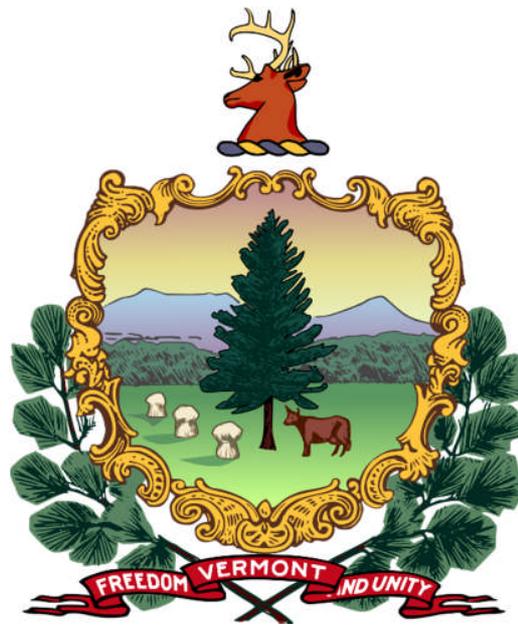


ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF STAMFORD
VERMONT



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

2022

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ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2023 7:30 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING HOURS
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 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
townclerk@stamfordvt.net
www.stamfordvt.net

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

	Term Expires
Town Moderator	
William Levine (1 year term)	2023
School Moderator	
William Levine (1 year term)	2023
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)	(resigned)
Daniel Potvin	(appointed) 2024
Pamela Tworig (2 year term)	2024
Nancy Bushika (2 year term)	2023
Michael Denault (3 year term)	2025
School Directors	
Kelly Holland (3 year term)	2024
Elizabeth Parrington (2 year term)	2024
Erika Bailey (2 year term)	2023
Helen Fields (3 year term)	(resigned)
Danielle Smith	(appointed) 2023
Gary Bellows (3 year term)	2025
Auditors:	
Vacancy (1 year term)	2023
Vacancy (2 year term)	2024
Vacancy (3 year term)	2025
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	
Sally A. Bohl (1 year term)	2023
Cemetery Commissioners	
David McKay (3 year term)	2024
Sally A. Bohl (3 year term)	2023
Janice Farinon (3 year term)	(resigned) 2025

	Term Expires
Library Trustees	
Danielle Smith (5 year term)	2025
Tyna L. Senecal (5 year term)	2027
Rebecca Gamari (5 year term)	2026
Linda Rodovick (5 year term)	2023
Caroline S. Burch (5 year term)	2024
Justices of the Peace	
Sally A. Bohl	January 31, 2025
Marta Miller	January 31, 2025
Debra Burchard	January 31, 2025
Natalie Yorke	January 31, 2025
Tyna L. Senecal	January 31, 2025

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)	2025
David L. Saldo (3 year term)	2024
Sheila G. Lawrence (3 year term)	2025

Emergency Management Director	
William H. Levine (1 year term)	2023

Emergency Management Coordinator	
Sheila G. Lawrence (1 year term)	2023

Dog Officer	
Luke McKay (1 year term)	2023

Energy Coordinator	
Jennifer Hughs (1 year term)	2023

Septic Officer	
Maura Hawkins (1 year term)	2023

Planning Commission	
Debra Burchard (4 year term)	2025
Sheila G. Lawrence (4 year term)	2026
Kurt Gamari (4 year term)	2024
Daniel J. Potvin (4 year term)	2023
David L. Saldo (4 year term)	2025

Carolyn Brooks (4 year term)		2023
Aaron Malachuk (4 year term)		2024
John Dupras (4 year term)	(resigned)	
Maura Hawkins	(appointed)	2025
Jenifer Hughs (4 year term)		2026

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)		2026
Jessica Tatro (4 year term)		2024
Vacancy (4 year term)		2024
Vacancy (4 year term)		2025

Road Commissioner

David R. Tatro (1 year term)		2023
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Tree Warden

Bruce Richardson (1 year term)		2023
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Bennington County Regional Commission

Debra Burchard (1 year term)		2023
Daniel J. Potvin (1 year term)		2023

Green Up Day Coordinator

Susan Flash (1 year term)		2023
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Community Projects Committee

Carolyn Brooks (3 year term)		2025
Vacancy (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

School District meeting, 7:00 p.m.	March 6, 2023
Town meeting, 7:30 p.m.	March 6, 2023
Local election, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.	March 7, 20223
Dogs must be licensed with the town	April 1, 2023
Recycling cards renew	November 1, 2023
Property taxes are due	November 16, 2023

UNITED STATES SENATE

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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 6:30 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.

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 2022. 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 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2023, to vote on the Articles of the Town Warrant. The meeting will then be adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 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
- Town Clerk – 3 year term
- Treasurer – 3 year term
- Selectboard member - 2 year term
- Selectboard member - 3 year term
- Selectboard member – 1 year remaining on a 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
- Cemetery Commissioner - 2 years remaining on a 3 year term
- Library Trustee - 5 year term

Article 2: Shall the Town of Stamford use at least twenty five (25) percent of the 2022 positive town and highway fund balances to reduce the raise and appropriate?

Article 3: Shall the Town of Stamford authorize the expenditure of \$958,803.00 (General Expenses of \$382,471.00 and Highway Expenses of \$576,332.00) and if so, raise and appropriate \$833,131.00 through taxes and \$125,672.00 from anticipated revenues (less Article 2 if passed)?

Article 4: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate an additional \$40,000.00 to increase the highway equipment replacement fund?

Article 5: Shall the Town of Stamford authorize the Selectboard to sell town owned property acquired by tax sale to any interested buyer providing the interested buyer is not a property tax exempt entity?

- Article 6: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate \$4,985.00 for the maintenance and improvement of the town cemeteries?
- Article 7: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate \$30,036.00 for the operation of the Town portion of the library?
- Article 8: Shall the Town of Stamford vote to change the terms of the Library Trustees at the completion of each term beginning in 2024 to staggered three- and two-year terms?
- Article 9: Shall the Town of Stamford vote to remove the three elected auditor positions?
- Article 10: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate \$58,525.00 for the operation of the Stamford Volunteer Fire Company?
- Article 11: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate an additional \$40,000.00 to increase the law enforcement patrol hours?
- Article 12: Shall the Town of Stamford contribute \$7,500.00 to DVFiber?
- Article 13: 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 14: To transact any non-binding business deemed necessary and proper when met.

Dated at Stamford, Vermont this 2nd day of February, 2023.

Nancy L. Bushika
 Carol A. Fachini
 Daniel J. Potvin
 Michael G. Denault
 Pamela Tworig
 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 7:00 p.m. on March 6, 2023 to vote on the Articles of the Town School District Warning. The meeting will be adjourned until Tuesday, March 7, 2023 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. (by Australian Ballot)

Article II

To elect a School Director for (2) years. (by Australian Ballot)

Article III

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

Article IV

To see if the voters of the School District shall vote to appropriate \$2,064,520 necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2023.

Article V

To see if the Stamford Town School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to transfer \$45,667 (25%) from the surplus Fund Balance to the Maintenance Reserve Account?

Article VI

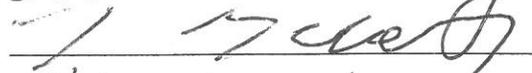
To see if the Stamford Town School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes?

Article VII

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

Dated at Stamford, Vermont this 27th day of January 2023.










SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Town of Stamford
Revenue Report
Calendar year ending December 31, 2022

Account	2022 Budget	Income	Over / (Under) Budget	2023 Budget
100-6-00-01 Taxes				
100-6-00-01-000.015 National Forest (PILT)	\$32,000.00	\$35,851.00	\$3,851.00	\$32,000.00
100-6-00-01-000.020 State Owned Prop (PILOT)	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
100-6-00-01-000.021 Sale of Town Property	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00
100-6-00-01-000.025 Use Value	\$10,000.00	\$11,536.00	\$1,536.00	\$10,000.00
100-6-00-01-000.040 Property Tax Abatements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$42,150.00	\$48,937.00	\$6,787.00	\$42,150.00
100-6-00-02 Interest				
140-6-00-02-000.005 Land Sales Fund Int	\$1,200.00	\$725.40	(\$474.60)	\$725.00
100-6-00-02-000.010 Money Market Interest	\$150.00	\$151.62	\$1.62	\$125.00
100-6-00-02-000.015 Checking Interest	\$50.00	\$73.88	\$23.88	\$50.00
Subtotal	\$1,400.00	\$950.90	(\$449.10)	\$900.00
100-6-00-04 Permit & Fees				
100-6-00-04-000.005 Local Fines	\$500.00	\$1,386.25	\$886.25	\$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	\$200.00	\$236.00	\$36.00	\$200.00
100-6-00-04-000.025 Wildlife Reports	\$40.00	\$46.00	\$6.00	\$40.00
100-6-00-04-000.030 Deed Recordings	\$8,000.00	\$12,946.00	\$4,946.00	\$10,000.00
100-6-00-04-000.035 Marriage Licenses	\$50.00	\$40.00	(\$10.00)	\$50.00
100-6-00-04-000.040 Copies Vital Statistics	\$250.00	\$270.00	\$20.00	\$250.00
100-6-00-04-000.045 Examination of Records	\$100.00	\$91.00	(\$9.00)	\$100.00
100-6-00-04-000.050 Cert. & Uncert Copies	\$2,000.00	\$3,481.10	\$1,481.10	\$2,500.00
100-6-00-04-000.065 Record Restoration	\$0.00	\$2,123.00	\$2,123.00	\$0.00
100-6-00-04-000.075 Mun Excess Weight Permit	\$100.00	\$160.00	\$60.00	\$150.00
100-6-00-04-000.080 Technology Fund	\$0.00	\$2,123.00	\$2,123.00	\$0.00
100-6-00-04-000.090 Cannabis local filing fee	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$11,425.00	\$23,347.35	\$11,922.35	\$13,975.00
100-6-05 Other Revenue				
100-6-05-05-000.001 Penalties and Interest	\$10,000.00	\$13,599.90	\$3,599.90	\$14,000.00
100-6-05-05-000.002 Delinquent Tax Revenue	\$0.00	\$95,868.13	\$95,868.13	\$0.00
100-6-05-05-000.004 Reimb. Tax Acct. fees	\$0.00	\$7.11	\$7.11	\$0.00
100-6-07-05-000.005 Receipts-Dog License	\$1,500.00	\$1,491.00	(\$9.00)	\$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	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
100-6-08-05-000.065 ARPA Grant Funds	\$0.00	\$121,228.15	\$121,228.15	\$0.00
100-6-08-05-000.070 Summer Camp Grant Funds	\$0.00	\$22,889.47	\$22,889.47	\$0.00
100-6-10-05-000.050 Recycling Receipts-cards	\$5,000.00	\$12,699.50	\$7,699.50	\$12,000.00
100-6-10-05-000.055 Recycling Receipts-demo	\$500.00	\$2,226.99	\$1,726.99	\$1,500.00
100-6-10-05-000.060 Recycling Receipts-return	\$250.00	\$75.00	(\$175.00)	\$0.00
100-6-10-05-000.070 Recycling Recpt-Hauler Re	\$125.00	\$25.00	(\$100.00)	\$75.00
100-6-15-05-000.070 Receipts-Copier	\$5.00	\$14.90	\$9.90	\$10.00
100-6-15-05-000.075 Receipts-Fax	\$50.00	\$105.00	\$55.00	\$50.00
100-6-15-05-000.080 DMV Renewal Fee	\$12.00	\$33.00	\$21.00	\$12.00
100-6-20-05-000.099 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$18,942.00	\$271,799.15	\$252,857.15	\$30,647.00
TOTAL	\$73,917.00	\$345,034.40	\$271,117.40	\$87,672.00

Town of Stamford
Highway Revenue Report
Calendar year ending December 31, 2022

Account	2022 Budget	Income	Over / (Under) Budget	2023 Budget
200-6-00-07-000.005 State Aid-Highways	\$37,000.00	\$39,778.79	(\$2,778.79)	\$38,000.00
200-6-00-07-000.025 Class II Resurfacing Prog	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
200-6-00-07-000.030 Miscellaneous Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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
200-6-00-07-000.070 Clean Water Act Grant	\$0.00	\$7,820.00	(\$7,820.00)	\$0.00
200-6-00-07-000.075 Clean Water Equip Grant	\$0.00	\$1,672.00	(\$1,672.00)	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$37,000.00	\$49,270.79	(\$12,270.79)	\$38,000.00

Town of Stamford
Expenditure Report
Calendar year ending December 31, 2022

Account	2022 Budget	Expenditures	Under / (Over) Budget	2023 Budget
100-7-00-00 Administrative Officer				
100-7-00-00-110.000 A.O. Salary	\$1,500.00	\$1,600.00	(\$100.00)	\$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	\$131.29	(\$81.29)	\$50.00
Subtotal	\$1,700.00	\$1,731.29	(\$31.29)	\$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	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
100-7-00-05-531.000 Postage	\$850.00	\$861.40	(\$11.40)	\$900.00
100-7-00-05-550.000 Town Reports	\$2,250.00	\$2,196.00	\$54.00	\$2,400.00
Subtotal	\$15,100.00	\$15,057.40	\$42.60	\$15,300.00
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	<i>ARTICLE</i>
100-7-00-13-430.001 Cemetery Mowing	\$2,880.00	\$2,880.00	\$0.00	<i>ARTICLE</i>
100-7-00-13-430.002 Cemetery Flags	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	<i>ARTICLE</i>
100-7-00-13-430.005 Cemetery Stone Restoration	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	<i>ARTICLE</i>
Subtotal	\$4,580.00	\$4,580.00	\$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	\$2,400.00	\$4,793.40	(\$2,393.40)	\$3,000.00
100-7-00-25-545.000 Delinquent Tax Sale Expense	\$0.00	\$3,103.25	(\$3,103.25)	\$0.00
100-7-00-25-549.000 Delinquent Tax Sales Reimb.	\$0.00	\$10,534.39	(\$10,534.39)	\$0.00
100-7-00-25-610.000 Del Tax Office Expense	\$450.00	\$361.72	\$88.28	\$450.00
Subtotal	\$2,850.00	\$18,792.76	(\$15,942.76)	\$3,450.00
100-7-10-10 Dogs				
100-7-10-10-110.000 Dog Officer Salary	\$2,400.00	\$382.50	\$2,017.50	\$900.00
100-7-10-10-610.000 License Book & Tags	\$275.00	\$216.91	\$58.09	\$275.00
100-7-10-10-610.005 Dog Expenses	\$500.00	\$43.60	\$456.40	\$500.00
100-7-10-10-610.010 Dog Kennel/Enclosure	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Subtotal	\$3,675.00	\$643.01	\$3,031.99	\$2,175.00
100-7-10-35 Elections & Town Meetings				
100-7-10-35-110.000 Ballot Clerks	\$1,200.00	\$1,092.99	\$107.01	\$400.00
100-7-10-35-110.005 Moderator Salary	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
100-7-10-35-320.000 Law enforcement elections	\$0.00	\$384.00	(\$384.00)	\$400.00
100-7-10-35-610.000 Ballots	\$25.00	\$19.95	\$5.05	\$25.00
100-7-10-35-610.010 Election Expenses/Supplies	\$50.00	\$7.16	\$42.84	\$500.00
Subtotal	\$1,325.00	\$1,554.10	(\$229.10)	\$1,375.00

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Account	2022 Budget	Expenditures	Under / (Over) Budget	2023 Budget
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	\$48.90	\$951.10	\$5,000.00
100-7-12-15-610.010 Hazard Mitigation Grant Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
100-7-12-15-741.000 Generator Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$858.90	\$141.10	\$1,000.00
Subtotal	\$2,200.00	\$957.80	\$1,242.20	\$8,700.00
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	\$7,485.00	\$6,748.32	\$736.68	\$7,874.00
100-7-15-40-220.005 Employer Medicare	\$1,751.00	\$1,578.23	\$172.77	\$1,842.00
100-7-15-40-221.000 Workmen's Compensation	\$1,652.00	\$1,651.21	\$0.79	\$1,520.00
100-7-15-40-227.000 Medical Life & Disability	\$405.00	\$413.25	(\$8.25)	\$421.00
100-7-15-40-228.000 Vt State Ret System Town	\$4,128.00	\$3,926.06	\$201.94	\$4,585.00
100-7-15-40-229.000 Unemployment Compensation	\$149.00	\$197.55	(\$48.55)	\$125.00
Subtotal	\$15,570.00	\$14,514.62	\$1,055.38	\$16,367.00
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				
100-7-20-55-621.000 Fire Truck Replacement	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
100-7-20-55-623.000 Fire Dept Appropriation (BY WARRANT)	\$56,425.00	\$56,425.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
Subtotal	\$106,425.00	\$106,425.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
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	\$1,500.00	\$3,066.67	(\$1,566.67)	\$3,000.00
Subtotal	\$1,500.00	\$3,066.67	(\$1,566.67)	\$3,000.00
100-7-35-57 Law Enforcement				
100-7-35-57-320.000 Law Enforcement-Sheriff	\$33,735.00	\$25,291.75	\$8,443.25	\$39,600.00
Subtotal	\$33,735.00	\$25,291.75	\$8,443.25	\$39,600.00
100-7-40-55 Library (BY WARRANT)				
100-7-40-55-110.000 Co-Librarian Salary	\$8,047.00	\$6,892.06	\$1,154.94	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-110.003 Co-Librarian Salary	\$13,318.00	\$10,367.63	\$2,950.37	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-110.005 Librarian, Other	\$1,440.00	\$1,965.30	(\$525.30)	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-110.010 Sub Librarian Salary	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-220.000 FICA-Library	\$1,783.00	\$1,440.84	\$342.16	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-221.000 Workmen's Compensation	\$127.00	\$126.68	\$0.32	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-801.000 Library Appropriation	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
Subtotal	\$33,215.00	\$28,792.51	\$4,422.49	

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100-7-40-65 Listers				
100-7-40-65-110.003 Assessor Clerk	\$15,000.00	\$7,496.00	\$7,504.00	\$12,000.00
100-7-40-65-110.005 Assessors Fees	\$0.00	\$10,202.50	(\$10,202.50)	\$0.00
100-7-40-65-320.000 Listers Software Support	\$4,200.00	\$4,077.90	\$122.10	\$4,200.00
100-7-40-65-321.000 Reappraisal Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-40-65-432.000 Listers Mileage	\$100.00	\$89.24	\$10.76	\$100.00
100-7-40-65-532.000 Mapping	\$0.00	\$1,030.30	(\$1,030.30)	\$0.00
100-7-40-65-540.000 Education Fund	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	\$100.00
100-7-40-65-610.000 Office Supplies	\$700.00	\$207.33	\$492.67	\$700.00
100-7-40-65-610.005 Reappraisal Expense	\$0.00	\$16,218.00	(\$16,218.00)	\$0.00
100-7-40-65-615.000 Abatements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$20,000.00	\$39,371.27	(\$19,371.27)	\$17,100.00
100-7-40-75 Planning & Development				
100-7-40-75-110.000 Planning Com Salaries	\$225.00	\$50.00	\$175.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
100-7-40-75-680.000 Grant Expenses-Plan Com.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$4,550.00	\$4,050.00	\$500.00	\$4,550.00
100-7-50-30 Selectboard				
100-7-50-30-110.000 Selectboard Chair Salary	\$900.00	\$840.00	\$60.00	\$1,000.00
100-7-50-30-110.005 Selectboard Member Salary	\$2,880.00	\$2,929.80	(\$49.80)	\$3,600.00
100-7-50-30-110.010 Admin Asst Salary	\$5,400.00	\$4,185.00	\$1,215.00	\$5,800.00
100-7-50-30-322.000 Liability Insurance	\$11,911.00	\$7,150.92	\$4,760.08	\$12,144.00
100-7-50-30-539.000 Legal Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$185.00	\$815.00	\$1,000.00
100-7-50-30-540.005 Sel Education Fund	\$100.00	\$168.00	(\$68.00)	\$200.00
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	\$2,163.00	\$2,163.00	\$0.00	\$2,232.00
100-7-50-30-610.000 Sel Office Supplies	\$350.00	\$35.20	\$314.80	\$100.00
100-7-50-30-610.005 Selectboard Expenses	\$300.00	\$208.75	\$91.25	\$300.00
100-7-50-30-610.010 Website & Email Maint.	\$0.00	\$2,397.00	(\$2,397.00)	\$638.00
100-7-50-30-655.000 Sel tax sale purchase	\$3,000.00	\$3,532.56	(\$532.56)	\$3,000.00
Subtotal	\$28,004.00	\$23,795.23	\$4,208.77	\$30,014.00
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	\$9,224.00	\$8,955.01	\$268.99	\$10,062.00
100-7-55-75-324.005 BCSW Alliance	\$5,392.00	\$3,953.77	\$1,438.23	\$5,623.00
100-7-55-75-430.000 Rec Repair And Maint	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
100-7-55-75-610.000 Recycling Expenses	\$43,000.00	\$42,327.28	\$672.72	\$47,000.00
100-7-55-75-622.000 Recycling Electricity	\$400.00	\$344.70	\$55.30	\$450.00
Subtotal	\$61,116.00	\$58,180.76	\$2,935.24	\$66,235.00
100-7-60-77 Taxes				
100-7-60-77-800.000 Bennington County Taxes	\$8,200.00	\$8,179.22	\$20.78	\$8,200.00
Subtotal	\$8,200.00	\$8,179.22	\$20.78	\$8,200.00

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Account	2022		Under / (Over)	2023
	Budget	Expenditures	Budget	Budget
100-7-70-35 Town Office				
100-7-70-35-110.010 Town Clerk/Treasurer	\$56,160.00	\$56,160.00	\$0.00	\$60,320.00
100-7-70-35-110.050 Pay for Unused Days	\$0.00	\$216.00	(\$216.00)	\$0.00
100-7-70-35-110.020 Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	\$17,784.00	\$17,556.00	\$228.00	\$21,736.00
100-7-70-35-320.005 Record Restoration	\$0.00	\$684.66	(\$684.66)	\$0.00
100-7-70-35-420.000 Software Support & Maint	\$3,100.00	\$3,125.56	(\$25.56)	\$3,200.00
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	\$300.00	\$148.37	\$151.63	\$300.00
100-7-70-35-530.000 Telephone & Internet	\$1,600.00	\$1,547.77	\$52.23	\$1,650.00
100-7-70-35-531.000 Postage	\$350.00	\$346.40	\$3.60	\$375.00
100-7-70-35-531.005 Tax Bills and Postage	\$1,000.00	\$859.51	\$140.49	\$1,000.00
100-7-70-35-532.000 Travel Expenses	\$500.00	\$316.10	\$183.90	\$500.00
100-7-70-35-540.000 Education & Travel Expense	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$450.00	\$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
100-7-70-35-609.000 Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-70-35-610.000 Office Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,012.23	(\$12.23)	\$1,100.00
100-7-70-35-610.005 Copier Expense/Supplies	\$650.00	\$585.83	\$64.17	\$650.00
100-7-70-35-894.000 Bank & Check Charges	\$200.00	\$294.00	(\$94.00)	\$30.00
Subtotal	\$83,199.00	\$82,957.43	\$241.57	\$91,416.00
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	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
100-7-80-40-110.055 Green Up Day Coordinator	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Subtotal	\$425.00	\$75.00	\$350.00	\$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	\$3,500.00	\$3,740.00	(\$240.00)	\$4,000.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-95-99-622.005 Town Lighting	\$4,300.00	\$4,504.56	(\$204.56)	\$4,600.00
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	\$0.00
100-7-95-99-801.010 BROC (BY WARRANT)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-95-99-801.035 Town Flags	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1,200.00
100-7-95-99-801.038 Green Up Vermont (BY WARRANT)	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-95-99-801.040 VT Rural Fire Protection (BY WARRANT)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-95-99-801.050 SW VT Council on Aging (BY WARRANT)	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-95-99-812.001 Schl pkg lot loan principle	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
100-7-95-99-812.002 Schl pkg lot loan interest	\$708.00	\$708.00	\$0.00	\$354.00
Subtotal	\$22,493.00	\$22,685.56	(\$192.56)	\$22,289.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$450,437.00	\$460,901.38	(\$10,464.38)	\$382,471.00

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Account	Description	2022		Under / (Over)	2023
		Budget	Expenditures	Budget	Budget
200-7-00-55-812.001	Highway LTD Principle	\$44,857.00	\$44,857.00	\$0.00	\$44,857.00
200-7-00-55-812.002	Interest on LTD	\$3,925.00	\$3,924.99	\$0.01	\$3,140.00
200-7-00-95-110.000	Labor-Hwy. Road Commissioner	\$64,480.00	\$64,480.00	\$0.00	\$68,640.00
200-7-00-95-110.005	Labor-Equip. Operator/Laborer	\$54,080.00	\$54,080.00	\$0.00	\$58,240.00
200-7-00-95-110.010	Overtime	\$18,000.00	\$17,446.20	\$553.80	\$18,000.00
200-7-00-95-110.015	Labor-Other Employees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
200-7-00-95-110.025	Compensation for Unused Time	\$0.00	\$1,186.00	(\$1,186.00)	\$0.00
200-7-00-95-210.000	Highway Health Insurance	\$59,486.00	\$60,117.70	(\$631.70)	\$67,075.00
200-7-00-95-220.000	Highway FICA	\$8,835.00	\$8,478.51	\$356.49	\$9,376.00
200-7-00-95-220.001	Highway Medicare	\$2,067.00	\$1,982.87	\$84.13	\$2,193.00
200-7-00-95-221.000	Highway Workmen's Comp.	\$11,284.00	\$11,283.12	\$0.88	\$9,000.00
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	\$783.00	\$814.11	(\$31.11)	\$916.00
200-7-00-95-228.000	Highway VT State Retirement	\$9,262.00	\$8,736.14	\$525.86	\$10,019.00
200-7-00-95-229.000	Highway Unemployment Comp.	\$841.00	\$1,045.45	(\$204.45)	\$850.00
200-7-00-95-320.000	Outside Services	\$1,800.00	\$1,950.00	(\$150.00)	\$2,100.00
200-7-00-95-380.000	Muni Road Permit fee	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$640.00
200-7-00-95-430.000	Highway Maintenance	\$30,000.00	\$24,129.28	\$5,870.72	\$35,000.00
200-7-00-95-430.005	Building-Maint & Repair	\$2,000.00	\$105.00	\$1,895.00	\$2,000.00
200-7-00-95-430.010	Equipment-Maint & Repair	\$30,000.00	\$48,262.80	(\$18,262.80)	\$35,000.00
200-7-00-95-540.000	Education	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
200-7-00-95-610.005	Tools	\$500.00	\$971.83	(\$471.83)	\$1,000.00
200-7-00-95-622.000	Utilities	\$1,700.00	\$1,539.22	\$160.78	\$1,700.00
200-7-00-95-624.000	Heat-Town Garage	\$3,000.00	\$4,782.19	(\$1,782.19)	\$4,800.00
200-7-00-95-626.000	Fuel-Equipment	\$15,000.00	\$21,022.86	(\$6,022.86)	\$21,000.00
200-7-00-95-740.000	Highway Pave & Cold Patch	\$1,500.00	\$887.50	\$612.50	\$1,500.00
200-7-00-95-740.005	Equip Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
200-7-00-95-740.010	Highway Equip Purchase	\$1,000.00	\$461.85	\$538.15	\$1,000.00
200-7-00-95-740.020	2019 FrtlNr LSF loan repayment	\$17,035.00	\$17,034.81	\$0.19	\$16,833.00
200-7-00-95-740.025	2020 Ram truck loan payment	\$22,856.00	\$22,913.06	(\$57.06)	\$22,925.00
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	\$32,173.92	\$2,826.08	\$35,000.00
200-7-00-95-744.000	Highway Salt-Winter	\$35,000.00	\$34,380.68	\$619.32	\$35,000.00
200-7-00-95-746.000	Calcium Chloride	\$3,000.00	\$3,339.84	(\$339.84)	\$4,000.00
200-7-00-95-748.000	Culverts	\$3,000.00	\$3,184.86	(\$184.86)	\$3,000.00
200-7-00-95-749.000	Street Signs	\$500.00	\$580.11	(\$80.11)	\$600.00
200-7-00-95-752.000	Structure's Program	\$0.00	* 548599.27	(\$548,599.27)	\$0.00
200-7-00-95-760.000	Clean Water Act Grant	\$0.00	\$9,330.00	(\$9,330.00)	\$0.00
200-7-00-95-760.005	Clean Water Equip Grant	\$0.00	\$2,090.00	(\$2,090.00)	\$0.00
200-7-00-95-999.000	Highway Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
200-7-00-95-740.030	Lincoln Road culvert loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	** 53878.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$483,341.00	\$1,058,071.17	(\$574,730.17)	\$576,332.00

* This is the total expense before applying the structures grant, ARPA funds and the 5 year loan funds

** This is the first payment of the 5 year loan noted above

SELECTBOARD'S REPORT

This year the town has a new website: stamfordvt.net. It was developed by an outside vendor and it allows each selectboard member to have their own email address for town business so they will no longer have to use their personal email.

New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) began the process of reappraising all town properties. The assessor will continue contacting all property owners to schedule site visits. The reappraisal should be completed by 2024.

Very early in the year we incurred an unexpected cost to repair our 30 year old bucket loader for \$16,028.09. We also spread \$22,752.00 worth of gravel and stone to fill in several sections of roads due to extremely muddy conditions during the spring thaw.

This summer the culvert on Lincoln Road was replaced with a poured concrete bridge. The total out-of-pocket cost for material and contractors was \$548,599.27. This cost was far above the 2020 estimate of \$350,000.00. However, with the state grant of \$200,000.00 and thanks to the townspeople's approval to use the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money of \$121,171.00, the taxpayer's burden was greatly reduced. In 2022 voters also approved a loan in the amount of \$220,000.00 for the balance and the first of five years' re-payments of \$53,878.00 will begin this year.

The Jepson Road stone line ditching project was completed. The State's "Grants in Aid" Program awarded \$6,700 toward the out-of-pocket cost of \$9,330.00. The State's "Municipal Equipment Grant" Program awarded \$1,672.00 toward the out-of-pocket cost of \$2,090.00 for a plate compactor.

With our town highway crew, Dave Tatro and Mike Brothers, and the ability to use our own town equipment, we were able to complete the work on both of these projects. We thank them for their dedication and inventive ways to save money.

In June, the selectboard authorized the legal use of ATVs for residents, land owners and their guests, indefinitely, on the following town highways: all town Class 4 roads, including the Class 3 section of Klondike Road from its intersection with Risky Ranch Road to the Class 4 section of Klondike Road. All riders and passengers are required to follow all state and federal regulations regarding the operation of ATVs. The Selectboard reserves the right to amend or reject this authorization at any time.

The town currently owns two properties which were taken through the tax sale process: 1.5 acres on Main Road (currently in the process of being sold) and Alpenwald lot number 218. Five Alpenwald lots: 188, 270, 277, 294, and 384 are in the redemption period and the selectboard is willing to entertain any valid offer in order to place these parcels back on the tax roll.

Every ten years, after the census, in order to equally redistribute the population into legislative districts, the state requires redistricting of the towns. After several meetings and testifying against the proposed redistricting, Stamford was assigned to a new legislative district, Bennington-1. This new district consists of Stamford, Readsboro, Woodford, Searsburg and a large portion of Pownal. Pownal resident, Nelson Brownell, is our new Representative.

With the aid of the planning commission, the town's village center designation was approved by the state. At this point nothing changes for the town except the designation increases the potential for more grant possibilities within the district for both the town and private entities. The planning commission and the selectboard also met with a representative from Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) asking for our support to establish a Southern Vermont Economic Zone. At least 50% of the southern 44 towns are needed to establish this district. The boards feel this could only help Stamford in the future and did not see any downside.

In August, a special town meeting was held regarding the retail sale of cannabis in town. The article did not pass.

The Selectboard proactively made the decision to purchase two automatic external defibrillators (AEDs), one for the town office and one for the highway garage.

Since the elected auditor positions have remained vacant for many years, the selectboard will ask the voters to approve Warrant Article 9.

The 2023 town budget contains \$40,000.00 which is approximately 13 hours per week (minus travel time charged) with the Bennington County Sheriff. The Selectboard would like the town's input on whether an additional \$40,000.00 should be added to increase law enforcement hours for the town. Please consider Article 10 and whether you feel this additional amount and hours are warranted.

The Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD) also known as DV Fiber, is working diligently to establish high speed internet service in all 24 of its member towns. Several new poles were installed throughout town in anticipation of the wiring. We ask voters to approve Warrant Article 12 for \$7,500.00 to pay DVFiber in support of its commitment to connect high speed internet service to every house in town which has an electric grid connection. The funds will be used to assist those of limited means with the one-time connection cost. DVFiber is receiving a grant that will match the town's donation.

As with our own personal lives, the costs of running the town have increased dramatically. The board has tried to present a budget that will allow the town to meet its expenses and remain safe, while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Once again we must thank all employees and volunteers who have helped throughout the year. All have gone above and beyond to make Stamford a great place to live and a welcoming community.

Respectively submitted,

Stamford Selectboard

ESTIMATED TOWN TAX RATE PER 2023 WARRANT ARTICLE

The example below shows how the passing of each article will impact the **town portion** of your property taxes (school tax and homestead payments are not included in this calculation). For a house valued at \$200,000, your estimated 2023 town property taxes would be \$1,993.88. The chart below shows the breakdown of how each of the proposed articles, if passed, contributes to the total tax.

	This is tax in 2021 for each approved TOWN article	This is tax in 2022 for each approved TOWN article	This is estimated tax in 2023 for each approved TOWN article **
Raise & appropriate:			
Town	\$ 413.96	\$ 327.46	\$ 456.94
Highway	\$ 894.39	\$ 881.16	\$ 1,066.99
Equip. Repl.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80.80
Cemetery	\$ 8.05	\$ 9.25	\$ 10.07
Library	\$ 61.81	\$ 67.10	\$ 60.67
Fire Dept.	\$ 110.83	\$ 113.98	\$ 118.22
Fire truck fund	\$ 41.03	\$ 101.00	\$ 101.00
Law Enforcement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80.80
DVFiber	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.15
SWCA	\$ 1.44	\$ 1.41	\$ 1.41
BROC	\$ 1.03	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.01
VT Rural Fire	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.20
Red Cross	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.51
Green Up	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10
Total TOWN tax:	\$ 1,533.36	\$ 1,604.18	\$ 1,993.88 **

** Based on 2022 Grand List and 2021 Fund Balances.
 2023 Grand List will not be set until after town meeting.
 2022 Fund balances will not be known until after town meeting.

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	2	Deaths	4
Marriages	3	Burials	5

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, 2023, you must file a Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122, by April 15, 2023 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
Green Mountain National Forest
Green Up Vermont
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging
Vermont Department of Health
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 2022 was 250.

Receipts:

Regular Licenses	(242 dogs)	\$1,152.00	
2 Special License	(8 dogs)	\$ 60.00	
Pet Dealer Permit		\$ 0.00	
Farm License	(1 dog)	\$ 5.00	
Fines		\$ 274.00	
Replacement Tags		\$ 0.00	
State Fee (rabies program)		\$ 250.00	
State Fee (spaying/neutering program)		\$ <u>968.00</u>	
Total Receipts:			\$2,709.00
Less Disbursements:			
State Fees			\$1,218.00
Total Funds Retained by Town:			\$1,491.00

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, 2023. 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.

2022 STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Total education liability		\$1,359,370.97	
Total town liability		\$794,142.35	
Late homestead filing penalty		\$1,501.95	
Total amount to be raised by taxes		<u>\$1,501.95</u>	<u><u>\$2,155,015.27</u></u>

Non-residential education grand list	\$385,675.00		
\$385,675.00 x 1.5847 (tax rate)		\$611,179.17	
Homestead education grand list	\$604,404.00		
\$604,404.00 x 1.2379 (tax rate)		\$748,191.80	
Highway grand list	\$990,079.00		
\$990,079.00 x 0.4405 (tax rate)		\$436,129.96	
Municipal grand list	\$990,079.00		
\$990,079.00 x 0.3616 (tax rate)		\$358,012.39	
Late homestead filing penalty		<u>\$1,501.95</u>	
Total taxes billed for 2022			<u><u>\$2,155,015.27</u></u>

2022 TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

2022 taxes collected by town		\$1,755,435.12	
State credits on tax bills		\$274,608.42	
Less taxes abated in 2022		\$0.00	
Taxes passed on to Delinquent Tax Collector		<u>\$124,971.73</u>	
Total taxes accounted for in 2022			<u><u>\$2,155,015.27</u></u>

Submitted by:

Lori A. Shepard, Treasurer

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

STATEMENT 12/31/22			
Year	Balance to Collect	taxes collected	Balance to Collect
	12/31/2021		12/31/2022
2018	\$ 142.37	\$ 142.37	\$ -
2019	\$ 2,276.24	\$ 2,097.94	\$ 178.30
2020	\$ 7,869.92	\$ 3,790.86	\$ 4,079.06
2021	\$ 47,205.20	\$ 30,259.27	\$ 16,945.93
2022		\$ 51,598.46	\$ 73,373.27
town report	\$ 57,493.73		
check returned	\$ 168.50	\$ 168.50	
total	\$ 57,662.23	\$ 88,057.40	\$ 94,576.56
2022 delinquent	\$ 124,971.73		
Alpenwald Village Inc(Labont	alp #172	\$ 11.93	
Anderson Todd	Basin Road	\$ 1,043.03	
Andover Hills Inc	Main Road	\$ 4,798.44	
Arnold Brian et als	Sumner Road	\$ 1,053.45	
Barnett Paul D	Andrea Drive	\$ 17.83	
Bensen Bruce F	Brookside Drive	\$ 1,539.96	
Bird Brian H	Andrea Drive	\$ 2,116.44	
Bleau Robert J	alp #280/281	\$ 2,067.03	
Blood Ralph estate	Mill Road	\$ 133.45	
Brack Riley	alp #263	\$ 195.72	
Bradley Lawrence	alp #309	\$ 121.73	
Buccino Matthew	alp #327	\$ 186.17	
Connors Michael	alp #326	\$ 181.40	
Costine Robert estate	Collins Road	\$ 681.69	
Dellamarggio Joseph	alp #294	\$ 186.17	
Desilva Timothy	alp #184	\$ 219.58	
Dowling Michael F III	Popular Drive	\$ 411.04	
Dunn Jr Nelson	Main Road	\$ 583.61	
Dunn Jr Nelson & Joni	Main Road	\$ 10,991.07	
Gray Raymond	alp #182	\$ 3,706.59	
Gregg Charles	alp #264/265	\$ 284.03	
Gregg Charles	alp #278	\$ 143.21	
Gregg Charles	alp #378	\$ 167.08	
Hand Brian et als	alp #425	\$ 114.57	
Hitchcock Hugh Javis	alp #267	\$ 190.95	
Holbrook Kevin	Andrea Drive	\$ 119.35	
Ignatius Oliver	Main Road	\$ 2,217.34	
Johnson Breen LLC	Sumner Road	\$ 162.30	
Joly Raymond A	Sucker Pond	\$ 118.36	
Lot D Lesure Road	Lesure Road	\$ 1,202.95	
March Willis G	Boulger Road	\$ 866.41	
Maxymillian-Wheeler Andrew	Risky Ranch Road	\$ 142.49	
McConnell Daniel	alp #277	\$ 190.95	
McGinnis Charles	alp #127	\$ 205.26	
Milanese David	alp #137	\$ 81.15	
Montagna Frank A Jr	alp #173A	\$ 11.93	
MontinLeif	alp #384	\$ 155.15	
Mountain Lake Properties	Main Road	\$ 3,379.71	

Oneil Richard	<u>alp #282/283</u>	\$ 1,087.87	
Pavin Debra	<u>County Road</u>	\$ 1,770.46	
Perenick William A	<u>Main Road</u>	\$ 699.34	
Perenick William A	<u>Main Road</u>	\$ 508.39	
Piccinin Virginia	<u>alp #270</u>	\$ 186.17	
Reynolds Benjamin	<u>alp #382</u>	\$ 181.40	
Rum Wojciech	<u>Main Road</u>	\$ 6,394.24	
Rum Wojciech	<u>County Road</u>	\$ 3,811.72	
Saldo Matthew J	<u>alp #335</u>	\$ 176.63	
Shafto Michelle A	<u>Clough Road</u>	\$ 1,585.32	
Showers Timothy	<u>alp #276</u>	\$ 749.21	
Sok Sonny D	<u>alp #424</u>	\$ 11.93	
States Joshua	<u>alp #371</u>	\$ 183.78	
Strange Scott B	<u>Henry Hill</u>	\$ 6,900.35	
Sylester James	<u>Maggie Road</u>	\$ 603.86	
Tatro Debra	<u>Tatro Road</u>	\$ 211.68	
Tatro Joseph	<u>County Road</u>	\$ 1,510.85	
Tatro Ronnie	<u>County Road</u>	\$ 938.02	
Theobald Darren	<u>alp #174</u>	\$ 241.06	
Tiburcio Robert G	<u>alp #175</u>	\$ 279.26	
Tyler Aaron	<u>alp #401</u>	\$ 19.33	
UNC FOUNDATION	<u>Klondike Road</u>	\$ 3,494.27	
UNC FOUNDATION	<u>Main Road</u>	\$ 11,802.72	
Verax Media LLC	<u>alp #385</u>	\$ 6,331.45	
Watson James H	<u>Boulger Road</u>	\$ 1,035.87	
Wedster John D	<u>Andrea Drive</u>	\$ 248.23	
Wilson Gregory	<u>alp #188</u>	\$ 195.72	
Wylde Douglas	<u>Main Road</u>	\$ 3,417.90	
		\$ 94,576.56	
x tax sale			

TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND

(Established in March 2002)

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$2,721.69	
2022 Receipts	\$300.00	
2022 Expenses (computer equipment)	<u>(\$148.37)</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u><u>\$2,873.32</u></u>

ACT 60 REAPPRAISAL FUND

(Established in March 2002)

Savings Account as of January 1, 2022	\$48,465.13	
State of VT (Reappraisal)	\$6,043.50	
State of VT (Grand List maintenance)	\$711.00	
Interest	<u>\$312.64</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$55,532.27
Reappraisal MM as of January 1, 2022	\$81,107.15	
Less Assessor fees	(\$10,202.50)	
Less mapping expenses	(\$1,030.30)	
Less reappraisal expenses	(\$16,218.00)	
Interest	<u>\$457.87</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u><u>\$54,114.22</u></u>
Total accounted for in Reappraisal Fund		<u><u>\$109,646.49</u></u>

FUTURE NEEDS FUND

(Established in March 2005)

Future Needs Fund CD as of January 1, 2022	\$31,495.41	
Interest	<u>\$69.71</u>	
Balance, unreserved, as of December 31, 2022		<u><u>\$31,565.12</u></u>

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

Money Market

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$127,715.82	
Freightliner, loan repayment #3	\$17,034.81	
Interest withdrawn	(\$725.40)	
Interest	\$725.40	
Value of Invested Funds as of December 31, 2022		<u>\$144,750.63</u>

Interest in the amount of \$725.40 was transferred from the invested funds to the General Fund in lieu of taxes.

RECORD RESTORATION FUND

(Established in March 2000)

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$15,178.94	
Receipts	\$2,123.00	
Books and paper	(\$684.66)	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u>\$16,617.28</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, 2022	\$18,654.00	
Receipts	\$2,123.00	
Disbursements	\$0.00	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u>\$20,777.00</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.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Money Market account as of January 1, 2022	\$1,728.08	
Planning Commission secretary	(\$1,026.00)	
Interest	<u>\$10.90</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u><u>\$712.98</u></u>

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND

Savings account as of January 1, 2022	\$20,957.26	
Town appropriation	\$0.00	
Interest	<u>\$134.42</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u><u>\$21,091.68</u></u>

FIRE TRUCK REPLACEMENT FUND

(Established in March 2018)

Account as of January 1, 2022	\$81,067.51	
Town appropriation	\$50,000.00	
Interest	<u>\$468.68</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u><u>\$131,536.19</u></u>

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND

(Established in July 2019)

Building Community Group		
Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$2,112.64	
Interest	<u>\$11.95</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u><u>\$2,124.59</u></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, 2022

	2022		Over / (Under)	2023
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	\$2,880.00	\$2,880.00	\$0.00	\$3,285.00
Cemetery flags	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
Sale of burial lots	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cemetery fees received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$160.49	\$160.49	\$0.00
Total Revenue:	\$4,580.00	\$5,090.49	\$510.49	\$4,985.00

	2022		Under / (Over)	2023
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	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Stone Restoration	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Mowing	\$2,880.00	\$2,880.00	\$0.00	\$3,285.00
Cemetery flags	\$200.00	\$144.30	\$55.70	\$200.00
Cemtery markers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies/miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total expenses:	\$4,580.00	\$3,024.30	\$1,555.70	\$4,985.00

2022 Amount under budget	\$2,066.19
Transfer of lot sale to reserved funds	<u>\$0.00</u>
2022 Total Profit/Loss	<u><u>\$2,066.19</u></u>

Cemetery Fund
As of December 31, 2022

Assets:

Berkshire Bank, Checking		
Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$5,779.01	
Sale of burial lots	\$0.00	
Donations	\$350.00	
Interest	\$1.07	
Mowing & fall cleanup expense	(\$2,880.00)	
Cemetery flags	(\$144.30)	
Maintenance and expenses	\$0.00	
2022 appropriation	<u>\$4,580.00</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$7,685.78
MountainOne Bank, CD4		
Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$12,854.38	
Interest	\$73.09	
CD closed, funds transferred to MM	<u>(\$12,927.47)</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$0.00
Adams Community Bank, Money Market		
Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$20,653.68	
Interest	\$86.33	
Transfer from CD4	<u>\$12,927.47</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u>\$33,667.48</u>
Total Assets:		<u><u>\$41,353.26</u></u>
Liabilities:		none
Capital:		
Reserved funds as of January 1, 2022	\$31,560.00	
Sale of cemetery lots	\$0.00	
Buyback of cemetery lot	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Reserved Funds		\$31,560.00
Unreserved Funds as of January 1, 2022	\$7,727.07	
Profit / (Loss) 2022	<u>\$2,066.19</u>	
Total Unreserved Funds		<u>\$9,793.26</u>
Total:		<u><u>\$41,353.26</u></u>

Stamford Community Library

With Covid behind us (kind of), we were so excited to return to some sense of normalcy in 2022. With a fresh new look and feel, it was amazing to welcome everyone back and see and hear all of the positive feedback on the changes we made while closed. We are thrilled with our new space, and the bookcases we purchased still seem like new to us. We continue to enjoy the more open, light-filled space they offer.

This year, we continued to make improvements that included extending the bookcases along the back wall and adding three more bookcases on casters. Our plans for a storage closet and window seat were put on hold while we waited for new windows. We are hopeful that this will be completed by summer's end. In addition to the physical changes in the space, we procured \$2300 in grant funding that allowed us to improve our air quality with the purchase of two new air purifiers. Additional money allowed us to increase our collection with more diverse titles and add seating that is both easy to clean and very comfortable. Stop in and put your feet up!

As Covid changed the way people interacted, we tried hard to balance our desire to return to normal and the concerns that lingered. We worked tirelessly to remain open through illness, but closed when it was absolutely necessary, as we were not willing to put anyone at risk. Our staff worked incredibly hard and we are so grateful for that. While we were eager to return to in-person programming, we started slowly, beginning with several after-school programs that were very well attended. In fact, we had over one hundred participants! We kicked off our "Oceans of Possibilities" summer programming with a visit from VIA Aquarium with an astounding 42 attendees. In July, we made several ocean crafts and watched Dory and her friend's underwater adventure. We used recycled materials for our "build-a-boat" challenge and ended the summer with a picnic visit to Natural Bridge. Towards year's end, we welcomed Carol Ethier-Kipp for our first adult in-person program since Covid began. Not surprisingly, it was a huge success. The year ended with a holiday craft from local business Artsy Avenue. Despite the hardships we faced, we had nearly 800 patron visits this year.

In spite of continued challenges, our staff and board have met them head on. We are happy to continue to offer our small community a variety of programs, titles and experiences. We appreciate the continued support of the Stamford Community that allows us to do this and we look forward to what the new year has in store!

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

**Stamford Community Library
as of December 31, 2022**

Account Balances

Petty Cash	30.00
TD Bank Checking	8,333.64
TD Bank Money Market	7,434.30
Mullett Fund CD	2,956.34
Total Assets	18,754.28

	2022 Budget	2022 Receipts	Over/(Under) Budget	2023 Budget
Revenues				
Refund	0.00	106.21	106.21	0.00
Town Appropriation	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
Book Sales / Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Donations	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Special Donations	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
General Grants	0.00	535.55	535.55	0.00
Special Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising / Misc. Income	0.00	89.90	89.90	0.00
Interest Income	0.00	50.81	50.81	0.00
Total Revenues	8,000.00	9,182.47	1,182.47	8,000.00

	2022 Budget	2022 Expenses	Under/(Over) Budget	2023 Budget
Expenses				
Salaries and Benefits				
Co-Librarian Salary	8,047.00	\$6,892.06	\$1,154.94	14,858.48
Co-Librarian Salary	13,318.00	\$10,367.63	\$2,950.37	0.00
Librarian, Other	1,440.00	\$1,965.30	(\$525.30)	5,000.00
Sub. Librarian Salary	500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	500.00
Social Security / Medicare	1,783.00	\$1,440.84	\$342.16	1,558.00
Workers Compensation	127.00	\$126.68	\$0.32	119.00
Total Salaries and Benefits	25,215.00	20,792.51	4,422.49	22,035.48

	2022 Budget	2022 Expenses	Under/(Over) Budget	2023 Budget
Operating Costs				
Library Materials	3,500.00	3,198.55	301.45	3,500.00
Continuing Ed./Prof. Dues	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Technology/Phone	600.00	266.10	333.90	600.00
Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment	400.00	62.50	337.50	400.00
Supplies Expense	600.00	898.07	(298.07)	600.00
Miscellaneous / Lost Books	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	150.00	81.92	68.08	150.00
Programs	1,000.00	1,599.01	(599.01)	1,000.00
Subscriptions	500.00	499.89	0.11	500.00
Equipment Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Library Automation Support	1,100.00	1,129.10	(29.10)	1,100.00
Subtotal Operating Expenses	8,000.00	7,735.14	264.86	8,000.00

Total Expenses	33,215.00	28,527.65	4,687.35	30,035.48
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	2022 Budget	2022 Expenses	Under/(Over) Budget	2023 Budget
Expenses paid from donations, grants, fundraising, etc.				
Equipment/Equipment Replacement	0.00	4,979.24	(4,979.24)	0.00
Library Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Programs	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	226.23	(226.23)	0.00
Subtotal expenses paid by others	0.00	5,505.47	(526.23)	0.00

Stamford Volunteer Fire Company

The Fire Company responded to 76 emergencies in 2022. These include; 47 medical emergencies, 10 motor vehicle accidents, 6 fire alarm activations, 4 structure fires, 3 tree on wires, 1 accidental alert activation, 1 equipment failure, 1 chimney fire, 1 grass fire, 1 illegal burning and 1 downed powerline. We maintained an average response time of 10 minutes with an average of 5.5 members responding to each alarm. These responses also include 5 mutual aid responses to Readsboro and 1 to Clarksburg and 170 hours of service.

We had a lot of work done on our vehicles this past year. The body on Squad 3 was badly rusted. We had to replace the floors and make repairs to several compartments. We also installed a trailer hitch so we can tow our ATV trailer. We replaced two front tires on Engine 1 and plan to do the rear tires in 2023. We also had to do some pump repair and replaced the front brakes on Engine 1. Engine 2 required some electrical repairs, exhaust work and general maintenance. It needs new front brake pads but they are no longer available for that chassis/axle combination. We are looking for someone to reline the front brake pads. Tanker 4 required some general maintenance but the pump failed the prime test which required some pump repairs to get it to pass. We also had to replace several exterior underbody ground lights because of corrosion. Both Squad 3 and Truck 5 also got sprayed with Fluid Film to try and slow the aging process.

We did a lot of training this year. We got 15 of our members through the Vermont Emergency First Responder Training. This is training that we advocated for in Montpelier back in January 2020. It was a very long process but in the end a huge win for Stamford and other small communities. Our members embraced it and we spent a weekend at the station last March and completed all the training.

We celebrated some years of service milestones this year. Bobby Costine 5 years, Stan Lawrence 30 years, Paul Ethier 35 years and Rob Lamore 40 years of service. The Fire Company is staffed by 25 all volunteer professionals dedicated to providing fire and EMS services to Stamford. Nine of those 25 members live outside of Stamford. Our staff is aging and it can't be stated any clearer than this. We need more volunteers!!!! There is a job for everyone and we need more people to volunteer. Stamford is following the local and national trends of losing volunteers. It's certainly not easy to be a volunteer but it can be rewarding and we're not bad people to get to know. If you've ever thought about it, come down and check it out. We are at the station most Monday nights between 7-9pm.

We partnered with the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District to host a Point of Presence site for the internet fiber project for the town. Our understanding is this will be the hub for the town internet service. We are providing a site for the equipment, power for the equipment and backup power for the equipment. In return we are provided with free internet service that we can use for our operations. The buildout started in September of 2022 and is expected to be online sometime in 2023. We are excited to be part of this project. We participated in Halloween again this year and were also able to visit the school for fire prevention week and participated in the Christmas Tree lighting at the school in December.

We applied for two grants this year. One for new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDS) and we did our 12th fire truck grant. Both were turned down. In speaking with the FEMA representatives our truck grant has been spot on for the past 3-5 years and it's not being funded because of competition. Basically our low call volume (which is good) and low population are what's killing our grant applications. This is super frustrating for us because it's been 18 years since we last purchased a new fire truck and we really do need to replace Engine 2. Because of this we approached the Selectboard

and requested approval this year to move forward with the purchase of a new pumper. The cost of this is almost unfathomable but it's also increasing annually at a pace that is greater than which we are saving. Last year at town meeting, \$50,000.00 was approved annually for the fire truck replacement account for a 5 year period. This would give us \$250,000.00 plus the \$100,000 we already have. This \$350,000.00 would have been a good budget for a new truck 3-5 years ago. But now, with inflation, supply chain issues, and inventory issues the cost has increased \$150,000 for the same entry level truck in just the past 36 months. With a 7% cost increase taking effect in January, 2023, we signed a purchase agreement to lock in the price and prevent another price increase of \$35,000. With the expected 7% increase and the rise in material costs, namely stainless steel, which has increased 800% by some estimates since 2020, hindsight has proven that we likely should have made this purchase 3-5 years ago but we waited because we really thought we could get the truck grant because it continually scored well. Although not ideal, we hope you support this strategy. With a 650 day estimated delivery, we expect to take delivery in the fall of 2024 and with supply chain issues that's not even a solid date.

Each year we receive support from many local businesses. This support plays an important part in us being able to provide service to the community. We want to thank each of them for supporting our efforts. They include; West Oil Company, Heartwellville Service, Gordon's Garage, Northeast Municipal, Northern Berkshire EMS, ProCom Services, RD Repair, Adam Lamire, Bulldog Fire Apparatus, O'Reilly Auto Parts, and McClain Electric. We also say thank you to employers that support our members and let them leave work to fulfill their commitment to the Fire Company. They include; Williams College, O'Reilly Auto Parts and the City of North Adams. We also thank the Selectboard for their unwavering support and the Stamford Highway Dept for working with us at calls when needed.

Finally we say thank you to our members. For there would be no Fire Company without you. Thank you for your dedication to this community. Thank you for the late nights, weekends and holidays that you work to care for this community and thank you for being the one to accept this burden.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy 2023.

Paul Ethier, Fire Chief
Jan Farinon, President
Terry Matimore, Treasurer
Kathy Meranti, Secretary
Bill Levine, Trustee
Jeanne Lapine, Trustee

Stamford Volunteer Fire Company Inc.	2022 Proposed	2022 Expenses	2023 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	\$672.10	\$800.00
Heating Oil	\$3,000.00	\$5,722.03	\$3,500.00
Electricity	\$2,200.00	\$1,074.54	\$2,300.00
VT State Firefighters Association Dues	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Berkshire County Fire Mutual Aid Dues	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$200.00
Fuel (Gas & Diesel)	\$1,500.00	\$2,170.01	\$1,800.00
Book Keeping	\$800.00	\$947.06	\$800.00
Insurance (liability, property, workers comp)	\$9,500.00	\$8,564.07	\$9,500.00
Postage and Office Supplies	\$250.00	\$126.95	\$250.00
Firefighter Physicals (OSHA Requirement)	\$2,600.00	\$2,905.00	\$2,600.00
Fire & EMS Training	\$1,000.00	\$616.23	\$1,000.00
Maintenance Engine 1(1997 Freightliner)	\$3,200.00	\$6,086.58	\$3,500.00
Maintenance Engine 2 (1988 Mack)	\$3,200.00	\$3,868.75	\$3,500.00
Maintenance Tanker 4 (2005 Freightliner)	\$3,200.00	\$4,241.19	\$3,500.00
Maintenance Squad 3 (2005 Ford F-350)	\$1,000.00	\$1,673.00	\$1,000.00
Maintenance Truck 5 (2007 Dodge 2500)	\$1,000.00	\$462.05	\$1,000.00
Maintenance of Building	\$3,500.00	\$2,509.22	\$3,500.00
Annual Carpenter Ant Spraying	\$175.00	\$195.00	\$175.00
Maintenance of Equipment	\$1,400.00	\$1,382.05	\$1,500.00
Maintenance of Pagers and Two-way Radios	\$1,300.00	\$2,042.80	\$1,300.00
Maintenance of Jaws of Life	\$650.00	\$1,196.00	\$650.00
Maintenance of (5) Dry Hydrants	\$300.00	\$78.00	\$300.00
Maintenance of Furnace	\$300.00	\$663.00	\$300.00
Maintenance of Emergency Generator & Propane	\$350.00	\$208.73	\$350.00
Maintenance of SCBA	\$1,500.00	\$1,710.50	\$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	\$2,000.00	\$1,565.00	\$2,000.00
Replacement of Equipment	\$4,800.00	\$5,582.24	\$5,000.00
Budget Total	\$56,425.00	\$61,412.10	\$58,525.00
Checking Account Balance 12/31/22		\$1,376.35	
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 12/31/21	\$6,363.45
<u>2022 Receipts</u>	
Town Appropriation	\$56,425.00
Total Funds Available	\$62,788.45

Submitted By:
Janice Farinon
Kathy Meranti
June Mattimore
Bill Levine
Jeanne Lapine



Superintendent's Annual Report Letter 2022 - 2023

Dear WSWSU Families and Friends,

Wow, it is already time for me to share my fifth letter with you, the community members of the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union. I am honored to continue to serve as Superintendent alongside the many hardworking and dedicated people employed by our supervisory union. I am always filled with awe and gratitude toward our team of staff, board members, and community partners who consistently demonstrate a passionate commitment to our students. WSWSU is as dedicated as ever to our mission to discover and cultivate the unique gifts, talents, and interests of every student. To that end, we collaboratively created a vision that represents our stakeholders' hopes for all graduates of WSWSU.

Windham Southwest Supervisory Union creates pathways for our students to become powerful communicators, critical thinkers, and collaborators who use empathy and take responsibility for relationships, lifelong learning, and adaptability in our changing world.

We harnessed the energy that comes from a bold vision and used it to create our WSWSU Strategic Plan for Student Success. This five year plan will enable us to have students leave our schools with the tools and skills needed to be college or career ready and succeed in an unknown future. Our Strategic Plan focuses on:

1. Social Emotional Learning, Mental Health, and Well Being

WSWSU Schools will create a welcoming and inclusive environment by practicing empathy to build relationships, collaborate to support positive behavior, and cultivate responsibility for a safe school community.

2. Student Engagement

WSWSU Students will participate in learning pathways through school, community, and extra curricular activities with relevance to their interests and goals, and depth of rigor to develop key competencies of critical thinking, communication and adaptability.

3. Academic Achievement and Success

WSWSU students will engage in academic learning through classes and experiential pathways to develop and demonstrate the essential academic proficiencies and portrait competencies necessary for success in ongoing education, work, and service.

4. Sustainability

WSWSU schools will, in order to sustain our work to achieve our vision, engage with community members as partners, attract and retain high quality staff, and operate collectively to serve all WSWSU youth.

We have already begun implementing key strategies from the Strategic Plan. One thread that can be found throughout the plan is our shared commitment to make our schools more welcoming, equitable and inclusive. We welcome you and our broader community to join us in this effort to make our schools the best they can be. It is truly only through collaboration that we can accomplish our shared vision. To all our taxpayers and residents, please know that your support and belief in our schools directly influences the lives of every student. Thank you.

Barbara Anne



The Stamford School

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January 15, 2023

Hello Stamford Community!

The 2022-23 school year is well underway, and what a difference one year can make! While we continue to face some of the same challenges we have faced in the past and that other schools continue to face (COVID absences, staffing challenges, etc.), I am happy to report that we have been experiencing greater stability than in the past few years, and greater stability than many other schools in our region.

We began the school year with all teacher positions filled with licensed professionals, and with qualified individuals in all other key positions. We have been able to resume student visits to the library by engaging a retired teacher from the community on a substitute basis. We were able to expand our early childhood program to include a limited number of 3 year olds into our preschool program. We were able to safely open our doors to families for our Back-to-School night, parent conferences, and our Winter Concert. Our students' learning experiences have been enriched through field trips and special guest programs. Thanks to the support of the community, we were also able to boost our classroom libraries so all students have ready access to high-interest books of diverse genres at their reading levels, and we were able to replace old and broken furniture in two of our classrooms. Through careful financial stewardship, we have been able to keep constantly rising costs within our budget, and save funds wherever possible.

Along with our collaborators across our Windham Southwest Supervisory Union, we have embarked on a strategic planning process to identify priorities for our work together, and part of that process has included working with members of each school and community to establish a Portrait of Student Success. The Portrait identifies 6 core competencies that we want all students to possess by the time they leave our schools: Adaptability, Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Empathy and Responsibility. In this initial year, we have begun to educate our students about these competencies in developmentally appropriate ways, and will continue to build their skills in these areas in the months and years to come.

As you know, budgeting is always a challenging prospect, whether for our own family life, a business, or our school; without a crystal ball, it is hard to imagine what the future holds. When we began the budget process for the current school year, for example, none of us knew that we would face some major

unexpected repairs, and that inflation would cause the costs of everyday materials and supplies to increase so greatly. As we look to next year, we expect that some of the daily costs of running our school will stay at the current level or even increase, as so our budget for 2023-24 does somewhat reflect that. We are also looking to create greater sustainability for the future by creating a plan for cyclical replacements of older furniture and classroom books. This will shield us from incurring large sporadic spikes in these expenses in years to come. Acknowledging the research on student success and the expanding needs of our community, we also plan to invest in early childhood education, establishing a stand-alone, half-day preschool program, and a dedicated full-day kindergarten program. The budget also includes the expansion of opportunities for students with an additional 0.2 FTE teacher to provide enriching experiences for students, and to also provide some targeted intervention support for students in need. We are also hoping to continue to provide the same level of nursing support for our students, budgeting to pick up the cost of one day/week of school nurse costs that were previously covered by an expiring grant. We are also working to make our building more energy efficient and to comply with evolving requirements by converting our current fluorescent lighting to LED lighting fixtures.

While we have many other things we would like to do in order to expand, improve and enrich our students' learning experience, we also try to balance that with the resources needed to support our school. Dollar to dollar, the budget is lower than the previous year, but Stamford's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) calculated by the state has changed based on property values, which results in an overall increase for most taxpayers. We are fortunate to have experienced some strong fiscal oversight in the past yielding a fund balance which will help to lower the burden on taxpayers in order to support the rising costs of sustaining our programs and our targeted additions. At a time when families experience so many rising costs, and the CLA has decreased, we are happy to present a decreased budget over the previous year which will, for most taxpayers, result in a small tax increase that stays below the current cost of inflation while maintaining and expanding the high quality education our students deserve.

Thank you for your partnership in this endeavor. If you have any questions about the current educational program, or the proposed budget and future programming, please do not hesitate to contact me in advance of the Town Meeting and Budget Vote. Together we will continue to make the Stamford School the very best little school in the world!

Your proud Stamford School principal,



Randy Lichtenwalner
Principal

Randy Lichtenwalner, Principal

After two long years of reduced visitors and state mandates it is wonderful to welcome students, community and volunteers back to the school building. The Stamford school board of directors is proud to make Stamford Elementary School a safe and welcoming school for all. We are pleased to share that the school is fully staffed and want to thank all those involved in the process, especially Principal Randy Lichtenwalner. A big welcome to all new staff!

There have been an abundance of maintenance and repairs completed. The first is the updated sound system, not only has this been instrumental for school functions but should benefit the town during meetings and events. The middle school boiler had the chimney cap blow off during a storm and needed replacement. The electrical control panel to the HVAC system was replaced due to a fan malfunction, the septic system was cleaned, and there is a new freezer in the kitchen. Radon testing, mandated by the state, was completed and results are in. A major upgrade to the school, set to be complete this year, is the replacement of the library and town windows. This will complete the window renovations for the entire building. The dilapidated wooden picnic tables were replaced, huge thanks to the PTG. Classroom libraries have been updated and all classrooms have new rugs. New classroom furniture was purchased for the 1-2 classroom and math and science room. There have been numerous ongoing repairs to the UV water filtration system and long-term solutions are being discussed. New LED lights have been installed in the gymnasium.

The key card system has been updated but we are still working on what the future of the system will look like and how to make it safer and more user friendly for school and community needs. Preliminary quotes prove this to be a costly endeavor. The building exterior will need to be painted this year, also not an inexpensive job. The final foreseen major undertaking in repairs is the state mandated replacement of all fluorescent lights in the building to LED lights. Though this is mandated, no funding is available and the cost falls solely to the district.

The budget we are proposing has the addition of a half day stand-alone preschool program with a part time Para educator. The school board of directors believes this is a sound investment. Early childhood education is of the utmost importance and aligns with the vision we are trying to attain for Stamford Elementary School.

The Stamford school directors have brought forth a budget that progresses our vision for the school while being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers. You will see the overall operating budget is lower than last year but the tax rate is still up. The major driving force for this is not in our control. The CLA (common level of appraisal) is currently 78.12%. When this number is below 100% it drives the tax rate up for the school. For reference, in the last budget the CLA was 92.51%, if that were the case this year the tax rate for the school would have been 1.11 instead of 1.316.

To try and ease this burden we are proposing to use the entire fund balance of \$182,670 to reduce expenditures. We are asking that 25% (\$45,667) of the fund

balance be designated for the aforementioned building repairs and upgrades, along with the ever unstable boiler situation. If we are granted permission to set aside funds for our maintenance reserve account, we will then utilize \$45,667 from the tax stabilization account (set up at last years' town meeting) to reduce taxes.

We would like to thank Barbara Malinowski and Helen Fields for their service on the school board and welcome Betsy Parrington and Danielle Smith. A big thank you to the PTG for tirelessly supporting the school. The Stamford Fall Fest was a huge success and we look forward to more of these events. Not only do they raise funds for the school and students but foster wonderful community building.

Thank you to the students, staff, administration and community for your continued support in making Stamford Elementary School, "The best little school in the world, where small classes explore big ideas!"

Respectfully yours,

The Stamford School Board of Directors

Erika Bailey-Chair

Kelly Holland-Vice Chair

Gary Bellows

Betsy Parrington

Danielle Smith

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

As of December 31, 2022

	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ELEMENTARY:	PK	9
	K	8
	1	9
	2	8
	3	8
	4	5
	5	6
	6	6
	7	6
	8	9
Total Elementary:		74
SECONDARY:	Drury	11
	McCann	23
	Mt. Greylock	1
	Private	2
Total Secondary:		37
TOTAL ENROLLMENT:		111

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF 2022-2023

Faculty and Staff paid out of Stamford School District Budget As of December 2022

Name	Position	Degree	Experience
Greta Facchetti	36% PE Teacher	Masters	12 years
Leslie Leff	40% Guidance	Masters+30	24 years
Randy Lichtenwalner	Principal		
Amy Maselli	PreK/K	Bachelors	11 years
Skylar Mead	MS ELA/SS	Masters	5 years
Kamaree Saldo	20% Art	Bachelors+30	3 years
Kristy Sherman	1/2 Grade Teacher	Masters	25 years
Stacia Skwirut	MS Math/Science	Masters	1 year
Clayton Zeller-Townson	20% Music	Masters+15	1 year
Kayla Solomon-Lane	3/4 Grade Teacher	Masters+30	10 years
TBH	20% IT Tech		
Glenn Thurber	Specialized Paraprofessional		
David Leveque	Custodian		
Brandon Horn	Cook		
Michelle Desautels	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		
Ruth Huttner	50% Speech Pathologist	Masters	2 years
Madeline Levy	Special Ed Teacher	Masters +30	35 years
Kristie Henderson	Special Ed Paraprofessional		
Meg Woodbury	40% Occupational Therapist		
David Nicol	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>INSTRUCTION</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2022</u>	<u>Acutal</u> <u>FY - 2022</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2023</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2024</u>
NICOLE RINDELL	0	55,130.00	47,332	0
GRETA FACCHETTI .36	21,418	21,662.00	22,450	24,944
AMY MASELLI	27,292	27,565.00	28,676	57,352
CLAY ZELLER-TOWNSON .2/.4	0	9,119.67	9,800	19,601
M. BOUCHARD	44,762	24,682.22	47,332	0
KRISTY SHERMAN	69,317	70,010.00	72,380	72,380
ALMA HART .2	14,518	0.00	0	0
KAMAREE SALDO ART .2	6,943	0.00	7,083	9,800
LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE	0	0.00	18,731	21,000
NICHOLAS DICHRISTOFARO	51,310	0.00	0	0
D LANCTO	48,036	24,389.12	50,671	0
STACIA SKWIRUT	0	0.00	0	47,332
SKYLAR MEAD	0	0.00	0	50,671
KAYLA SOLOMON	0	0.00	0	59,021
REG ED PARA	0	0.00	0	0
C CANDILORO	19,869	4,949.91	22,089	0
SUBSTITUTES	8,500	35,732.90	8,500	8,500
GLENN THURBER	0	0.00	0	22,906
TBH .5 PARA	0	0.00	0	9,884
HOSPITALIZATION	63,637	43,407.44	62,682	128,199
HSA	0	0.00	0	4,000
GLENN THURBER FICA	0	0.00	0	1,752
STACIA SKWIRUT FICA	0	0.00	0	3,621
NICOLE RINDELL FICA	0	4,217.46	3,621	0
SKYLAR MEAD FICA	0	0.00	0	3,876
KAYLA SOLOMON FICA	0	0.00	0	4,515
GRETA FACCHETTI .36 FICA	1,638	1,656.97	1,717	1,908
AMY MASELLI FICA	2,088	1,899.65	2,194	4,387
CLAY ZELLER-TOWNSON .2 FICA	0	459.69	750	1,499
MEGAN BOUCHARD FICA	3,424	1,685.67	3,621	0
KRISTY SHERMAN FICA	5,303	5,081.19	5,537	5,537
TBH .5 PARA FICA	0	0.00	0	756
ALMA HART .2 FICA	1,111	0.00	0	0
KAMAREE SALDO ART .2	531	0.00	542	750
LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE FICA	0	0.00	1,433	1,607
NICHOLAS DICHRISTOFARO FICA	3,925	0.00	0	0

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2022</u>	<u>Acutal</u> <u>FY - 2022</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2023</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2024</u>
D LANCTO FICA	3,675	1,848.05	3,876	0
C CANDILORO FICA	1,520	378.66	1,690	0
SUBSTITUTES FICA	650	2,733.56	650	650
VSTRS OPEB	9,338	7,146.67	10,281	10,060
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	944	274.31	2,144	2,999
TCHRS RETIREMENT CONT	1,827	1,500.88	1,779	2,213
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	2,496	3,085.73	3,016	3,902
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	2,500	2,456.00	2,500	2,500
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	6,844	1,600.00	13,688	11,411
HRA CONTRIBUTIONS	11,855	12,499.22	12,587	18,533
DENTAL	3,081	2,262.66	3,512	5,956
LIFE & DISABILITY	1,560	153.76	2,147	2,793
HRA-FSA	0	94.50	175	175
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0	0.00	0	0
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	5,000	5,609.32	5,000	5,000
FIELD TRIPS	1,000	857.01	1,500	1,500
SUPPLIES	8,500	7,549.16	13,000	10,000
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	1,500	4,534.29	15,873	6,500
EQUIPMENT	1,000	1,000.00	19,600	7,500
FOUR WINDS PROGRAM	1,400	0.00	1,400	1,400
CONTINGENCY	0	0.00	0	40,987
Total INSTRUCTION	458,312	387,232.67	531,559	699,877
 <u>TECHNOLOGY</u>				
TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN	500	637.50	10,608	11,138
TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN FICA	38	48.77	812	852
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	4	4.94	95	100
TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR	200	0.00	200	200
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,000	0.00	1,000	1,000
ISP/WEB	2,800	990.00	2,800	2,800
SOFTWARE/LICENCES	2,000	326.70	17,200	17,200
EQUIPMENT	3,000	590.63	11,000	11,000
Total TECHNOLOGY	9,542	2,598.54	43,715	44,290
 STUDENT ACTIVITIES				
8TH GRADE ADVISOR	250	250.00	250	250
8TH GRADE ADVISOR	19	19.13	19	19
MISC EXPENSES	500	89.90	500	500
Total STUDENT ACTIVITIES	769	359.03	769	769

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	<u>FY-2022</u>	<u>FY - 2022</u>	<u>FY-2023</u>	<u>FY-2024</u>
<u>ATHLETICS</u>				
SALARIES	1,200	-	1,200	2,500
FICA/WORKERS COMP	102	12.36	103	214
SUPPLIES	300	-	300	600
EQUIPMENT	400	0.00	400	800
DUES & FEES	100	-	100	200
Total ATHLETICS	2,102	12.36	2,103	4,314
<u>GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT</u>				
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR .4	21,834	29,327.00	30,288	30,288
HOSPITALIZATION	-	4,933.50	6,042	6,811
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR .4 FICA	1,670	2,243.54	2,317	2,317
WORKERS COMP	175	216.35	273	289
CREDIT REIMB	410	0.00	410	829
OTHER BENEFITS	120	0.00	-	-
HRA	-	2,390.75	1,067	1,600
DENTAL	0	358.60	0	476
LIFE & DISABILITY	-	143.22	182	192
Total GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	24,209	39,612.96	40,579	42,802
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u>				
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	15,225	12,631.60	13,984	17,242
TRAVEL	0	0.00	0	100
SUPPLIES	650	407.02	650	650
SOFTWARE	-	0.00	445	455
DUES & FEES	0	180.00	0	0
Total HEALTH SERVICES	15,875	13,218.62	15,079	18,447
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	10,000	6,300.00	10,000	10,000
<u>LIBRARY SERVICES</u>				
TBH .2	10,917	0.00	11,136	11,136
HOSPITALIZATION	1,605	-	-	-
TBH .2 FICA	835	-	852	852
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	87	107.56	100	105
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	205	0.00	205	415
HRA	1,680	-	-	-
DENTAL	333	-	-	-
LIFE & DISABILITY	60	-	-	-
SUPPLIES	650	-	650	800
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	300	0.00	300	600

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2022</u>	<u>Acutal</u> <u>FY - 2022</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2023</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2024</u>
DUES & FEES	0	-	-	-
Total LIBRARY SERVICES	16,672	107.56	13,243	13,908
 <u>SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES</u>				
SALARIES	1,800	1,560.00	1,800	1,800
SALARIES FICA	138	119.34	138	138
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,800	857.54	1,800	1,800
LIABILITY INSURANCE	3,137	3,287.08	3,385	4,130
ADVERTISING	800	124.95	800	800
DUES & FEES	1,500	1,149.61	1,500	1,500
MISC EXPENSES	100	0.00	100	100
Total SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES	9,275	7,098.52	9,523	10,268
 SUPERVISORY UN ASSESSMENT	 106,689	 106,688.69	 106,849	 63,960
 <u>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</u>				
ROBYN OYER	87,000	0.00	0	0
SECRETARY SUMMER	244	0.00	291	305
AMANDA MOLA	25,984	6,451.34	0	0
RANDY LICHTENWALNER	0	109,000.00	114,000	119,700
MAYA MILLER	0	21,471.71	31,008	32,558
HOSPITALIZATION	0	21,175.96	22,278	25,114
ROBYN OYER FICA	6,656	0.00	0	0
RANDY LICHTENWALNER FICA	0	7,939.70	8,721	9,157
SECRETARY SUMMER FICA	19	0.00	22	23
AMANDA MOLA FICA	1,988	493.53	0	0
MAYA MILLER FICA	0	1,642.61	2,372	2,491
VT MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	1,246	1,414.87	1,643	1,725
403B RETIREMENT	0	0.00	570	599
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	906	1,120.07	1,308	1,373
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	500	135.00	500	500
HRA	0	0.00	3200	3200
DENTAL PROGRAM	0	880.20	915	952
LIFE & DISABILITY	479	677.32	872	915
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	2,500	2,170.84	0	0
POSTAGE	500	56.82	500	500
TELEPHONE	3,675	5,056.16	5,736	4,500
PETTY CASH	0	0.00	0	0
TRAVEL	300	87.97	300	300
SUPPLIES	400	241.17	400	400
EQUIPMENT	250	38.36	250	250
DUES & FEES	1,500	1,252.00	1,500	1,500

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	Budget	Acutal	Budget	Budget
	<u>FY-2022</u>	<u>FY - 2022</u>	<u>FY-2023</u>	<u>FY-2024</u>
Total OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	134,147	181,305.63	196,386	206,062
 <u>MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</u>				
GENERAL MAINTENANCE	1,000	1,883.06	1,000	1,000
RICHARD CRISTOFOLINI	28,121	25,629.15	0	0
DAVID LEVEQUE	0	9,598.75	28,860	29,338
HOSPITALIZATION	0	0.00	11,328	0
GENERAL MAINTENANCE FICA	77	144.07	77	77
RICHARD CRISTOFOLINI FICA	2,151	1,960.71	0	0
DAVID LEVEQUE	0	734.34	2,208	2,237
VT MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	1,336	1,682.48	1,515	1,535
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	233	288.06	269	272
HRA	0	0.00	3,520	0
DENTAL	0	0.00	915	0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3,000	3,259.00	3,000	3,000
CONTRACTED SNOW REMOVAL	1,500	0.00	1,500	1,500
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	6,775	13,438.37	6,775	6,775
CONTRACTED SERVICES	5,225	2,356.25	5,225	6,025
LED UPGRADE	0	0.00	0	20,000
CONTROL SYSTEM REPAIR	10,000	325.00	0	0
ASBESTOS INSPECTION	100	420.00	100	100
PROPERTY INSURANCE	4,900	5,533.13	5,550	6,420
SUPPLIES	5,050	4,440.15	5,050	5,050
ELECTRICITY	14,050	14,557.68	13,850	14,851
GAS FOR STOVE	1,350	1,751.37	1,350	1,785
FUEL OIL	14,500	13,839.68	16,000	25,500
EQUIPMENT	1,000	0.00	1,000	1,000
DUES AND FEES	1,000	120.00	1,000	1,000
Total MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	101,368	101,961.25	110,092	127,465
 TRANSPORTATION	 96,490	 76,701.12	 78,724	 86,055

PRESCHOOL

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Acutal</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	<u>FY-2022</u>	<u>FY - 2022</u>	<u>FY-2023</u>	<u>FY-2024</u>
AMY MASELLI .5	27,292	27,565.00	28,676	0
BRITTANY FIELD	9,935	0.00	0	0
PREK TEACHER TBH .5	0	0.00	0	28,676
TABITHA FLYNN .5	0	6,081.39	0	0
MICHELLE DESAUTELS .5	0	0.00	11,045	9,884
HOSPITALIZATION	11,117	10,587.92	11,139	6,279
BRITTANY FIELD FICA	760	0.00	0	0
AMY MASELLI .5 FICA	2,088	1,899.59	2,194	0
TABITHA FLYNN .5 FICA	0	465.24	0	0
MICHELLE DESAUTELS .5 FICA	0	0.00	845	756
PREK TEACHER TBH FICA	0	0.00	0	2,194
VT MUN RETIREMENT	0	249.11	580	577
WORKMENS COMP	297	367.17	357	377
HRA CONTRIBUTIONS	1,694	993.58	1,600	3,200
DENTAL	440	440.10	458	952
LIFE & DISABILITY	150	0.00	172	251
PRE-K TUITION	10,608	3,536.00	10,968	3,764
Total PRESCHOOL	64,381	52,185.10	68,034	56,910
 <u>HIGH SCHOOL TUITION</u>				
TUITION VT LEA'S	31,794	15,604.29	17,000	0
TUITION OUTSIDE VT LEA'S	116,325	162,758.63	134,440	145,368
PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION	16,557	16,842.00	17,347	8,505
HIGH SCHOOL TUITION	164,676	195,204.92	168,787	153,873
 <u>VOCATIONAL EDUCATION</u>	 498,150	 429,617.00	 457,248	 329,648
 <u>SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES</u>	 200	 0.00	 200	 200
 <u>SU SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT</u>				
SU SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	59,285	59,284.75	91,365	115,717
SPED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	118,813	76,285.70	198,245	63,155
Total SU SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	178,098	135,570.45	289,610	178,872
 FOOD SERVICE SUPPORT	 17,500	 124.57	 16,800	 16,800
 TOTAL	 1,908,455	 1,735,899	 2,159,300	 2,064,520
 PENSION EXPENSE	 -	 105,129.00	 -	 -
 OPEB ON BEHALF	 -	 41,081.00	 -	 -
TOTAL BUDGET	1,908,455	1,882,108.99	2,159,300	2,064,520

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

	<u>2022-2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2023-2024</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)	851,330	1,036,155	184,825
Pre-K Tuition/Program	68,034	56,910	(11,124)
Elementary Athletics	2,103	4,314	2,211
Elementary Plant Operations	110,092	127,465	17,373
Elementary Special Education	200	200	-
Sub-Total Elementary (K-8) Costs	<u>1,031,759</u>	<u>1,225,044</u>	<u>193,285</u>
School Board Costs	9,523	10,268	745
WSWSU Assessment	106,849	63,960	(42,889)
WSWSU Special Ed Assessment	91,365	115,717	24,352
WSWSU District Assessment	198,245	63,155	(135,090)
Transportation	78,724	86,055	7,331
Tuition (Secondary)	626,035	483,521	(142,514)
Food Service Support	16,800	16,800	-
Total Budget without Special Article	2,159,300	2,064,520	(94,780)
Special Article: Heating Control Upgrade			-
Total Budget	2,159,300	2,064,520	(94,780)

<u>Tuitions:</u>	Students	Cost	
Drury	9	14,116	127,044
Mt Greylock	1	18,324	18,324
McCann	16	20,603	329,648
Private	1	8,505	8,505
Total	27	61,548	483,521

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

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2023-2024 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Budget without Articles	2,159,300.00	2,064,520.00	
Total Budget	0.00	2,064,520.00	2,064,520.00

INSTRUCTION	531,559.00	699,877.00	
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Substitutes	8,500.00	8,500.00	0.00
Payment for substitutes supporting our school.			

Health: Hospitalization-Board Costs	62,682.00	128,199.00	65,517.00
SINGLE PREMIUM	8,042.69	9,066.48	1,023.79
TWO PERSON PREMIUM	15,104.54	17,027.40	1,922.86
FAMILY PREMIUM	22,278.34	25,114.44	2,836.10
PARENT AND CHILD(REN)	12,434.30	14,017.20	1,582.90

The School District pays 80% of the cost of the Gold CDHP, or Silver CDHP plan according to the state negotiated employee benefit plan.

HRA/HSA Contributions	12,587.00	22,533.00	9,946.00
Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA's) are employer funded group health benefits allowing employees tax-free payments for qualified out of pocket health costs.			

Dental:	3,512.00	5,956.00	2,444.00
The School District pays 90% of the premium for dental insurance for all eligible staff.			

Life and Long Term Disability	2,147.00	2,793.00	646.00
For eligible staff			

VT Municipal Retirement (VMERS)	2,144.00	2,999.00	855.00
Contribution to State run retirement for at will employees and para educators.			

VSTRS OPEB:	10,281.00	10,060.00	-221.00
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:	3,016.00	3,902.00	886.00
Insurance to cover proven job related illness or injury as required by law.			

Unemployment Insurance:	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
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**STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET EXPLANATION AND REVIEW**

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2023-2024 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
As required by law.			
Credit Reimbursement:	13,688.00	11,411.00	-2,277.00
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.			
Repairs and Maintenance:	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Used for copier contract and maintenance of copier.			
Field Trips:	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
This will allow for field trips and transportation costs for all classes.			
Supplies:	13,000.00	10,000.00	-3,000.00
This includes curriculum, teacher supplies, paper, assessment materials, student supplies.			
Books & Periodicals:	15,873.00	6,500.00	-9,373.00
Text books and consumable materials to align with Common Core State Standards. Increased to support increased purchases of classroom reading materials.			
Equipment:	19,600.00	7,500.00	-12,100.00
This is used to update instruction equipment, with the intention to purchase new desks, chairs, and bookcases for classrooms.			
Four Winds Program:	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
Four Winds is a community based program for elementary aged students to encourage and appreciation for nature in their own backyard.			
TECHNOLOGY	43,715.00	44,290.00	575.00

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
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This is to support 8th grade graduation and an 8th grade advisor.

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

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2023-2024 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
ATHLETICS	2,102.00	4,314.00	2,212.00

This money is allotted to pay for referees/coaches and sporting equipment.

GUIDANCE	40,579.00	42,802.00	2,223.00
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This covers the school counselor position including teaching services, counseling services, and 504 services.

HEALTH SERVICES	15,079.00	18,447.00	3,368.00
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Certified school nurse, supplies and software fees comprise these costs.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
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Money to support additional resources for teachers to improve the delivery of instruction practices to help better student outcomes.

LIBRARY SERVICES	13,243.00	13,908.00	665.00
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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	9,523.00	10,268.00	745.00
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This covers expenses for liability insurance for the School Directors, legal services, advertising, VSBA membership and school board member gratuities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	475,023.00	328,887.00	-146,136.00
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WSWSU Reg Ed Assessment	106,689.00	63,960.00	-42,729.00
WSWSU Spec Ed Assessment	91,365.00	115,717.00	24,352.00
WSWSU Spec Ed Services Assessment	198,245.00	63,155.00	-135,090.00
WSWSU Transportation Assessment	78,724.00	86,055.00	7,331.00

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	196,386.00	206,062.00	9,676.00
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Postage:	500.00	500.00	0.00
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Telephone:	3,675.00	5,736.00	2,061.00
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**STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET EXPLANATION AND REVIEW**

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2023-2024 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
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
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	110,092.00	127,465.00	17,373.00
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.	5,550.00	6,420.00	870.00
Supplies: Consumable supplies needed to provide a clean and healthy environment for students and staff.	5,050.00	5,050.00	0.00
Electricity:	13,850.00	14,851.00	1,001.00
Gas for Stove:	1,350.00	1,785.00	435.00
Fuel Oil: Based on 6,000 gallons of #2 fuel, with costs rising.	16,000.00	25,500.00	9,500.00
Equipment:	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Dues & Fees:	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
PRESCHOOL	68,034.00	56,910.00	-11,124.00

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

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Proposed 2023-2024 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
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.			
HIGH SCHOOL TUITION	626,035.00	483,521.00	-142,514.00
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:	17,000.00	0.00	-17,000.00
Outside VT LEA's:	134,440.00	145,368.00	10,928.00
Private Schools:	17,347.00	8,505.00	-8,842.00
Vocational Education:	457,248.00	329,648.00	-127,600.00
Drury (9 students)		127,044.00	
Mt Greylock		18,324.00	
McCann (16 students)		329,648.00	
Private (1 student)		8,505.00	
Projected high school enrollment	SY 22-23	SY 23-24	
	39.00	27.00	
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

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2022: Fund Balance (surplus)	\$478,189.45
Financial Audit	
Less:	
Fund Balance (surplus) reserved for:	
Maintenance Reserve	(109,816.30)
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)
Balance	\$182,669.54

BUDGET COMPARISON

	2022-2023	2023-2024
School Operating Budget	\$2,159,300.00	\$2,064,520.00
Total Budget	\$2,159,300.00	\$2,064,520.00
Funds To Be Applied:		
Fund Balance (surplus)	77,000.00	182,669.54
Tuition	14,500.00	0.00
State Small Schools Grant	107,299.00	107,299.00
State Vocational Tuition Reimbursement	85,004.00	80,000.00
Census Block Grant	282,610.00	0.00
Interest Income	250.00	250.00
Federal Forestry	6,200.00	7,500.00
Funds Applied to Budget (Revenue)	\$572,863.00	\$377,718.54
TOTAL BUDGET MINUS REVENUE	\$1,586,437.00	\$1,686,801.46

Stamford Tax Factors
2023-2024

2023-2024 Budget	\$	2,064,520
2023-2024 Revenue	\$	377,719
Education Expenses	\$	1,686,801
Equalized Pupils	\$	106.05
Per Pupil Cost	\$	15,906
Est. Residential Tax Rate 2023-2024	\$	1.3154
Non-Residential Rate	\$	1.7742
Prior Year Per Pupil Cost	\$	15,898
Per pupil change		0.0%
Prior year Ed Spending	\$	1,586,437
Ed Spending change		6.3%
Prior Year Residential Tax Rate	\$	1.2379
Prior Year Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$	1.6020
Anticipated Residential Tax Rate Change	\$	0.0775

Yield Per Eq Pup	\$	15,479
Common Level of Appraisal		78.12%
VT Residential rate*	\$	1.000
VT Non-Residential rate*	\$	1.386

* Tax Commissioner recommendation, based on current information, of \$1.00/\$1.386

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

* Yield per equalized pupil to be finalized by Legislature.

District: Stamford		T194		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$15,479 of spending per equalized pupil
SU: Windham Southwest		Bennington County		15,479	1.00
				17,600	
				Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
Expenditures		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,939,477	\$1,908,455	\$2,159,300	\$2,064,520
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)	NA	NA	NA	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,939,477	\$1,908,455	\$2,159,300	\$2,064,520
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Expenditures	\$1,939,477	\$1,908,455	\$2,159,300	\$2,064,520
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	\$328,887
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)	\$268,073	\$256,591	\$572,863	\$377,719
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	\$268,073	\$256,591	\$572,863	\$377,719
14.	Education Spending	\$1,671,404	\$1,651,864	\$1,586,437	\$1,686,801
15.	Equalized Pupils	109.55	105.72	104.05	106.05
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$15,257.00	\$15,624.90	\$15,246.87	\$15,905.71
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 equp)	\$273.07	\$102.39	\$5.25	-
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 equp)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equp)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equp)	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equp)	-	-	-	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equp)	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equp)	\$84.92	\$88.33	\$98.81	\$94.86
25.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	-
26.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$18,756 \$18,756.00	threshold = \$18,789 \$18,789.00	threshold = \$19,997 \$19,997.00	threshold = \$22,204 \$22,204.00
27.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	2 year suspension	2 year suspension	suspended thru FY29
28.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$15,257	\$15,625	\$15,247	\$15,905.71
29.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	138.725% based on yield \$10.883	138.066% based on yield \$11.317	114.518% based on \$13.314	102.757% based on \$15.479
Prorating the local tax rate					
30.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$15,905.71 ÷ (\$15,479 / \$1.00)]	\$1.3873 based on \$1.00	\$1.3807 based on \$1.00	\$1.1452 based on \$1.00	\$1.0276 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 \$1.03)	\$1.3873	\$1.3807	\$1.1452	\$1.0276
33.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	94.83%	92.07%	92.51%	78.12%
34.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.0276 / 78.12%)	\$1.4629 based on \$1.00	\$1.4996 based on \$1.00	\$1.2379 based on \$1.00	\$1.3154 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) [((\$15,905.71 ÷ \$17,600) x 2.00%]	2.25% based on 2.00%	2.27% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 2.00%
36.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.00%)	2.25% based on 2.00%	2.27% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 2.00%
37.	#N/A	-	-	-	-
38.	#N/A	-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$15,479 for every \$100 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$17,600 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.386. These figures use the estimated \$64,000,000 surplus from the Education Fund. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**Windham Southwest Supervisory Union
Assessment**

	<u>ASSESSMENT 2022-2023</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT 2023-2024</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>% INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>
HALIFAX REG ED	110,000	61,500		
HALIFAX SPECIAL ED SU	94,059	111,266		
HALIFAX SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	203,162	128,942		
	407,221	301,708	(105,513)	-25.91%
READSBORO REG ED	81,691	41,072		
READSBORO SPECIAL ED SU	69,852	74,307		
READSBORO SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	156,304	108,917		
	307,847	224,296	(83,551)	-27.14%
SEARSBURG REGULAR ED	29,946	16,801		
SEARSBURG SPECIAL ED SU	25,606	30,396		
SEARSBURG SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	57,799	121,138		
TOTAL SEARSBURG	113,351	168,335	54,984	48.51%
STAMFORD REGULAR ED	106,848	63,960		
STAMFORD SPECIAL ED SU	91,365	115,717		
STAMFORD SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	198,245	63,155		
TOTAL STAMFORD	396,458	242,832	(153,626)	-38.75%
TVES REGULAR ED	303,466	170,117		
TVES SPECIAL ED SU	259,487	307,773		
TVES SPECIAL ED SU DISTRICT	648,668	504,966		
TOTAL TVES	1,211,621	982,856	(228,765)	-18.88%
TVMHS REGULAR ED	366,259	206,581		
TVMHS SPECIAL ED SU	313,180	373,743		
TVMHS SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	805,986	453,728		
TOTAL TVMHS	1,485,425	1,034,052	(451,373)	-30.39%
TOTAL REGULAR ED	998,210	560,031	(438,179)	-43.90%
TOTAL SPECIAL ED SU	853,549	1,013,202	159,653	18.70%
TOTAL SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	2,070,164	1,380,846	(689,318.00)	-33.30%

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

	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Revenues:			
Interest	649.33	500.00	500
Misc Income	873.83	0.00	0
Spec. Ed Services Assessments	1,052,089.53	2,070,164.00	1,380,846
Spec. Ed State Reim/Grants	2,652,510.08	815,435.00	2,224,664
Prior Year Adjust	-45,891.17	0.00	
Assessments	1,468,030.78	1,851,760.00	1,573,234
General Fund Revenues:	5,128,262.38	4,737,859.00	5,179,244
Fund Balance -Special Ed	0.00	224,297.00	48,693
Fund Balance WSSU	92,652.00	51,310.00	518,755
Total Gen Fund Revenues:	5,220,914.38	5,013,466.00	5,746,692
 Expenditures:			
Superintendent's Office	352,445.71	350,871.00	395,372
Fiscal Services	536,069.33	599,142.00	578,256
Dir. Curriculum	99,330.45	100,009.00	105,659
Special Education:			
Special Education Teachers/Staff	1,330,015.17	1,665,115.00	1,847,545
Special Education Services-District	1,163,546.07	949,643.00	1,460,197
Special Education Transportation	246,733.17	270,841.00	297,768
Speech Services	268,074.02	275,131.00	302,115
Occupational/PT Therapy Services	113,605.12	124,655.00	133,198
School Psychologist/Evaluations	63,401.27	66,265.00	69,802
Alternative Special Ed Program	245,951.77	390,483.00	298,314
EEE Program	82,982.13	95,905.00	99,364
Special Education Administration	124,885.81	125,406.00	159,102
PY Adj	7.81		
Total Gen Fund Expenditures:	4,627,047.83	5,013,466.00	5,746,692
Excess/(Deficiency)	593,866.55		

Revenue & Expense to record State of Vermont payments on behalf of teacher retirement contributins are not included in the above figures. The Windham Southwest Supervisory Union expects the financial budget for FY 2023-2024 to be as budgeted.

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Assessment Breakdown by District:

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Halifax	172,840	204,059.00	172,766
Readsboro	119,489	151,543.00	115,379
Searsburg	44,041	55,552.00	47,197
Stamford	165,973	198,212.00	179,677
Twin Valley	965,688	1,242,394.00	1,058,214
	1,468,031	1,851,760.00	1,573,233
 Special Ed District Assessment			
Halifax	99,771	203,162.00	128,942
Readsboro	53,134	156,304.00	108,917
Searsburg	60,876	57,799.00	121,138
Stamford	118,812	198,245.00	63,155
Twin Valley	852,372	1,454,654.00	958,694
Total Assessment	1,184,965	2,070,164.00	1,380,846

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

	Actual	Budget
	2021-2022	2022-2023
State Funds:		
Act 230/BEST Grant Revenues:	0.00	13,900
State Transportation Aid	238,352.00	238,352
State Hot Lunch Revenues:	4,648.62	4,649
Other State Revenues:	19,224.78	0
Total State Revenues:	262,225.40	256,901
Act 230/BEST Grant Expenditures	0.00	13,900
State Transportation Aid Expenditures	238,352.00	238,352
State Hot Lunch Transfers to Towns	4,648.62	4,649
Other State Grant Expenditures:	19,224.78	0
Total State Expenditures	262,225.40	256,901
Excess/(Deficiency)	0.00	0
	Actual	Budget
	2021-2022	2022-2023
Federal Funds:		
Special Programs Fund Revenues:	1,379,524.68	2,216,564
Hot Lunch Revenues:	474,871.36	474,871
Local & Private Funds:	444,367.63	3,000
Total Revenues:	2,298,763.67	2,694,435
Special Programs Fund Expenditures:	1,750,035.01	0
Hot Lunch Expenditures:	479,519.98	0
Total Expenditures:	2,229,554.99	393,045
Excess/(Deficiency)	69,208.68	0
Title I Fund Revenues:	318,395.26	430,315
Title I Fund Expenditures:	22,339.47	30,791
Title I Transfer to Schools:	296,055.79	399,524
Excess/(Deficiency)	0.00	0
21st Century Fund Revenues:	226,662.05	216,862
Local & Private Funds:	169,397.02	260,754
Total Revenues:	396,059.07	477,616
21 st Century Fund Expenditures:	226,662.05	216,862
Local & Private Expenditures:	169,397.02	260,754
Total Expenditures:	396,059.07	477,616
Excess/(Deficiency)	0.00	0

Federal Revenues for 2022-2023 include carryover from 2021-2022. Budgeted Federal Revenues for 2022-2023 include carryover from 2021-2022 and are restricted for use in those programs only.

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

2021-2022

Fund Balance FY '2022 **\$ 2,292.69**
(Inventory Value)

Hot Lunch Receipts:

Sales to Students	(50.80)
Sales to Adults	20.70
Misc. Sales	0.00
State Match Funds	440.23
Federal Reimbursement	40,766.62
Commodities	2,458.57

Total Receipts **\$ 43,635.32**

Transfer of Funds from School Budget **\$ 124.57**

Hot Lunch Expenses:

Cook Salary	17,802.28
Cook FICA	1,361.88
Workers Compensation	165.66
VT Mun Retire't	833.10
Repairs & Maintenance	172.50
Supplies	0.00
Food, Milk, Supplies	22,509.15

Total Expenditures **\$ 42,844.57**

Fund Balance FY '2022 **\$ 1,377.37**
(+ Inventory Value)

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

January 12, 2023

Board of Directors
Stamford Town School District

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION

The financial statements of the Stamford Town School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Mudgett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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	0.3616	0.4405	0.8021	
* 2023	0.5437	0.4418	0.9855	

*Projected, based on 2022 Grand List and approval of 2022 Warrant Articles 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12

SCHOOL TAX RATE HISTORY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Residential Rate</u>	<u>Non-Residential 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	1.2379	1.5847
** 2023	1.3154	1.7742

** Estimated, set by State of Vermont and approval of all 2023 School Warrant Articles

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