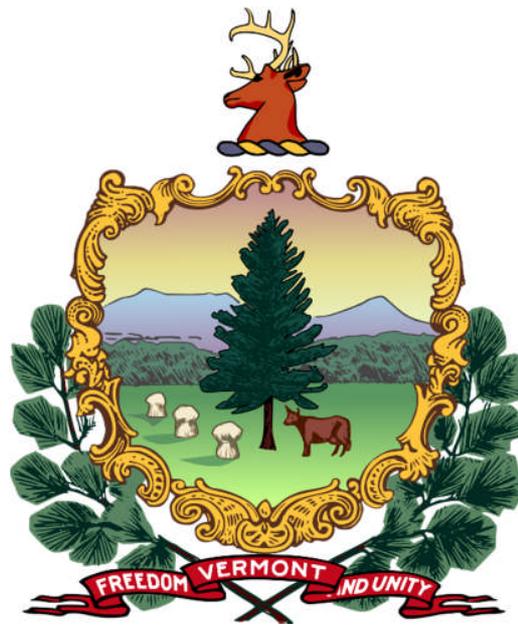


ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF STAMFORD
VERMONT



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

2021

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, February 28, 2022 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING
Monday, February 28, 2022 7:30 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING HOURS
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you have already registered to vote in Stamford, please check the posted Voter Checklist to verify that your name is on the list. The Same Day Voter Registration Law went into effect on January 1, 2017 in Vermont. Eligible residents will be able to register to vote on any day up to and including election day at the town office or during the hours when the polls are open.

EARLY VOTER ABSENTEE BALLOT

An early or absentee voter, family member, authorized person or health care provider can request an absentee ballot in Vermont, without providing any reason for the request, by telephone, in person or in writing until 5 p.m. on the day before the election. You do not register by party in Vermont. You do not have to tell anyone which party you favor. Ways of voting absentee are:

- Vote in town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Pick up a ballot at the town clerk's office and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before election day or to polling place before 7 p.m. on election day.
- Have ballot mailed to you and mail or take it back to the clerk's office before election day or to polling place before 7 p.m. on election day.
- If disabled or ill, have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home on the day before or the day of the election.

TOWN OFFICE

Monday	closed
Tuesday	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Thursday	1 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Phone (802) 694-1361
Fax (802) 694-1636
stamfordvt@live.com
www.townofstamfordvermont.org

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

	Term Expires
Town Moderator	
William Levine (1 year term)	2022
School Moderator	
William Levine (1 year term)	2022
Town Clerk	
Lori A. Shepard (3 year term)	2023
Treasurer	
Lori A. Shepard (3 year term)	2023
Selectboard	
Carol A. Fachini (3 year term)	2023
Brandon Field (3 year term)	2024
Daniel Potvin (2 year term)	2022
Nancy Bushika (2 year term)	2023
Michael Denault (3 year term)	2022
School Directors	
Kelly Holland (3 year term)	2024
Barbara Malinowski (2 year term)	2022
Erika Bailey (2 year term)	2024
Helen Fields (3 year term)	2023
Jessica Tatro (3 year term)	2022
Gary Bellows	(resigned) (appointed)
Auditors:	
Vacancy (1 year term)	2022
Vacancy (2 year term)	2023
Vacancy (3 year term)	2024
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	
Sally A. Bohl (1 year term)	2022
Cemetery Commissioners	
David McKay (3 year term)	2024
Sally A. Bohl (3 year term)	2023
Janice Farinon (3 year term)	2022
Library Trustees	
Danielle Smith (5 year term)	2025
Tyna L. Senecal (5 year term)	2022
Rebecca Gamari (5 year term)	2026
Linda Rodovick (5 year term)	2023
Caroline S. Burch (5 year term)	2024

		Term Expires
Justices of the Peace		
Sally A. Bohl		January 31, 2023
Rosemarie Curran		January 31, 2023
Peter Grudin		January 31, 2023
Angela Brothers	(resigned)	January 31, 2023
Pamela K. Tworig	(appointed)	
Tyna L. Senecal		January 31, 2023

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Zoning Administrator
 Ryan Rush-Booth (3 year term) 2023

Board of Adjustment
 Theodore N. Dobbert (3 year term) 2023
 Peter Grudin (3 year term) 2024
 Jean Kurpiel (3 year term) 2022
 David L. Saldo (3 year term) 2024
 Sheila G. Lawrence (3 year term) 2022

Emergency Management Director
 William H. Levine (1 year term) 2022

Emergency Management Coordinator
 Sheila G. Lawrence (1 year term) 2022

Dog Officer
 Luke McKay (1 year term) 2022

Energy Coordinator
 Jennifer Hughs (1 year term) 2022

Septic Officer
 Maura Hawkins (1 year term) 2022

Planning Commission
 Debra Burchard (4 year term) 2025
 Sheila G. Lawrence (4 year term) 2022
 Kurt Gamari (4 year term) 2024
 Daniel J. Potvin (4 year term) 2023
 David L. Saldo (4 year term) 2025
 Helen F. Fields (4 year term) 2023 (resigned)
 Carolyn Brooks (appointed)
 Aaron Malachuk (4 year term) 2024
 John Dupras (4 year term) 2025
 Jenifer Hughs (4 year term) 2022
 Annemarie Potvin, alternate (1 year term) 2022

Conservation Commission

Martin Cristofolini (4 year term)	2025
David L. Saldo (4 year term)	2023
Kurt Gamari (4 year term)	2024
Sheila G. Lawrence (4 year term)	2022
Vacancy (4 year term)	2025
Vacancy (4 year term)	2024
Vacancy (4 year term)	2024

Road Commissioner

David R. Tatro (1 year term)	2022
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Tree Warden

Bruce Richardson (1 year term)	2022
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Bennington County Regional Commission

Debra Burchard (1 year term)	2022
Daniel J. Potvin (1 year term)	2022

Green Up Day Coordinator

Patricia Sullivan (1 year term)	(resigned)	2022
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Community Projects Committee

Patricia Sullivan (3 year term)	(resigned)	2022
Helen Fields (3 year term)		2024
Clay Zeller-Townson (3 year term)		2023

APPOINTED BY STATE (with recommendation)

Fire Warden

Harry Klein (5 year term)	June 30, 2026
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Deputy Fire Warden

Mitchell Meranti (5 year term)	June 30, 2026
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Health Officer

Eunice Rice (3 year term)	March 31, 2023
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Town meeting, 7 p.m.	February 28, 2022
School District meeting, 7:30 p.m.	February 28, 2022
Local election, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.	March 1, 2022
Dogs must be licensed with the town	April 1, 2022
Recycling cards renew	November 1, 2022
Property taxes are due	November 17, 2022

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Bennington County Sheriff's Department

(802) 442-4900

Vermont State Police

(802) 442-5421

Selectboard Meeting

The Stamford Selectboard meets at 6 p.m. in the town office on the first and third Thursday of each month.

School Director's Meeting

The Stamford School Directors meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

Recycling Center

Saturday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Summer – last Wednesday in April to the last Wednesday in October: 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Taxes

Taxes are due on the third Thursday of November by 8 p.m. If not received in the treasurer's office by the date due, they become delinquent and are subject to 8% penalty and interest at the rate of 1% per month for the first three months and 1.5% for each month thereafter.

Stamford Elementary School (802) 694-1379

Stamford Community Library (413) 663-1414 (call or text)

Email: stamlibrary@gmail.com

Website: www.stamfordlibrary.org

Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

AUDITING STATEMENT

The firm of Love, Cody & Company, Certified Public Accountants, conducted an audit for the Town of Stamford's cash receipts and disbursements for the year 2021. The financial statements, supplementary information and auditors' report are available for inspection in the town office during regular office hours.

WARNING FOR TOWN OF STAMFORD

The Legal Voters of the Town of Stamford, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Stamford Community Room in said Stamford at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022, to vote on the Articles of the Town Warrant. The meeting will then be adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at the Stamford Community Room at which time Article 1 will be transacted by ballot.

Vermont law imposes requirements to ensure that elderly and disabled persons have access to polling places and town meeting. Individuals requesting alternative accommodations should contact the town clerk's office prior to the town meeting so that arrangements can be made in advance.

Article 1: To elect the following Town Officers:

- Town Moderator - 1 year term
- School Moderator - 1 year term
- Selectboard member - 2 year term
- Selectboard member - 3 year term
- School Director - 2 year term
- School Director - 3 year term
- Auditor - 1 year term
- Auditor - 2 year term
- Auditor - 3 year term
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes - 1 year term
- Cemetery Commissioner - 3 year term
- Library Trustee - 5 year term

Article 2: Shall the Town of Stamford use at least twenty five (25) percent of the 2021 positive town and highway fund balances to reduce the raise and appropriate?

Article 3: Shall the Town of Stamford authorize the expenditure of \$787,958.00 (General Expenses of \$304,617.00 and Highway Expenses of \$483,341.00 and if so, raise and appropriate \$677,041.00 through taxes and \$110,917.00 from anticipated revenues (less Article 2 if passed)?

Article 4: Shall the Town of Stamford use up to \$121,171.15 of funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to defray the amount of the town's match to complete the culvert replacement project on Lincoln Road?

Article 5: Shall the Town of Stamford borrow a sum not to exceed \$220,000.00 (if the use of ARPA funds in Article 4 is passed) or \$320,000.00 (if Article 4 is not passed) for the town's match to complete the culvert replacement project on Lincoln Road, said sum to be repaid over a five (5) year period?

- Article 6: Shall the Town of Stamford authorize the Selectboard to sell town owned property to any interested buyer providing the interested buyer is not a property tax exempt entity?
- Article 7: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate \$4,580.00 for the maintenance and improvement of the town cemeteries?
- Article 8: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate \$33,215.00 for the operation of the Town portion of the library?
- Article 9: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate \$56,425.00 for the operation of the Stamford Volunteer Fire Company?
- Article 10: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 annually for a five year period, beginning in 2022 and ending in 2027, for deposit into the fire truck replacement account?
- Article 11: Shall the Town of Stamford appropriate a total of \$1,600.00 to the following agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

\$700.00	Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging
\$500.00	BROC – COMMUNITY ACTION IN SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT (formerly Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council, Inc.)
\$100.00	Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program (formerly known as Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils)
\$250.00	American Red Cross of Vermont and the New Hampshire Upper Valley Region
\$ 50.00	Green Up Vermont

Article 12: To transact any non-binding business deemed necessary and proper when met.

Dated at Stamford, Vermont this 20th day of January, 2022.

Nancy L. Bushika
 Carol A. Fachini
 Daniel J. Potvin
 Michael Denault
 Brandon Field

SELECTBOARD

**WARNING – WARRANT
STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Legal Voters of the Town School District of Stamford, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the School Hall in said Stamford at 7:30 p.m. on February 28, 2022 to vote on the Articles of the Town School District Warning. The meeting will be adjourned until Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at which time Articles I, II & III will be transacted by Australian Ballot between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Article I

To elect a Moderator.

Article II

To elect a School Director for (2) years.

Article III

To elect a School Director for three (3) years.

Article IV

To see if the voters of the School District shall approve the School Board to expend \$2,159,300 the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,898 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.7% higher than spending for the current year?

Article V

To see if the Stamford Town School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to transfer \$65,901 (25%) from the FY 21 surplus Fund Balance to the Maintenance Reserve Account?

Article VI

To see if the Stamford Town School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to transfer \$12,000 from the FY 21 surplus Fund Balance to the Maintenance Reserve Account for the purpose of replacing the remaining library windows?

Article VII

To see if the Stamford Town School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to assign the remaining surplus Fund Balance to be used as revenue for future budgets?

Article VIII

To see if the Stamford Town School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes?

Article IX

To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Stamford, Vermont this 28th day of January 2022.

Erika L. Bailey

Kelly Holland

Helen Fields

Barbara Malinowski

Gary Bellows

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Town of Stamford
Revenue Report
Calendar year ending December 31, 2021

Account	Description	2021 Budget	Income	Over/(Under) Budget	2022 Budget
100-6-00-01	Taxes				
100-6-00-01-000.015	National Forest (PILT)	\$32,000.00	\$34,997.00	(\$2,997.00)	\$32,000.00
100-6-00-01-000.020	State Owned Prop (PILOT)	\$150.00	\$224.00	(\$74.00)	\$150.00
100-6-00-01-000.021	Sale of Town Property	\$0.00	\$9,078.00	(\$9,078.00)	\$0.00
100-6-00-01-000.025	Use Value	\$9,000.00	\$11,402.00	(\$2,402.00)	\$10,000.00
100-6-00-01-000.040	Property Tax Abatements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$41,150.00	\$55,701.00	(\$14,551.00)	\$42,150.00
100-6-00-02	Interest				
100-6-00-02-000.005	Land Sales Fund Int	\$1,200.00	\$995.29	\$204.71	\$1,200.00
100-6-00-02-000.010	Money Market Interest	\$150.00	\$233.03	(\$83.03)	\$150.00
100-6-00-02-000.015	Checking Interest	\$50.00	\$43.62	\$6.38	\$50.00
	Subtotal	\$1,400.00	\$1,271.94	\$128.06	\$1,400.00
100-6-00-04	Permit & Fees				
100-6-00-04-000.005	Local Fines	\$1,000.00	\$512.00	\$488.00	\$500.00
100-6-00-04-000.010	Beer & Wine Licenses	\$185.00	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$185.00
100-6-00-04-000.015	Driveway Permits	\$0.00	\$60.00	(\$60.00)	\$0.00
100-6-00-04-000.020	Fish & Game Licenses	\$250.00	\$229.50	\$20.50	\$200.00
100-6-00-04-000.025	Wildlife Reports	\$40.00	\$41.00	(\$1.00)	\$40.00
100-6-00-04-000.030	Deed Recordings	\$8,000.00	\$14,528.00	(\$6,528.00)	\$8,000.00
100-6-00-04-000.035	Marriage Licenses	\$50.00	\$90.00	(\$40.00)	\$50.00
100-6-00-04-000.040	Copies Vital Statistics	\$250.00	\$450.00	(\$200.00)	\$250.00
100-6-00-04-000.045	Examination of Records	\$100.00	\$197.00	(\$97.00)	\$100.00
100-6-00-04-000.050	Cert. & Uncert Copies	\$1,500.00	\$2,702.23	(\$1,202.23)	\$2,000.00
100-6-00-04-000.060	Miscellaneous Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-6-00-04-000.065	Record Restoration	\$0.00	\$2,616.00	(\$2,616.00)	\$0.00
100-6-00-04-000.075	Mun Excess Weight Permit	\$100.00	\$140.00	(\$40.00)	\$100.00
100-6-00-04-000.080	Technology Fund	\$0.00	\$2,616.00	(\$2,616.00)	\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$11,475.00	\$24,366.73	(\$12,891.73)	\$11,425.00
100-6-05	Other Revenue				
100-6-05-05-000.001	Penalties and Interest	\$12,000.00	\$18,754.20	(\$6,754.20)	\$10,000.00
100-6-05-05-000.002	Delinquent Tax Revenue	\$0.00	\$135,040.60	(\$135,040.60)	\$0.00
100-6-07-05-000.005	Receipts-Dog License	\$1,500.00	\$1,213.00	\$287.00	\$1,500.00
100-6-07-05-000.035	Permits & Appeals-B of A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-6-07-05-000.040	Permits & Appeals-Adm Ofc	\$1,500.00	\$1,700.00	(\$200.00)	\$1,500.00
100-6-08-05-000.060	COVID/Election Grant Rev.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-6-08-05-000.065	ARPA Grant Funds	\$0.00	\$121,171.15	(\$121,171.15)	\$0.00
100-6-10-05-000.050	Recycling Receipts-cards	\$5,000.00	\$10,425.00	(\$5,425.00)	\$5,000.00
100-6-10-05-000.055	Recycling Receipts-demo	\$500.00	\$671.00	(\$171.00)	\$500.00
100-6-10-05-000.060	Recycling Receipts-return	\$250.00	\$158.80	\$91.20	\$250.00
100-6-10-05-000.070	Recycling Recpt-Hauler Re	\$50.00	\$200.00	(\$150.00)	\$125.00
100-6-15-05-000.070	Receipts-Copier	\$5.00	\$6.55	(\$1.55)	\$5.00
100-6-15-05-000.075	Receipts-Fax	\$50.00	\$120.00	(\$70.00)	\$50.00
100-6-15-05-000.080	DMV Renewal Fee	\$10.00	\$18.00	(\$8.00)	\$12.00
100-6-20-05-000.099	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00	\$1,496.99	(\$1,496.99)	\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$20,865.00	\$290,975.29	(\$270,110.29)	\$18,942.00
	TOTAL	\$74,890.00	\$372,314.96	(\$297,424.96)	\$73,917.00

Town of Stamford
Highway Revenue Report
Calendar year ending December 31, 2021

Account	Description	2021 Budget	Income	Over/(Under)	
				Budget	2022 Budget
200-6-00-07-000.005	State Aid-Highways	\$36,000.00	\$37,382.93	(\$1,382.93)	\$37,000.00
200-6-00-07-000.020	State Aid-Other	\$0.00	\$2,059.46	(\$2,059.46)	\$0.00
200-6-00-07-000.030	Miscellaneous Receipts	\$0.00	\$2,145.00	(\$2,145.00)	\$0.00
200-6-00-07-000.040	Structure's Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
200-6-00-07-000.045	Better Backroads Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
200-6-00-07-000.050	PACIF Grant Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
200-6-00-07-000.055	Proceeds - sale of assets	\$0.00	\$16,550.00	(\$16,550.00)	\$0.00
200-6-00-07-000.070	Clean Water Act Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$36,000.00	\$58,137.39	(\$22,137.39)	\$37,000.00

Town of Stamford
Expenditure Report
Calendar year ending December 31, 2021

Account	Description	2021 Budget	Expenditures	Under / (Over) Budget	2022 Budget
100-7-00-00	Administrative Officer				
100-7-00-00-110.000	A.O. Salary	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
100-7-00-00-540.000	A.O. Education Fund	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
100-7-00-00-610.000	A.O. Expenses	\$50.00	\$38.98	\$11.02	\$50.00
	Subtotal	\$1,700.00	\$1,538.98	\$161.02	\$1,700.00
100-7-00-05	Auditors				
100-7-00-05-110.000	Auditor Salary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-00-05-320.000	Audit	\$10,450.00	\$11,000.00	(\$550.00)	\$12,000.00
100-7-00-05-531.000	Postage	\$850.00	\$825.00	\$25.00	\$850.00
100-7-00-05-550.000	Town Reports	\$2,250.00	\$2,196.00	\$54.00	\$2,250.00
	Subtotal	\$13,550.00	\$14,021.00	(\$471.00)	\$15,100.00
100-7-00-10	Board of Health				
100-7-00-10-110.000	Health Officer Salary	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
100-7-00-10-610.000	Brd of Health Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
100-7-00-13	Cemetery (BY WARRANT)				
100-7-00-13-430.000	Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-00-13-430.001	Cemetery Mowing	\$2,425.00	\$2,425.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-00-13-430.005	Cemetery Stone Reserve	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
	Subtotal	\$3,925.00	\$3,925.00	\$0.00	
100-7-00-20	Conservation Commission				
100-7-00-20-110.000	Conservation Comm Salary	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
100-7-00-20-610.000	Conservation Comm Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
100-7-00-25	Del Tax Collector				
100-7-00-25-110.000	Salary-Del Tax Collector	\$3,000.00	\$6,752.03	(\$3,752.03)	\$2,400.00
100-7-00-25-545.000	Delinquent Tax Sale Exp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-00-25-610.000	Del Tax Office Expense	\$450.00	\$162.99	\$287.01	\$450.00
	Subtotal	\$3,450.00	\$6,915.02	(\$3,465.02)	\$2,850.00
100-7-10-10	Dogs				
100-7-10-10-110.000	Dog Officer Salary	\$2,400.00	\$474.00	\$1,926.00	\$2,400.00
100-7-10-10-610.000	License Book & Tags	\$275.00	\$131.46	\$143.54	\$275.00
100-7-10-10-610.005	Dog Expenses	\$500.00	\$295.58	\$204.42	\$500.00
100-7-10-10-610.010	Dog Kennel/Enclosure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	Subtotal	\$3,175.00	\$901.04	\$2,273.96	\$3,675.00
100-7-10-35	Elections & Town Meetings				
100-7-10-35-110.000	Ballot Clerks	\$250.00	\$370.25	(\$120.25)	\$1,200.00
100-7-10-35-110.005	Moderator Salary	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
100-7-10-35-320.000	Law enforcmt elections	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$0.00
100-7-10-35-610.000	Ballots	\$20.00	\$22.00	(\$2.00)	\$25.00
100-7-10-35-610.010	Election Expenses/Supplie	\$0.00	\$741.45	(\$741.45)	\$50.00
	Subtotal	\$645.00	\$1,183.70	(\$538.70)	\$1,325.00
100-7-12-15	Emergency Management				
100-7-12-15-110.000	Emerg Mgmt Coord Salary	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
100-7-12-15-540.000	Emerg Mgmt Training	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
100-7-12-15-610.000	Emerg Mgmt Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$38.22	\$961.78	\$1,000.00
100-7-12-15-741.000	Generator Maintenance	\$500.00	\$499.61	\$0.39	\$1,000.00
	Subtotal	\$1,700.00	\$587.83	\$1,112.17	\$2,200.00

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Account	Description	2021 Budget	Expenditures	Under / (Over) Budget	2022 Budget
100-7-15-40	Employee Benefits				
100-7-15-40-210.000	Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-15-40-220.000	Employer FICA	\$6,725.00	\$6,335.30	\$389.70	\$7,485.00
100-7-15-40-220.005	Employer Medicare	\$1,575.00	\$1,481.75	\$93.25	\$1,751.00
100-7-15-40-221.000	Workmen's Compensation	\$1,333.00	\$1,332.55	\$0.45	\$1,652.00
100-7-15-40-227.000	Medical Life & Disability	\$440.00	\$459.40	(\$19.40)	\$405.00
100-7-15-40-228.000	Vt State Ret System Town	\$3,605.00	\$3,554.61	\$50.39	\$4,128.00
100-7-15-40-229.000	Unemployment Compensation	\$155.00	\$154.20	\$0.80	\$149.00
	Subtotal	\$13,833.00	\$13,317.81	\$515.19	\$15,570.00
100-7-20-45	Energy Coordinator				
100-7-20-45-110.000	Energy Coordinator Salary	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
100-7-20-45-610.000	Energy Coord. Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
100-7-20-55	Fire Dept (BY WARRANT)				
100-7-20-55-621.000	Fire Truck Replacement	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-20-55-623.000	Fire Dept Appropriation	\$54,025.00	\$54,025.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
	Subtotal	\$74,025.00	\$74,025.00	\$0.00	
100-7-20-65	Forest Fire Warden				
100-7-20-65-110.000	F Fire Warden Salary	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
100-7-20-65-610.000	F Fire Warden Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
100-7-30-55	Interest				
100-7-30-55-812.000	Int-Tax Anticipation Loan	\$2,600.00	\$949.32	\$1,650.68	\$1,500.00
	Subtotal	\$2,600.00	\$949.32	\$1,650.68	\$1,500.00
100-7-35-57	Law Enforcement				
100-7-35-57-320.000	Law Enforcement-Sheriff	\$33,735.00	\$25,755.40	\$7,979.60	\$33,735.00
	Subtotal	\$33,735.00	\$25,755.40	\$7,979.60	\$33,735.00
100-7-40-55	Library (BY WARRANT)				
100-7-40-55-110.000	Librarian Salary	\$6,701.24	\$14,364.00	(\$7,662.76)	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-110.005	Asst Librarian Salary	\$13,402.48	\$0.00	\$13,402.48	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-110.010	Sub Librarian Salary	\$500.00	\$235.00	\$265.00	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-220.000	FICA-Library	\$1,580.00	\$1,107.09	\$472.91	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-221.000	Workmen's Compensation	\$144.00	\$144.19	(\$0.19)	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-310.000	Return Library Fund Bal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-801.000	Library Appropriation	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
	Subtotal	\$30,127.72	\$23,650.28	\$6,477.44	
100-7-40-65	Listers				
100-7-40-65-110.003	Assessor Clerk	\$10,000.00	\$8,840.00	\$1,160.00	\$15,000.00
100-7-40-65-110.005	Assessors Fees	\$0.00	\$4,680.00	(\$4,680.00)	\$0.00
100-7-40-65-320.000	Software Support	\$4,000.00	\$4,210.07	(\$210.07)	\$4,200.00
100-7-40-65-321.000	Reappraisal Fund	\$0.00	\$9,770.00	(\$9,770.00)	\$0.00
100-7-40-65-432.000	Mileage	\$100.00	\$15.68	\$84.32	\$100.00
100-7-40-65-532.000	Mapping	\$0.00	\$2,962.50	(\$2,962.50)	\$0.00
100-7-40-65-540.000	Education Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-40-65-610.000	Office Supplies	\$700.00	\$1,206.26	(\$506.26)	\$700.00
100-7-40-65-610.005	Reappraisal Expense	\$0.00	\$2,360.00	(\$2,360.00)	\$0.00
100-7-40-65-615.000	Abatements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$14,800.00	\$34,044.51	(\$19,244.51)	\$20,000.00

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100-7-40-75	Planning & Development				
100-7-40-75-110.000	Planning Com Salaries	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$200.00	\$225.00
100-7-40-75-110.005	Salary - Septic Officer	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
100-7-40-75-320.005	Parcel Map Preservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-40-75-540.000	Planning Com Education	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
100-7-40-75-560.000	Bennington Cty Reg Dues	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
100-7-40-75-610.000	Planning Com Expenses	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
100-7-40-75-680.000	Grant Expenses-Plan Com	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$4,550.00	\$4,225.00	\$325.00	\$4,550.00
100-7-50-30	Selectboard				
100-7-50-30-110.000	Selectboard Chair Salary	\$900.00	\$780.00	\$120.00	\$900.00
100-7-50-30-110.005	Selectboard Member Salary	\$2,880.00	\$2,460.00	\$420.00	\$2,880.00
100-7-50-30-110.010	Admin Asst Salary	\$5,000.00	\$5,050.00	(\$50.00)	\$5,400.00
100-7-50-30-322.000	Liability Insurance	\$10,665.00	\$10,447.78	\$217.22	\$11,911.00
100-7-50-30-539.000	Legal Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
100-7-50-30-540.005	Sel Education Fund	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
100-7-50-30-551.000	Sel Bid Advertisement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-50-30-560.000	VLCT Dues	\$2,090.00	\$2,090.00	\$0.00	\$2,163.00
100-7-50-30-610.000	Sel Office Supplies	\$350.00	\$116.09	\$233.91	\$350.00
100-7-50-30-610.005	Selectboard Expenses	\$300.00	\$6,068.72	(\$5,768.72)	\$300.00
100-7-50-30-655.000	Sel tax sale purchase	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	Subtotal	\$26,285.00	\$27,012.59	(\$727.59)	\$28,004.00
100-7-55-75	Solid Waste & Recycling				
100-7-55-75-110.000	Rec Labor-Highway Rd Comm	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-55-75-110.005	Rec Labor-Equip Op Labor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-55-75-110.010	Rec Labor-Other Employee	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00
100-7-55-75-110.015	Rec Labor-Op & Monitor	\$9,085.00	\$8,772.87	\$312.13	\$9,224.00
100-7-55-75-324.005	BCSW Alliance	\$4,870.00	\$4,623.80	\$246.20	\$5,392.00
100-7-55-75-430.000	Rec Repair And Maint	\$2,500.00	\$2,391.49	\$108.51	\$500.00
100-7-55-75-610.000	Recycling Expenses	\$40,000.00	\$42,331.98	(\$2,331.98)	\$43,000.00
100-7-55-75-622.000	Recycling Electricity	\$400.00	\$361.77	\$38.23	\$400.00
	Subtotal	\$59,455.00	\$61,081.91	(\$1,626.91)	\$61,116.00
100-7-60-77	Taxes				
100-7-60-77-800.000	Bennington County Taxes	\$8,200.00	\$7,281.36	\$918.64	\$8,200.00
	Subtotal	\$8,200.00	\$7,281.36	\$918.64	\$8,200.00
100-7-70-35	Town Office				
100-7-70-35-110.000	Pay for Unused Days	\$0.00	\$687.50	(\$687.50)	\$0.00
100-7-70-35-110.005	Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-70-35-110.010	Town Clerk/Treasurer	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$0.00	\$56,160.00
100-7-70-35-110.020	Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	\$15,915.00	\$14,688.00	\$1,227.00	\$17,784.00
100-7-70-35-320.005	Record Restoration	\$0.00	\$539.89	(\$539.89)	\$0.00
100-7-70-35-420.000	Software Support & Maint	\$3,100.00	\$3,115.48	(\$15.48)	\$3,100.00
100-7-70-35-430.000	Equip Maint And Repair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-70-35-431.000	Office Equipment Purchase	\$100.00	\$225.46	(\$125.46)	\$300.00
100-7-70-35-530.000	Telephone & Internet	\$1,200.00	\$1,627.82	(\$427.82)	\$1,600.00
100-7-70-35-531.000	Postage	\$350.00	\$329.15	\$20.85	\$350.00
100-7-70-35-531.005	Tax Bills and Postage	\$1,000.00	\$604.85	\$395.15	\$1,000.00

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100-7-70-35	Town Office (Continued)				
100-7-70-35-532.000	Travel Expenses	\$500.00	\$324.09	\$175.91	\$500.00
100-7-70-35-540.000	Education & Travel Expens	\$500.00	\$68.00	\$432.00	\$500.00
100-7-70-35-541.000	T.O. Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-70-35-560.000	Dues and Memberships	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
100-7-70-35-608.000	Cash Over Short	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-70-35-609.000	Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-70-35-610.000	Office Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,326.46	(\$326.46)	\$1,000.00
100-7-70-35-610.005	Copier Expense/Supplies	\$575.00	\$654.51	(\$79.51)	\$650.00
100-7-70-35-894.000	Bank & Check Charges	\$200.00	\$105.00	\$95.00	\$200.00
	Subtotal	\$76,495.00	\$76,351.21	\$143.79	\$83,199.00
100-7-80-40	Town Officers Salaries				
100-7-80-40-110.005	Cemetery Comm Salaries	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$75.00
100-7-80-40-110.015	Justice of Peace Salaries	\$125.00	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
100-7-80-40-110.020	Library Trustees Salaries	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
100-7-80-40-110.030	Tree Warden Salary	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
100-7-80-40-110.050	Bennington Cty Com Salary	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00
100-7-80-40-110.055	Green Up Day Coordinator	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	Subtotal	\$425.00	\$125.00	\$300.00	\$425.00
100-7-90-50	Zoning Board of Adjust				
100-7-90-50-110.000	ZBA Salaries	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$125.00
100-7-90-50-540.000	ZBA Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-90-50-610.000	ZBA Expenses	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
100-7-90-50-611.000	ZBA Permits & Appeals	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Subtotal	\$325.00	\$75.00	\$250.00	\$325.00
100-7-95-99	Miscellaneous				
100-7-95-99-430.000	Mowing	\$2,500.00	\$3,335.00	(\$835.00)	\$3,500.00
100-7-95-99-610.000	Bldg Com Grp Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-95-99-610.010	Summer Camp Grant Expense	\$0.00	\$27,804.13	(\$27,804.13)	\$0.00
100-7-95-99-622.005	Town Lighting	\$4,300.00	\$4,313.72	(\$13.72)	\$4,300.00
100-7-95-99-740.000	Security Monitor	\$135.00	\$133.00	\$2.00	\$135.00
100-7-95-99-801.000	Red Cross (BY WARRANT)	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-95-99-801.010	BROC (BY WARRANT)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-95-99-801.035	Town Flags	\$250.00	\$990.69	(\$740.69)	\$250.00
100-7-95-99-801.038	Green Up VT (BY WARRANT)	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-95-99-801.040	VT Rural Fire Protect. (BY WARRANT)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-95-99-801.050	SWVT Council on Aging (BY WARRANT)	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-95-99-812.001	Schl pkg lot loan princip	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
100-7-95-99-812.002	Schl pkg lot loan interes	\$1,420.00	\$1,062.00	\$358.00	\$708.00
	Subtotal	\$22,205.00	\$51,238.54	(\$29,033.54)	\$20,893.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$395,455.72	\$428,330.50	(\$32,874.78)	\$304,617.00

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Account	Description	2021		Under / (Over)		2022	
		Budget	Expenditures	Budget		Budget	
200-7-00-55-812.001	Highway LTD Principle	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00		\$44,857.00	
200-7-00-55-812.002	Interest on LTD	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00		\$3,925.00	
200-7-00-95-110.000	Labor-Highway Rd Commiss	\$60,320.00	\$60,320.00	\$0.00		\$64,480.00	
200-7-00-95-110.005	Labor-Equip Op Laborer	\$49,920.00	\$49,920.00	\$0.00		\$54,080.00	
200-7-00-95-110.010	Overtime	\$18,000.00	\$16,865.25	\$1,134.75		\$18,000.00	
200-7-00-95-110.015	Labor-Other Employees	\$20,000.00	\$627.00	\$19,373.00		\$0.00	
200-7-00-95-110.025	Compensation for Unused T	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
200-7-00-95-210.000	Highway Health Ins	\$63,392.00	\$61,186.22	\$2,205.78		\$59,486.00	
200-7-00-95-220.000	Highway FICA	\$9,535.00	\$7,919.39	\$1,615.61		\$8,835.00	
200-7-00-95-220.001	Highway Medicare	\$2,230.00	\$1,852.10	\$377.90		\$2,067.00	
200-7-00-95-221.000	Highway Workmen's Comp	\$10,385.00	\$13,183.26	(\$2,798.26)		\$11,284.00	
200-7-00-95-226.000	Uniforms	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00		\$1,400.00	
200-7-00-95-227.000	Medical Life & Disability	\$850.00	\$896.45	(\$46.45)		\$783.00	
200-7-00-95-228.000	Highway VT State Retireme	\$8,195.00	\$7,828.53	\$366.47		\$9,262.00	
200-7-00-95-229.000	Highway Unemployment Comp	\$874.00	\$873.80	\$0.20		\$841.00	
200-7-00-95-320.000	Outside Services	\$1,800.00	\$3,885.00	(\$2,085.00)		\$1,800.00	
200-7-00-95-380.000	Muni Road Permit fee	\$900.00	\$500.00	\$400.00		\$500.00	
200-7-00-95-430.000	Highway Maintenance	\$20,000.00	\$19,191.82	\$808.18		\$30,000.00	
200-7-00-95-430.005	Building-Maint & Repair	\$500.00	\$3,760.02	(\$3,260.02)		\$2,000.00	
200-7-00-95-430.010	Equipment-Maint & Repair	\$30,000.00	\$40,033.98	(\$10,033.98)		\$30,000.00	
200-7-00-95-540.000	Education	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00		\$150.00	
200-7-00-95-610.005	Tools	\$500.00	\$532.16	(\$32.16)		\$500.00	
200-7-00-95-622.000	Utilities	\$1,700.00	\$1,504.87	\$195.13		\$1,700.00	
200-7-00-95-624.000	Heat-Town Garage	\$3,000.00	\$5,240.89	(\$2,240.89)		\$3,000.00	
200-7-00-95-626.000	Fuel-Equipment	\$15,000.00	\$10,610.24	\$4,389.76		\$15,000.00	
200-7-00-95-740.000	Highway Pave & Cold Patch	\$1,500.00	\$9,717.00	(\$8,217.00)		\$1,500.00	
200-7-00-95-740.005	Equip Replacement Fund	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
200-7-00-95-740.008	2017 Freightlnr loan pmt	\$12,230.00	\$12,227.82	\$2.18		\$0.00	
200-7-00-95-740.010	Highway Equip Purchase	\$1,000.00	\$5,067.99	(\$4,067.99)		\$1,000.00	
200-7-00-95-740.020	2019 Frtlnr LSF loan repm	\$17,240.00	\$17,236.89	\$3.11		\$17,035.00	
200-7-00-95-740.025	2020 Ram truck loan pmt	\$0.00	\$13,332.62	(\$13,332.62)		\$22,856.00	
200-7-00-95-741.000	PACIF Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
200-7-00-95-742.000	Highway Sand	\$35,000.00	\$27,335.27	\$7,664.73		\$35,000.00	
200-7-00-95-744.000	Highway Salt-Winter	\$35,000.00	\$27,385.79	\$7,614.21		\$35,000.00	
200-7-00-95-745.000	Special Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
200-7-00-95-746.000	Calcium Chloride	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	
200-7-00-95-747.000	Road Improvements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
200-7-00-95-748.000	Culverts	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	
200-7-00-95-749.000	Street Signs	\$500.00	\$64.00	\$436.00		\$500.00	
200-7-00-95-752.000	Structure's Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
200-7-00-95-756.000	Class II Resurfacing Prog	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
200-7-00-95-758.000	Better Backroads Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
200-7-00-95-760.000	Clean Water Act Grant	\$0.00	\$2,664.00	(\$2,664.00)		\$0.00	
200-7-00-95-999.000	Highway Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$318.64	\$181.36		\$500.00	
		\$473,521.00	\$469,381.00	\$4,140.00		\$483,341.00	

SELECTBOARD'S REPORT

Like the previous year, 2021 gave everyone new challenges; COVID guidance and state laws continued to change. Meeting these challenges was not always easy and the town employees must be commended for being flexible, accommodating and patient.

With the help of an outside vendor, the town is in the process of developing a new web site, which should be available by Spring 2022.

After a few setbacks, the town has hired New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) to complete the mandatory reappraisal of all town properties. This should be completed by April 2023. The assessor will be contacting all property owners to schedule site visits beginning this summer.

The Lane, Henry Hill, Jepson Road, Clough Road, Lincoln Road and Robillard Road were resurfaced in 2021. The first of five payments, with interest, for the project are included in the highway budget.

In October the new 2020 Dodge Ram arrived. This will be used not only for plowing but for year-round road maintenance. We thank the townspeople for supporting this purchase.

As part of the Clean Water Act grant, another culvert and ditching project was completed on County Road, with the town's portion being \$10,115.57. Having our own manpower and equipment is a great economic advantage for the town since we are not as dependent on the pricing and schedules of outside vendors.

A large culvert on Lincoln Road is scheduled to be replaced this year. The state approved \$200,000.00 toward the 2020 estimate of \$350,000.00 for the project. In order to comply with state and federal mandates and receive the grant funds, the town needs to replace the culvert per their design. The town's portion will be at least \$150,000.00. The selectboard believes it can use the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds toward the town portion and are urging the town to vote in favor of Article #4.

The town currently owns five properties which have been taken through the tax sale process: 1.5 acres on Main Road and Alpenwald lot numbers: 191, 195, 218 and 336. The selectboard is willing to entertain any valid offer in order to place these parcels back on the tax roll. Just last year the town sold 16 of the parcels taken through the tax sale process.

Every ten years, after the census, in order to equally redistribute the population into legislative districts, the state requires redistricting of the towns. They propose to create a

new district containing just Stamford and Pownal. Stamford is currently in a district with Readsboro, Searsburg, Somerset, Dover and Wardsboro. As required, the Stamford Board of Civil Authority reviewed the proposal and felt it was more advantageous to remain in the current configuration. The Board felt the districts should be based not only on population, but geographic proximity and economic reliance. A letter to that effect was written to the Legislative Apportionment Board. The determination will be made in 2022.

Many hours of selectboard meetings were devoted to the use of ATVs on town roads. With strong feelings both for and against ATV use, an informational meeting was held in August with over 100 people in attendance. A newly formed ATV group, Stamford Ridge Riders, presented their intentions for ATV use and many people expressed their opposition for ATV use on town roads. In September, because of increased speed, traffic and wear and tear on several town dirt roads, the selectboard withdrew their permission for ATVs to ride the Risky Ranch, Klondike, County Road loop. Currently the use of ATVs are not permitted on any town roads. An ATV sub-committee was formed in September and working with the National Forest, Stamford Ridge Riders and interested citizens, the sub-committee will report back to the selectboard with their suggestions in February 2022.

As required every five years we need to review and update our Hazardous Mitigation Plan and as part of this plan we need to have a town Purchasing Policy. The selectboard has begun the process of reviewing various Purchasing Policy models in order to adopt a policy that will best fit the needs of the town. By having an approved Hazardous Mitigation Plan, in the event of an emergency, a greater percentage of FEMA and State monies would be available.

In November our representative to The Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD) reported that there are currently 24 member towns. The DVCUD received a \$4.1 million grant from Vermont Community Broadband and it is their hope to have homes in Stamford connected to fiber optic, high speed internet by the end of 2022.

With the help of the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC), the planning commission is looking into updating the zoning bylaws, which would allow for growth and change in our town and an opportunity for grant funding. Before finalization, there will be at least two public hearings, one by the planning commission and one by the selectboard regarding the proposed changes. We urge all residents to make their wishes known at these public hearings.

We thank all employees and volunteers who have helped throughout the year.

Respectively submitted Stamford Selectboard

Finance Committee Report 2022

The Town of Stamford's Finance Committee participated in budget discussions with each of the town's boards/committees (Selectboard, Stamford Volunteer Fire Company, Library Trustees, Cemetery Commission and School Committee). The Finance Committee would like to recognize the dedication of the members of each Committee/Board. Creating a fiscally responsible budget is a time-consuming and challenging process, and we appreciate their ongoing efforts.

In regard to the town warrant articles, our recommendations are as follows:

Article 2: Recommend passed as written.

Article 3: Recommend passed as written. The Selectboard report contains all relevant details. The Finance Committee would like to express its appreciation to the Selectboard and to the Highway Department for their willingness to control expenses and to be conservative in regards to revenue estimates.

Article 4: Recommend passed as written. This culvert replacement project needs to be completed within a specific timeframe to retain grant funding, and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will be used to defray the town's obligation.

Article 5: Recommend passed as written.

Article 6: Recommend passed as written.

Article 7: Recommend passed as written. The Finance Committee would like to thank the Cemetery Commissioners for their continued service and fiscal responsibility.

Article 8: Recommend passed as written. The Finance Committee would like to commend the members of the Library Trustees on their continued service, fiscal responsibility and their efforts to secure external grant funding.

Article 9: Recommend passed as written. The Finance Committee would like to express our sincere appreciation to the men and women of the Stamford Volunteer Fire Department. Their efforts to secure external funding are commendable. The services they provide to our community are invaluable.

Article 10: Recommend passed as written. The Finance Committee acknowledges the need for replacement of the fire/rescue vehicles. While the cost is significant, the older vehicles will need to be replaced in the near future.

Article 11: Recommend passed as written. The Finance Committee observes that the return on each of these investments is significant.

In regard to the school warrant articles, our recommendations are as follows:

Article 4: Recommend passed as written. The Finance Committee acknowledges the ongoing issue that many fiscal aspects of the school budget are outside of the purview of the School Board. Federal and State mandates, teacher contracts, and decisions made by the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union are driving forces behind the budget process. While we acknowledge these restraints we would like to reiterate our previous recommendation that the School Board develop a long-term, strategic plan that will ensure Stamford Elementary School is both fiscally viable and a solid educational institution for our town's children.

The Finance Committee would like to point out that the total school budget of \$2,159,300 represents a 13.14% overall increase in spending; however, the school received significant grant funding and is also utilizing some of their fund balance to reduce the raise and appropriate. Some of the increased spending is related to expenses that are non-recurring.

Article 5: Recommend passed as written.

Article 6: Recommend passed as written.

Article 7: Recommend passed as written.

It has been a pleasure working with all of the boards/committees and town staff. We appreciate the efforts of all who are working diligently to present fair and transparent budgets. We sincerely hope that this report is helpful to the voters in making informed decisions.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyna Senecal
Heather Tietgens
Pam Tworig

STAMFORD VITAL RECORDS

Due to privacy and identity issues, it has been recommended not to publish detailed vital statistics in the town report. However, these records are filed in the town office and are available for review during office hours:

Births	10	Deaths	3
Marriages	9	Burials	2

VT DECLARATION OF HOMESTEAD/SCHOOL TAX RATE

Filing a Declaration of Homestead annually is mandatory. If you are a Vermont resident and own and occupy a Vermont dwelling as your principal residence on April 1, 2022, you must file a Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122, by April 15, 2022 in order to receive the homestead tax rate.

SNOW

No person shall leave a motor vehicle on any town road so as to interfere with snow removal from November 1st until April 1st of each year. A motor vehicle so illegally parked may be towed at the full responsibility of the owner for both the towing and storage charges and for any damages resulting to the vehicle due to such towing (Stamford Town Highway Ordinance, Adopted May 13, 2010). In addition, according to Title 23 VSA 1126, it is illegal to plow, shovel or blow snow from private property on or across public highways. Your cooperation with highway department crew members during winter storm conditions will be greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports from the following organizations were not published in the town report. If you would like to read any of these reports, they will be posted on the bulletin board located outside of the town office as received.

American Red Cross
Bennington County Regional Commission
Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance
BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont
DVFiber – Deerfield Valley Communications Union District
Green Mountain National Forest
Green Up Vermont
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging
Vermont 211
Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force
Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP)

DOGS LICENSED IN STAMFORD

Total number of dogs licensed in 2021 was 245.

Receipts:

Regular Licenses	(238 dogs)	\$1,148.00	
2 Special License	(7 dogs)	\$ 60.00	
Pet Dealer Permit		\$ 0.00	
Farm License	(1 dog)	\$ 5.00	
Fines		\$ 0.00	
Replacement Tags		\$ 0.00	
State Fee (rabies program)		\$ 245.00	
State Fee (spaying/neutering program)		\$ <u>952.00</u>	
Total Receipts:			\$2,410.00
Less Disbursements:			
State Fees			\$1,197.00
Total Funds Retained by Town:			\$1,213.00

Submitted by:
Lori A. Shepard, Treasurer

All dogs or wolf-hybrids more than six months old on or before April 1st are to be licensed by April 1, 2022. To obtain a license, owners must provide a current rabies certificate to show the dog or wolf-hybrid has been vaccinated. Copies of all rabies vaccination certificates for dogs and wolf-hybrids shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

Fees are as follows: \$8.00 for each male/female unneutered dog or wolf-hybrid, \$4.00 for each neutered male/female dog or wolf-hybrid. An additional \$5.00 will be charged for each license sold. This \$5.00 will be sent to the State of Vermont, \$1.00 for their rabies control program and \$4.00 for their spaying/neutering program.

All cats shall be inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. A person may use an approved vaccine to inoculate a feral feline that takes up residence in a building other than the person's home and need not use the services of a licensed veterinarian for this purpose.

It has been suggested by the Selectboard that a photo of your registered dog would be helpful when a dog is missing or found. Anyone interested in submitting a photo of their dog for the town office file may do so.

12/31/2021	Balance to	taxes	taxes	Balance to
Year	Collect	abated	collected	Collect
2016	\$ 107.87		\$ 107.87	\$ -
2017	\$ 107.68		\$ 107.68	\$ -
2018	\$ 313.21		\$ 170.84	\$ 142.37
2019	\$ 10,231.36		\$ 7,955.12	\$ 2,276.24
2020	\$ 72,938.66		\$ 65,068.74	\$ 7,869.92
2021			\$ 61,630.35	\$ 47,205.22
			\$ 135,040.60	\$ 57,493.75
taxes collected	\$ 135,040.60			
2021 delinquent taxes		\$ 108,835.57		
penalties & interest	\$ 18,754.20			
total remitted to Treasurer	\$ 153,794.80			
NAME	LOCATION	TOTAL		
Abidhour Maurice	main road	\$ 3,824.09		
Andover Hills Inc	main road	\$ 3,114.15		
Arnold Brian R et als	camp	\$ 1,085.81		
Bird Brian H & Amy M #13,14	noble estates	\$ 1,948.15		
Bleau Robert J #280/281	oberhugel road	\$ 680.30		
Blood Ralph estate	mill road	\$ 90.49		
Brown Rikki Leonard #266	oberhugel road	\$ 213.99		
Buccino Matthew #327	bergabhand drive	\$ 196.36		
Champagne Laura	old county road	\$ 3,378.33		
Christiana Ralph & Donna # 180	oberdorf road	\$ 206.44		
Connors Michael & Sara (Allyn) #326	bergabhand drive	\$ 146.33		
Costine Richard & Robert Bryce	sportsmen road	\$ 845.88		
Costine Richard Richard & Robert Bruce	sportsmen road	\$ 294.55		
Costine Robert estate	off -collins road	\$ 349.93		
Dellamarggio Joseph #294	oberhugel road	\$ 392.16		
Delmoni Arturo G	county road	\$ 221.14		
Dunn Nelson	main road	\$ 7,810.70		
Gray Raymond	alp #182	\$ 2,390.63		
Ignatius Oliver	main road	\$ 2,831.56		
Lincoln Matthew A & Katherine R	jepson road	\$ 1,165.60		
Livermore Robert & Anne #381	bergrucken lane	\$ 156.09		
Lyons Michael	camp	\$ 526.16		
MacDonald Jr James #328	bergabhand drive	\$ 16.76		
McConnell Daniel	alp #277	\$ 587.45		
McGann John & Rhoda #400	bergrucken lane	\$ 95.66		
McGinnis Charles & Lindsay	alp #127,389	\$ 631.52		
Milanese David & Dawn # 137	bergrucken lane	\$ 85.60		
Montin Leif	alp #384	\$ 619.69		
Morse David & Michele	east road	\$ 734.78		
Mountain Lake Properties Inc	main road	\$ 3,564.78		
O'Hearn Maureen	schenk road	\$ 964.21		
O'Neil Richard #282 /283	oberhugel road	\$ 782.36		
Pavin Debra	county road	\$ 1,040.32		
Piccinin Virginia	alp #270	\$ 392.16		
Plantier Bernice	mill road	\$ 1,105.18		
River of Light Foundation	andrea drive	\$ 108.84		
Showers Timothy	alp #276	\$ 565.43		
Strange Scott B	henry hill	\$ 3,542.13		
Sylvester James	magee road	\$ 57.32		
Tatro Debra A	tatro road	\$ 246.19		
Tatro Joseph	county road	\$ 4,023.49		
Tatro Ronnie	county road	\$ 989.37		
Tiburcio Robert G	alp #175	\$ 294.54		
US Bank trustee #185	oberdorf road	\$ 254.27		
Verax Media LLC	alp #385	\$ 3,250.09		
Visceglia Innocenzo N #130/130A/131	bergrucken lane	\$ 26.06		

Watson James H	bougler road	\$ 1,092.60		
Wilcox Woods LLC	klondike road	\$ 141.84		
Wilson Gregory	alp #188	\$ 412.28		
		\$ 57,493.76		

TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND

(Established in March 2002)

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$2,847.15	
2021 Receipts	\$100.00	
2021 Expenses (computer hard drive, memory, etc.)	<u>(\$225.46)</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		<u>\$2,721.69</u>

ACT 60 REAPPRAISAL FUND

(Established in March 2002)

Savings Account as of January 1, 2021	\$56,758.09	
State of VT (Reappraisal)	\$6,026.50	
State of VT (Grand List maintenance)	\$709.00	
Interest	\$64.04	
Less reappraisal fund costs	<u>(\$9,770.00)</u>	
Less mapping expenses	<u>(\$2,962.50)</u>	
Less reappraisal expenses	<u>(\$2,360.00)</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$48,465.13
Reappraisal MM as of January 1, 2021	\$80,527.22	
Interest	<u>\$579.93</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		<u>\$81,107.15</u>
Total accounted for in Reappraisal Fund		<u>\$129,572.28</u>

FUTURE NEEDS FUND

(Established in March 2005)

Future Needs Fund CD as of January 1, 2021	\$31,447.73	
Interest	<u>\$47.68</u>	
Balance, unreserved, as of December 31, 2021		<u>\$31,495.41</u>

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Money Market account as of January 1, 2021	\$1,925.76	
Planning Commission secretary	(\$200.00)	
Interest	<u> \$2.32</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		<u><u> \$1,728.08</u></u>

RECORD RESTORATION FUND
(Established in March 2000)

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$13,102.83	
Receipts	\$2,616.00	
Books and paper	<u> (\$539.89)</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		<u><u> \$15,178.94</u></u>

This fund was established by town vote in 2000. \$2.00 of each recording fee is allocated to the Record Restoration Fund. Future uses of these funds would be to have the grand list books preserved starting with the oldest records from the 1800s and to have the newer land records books microfilmed.

TECHNOLOGY FUND
(Established in March 2010)

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$16,038.00	
Receipts	\$2,616.00	
Disbursements	<u> \$0.00</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		<u><u> \$18,654.00</u></u>

This fund was established by town vote in 2010. \$2.00 of each recording fee is allocated to the Technology Fund. Currently there are 95 volumes of land records in the vault, the earliest of which date back to the 1700s. Future plans are to use these funds to provide the equipment necessary for additional electronic indexing, viewing, storage and backup of the land records.

INVESTED FUNDS (From sales of land to National Forest)

Original investments as follows:

- \$88,362.56 from sales of land to National Forest prior to 1993
- \$15,000.00 from sale of Haynes land to National Forest in 1995
- \$25,000.00 from sale of State of Vermont land to National Forest in 2004
- \$3,000.00 from sale of Patten land to National Forest in 1995
- \$34,000.00 from sale of Warner land to National Forest in 1994
- \$3,000.00 from sale of Mirante land to National Forest in 1994

Certificate of Deposit

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$47,573.60	
Interest	\$350.31	
Closed, transfer funds to MM	<u>(\$47,923.91)</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$0.00

Money Market

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$62,845.38	
Funds transferred from CD	\$47,923.91	
Freightliner, loan repayment #2	\$17,236.89	
Interest withdrawn	(\$935.34)	
Interest	\$644.98	
Balance as of December 31, 2021	<u>\$127,715.82</u>	

Total value of Invested Funds as of December 31, 2021	<u><u>\$127,715.82</u></u>
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Interest in the amount of \$935.34 was transferred from the invested funds to the General Fund in 2021 in lieu of taxes.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND

Savings account as of January 1, 2021	\$15,939.54	
Town appropriation	\$5,000.00	
Interest	\$17.72	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		<u>\$20,957.26</u>

FIRE TRUCK REPLACEMENT FUND

(Established in March 2018)

Account as of January 1, 2021	\$60,627.38	
Town appropriation	\$20,000.00	
Interest	\$440.13	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		<u>\$81,067.51</u>

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND

(Established in July 2019)

Building Community Group		
Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$2,369.68	
Ben & Jerry's Grant	\$500.00	
Metal for sign	(\$775.00)	
Interest	\$17.96	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		<u>\$2,112.64</u>

The Community Projects Committee was created by the Selectboard in July 2019 for the purpose of supporting community-oriented projects that are self-sufficient and promote ideas for the benefit of the town and facilitate communication between other committees and boards. The committee consists of three members appointed by the Selectboard.

Town of Stamford
Cemetery Fund
Statement of Income and Expenses
Calendar year ending December 31, 2021

	2021		Over / (Under)	2022
Revenue:	Budget	Income	Budget	Budget
Maintenance appropriation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Stone Restoration appropriation	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Mowing appropriation	\$2,425.00	\$2,425.00	\$0.00	\$2,880.00
Cemetery flags	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Sale of burial lots	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Cemetery fees received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$294.09	\$294.09	\$0.00
Total Revenue:	\$3,925.00	\$4,569.09	\$644.09	\$4,580.00

	2021		Under / (Over)	2022
Expenses:	Budget	Expenses	Budget	Budget
Bank charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lot buyback	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$340.00	\$660.00	\$1,000.00
Stone Restoration	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Mowing	\$2,425.00	\$2,475.00	(\$50.00)	\$2,880.00
Cemetery flags	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Cemetery markers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies/miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total expenses:	\$3,925.00	\$2,815.00	\$1,110.00	\$4,580.00

2021 Amount under budget	\$1,754.09
Transfer of lot sale to reserved funds	<u>(\$250.00)</u>
2021 Total Profit/Loss	\$1,504.09

Cemetery Fund
As of December 31, 2021

Assets:

Berkshire Bank, Checking		
Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$4,317.92	
Sale of burial lots	\$250.00	
Donations	\$100.00	
Interest	\$1.09	
Mowing & fall cleanup expense	(\$2,475.00)	
Cemetery flags	\$0.00	
Maintenance and expenses	(\$340.00)	
2021 appropriation	<u>\$3,925.00</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$5,779.01
MountainOne Bank, CD3		
Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$10,459.75	
Interest	\$49.58	
Close and transfer to Money Market	<u>(\$10,509.33)</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$0.00
MountainOne Bank, CD4		
Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$12,664.40	
Interest	<u>\$189.98</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$12,854.38
Adams Community Bank, Money Market		
Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$10,090.91	
Interest	\$53.44	
Transfer from CD3	<u>\$10,509.33</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		<u>\$20,653.68</u>
Total Assets:		<u><u>\$39,287.07</u></u>
Liabilities:		
		none
Capital:		
Reserved funds as of January 1, 2021	\$31,310.00	
Sale of cemetery lots	\$250.00	
Buyback of cemetery lot	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Reserved Funds		\$31,560.00
Unreserved Funds as of January 1, 2021	\$6,138.72	
Additional interest	\$84.26	
Profit / (Loss) 2021	<u>\$1,504.09</u>	
Total Unreserved Funds		<u>\$7,727.07</u>
Total:		<u><u>\$39,287.07</u></u>

STAMFORD CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

A special thanks to the volunteers who repaired the damaged stones in Houghton Cemetery. We are most grateful.

Our plan to solve drainage problems at Millard Cemetery was rained out this fall and is now scheduled for 2022.

Sally and Dave placed the flags on the veterans' graves for Memorial Day and removed them after Veterans Day.

Wreaths Across America volunteers again placed wreaths on veterans' graves. We thank all of those involved in honoring our veterans.

Last but not least, our thanks to the Lawrence family, Barry Berard and Dave McKay for the maintenance of our cemeteries, and for performing any additional work when needed.

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Sally Bohl
Janice Farinon
Dave McKay

Stamford Community Library

Despite an extensive closure, 2021 was a very busy year for us as we took advantage of the time to make some long overdue updates to our small space. Both staff and trustees put in an enormous amount of time, effort and volunteer hours working on our renovation and prepping the library for reopening. While we worked diligently to complete our renovations as quickly as possible, like many others, we were faced with numerous delays outside of our control as a result of Covid-19. Finally, after months of eager anticipation, we received twelve new birch bookcases from Vermont Correctional Industries. The lower bookcases do wonders for opening up the room and creating a brighter, more open space. Local carpenter Mark Daigle replaced the framework for the outer shelving units along the walls and we were happy to repurpose the existing shelves by cutting them down to size and painting them. We are thrilled with the changes, and from the positive feedback we have received so far, it seems you are as well!

In spite of numerous challenges, our staff managed to pivot with each of the changing guidelines. We offered curbside and delivery services throughout our closure as well as several craft kits and virtual programs while simultaneously working on our renovation. We were excited to receive a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act as a result of the hard work of Jen Ryan. Over the summer, when restrictions loosened, we sponsored a three-week summer camp. Many thanks to Helen Fields and Clay Zeller-Townson for spearheading this and for their work in obtaining such an amazing grant opportunity for our local children. Our sincere appreciation to the countless others that helped make it a huge success. Before school resumed, we held an outdoor raptor program with funds received from a summer reading grant. We were thrilled to see such a great turnout on a very hot summer day. Thank you SCC for the use of the pavilion.

Our librarians were ecstatic to finally reopen our doors to the community in October. While we are hopeful they remain open, our online catalog of ebooks and audiobooks has been getting a lot more use during the pandemic. We are happy to see that the addition of Overdrive, a digital book platform, is providing some comfort to those looking to stay home. For those unaware, in addition to our physical collection of books, your library account provides access to thousands of digital titles. Contact the library (413-663-1414 or stamlibrary@gmail.com) to get your unique user ID and password, and we will help you get started.

As we adjust to an ever changing landscape, we look forward to a return to in person programming in the year ahead. We hope to continue our commitment to building community while we complete a few final projects with some remaining donation and grant funds. Thank you to everyone that has donated to our tiny library and made this renovation possible. We appreciate your continued support! It has been such a pleasure welcoming you back into the library and we are excited for what the year has in store. If you have not already stopped in, please do. **We are now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-6, and Fridays and Saturdays 9-1.**

Thank you to everyone that helped make 2021 a successful year!

SCL Board of Trustees and staff: Caroline Burch, Rebecca Pitt-Gamari, Linda Rodovick, Jennifer Ryan, Tyna Senecal and Danielle Smith

**Stamford Community Library
As of December 31, 2021**

Account Balances

Petty Cash	30.00
TD Bank Checking	12,824.67
TD Bank Money Market	7,013.08
Mullett Fund CD	2,944.67
Total Assets	22,812.42

	2021 Budget	2021 Receipts	Over/(Under) Budget	2022 Budget
Revenues				
Refund	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
Town Appropriation	7,800.00	7,800.00	0.00	8,000.00
Book Sales / Fundraising	0.00	70.00	70.00	_____
General Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
Special Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	_____
General Grants	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	_____
Special Grants	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	_____
Fundraising / Misc. Income	0.00	11.50	11.50	_____
Interest Income	0.00	27.32	27.32	_____
Total Revenues	7,800.00	11,608.82	3,808.82	8,000.00

	2021 Budget	2021 Expenses	Under/(Over) Budget	2022 Budget
Expenses				
Salaries and Benefits				
Co-Librarian Salary	6,701.24	\$14,364.00	(\$7,662.76)	8,047.00
Co-Librarian Salary	13,402.48	\$0.00	\$13,402.48	13,318.00
Librarian, Other	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1,440.00
Sub. Librarian Salary	500.00	\$235.00	\$265.00	500.00
Social Security / Medicare	1,580.00	\$1,107.09	\$472.91	1,783.00
Workers Compensation	144.00	\$144.19	(\$0.19)	127.00
Total Salaries and Benefits	22,327.72	15,850.28	6,477.44	25,215.00

	2021 Budget	2021 Expenses	Under/(Over) Budget	2022 Budget
Operating Costs				
Library Materials	3,500.00	2,600.95	899.05	3,500.00
Continuing Ed./Prof. Dues	150.00		150.00	150.00
Technology/Phone	850.00	411.67	438.33	600.00
Travel	0.00		0.00	0.00
Equipment	550.00	113.86	436.14	400.00
Supplies Expense	550.00	593.11	(43.11)	600.00
Miscellaneous / Lost Books	0.00		0.00	0.00
Postage	150.00	36.46	113.54	150.00
Programs	850.00	322.10	527.90	1,000.00
Subscriptions	100.00	835.98	(735.98)	500.00
Equipment Replacement	0.00	2,219.55	(2,219.55)	0.00
Library Automation Support	1,100.00	1,071.19	28.81	1,100.00
Subtotal Operating Expenses	7,800.00	8,204.87	(404.87)	8,000.00

Total Expenses	30,127.72	24,055.15	6,072.57	33,215.00
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	2021 Budget	2021 Expenses	Under/(Over) Budget	2022 Budget
Expenses paid from donations, grants, fundraising, etc.				
Library Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Programs	0.00	276.88	(276.88)	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	8,163.72	(8,163.72)	0.00
Subtotal expenses paid by others	0.00	8,440.60	(8,440.60)	0.00

Stamford Volunteer Fire Company

On July 27, 1951 the newly formed Stamford Volunteer Fire Company was registered as a nonprofit corporation with the State of Vermont. Dr. Costine was elected President of the corporation, Howard Sherman the Vice President, Jacob Schubnel the Treasurer and Lew Manson the Fire Chief (1951-1952). With no equipment, no money, no fire station and no firefighters these men, including Jim Morandi, Harold Haun and others, set out to make the Fire Company a reality. For the past 70 years our volunteers have been answering the call whenever and wherever needed. We celebrate their service and sacrifice toward the betterment of Stamford, Vermont.

The Fire Company responded to 87 calls for assistance in 2021. These calls included 45 medical emergencies, 14 motor vehicle accidents, 6 fire alarm activations, 4 illegal burning, 4 power line emergencies, 4 structure fires, 4 wildland fires, 3 weather related emergencies, 2 cancelled enroute and 1 traffic control. These calls include the two days working the Clarksburg State Forest wildland fire and a day working the fire at the Apkins junk yard in North Adams. Our average response time was 10 minutes and we averaged 6 firefighters per call. Combined, the total labor hours for emergency response was 538 hours.

We were hit harder than normal with the truck repairs and maintenance this year. With an average age of 20 years old, our apparatus are requiring more and more maintenance and repair. Some of the more notable repairs included a fan clutch, oil cooler, pump packings, exhaust pipe, brakes, oil leaks, leaking water valves and a steering box. Our trucks are professionally maintained and are in decent shape but are requiring a bit more TLC to keep them ready to go at a moment's notice. In fact, some of the parts we need are no longer supported by the manufacturer and we have to source aftermarket parts. We have been applying for a FEMA grant to purchase a new pumper for 10 years or more and have scored well but it's never been funded mostly because of population and call volume when compared to other towns requesting a pumper. Because of this, we will still apply this year but we will also be working on a separate proposal to replace our 1988 pumper to be presented for your consideration at a later date. In addition, we've budgeted \$2,000 this year to replace the 24 year old tires on Engine 1 and we are requesting \$50,000 for the fire truck replacement account in anticipation of purchasing a new pumper within the next 3 years.

We continue to respond to COVID-19 medical emergencies in town. Our members have adapted to operating with this added burden. The additional PPE and operational changes can be challenging but unfortunately it's the new normal.

Our Shelterlogic tent that we use to keep equipment failed this year. We installed a new top but we are exploring the possibility of adding a small addition to the fire station so we can keep equipment inside out of the weather.

We purchased a new to us 6x6 ATV this year with money raised by our members. The Brattleboro Fire Department was getting rid of their 2003 Polaris 6x6. We submitted a bid and won. The ATV came with

an enclosed trailer that is used to store the ATV and we outfitted it with some additional equipment. Before this purchase we did not have much in terms of off road fire suppression or rescue capabilities without our members using their own equipment. We installed some new tires, a #3000lb winch and had it serviced. It was officially placed into service in September and responded to its first call soon after on October 22nd.

Our membership number continues to hover around 25 people. Having said that, we recognize that 9 of those 25 members live outside of Stamford and 14 of those members are over the age of 50. We really need our younger generation to take a more vested interest in keeping this volunteer service viable for another 70 years.

As always we can not provide our services without a huge amount of support. This year we want to recognize the following organizations that helped us help you, they are: West Oil Company, Procom Services, Gordon's Garage, Heartwellville Service, Corgi Electric, North East Municipal, Bulldog Fire Apparatus Repair, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Northern Berkshire EMS, Deerfield Valley Rescue and RD Repair. In addition, we also want to recognize the Stamford Selectboard, the Highway Department and the residents of Stamford for your unwavering support.

However, most of the thanks really needs to be directed at our members. Without our volunteers there would be no Fire Company or the services we provide. Each of them donate countless hours to this community and they don't even want recognition; they just go out and do the work at all hours of the day or night. Thank you all for your dedication to this community.

We wish each of you a happy and healthy 2022.

Submitted By:

Paul Ethier, Fire Chief

Janice Farinon, President

Kathy Meranti, Vice President

June Mattimore, Treasurer

Jeanne Lapine, Clerk

William Levine, Trustee

Stamford Volunteer Fire Company Inc.	2021 Proposed	2021 Expenses	2022 Proposed
City of North Adams 911 Dispatching	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Mountain Top Radio Repeater Maintenance	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Business Phone Line (694-1515)	\$800.00	\$925.75	\$800.00
Heating Oil	\$3,000.00	\$3,482.39	\$3,000.00
Electricity	\$2,200.00	\$1,907.74	\$2,200.00
VT State Firefighters Association Dues	\$450.00	\$408.00	\$450.00
Berkshire County Fire Mutual Aid Dues	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Fuel (Gas & Diesel)	\$1,500.00	\$1,771.17	\$1,500.00
Book Keeping	\$800.00	\$825.00	\$800.00
Insurance (liability, property, workers comp)	\$9,500.00	\$7,796.22	\$9,500.00
Postage and Office Supplies	\$250.00	\$597.13	\$250.00
Firefighter Physicals (OSHA Requirement)	\$2,500.00	\$2,475.00	\$2,600.00
Fire & EMS Training	\$1,000.00	\$623.22	\$1,000.00
Maintenance Engine 1(1997 Freightliner)	\$3,200.00	\$6,818.35	\$3,200.00
Maintenance Engine 2 (1988 Mack)	\$3,200.00	\$5,052.20	\$3,200.00
Maintenance Tanker 4 (2005 Freightliner)	\$3,200.00	\$5,326.28	\$3,200.00
Maintenance Squad 3 (2005 Ford F-350)	\$1,000.00	\$2,932.60	\$1,000.00
Maintenance Truck 5 (2007 Dodge 2500)	\$1,000.00	\$899.16	\$1,000.00
Maintenance of Building	\$3,200.00	\$1,444.04	\$3,500.00
Annual Carpenter Ant Spraying	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
Maintenance of Equipment	\$1,400.00	\$1,258.12	\$1,400.00
Maintenance of Pagers and Two-way Radios	\$1,300.00	\$639.91	\$1,300.00
Maintenance of Jaws of Life	\$650.00	\$112.00	\$650.00
Maintenance of (5) Dry Hydrants	\$300.00	\$117.50	\$300.00
Maintenance of Furnace	\$300.00	\$330.13	\$300.00
Maintenance of Emergency Generator & Propane	\$350.00	\$201.73	\$350.00
Maintenance of SCBA	\$1,500.00	\$1,179.55	\$1,500.00
SCBA 15 year cylinder replacement	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Hose Testing	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Truck Tire Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Replacement of Equipment	\$4,800.00	\$2,220.01	\$4,800.00
Emergency Fund	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Budget Total	\$54,025.00	\$56,768.20	\$56,425.00
Checking Account Balance 12/31/21		\$3,863.45	
Submitted By:			
Janice Farinon, President			
Kathy Meranti, Vice President			
June Mattimore, Treasurer			
Jeanne Lapine, Clerk			
William Levine, Trustee			
Paul Ethier, Fire Chief			

Stamford Volunteer Fire Company Inc.

Checking Account Balance 12/31/20 \$6,594.65

2021 Receipts

Town Appropriation \$54,025.00

Insurance Rebate \$ 12.00

Total Funds Available \$60,631.65

Submitted By:

Janice Farinon, President

Kathy Meranti, Vice President

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Superintendent's Annual Report Letter

2021-2022

Dear WSWSU Families and Friends,

I am pleased to offer my fourth letter to you, the community members of Windham Southwest Supervisory Union. It is an honor to continue to serve as your Superintendent alongside the many wonderful people who work for our supervisory union. I am filled with gratitude toward our team of staff, board members, and community partners who continue to demonstrate a deep commitment to our students.

The COVID-19 pandemic is proving to be a tough obstacle for our nation as a whole, and our community is no exception. I wholeheartedly believe that only with each other's support can we scale the seemingly insurmountable wall that the COVID-19 pandemic has built before us. I have witnessed firsthand the resilience of our teachers and paraprofessionals, our administrators and school staff, our board and community members, and especially our families during these turbulent times. I am inspired by the teamwork and tenacity of our supervisory union. I know that our collective unity and compassion will allow us to face any further challenges ahead.

Financial support during these challenging times created by the COVID-19 pandemic has come from the Federal Government in the form of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (aka ESSER). We received ESSER funds based on the number of students enrolled in our supervisory union. The purpose of these monies is to support the implementation of our Continuous Improvement/Recovery Plan which addresses how we can keep our schools open amidst the pandemic, how to meet the emotional/social needs of our students, and how to better support our specific students' academic needs.

Windham Southwest Supervisory Union remains as dedicated as ever to our mission to discover and cultivate the unique gifts, talents, and interests that every student possesses regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, family economics, class, geography, ability, age, language, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation. Already this year, we approved an SU-wide Equity Policy and issued our WSWSU Guiding Principles for a Positive, Welcoming School Climate. Furthermore, we are integrating a lens on equity, diversity, and inclusivity into everything we do, including our Continuous Improvement/Recovery Plan.

This year's Continuous Improvement/Recovery goals include:

1. Use Data to Respond to Student Needs

Develop equitable multi-tiered systems for routinely collecting, analyzing, and using academic and behavior data to anticipate and respond to student needs.

2. Create a Collective Vision and Strategic Plan to Move WSWSU Forward

Engage in an SU-wide "Portrait of Student Success" process with the diverse stakeholders of WSWSU to increase community and parent/caregiver involvement, increase student voice in curricula and school climate decisions, expand social and learning opportunities for students, and increase school/community partnerships.

3. Increase Student Engagement with Learning

Improve rigor and relevance of instructional practice, create opportunities for collaborative development of project-based learning for teachers and students, and increase student self-direction and engagement in learning.

We at WSWSU value community input and are presently engaging stakeholders from across our supervisory union in a collaborative process that will identify the key qualities we collectively believe our students should possess when they leave WSWSU. This important process will benefit our collective goals and inform our educational strategy that will serve every one of our students. If you would like to learn more about this important work and provide your input please see this link:

<https://sites.google.com/wswsu49.org/windhamswsupervisoryunion/events/portrait-of-student-success?authuser=0>

To all our taxpayers and residents, please know that your support and belief in our schools directly influences the lives of every student in our supervisory union. Making strides towards our goals would be impossible without you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Anne





Hello Stamford Community!

I am proud to write my first annual letter to the Stamford community! First and foremost, I would like to thank you for the warm welcome you have extended me during my transition to the Stamford School. Upon arriving, I was struck with the extreme pride of ownership demonstrated by the entire community for your school. Since July, I have come to understand the reasons behind your pride, and I now share that same pride in our school, in our staff, and in our students.

There is much to be proud of this school year, but this school year has not been without its challenges. Like most schools across the state and the country, we continue to feel the effects of the COVID pandemic. It has impacted student and staff attendance, the consistency of our academic program, our ability to recruit and retain qualified staff, and to maximize our school's potential. We are consistently prompted to pivot, adapt, and re-imagine how we deliver the best possible educational experience for our students – and that is exactly what the dedicated, creative staff and the supportive, hard-working parents, guardians and school board have done. Along the way, our students have learned by watching, and have been developing important skills that we know will serve them well into their futures: flexibility, persistence, resilience, learning how to deal with adversity, and much, much more.

I don't have to tell *you* that there are incredible benefits of a small school such as ours, but COVID aside, there are also quite a few challenges that are endemic to small town schools. One, of course, is simply being able to pay to keep our school running. My goal here at the Stamford School is to make our school so successful that it stands out from the others, so that families will be clamoring to buy a home in Stamford, or that we might even compete with area private schools for tuition dollars from non-resident families. We have to think creatively (tuition, competitive grants, etc.) in order to grow our school while helping to offset the costs that are otherwise typically borne by you, the taxpayer.

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we find ourselves in a unique financial position that we are unlikely to see again. Our revenues have increased from monies received from the implementation of Act 173 by the State, in the form of a Census Block Grant. With this, you also see an increase in Special Ed Assessment costs, to be offset –in part– by this revenue. Additionally, because of the creative use of grant funds and other budget-saving measures, the accumulated fund balance will allow us to dedicate some additional funds to our Maintenance Reserve while also taking care of several key maintenance concerns that have been on our list. It also means we will be able to finally replace the windows of the library which will make library visitors more comfortable and save on energy costs. We will also be able to dedicate a considerable amount of that accumulated fund balance as revenue to offset expenses to the taxpayer in this coming budget.

We will take advantage of this unique opportunity to also enhance our students' learning experiences by boosting classroom libraries, enhancing the auditorium sound system, and purchasing some new classroom rugs and furniture; doing so now means we will not have to impose upon the taxpayers in the next few years to address those items at a time when we will likely not have these additional funds. Taking care of these one-time expenditures *now* while we have received this funding is a prudent investment in our future.

We have also planned some new, recurring additions to the budget this year that will help us take the first steps towards truly making the Stamford School “the best little school in the world” and attract the most skilled and talented staff, and draw students from beyond our town's borders. We have allocated funds to enhance our middle school experience, and to begin to offer a few virtual elective courses for our 7th and 8th grade students so they can have similar opportunities to their peers in larger schools. We have also made a slight increase in our field trip line in order to help our students connect their classroom learning to the real world, and to celebrate our local history and environment. We have also added the cost of the Technology Network Coordinator (which has been grant-funded) into the regular budget, as we realize that the role of technology in education is only going to grow. We need to be prepared to train and support our students and staff, and integrate technology into our curriculum and learning experiences in new and innovative ways.

All this – with no school tax increase for the Stamford taxpayer. In years to come, we likely won't be able to grow our school **without** seeing an increase in school taxes, so it's wise for us to take these steps at this opportune moment to help build an **even better** Stamford School.

Thank you for partnering with us in these endeavors; I hope we will continue to give you more reasons to be proud of our school, and of our amazing students!

Yours,

Randy Lichtenwalner, Principal

As we entered year two of uncharted territory, we were so thankful for our staff, students, administration, and community. With ever changing shifts in Covid-19 rules and guidance our school community has handled change with grace. We are proud of all the hard work and dedication to make Stamford Elementary a safe and welcoming school for all.

This year presented challenges unforeseen by the board and school community with the exit of our principal mid year. The staff from the WSWSU stepped in to keep the school open and operating by providing an administrator for the building. A special thank you to Tate Erikson for stepping into a leadership role for our building. Our teachers are the true heartbeat of the school and we would be remiss not to thank them for true dedication to the students. This departure led us to the hiring of principal Randy Lichtenwalner. He has been a tremendous addition to the school and provides excellent leadership. Welcome Randy. We also hired Nicole Rindell as the new 7/8-grade teacher and Maya Miller joined the team as the administrative assistant. Both are wonderful assets to our school.

We are pleased to report the playground had a safety inspection and all findings have been brought into compliance for safety. Woodchips were the biggest purchase and required fix. Additional wireless access points were added to the building bringing greater connectivity for students and community members alike. The Preschool program applied for and received a 5 star rating. Thank you to all involved in the process.

Being a year like no other has brought about an excess fund balance. This is mostly due to ESSER funds received for the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. In the issue of transparency we would like to explain our thought process behind a 13.14% budget increase. We are aware this type of increase will not be seen as a way to set precedence for future budgets. With the increased fund balance we can attain "wish list" items that need to be purchased, without being fiscally irresponsible to the taxpayer. While the budget increase is larger than normal, please keep in mind the spending cost per pupil has only increased 1.7% and the tax rate has dropped this year. For this reason, we believe now is the time to use one-time spending (not recurring) to potentially increase the student learning environment. With these monies bookcases, books, desks, rugs, and upgraded sound systems can be added to classrooms and our building. Library windows could finally be replaced, making window replacement and renovations complete for the building.

We would like to thank the PTG and volunteers who ran very successful fundraisers by selling wreaths and holding raffles. Their hard work has provided multiple opportunities for all our students and helped in providing musical "keyboards for kids!"

Our last heartfelt thank you is to Rich Cristofolini, who has dedicated many years to the Stamford School. We wish you a wonderful retirement and thank you for your continued hard work and service.

Respectfully yours,

The Stamford School Board of Directors

Erika Bailey, Chair
Kelly Holland, Vice-Chair
Helen Fields, Clerk
Barbara Malinowski
Gary Bellows

ACT 173

Act 173 of 2018: enhancing the effectiveness, availability and equity of services provided to students who require additional support in Vermont's schools. The Agency of Education is integrating procedures and processes in order to support the field to adapt and adopt the systemic changes necessary to respond to the act.

With the passing of Act 173 by the Vermont Legislature in 2018, the process began to educate and train Vermont educators and administrators to be able to make changes to their methods of delivering instruction, in an equitable manner, for students needing additional supports, and not necessarily identified as eligible for Special Education services or Special Education monies.

FUNDING

Along with the changes in the delivery of education system with Act 173, changes were also made to the funding of Special Education, that eliminate the reimbursement and Block Grant model currently in place, and substitute a Census Grant that is based on Long Term Membership (LTM), (3 prior year ADM (average daily membership) average), multiplied by a census amount that is calculated by the AOE. The formula for determining the census amount for each district, for the first two years of implementation, was based on prior year special education spending. This is scheduled to change to a Uniform Base amount that will then be multiplied by the LTM.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

In prior years, Special Education services and costs for Special Education staffing, were reimbursed to the WSWSU and applied to the cost of those services paid on behalf of each school. The net cost was then "assessed" back to districts.

FY '23 is scheduled to be the first year for the funding portion of Act 173 to take effect. The Census Block Grant money is intended to support all students in need of additional support(s), and the Grant is calculated based on the ADM of the schools individually. The WSWSU will distribute the Census Block grant to each of the school districts, increasing the revenues to be received by each. The expenditure for the Special Education Assessment to be paid to the WSWSU will also increase at the district level, as the WSWSU will no longer receive reimbursement monies to offset the costs of services paid, increasing the bottom line of each school district's budget and in some cases, a higher net cost paid for special education services.

THE FUTURE OF ACT 173

Act 173 is currently undergoing much scrutiny at the legislative level, with many hoping to stall the implementation of the funding portion of the Act. With the legislature still working on the Weighting Study, and its implications on School Districts funding, many believe that the Act 173 funding goes hand in hand. At this time, school districts around VT are planning school budgets for the FY 23 school year applying the Census Block Grant allocations toward the costs of educating their school population.

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

As of December 31, 2021

	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ELEMENTARY:	PK	6
	K	9
	1	9
	2	8
	3	5
	4	7
	5	6
	6	7
	7	11
	8	2
Total Elementary:		70
SECONDARY:	Drury	12
	McCann	23
	Mt. Greylock	1
	Twin Valley	1
	Private	1
Total Secondary:		38
TOTAL ENROLLMENT:		108

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF 2021-2022

Faculty and Staff paid out of Stamford School District Budget

Name	Position	Degree	Experience
Greta Facchetti	36% PE Teacher	Masters	11 years
Leslie Leff	40% Guidance	Masters	23 years
Randy Lichtenwalner	Principal		
Amy Maselli	PreK/K	Bachelors	10 years
Nicole Rindell	7/8 Grade Teacher	Masters	6 years
Kristy Sherman	1/2 Grade Teacher	Masters	24 years
Clayton Zeller-Townson	20% Music	Masters	0 years
Open	3/4 Grade Teacher		
Open	5/6 Grade Teacher		
John Colenback	20% IT Tech		
Richard Cristofolini	Custodian		
Michelle Desautels	Cook		
Tabitha Flynn	50% Pre-K Paraprofessional		
Maya Miller	Administrative Assistant		

Faculty and Staff paid out of WSWSU Budget

Name	Position	Degree	Experience
Chelsea Brazeau	Special Ed Paraprofessional		
Alessa D'Alessio	50% Speech Pathologist	Masters	2 years
Kristina Desnoyers	Special Ed Paraprofessional		
Erica Dombi	Special Ed Teacher	Masters	13 years
Tabitha Flynn	50% Special Ed Paraprofessional		
Kristie Henderson	Special Ed Paraprofessional		
Meg Woodbury	40% Occupational Therapist		
Elizabeth Younce	30% Nurse		

The VT Agency of Education has set new standards and HQT as a stand-alone term no longer exists under ESSA new requirements. Teachers providing PK-12 instruction in Vermont's public schools need to be "appropriately licensed" under Education Quality Standards.

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	<u>FY-2021</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>	<u>FY-2022</u>	<u>FY-2023</u>
<u>INSTRUCTION</u>				
NICOLE RINDELL	-	-	-	47,332
GRETA FACCHETTI .36	20,861	20,828.88	21,418	22,450
AMY MASELLI	53,037	26,473.50	27,292	28,676
CLAY ZELLER-TOWNSON .2	-	-	-	9,800
M. BOUCHARD	21,608	43,125.00	44,762	47,332
KRISTY SHERMAN	67,770	67,680.00	69,317	72,380
ALMA HART .2	14,209	14,190.80	14,518	-
ART .12	6,757	-	6,943	7,083
LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE	-	7,401.32	-	18,731
NICHOLAS DICHRISTOFARO	49,763	24,836.50	51,310	-
D LANCTO	46,489	25,916.89	48,036	50,671
REG ED PARA	-	-	-	22,089
C CANDILORO	19,616	9,770.59	19,869	-
SUBSTITUTES	8,100	28,894.78	8,500	8,500
HOSPITALIZATION	49,058	48,512.95	63,637	62,682
NICOLE RINDELL FICA	-	-	-	3,621
GRETA FACCHETTI .36 FICA	1,596	1,593.54	1,638	1,717
AMY MASELLI FICA	4,057	1,821.23	2,088	2,194
CLAY ZELLER-TOWNSON .2 FICA	-	-	-	750
MEGAN BOUCHARD FICA	1,653	2,929.55	3,424	3,621
KRISTY SHERMAN FICA	5,184	4,926.88	5,303	5,537
ALMA HART .2 FICA	1,087	1,087.72	1,111	-
ART .12 FICA	517	-	531	542
LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE FICA	-	-	-	1,433
NICHOLAS DICHRISTOFARO FICA	3,807	1,805.79	3,925	-
D LANCTO FICA	3,556	1,962.61	3,675	3,876
REG ED PARA	-	-	-	1,690
C CANDILORO FICA	1,501	747.44	1,520	-
SUBSTITUTES FICA	620	2,759.98	650	650
VSTRS OPEB	7,974	7,974.00	9,338	10,281
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	883	439.69	944	2,144
TCHRS RETIREMENT CONT	1,870	1,580.32	1,827	1,779
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	2,466	3,420.63	2,496	3,016
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	2,590	2,377.00	2,500	2,500
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	2,000	1,300.00	6,844	13,688
HRA CONTRIBUTIONS	11,760	5,349.80	11,855	12,587

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2021</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>FY - 2021</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2022</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2023</u>
MISC EXPENSES	100	991.11	100	100
Total SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES	9,138	12,146.25	9,275	9,523
SUPERVISORY UN ASSESSMENT	91,751	91,751.00	106,689	106,849
<u>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</u>				
ROBYN OYER	-	68,653.83	87,000	-
MICAH HAYRE	91,877	-	-	-
SECRETARY SUMMER	251	-	244	291
AMANDA MOLA	-	28,070.00	25,984	-
GINA SWEET	25,427	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL SUPPORT	-	8,000.00	-	-
RANDY LICHTENWALNER	-	-	-	114,000
MAYA MILLER	-	-	-	31,008
HOSPITALIZATION	-	-	-	22,278
PRINCIPAL SUPPORT FICA	-	612.00	-	-
ROBYN OYER FICA	-	5,251.89	6,656	-
RANDY LICHTENWALNER FICA	-	-	-	8,721
SECRETARY SUMMER FICA	19	-	19	22
AMANDA MOLA FICA	-	2,147.31	1,988	-
MAYA MILLER FICA	-	-	-	2,372
MICAH HAYRE FICA	7,029	-	-	-
GINA SWEET FICA	1,945	-	-	-
NON-PROF RETIREMENT	1,157	1,185.81	1,246	1,643
403B RETIREMENT	-	-	-	570
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	940	1,302.93	906	1,308
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	500	1,850.00	500	500
HRA	-	-	-	3200
DENTAL PROGRAM	881	81.50	-	915
LIFE & DISABILITY	459	362.70	479	872
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	-	280.00	2,500	-
POSTAGE	500	8.25	500	500
TELEPHONE	3,000	4,004.96	3,675	5,736
PETTY CASH	50	-	-	-
TRAVEL	300	617.12	300	300
SUPPLIES	400	371.46	400	400
EQUIPMENT	250	-	250	250

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2021</u>	<u>Acutal</u> <u>FY - 2021</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2022</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2023</u>
DUES & FEES	1,500	780.00	1,500	1,500
Total OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	136,485	123,579.76	134,147	196,386
 <u>MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</u>				
GENERAL MAINTENANCE	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
RICHARD CRISTOFOLINI	23,086	30,738.09	28,121	-
CUSTODIAN TBH	-	-	-	28,860
HOSPITALIZATION	-	-	-	11,328
GENERAL MAINTENANCE FICA	77	-	77	77
RICHARD CRISTOFOLINI FICA	1,766	2,351.43	2,151	-
CUSTODIAN TBH FICA	-	-	-	2,208
NON-PROF RETIREMENT	0	1,159.37	1,336	1,515
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	193	267.55	233	269
HRA	-	-	-	3,520
DENTAL	-	-	-	915
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3,000	2,765.00	3,000	3,000
CONTRACTED SNOW REMOVAL	1,500	10.00	1,500	1,500
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	9,000	10,614.60	6,775	6,775
LEAD OUT	-	4,069.00	-	-
CONTRACTED SERVICES	-	-	5,225	5,225
CONTROL SYSTEM REPAIR	-	-	10,000	-
ASBESTOS INSPECTION	100	-	100	100
PROPERTY INSURANCE	4,300	4,816.00	4,900	5,550
SUPPLIES	4,500	4,394.44	5,050	5,050
COVID SUPPLIES	-	4,628.79	-	-
ELECTRICITY	16,500	12,375.00	14,050	13,850
GAS FOR STOVE	1,350	1,213.13	1,350	1,350
FUEL OIL	16,000	9,526.46	14,500	16,000
EQUIPMENT	1,000	557.76	1,000	1,000
DUES AND FEES	1,000	1,085.00	1,000	1,000
Total MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	84,372	90,571.62	101,368	110,092
TRANSPORTATION	90,491	60,301.05	96,490	78,724
PY ADJ TRANSPORTATION	0	-4,318.00	0	0
 <u>PRESCHOOL</u>				
MEGAN BOUCHARD	21,608	-	-	-

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2021</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>FY - 2021</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2022</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2023</u>
AMY MASELLI .5	-	26,473.50	27,292	28,676
BRITTANY FIELD	9,461	-	9,935	-
PREK PARA TBH .5	-	-	-	11,045
HOSPITALIZATION	14,893	15,421.19	11,117	11,139
MEGAN BOUCHARD FICA	1,653	-	-	-
BRITTANY FIELD FICA	724	6.34	760	-
AMY MASELLI .5 FICA	-	1,821.43	2,088	2,194
PREK PARA TBH .5 FICA	-	-	-	845
MUN RETIREMENT	-	-	-	580
WORKMENS COMP	249	357.54	297	357
HRA CONTRIBUTIONS	3,440	-	1,694	1,600
DENTAL	441	665.04	440	458
LIFE & DISABILITY	108	-	150	172
PRE-K TUITION	13,828	3,445.00	10,608	10,968
Total PRESCHOOL	66,405	48,190.04	64,381	68,034
 <u>HIGH SCHOOL TUITION</u>				
TUITION VT LEA'S	15,140	29,800.00	31,794	17,000
TUITION OUTSIDE VT LEA'S	129,388	138,941.80	116,325	134,440
PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION	16,250	16,233.00	16,557	17,347
HIGH SCHOOL TUITION	160,778	184,974.80	164,676	168,787
 <u>VOCATIONAL EDUCATION</u>				
	523,152	487,069.63	498,150	457,248
 <u>SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES</u>				
	200	0.00	200	200
 <u>SU SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT</u>				
SU SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	66,509	66,509.00	59,285	91,365
SPED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	161,209	103,876.96	118,813	198,245
Total SU SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	227,718	170,385.96	178,098	289,610
 FOOD SERVICE SUPPORT				
	12,500	1,876.78	17,500	16,800
 TOTAL				
	1,922,977	1,700,018	1,908,455	2,159,300
 PENSION EXPENSE				
	-	219,776.00	-	-

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2021</u>	<u>Acutal</u> <u>FY - 2021</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2022</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2023</u>
OPEB ON BEHALF	-	121,881.00	-	-
TOTAL BUDGET	1,922,977	2,041,675.03	1,908,455	2,159,300

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

	<u>2021-2022</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2022-2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>Decrease</u>
<u>Elementary Costs (Grades K-8)</u>			
Elementary (including instructional, technology, student activities, guidance, health, in-service, library & principal)	669,526	851,330	181,804
Pre-K Tuition/Program	64,381	68,034	3,653
Elementary Athletics	2,102	2,103	1
Elementary Plant Operations	91,368	110,092	18,724
Elementary Special Education	200	200	-
Sub-Total Elementary (K-8) Costs	827,577	1,031,759	204,182
School Board Costs	9,275	9,523	248
WSWSU Assessment	106,689	106,849	160
WSWSU Special Ed Assessment	59,285	91,365	32,080
WSWSU District Assessment	118,813	198,245	79,432
Transportation	96,490	78,724	(17,766)
Tuition (Secondary)	662,826	626,035	(36,791)
Food Service Support	17,500	16,800	(700)
Total Budget without Special Article	1,898,455	2,159,300	260,845
Special Article: Heating Control Upgrade	10,000		(10,000)
Total Budget	1,908,455	2,159,300	250,845

<u>Tuitions:</u>	Students	Cost	
Drury	12	13,052	156,624
Mt Greylock	1	13,089	13,089
Twin Valley	1	16,500	16,500
McCann	23	18,679	429,617
Private	1	16,842	16,842
Total	38		632,672

**STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET EXPLANATION AND REVIEW**

	<u>2021-2022 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2022-2023 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Budget without Articles	1,898,455.00	2,159,300.00	
Sub Total (Appropriate)	1,898,455.00		
Special Article (Upgrade Heating Control System)	10,000.00		
Total Budget	1,908,455.00	2,159,300.00	250,845.00

INSTRUCTION	458,312.00	531,559.00	
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Substitutes	8,500.00	8,500.00	0.00
Payment for substitutes supporting our school.			
Health: Hospitalization-Board Costs	63,637.00	62,682.00	-955.00
SINGLE PREMIUM	7,645.00	8,043.00	398.00
TWO PERSON PREMIUM	14,357.00	15,105.00	748.00
FAMILY PREMIUM	21,176.00	22,278.00	1,102.00
PARENT AND CHILD(REN)	11,819.00	12,434.00	615.00

The School District pays 80% of the cost of the Gold CDHP, or Silver CDHP plan according to the state negotiated employee benefit plan. At this time actual premiums are not finalized and estimates are being used for budgeting.

HRA Contributions	11,855.00	12,587.00	732.00
Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA's) are employer funded group health benefits allowing employees tax-free payments for qualified out of pocket health costs.			

Dental:	3,081.00	3,512.00	431.00
The School District pays 90% of the premium for dental insurance for all eligible staff.			

Life and Long Term Disability	1,560.00	2,147.00	587.00
For eligible staff			

VT Municipal Retirement (VMERS)	944.00	2,144.00	1,200.00
Contribution to State run retirement for at will employees and para educators.			

VSTRS OPEB:	9,338.00	10,281.00	943.00
Mandatory contributions to support the rebuilding of the teachers retirement health insurance fund. District pays an annual fee for any new teacher hired who is not yet vested in the VSTRS.			

Workmen's Compensation:	2,496.00	3,016.00	520.00
Insurance to cover proven job related illness or injury as required by law.			

**STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET EXPLANATION AND REVIEW**

	<u>2021-2022 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2022-2023 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Unemployment Insurance: As required by law.	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Credit Reimbursement: A negotiated benefit provided to the teachers by the Teacher's Union Contract. Teachers have access to professional development to be paid by the District equal to 6 credits and the UVM rate for workshops, college courses, conferences and/or other professional development opportunities.	6,844.00	13,688.00	6,844.00
Repairs and Maintenance: Used for copier contract and maintenance of copier.	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Field Trips: This will allow for field trips and transportation costs for all classes.	1,000.00	1,500.00	500.00
Supplies: This includes curriculum, teacher supplies, paper, assessment materials, student supplies.	8,500.00	13,000.00	4,500.00
Books & Periodicals: Text books and consumable materials to align with Common Core State Standards. Increased to support increased purchases of classroom reading materials.	1,500.00	15,873.00	14,373.00
Equipment: This is used to update instruction equipment, with the intention to purchase new desks, chairs, and bookcases for classrooms.	1,000.00	19,600.00	18,600.00
Four Winds Program: Four Winds is a community based program for elementary aged students to encourage and appreciation for nature in their own backyard.	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
TECHNOLOGY	9,542.00	43,715.00	34,173.00
These expenses are for a school Network Coordinator, computers, projectors, ISP/WEB support, software and licenses to support learning.			
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	769.00	769.00	0.00
This is to support 8th grade graduation and an 8th grade advisor.			
ATHLETICS	2,102.00	2,102.00	0.00

**STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET EXPLANATION AND REVIEW**

	<u>2021-2022 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2022-2023 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
This money is allotted to pay for referees/coaches and sporting equipment.			
GUIDANCE	24,209.00	40,579.00	16,370.00
This covers the school counselor position including teaching services, counseling services, and 504 services.			
HEALTH SERVICES	15,875.00	15,079.00	-796.00
Certified school nurse, supplies and software fees comprise these costs.			
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Money to support additional resources for teachers to improve the delivery of instruction practices to help better student outcomes.			
LIBRARY SERVICES	16,672.00	13,243.00	-3,429.00
This area is to pay for a 7.5 hour per week Library/Media Specialist. This also supports new books and supplies for the library.			
SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES	9,275.00	9,523.00	248.00
This covers expenses for liability insurance for the School Directors, legal services, advertising, VSBA membership and school board member gratuities.			
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	381,277.00	475,183.00	93,906.00
WSWSU Reg Ed Assessment	106,689.00	106,849.00	160.00
WSWSU Spec Ed Assessment	59,285.00	91,365.00	32,080.00
WSWSU Spec Ed Services Assessment	118,813.00	198,245.00	79,432.00
WSWSU Transportation Assessment	96,490.00	78,724.00	-17,766.00
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	101,368.00	110,092.00	8,724.00
Postage:	500.00	500.00	0.00
Telephone:	3,675.00	5,736.00	2,061.00
Phone costs, as well as BB Connect system. Cost up for upgrades needed to bring to VOIP system.			
Travel:	300.00	300.00	0.00

**STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET EXPLANATION AND REVIEW**

	<u>2021-2022 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2022-2023 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Supplies:	400.00	400.00	0.00
Equipment: Office printer, fax etc.	250.00	250.00	0.00
Dues & Fees:	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	101,368.00	110,092.00	8,724.00
Custodial Service and general maintenance.			
Professional Services: Money for routine maintenance such as water operator, boiler cleaning, summer floor waxing.	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Repairs & Maintenance: This money is budgeted to maintain the building in such ways as: heating contraol repairs, electrical repairs, glass/screen replacements, plumbing, kitchen grease trap, as well as equipment repair/replacement.	6,775.00	6,775.00	0.00
Property Insurance: This coverage includes a deductible boiler policy, multi-peril coverage, cyber coverage, fire insurance all through Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust.	4,900.00	5,550.00	650.00
Supplies: Consumable supplies needed to provide a clean and healthy environment for students and staff.	5,050.00	5,050.00	0.00
Electricity:	14,050.00	13,850.00	-200.00
Gas for Stove:	1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00
Fuel Oil: Based on 6,000 gallons of #2 fuel, with costs rising.	14,500.00	16,000.00	1,500.00
Equipment:	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Dues & Fees:	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
PRESCHOOL	64,381.00	68,034.00	3,653.00

Costs to provide 1/2 day public pre-k for Stamford students, and tuitioned students. This covers a 1/2 time teacher and para, Also included is the amount needed to provide universal access to pre-k as required by Act 166 for 3 students.

**STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET EXPLANATION AND REVIEW**

	<u>2021-2022 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2022-2023 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
HIGH SCHOOL TUITION	662,826.00	626,035.00	-36,791.00
Budgeting for our High school students is done with most up to date information available. Exact tuitions are not available for all schools, nor are exact enrollment numbers.			
Vermont LEA's:	31,794.00	17,000.00	-14,794.00
Outside VT LEA's:	116,325.00	134,440.00	18,115.00
Private Schools:	16,557.00	17,347.00	790.00
Vocational Education:	498,150.00	457,248.00	-40,902.00
		134,440.00	
		17,000.00	
		457,248.00	
		17,347.00	
Projected high school enrollment	SY 21-22	SY 22-23	SY 23-24
	37.00	39.00	32.00

SPECIAL EDUCATION

State and Federal Law require and monitor special education standards and practices for providing educational services to students with identified disabilities. Changes in VT, Act 173, beginning in FY 23, have resulted in increased special education assessments for student services in Stamford, due to the reimbursement method for services no longer being used. Instead, Stamford is seeing additional revenues, in the form of a Census Block Grant, intended to support the needs of all students requiring additional supports to access their education.

Supplies:	200.00	200.00	0.00
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STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2021: Fund Balance (surplus)	\$307,892.78
Financial Audit	
Less:	
Fund Balance applied to 2021-2022	
June 30, 2020 Fund Balance	(44,288.17)
Less:	
Fund Balance (surplus) reserved for:	
Maintenance Reserve	(65,901.00)
Less:	
Fund Balance (surplus) reserved for:	
Library Windows	(12,000.00)
Less:	
Fund Balance (surplus) reserved for:	
revenue for future years	(108,703.61)
Less:	
Fund Balance (surplus) reserved for:	
To Be Applied to FY 23 Operating Budget	(77,000.00)

BUDGET COMPARISON

	2021-2022	2022-2023
School Operating Budget	\$1,898,455.00	\$2,159,300.00
Heating Control Article	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Total Budget	\$1,908,455.00	\$2,159,300.00
Funds To Be Applied:		
Fund Balance (surplus)	44,288.00	77,000.00
Tuition	13,500.00	14,500.00
State Small Schools Grant	107,299.00	107,299.00
State Vocational Tuition Reimbursement	85,004.00	85,004.00
Census Block Grant	0.00	282,610.00
Interest Income	300.00	250.00
Federal Forestry	6,200.00	6,200.00
Funds Applied to Budget (Revenue)	\$256,591.00	\$572,863.00
TOTAL BUDGET MINUS REVENUE	\$1,651,864.00	\$1,586,437.00

Stamford Tax Factors
2022-2023

2022-2023 Budget	\$	2,159,300
2022-2023 Revenue	\$	572,863
Education Expenses	\$	1,586,437
Equalized Pupils	\$	99.79
Per Pupil Cost	\$	15,898
Est. Residential Tax Rate 2022-2023	\$	1.3284
Non-Residential Rate	\$	1.6020
Prior Year Per Pupil Cost	\$	15,625
Per pupil change		1.7%
Prior year Ed Spending	\$	1,651,864
Ed Spending change		-4.0%
Prior Year Residential Tax Rate	\$	1.4996
Prior Year Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$	1.7508
Anticipated Residential Tax Rate Change	\$	(0.1712)

Yield Per Eq Pup	\$	12,937
Common Level of Appraisal		92.51%
VT Residential rate*	\$	1.000
VT Non-Residential rate*	\$	1.482

* Tax Commissioner recommendation, based on current information, of \$1.00/\$1.482

* Residential & Non-residential base rate and Base amount to be determined by Legislature.

* Yield per equalized pupil to be finalized by Legislature.

District: **Stamford**
SU: **Windham Southwest**

T194	Property dollar equivalent yield			Homestead tax rate per \$12,937 of spending per equalized pupil	
Bennington County		12,937	←-See bottom note	1.00	
		15,484		Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,910,223	\$1,939,477	\$1,908,455	\$2,159,300
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,910,223	\$1,939,477	\$1,908,455	\$2,159,300
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$1,910,223	\$1,939,477	\$1,908,455	\$2,159,300
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	\$489,812
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-

Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$360,148	\$268,073	\$256,591	\$572,863
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	NA
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$360,148	\$268,073	\$256,591	\$572,863
14.	Education Spending	\$1,550,075	\$1,671,404	\$1,651,864	\$1,586,437
15.	Equalized Pupils	109.25	109.55	105.72	99.79

Education Spending per Equalized Pupil					
16.		\$14,188.33	\$15,257.00	\$15,624.90	\$15,897.76
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$60,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	\$268.80	\$273.07	\$102.39	-
19.	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)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	\$84.92	\$88.33	\$63.45
25.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	-
26.	plus Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$18,311 \$18,311.00	threshold = \$18,756 \$18,756.00	threshold = \$18,789 \$18,789.00	threshold = \$19,897 \$19,997.00
27.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	2 year suspension	2 year suspension
28.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$14,188	\$15,257	\$15,625	\$15,897.76
29.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	133.249% based on yield \$10,948	138.725% based on yield \$10,903	138.066% based on \$10,763	122.886% based on yield \$12937

Prorating the local tax rate					
30.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) (\$15,897.76 + (\$12,937 / \$1.00))	\$1.3325 based on \$1.00	\$1.3873 based on \$1.00	\$1.3807 based on \$1.00	\$1.2289 based on \$1.00
31.	Percent of Stamford equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
32.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.23)	\$1.3325	\$1.3873	\$1.3807	\$1.2289
33.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	101.67%	94.83%	92.07%	92.51%
34.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.2289 / 92.51%)	\$1.3106 based on \$1.00	\$1.4629 based on \$1.00	\$1.4996 based on \$1.00	\$1.3284 based on \$1.00

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.

35.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) ((\$15,897.76 + \$15,484) x 2.00%)	2.17% based on 2.00%	2.25% based on 2.00%	2.27% based on 2.00%	2.05% based on 2.00%
36.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.05%)	2.17% based on 2.00%	2.25% based on 2.00%	2.27% based on 2.00%	2.05% based on 2.00%
37.	#N/A	-	-	-	-
38.	#N/A	-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$13,846 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$16,705 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.388. **THESE FIGURES USE THE ESTIMATED \$90,000,000 SURPLUS FROM THE EDUCATION FUND. I DO NOT EXPECT THAT SURPLUS WILL BE USED TO INCREASE THE YIELDS.** I would suggest using the figures provided without the surplus: \$12,937 for the property yield, \$15,484 for the income yield, and \$1,482 for the non-homestead tax rate.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

**Windham Southwest Supervisory Union
Assessment**

	ACTUAL ASSESSMENT <u>2021-2022</u>	BUDGETED ASSESSMENT <u>2022-2023</u>	ASSESSMENT <u>DIFFERENCE</u>	% INCREASE/ <u>DECREASE</u>
HALIFAX REG ED	111,102	110,000		
HALIFAX SPECIAL ED SU	61,737	94,059		
HALIFAX SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	99,771	203,162		
	272,610	407,221	134,611	49.38%
READSBORO REG ED	76,807	81,691		
READSBORO SPECIAL ED SU	42,683	69,852		
READSBORO SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	53,134	156,304		
	172,624	307,847	135,223	78.33%
SEARSBURG REGULAR ED	28,310	29,946		
SEARSBURG SPECIAL ED SU	15,731	25,606		
SEARSBURG SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	60,876	57,799		
TOTAL SEARSBURG	104,917	113,351	8,434	8.04%
STAMFORD REGULAR ED	106,689	106,849		
STAMFORD SPECIAL ED SU	59,285	91,365		
STAMFORD SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	118,812	198,245		
TOTAL STAMFORD	284,786	396,459	111,673	39.21%
TVES REGULAR ED	268,179	303,466		
TVES SPECIAL ED SU	149,024	259,487		
TVES SPECIAL ED SU DISTRICT	408,431	648,668		
TOTAL TVES	825,634	1,211,621	385,987	46.75%
TVMHS REGULAR ED	352,567	366,259		
TVMHS SPECIAL ED SU	195,918	313,180		
TVMHS SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	443,941	805,986		
TOTAL TVMHS	992,426	1,485,425	492,999	49.68%
TOTAL REGULAR ED	943,654	998,211	54,557	5.78%
TOTAL SPECIAL ED SU	524,378	853,549	329,171	62.77%
TOTAL SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	1,184,965	2,070,164	885,199.00	74.70%

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF WINDHAM SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
GENERAL FUND**

	Actual 2020-2021	Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023
Revenues:			
Interest	377.66	500	500
Misc Income	6,240.32	0	0
Spec. Ed Services Assessments	1,117,425.91	0	0
Spec. Ed State Reim/Grants	1,844,966.76	1,968,461	815,435
Prior Year Adjust	144,491.23	0	0
Assessments	1,277,294.00	2,652,962	3,921,924
General Fund Revenues:	4,390,795.88	4,621,923	4,737,859
Fund Balance -Special Ed	-37,022.43	0	224,297
Fund Balance WSSU	156,992.03	156,992	51,310
Total Gen Fund Revenues:	4,510,765.48	4,714,575	5,013,466
 Expenditures:			
Superintendent's Office	322,472.98	349,626	350,871
Fiscal Services	436,601.15	588,223	599,142
Dir. Curriculum	91,430.66	98,956	100,009
Special Education:			
Special Education Teachers/Staff	1,458,062.02	1,634,493	1,665,115
Special Education Services-District	910,853.69	907,733	949,643
Special Education Transportation	155,865.79	193,955	270,841
Speech Services	256,973.57	272,287	275,131
Occupational/PT Therapy Services	93,933.84	86,890	124,655
School Psychologist/Evaluations	61,950.99	65,403	66,265
Alternative Special Ed Program	179,633.28	303,802	390,483
EEE Program	61,754.01	95,832	95,905
Special Education Administration	112,640.76	117,375	125,406
Total Gen Fund Expenditures:	4,142,172.74	4,714,575	5,013,466
Excess/(Deficiency)	368,592.74		

Revenue & Expense to record State of Vermont payments on behalf of teacher retirement contributions are not included in the above figures. The Windham Southwest Supervisory Union expects the financial budget for FY 2022-2023 to be as budgeted.

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Assessment Breakdown by District:

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Southern Valley UUSD	222,314	0	0
Halifax	0	172,840	204,059
Readsboro	0	119,489	151,543
Searsburg	38,319	44,041	55,552
Stamford	158,260	165,973	198,212
Twin Valley	858,399	965,688	1,242,394
	1,277,292	1,468,031	1,851,760
 Special Ed District Assessment			
Southern Valley UUSD	112,157	0	0
Halifax	0	99,771	203,162
Readsboro	0	53,134	156,304
Searsburg	65,309	60,876	57,799
Stamford	99,343	118,812	198,245
Twin Valley	846,905	852,372	1,454,654
Total Assessment	1,123,714	1,184,965	2,070,164

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF WINDHAM SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

	Actual	Budget
	2020-2021	2021-2022
<u>State Funds:</u>		
Act 230/BEST Grant Revenues:	15,025.00	0.00
State Transportation Aid	269,502.00	269,283.00
State Hot Lunch Revenues:	5,160.52	5,160.52
Other State Revenues:	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total State Revenues:	289,687.52	274,443.52
Act 230/BEST Grant Expenditures	15,025.00	7,700.00
State Transportation Aid Expenditures	269,502.00	269,283.00
State Hot Lunch Transfers to Towns	5,160.52	5,160.52
Other State Grant Expenditures:	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total State Expenditures	289,687.52	282,143.52
Excess/(Deficiency)	0.00	0.00
	Actual	Budget
	2020-2021	2021-2022
<u>Federal Funds:</u>		
Special Programs Fund Revenues:	861,938.49	393,045
Hot Lunch Revenues:	335,243.90	0
Local & Private Funds:	164,428.89	0
Total Revenues:	<u>1,361,611.28</u>	<u>393,045</u>
Special Programs Fund Expenditures:	1,007,901.39	0
Hot Lunch Expenditures:	<u>340,404.42</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures:	1,348,305.81	393,045
Excess/(Deficiency)	13,305.47	0
Title I Fund Revenues:	287,877.40	292,851
Title I Fund Expenditures:	34,344.41	36,294.00
Title I Transfer to Schools:	253,532.99	256,557
Excess/(Deficiency)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>
21st Century Fund Revenues:	126,019.27	215,408
Local & Private Funds:	80,047.07	235,275
Total Revenues:	<u>206,066.34</u>	<u>450,683</u>
21 st Century Fund Expenditures:	126,019.27	215,408
Local & Private Expenditures:	80,047.07	235,275
Total Expenditures:	<u>206,066.34</u>	<u>450,683</u>
Excess/(Deficiency)	0.00	0

Federal Revenues for 2021-2022 include carryover from 2021-2022. Budgeted Federal Revenues for 2021-2022 include carryover from 2020-2021 and are restricted for use in those programs only.

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

2020-2021

Fund Balance FY '2021 **\$ 524.97**
(Inventory Value)

Hot Lunch Receipts:

Sales to Students	48.20
Sales to Adults	9.00
Misc. Sales	0.00
State Match Funds	486.05
Federal Reimbursement	32,365.39
Commodities	1,571.20

Total Receipts **\$ 34,479.84**

Transfer of Funds from School Budget **\$ 1,876.78**

Hot Lunch Expenses:

Cook Salary	13,464.00
Cook FICA	1,030.01
Workers Compensation	185.29
VT Mun Retire't	605.90
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
Supplies	0.00
Food, Milk, Supplies	20,219.02

Total Expenditures **\$ 35,504.22**

Fund Balance FY '2021 **\$ 1,377.37**
(+ Inventory Value)

Mudgett
Jennett &
Krogh-Wisner, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants #435

January 14, 2022

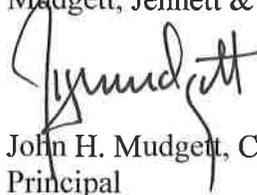
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AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION

The financial statements of the Stamford Town School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 were audited by Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C. of Montpelier. The financial statements will be available, with our independent auditor's reports, at the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union office once the final statements are issued.

Sincerely,

Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C.



John H. Mudgett, CPA
Principal

TOWN TAX RATE HISTORY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Town Highway</u>	<u>Town General</u>	<u>Total</u>	
1996	0.2800	0.3400	0.6200	Reappraisal Year
1997	0.2700	0.2800	0.5500	
1998	0.3300	0.2300	0.5600	Act 60 Begins
1999	0.3765	0.2267	0.6032	
2000	0.3500	0.2300	0.5800	
2001	0.3600	0.2400	0.6000	
2002	0.3754	0.2880	0.6634	
2003	0.3800	0.3100	0.6900	
2004	0.4146	0.2903	0.7049	
2005	0.2969	0.2302	0.5271	Reappraisal Year
2006	0.3062	0.2301	0.5363	
2007	0.3307	0.2097	0.5404	
2008	0.2858	0.2803	0.5661	
2009	0.3458	0.2898	0.6356	
2010	0.2614	0.2711	0.5325	
2011	0.3133	0.2891	0.6024	
2012	0.3721	0.2564	0.6285	
2013	0.4245	0.2544	0.6789	
2014	0.4099	0.2026	0.6125	
2015	0.4034	0.2263	0.6297	
2016	0.4318	0.2758	0.7076	
2017	0.4254	0.2801	0.7055	
2018	0.4060	0.2970	0.7030	
2019	0.4390	0.3088	0.7478	
2020	0.4881	0.3053	0.7934	
2021	0.4471	0.3196	0.7667	
* 2022	0.4578	0.3862	0.8440	

*Projected, based on 2021 Grand List and approval of 2022 Warrant Articles 3, 7, 8, 9 10 and 11

SCHOOL TAX RATE HISTORY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Homestead Rate</u>	<u>Non-Homestead Rate</u>
1996	1.4400	
1997	1.4100	
1998	1.0565	
1999	1.0829	
2000	1.0400	
2001	1.4400	
2002	1.5600	
2003	1.5400	
2004	1.3339	1.8685
2005	1.0090	1.3403
2006	1.0053	1.3438
2007	0.9124	1.3261
2008	0.9389	1.4402
2009	1.1735	1.5740
2010	1.1212	1.5077
2011	1.1375	1.4669
2012	1.1197	1.3498
2013	1.2359	1.4298
2014	1.2306	1.4683
2015	1.1819	1.4688
2016	1.0668	1.4075
2017	1.1724	1.4059
2018	1.3031	1.4873
2019	1.3106	1.5678
2020	1.4628	1.7168
2021	1.4996	1.7508
** 2022	1.3284	1.6020

** Estimated, set by State of Vermont and approval of all 2022 School Warrant Articles

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