\$ 25,299.09	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	
1001-20251-110-2610-61100 Supplies	\$ 25,980.10	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
1001-20251-110-2610-61101 Uniforms	\$ 739.14	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 100.00	
1001-20251-110-2610-62200 Electricity	\$ 68,411.55	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
1001-20251-110-2610-62300 Propane	\$ 1,929.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	
1001-20251-110-2610-62400 Fuel Oil	\$ 84,405.45	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	
1001-20251-110-2610-73100 Equipment	\$ 10,484.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
1001-20251-110-2610-81100 Dues & Fees	\$ 2,331.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ 529,369.28	\$ 582,804.65	\$ 1,071,104.94	\$ 488,300.29	
1001-20251-110-2660 Security Expense					
1001-20251-110-2660-34900 Professional Services	\$ 61,020.00	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
	\$ 61,020.00	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
1001-20251-110-27 Transportation Expense					
1001-20251-110-2711-51900 Contracted Transportation	\$ 203,082.58	\$ 223,983.85	\$ 208,112.03	\$ (15,871.82)	
	\$ 203,082.58	\$ 223,983.85	\$ 208,112.03	\$ (15,871.82)	
1001-20251-110-5020 Debt Service					
1001-20251-110-5020-83100 Bond Principal	\$ 39,591.98	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 43,500.00	\$ -	
1001-20251-110-5020-83101 Capital Lease Principal	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	
1001-20251-110-5020-83200 Bond Interest	\$ 10,521.22	\$ 9,206.16	\$ 8,581.86	\$ (624.30)	
1001-20251-110-5020-83201 Capital Lease Interest	\$ (651.03)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ 54,462.17	\$ 57,706.16	\$ 57,081.86	\$ (624.30)	
1001-20251-110-5210 PY Expense					
1001-20251-110-5210-56100 PY Tuition Adj	\$ 20,137.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ 20,137.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
1001-20251-91 Athletic Expense					
1001-20251-910-1401-17100 Athletic Wages	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 20,330.00	\$ 20,330.00	\$ -	
1001-20251-910-1401-22000 Fica & Medi	\$ 1,293.63	\$ 1,325.75	\$ 1,555.25	\$ 229.50	
1001-20251-910-1401-31100 Officials	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	
1001-20251-910-1401-61100 Supplies	\$ 1,965.04	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
1001-20251-910-2716-51900 Transportation	\$ 7,685.78	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	
	\$ 34,944.45	\$ 42,655.75	\$ 42,885.25	\$ 229.50	
1001-20251-92 Co-Curricular					
1001-20251-920-1401-17100 Co-Curricular Wages	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	
1001-20251-920-1401-22000 Fica & Medi	\$ 179.77	\$ 612.00	\$ 612.00	\$ -	
1001-20251-920-1401-81100 Dues & Fees	\$ 15,917.50	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
1001-20251-920-2716-51900 Co Curricular Transport	\$ 7,165.54	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	
	\$ 25,612.81	\$ 35,112.00	\$ 55,112.00	\$ 20,000.00	
Total Expense	\$ 9,697,899.40	\$ 10,570,028.00	\$ 11,468,468.35	\$ 898,440.35	8.5%

RUTLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

COST OF TUITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
FY26 PROJECTIONS

School	Number of Students	Estimated Tuition
Rutland City	100	\$ 22,000
Mount St Joseph	16	\$ 16,480
Mill River	8	\$ 20,858
Long Trail	11	\$ 20,367
Burr & Burton	3	\$ 20,367
Killington Mountain	3	\$ 20,367
Proctor	3	\$ 20,000
West Rutland	1	\$ 20,000
Poultney	1	\$ 20,000
White River	1	\$ 20,497
Windsor	4	\$ 20,881
Otter Valley	1	\$ 21,527
Rutland Area Christian	3	\$ 9,280
Out of State Schools	6	\$ 20,367
	161	

Rutland Town School Board Members

Tina Keshava
 Jeff Colomb
 Tim Hammond
 Collin Fingon
 Abby Bennett



January 9, 2025

To Rutland Town School District Taxpayers:

The Rutland Town School District audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ending June 30, 2024, by RHR Smith and Company has been completed. Copies of the report are available for review at the GRCSU office located at 100 Westway Mall Drive, Unit 2, West Rutland, VT 05777.

Sincerely

Louis Milazzo
Business Manager

**Rutland Town School District
FY26 Budget Summary**

<u>Account</u>	<u>FY25 Budget</u>	<u>FY26 Budget</u>
Preschool	\$ 368,374.57	\$ 358,096.38
Secondary Expense	\$ 3,630,229.94	\$ 3,744,494.67
Direct Instruction	\$ 3,169,062.54	\$ 3,436,402.88
Guidance Services	\$ 251,644.19	\$ 257,770.78
Health Services	\$ 109,850.08	\$ 111,672.18
Library Services	\$ 117,245.22	\$ 120,729.58
Technology Services	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 74,275.90
Board of Education	\$ 61,189.25	\$ 62,291.31
Principal's Office	\$ 414,777.61	\$ 433,705.76
Special Ed Assessment	\$ 806,423.00	\$ 774,770.00
Fiscal Services	\$ 64,393.19	\$ 79,947.83
GRCSU Central Office Assessment	\$ 512,576.00	\$ 515,015.00
Plant Operations	\$ 582,804.65	\$ 1,071,104.94
Security Expense	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Transportation Expense	\$ 223,983.85	\$ 208,112.03
Debt Service	\$ 57,706.16	\$ 57,081.86
Athletic Expense	\$ 42,655.75	\$ 42,885.25
Co-Curricular Expense	\$ 35,112.00	\$ 55,112.00
Total Expense	\$ 10,570,028.00	\$ 11,468,468.35

2024 Scholarship Awards

Student	School	Award Amount
Charles Woods	RHS	\$3,000
Sarah Jane Gregory	MSJ	\$2,500
Camilla Marcy	Long Trail School	\$2,500
Anna Gallipo	RHS	\$2,500
Ben Cerreta	RHS	\$2,000
William Fuller	RHS	\$1,250
Lila Tu	RHS	\$1,250

APPROPRIATIONS FY 2024-2025

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE RSVP	\$670.00
ARC	\$800.00
SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING	\$1,500.00
CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER	\$3,000.00
THE BUS	\$3,500.00
BROC	\$3,900.00
THE CHAMBER & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE RUTLAND REGION	\$4,094.00
WONDERFEET KIDS MUSEUM	\$4,500.00
RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH	\$4,502.00
RUTLAND AREA VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE	\$7,100.00
RUTLAND TOWN SCHOLARSHIPS	\$15,000.00
RUTLAND REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	\$15,696.00
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY	\$106,889.00

2025 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY24
TOWN OF: Rutland Town • AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$670.00

Brief Description of RSVP & The Volunteer Center

****Please note that this report is based off a 9-month period per a federal realignment.****

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

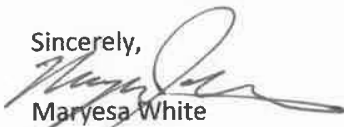
RSVP also offers several free "Signature Programs" that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 11,243 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 31 partner agencies and an estimated 1,349 children. We also partner with AARP to provide income tax return services to low-income residents of Rutland County. Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 507 volunteers. From July 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 66,488 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$2,226,683.12.

Services Provided to Rutland Town Residents

In FY'24, Rutland Town residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our osteoporosis prevention classes. Rutland Town RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: American Red Cross, Paramount Theater, AARP Tax Program, Young at Heart Senior Center, Godnick Center, Dismas House, RSVP Postcard Program, Marble Valley Correctional Facility, Community Cupboard, Osher, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Bridges & Beyond, One-2-One, Mountain View Center, Meals on Wheels, and RSVP Operation Dolls & More. In FY'24 Rutland Town RSVP volunteers donated 2,276 hours of service to the community.

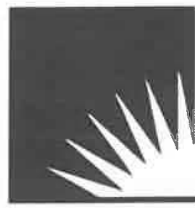
The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help continue to defray financial impact of the COVID pandemic on our organization along with the cost of providing volunteer placement, support, transportation, and recognition. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to the increasing needs of our local communities.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Rutland Town for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 468-7056.

Sincerely,

Maryesa White
RSVP Director

16 North Street Ext., Rutland, VT 05701
Office: 802-468-7056

Website: volunteersinvt.org Email: maryesarsvp@gmail.com



ARC - Rutland Area, Inc.

Advocacy - Resources - Community

Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

Mission Statement: To advocate for the right of individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) and their families to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as non-disabled individuals, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

PROGRAMS:

Representative Payee Program: ARC currently has an active client base of fifty individuals living with Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities. We manage each client's individual Social Security and/or Supplemental Security Income and process payments of their financial obligations timely. The Rep. Payee is the liaison for Social Security and works with various other agencies and the client's case managers to assure that the beneficiaries are receiving appropriate services. We are currently at capacity with a waiting list of four potential clients.

Self-Advocates (SABE-R) and AKtion Club: The Self Advocates Becoming Empowered - Rutland trained and practiced Disability Acceptance presentations about what it is like to live in Rutland County as an adult living with a developmental disability to various organizations such as the Free Clinic, Castleton Campus of VTSU, the Civil and Probate Divisions of VT Superior Court, and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. The Aktion Club (a Kiwanis member group) created a new fund raiser: "8-Bean soup in a Jar" has been a great hit this past year. We expanded our "jar" series to include 'fairy jars' - glow in the dark lanterns. Last year's self-sponsored Car Wash and Bake Sale allowed them to donate \$350 to a deserving family of the Boys & Girls Club. We are doing it again at the Bennington Bank on August 10th.

Social Events/Great Outdoor Experiences: These events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that builds a circle of support, family and community while practicing social skills, and getting physical exercise. We offer five themed dances and three outdoor events throughout the year. We start with our Valentine's Dance, followed by the End O' Winter, Spring Fling, Halloween, and end with the Holiday Dance. Our outdoor events are at least the Family Fun Day, Urban Legend Walk, and Duffy Barn Picnic. We hope to add another outdoor event in 2025!

Transportation: We are especially grateful to MVRTD and the grant we received. They provided transportation through volunteer drivers to 5 Self Advocate & Aktion club members who live rurally to their monthly meetings and weekly trainings this winter and this summer, while transporting them to the specific community locations for their presentations! This year we collaborated with RRPC to create a pilot survey for individuals with ID/DD for their safety and accessibility to public transportation. MVRTD provided transportation to the Annual Self-Advocates convention in March and to all our events, transporting on average fifteen people per event from and return to their homes as well as providing some special individual trips.

On behalf of those we have served, and their families for over 66 years, we are grateful for the support and continued assistance from the citizens of Rutland Area. Rutland County's population claims 28% as having a disability—one of the highest counties in the State. We rely on the support of eighteen towns in the Rutland Area along with grants, donations, and small fundraisers throughout the year. We choose to embrace peer to peer comradery, to offer opportunities for the DD/ID population to share in the community through self-advocacy skills and respectfully appreciate the offerings from all of Rutland Area. For those wanting more information on these wonderful services or to volunteer, please call 802-775-1370.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Drake, Executive Director

Rutland Office
143 Maple St
Rutland VT, 05701
(802) 786-5990



Bennington Office
160 Benmont Ave, Suite #90
Bennington VT, 05201
(802) 442-5436

Report to the Citizens of Rutland Town

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to older residents in Rutland Town during SVCOA's most recent annual reporting period of 10/1/2023 through 9/30/2024.

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 5,810 meals that were delivered to the homes of 42 older residents in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". In addition, 35 older Rutland Town residents came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 637 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 42.75 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 33 residents of Rutland Town.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 38 older Vermonters in your community for a total of 413.25 hours. Case managers meet with an older resident privately in their home or at another agreed upon location and assess their individual situation. They will work with the resident to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the resident desires, the case manager will link them to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help residents connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail older Vermonters facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

- "Senior Helpline" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior Helpline staff provide telephone support to older Vermonters and others who need information on available programs and community resources.
- Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program.
- Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project.
- Information about issues and opportunities directly affecting older Vermonters via various agency articles and publications.
- Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician.
- Senior Companion support for frail, homebound older Vermonters.
- Outreach services to older Vermonters dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland Mental Health.
- Transportation assistance.
- Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to older Vermonters in need of assistance.
- Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to older Vermonters and younger disabled individuals.

2024 CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER REPORT



Dear Citizens of Rutland Town,

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC was established in 1995 and became a fully Accredited Member of the National Children's Alliance (NCA) in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our community. CFAC is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We provide a safe comfortable environment for the forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Child First Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team, we want to thank you for your continued support and dedication.

In calendar year 2024, The Child First Advocacy Center served 121 clients and 118 of their family members. **We were able to provide direct wrap around services and support to nine (9) Rutland Town families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma.** In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school district's ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative to train Educators, Community Members and Student's grades K-12 in Child Sexual Abuse Awareness.

The Child First Advocacy Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$3000 to continue our efforts in supporting families in your community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely, Mary Nichols Executive Director

802-747-0200 or Mary.Nichols@partner.vermont.gov



Marble Valley Regional Transit District
"The Bus"
2024 Town of Rutland, Annual Report

Lee Bizon, Community Outreach

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty eighth year of providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area. The Bus is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 641,900 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 28,900 rides to Rutland Town. Several of our city fixed routes and commuter routes service Rutland Town. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use as well as the savings realized in the cost of fuel.

MVRTD has provided service under the Elderly and Disabled Program to Rutland Town for many years.

For more information about schedules and services please call 773-3244 x112 or visit MVRTD's web site at www.thebus.com.

MVRTD thanks the residents of Rutland Town for their continued support of public transit.



December 5, 2024

To the Citizens of Rutland Town and the Rutland Town Select Board,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action assisted **132** residents of Rutland Town. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$3,900.00.

We truly value our collaboration with Rutland Town as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom", is written over a light gray circular stamp.

Thomas L. Donahue, CEO
tdonahue@broc.org



Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region Annual Town Report - December 31, 2024

We are Rutland County's Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation and our mission is to serve you. Data is important. Here is a two-year look back of success and growth in our region "by the numbers". We have been involved in some way with each of the projects below. For more information go to www.RutlandVermont.com or contact Executive Director, Lyle Jepson, at Lyle@rutlandeconomy.com.

Economic Development

- \$143,000 – Department of Labor Grant in collaboration with Stafford Technical Center, supporting student internships.
- \$83 million infrastructure investment in the Town of Killington via Tax Increment Financing District approval. Master Plan Act 250 approval for Great Gulf including 2,300 residential units and 108,542sq/ft of commercial construction. Also, the potential for 250 units of workforce housing.
- 22,000 sq/ft Hub CoWorks / StartUp Rutland, located in the renovated Opera House in Downtown Rutland, in partnership with MKF Properties and gener8tor, the nation's third largest business incubator.
 - ✓ \$1,492,687 - Economic Development Administration and match for StartUp Rutland.
 - ✓ \$500,000 – Congressionally Directed spending for StartUp Rutland.
 - ✓ \$33,000 - Vermont Community Foundation for StartUp Rutland.
 - ✓ \$50,000 - USDA grant for StartUp Rutland.
 - ✓ \$450,000 – Vermont Community Foundation for StartUp Rutland Venture Capital Fund.
- \$489,000 – Northern Borders Regional Commission grant to construct a water line for Phase II of commercial development at the Airport Industrial Park in Clarendon.
- RIDP (Rural Industrial Development Program Grants) \$150,000 for the Airport Industrial Park.
- \$343,474 - Incentives provided to 22 businesses in partnership with Efficiency Vermont.
- \$52,204 - Buildings & General Services Regional Economic Development Grants for six businesses.
- \$120,000 – Small Business Technical Assistance Grants for 30 businesses.
- CEDRR Loan Fund – Currently booked loans \$352K. Available to loan \$342K.
- Continue to support distribution of \$1,688,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending from Senator Peter Welch to Vermont Farmers Food Center facilities for value-added food production.

Community Building

- Whoopie Pie Festival
 - ✓ 2023 5,000+/- attendees 770 lb. Whoopie Pie.
 - ✓ 2024 7,500+/- attendees Largest Whoopie Pie in U.S. 1,187 lbs!
- 2023 - 400 attendees & 2024 - 550 attendees at the Real Rutland Feud in support of Regional Marketing.
- 26 Business/Community Networking Mixers and 4 Legislative Events.

Marketing

- 2,000,000 www.RealRutland.com social media views over three specific campaigns.
- \$150,000 Grow Grant 2024.
- The Regional Marketing Initiative is currently tracking and following up on 1,484 potential new neighbors.
- 600+ social media posts.
- 104 newsletters and announcements of special events.
- 31 local concierge volunteers.
- 24 monthly informational blogs.



January 8, 2025

Dear Members of the Town and Select Board,

Wonderfeet Kids' Museum wishes to gratefully thank the Town of Rutland and the voters who reside within for continued support and patronage of the Museum. We are requesting an appropriation of \$4,500 to be added to the ballot again in the year 2025 to continue providing services to the families of Rutland. Thank you for your consideration and your continued support.

Wonderfeet Kids' Museum is a gem in the heart of downtown Rutland. We are dedicated to sparking curiosity, creativity, and imagination in every child through the power of play. Committed to fostering a caring and inclusive environment, Wonderfeet offers engaging, hands-on learning experiences that inspire exploration. As a vibrant community partner, the museum provides a space where families can connect, learn, and grow together—all while having fun.

2024 was a record setting year for Wonderfeet Kids' Museum. Not only did we complete the renovations of our new location on Merchants Row in the Green Mountain Power Energy Innovation Center, but we had the opportunity to serve more children and families than ever before! In 2024, we totaled 30,000 visits, over 400 member families, over 200 families receiving access memberships based on economic need, and over 1,000 attendees at our free postpartum play group and support group. In addition, we provided academic and social enrichment for over 800 students attending programs and field trips and eight weeks of specialized preschool day camps. Additionally, we participated in events in Downtown Rutland and around Rutland County resulting in another 24,000 interactions.

Children's museums are a community wide investment in children and families. These institutions serve as a place of early discovery and the development of life-long learning. Exhibits and programs compliment school curricula and reinforce skills needed for academic success. As cultural attractions, kids' museums have a positive impact on the local economy by bringing visitors into downtown areas. Children's museums bolster entire communities by developing partnerships that involve schools, colleges, youth organizations, corporate partners and community leaders. Your continued support empowers Wonderfeet to continue to serve and strengthen our dynamic community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susanne Engels".

Susanne Engels
President, Board of Directors
Wonderfeet Kids' Museum
66 Merchants Row
Rutland, VT 05701

VNA & HOSPICE of the Southwest Region

Serving Bennington, Franklin, & Rutland Counties

Town of Rutland Town

To the Officers and Citizens of Rutland Town:

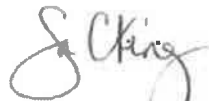
In 2023, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) provided Rutland Town residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From children with intensive medical needs, to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, to those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring quality health care wherever it is needed, **regardless** of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking federal and state reimbursements, along with rising health care costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective healthcare services to Rutland Town's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year VNAHSR's skilled and dedicated staff made more than 119,829 home visits to 2,915 patients. **In Rutland Town, we provided 1,931 visits to 66 individuals.**

Thank you for your continued support! With your vote of confidence, we will continue to fulfill our promise to your community to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Sincerely,



Sara C. King, CEO
VNA & Hospice of the
Southwest Region



Dan DiBattista, President
Board of Directors



Business: 802-773-1746
Emergency: 911
FAX: 802-773-1717

41st
ANNUAL REPORT
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024)
40 Years of Service 1983 – 2024

To The Honorable Citizens of Rutland Town:

We are pleased to present our 41st annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for forty years. From 1983 to the end of the fiscal year, Regional has responded to 272,506 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2024, the service responded to a total of 11,281 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 118 “Medic One” paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing to serve the public.

Staff shortages have plagued healthcare including EMS throughout the country. Regional Ambulance has had problems like all healthcare with staffing. It is our employees who deserve the credit for their continued excellent response and commitment to the communities we serve. We thank them and encourage you to do the same for the work they do. All of our employees continue to serve and fulfill our motto of “Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism”.

Regional Ambulance has completed construction on a second facility in West Rutland and we have begun operating out of it. It has the capacity to house 4 ambulances. It enables us to more quickly serve the western part of our territory and serves as a back up to our Rutland facility should some disaster affect it. With completion of the West Rutland facility, we are beginning upgrades and modifications to the Rutland facility to continue to serve you in the coming years at the level you expect.

We thank everyone from the communities we serve, our co-workers, our fellow emergency service workers and everyone in the community who have been so gracious with their support, kindness and generosity.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have successfully level funded or lowered the assessment rate for the past 40 years. Since 1990 the assessment rate has decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. Community funding represents just 2.9% of our budget. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

Monthly CPR classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. American Heart Association Training Center, 1,478 people were trained in CPR. Tours, lectures, demonstrations and CPR classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are performed at the Regional Ambulance building at 275 Stratton Rd by appointment only. We completed 68 child car seat inspections this past year.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to our employees at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact Jim Finger, Chief Executive Officer, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Sincerely, Paul Kulig, President
R.A.S. Board of Directors

Martin Wasserman
Rutland Town Representative
R.A.S. Board of Directors

Rutland Free Library

Rutland Free Library (RFL) had both a fulfilling and challenging year, largely around the building at 10 Court St. The United States Treasury granted some \$16.4 million for libraries around Vermont to improve readiness for another pandemic, flood, or other health or natural disaster.

Rutland Free went through the process, including testing the building envelope for leaks, a hazardous materials survey, and a required historical analysis. but discovered the scope of work needed would be some \$9.5-\$10 million, which would likely require a \$5 million City bond.

As the estimated costs escalated and at the City's suggestion, the Library put a great deal of time and effort into looking at co-locating in the Asa Bloomer building on Merchants Row, downtown.

Ultimately, the Vermont Department of Libraries chose to give the money primarily to very small libraries with more basic needs (i.e. indoor plumbing); this leaves RFL having identified many significant building issues and no clear way forward to deal with them. These shortcomings call into question our ability to open our doors to the public in case of further public health crises.

We will continue to look at all our options moving forward and invite public input in the process.

Our day-to-day operations were much more successful. We continued to build on last year's hugely successful programming, especially for children. We added weekly programs in music, art, and movement for our youngest users, partnering with local providers, the Rutland County Parent Child Center, The Mint Makerspace, Come Alive Outside, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Rutland Rec, Rutland area schools, and many more. In total, we entertained, educated, and/or hosted 15,650 guests at more than 780 events in fiscal year 2024.

Borrowing was up for the third straight year following COVID, by 6 percent to 132,546 items, or roughly six items for every person in our coverage area. The value of the materials borrowed alone is more than \$120 per person, not including free use of our meeting spaces, outreach & etc.

Our materials and programming are paid for by the bequest of Nella Grimm Fox, whose generosity continues to provide for the community 55 years after her gift.

Respectfully submitted,

Randal Smathers, Director

2024/25 Board of Trustees

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**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000
TOWN OF RUTLAND
SUMMARY REPORT**

Request Amount: \$535.00

For over 45 years, 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. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'24 (10/2023-9/2024) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **293** individuals to help increase their independent living skills. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **233** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **115** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **149** individuals with information on assistive technology; **43** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **320** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **38** people and provided **31** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier (although we are working from home as our office (along with so many others) was devastated in the July flood and we have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During our FY'24, **7** residents of **Westminster** received services from the following programs

- Home Access Program (HAP)
(**\$16,200.00** spent on modifications and one resident on waiting list for modifications in FY'25)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
(over **\$1,500.00** spent on meals for residents)
- Peer Advocate Counseling (PAC)
- Information, Referral and Assistance Program (I,R&A)

- SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES -

www.rutlandcountyswac.org

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SWAC represents the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven, serving a combined population of approximately 14,000 residents. These towns collaborate to ensure compliance with state laws and mandates, managing solid and hazardous waste in a manner that is both environmentally responsible and cost-effective.

In 2024, SWAC successfully fulfilled the Year Four requirements of the Act 148 / ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). The SWIP aligns with the State's Material Management Plan (MMP) and provides a comprehensive framework for managing solid and hazardous waste in SWAC towns over a five-year period. As mandated by state regulations, all Vermont towns must participate in a SWIP. The currently approved and adopted SWIP can be reviewed on the SWAC website. Looking ahead to 2025, all Solid Waste Management Entities (SWMEs) will be required to rewrite their SWIPs to meet both extensive existing criteria and new requirements outlined in the updated MMP. SWAC will be seeking input from residents to assist with this important process.

SWAC serves as a liaison to the State of Vermont, advocating for the interests of its member towns on matters such as legislation, rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship initiatives. SWAC is an active member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and the Product Stewardship Institute. These organizations have played a key role in advancing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation in Vermont. EPR laws hold manufacturers financially accountable for the end-of-life collection and recycling or disposal of their products, significantly reducing disposal and recycling costs for Vermont residents.

Currently, active EPR programs cover the collection of architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronic waste. Additionally, Vermont's Legislature has passed [Act 58](#), which mandates manufacturers of HHW products establish and fund programs for the collection and disposal of their hazardous products. This law, to be phased in over the coming years, will help to alleviate the financial burden on towns for managing hazardous waste disposal.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW): HHW collection is the most costly endeavor undertaken. SWAC contracts with Republic to hold two HHW events. **8.19 tons** of hazardous waste was collected from 139 households. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, latex, oil based, and flammable paints, asbestos, and antifreeze. Thank you for participating in SWAC's efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember to **Repurpose, Reuse, Repair, Refuse, Reduce, and then Recycle**. Consider buying less-toxic products that do not need to be disposed of as hazardous waste. If you do buy a product, use it up for its intended purpose, or give it to a friend, neighbor, or relative to use. Visit the SWAC website (What Do I Do With page) for locations where electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil are accepted for **FREE** year round. No need to wait for the HHW events.

2025 HW Schedule - Saturday, **April 26**, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; Saturday, **October 4**, Fair Haven Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue. These event times are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. These events are free to all SWAC residents. Visit the SWAC website for more information.

Between Events: Residents outside the Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) can purchase a non-district permit to access the Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows for household hazardous waste drop-off, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-off services. Permits can be purchased at the scalehouse or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station, as well as at the RCSWD offices located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for purchase on weekends. For more information and current rates, call 802-775-7209.

Many thanks to town staff who keep operations going despite the difficulties involved. Many thanks to the SWAC representatives, volunteers, many town clerks, and administrators. They spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and cost effectively.

Your town was represented by:

Town of Benson Greg Fontaine, Guy Charlton, Heidi Chandler
Town of Fair Haven Bonnie Rosati, Joe Gunter
Town of Pawlet Lenny Gibson
Town of Shrewsbury Bert Potter
Town of Tinmouth Chris Martone, Gail Fallar

Town of Chittenden
Town of Middletown Springs
Town of Rutland
Town of Sudbury
Town of West Haven

Timeline for Vermont's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Law

January 15, 2024: ANR will submit a recommended annual registration fee to the Legislature for overseeing the HHW EPR program.

July 1, 2025: A single Stewardship Organization (SO) must register with ANR, which will approve only one organization for the initial collection plan.

July 1, 2025: The registered SO must submit a single Collection Plan covering all manufacturers to ANR for approval, valid for up to five years. ANR will hold a public comment period during the approval process. For subsequent plans, multiple organizations may register but must collaborate on a unified Collection Plan.

July 1, 2025: Landfill disposal of covered household hazardous products is banned.

6 Months After Plan Approval (Date TBD): The Collection Plan must be implemented within six months of ANR approval (estimated by March 1, 2026, if approved by October 1, 2025). Manufacturers not participating in the approved plan will be

Elmer Wheeler, Alyssa Reynolds
Amanda McGill, Terry Redfield, Patty Kenyon
Larry Delveneri, Steve Canney
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John Garrison (Vice Chair)



ANNUAL REPORT TO
The Town of Rutland

2024

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets that are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,110 animals in 2023.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, membership, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 36 animals from the Town of Rutland from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Please call us at 483.9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

DOG LICENSING & THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka “VSNIP”!

Pursuant to: 20 VS.A. §3581 of the Vermont Statutes Title 20: Internal Security and Public Safety, Chapter 193: Domestic Pet or Wolf-hybrid Control. Sub-chapter 002: Licenses: A dog must be licensed (registered) by six months of age at your town office to be legal. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required. Dogs not licensed can be seized and euthanized per state statute.

Registering identifies your dog. It's proof of protection against rabies in case an animal or person is bitten. Immediate medical attention is needed. Animals not vaccinated and registered could be quarantined or possibly seized and euthanized, enabling the brain to be tested. Rabies is deadly. PLEASE LICENSE NOW!

Vermont Statutes Title 20 - Internal Security and Public Safety Chapter 193 - Domestic Pet or Wolf-Hybrid Control §3621. Issuance of warrant to impound; complaint.

(a)(1) The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a warrant to one or more police officers, constables, pound keepers, or appointed animal control officers, directing them to promptly impound all dogs or wolf-hybrids within the town or city not licensed according to the provisions of this subchapter, except as exempted by section 3587 of this title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers of the impounded dogs and wolf-hybrids.

A puppy (or kitten) can have their first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Community Animal Aid hosts a Wellness Clinic, including rabies vaccinations, for those unhoused or those receiving state benefits usually on the 2nd Saturday of the month: East Barre Fire Station. Check for updates: AnimalAidVT@gmail.com or 802-734-0259. Tractor Supply Stores host a monthly rabies clinic, and some VT Humane Societies and veterinarians offer a rabies clinic in March.

THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka “VSNIP”

VSNIP helps income eligible Vermonters have dogs and cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated at a very reduced cost to them. Veterinary offices are throughout the state and we invite other veterinarians to join this altruistic effort to help continue eliminating routine euthanasia of mostly, an over population of cats and kittens. For an application, call 802-672-5302. Push #2 for instructions, or visit: VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV Sue Skaskiw, Administrator

TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is deeply grateful for the continued partnership and collaboration with the towns in our region. Our top priority remains supporting and empowering our municipalities to foster community and economic development. With 12 program areas, ranging from emergency management and economic development to transportation and water quality, FY24 was our most productive year yet. We look forward to continuing this momentum into the future. For a detailed overview of our work in FY24, visit www.vapda.org. To learn more about our programs and services, visit www.rutlandrpc.org.

Planning and Technical Assistance

With increasing demands on our towns, the RRPC is here to help lighten the load. As the go-to resource for all 27 municipalities in the Rutland Region, we are often the first call for regulatory, planning, and development questions. We help towns navigate state and federal regulations, share important updates on new rules and funding opportunities, and support the development and management of key projects. In addition, we assist in securing grant funding, creating town plans, zoning bylaws, feasibility studies, and designation areas. We also provide hands-on support and training to municipal officials and staff, helping ensure success across the region.

Economic Development

The RRPC is committed to fostering strong local economies through initiatives like Brownfields Redevelopment. In 2024, we supported assessments and redevelopment planning for 10 projects across five towns, including the former Berwick Hotel and Lynda Lee Factory in Rutland City. These efforts are driving transformative housing, mixed-use, and manufacturing developments while enhancing regional collaboration through an expanded Brownfields Steering Committee.

Energy Efficiency

The RRPC is working closely with towns across the region to implement the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP), which is designed to reduce energy costs and improve the efficiency of town-owned buildings. In FY24, the RRPC secured \$2.5 million in funding for nine municipalities, supporting a range of energy-saving upgrades, weatherization efforts, and other essential improvements. These investments are helping towns lower their energy costs, reduce burdens for local taxpayers, and enhance the sustainability of municipal operations. MERP plays a crucial role in strengthening energy resilience, advancing climate goals, and creating long-term savings for communities throughout the region.

Housing

Recognizing the critical need for diverse and affordable housing options, the RRPC has been a driving force in addressing the Region's housing shortage. In 2024, the RRPC developed a comprehensive Housing Resource Guide featuring over 30 funding opportunities and 45 resources for developers. Widely regarded as a statewide model, this guide has played a pivotal role in helping local developers create new housing units and advance vital projects across the region.

Workforce Development

Workforce development is vital for retaining youth and rebuilding the trades sector in the Rutland Region. In 2024, the RRPC revitalized the Rutland Region Workforce Investment Board (RRWIB) to encourage regional collaboration. The RRPC also secured a \$1.25 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to create a bridge program for high schoolers in Rutland County, offering pathways to careers in the trades and addressing workforce needs in the region.

Regional Planning

In 2024, the RRPC began a comprehensive update of the Rutland Regional Plan. Recognizing the importance of community input, the RRPC focused on expanding public engagement to ensure the plan reflects the priorities and needs of all towns in the region. This effort included town presentations, pop-up events, open houses, and a public survey, all aimed at gathering diverse perspectives. The feedback received has been instrumental in shaping the first draft of the updated plan, which will continue to guide local planning and investment decisions for a more equitable, healthy, and resilient Rutland Region. To learn more about the 2026 Regional Plan and upcoming events, check out www.rutlandrpc.org/plan2026.

In closing, we thank the dedicated volunteers and civil servants whose commitment drives progress in our region. Your involvement ensures that diverse perspectives continue to shape our future. As we look ahead to 2025, we encourage all to get involved and help contribute to the success and growth of our Region!

Devon Neary, Executive Director



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

**Success on
Green Up Day
May 4, 2024**



Green Up Day, saw a 30% growth in volunteers over 2023, picked up over four tons of litter and 15,813 tires. In flood clean-up projects we took care of an additional 10,000 tires. We also attempted a Guinness World Records® title and succeeded! The record is: “The Most Pledges Received to Pick Up Trash in 24 Hours.” Vermont is the only State in the nation that can boast this achievement and the only State that offers a program like Green Up Day. As one of Vermont’s favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We received a special flood recovery donation from Subaru of New England and have been able to rally volunteers and pay for many flood clean-up projects across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2025.

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play.

Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on **Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form** or at www.greenupvermont.org.

2025 Green Up Day is May 3rd.

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2024

Rutland Local Health Office | 88 Merchants Row, Suite 300 Rutland, VT 05701
802-786-5811 | AHS.VDHRutland@vermont.gov

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. **The Rutland Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Rutland county.** Some highlights of our work in 2024 are below. For more information on our work, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/rutland



Meeting Community Needs

Our team works hard to meet community health needs. In 2024, we held weekly vaccination clinics for our community members who experience barriers to accessing care. At these clinics, we provided Narcan kits, condoms, COVID test kits, and health education. Our Medical Reserve Corps partnered with Rutland County Free Clinic, Turning Point, and Rutland Mental Health to support the complex needs of people experiencing homelessness. We also held a community baby shower to give out free baby supplies, supported healthcare coordination for kids in foster care, and provided food and nutrition services to over 1,200 people through our Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program.



Providing Data Support

We use data to drive our efforts to improve conditions for people experiencing the worst health outcomes. In 2024, we partnered with Rutland Regional Medical Center to assist in data collection, analysis, and drafting of the Community Health Needs Assessment. We also secured funding for and conducted an Emergency Preparedness Needs Assessment. These assessments are essential for prioritizing resources to address the most critical needs in our community.



Delivering Education and Funding

We work across sectors to provide education on a variety of public health topics aimed at improving health outcomes. Training like “Askable Adult” supports school-aged youth, while sessions on vaccine hesitancy support our medical providers. We also work to sustain vital programs through grant consultation and review. In 2024, our office helped secure over \$300,000 of funding for programs that support the health of our community.



2024 Rutland Town Officials & Photos



Board Chair Mary Ashcroft



Board Clerk Joe Denardo



Sharon Russell



Kurt Hathaway



Matt Getty



Town Clerk and Treasurer

Kari Clark



Town Administrator

Bill Sweet



Town Lister

Cathy Kapitanski

Town Head Lister

Marcia Chioffi

Town Lister

Marie Faignant



Road Commissioner

Dave Sears



Assistant Fire Chief

Larry Dell Veneri

Fire Chief

Chris Clark

Assistant Fire Chief

Michael Carlson



Police Chief

Ed Dumas



Deputy Police Chief

Ted Washburn



Recreation Director

Michal Rowe



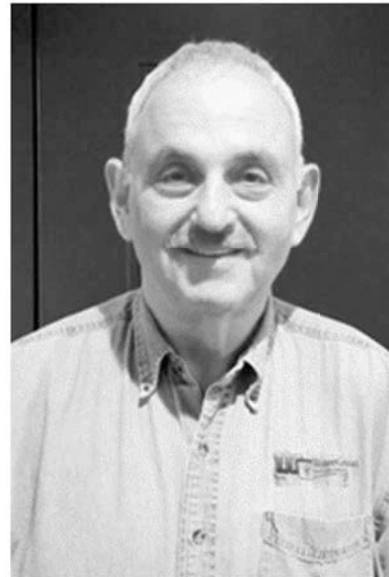
Town Health Officer

John Paul Faignant



Forest Fire Warden

Joe Denardo



Emergency Management Director

Martin Wasserman



Planning Commission

Back Row- Dana Peterson, Jerry Stearns, Jim Hall, Sherman Hunter

Front Row – Chairperson Barbara Noyes-Pulling, Mary Beth Poli, Norman Cohen

Not Pictured –Howard Burgess, Andrew McKane



Cheney Hill Cemetery Commissioners

Kurt Hathaway

Byron J. Hathaway

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 911

TOWN EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Fire / Police / Ambulance	911
State Police	802-773-9101

Other Important Phone Numbers

Town Clerk and Treasurer	802-773-2528 x 100
Town Administrator	802-773-2528 x 106
Town Listers	802-773-2528 x 103
Police Department - Non-Emergency Only	802-773-2528 x 501
Recreation Director	802-779-2518
Road Commissioner	802-773-2528 x 402
Fire Chief	802-773-2528 x 204
Forest Fire Warden / Burn Permits	802-770-0959
Emergency Management Director	802-236-4180
Highway Garage	802-773-2528 x 400
Northwood Pool	802-773-2528 x 300
Elementary School	802-775-0566
Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union	802-775-4342
Transfer Station	802-747-9013
Center Rutland Fire Station – Non-Emergency Only	802-773-2528 x 210
McKinley Ave Fire Station – Non-Emergency Only	802-773-2528 x 220

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Susan McGee – Assistant Clerk and Treasurer	SMcGee@RutlandTown.com
Bill Sweet – Town Administrator	BSweet@RutlandTown.com
Marcia Chioffi – Lister	MChioffi@RutlandTown.com
Cathy Kapitanski – Lister	CKapitanski@RutlandTown.com
Marie Faignant – Lister	MFaignant@RutlandTown.com
Dave Sears – Road Commissioner	RTHighway@RutlandTown.com
Chris Clark – Fire Chief	RTFireChief@RutlandTown.com

Town Clerk and Treasurer Office Hours

Monday	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM