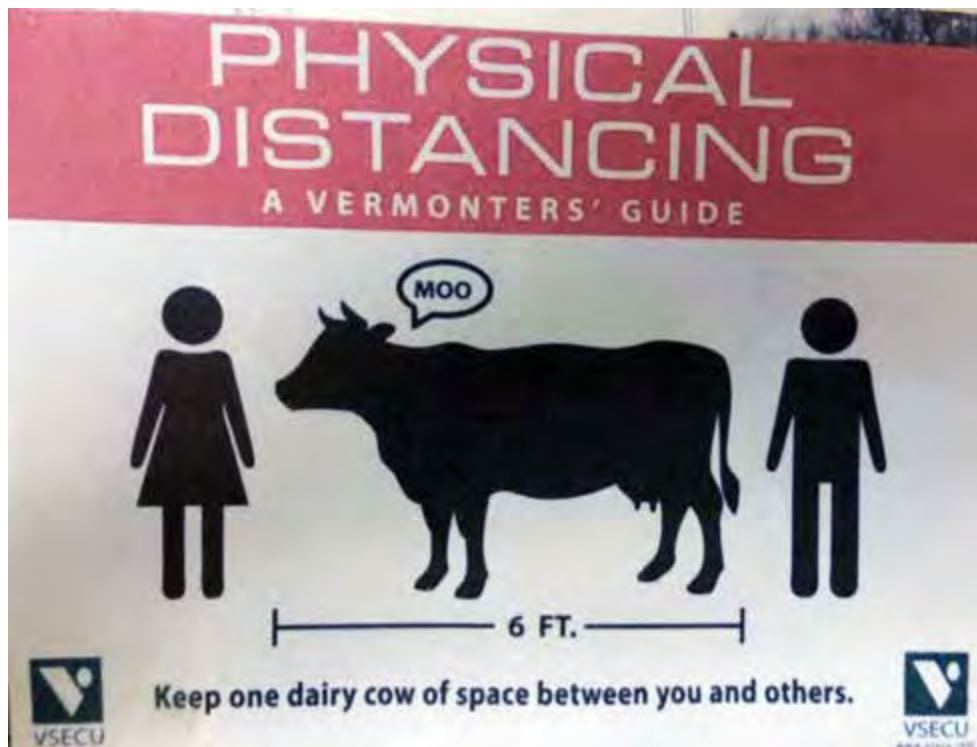


**The Town of Greensboro, Vermont
Annual Report
For Fiscal Year 2020
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020**



THE NEW NORMAL

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021
Australian Ballot Vote
Polls open from 10 am to 7 pm
INFORMATIONAL HEARING
FEBRUARY 27TH AT 3:30 PM VIA ZOOM
CALL IN PHONE NUMBER:
1-646-876-9923
PASSCODE: 520921
MEETING ID: 824 558 6005**

DEDICATION

This year, the Town Report has 2 dedications. I feel strongly that both are so very well deserved that I could not choose between them.

Mark Lichtenstein

This year the Town of Greensboro lost a great servant of our town. Mark and his family came to Greensboro in 1976. He worked with the Northern Counties Health Care group and from 1986 to 1988 he was the President of Copley Hospital Medical Staff. He was the hospital's Medical Director from 2003 to 2007. Mark also was the Medical Director of the Greensboro Nursing Home. Mark worked tirelessly for Greensboro and Hardwick and all the surrounding communities at the Hardwick Health Center. He expressed compassion and also remained open-minded through the years. He and his family enjoyed traveling as well as being outdoors. They traveled to Nepal and South Africa, Australia and Belize, always expanding their knowledge and volunteering in any way they could.

We all depended on Mark and are saddened by his death. Cindy, Isaac, and Spencer, we are here for you and extend our heartfelt sympathies. Thank you for sharing your husband and father with our community for all these years.

The Greensboro Community

This year we would also like to dedicate the Town Report to all residents of Greensboro. As challenging as 2020 was, all of you worked diligently to stay safe and help your neighbors stay safe. You checked in on others, worked to anticipate the needs of others, and made masks and wore masks. Many of you delivered food and groceries to others as well as checked in on those who were sheltering in place. We all showed compassion for others and stepped up when it was the most difficult.

Our school-aged children learned to work from home when necessary, and changed their whole way of learning and living. It was a difficult adjustment for young people and they stepped up like rock stars.

Our businesses changed their way of doing business to keep our people safe while supplying necessary items to proceed on through this pandemic. These essential workers are our lifeline to simple needs.

We learned to never take for granted a dinner out, coffee with a friend, birthday parties, crowded church pews, hugging our family, visiting our loved ones in assisted care facilities, nursing homes, or hospitals, and the smile of a friend.

Thank you and we are all so very proud of all of you for your sacrifices.

Table of Contents

Dedication.....	Inside Front Cover
Table of Contents.....	1
Letter to the Greensboro Community.....	2-7
Important Dates and Items to Remember.....	8
Greensboro Town Taxes at a Glance.....	9-10
Greensboro Elected Officers.....	11
Greensboro Selectboard Appointments.....	12
Warning for Annual Town Meeting.....	13-15
Town Financial Presentation.....	17-21
Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.....	22-27
Vermont State Revenue Report.....	28
Delinquent Tax Report for Fiscal Year 2020.....	28
Greensboro Capital Assets.....	29
Greensboro Capital Budget Fund.....	30-32
Greensboro Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.....	33-34
Greensboro Selectboard’s Report.....	35-36
Greensboro Town Clerk’s Report.....	36
Greensboro Town Treasurer’s Report.....	37
Greensboro Road Crew’s Report.....	38-39
Greensboro Town Health Officer’s Report.....	40
Greensboro Giving Closet’s Report.....	40-41
Greensboro Conservation Commission’s Report.....	41-42
Greensboro Energy Action Committee’s Report.....	42
Greensboro Zoning Administrator’s Report.....	43
Greensboro Planning Commission’s Report.....	43-44
NEK Community Broadband’s Report.....	44-45
Greensboro Cemetery Commission’s Report.....	45
Greensboro Fire Department’s Report.....	46
Hardwick Police Department’s Report.....	47
Hardwick Emergency Rescue Squad’s Report.....	47-48
Greensboro Historical Society’s Report.....	48-49
Greensboro Free Library’s Report.....	49-50
Caspian Lake Beach Committee’s Report.....	50-51
Greensboro Recreation Committee’s Report.....	51
WonderArts’ Report.....	52
Four Seasons of Early Learning’s Report.....	53
Greensboro Nursing Home’s Report.....	53-54
Agencies Requesting Town Funds.....	55
Minutes for Annual Town and Town School District Meeting.....	56-62
Vital Statistics.....	62
Greensboro School Enrollment.....	62
Contact Information for State Representatives and Senators.....	63
Notes.....	63
Recycling Information.....	64
Greensboro Information.....	Inside Back Cover

Letter to the Greensboro Community about Town Meeting in 2021

INTRODUCTION

There are some big changes in store for Town Meeting this year due to the pandemic. This letter will explain some of the changes and help you better understand the items you will be voting on related to Town Meeting in 2021.

Due to COVID-19 and the considerations that prevent large gatherings of people, the legislature passed Act 162, which granted all selectboards the option to hold Town Meeting in 2021 using the Australian ballot system. This option is only valid for 2021, after which Town Meeting will revert back to the method being used prior to 2021. The Greensboro Selectboard voted in December 2020 to switch from our usual in-person Town Meeting and voting on most items “from the floor” to a Town Meeting that will be conducted entirely by absentee Australian ballot voting (the same as was done for the presidential election in November 2020). There will be no in-person Town Meeting at all in 2021. You can vote in one of three ways: (1) Absentee ballots will be mailed to all registered voters before Town Meeting so you can fill out a ballot and mail it back to the Town Clerk; (2) you can fill out the mailed ballot and put it in the drop box at the Town Hall; or (3) you can vote in person on a printed ballot on March 2, 2021.

Before the Selectboard approved the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022, and before all of the articles to be voted on were approved by the Selectboard, the Selectboard held two special meetings on Zoom so that the public could ask questions and give any other feedback about the draft budget, draft ballot, and Town Meeting in general. The Selectboard considered all input received from the public before finalizing the documents for Town Meeting.

Now that the relevant documents for Town Meeting have been finalized, all that is left for the voters is to understand the issues and vote as they see fit. The documents can no longer be changed, but we will do whatever we can to explain what you are voting on. You can contact the Town Clerk or any Selectboard member to ask a question at any time (via telephone or email, or put a question into the drop box outside the Town Hall) and we will respond and/or publicize the answers. There will also be a public Informational Hearing conducted on Zoom (you can use a phone or computer to listen/watch/participate) on Saturday, February 27, 2021, starting at 3:30 pm, to discuss any and all questions about anything connected to Town Meeting. We don't know how many people will participate in this meeting, but we ask that everyone be polite so the meeting will be as fruitful as possible. If the Selectboard learns that another informational meeting is needed or desired by the townspeople, the Selectboard will do what we can to make sure everyone has his or her questions answered before voting.

ELECTIONS

On the Town's ballot (there will be other ballots for school districts mailed along with the Town's ballot), we will be voting for the following elected positions:

Moderator: 1 year term

Treasurer: 1 year term

Selectboard Member: 3 year term

Selectboard Member: 2 year term

Selectboard Member: 1 year to finish a 3 year term

Collector Of Delinquent Taxes: 1 year term
3 Library Trustees: 3 year terms
Cemetery Commissioner: 3 year term
Trustee Of Public Funds: 3 year term
Trustee Of Public Funds: 2 years to finish a 3 year term
First Constable: 1 year term
Second Constable: 1 year term
Hazen Union High School District #26 Board: 3 year term

You can vote for a person whose name is pre-printed on the ballot, or you can write-in someone else's name. Remember to only vote for the number of open slots for each position.

ARTICLES

Article 1

This article asks the voters to allow the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer rather than having the person be elected directly by the voters. The Treasurer position has proven very hard to fill because of the skills required and the fact that, in Greensboro, this is a part-time position. If the Treasurer is elected, the person must be a registered voter of Greensboro; however, if the Treasurer is appointed by the Selectboard, the person can live anywhere. The Selectboard is looking for additional capacity in this position and it would be helpful to be able to draw candidates from a wider pool of applicants.

Note that because our former Treasurer resigned in December 2020, we are required to elect a new Treasurer at this year's Town Meeting. That is why voters are being asked to also vote for a Treasurer. If voters approve Article 1, the term of office for the elected Treasurer is anticipated to be brief.

Article 2

This article asks the voters to allow the Selectboard to appoint a First Constable, and perhaps a Second Constable, rather than having those positions be elected directly by the voters. As of now, we are unsure what our police services will be starting on 7/1/21. Giving the Selectboard the ability to appoint these positions may be helpful in obtaining police services with certified and experienced individuals in the coming year.

Note that we are currently required to elect a First Constable at Town Meeting. That is why voters are being asked to also vote for this position. If voters approve Article 2, the terms of office for the elected First Constable and elected Second Constable (an optional position) are anticipated to be brief.

Article 3

This article states "Moving forward, all open elected positions be voted on by Australian Ballot?" and is from one of the three signed petitions the Town received. If approved by voters this year, all elected positions will be filled in the future using pre-printed Australian ballots, unless the Town votes in the future to revert back to "voting from the floor" or using "paper ballots" as has been done in the past. If approved by voters, candidates for office would have to obtain about 7 signatures to have their names pre-printed on the Australian ballot and then would campaign before the day of voting. A person could always run as a write-in candidate. Discussions or information sharing must be done before the day of Town Meeting. At Town Meeting there would be no nominations from the floor, no discussion about

the candidates, and no speeches from the candidates. This process would be similar to what was done in the recent presidential election.

Proponents of using the Australian ballot system point out that shifting to Australian ballots for these decisions gives greater access to voting, particularly to those who are unable to attend Town Meeting, and that Australian ballots allow votes to be cast with a greater sense of privacy.

Opponents of using the Australian ballot system point to the loss of face-to-face discussion that allows townspeople to hear the views of neighbors, and a potential decline in attendance at Town Meeting.

Article 4

This article states “Moving forward, any bylaw or ordinance change be voted on by Australian Ballot?” and is from one of the three signed petitions the Town received. If approved by voters this year, all changes to the Town’s bylaws or ordinances must be approved by voters in the future using pre-printed Australian ballots, unless the Town votes in the future to revert back to using the current process, which does not necessarily require voter approval. Refer to the notes for Article 3 above regarding possible pros and cons of using the Australian ballot system.

Article 5

This article appears regularly and eliminates the property taxes due on the “Ballfield” property (the playing field across the street from the fire station and theater) for a one-year period. These taxes are about \$1,000 per year. The owners of the land lease the land for the Ballfield to the Town for \$0 with the understanding that the Town will ask the voters to eliminate the property taxes during the lease period. This is a great deal for the Town and we are thankful to the landowners.

Article 6

This article appears regularly and transfers the surplus, if there is one, from the current fiscal year (2021) Highway Fund into the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund (HERF) in the next fiscal year (2022). For example, at the end of fiscal year 2020, there was a surplus of about \$52,000 in the Highway Fund. This \$52,000 was transferred into the HERF in fiscal year 2021 because voters approved the comparable article last year. If there is not a surplus in the Highway Fund at the end of a fiscal year, nothing happens. The transfer of a surplus helps the Town reduce the volatility of the Municipal tax rate.

Notes for Article 7 through Article 35

In past years when we voted from the floor at Town Meeting, there was one “main” total budget on which we voted. This was Article 9 on page 9 of last year’s Town Report. In addition, there were two other articles with budgeted amounts (Article 7 and Article 8 from last year) for about 28 different organizations, but those amounts were already included in the “main” total budget. So, for example, when one of the 28 items was increased by \$50, the “main” total budget was also increased by \$50. Last year’s total approved budget ended up being \$2,020,961.

For this year, we have split the one “main” total budget into 29 separate items to be voted on. **At the end of voting, all of the approved amounts will be added together and that will be the total approved budget for the Town. Each article is approved or denied on its own.**

Note that you have only two choices here: A “Yes” vote means you want the certain amount of money to be spent as described (for example, \$100 for Green Up Vermont). A “No” vote means a \$0 amount (in this example, Green Up Vermont gets nothing). There is no mechanism for changing the dollar amounts on the pre-printed ballots.

Article 7

This is the split-out “main” budget for the Town. This amount is \$1,574,491 and represents a \$70,143 decrease (a decrease of 4.3%) from the comparable amount approved by voters last year (\$1,644,634).

If Article 7 and ALL of the other funding requests are approved for fiscal year 2022 (as detailed in Article 7 through Article 35), the Town’s total budget will be \$1,954,845. This total budget represents a \$66,116 decrease (a decrease of 3.3%) from the comparable amount approved by voters for fiscal year 2021 (\$2,020,961). At this time, we estimate that this would result in an increase in the Municipal Tax Rate of about 2.1%. Even though the total budget is decreasing, the Municipal Tax Rate is expected to increase because the Town was fortunate enough to be able to use about \$100,000 in reserves (a rainy day fund) to lower the fiscal year 2021 Municipal Tax Rate in the face of the huge increase in the education tax rate and the effects of COVID-19 on taxpayers. The Town does not currently expect to be able to do this again for fiscal year 2022.

For details about the Town’s total budget of \$1,954,845, please see the summarized version of the budget and the detailed version of the budget that are included in the Town Report.

The most significant changes to the proposed budget compared to last year are: (1) Costs for police services have decreased by about \$78,000; (2) Costs for dispatch services for police and fire combined have decreased by about \$16,000; (3) Costs for grants matches for highway projects have decreased by \$25,000; and (4) Costs for highway equipment repairs and maintenance have increased by \$25,000.

Notes for Article 8 through Article 35

Each additional \$25,000 that is spent raises the Municipal Tax Rate about \$0.01/\$100 of assessed value. In other words, for each additional \$25,000 that the Town spends, Municipal property taxes increase about \$10 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Notes for Article 8 and Article 9

These amounts fund the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund (HERF) and the Capital Budget Fund, two critical pieces of the Town’s budget. Both of these are reserve funds that must be spent on items or projects related to the purposes approved by the voters. Taken together, the Town has recently approved totals of about \$249,000, \$252,000, and \$260,000 for the past 3 years. We are asking voters to approve a 3.1% increase to \$268,000 for this year for the two funds combined.

The reason for separating these two amounts from the “main” budget in Article 7 is to make a clearer distinction for the voters about which funds are likely to be spent within the next year (those in Article 7), and those which may not be spent until some year(s) in the future.

Article 8

This article funds the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund (HERF). We think it is appropriate to put aside \$78,000 for the future equipment needs of the Road Crew. This currently includes amounts for 3 dump trucks, a grader, a loader, an excavator, and a pickup truck. Note that the Town has a fourth and smaller dump truck that wasn't traded-in when the most recent dump truck was purchased because its value was so low. The Town uses this smaller truck for, among other things, spreading chloride (which is very corrosive) on the dirt roads to keep the dust down.

As of now, we do not anticipate replacing any equipment in fiscal year 2022. We anticipate replacing a dump truck in fiscal year 2023 and a dump truck and pickup truck in fiscal year 2024.

Article 9

This article funds the Capital Budget Fund. We think it is appropriate to put aside \$190,000 for all of the non-highway capital equipment purchases and projects.

This fund is primarily used for:

- (1) All of the “bigger” projects to maintain the Town’s buildings (Town Hall, Town Garage, Library, Historical Society, Fire Station, and Grange Hall). Some of the near-term building projects we anticipate are painting the roof of the Town Hall, painting part of the Library’s roof, and painting the exterior of the Historical Society. We spent \$35,000 to paint and repair the exterior, roof, and entry ramp of the Library in the summer of 2020.
- (2) To pay off the existing loan on the Fire Station. We have 8 more annual payments of about \$64,300 and there are no other funds put aside for this loan (so about \$64,300 of the \$190,000 request in Article 9 is essential and will be spent in October 2021).
- (3) Putting aside money to replace fire trucks, as needed, as well as other long-lived firefighting equipment (mainly related to SCBA – Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). In September 2020, we committed about \$170,000 to buy a new tanker fire truck to replace the current tanker, which wasn't inspectable for a period of time. This new tanker is being built on a 2017 chassis and we hope to take delivery on it in the near future. This purchase significantly reduced the balance of the Capital Budget Fund and the Selectboard believes it would be prudent to start to rebuild the balance in the fund.

We are also allocating some funds to build a new Town Garage. We think this is needed and we hope to begin the process sometime soon. COVID-19 delayed the start of this project for all of 2020. If we put aside some money now, the impact on future tax rates will be lessened. We encourage everyone to visit the current Town Garage (especially when all of the equipment is there) and make a determination for yourself about the need for a larger and better building.

Article 10

This article funds the Town’s 4th of July festivities and the money is primarily used for fireworks. The Greensboro Association also contributes to the cost of the fireworks and the Town appreciates that contribution. We have received requests from some voters to vote on the fireworks line individually so we have pulled out these costs from the “main” budget in Article 7. We are taking this opportunity to survey the voters about their preference regarding Town fireworks. If this article is not approved, there will be no Town-sponsored fireworks during the Funky Fourth festivities in 2021.

Article 11

This article funds the Hardwick Rescue Squad, the Town's ambulance and rescue service. If this article is not approved, the Town will not have any ambulance or rescue service.

Article 12 through Article 35

These are all of the other requests for funding that the Town has received, in order from the largest to the smallest amount of money requested. These are the organizations that were in Article 7 and Article 8 from last year's Town Meeting.

It seems that the Hardwick Area Community Coalition and the Hardwick/Greensboro Community Justice organizations have disappeared and are therefore not included this year. Additionally, we eliminated the appropriation for NEK Human Services because that organization has had significant organizational troubles (and it is unclear if they are going to be able to provide any services).

The first version of the draft budget appropriated \$15,000 to the Greensboro Free Library. One of the three signed petitions the Town received increased this amount to \$25,000. The Selectboard decided to remove the \$15,000 and replace that amount with the \$25,000 from the petition.

After making the above changes, all of the amounts presented in Article 12 through Article 35 are level-funded from last year.

Article 36

This article appears regularly and sets the due date for property taxes and allows the Treasurer to collect current property taxes.

A Quote From Governor Phil Scott About the COVID-19 Pandemic

Please remember, that even during these tough times, there is reason for optimism. We continue to see progress and good news about vaccines. As Dr. Fauci said recently, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

And we know we can change our trajectory when we all pull in the same direction because we've done it before, and we can do it again.

Audited Financial Statements

Copies of the audit prepared by Pace and Hawley, LLC, Certified Public Accountants may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office or from the Town's website. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call the office at 802-533-2911, or send us an email. The Town Clerk's office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm, and Wednesday from 9 am to 6 pm.

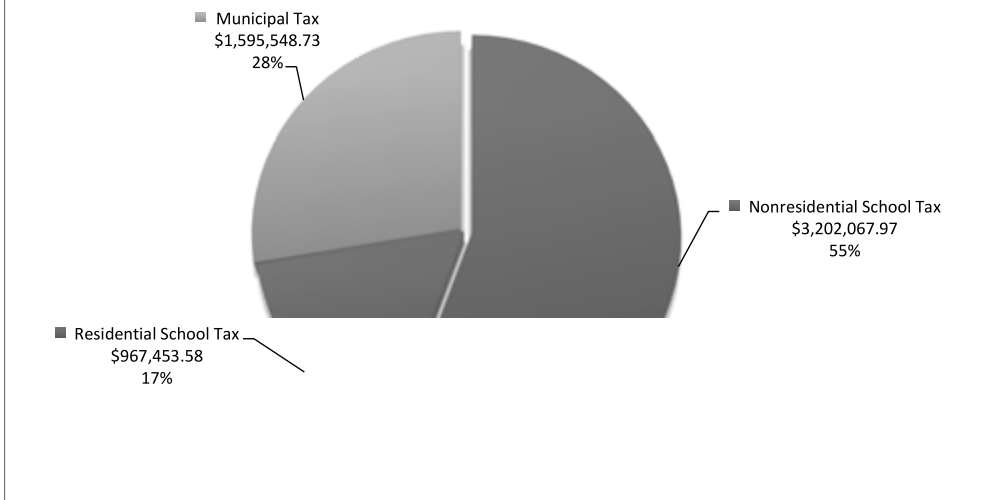
Important Dates and Items to Remember

The legal voters of Hazen Union School District No. 26 consisting of the Town School Districts of **Greensboro, Hardwick, and Woodbury** are hereby warned to meet for the Hazen Union School District #26 Public Informational Hearing on the FY22 Budget on **Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM** for discussion on the school district's proposed FY22 budget as required by Title 17 VSA §2680 (g) VIA ZOOM.

The **Orleans Southwest Union Elementary School District Informational** Meeting will be held on February 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The **OSUESD Budget** informational hearing will be held VIA ZOOM.

All ballots will be mailed to every voter on the checklist. Polls are open from 10 am to 7 pm. You can also mail your absentee ballots in or drop them in the drop box outside the Town Clerk's Office. Please bring your mailed absentee ballots with you to the polls if you vote in person.

**Fiscal Year Greensboro Taxes
Fiscal Year 2020**

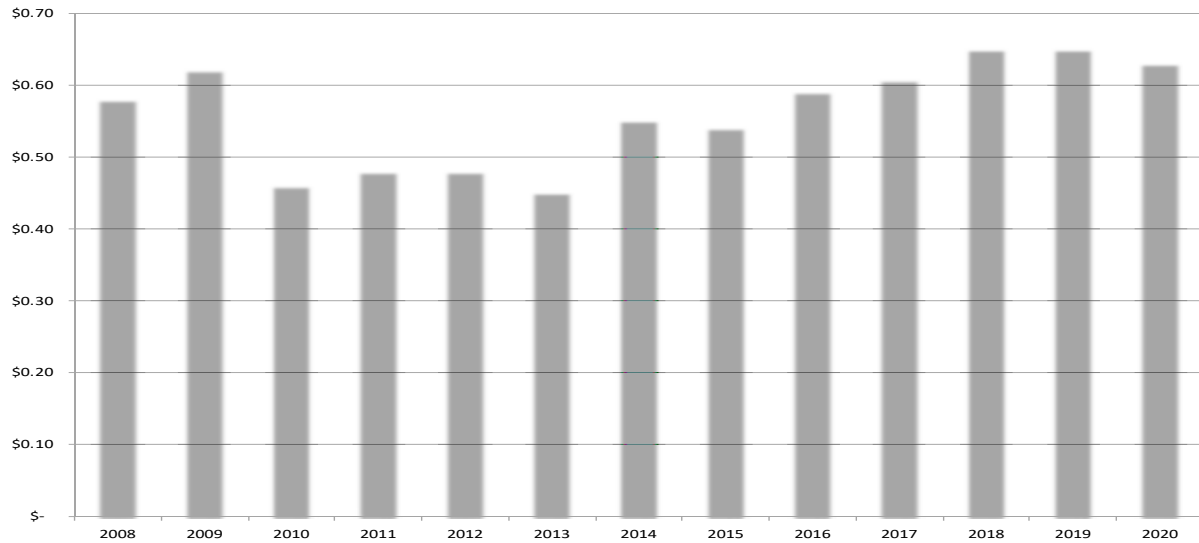


Municipal Tax Rate: \$0.6376
Resident School Tax Rate: \$1.7542
Nonresident School Tax Rate: \$1.6413

Greensboro Municipal Tax Rate

2008	\$0.58
2009	\$0.62
2010	\$0.46
2011	\$0.48
2012	\$0.48
2013	\$0.45
2014	\$0.55
2015	\$0.54
2016	\$0.59
2017	\$0.61
2018	\$0.65
2019	\$0.65
2020	\$0.64

Municipal Tax Rate



GREENSBORO TAX RATES

2016

Residential Ed Rate	\$1.5720	Non-Residential Ed	\$1.5289
Municipal Rate	\$0.5908	Municipal Rate	\$0.5908
Total Residential Rate	\$2.1628	Total Non-Residential	\$2.1197

2017

Residential Ed Rate	\$1.6216	Non-Residential Ed	\$1.5246
Municipal Rate	\$0.6074	Municipal Rate	\$0.6074
Total Residential Rate	\$2.2290	Total Non-Residential	\$2.1320

2018

Residential Ed Rate	\$1.6409	Non-Residential Ed	\$1.5610
Municipal Rate	\$0.6525	Municipal Rate	\$0.6525
Total Residential Rate	\$2.2934	Total Non-Residential	\$2.2135

2019

Residential Ed Rate	\$1.6422	Non-Residential Ed	\$1.5435
Municipal Rate	\$0.6485	Municipal Rate	\$0.6485
Total Residential Rate	\$2.2907	Total Non-Residential	\$2.1920

2020

Residential Ed Rate	\$1.7542	Non-Residential Ed	\$1.6413
Municipal Rate	\$0.6376	Municipal Rate	\$0.6376
Total Residential Rate	\$2.3918	Total Non-Residential	\$2.2789

Greensboro Elected Officers

<p>Moderator Timothy Nisbet (2021)</p> <p>Town Clerk Kim Greaves (2023)</p> <p>Treasurer Kim Greaves (appointed) (2021)</p> <p>Selectboard Matthew McAllister (2 yr) (2022) Andrew Kehler (3 yr) (2021) Peter Romans, Chair (3 yr) (2023) Tracy Collier (2yr) (2021) Gary Circosta (appointed) (3 yr) (2021)</p> <p>Collector of Delinquent Taxes Janet Long (1 yr) (2021)</p> <p>Trustees of Public Funds Barbara Brooke (3 yr) (2023) (moved) Peggy Lipscomb (3 yr) (2021) Sherral Lumsden (3 yr) (2022)</p> <p>Library Trustees Becky Arnold (3 yr) (2023) Harold Gray (3 yr) (2021) Virginia Lapierre (3 yr) (2023) Carol Reynolds (3 yr) (2022) Lise Armstrong (3 yr) (2021) Renee Circosta (3 yr) (2021) Stephanie Thomson (3 yr) (2021) (moved) Rosann Hickey Cook, 2nd Alternate John Miller (Stannard), 1st Alternate</p> <p>Cemetery Commission Patricia Mercier (3 yr) (2021) MacNeil (3 yr) (2023) Wayne Young (3 yr) (2022)</p>	<p>Orleans Southwest Union Elementary Samantha Friend (2 yr) (2021) Rose Modry (3 yr) (2023)</p> <p>Union 26 School Board (Hazen) Mike Metcalf (3 yr) (2021) MacNeil (3 yr) (2022)</p> <p>First Constable Rick Walsh (1 yr) (2021)</p> <p>Second Constable Mark Snyder (1 yr) (2021)</p> <p>Town Agent David B. Smith (1 yr) (2021)</p> <p>Grand Juror David B. Smith (1 yr) (2021)</p> <p>Justice of the Peace (2023) Judy Carpenter Maya McCoy Tim Nisbet Stew Arnold Mike Metcalf</p>
--	---

Greensboro Selectboard Appointments

Road Supervisor

Thomas Camarra

Zoning Administrator (3 yr)

Brett Stanciu

Caspian Lake Beach Committee

Ila Hunt (Chair)

Bethany Warner (resigned)

Linda Shatney

Conservation Commission

Erika Karp (Chair) (2023)

Linda Shatney (2023)

Clive Gray (Clerk) (2023)

David Kelley (2023)

Greensboro Grange Building Committee

Ted Donlon (Chair)

Valdine Hall (Treasurer)

Judy Dales

Robbie Hurst

Rob Brigham

Rosann Hickey Cook

Recreation

Erika Karp

Michelle LaFlam (resigned)

John Schweizer

Devin Burgess

Naomi Ranz-Schleifer

Town Forest Fire Warden

Patricia Mercier (2021)

NEK Waste Management Dist Rep.

Ken Johnston

Alternate is open.

Emergency Mgmt. Chair

Dave Brochu

Hazardous Mitigation Committee

Valdine Hall

Kim Greaves

Lorelei Wheeler

Melissa Moffatt

George Young

Tim Nisbet

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Not Currently Active.

Energy Committee

Anna Kehler

Mark Snyder

Recycling Committee

Judy Carpenter (Chair)

Stew Arnold (Clerk)

Peter Romans

Ken Breitmeyer

Ken Johnston

Christine Armstrong

Development Review Board

Jane Woodruff (Chair) (2023)

Lee Wright (2023)

MacNeil (2021)

Nat Smith (2021)

Linda Romans (2021)

Wayne Young (2022)

BJ Gray (2023)

Mike Metcalf, Alternate

Jan Travers, Alternate

Brett Stanciu (ex-officio)

Health Officer

Karl Stein (2021)

Deputy Health Officer

Christine Armstrong (2021)

Animal Control Officer

Kevin Rich

Planning Commission (3 yr term)

Carol Fairbank (Chair) (2022)

Ellen Celnik (2023)

Christine Armstrong (2022)

Jerilyn Virden (2022)

David Miltenberger (2021)

Kent Hansen (2023)

Linda Romans (2023)

Brett Stanciu (non-voting)

Emergency Planning

Anne Stevens (Chair)

Andy Dales

Wayne Young

Tim Nisbet

Eric Pilbin

Michael Lapierre

Town Service Officer

Kim Greaves

Tree Warden

Cilla Bonney-Smith

Civil Defense

Open.

**Warning for Annual Town Meeting
March 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Greensboro are hereby warned and notified to transact the following business by Australian Ballot Vote on March 2, 2021:

ELECTIONS:

MODERATOR: (Vote for no more than one) 1 YEAR TERM
Tim Nisbet

TREASURER (Vote for no more than one) 1 YEAR TERM
Kim Greaves

SELECTBOARD MEMBER (Vote for no more than one) 3 YEAR TERM
Gary Circosta

SELECTBOARD MEMBER (Vote for no more than one) 2 YEAR TERM
Tracy Collier
Mike V. Sardina

SELECTBOARD MEMBER (Vote for no more than one) 1 YEAR TO FINISH A 3 YEAR TERM
David Kelley

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES (Vote for no more than one) 1 YEAR TERM
Janet Long

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (Vote for no more than three) 3 YEAR TERM
Jennifer Lucas
Anthony E. Acheson
Krissie Ohlrogge

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (Vote for no more than one) 3 YEAR TERM
Patricia Mercier

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS (Vote for not more than one) 3 YEAR TERM
Kim Greaves

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS (Vote for not more than one) 2 YEARS TO FINISH A 3 YEAR TERM
Margaret Lipscomb (Peggy)

FIRST CONSTABLE (Vote for no more than one) 1 YEAR TERM
Rick Walsh

SECOND CONSTABLE (Vote for no more than one) 1 YEAR TERM
Mark A. Snyder
Robert Young

HAZEN UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #26 BOARD (Vote for no more than one) 3 YEAR TERM
Mike Metcalf

ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided by 17 V.S.A. § 2651f?

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro authorize the Selectboard to appoint a First Constable, and if needed, a Second Constable, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651a?

ARTICLE 3: Moving forward, all open elected positions be voted on by Australian Ballot?

ARTICLE 4: Moving forward, any bylaw or ordinance change be voted on by Australian Ballot?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro authorize a property tax exemption for the “Ballfield” property identified as Parcel ID 005-0002 (the playing field across the street from the fire station and theater) for a one year period? This will eliminate all property taxes due for the landowners (about \$1,000).

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters approve transferring the surplus, if any, from the current fiscal year (2021) Highway Fund into the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund (HERF) in the next fiscal year (2022)?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters approve the proposed budget in the amount of \$1,574,491.00 which contains the necessary amount required by law and proposed expenses for the fiscal year 2022?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters approve spending \$78,000 to fund the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund (HERF, a reserve fund) for fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022)?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters approve spending \$190,000 to fund the Capital Budget Fund (a reserve fund) for fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022)?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters approve expending \$4,400 for 4th of July fireworks?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters appropriate \$14,947 to the Hardwick Rescue Squad (the town’s ambulance service)?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters appropriate \$25,000 to the Greensboro Free Library?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters appropriate \$22,500 to the Greensboro Nursing Home?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the voters appropriate \$10,500 to the Craftsbury Community Care Center?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters appropriate \$9,500 to the 4 Seasons of Early Learning?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the voters appropriate \$5,000 to the Greensboro Historical Society?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the voters appropriate \$3,500 to WonderArts?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Hardwick Area Food Pantry?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to AWARE?

- ARTICLE 20: Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Greensboro Conservation Commission?
- ARTICLE 21: Shall the voters appropriate \$1,500 to the Clarina Howard Nichols Center?
- ARTICLE 22: Shall the voters appropriate \$1,400 to Caledonia Home Health?
- ARTICLE 23: Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 to the Lamoille Family Center?
- ARTICLE 24: Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 to the NEK Council of Aging?
- ARTICLE 25: Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 to the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD)?
- ARTICLE 26: Shall the voters appropriate \$900 to Rural Community Transportation?
- ARTICLE 27: Shall the voters appropriate \$800 to Orleans County Citizens Advocacy?
- ARTICLE 28: Shall the voters appropriate \$625 to the Orleans County Historical Society?
- ARTICLE 29: Shall the voters appropriate \$600 to the North Country Animal League?
- ARTICLE 30: Shall the voters appropriate \$572 to the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA)?
- ARTICLE 31: Shall the voters appropriate \$300 to Orleans County Court Diversion?
- ARTICLE 32: Shall the voters appropriate \$250 to NEK Learning Services?
- ARTICLE 33: Shall the voters appropriate \$250 to the Red Cross?
- ARTICLE 34: Shall the voters appropriate \$210 to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
- ARTICLE 35: Shall the voters appropriate \$100 to Green Up Vermont?
- ARTICLE 36: Shall the voters approve having the Town Treasurer serve as the collector of current taxes and set the tax due date of Thursday, November 4, 2021?

Polls open March 2, 2021 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Dated January 26, 2021

Greensboro Selectboard:

Peter Romans

Andy Kehler

Tracy Collier

Matt McAllister

Gary Circosta

Voting Information

You can vote in person or by absentee ballot on Town Meeting Day (March 2, 2021) for Greensboro Elections and Articles, the Hazen Union School District Budget and the Orleans Southwest Union Elementary School District.

Please bring your mailed absentee ballots to the polls with you if you vote in person.

Polls are open from 10 am to 7 pm at the Greensboro Town Hall.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to all registered voters.

If you are a Vermont resident and you own a home, you **MUST** file Form HS-122, Vermont Homestead Declaration. In addition, in order to receive a Property Tax Adjustment, you must **ALSO** file Schedule HI-144 Household Income (for all persons living in the household). The Greensboro Free Library will be offering tax preparation assistance again this year. Please call 533-2531 to schedule an appointment.

Property taxes will be due in the Greensboro Town Offices by Thursday, November 4, 2021 by 4:00 pm.

Odd Questions that Come Into the Town Clerk's Office

Is the doorbell on the outside?

I knew a guy who lived next to me in Hardwick who sold me a grandfather clock many years ago, which I lost in a fire. He went to the Greensboro Church. His name was Vincent. Do you know who he is and where he lives?

Greensboro Town Financial Presentation Fiscal Year 2020 Review

	Budget 2020	Actuals 2020	Variance
Expenses			
100-7-10 TOWN CLERK & TREASURER	\$ 114,436	\$ 103,058	\$ 11,378
100-7-12 SELECTBOARD	\$ 10,205	\$ 6,290	\$ 3,915
100-7-15 GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 74,660	\$ 69,668	\$ 4,992
100-7-17 ELECTION EXPENSES	\$ 1,125	\$ 513	\$ 612
100-7-25 PLANNING & ZONING	\$ 29,984	\$ 33,516	\$ (3,532)
100-7-30 ASSESSORS OFFICE	\$ 13,680	\$ 13,818	\$ (138)
100-7-35 COLLECTOR OF DEL TAXES	\$ 1,300	\$ 942	\$ 358
100-7-40 DOGS	\$ 1,355	\$ 1,250	\$ 105
100-7-50 TOWN HALL & PROPERTIES	\$ 55,720	\$ 47,445	\$ 8,275
100-7-53 Caspian Beach Committee	\$ 4,450	\$ 4,925	\$ (475)
100-7-55 RECREATION	\$ 5,069	\$ 1,269	\$ 3,800
100-7-60 POLICE	\$ 273,190	\$ 258,782	\$ 14,408
100-7-61 SERVICES	\$ 130,013	\$ 130,013	\$ 0
100-7-62 PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 13,650	\$ 8,650	\$ 5,000
100-7-65 FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 51,217	\$ 53,901	\$ (2,684)
100-7-70 CEMETERY	\$ 20,623	\$ 22,755	\$ (2,132)
100-7-80 CASPIAN MILFOIL	\$ 12,491	\$ 12,693	\$ (202)
100-7-90 SOLID WASTE	\$ 14,037	\$ 6,505	\$ 7,533
100-7-97 TRANSFERS OUT	\$ 252,000	\$ 252,000	\$ -
100-7-98 APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 72,257	\$ 68,257	\$ 4,000
100-7-99 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 28,500	\$ 32,000	\$ (3,500)
200-7-40 HIGHWAY MATERIALS	\$ 179,700	\$ 152,396	\$ 27,304
200-7-45 HWY CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 36,000	\$ 35,537	\$ 463
200-7-50 EQUIP. OPERATION & MNTCE.	\$ 92,500	\$ 122,601	\$ (30,101)
200-7-60 PAYROLL & BENEFITS	\$ 270,780	\$ 250,408	\$ 20,372
200-7-70 GARAGE	\$ 23,600	\$ 28,345	\$ (4,745)
200-7-80 HIGHWAY PROJECTS	\$ 140,000	\$ 108,000	\$ 32,000
Total Expenses	\$ 1,922,541	\$ 1,825,537	\$ 97,004

In fiscal year 2020 the Town underspent its total budgeted expenses by nearly \$100,000. The major discrepancies to the budget are in the cost of salt, sand and gravel, payroll and benefits, and highway projects. We saw a reduction in the cost of salt and put up some of the sand and gravel for FY 2020 in FY 2019. We had allocated \$30K for matching funds for highway grants that were not used as those grants were matched by in-kind contributions of labor and gravel. The underpayment of the police budget is a misallocation of the cost of dispatch services. Dispatch costs are typically budgeted to be about 25% attributed to fire and 75% attributed to police, but when the bill was paid, the fire and police split the cost 50%-50%. Payroll costs are down because of a combination of fewer hours worked, a reduction in workers compensation insurance, and a reduced amount of HRA contributions. The areas where we significantly underspent our budget were slightly offset by overspending on repairs and maintenance of our highway equipment. We believe this is a budgeting issue and have increased the budget in this area for fiscal year 2022.

Greensboro Revenue and Expenses

Revenue	2018	2019	2020
Town Clerk	\$ 23,687	\$ 41,276	\$ 47,299
Tax	\$ 1,083,091	\$ 1,147,511	\$ 1,150,035
Zoning	\$ 3,275	\$ 1,590	\$ 4,565
Property	\$ 1	\$ 1,126	\$ 4,501
Recreation	\$ 3,024	\$ 1,440	\$ 1,035
Fire	\$ 8,617	\$ 8,622	\$ 8,098
Highway	\$ 698,655	\$ 848,601	\$ 756,755
Cemetery	\$ 4,635	\$ 5,050	\$ 3,075
Grants	\$ 9,379	\$ 7,306	\$ 6,568
Solid Waste	\$ 406	\$ 405	\$ 355
Total Revenue	\$ 1,834,770	\$ 2,062,927	\$ 1,975,364
Expenses			
100-7-10 TOWN CLERK & TREASURER	\$ 94,161	\$ 105,414	\$ 103,058
100-7-12 SELECTBOARD	\$ 7,553	\$ 6,095	\$ 6,290
100-7-15 GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 67,002	\$ 65,403	\$ 69,668
100-7-17 ELECTION EXPENSES	\$ 337	\$ 1,701	\$ 513
100-7-25 PLANNING & ZONING	\$ 11,637	\$ 10,481	\$ 33,516
100-7-30 ASSESSORS OFFICE	\$ 12,672	\$ 19,907	\$ 13,818
100-7-35 COLLECTOR OF DEL TAXES	\$ 2,618	\$ 9,822	\$ 942
100-7-40 DOGS	\$ 646	\$ 646	\$ 1,250
100-7-50 TOWN HALL & PROPERTIES	\$ 49,466	\$ 57,165	\$ 47,445
100-7-53 Caspian Beach Committee	\$ 2,945	\$ 5,071	\$ 4,925
100-7-55 RECREATION	\$ 4,756	\$ 3,778	\$ 1,269
100-7-60 POLICE	\$ 228,734	\$ 238,120	\$ 258,782
100-7-61 SERVICES	\$ 126,927	\$ 130,013	\$ 130,013
100-7-62 PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 9,788	\$ 15,650	\$ 8,650
100-7-65 FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 53,464	\$ 78,560	\$ 53,901
100-7-70 CEMETERY	\$ 17,748	\$ 23,268	\$ 22,755
100-7-80 CASPIAN MILFOIL	\$ 10,745	\$ 12,288	\$ 12,693
100-7-90 SOLID WASTE	\$ 8,437	\$ 8,863	\$ 6,505
100-7-97 TRANSFERS OUT	\$ 130,000	\$ 249,290	\$ 252,000
100-7-98 APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 61,926	\$ 65,596	\$ 68,257
100-7-99 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 31,050	\$ 26,580	\$ 32,000
200-7-40 HIGHWAY MATERIALS	\$ 150,255	\$ 181,771	\$ 152,396
200-7-45 HWY CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 52,000	\$ 38,336	\$ 35,537
200-7-50 EQUIP. OPERATION & MNTCE.	\$ 87,718	\$ 125,430	\$ 122,601
200-7-60 PAYROLL & BENEFITS	\$ 252,313	\$ 272,184	\$ 250,408
200-7-70 GARAGE	\$ 21,308	\$ 23,498	\$ 28,345
200-7-80 HIGHWAY PROJECTS	\$ 79,166	\$ 227,816	\$ 108,000
Total Expenses	\$ 1,575,372	\$ 2,002,746	\$ 1,825,537

In 2020 the Town of Greensboro took in approximately \$150K more than it spent. Expenses were down approximately \$100K compared to budget and revenues were up \$50K. In 2021 the Selectboard decided to use \$100K of these funds to pay down the municipal tax rate.

Greensboro's Town Budget for FY 2022

The following commentary describes the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022. A summary of the proposed budget, as well as the proposed budget broken down on a line-by-line basis, is included at the end.

At the forefront of our deliberations were the impacts that COVID has had on members of our community and ensuring that we are making a concerted effort to contain tax increases during this time. This effort was magnified by the estimate given by the State Commissioner of Taxes indicating that we could expect a 9% increase in the education tax rate. We are pleased with the balance we have found and we believe that this proposed budget will provide the Town with the level and quality of services it has come to expect and deserve.

Payroll

Greensboro Payroll Budget	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022 Variance	Variance %
Town Admin Payroll	\$ 144,179	\$ 142,712	\$ 150,367	\$ 162,007	\$ 11,640	7.74%
Services and Committees Payroll	\$ 37,206	\$ 30,646	\$ 31,726	\$ 34,607	\$ 2,881	9.08%
Highway Payroll	\$ 266,529	\$ 266,530	\$ 280,992	\$ 291,634	\$ 10,642	3.79%
Total Payroll	\$ 447,914	\$ 439,888	\$ 463,085	\$ 488,248	\$ 25,163	5.43%

Town payroll is expected to go up approximately 5.4% overall. The Road Crew and employees working at the Town Offices are budgeted to receive a 1.5% combined raise and cost of living adjustment for 2022. Health insurance rates are increasing almost 11% and we have more town employees and spouses eligible for health care. With Barbara resigning from the Town Treasurer position, the Selectboard appointed our Zoning Administrator, Brett Stanciu, as the Assistant Treasurer. This additional work puts her above the threshold to qualify for Town benefits (health insurance, retirement, vacation, etc.). Also, our new hire on the Road Crew, Lenwood Perron, has signed up for a two-person health insurance policy.

We are also asking the townspeople to vote to change the Treasurer position from an elected office to one appointed by the Selectboard. This position has proven very hard to fill. If the Treasurer is elected, the person must be a registered voter of Greensboro; however, if the Treasurer is appointed by the Selectboard, the person can live anywhere. The Selectboard is looking for additional capacity in this position and it would be helpful to be able to draw candidates from a wider pool of applicants.

Town Operations

Town Budget	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022 Variance
Town Admin Costs	\$ 126,724	\$ 127,296	\$ 134,480	\$ 140,806	\$ 6,326
Town General Expenses	\$ 76,160	\$ 75,785	\$ 79,063	\$ 79,425	\$ 362
Planning and Zoning Expenses	\$ 50,405	\$ 43,664	\$ 46,717	\$ 55,736	\$ 9,019
Town Hall Property Costs	\$ 56,446	\$ 55,720	\$ 57,345	\$ 52,715	\$ (4,630)
Town Committees	\$ 50,856	\$ 56,670	\$ 57,436	\$ 55,717	\$ (1,719)
Town Contracted Services	\$ 386,921	\$ 416,853	\$ 447,024	\$ 360,323	\$ (86,701)
Total Town Budget	\$ 747,512	\$ 775,988	\$ 822,065	\$ 744,722	\$ (77,343)

The Town Operations budget contains increases in administrative and zoning costs due to increased health insurance premiums as well as an increase in the number of hours expected to be needed in Planning and Zoning. The most significant decrease in the budget is due to a reduction in police service costs. While

reviewing the current police services contract and considering amounts proposed by Hardwick for a future contract, it became clear that the Town needed to consider other avenues for providing police services. After contacting several other options including the Vermont State Police, Orleans County Sheriff, and Lamoille County Sheriff, the Selectboard has determined there are attractive options other than HPD to obtain police coverage, and at a significantly reduced cost compared to what we have been charged over the last three years. We are still looking into all of our options and no final decisions have been made.

Town Highways

Highway Budget	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022 Variance
Highway Operations	\$ 559,779	\$ 566,580	\$ 596,469	\$ 627,784	\$ 31,315
Highway Contracts	\$ 180,640	\$ 176,000	\$ 178,000	\$ 153,000	\$ (25,000)
Total Highway Budget	\$ 740,419	\$ 742,580	\$ 774,469	\$ 780,784	\$ 6,315

Town Highway costs are increasing primarily due to increased benefits costs and increased repairs and maintenance. We are budgeting approximately \$6,000 less in sand and gravel due to screening sand in the Town’s gravel pit instead of purchasing all of our sand. However, we noted that in the recent past the amount budgeted for equipment repairs and maintenance has not matched the Town’s actual needs. We have therefore budgeted an extra \$25,000 on repairs and maintenance to more accurately reflect the anticipated expenditures.

Highway contract costs have declined due to reducing the amount budgeted for grant-matching funds. We have not typically used cash in previous years as a grant match. Instead, we tend to use in-kind contributions of materials, equipment time, and labor as a match for highway grants.

Other Town Expenses

Other Town Expenses	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022 Variance
Appropriations	\$ 95,596	\$ 100,757	\$ 112,304	\$ 107,954	\$ (4,350)
HERF and CAP Budget Funding	\$ 249,290	\$ 252,000	\$ 260,023	\$ 268,000	\$ 7,977
Fire Department	\$ 79,751	\$ 51,217	\$ 52,100	\$ 53,385	\$ 1,285
Total Other Budget	\$ 424,637	\$ 403,974	\$ 424,427	\$ 429,339	\$ 4,912

Appropriations are budgeted lower due to the elimination of appropriations for two social service agencies that seem to have disappeared; and elimination of the appropriation for NEK Human Services, which has had significant organizational troubles (it is unclear if they are going to be able to provide any services). The amount requested by the Hardwick Rescue Squad for ambulance and rescue services has decreased from last year. All other appropriations were level-funded from the previous year.

The combined amount budgeted for the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund (HERF) and the Capital Budget Fund increased by about \$8,000, or 3%. The amount budgeted for the HERF has been reduced by \$52,000 because of a surplus in the fiscal year 2020 Highway Fund. The contribution to the Capital Budget Fund is budgeted to increase by approximately \$60,000 in anticipation of building a much-needed Town Garage, funding future fire truck replacements, and to help restore a fund balance that was reduced by the purchase of a needed tanker fire truck. In addition, we note that there are projects related to the Greater Greensboro process that may require future funding.

The Fire Department budget is increasing due to an increase in payroll and an increase in the amount for equipment repairs.

Overall Town-Wide Budget

Summary by Parent Acct	2020	2021	2022	2022 Var
100-7-10 TOWN CLERK & TREASURER	\$ 114,436	\$ 121,546	\$ 128,785	\$ 7,239
100-7-12 SELECTBOARD	\$ 10,205	\$ 10,334	\$ 9,363	\$ (971)
100-7-15 GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 74,660	\$ 76,913	\$ 77,825	\$ 912
100-7-17 ELECTION EXPENSES	\$ 1,125	\$ 2,150	\$ 1,600	\$ (550)
100-7-25 PLANNING & ZONING	\$ 29,984	\$ 32,297	\$ 39,836	\$ 7,539
100-7-30 ASSESSORS OFFICE	\$ 13,680	\$ 14,420	\$ 15,900	\$ 1,480
100-7-35 COLLECTOR OF DEL TAXES	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,408	\$ 108
100-7-40 DOGS	\$ 1,355	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,250	\$ (50)
100-7-50 TOWN HALL & PROPERTIES	\$ 55,720	\$ 57,345	\$ 52,715	\$ (4,630)
100-7-53 Caspian Beach Committee	\$ 4,450	\$ 4,950	\$ 3,300	\$ (1,650)
100-7-55 RECREATION	\$ 5,069	\$ 5,069	\$ 3,344	\$ (1,725)
100-7-60 POLICE	\$ 273,190	\$ 297,874	\$ 207,905	\$ (89,969)
100-7-61 SERVICES	\$ 130,013	\$ 133,500	\$ 138,418	\$ 4,918
100-7-62 PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 13,650	\$ 15,650	\$ 14,000	\$ (1,650)
100-7-65 FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 51,217	\$ 52,100	\$ 53,385	\$ 1,285
100-7-70 CEMETERY	\$ 20,623	\$ 20,873	\$ 21,143	\$ 270
100-7-80 CASPIAN MILFOIL	\$ 12,491	\$ 12,391	\$ 14,907	\$ 2,516
100-7-90 SOLID WASTE	\$ 14,037	\$ 14,153	\$ 13,023	\$ (1,130)
100-7-97 TRANSFERS OUT	\$ 252,000	\$ 260,023	\$ 268,000	\$ 7,977
100-7-98 APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 72,257	\$ 80,304	\$ 75,954	\$ (4,350)
100-7-99 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 28,500	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	\$ -
200-7-40 HIGHWAY MATERIALS	\$ 179,700	\$ 186,800	\$ 179,400	\$ (7,400)
200-7-45 HWY CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 36,000	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000	\$ -
200-7-50 EQUIP. OPERATION & MNTCE.	\$ 92,500	\$ 99,000	\$ 124,000	\$ 25,000
200-7-60 PAYROLL & BENEFITS	\$ 270,780	\$ 285,242	\$ 297,734	\$ 12,492
200-7-70 GARAGE	\$ 23,600	\$ 25,427	\$ 26,650	\$ 1,223
200-7-80 HIGHWAY PROJECTS	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 115,000	\$ (25,000)
Total Budget	\$ 1,922,541	\$ 2,020,961	\$ 1,954,845	\$ (66,116)
		% Increase		-3.27%

The Town's total budget is expected to decrease by \$66,116, or 3.3%. While there are increases in payroll costs, highway costs, and planning and zoning costs, these increases have been more than offset by an expected reduction in police services costs and the use of in-kind value for matching grants for highway projects. Note that while the total budget reflects reduced spending by the Town, we are currently expecting an increase in the Municipal Tax Rate of about 2.1% because we used about \$100,000 in reserves (a rainy day fund) to reduce the Municipal Tax Rate in fiscal year 2021.

Proposed FY 2022 Town Budget

Town of Greensboro: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022									
Ref #	Account	Budget FY19	Actual FY19	Budget FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21	Proposed FY22	\$ Change 22 vs 21	% Change 22 vs 21
1	TOWN CLERK & TREASURER								
2	Town Offices Payroll	90,164	78,380	88,973	79,737	95,213	85,914	(9,299)	(9.8%)
3	Town Offices FICA/MEDI	6,898	6,156	6,806	6,469	5,261	6,573	1,312	24.9%
4	Town Offices Retirement	3,882	3,869	4,340	3,974	4,620	7,726	3,106	67.2%
5	Town Offices-Health Insur	6,600	11,636	6,800	8,164	8,335	17,950	9,615	115.4%
6	Town Offices - HRA	2,650	533	2,650	1,270	3,250	5,100	1,850	56.9%
7	Unemployment Admin	1,500	2,785	1,575	1,110	1,575	2,000	425	27.0%
8	Unemployment - Library	1,230	981	1,292	805	1,292	1,200	(92)	(7.1%)
9	Workers Comp - Admin	500	528	500	446	500	550	50	10.0%
10	Workers Comp - Library	500	0	500	389	500	522	22	4.4%
11	Office Training/Dues	500	545	500	694	500	1,000	500	100.0%
12	Employee Misc	500	0	500	0	500	250	(250)	(50.0%)
13	Total TOWN CLERK & TREASURER	114,924	105,414	114,436	103,058	121,546	128,785	7,239	6.0%
14	SELECTBOARD								
15	Selectboard Payroll	5,000	3,000	5,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
16	SB Clerk Payroll	3,685	1,985	4,015	1,667	4,135	3,000	(1,135)	(27.4%)
17	Selectboard FICA/MEDI	383	230	383	230	383	383	0	0.0%
18	SB Clerk FICA/MEDI	282	152	307	127	316	230	(86)	(27.2%)
19	Selectboard Training	250	(481)	250	120	250	250	0	0.0%
20	SB Misc Exp	250	1,309	250	146	250	500	250	100.0%
21	Total SELECTBOARD	9,850	6,194	10,205	6,290	10,334	9,363	(971)	(9.4%)
22	GENERAL EXPENSES								
23	Technology/IT	2,500	855	3,000	5,092	1,500	4,500	3,000	200.0%
24	Software Licenses	2,500	1,418	2,500	1,460	6,000	2,500	(3,500)	(58.3%)
25	Office Supplies	5,000	3,437	5,000	2,700	5,000	4,000	(1,000)	(20.0%)
26	Telephone	3,400	2,958	3,400	3,323	3,400	3,700	300	8.8%
27	Telephone-Library	1,800	1,407	1,800	1,410	1,800	2,300	500	27.8%
28	Telephone-Historical Soc	900	993	900	1,169	1,000	1,300	300	30.0%
29	Postage	2,500	1,687	2,500	2,035	2,500	2,300	(200)	(8.0%)
30	Interest Expense	3,000	328	3,000	3,000	1,000	0	(1,000)	(100.0%)
31	Misc Expense	500	506	500	517	500	500	0	0.0%
32	Copiers	3,000	2,200	3,000	2,002	3,000	2,500	(500)	(16.7%)
33	Mileage Reimbursement	500	415	500	234	500	400	(100)	(20.0%)
34	NEMRC Software Support	1,380	1,504	1,380	102	4,000	4,400	400	10.0%
35	NEMRC Disaster Recovery	580	0	580	615	600	650	50	8.3%
36	County Tax	38,600	37,453	38,600	38,522	38,000	40,000	2,000	5.3%
37	Dues - VLCT	1,875	1,888	2,000	1,934	2,013	2,075	62	3.1%
38	Notices/Advt.	900	909	900	347	1,000	900	(100)	(10.0%)
39	4th of July	4,000	6,600	4,000	3,924	4,000	4,400	400	10.0%
40	Town Report	1,000	844	1,000	1,282	1,000	1,400	400	40.0%
41	Bank Fees	100	0	100	0	100	0	(100)	(100.0%)
42	911 Signs	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	na
43	Total GENERAL EXPENSES	75,035	65,403	74,660	69,668	76,913	77,825	912	1.2%
44	ELECTION EXPENSES								
45	Election Payroll	600	0	600	200	600	0	(600)	(100.0%)
46	Election FICA/MEDI	50	0	50	15	50	0	(50)	(100.0%)
47	Town Meeting Expenses	275	277	275	278	300	600	300	100.0%
48	Election Expenses	200	1,424	200	20	1,200	1,000	(200)	(16.7%)
49	Tax Sale Expenditure	0	8,583	0	0	0	0	0	na
50	Total ELECTION EXPENSES	1,125	10,284	1,125	513	2,150	1,600	(550)	(25.6%)

Town of Greensboro: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022

Ref #	Account	Budget FY19	Actual FY19	Budget FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21	Proposed FY22	\$ Change 22 vs 21	% Change 22 vs 21
51	PLANNING & ZONING								
52	Zoning Payroll	9,600	7,560	9,711	7,043	10,002	21,112	11,110	111.1%
53	Zoning FICA/MEDI	734	598	743	489	765	1,616	851	111.2%
54	Planning/DRB FICA/MEDI	230	8	230	150	230	108	(122)	(53.0%)
55	DRB Clerk Payroll	4,300	98	3,000	1,963	3,000	0	(3,000)	(100.0%)
56	Planning/Zoning Training	500	195	500	360	500	400	(100)	(20.0%)
57	Postage - Planning	250	13	150	69	150	100	(50)	(33.3%)
58	Postage - Zoning	250	14	50	21	50	50	0	0.0%
59	Zoning Misc/Mapping Expen	2,000	205	2,000	1,384	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
60	Mileage - Zoning	200	0	100	0	100	50	(50)	(50.0%)
61	Planning Notices/Adv	500	599	500	967	500	2,000	1,500	300.0%
62	Zoning Notices/Ads	500	0	500	622	500	0	(500)	(100.0%)
63	DRB - Legal Fees	0	0	3,000	16,648	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
64	Planning Members	1,500	989	1,500	895	1,500	0	(1,500)	(100.0%)
65	DRB Stipends	1,500	0	1,500	0	1,500	1,400	(100)	(6.7%)
66	Planning Projects	0	203	6,500	2,906	6,500	6,000	(500)	(7.7%)
67	Total PLANNING & ZONING	22,064	10,481	29,984	33,516	32,297	39,836	7,539	23.3%
68	ASSESSORS OFFICE								
69	Assessor Assistant	7,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	na
70	Assistant FICA/MEDI	536	0	0	0	0	0	0	na
71	Training	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	na
72	Postage - Assessor Office	100	0	100	0	100	0	(100)	(100.0%)
73	NEMRC/CAMA	930	215	930	1,185	670	700	30	4.5%
74	NEMRC Disaster Rec Assess	650	692	650	633	650	700	50	7.7%
75	Reappraisal	7,000	7,000	0	0	0	0	0	na
76	Assessor	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	13,000	14,500	1,500	11.5%
77	Total ASSESSORS OFFICE	28,341	19,907	13,680	13,818	14,420	15,900	1,480	10.3%
78	COLLECTOR OF DEL TAXES								
79	Delinq. Tax Coll FICA/MED	1,300	1,239	1,300	942	1,300	1,408	108	8.3%
80	Total COLLECTOR OF DEL TAXES	1,300	1,239	1,300	942	1,300	1,408	108	8.3%
81	DOGS								
82	Dog Warden Stipend	600	600	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	0	0.0%
83	Animal Control FICA/MEDI	50	46	105	0	50	0	(50)	(100.0%)
84	Total DOGS	650	646	1,355	1,250	1,300	1,250	(50)	(3.8%)
85	TOWN HALL & PROPERTIES								
86	Custodian	2,500	2,086	2,496	1,080	2,500	1,500	(1,000)	(40.0%)
87	Assistant Custodian	1,300	1,067	1,150	756	1,150	0	(1,150)	(100.0%)
88	Custodian FICA/MEDI	291	219	191	140	290	115	(175)	(60.3%)
89	Ass't Custodian FICA/MEDI	0	0	100	0	100	0	(100)	(100.0%)
90	Repairs & Maintenance	5,000	10,064	5,000	793	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
91	Custodial Supplies-Office	800	1,214	800	887	800	900	100	12.5%
92	Heating Fuel	7,000	7,630	7,000	5,374	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%
93	Contracted Services	1,150	4,473	678	2,225	700	1,500	800	114.3%
94	Electric - Town Hall	4,400	3,990	4,400	3,586	4,400	4,300	(100)	(2.3%)
95	Electric - Playground	500	398	500	400	500	450	(50)	(10.0%)
96	Street Lights	5,200	4,746	5,000	4,663	5,000	4,900	(100)	(2.0%)
97	Village Green	100	43	100	0	100	50	(50)	(50.0%)
98	Electric-G'boro Grange	205	208	205	240	205	300	95	46.3%
99	Water Bill	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,700	1,700	1,800	100	5.9%
100	Generator Expense	800	295	800	782	800	800	0	0.0%
101	Grounds	6,000	4,327	6,000	9,145	8,000	7,000	(1,000)	(12.5%)
102	Insurance - Town Hall	12,000	8,043	12,000	9,186	12,000	10,000	(2,000)	(16.7%)

Town of Greensboro: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022

Ref #	Account	Budget FY19	Actual FY19	Budget FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21	Proposed FY22	\$ Change 22 vs 21	% Change 22 vs 21
103	Insurance-Historical Soci	1,700	1,485	1,700	1,214	1,700	1,500	(200)	(11.8%)
104	Insurance - Library	4,700	4,315	4,700	3,262	4,700	4,000	(700)	(14.9%)
105	Ins - Greensboro Grange	400	355	400	277	400	350	(50)	(12.5%)
106	Rubbish Removal	1,100	986	1,200	1,734	1,200	2,250	1,050	87.5%
107	Trash - Park in Bend	100	22	100	0	100	0	(100)	(100.0%)
108	Total TOWN HALL & PROPERTIES	56,446	57,165	55,720	47,445	57,345	52,715	(4,630)	(8.1%)
109	CASPIAN BEACH COMMITTEE								
110	Beach Maintenance	2,000	7,630	2,000	2,466	2,500	1,650	(850)	(34.0%)
111	Beach Projects	2,450	(2,559)	2,450	2,459	2,450	1,650	(800)	(32.7%)
112	Total CASPIAN BEACH COMMITTEE	4,450	5,071	4,450	4,925	4,950	3,300	(1,650)	(33.3%)
113	RECREATION								
114	Swim Lessons Payroll	900	658	900	732	900	900	0	0.0%
115	Swim Lessons FICA/Medi	69	50	69	27	69	69	0	0.0%
116	Workman's Comp - Swim	0	260	0	46	0	75	75	na
117	Recreation Committee Exp	2,000	2,210	2,000	465	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
118	Grant Expenditure (Rec)	0	0	1,500	0	1,500	0	(1,500)	(100.0%)
119	Facilities	600	600	600	0	600	300	(300)	(50.0%)
120	Total RECREATION	3,569	3,778	5,069	1,269	5,069	3,344	(1,725)	(34.0%)
121	POLICE								
122	Ins - HPD/Constables	800	545	800	994	500	900	400	80.0%
123	Police Services	228,458	223,966	244,355	244,355	267,938	190,000	(77,938)	(29.1%)
124	Dispatch - LVS Office	14,000	13,609	28,035	13,433	29,436	17,005	(12,431)	(42.2%)
125	Total POLICE	243,258	238,120	273,190	258,782	297,874	207,905	(89,969)	(30.2%)
126	SERVICES								
127	Driveway Plowing	126,513	126,513	126,513	126,513	130,000	134,918	4,918	3.8%
128	Plowing Lake Road	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
129	Total SERVICES	130,013	130,013	130,013	130,013	133,500	138,418	4,918	3.7%
130	PROFESSIONAL FEES								
131	Audit	8,650	8,650	8,650	8,650	8,650	9,000	350	4.0%
132	Legal	5,000	7,000	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
133	Mapping	0	0	0	0	2,000	0	(2,000)	(100.0%)
134	Total PROFESSIONAL FEES	13,650	15,650	13,650	8,650	15,650	14,000	(1,650)	(10.5%)
135	FIRE DEPARTMENT								
136	Fire Dept. Payroll	9,000	7,364	9,000	7,277	9,000	10,000	1,000	11.1%
137	Fire Dept. FICA/MEDI	689	465	689	449	700	765	65	9.3%
138	Fire Dept. Work. Comp. In	2,200	1,573	2,200	395	1,500	1,400	(100)	(6.7%)
139	Fire Dept. Dues/Education	750	849	750	637	800	800	0	0.0%
140	Fire Dept. Fed Mandate	600	0	600	0	600	0	(600)	(100.0%)
141	Fire Dept. Ads/Notices	500	812	500	141	500	500	0	0.0%
142	Fire Dept IT /Software	1,440	3,552	1,440	35	1,700	1,750	50	2.9%
143	Fire Dept. Telephone	2,100	2,040	2,100	2,254	2,000	2,500	500	25.0%
144	Fire House Maintenance	2,500	1,867	2,500	1,946	1,500	2,250	750	50.0%
145	Fire House Garbage	100	0	100	0	100	100	0	0.0%
146	Fire Dept. Heating Fuel	3,000	2,412	4,000	1,985	4,000	3,750	(250)	(6.3%)
147	Fire Dept. Electricity	1,200	1,093	1,200	1,241	1,200	1,500	300	25.0%
148	Fire Dept. Ins Prop/Casua	5,900	5,530	6,195	4,972	6,000	5,500	(500)	(8.3%)
149	Fire Dept. Dispatch	13,672	13,609	8,843	13,433	9,000	5,370	(3,630)	(40.3%)
150	Fire Dept. Equip Fuel	800	57	800	966	800	800	0	0.0%
151	Fire Dept. Equip Repairs	1,200	3,870	1,200	9,075	1,500	5,000	3,500	233.3%
152	Fire Dept. New Equip	3,500	3,031	3,500	2,438	5,000	5,500	500	10.0%

Town of Greensboro: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022									
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
Ref #	Account	FY19	FY19	FY20	FY20	FY21	FY22	22 vs 21	22 vs 21
153	FD Radio Replacm/Repairs	1,000	889	1,000	2,285	1,000	1,500	500	50.0%
154	FD Custodial Supplies	100	353	100	700	200	400	200	100.0%
155	FD Truck Repair	4,500	4,193	4,500	3,672	5,000	4,000	(1,000)	(20.0%)
156	FD Transfer-Veh Replace.	25,000	25,000	0	0	0	0	0	na
157	Total FIRE DEPARTMENT	79,751	78,560	51,217	53,901	52,100	53,385	1,285	2.5%
158	CEMETERY								
159	Cemetery Admin Payroll	300	300	300	500	550	550	0	0.0%
160	Cemetery Fica/Medi	23	23	23	38	23	43	20	87.0%
161	Cemetery Maintenance	13,000	13,900	13,000	13,583	13,000	13,000	0	0.0%
162	Cemetery Projects	5,600	7,655	7,000	8,374	7,000	7,250	250	3.6%
163	Payment of Corner Stones	50	1,140	50	260	50	50	0	0.0%
164	Cemetery Flags/Misc	250	250	250	0	250	250	0	0.0%
165	Total CEMETERY	19,223	23,268	20,623	22,755	20,873	21,143	270	1.3%
166	CASPIAN MILFOIL								
167	Caspian Milfoil Pay	8,000	10,202	10,000	10,988	10,000	12,500	2,500	25.0%
168	Caspian Milfoil FICA	995	723	765	824	765	957	192	25.1%
169	Caspian Milfoil Unemploy	600	567	458	456	458	550	92	20.1%
170	Caspian Milfoil WC Ins	425	338	318	0	318	350	32	10.1%
171	Caspian Milfoil Electric	50	0	50	0	50	0	(50)	(100.0%)
172	Casp Beach Water Bill	400	400	400	425	450	475	25	5.6%
173	Caspian Mileage	50	0	50	0	50	0	(50)	(100.0%)
174	Caspian Milfoil Other	75	58	450	0	300	75	(225)	(75.0%)
175	Total CASPIAN MILFOIL	10,595	12,288	12,491	12,693	12,391	14,907	2,516	20.3%
176	SOLID WASTE								
177	Solid Waste Payroll	6,845	3,597	5,980	1,354	6,159	5,500	(659)	(10.7%)
178	Solid Waste FICA/MEDI	524	276	276	104	471	421	(50)	(10.6%)
179	Solid Waste Unemployment	250	156	113	117	113	150	37	32.7%
180	Workers Comp. Insurance	400	880	400	757	900	602	(298)	(33.1%)
181	Recycling Supplies	560	45	560	828	560	600	40	7.1%
182	Hauling Fee	1,560	2,125	1,708	1,246	2,250	2,000	(250)	(11.1%)
183	Compost Fee	380	1,176	1,000	878	1,200	1,500	300	25.0%
184	Recycle Center Improvemen	2,000	66	4,000	0	2,000	0	(2,000)	(100.0%)
185	Recycling Trailer Garbage	500	542	0	1,220	500	2,250	1,750	350.0%
186	Total SOLID WASTE	13,019	8,863	14,037	6,505	14,153	13,023	(1,130)	(8.0%)
187	TRANSFERS OUT								
188	Capital Budget Fund	89,290	89,290	122,000	122,000	130,023	190,000	59,977	46.1%
189	Highway Equip Reserve Fund (HERF)	160,000	160,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	78,000	(52,000)	(40.0%)
190	Total TRANSFERS OUT	249,290	249,290	252,000	252,000	260,023	268,000	7,977	3.1%

Town of Greensboro: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022									
Ref #	Account	Budget FY19	Actual FY19	Budget FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21	Proposed FY22	\$ Change 22 vs 21	% Change 22 vs 21
191	APPROPRIATIONS								
192	NEK Council on Aging	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
193	AWARE	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
194	Caledonia Home Health	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%
195	Clarina Howard Nichols Ct	200	200	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
196	Craftsbury Community Care	10,000	10,000	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	0	0.0%
197	4 Seasons Early Learning	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500	0	0.0%
198	Green Up	50	50	50	50	100	100	0	0.0%
199	Greensboro Nursing Home	20,182	20,182	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	0	0.0%
200	Hardwick Area Comm. Coali	500	500	500	0	500	0	(500)	(100.0%)
201	Hardwick Area Food Pantry	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%
202	Hdwk/Greensb Comm Justice	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	(1,500)	(100.0%)
203	Lamoille Family Center	500	500	500	500	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
204	NEK Human Services	800	800	800	800	1,524	0	(1,524)	(100.0%)
205	NEK Learning Services	250	250	250	250	250	250	0	0.0%
206	N. Country Animal League	600	600	600	600	600	600	0	0.0%
207	NVDA	572	572	572	572	572	572	0	0.0%
208	Orleans Co. Hist. Society	525	525	625	625	625	625	0	0.0%
209	Orleans Co. Citizens Advo	800	800	800	800	800	800	0	0.0%
210	Orleans Co. Cr. Diversion	100	100	300	300	300	300	0	0.0%
211	Red Cross	250	250	250	250	250	250	0	0.0%
212	Rescue Squad	7,756	7,756	10,000	10,000	15,773	14,947	(826)	(5.2%)
213	Rural Community Transp.	900	900	900	900	900	900	0	0.0%
214	VT Ctr Independent Living	210	210	210	210	210	210	0	0.0%
215	WonderArts	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
216	VCRD	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
217	Total APPROPRIATIONS	65,596	65,596	72,257	68,257	80,304	75,954	(4,350)	(5.4%)
218	SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS								
219	Conservation Commission	2,000	80	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
220	Greensboro Free Library	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0.0%
221	Greensboro Grange Bldg	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	na
222	Greensboro Historical Soc	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
223	WonderArts	0	0	0	3,500	0	0	0	na
224	Total SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	30,000	26,580	28,500	32,000	32,000	32,000	0	0.0%
225	HIGHWAY MATERIALS								
226	Gravel Pit - Taxes	4,500	4,622	4,700	4,708	4,800	5,100	300	6.3%
227	Chloride	32,000	24,995	33,000	29,358	32,000	32,000	0	0.0%
228	Sand	25,000	35,235	30,500	13,959	32,000	27,500	(4,500)	(14.1%)
229	Salt	60,000	71,810	65,000	62,318	70,000	68,000	(2,000)	(2.9%)
230	Gravel	38,000	35,891	38,000	29,938	38,000	38,000	0	0.0%
231	Culverts	3,500	3,258	3,500	7,545	3,500	4,000	500	14.3%
232	Signs	1,500	3,010	2,000	1,265	3,500	1,800	(1,700)	(48.6%)
233	Road Project Materials	3,900	1,472	3,000	3,305	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
234	Total HIGHWAY MATERIALS	168,400	180,293	179,700	152,396	186,800	179,400	(7,400)	(4.0%)
235	HWY CONTRACTED SERVICES								
236	Act 250 - Gravel Pit	10,000	1,650	0	20,292	0	0	0	na
237	Mowing/Brush	12,000	7,200	10,000	7,300	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%
238	Contracted Road Projects	4,000	0	4,000	1,900	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
239	Guard Rails	7,000	7,204	5,000	6,045	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%
240	Sidewalks	15,000	14,700	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	0	0.0%
241	Permits	2,640	1,990	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
242	Total HWY CONTRACTED SERVICES	50,640	32,744	36,000	35,537	38,000	38,000	0	0.0%

Town of Greensboro: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022									
Ref #	Account	Budget FY19	Actual FY19	Budget FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21	Proposed FY22	\$ Change 22 vs 21	% Change 22 vs 21
243	EQUIP. OPERATION & MNTCE.								
244	Small Equipment	3,000	4,557	3,000	1,532	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
245	Equipment Repairs	25,000	51,724	25,000	51,122	30,000	45,000	15,000	50.0%
246	Equipment Maintenance	20,000	26,183	20,000	36,779	20,000	30,000	10,000	50.0%
247	Fuel/Diesel	45,000	39,554	40,000	30,770	40,000	40,000	0	0.0%
248	Fuel/Gas	3,000	3,411	3,000	2,260	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
249	Equipment Rental	1,500	0	1,500	137	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
250	Total EQUIP. OPERATION & MNTCE.	97,500	125,430	92,500	122,601	99,000	124,000	25,000	25.3%
251	HWY PAYROLL & BENEFITS								
252	Payroll/Wages	173,057	173,977	180,446	166,302	185,859	187,961	2,102	1.1%
253	FICA/MEDI	13,239	13,025	12,817	12,445	14,218	14,379	161	1.1%
254	Retirement	12,633	11,960	12,566	11,597	13,375	13,986	611	4.6%
255	Health Insurance	35,000	26,408	28,000	34,393	33,340	44,853	11,513	34.5%
256	HRA	10,600	8,216	10,600	2,951	13,000	12,750	(250)	(1.9%)
257	Unemployment Highway	4,200	3,673	4,200	3,103	4,200	4,100	(100)	(2.4%)
258	Workers' Comp. Insurance	17,800	13,600	17,900	13,201	17,000	13,605	(3,395)	(20.0%)
259	Training	450	400	450	340	450	500	50	11.1%
260	Uniforms	3,200	4,087	3,200	5,159	3,200	5,000	1,800	56.3%
261	Employee Misc	400	400	600	915	600	600	0	0.0%
262	Total HWY PAYROLL & BENEFITS	270,579	255,746	270,779	250,408	285,242	297,734	12,492	4.4%
263	GARAGE								
264	Garage Maintenance	1,500	2,030	1,500	0	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%
265	Shop Supplies	1,500	3,429	1,500	4,572	3,000	5,000	2,000	66.7%
266	Telephone	1,300	1,581	1,300	1,695	1,750	1,800	50	2.9%
267	Heating Fuel	3,000	3,005	3,000	3,127	3,127	3,400	273	8.7%
268	Electricity	2,800	2,525	3,000	2,032	3,000	2,800	(200)	(6.7%)
269	Water Bill	400	400	400	425	450	450	0	0.0%
270	Property & Casualty Insur	11,000	8,539	11,000	7,358	10,000	9,000	(1,000)	(10.0%)
271	Town Shed Garbage	600	780	700	875	800	900	100	12.5%
272	Mileage	100	116	100	108	150	150	0	0.0%
273	Notices/Advt.	500	608	500	1,374	750	750	0	0.0%
274	Misc	600	485	600	6,780	600	600	0	0.0%
275	Total GARAGE	23,300	23,498	23,600	28,345	25,427	26,650	1,223	4.8%
276	HIGHWAY PROJECTS								
277	Paving Projects	110,000	220,240	110,000	108,000	110,000	110,000	0	0.0%
278	Grants Match	20,000	0	30,000	0	30,000	5,000	(25,000)	(83.3%)
279	Total HIGHWAY PROJECTS	130,000	220,240	140,000	108,000	140,000	115,000	(25,000)	(17.9%)
280	GRAND TOTAL	1,912,568	1,971,761	1,922,541	1,825,537	2,020,961	1,954,845	(66,116)	(3.3%)
281	General Fund	1,172,149		1,179,962		1,246,492	1,174,061	(72,431)	(5.8%)
282	Highway Fund	740,419		742,579		774,469	780,784	6,315	0.8%
283	GRAND TOTAL	1,912,568		1,922,541		2,020,961	1,954,845	(66,116)	(3.3%)

Vermont Department of Finance and Management
Monies received from the State of Vermont

VT State Treasurer Revenue Report	
Agency of Transportation	\$117,374.75
Recording Fees	\$570.00
Judiciary/Fines	\$2,424.15
VT Dept. of Taxes (Property Tax Adjustments)	\$40,646.98
Reappraisal	\$7,828.50
Hold Harmless (Current Use)	\$144,779.00
Equalization (School)	\$921.00
Total	\$314,544.38

FY 2020 Greensboro Delinquent Tax Statement
 Janet Long, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

<u>Received for</u> <u>Collection</u>	<u>Adjustment*</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Adjusted Total</u> <u>for Collection</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Balance for</u> <u>Collection</u>
\$145,621.27	\$382.24	(\$498.78)	\$145,504.73	\$145,504.73	\$0.00

*State-determined fines for late filing of HS-122, defined as taxes due to Greensboro.

Greensboro's Capital Assets			
Description	Location	Date Acquired	Carrying Value at 6/30/20
Buildings			
Town Hall building and 1.8 acres.	81 Lauredon Ave.	5/4/1850	\$102,197
Town Garage and 1.43 acres.	188 Cemetery Ridge	7/25/1957	\$28,915
Fire Station and 3.5 acres.	767 Breezy Ave.	2010-2014	\$761,692
Greensboro Free Library building and 0.49 acres.	53 Wilson St.	5/29/1992	\$18,600
Greensboro Historical Society building and 0.25 acres.	29 Breezy Ave.	12/27/1900	\$1,000
Grange Hall building and 0.3 acres.	9 Craftsbury Rd.	6/28/2012	\$6,740
Land			
Gravel Pit and 75.89 acres.	Glover, VT	10/4/1993	\$263,791
Stump Dump and 2.33 acres.	758 Cemetery Ridge	5/2/1953	\$400
Willey Beach Park and 3.7 acres w/520' lake frontage.	87 Wilson St.	4/1/1974	\$45,000
3.5 acres.	175 Lake Shore Rd.	3/12/2002	\$20,000
Highway Equipment			
2013 John Deere Grader	--	2013	\$81,000
2016 Caterpillar Excavator	--	2017	\$73,260
2015 Case Loader	--	2016	\$95,707
2011 Yellow International Dump Truck and Plow	--	2011	\$0
2015 Blue Western Star Dump Truck and Plow	--	2015	\$70,208
2016 Green Western Star Dump Truck and Plow	--	2015	\$93,129
2019 Mack Dump Truck and Plow	--	2020	\$179,872
2016 Ford F350 pickup truck	--	2017	\$21,738
Fire Equipment			
2002 International fire truck (Engine 1)	--	2002	\$0
2006 Freightliner pumper fire truck (Engine 2)	--	2015	\$74,475
1999 International fire truck (Rescue 1)	--		\$0
1985 GMC pumper fire truck (Rescue 10)	--	1990	\$0
1986 International fire truck (Tanker)	--	2016	\$5,000
Other			
Culvert on Craftsbury Road	Craftsbury Rd.	2019	\$68,233
Culvert on Lake Road	Lake Rd.	2019	\$59,645

On a fishing trip to a remote lake in Northern Quebec, I asked the outfitter, "Do you stay here during the winter?"

"No," he said. "The snow gets too deep. We can't get supplies in. Like many Canadians, I go south for the winter."

"Oh," I said. "Where do you go?"

"Vermont."

Capital Budget Fund

The Capital Budget Fund is used to account for funds committed for non-highway-related capital equipment, capital projects, or related purposes. This is a reserve fund that must be spent on items or projects related to the purposes approved by the voters. However, the balance may build up over time until it is spent in some year(s) in the future.

This fund is primarily used for:

- (1) All of the “bigger” projects to maintain the Town’s buildings (Town Hall, Town Garage, Library, Historical Society, Fire Station, and Grange Hall). Some of the near-term building projects we anticipate are painting the roof of the Town Hall, painting part of the Library’s roof, and painting the exterior of the Historical Society. We spent \$35,000 to paint and repair the exterior, roof, and entry ramp of the Library in summer 2020.
- (2) To pay off the existing loan on the Fire Station. We have 8 more annual payments of about \$64,300 and there are no other funds put aside for this loan (so about \$64,300 of the \$190,000 requested in the Proposed Budget is essential and will be spent in October 2021).
- (3) Putting aside money to replace the 4 fire trucks, as needed, as well as other long-lived firefighting equipment (mainly related to SCBA – Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). In September 2020, we committed about \$170,000 to buy a new tanker fire truck to replace the current tanker, which wasn’t inspectable for a period of time. This new tanker is being built on a 2017 chassis and we hope to take delivery on it in the near future. This purchase significantly reduced the balance of the Capital Budget Fund and the Selectboard believes it would be prudent to start to rebuild the balance in the fund.

We are also allocating some funds to build a new Town Garage. We think this is needed and we hope to begin the process sometime soon. COVID-19 delayed the start of this project for all of 2020. If we put aside some money now, the impact on future tax rates will be lessened. We encourage everyone to visit the current Town Garage (especially when all of the equipment is there) and make a determination for yourself about the need for a larger and better building.

At the beginning of fiscal year 2020, there was about \$319,600 in the fund. During fiscal year 2020, the town deposited \$122,000 into the fund, spent about \$69,000 on the loan for the Fire Station, spent about \$30,500 to repair and improve the exterior of the Greensboro Free Library building, spent \$15,000 to repair and improve the interior of the Greensboro Historical Society building, and spent about \$7,400 to add a generator to the Fire Station so it can function as an emergency shelter. At the end of fiscal year 2020 (6/30/20), there was about \$320,400 in the fund.

In fiscal year 2021, the town deposited about \$130,000 into the fund, spent about \$78,600 on the loan for the Fire Station, spent about \$7,000 on firefighting equipment, and will spend about \$170,000 on a new tanker fire truck, and may spend amounts related to a new Town Garage, the Library, and the Historical Society. At the end of fiscal year 2021, we anticipate a balance of about \$138,600 in the fund.

We think it is appropriate to put aside \$190,000 in 2022 for all of the non-highway capital equipment purchases and projects that we anticipate over the next several years. While this figure is higher than in years past, our overall investment in the HERF and Capital Budget Fund combined has increased by only 3%.

CAPITAL BUDGET FUND							
		FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
(A)	Beginning of Year Balance of the Fund	319,620	320,411	138,605	183,414	223,714	229,014
	Transfers TO the Fund						
	<u>Buildings Transfer</u>						
	Buildings in general (not specifically identified)	20,000	20,000	35,509	20,000	20,000	22,500
	Town Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Town Garage Loan Payment	0	0	41,884	41,884	41,884	41,884
	Library	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Historical Society	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Gravel Pit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Grange Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Fire Station Loan Payment	69,000	69,023	64,307	64,307	64,307	64,307
	Fire Station	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
(B)	Total Buildings Transfer	89,000	93,023	145,700	130,191	130,191	132,691
	<u>Fire Department Equipment Transfers</u>						
	Engine 1	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Engine 2	0	5,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Rescue 10	0	5,000	24,300	24,300	24,300	24,300
	Tanker	25,000	10,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	SCBA	0	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
	Miscellaneous Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
(C)	Total Fire Department Equipment Transfers	25,000	29,000	36,300	36,300	36,300	36,300
	<u>Town Office Transfers</u>						
	Reappraisal	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
	Technology	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
(D)	Total Town Office Transfers	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
(E) = (B) + (C) + (D)	Total Transfers TO the Fund	122,000	130,023	190,000	174,491	174,491	176,991
	Planned Expenditures FROM the Fund						
	<u>Planned Buildings Expenditures</u>						
	Buildings in general (not specifically identified)	0	10,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	22,500
	Town Hall	0	0	8,500	0	0	0
	Town Garage (Design/Permits, Loan Payments)	0	35,000	41,884	41,884	41,884	41,884
	Library	30,445	4,555	2,500	0	0	0
	Historical Society	15,000	8,300	0	0	0	0
	Gravel Pit	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Grange Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Fire Station Loan Payment	69,023	78,628	64,307	64,307	64,307	64,307
	Fire Station	7,370	0	0	0	0	0
(F)	Total Planned Buildings Expenditures	121,838	136,483	137,191	126,191	126,191	128,691
	<u>Planned Fire Department Equipment Expenditures</u>						
	Engine 1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Engine 2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rescue 10	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tanker	0	168,346	0	0	0	0
	SCBA	0	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
	Miscellaneous Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
(G)	Total Planned Fire Dept Equipment Expenditures	0	177,346	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
	<u>Planned Town Office Expenditures</u>						
	Reappraisal	0	0	0	0	35,000	0
	Technology	2,364	0	0	0	0	10,000
(H)	Total Planned Town Office Expenditures	2,364	0	0	0	35,000	10,000
(I) = (F) + (G) + (H)	Total Planned Expenditures FROM the Fund	124,202	313,829	146,191	135,191	170,191	147,691
(J)	Interest Income on Fund Balance	2,994	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
(K)	Proceeds from the sale of assets	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
(L) = (A) + (E) - (I) + (J) + (K)	End of Year Balance of the Fund	320,411	138,605	183,414	223,714	229,014	259,314

The table above shows one year's worth of actual activity (FY20) in the Capital Budget Fund. This includes voter-approved deposits into the fund as well as amounts spent from the fund. There are 5 additional years of future projections. These years require assumptions and estimates and are provided for informational purposes only. Some of the amounts in those years are more certain than others. For

example, the table includes an estimated payment for a new Town Garage based on a \$500,000 loan at 3% for 15 years starting in FY22. However, the loan payment for the Fire Station (\$64,307 per year) is a firm number that must be funded and paid.

CAPITAL BUDGET FUND				
"Assignments" of the End of the Year Balance of the Capital Budget Fund				
	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
<u>Buildings</u>				
Buildings in general (not specifically identified)	85,886	86,235	64,781	79,090
Town Hall	0	0	8,500	0
Town Garage	35,000	35,000	20,000	20,000
Library	35,000	4,555	2,500	0
Historical Society	15,000	8,300	6,800	0
Gravel Pit	0	0	0	0
Grange Hall	0	0	0	0
Fire Station Loan Payment	0	14,321	0	0
Fire Station	7,370	0	4,000	8,000
Total Buildings	178,256	148,411	106,581	107,090
<u>Fire Department Equipment</u>				
Engine 1	0	0	0	1,000
Engine 2	0	0	5,000	6,000
Rescue 10	0	0	5,000	29,300
Tanker	135,000	160,000	0	1,000
SCBA	0	0	2,023	11,023
Miscellaneous Equipment	0	0	0	0
Total Fire Department Equipment	135,000	160,000	12,023	48,323
<u>Town Office</u>				
Reappraisal	0	7,000	14,000	21,000
Technology	6,364	5,000	6,000	7,000
Total Town Office	6,364	12,000	20,000	28,000
Total Capital Budget Fund	319,620	320,411	138,604	183,414

The table above shows how the Selectboard has “assigned” the end of year balance in the Capital Budget Fund. These are planned allocations at a single point in time at the end of each year, and these allocations may be changed by the Selectboard. The year-end amounts do not include amounts spent during a year (if any) or how much more may be spent in the future, they merely break-out how the end-of-year balance may be spent in the future. There is only one bank account that holds this money. There aren’t separate accounts for the buildings, Fire Department, and Town Offices. This is a tool that is used to project, as best as we know today, where these funds will be spent. There are two years of actual year-end balances (FY19 and FY20) and two years of projected year-end balances (FY21 and FY22). These future years require assumptions and estimates and are provided as a guide for informational purposes. Some of the amounts in those years are more certain than others.

Vermont Department of Finance and Management
Monies received from the State of Vermont

VT State Treasurer Revenue Report	
Agency of Transportation	\$117,374.75
Recording Fees	\$570.00
Judiciary/Fines	\$2,424.15
VT Dept. of Taxes (Property Tax Adjustments)	\$40,646.98
Reappraisal	\$7,828.50
Hold Harmless (Current Use)	\$144,779.00
Equalization (School)	\$921.00
Total	\$314,544.38

FY 2020 Greensboro Delinquent Tax Statement
 Janet Long, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Received for <u>Collection</u>	<u>Adjustment*</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Adjusted Total</u> <u>for Collection</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Balance for</u> <u>Collection</u>
\$145,621.27	\$382.24	(\$498.78)	\$145,504.73	\$145,504.73	\$0.00

*State-determined fines for late filing of HS-122, defined as taxes due to Greensboro.

Greensboro Selectboard Report

The last couple of months have been particularly hectic for the selectboard and town clerk. Preparing for an historically unique town meeting in the midst of a global pandemic has concentrated our energy. I am proud of everyone's contributions towards extra meetings and documents, developing the budget and ballot information, contract negotiations, all while maintaining daily operations. Two people in particular deserve immediate recognition. Gary Circosta has quickly become invaluable to the selectboard for his documentation and analysis. He has carried an outsized load the last few months. I'd feel negligent for not mentioning Kim, our town clerk. Though her job has become somewhat more complicated this year, Kim arrives at work every day with dedication and enthusiasm, and always respecting the interests of the town and its residents. We can't thank these two folks enough.

Andy Kehler is finishing his term and decided not to run again this year. Andy has been a huge asset to the selectboard and will be missed. Thanks Andy.

Our health officers, Karl Stein and Christine Armstrong, have provided exceptional leadership and guidance in keeping us safe in these novel times. Karl liaised with the state and health organizations while Christine authored most of our emergency team's literature and newsletters. They invested many hours in research and development of COVID related information.

Ken Johnston needs to be recognized again for his amazing commitment to our recycling effort. Thanks to Ken and an intrepid group of volunteers who make recycling possible.

There have been a number of personnel changes since last town meeting. Mike Lapierre resigned from the selectboard in June and Gary was appointed to fill the position. Thank you Mike for your service. Our zoning administrator, Audrey DeProspero, left and was replaced by Brett Stanciu. Brett has proved to be efficient and effective at her job, and much appreciated for her personable manner. When our treasurer, Barbara Brooke, moved in December, Brett helped to capably fill that position also. Eddie Keene retired after many years on the Greensboro road crew. Ed was known for his resilience and commitment to the job. Happy trails, Ed. We are fortunate to have hired another highly qualified crew member, Lenwood Perron.

A few of the more notable items from the past year include:

- Thanks to the office staff and volunteers, we held a successful, albeit slightly more stressful, election in November.
- Spark/WonderArts is occupying 2 rooms on the main floor of town hall and the top floor. The plan is to make the building a vital part of our community again. An expanded Giving Closet is using one of the classrooms on the main floor. Its former location is now a meeting/research room in the public office area.
- After a little more landscaping, we are moving recycling to the stump dump by summer. This site will work well, is relatively out of sight, and frees up valuable space at the town hall.
- We are still looking at potential sites for a town garage if anyone has an idea.
- The town secured a \$22K planning grant and \$8K in generous donations to explore commercial and recreational opportunities related to the completion to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail in the Bend.
- There's probably more that should be on this list but it's all I have at the moment.

If you're feeling that life is too mundane lately, here's a bit of edgy news: there will be no Greensboro Award this year. A number of complications and the absence of town meeting eliminated the award as a priority. At next year's town meeting, the award ceremony will be doubly gratifying.

Remember that much of the effort required to run a town is provided by volunteers. Please give them the respect they deserve.

Respectfully,

Greensboro Selectboard
Peter Romans, Chair

Greensboro Town Clerk Report

This year has proved to be a bit of a challenge, to say the least. Last Town Meeting was the last actual normal meeting we were able to hold. We left the Highland Center for the Arts on March 3rd knowing that a "virus" was coming. And boy, did it come. The Town Clerk's Office shut down to walk in traffic the following week. Anyone entering the Town Office was required to wear a mask, and that stands today. We opened to "appointment only" research. We had a group of wonderful women who made masks to hand out to those that needed them.

During all of this, we had elections. The August Primary took on a whole new look as we learned to change our procedures. The upstairs was the new elections' center so there was one way traffic to keep our voters safe, along with Bill Eisner who was our screener at the door. Absentee voting was encouraged, and the voters responded. With 620 registered voters, we had 492 voting in the November election with about 370 absentee. We received a grant from the Secretary of State's office for a Lock Box for ballots and other important documents to come into the Town Clerk's Office. It is anchored to the concrete so it cannot be removed, putting fears of vandalism to rest.

With the moving of the Giving Closet to an upstairs classroom, we have made over the old Giving Closet space into a new and improved research room. Fresh paint and a rug or two have transformed that room completely. If and when we can open up to more than one person in our vault, we will have a beautiful space for more to work.

All board and committee meetings were virtual. Zoom was a new term and a way of meeting that we are all familiar with now. "Can you hear me?" or "unmute please" were part of the normal conversation.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding with all of our changes. We hope that we have kept the office accessible for everyone's needs while staying safe in the office, and safe for our patrons. This "Town Meeting," while not meeting, will be a new experience for all of us. Our officers and articles will be on a ballot that resembles the Presidential and Gubernatorial elections as we are using our tabulator to ease the tallying of results.

Let's hope that our world assumes some normalcy soon. Thank you again for your patience and diligence to keep all safe.

Kim Greaves, Town Clerk

Greensboro Town Treasurer Report

This year has been a different year all around. With the turnover of the Treasurer after Barbara Brooke sold her home and moved to Florida, the Selectboard is seeking to change the Treasurer position from an elected position to a hired or appointed position. This requires Taxpayer approval. Because this position is elected, the Board appointed Kim Greaves to be the interim Treasurer until the vote on “Town Meeting” day. This article will be in the Warning and on the Australian Ballot to change to an appointed position. There will also be an election of the Treasurer as required by law in case the previous article regarding appointment does not go through. At this point, our new Zoning Administrator, Brett Stanciu, has been doing the Treasurer work. She was able to work with Barbara before she left to get a taste of the position. Kim had worked with Valdine and Barbara previously so she has been jumping in from time to time to aid in answering some of Brett’s questions. Brett is enthusiastic about this and the Selectboard is prepared to hire Brett if Article 1 on the ballot passes. We feel this is a “win-win” situation for the future.

“Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save.”

– Will Rogers

Greensboro Road Crew Report

Many thanks to the taxpayers for supporting the road budget for this past year. This year the road crew had many curveballs. Winter came fairly early with many snow and ice storms. Ed had surgery in February and retired in March. We thank him for his many years of service to Greensboro.

This meant that four plow routes were divided into two very long plow routes. With just a two man crew, we juggled with mud season and late snow storms, the last of which was May 9th. Not to mention COVID, with all its regulations. Some thought we should shut down, but being essential workers, we persevered and plodded through the mud season to grade and resurface roads for the safe travel of the public.

Mud season gave way to regular road maintenance with grading, spreading chloride, replacing several critical culverts, hauling gravel to resurface roads, and dealing with many miles of ditching.

In August, there was a breath of fresh air as Lenwood joined the road crew. His experience is an asset to the road crew. We finished hauling winter sand.

Due to COVID, grants from the State were not available. Much to our surprise in late summer, two different road grants came in at different times, with deadlines in October. Working together, we were able to achieve and finish both of these grants by the deadline.

As the Road Foreman, I would like to thank the road crew for their extraordinary hard work and relentless dedication.

Tom Camarra, Road Foreman

Greensboro Highway Department Winter Operations Plan

- Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic routes and bus routes first. After all bus routes are done, we will then plow the roads which may cause the most trouble for the public based on traffic volume, steepness, curves, etc. and continue until all roads are open.
- Given the circumstances involved with changing weather conditions, the Town of Greensboro does not have a bare road policy. Travelers who use town roads should exercise due care and reasonable caution during winter conditions.
- The Town recommends snow tires and driving relative to the road conditions.
- During winter weather events, the Town will enforce a ban on all parking along roadsides and places where plow trucks or school buses turn around. Vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.
- The Town of Greensboro has only three employees to do winter maintenance on over 56 miles of town highways. Each employee has a specific route, which takes between 2 to 4 hours to complete. We vary from these routes only for emergency situations (fire, ambulance, etc.).
- The Town does not plow or sand class 4 roads or private roads.

- The Town road crew usually begin operations between 2:30 am and 3:00 am to have major highways and bus routes clear by 7:00 am.
- After 16 hours on the job, the Road Crew is required to stop operations and get a minimum of six (6) hours of rest.
- 19 V.S.A. §1111(b) prohibits encroachments on the town's right of way without approval. Common items residents place in the town's right-of-way include trees and bushes, fences, flowerbeds, posts and stone walls. Objects in the town's right-of-way (25' from the center line) are placed at the owner's risk and the Town assumes no responsibility for any damage to objects placed in violation of the statute. Items that are deemed to be a hazard will be removed at the owner's expense.
- The Town is not responsible for mailboxes or any damage within the road right of way. The Town will not pay for replacement or repair of windshields or damage caused by potholes in road right of ways.
- Salt will be applied to most paved roads, with sand added as necessary. Salt is not effective when road temperatures are below 20 degrees.
- Sand will be applied to the gravel roads. Some particles in the sand mixture may be as large as ½" in size and may cause windshield damage. It is recommended that all travelers use caution and avoid following any winter maintenance vehicles too closely. The Town will not pay for replacement or repair of windshields.
- Under 19 V.S.A. §1111(b) and 23 V.S.A. §1126(a) plowing or shoveling of snow across or onto a town or state highway is prohibited. Violation of this statute may be subject to a fine or penalty. A violator may also be liable for damage to property, vehicles and any undue cost to the town for removal of this snow.
- Overnight parking is prohibited in town parking lots, in front of Willey's Store and roads' right of way (25' from the center line) from November 16th to April 15th. Vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

Phone Numbers: Town Clerk's Office 533-2911

Town Garage 533-7149

Winter Parking and Obstruction Policy (Effective annually from November 1 - April 1)

Parking vehicles is prohibited on Town Highway rights of way and turnarounds. Vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

Overnight parking is prohibited in public parking lots or in front of Willey's Store. Vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

Plowing snow across a Town Highway or depositing snow on a Town Highway is a violation of state law and is strictly prohibited.

Trees and brush in the Town Highway right of way that are deemed to pose a hazard by the Selectboard or the Road Foreman may be removed.

Greensboro Town Health Officer Report

Have you ever wondered what it means to volunteer for your community in any one of the many available volunteer positions? This may have been the year for some to wonder, especially the Town Health Officers (THOs). Typically, the health officers manage hospital reported dog bites; sort out inadequate rental housing; give guidance on private cemeteries or possible animal disease spread; offer health alerts; monitor the lake waters for blue green algae; visit failed septic... But the months of the COVID-19 pandemic have required more. Fortunately for Greensboro, our THOs are not among the faint of heart.

In 2020 the Greensboro THOs participated in all of the above activities and, in addition, did the following:

- We collected and communicated fact-based COVID information to our community via written and digital platforms, as well as 1:1 personal consultation with many of our community members and summer residents. Navigating quarantine was particularly challenging for folks to understand and we personally consulted with many of them.
- Community safety was our primary concern and we worked hard to provide the tools to folks to keep themselves and their neighbors safe, be it with hand sanitizer, masks, or information.
- Working as a member of the GSERT team in concert with a number of skilled residents and organizations made much of this new work possible.
- We consulted with local businesses to support them in their incredibly complex decision-making processes about how to operate safely in the ever evolving public health crisis.

We saw in the Greensboro Town Report that during the 1918 flu pandemic, the THOs had the right to mandate public safety behaviors. Today, we do not have that authority. As of the writing of this report (early January 2021), there have been a total of 29 cases of Covid-19 in our town since March 2020, with no deaths. We expect the vaccine to roll out here in February.

We want to celebrate the lesson in this: It has never mattered more to have chosen the behaviors that serve to protect each other; to do unto others. Because everyone's behavior mattered. We are so intricately braided together. Your Town Health Officers want to express our profound gratitude for the cooperation shown by all members of our community who heeded our guidance.

Respectfully,

Karl Stein and Christine Armstrong

Greensboro Giving Closet Report

As COVID hit all other entities in the community, it also took its toll on the Giving Closet. We closed down the 3rd week in March for the health and safety of our "shoppers" and our volunteers. With this closure, and with Lakeview moving back to their home school, this gave us the opportunity to organize and move upstairs to the large classroom. It is amazing what was offered in the tiny space off the vault. With added light and air and room to move in, we re-opened in September.

We were able to purchase 5 additional much-needed racks from JC Penney in Berlin with the help of a very generous grant from the Pleasants Fund via the Greensboro United Church of Christ. These racks help us to better space and display donations we receive.

Since we re-opened in late September 2020, we have had over 400 visitors/shoppers and 75 scheduled donations, reinforcing to us that the Giving Closet does indeed benefit our community. Many useful and needed items are brought to the “Closet,” but we also still receive an incredible amount of rubbish. We accept clean, gently used clothes and shoes (for infants, children, men, and women), working household items, videos, DVDs, CDs, books, and gently used toys. All items should be clean and in good working condition.

We are currently open by appointment only to continue with our safety protocols. We have 3 wonderful volunteers, Rebecca Bellavance, Lynette Courtney, and Miriam Rogers. Without them, we would not be able to make these resources available to our community. It is busy every day we are open. Miriam handles all the donations on Wednesdays, with shoppers able to make appointments for Monday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, all day Wednesday, and all day Thursday. Our volunteers see people from all over our region, so we feel we are a larger community than just Greensboro.

Please DO NOT leave donations outside the Town Hall building when the Giving Closet is closed, during the weekend, or on holidays. You may contact the Town Clerk’s Office or Miriam Rogers for a special drop off arrangement. If you have any questions regarding the Giving Closet, please email Miriam Rogers at mr Rogers70@gmail.com. Or you can call our Town Clerk Kim Greaves at 533-2911.

Thank you to the Pleasants Fund, the United Church of Christ, our volunteers, and our donors. Let’s hope 2021 is a much better year than 2020.

Greensboro Conservation Commission Report

The Greensboro Conservation Commission (GCC) is a statutory body whose members are appointed by the Selectboard to provide leadership on issues relating to protection of our community’s natural resources. The current members are Erika Karp (Chair), Linda Shatney, David Kelley, Jane Hoffman, and Clive Gray (Clerk). State law authorizes a membership of 9 — we would welcome more members!

Town Meeting 2020 appropriated \$2,000 for the Greensboro Conservation Fund (GCF), bringing the total since 2004 to \$32,500. Of this amount, by December 31, 2020, the Selectboard, acting on GCC proposals, had voted \$30,000 for eleven projects, including local contributions to five conservation easements of the Vermont Land Trust, financed mainly by the Freeman Foundation.

Project No. 6 was a contribution to a natural history book on Greensboro and nearby towns, prepared on contract to the Northern Rivers Land Trust and published in October 2017. Projects 7 and 8 were contributions to the expense of improving and repairing the road to the Barr Hill Natural Area.

The ninth project, carried out in 2018, was a “PLACE” (Place-based Landscape Analysis & Community Engagement) study of Greensboro Bend, conducted by Lauren Sopher, an M.A. candidate at the University of Vermont.

The tenth project was an illustrated talk by Chris Schadler on the Eastern Coyote at the Highland Center for the Arts on August 11, 2019. An overflow crowd of 140 attended. We plan to hold more such events, although as with most town organizations, that has been put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Project No. 11, approved by the Selectboard in September 2019, was a \$2,000 contribution to the Green Mountain Monastery for their conservation easement on 133 acres adjoining land in North Greensboro conserved by the Vermont and Greensboro Land Trusts. The easement, financed mainly by the VT Housing & Conservation Board, the Greensboro Land Trust, and the VT Community Foundation's Green Mountain Fund, closed on December 11, 2020.

We ask Town Meeting 2021 to continue the annual appropriation of \$2,000 to the GCF.



Clive Gray, Clerk

Greensboro Energy Action Committee Report

The Greensboro Energy Action Committee is looking forward to continuing the Windowdressers program once it is safe for us to gather in groups again. If you are interested in more information about how window inserts can save money on heating and keep your home more comfortable in the winter, please visit www.widowdressers.org.

If you are ready to upgrade your heating system, hot water heater, dehumidifier, washer/dryer, or you would like to receive some money back after you complete some do-it-yourself weatherization, please check out the newest rebates, low interest loans, and other offers at www.encyvt.com.

If you have any questions about energy efficiency, please contact our local Efficiency Vermont representative Mark Snyder at 533-9839 or dustyboard@gmail.com.

If you have questions about the Windowdressers program or other ideas for our committee, please contact Isa Oehry at 802-345-5966, Molly Brandt at 533-2082 or Anna Kehler at annakehler@gmail.com.

Greensboro Zoning Administrator's Report

2020 was busy year for the Zoning Administrator. 60 applications were submitted for projects ranging from chicken coops to family homes. After Audrey DeProspero took another position, I stepped in during the busy summer season. I am very grateful for patient help from Kim Greaves, the Development Review Board, the Planning Commission, and especially Linda Romans.

If you need a zoning permit – or have questions whether you need a permit – check the zoning page on the Town's website, call 533-2640, or email zoning@greensborovt.org.

Respectfully,

Brett Ann Stanciu

Greensboro Planning Commission Report

The Greensboro Planning Commission members in 2020 were Carol Fairbank (Chair), David Miltenberger (Vice Chair), Kent Hansen, Jerilyn Virden, Christine Armstrong, Ellen Celnik, and Linda Romans. 2020 was a very busy one for the Greensboro Planning Commission. Guided by the action plans published in the newly approved Town Plan, the Commission and its subcommittees began addressing the priorities of housing, lake water quality, and shoreland protection. The Commission also supported the Bend Revitalization efforts, and actively worked to advance the priorities identified in the Greater Greensboro town visit process, all of which align with the Town Plan.

The Housing Committee completed a review of Greensboro's current housing situation and evaluated available housing options in relation to the current Town Plan. The Community Profile in the Town Plan states that the Town needs to make an effort to maintain an adequate supply of housing in order to promote a community of people with a mix of household incomes, ages, and family sizes. The Housing Committee is pursuing three approaches to increasing the local housing inventory and providing more affordable housing options:

- Exploring the option of creating more affordable building lots close to our two villages via an extended village district.
- Working with Rural Edge to determine what options are available to provide new affordable rental housing.
- Partnering with multiple regional and national organizations to develop new affordable house ownership opportunities.

The Shoreland Protection Committee reviewed and revised the current bylaws to reflect targeted goals of the new Town Plan. Revision of bylaws in the Shoreland Protection District increased focus on preserving and restoring the natural shoreline and protection of water quality. A bylaw permitting Short Term Rentals in the Shoreland Protection District is being considered. Also, a proposal was made to increase protection for a vulnerable area east of Lake Eligo by inclusion in the Resource District.

Members of the Planning Commission continue to serve on all three Greater Greensboro task forces. The Stewards of the Greensboro Watershed, the water quality task force, focuses on concrete steps to improve the quality of the waters in the Greensboro watershed. This includes a major grant application for a Caspian Lake Watershed Action Plan and offers of educational opportunities to community

members for meaningful steps each individual can take for the protection of the watershed. The Connected Greensboro task force made strides in increasing high speed internet access to Greensboro residents, primarily through our active participation on the Northeast Kingdom Community Broadband Communications Union District (CUD) governing board. The Walkability/Bikeability task force identified a number of actions that will help make Greensboro's paths, trails, and sidewalks safer and more accessible. Lastly, the Wastewater task force applied for and received a major grant to fund a feasibility study to determine the best place to site a new wastewater facility, and hired a consulting firm to complete the study.

NEK Broadband Communications Union District Annual Report to Member Towns

Activities through December 7, 2020:

NEK Broadband Communications Union District (NEK CUD/ CUD) was formed through affirmative Town Meeting votes on March 3, 2020 by 27 NEK towns: Albany, Barnet, Barton, Brighton, Burke, Concord, Coventry, Craftsbury, Danville, East Haven, Glover, Greensboro, Groton, Hardwick, Kirby, Lowell, Lyndon, Newark, Peacham, Ryegate, Sheffield, St. Johnsbury, Stannard, Sutton, Waterford, Westfield, and Wheelock. Within two weeks, Vermont and much of the country, and world, entered a state of emergency related to the novel coronavirus.

The safety measures instituted to protect public health exacerbated and laid bare existing deficiencies in our region's broadband infrastructure. Since then, additional attention and funding have been made available to begin to tackle the problem. In addition, all our meetings have been conducted via the online video conferencing application Zoom, following emergency open meeting rules provided by the Vermont Secretary of State.

On April 30, 2020, NEK CUD held its organizational meeting with Governing Board members and alternates appointed by each member town. We adopted bylaws and established an Executive Committee and elected seven members to serve. The CUD was officially recognized by the Vermont Secretary of State on May 6, 2020. By our June meeting, we established a regular meeting time, the second Thursday of each month between 5:30 and 7 pm as well as a website where we post agendas and minutes: nekbroadband.org

Highlights of the past year include:

- (May) Created standing Finance and Technology Committees with appointed members. These two committees are open to both Governing Board members and members of the public.
- (June) Adopted a Statement of Mission, Service Goals, Operating Principles, and Immediate Priorities. Approved a Hybrid Public-Private Operator as a preferred operating model, which means the CUD would not be an Internet Service Provider (ISP), but would strive to own assets that would be leased to one or more private operators.
- (July) Recommended Tilson Technology Management, Inc. as the communications consultant to conduct our feasibility study and business plan. Partnered with Tilson Technology Management, Inc., VELCO (Vermont Electric Power Company), Green Mountain Power and the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) to prepare for the FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) reverse auction. Joined an Interlocal Agreement with other Vermont Communication Union Districts to explore collaboration.

- (August) Approved a 2020 Budget which included contract positions: a part-time Project Manager, Bookkeeper/Clerk, and Administrator/Treasurer. Hired Christine Hallquist of Hyde Park as part-time Project Manager for the months of August and September.
- (September) Approved COVID-Response Connected Community Resilience Program grant-funded broadband project with Kingdom Fiber, which will fund the customer portion of fiber connections for up to 100 underserved addresses in Albany, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Hardwick and Irasburg by the end of the year. Hired Jami Jones of Hardwick as part-time Bookkeeper/Clerk.
- (October) Hired Christine Hallquist as Administrator/Treasurer. Adopted draft 2021 budget and annual report. Approved applying for a second COVID-Response Connected Community broadband project with Tilson Technology Management, Inc. in Concord, VT. This project is conditional upon Tilson moving forward with their Lunenburg, VT project and funding may be reallocated to other projects elsewhere in the CUD.
- (November) Tilson completed the feasibility study highlighting 8 strategic projects that would be cash flow positive in three years. Study also presented multiple sources for financing the initial projects including Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) loans, grants, and private equity.
- (December) FCC announced RDOF awards for Vermont. Significant awards were given to 3 ISPs who will be required to provide service speeds of at least 100 mbps.

In 2020 thus far, membership has grown to 31 towns. Wolcott and Irasburg joined on May 29. Westmore joined on July 9. Brownington joined on November 12, 2020. Walden joined December 10.

Respectfully,

Evan Carlson, Chair

Greensboro Cemetery Commission Report

This year, thanks to the allocation from the Town and the Greensboro Association, we have been able to bushhog the Village Cemetery to keep the reclaimed (from overgrowth) areas open.

We have a contract with Heritage Memorials to repair, reset, and straighten a block of stones in the Village Cemetery. As they finish one block, we will designate another block to be tended to as funds are available.

In the next few years as repairs are completed, we hope to start cleaning the headstones in our cemeteries. Like other projects, this will take a few years to accomplish.

In the future we hope to erect some kind of fences (dreaming of granite posts and iron or wood rails) at least on the roadsides of the cemeteries. We will, of course, continue maintenance and upgrades.

We appreciate any donations made to the Cemetery Commission for future work.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne G. Young, Chair

Patsy Mercier, Secretary

MacNeil, Vice Chair

Greensboro Fire Department Report

The Greensboro Fire Department responded to 46 calls from 7/01/2019 to 6/30/2020. These calls are broken out as follows:

Structure Fires	8	MA Station Coverage	1
Chimney Fires	3	Water / Steam Leak	1
Grass Fires	1	Dispatched but Cancelled	2
Hardwick Rescue Lift Assist	1	Controlled Burning	1
Ice Rescues	1	False Alarm/ Detector Malfunction	3
Power Line down	2	CO Alarms	1
Car Accidents	10	Accidental alarm activation	6
CO Alarms Readings found	3	Service Calls	2

Of these 46 calls, we helped Mutual Aid departments 6 times and received help 7 times.

4 of these 46 calls were made to the Town of Stannard. The breakout is as follows:

Structure Fire:	1
Service Call:	1
Car Accident:	1
Chimney Fire:	1

Once again, we were above average for the number of calls that the fire department responded to with spikes in Structure Fires and car accidents. This year was even more challenging due to the COVID-19 crisis. Our members were diligent in trying to maintain social distancing and wearing masks at all incidents to protect both ourselves and the public we serve, and I wish to thank them for all their efforts.

The Greensboro Fire Department added a Rescue truck and JAWS due to the generosity of the Woodbury Fire Department. The JAWS and truck are used, but are in immaculate shape, and are a great addition to our capabilities.

Training and meetings continued in 2019-2020 but were extremely limited due to COVID-19. However, we were able to do some training: we had an extrication training session with our new-to-us JAWS at All Metals Recycling and also participated in online training sessions.

The Greensboro Fire Department would like to say thank you to the citizens of Greensboro and Stannard for their continued participation in our 911 address sign program. We have had a great turnout and it is great to see all the signs in the community. We would like to remind people that you can still get your 911 address sign if you need one. We will always have signs on hand and will continue to fill requests as needed. Forms can be obtained on the Town website. The completed forms can be mailed to the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

David Brochu Jr, Chief



Hardwick Police Department Report
56 High Street, PO Box 447, Hardwick, VT 05843
Phone (802) 472-5475 Fax (802) 472-6865
Aaron Cochran, Chief of Police

In the year ending June 30, 2020, Hardwick Police responded to 2616 calls for service. There were 85 criminal arrests by Hardwick Police Officers. The categories with the highest amount of offences were: driving with a criminally suspended license (17), False Pretenses (13), Violation of Conditions of Release (8), Petite Larceny (7), Sale of Narcotics (4), and Domestic Assault (3).

A combination of 339 tickets and warnings were issued by Hardwick Police Officers during this time period. We suffered the loss of a grant from the Vermont Governor's Highway Safety program and did not participate in the program during this time period.

The "Drug Drop Box" program continues to be utilized by many residents of Hardwick and Greensboro and has been found to be a very effective program in getting unused prescription drugs out of the community.

We found this past year to be challenging in many ways due to the national pandemic we have, and still currently face. Officers of our police department were not exempt from COVID-19, and we personally felt the effects of the virus. We took every safety health precaution recommended very seriously and were forced to make adjustments for safety and health reasons. Regardless of the adjustments made, we continued to provide 24/7 police coverage to the towns of Hardwick and Greensboro.

The Officers of the Hardwick Police Department would like to thank the Hardwick and Greensboro communities for their strong support and in assisting the Hardwick Police in becoming a strong member of the community partnership.

Wishing everyone a healthy and safe year.

Sincerely,

Aaron Cochran, Police Chief

Hardwick Emergency Rescue Squad Report
PO Box 837, Hardwick, VT 05843, Phone (802) 472-6343

2020 will indeed be a year to remember for all of us. Hardwick Rescue saw 699 calls this year. To truly appreciate this number, it is important to reflect on years past. Hardwick Rescue has consistently seen an increase in call volume over the last five years. Despite the pandemic, HRS saw a 74 call increase.

Unfortunately, as we battle the eternal fight for volunteers, Hardwick had approximately a quarter of our membership step aside during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we addressed last year, we have members who volunteer hundreds of hours each month to this organization. This year we were forced to ask more from an even smaller number of members who risked personal health to answer your calls every day.

The individual appropriations continue to be based on the number of calls in each town averaged over the last five years. Hardwick Rescue is not asking for any increase in appropriations this year (other than statistical changes per town). Over the next year, our organization will be exploring many options for the future as we have continued to observe a downturn in volunteerism and may require more paid staff. Hardwick Rescue Squad is committed to the highest level of care for our communities.

We appreciate all of those who help us each year safely provide care from the town road crews, fire departments, law enforcement, electric departments, businesses, and the generosity of many individuals. Please help us provide the most efficient care possible by encouraging your community members to install 911 numbers visible from the road, day or night. Nothing is more frustrating for all involved than knowing an individual needs help and having difficulty finding them.

Please also remind your community members to keep updated medication lists and health histories, especially for those who may have trouble sharing that information at a time of stress. We also encourage any community member with specific needs or concerns to contact us to pre-plan for a possible emergency. These individuals may include patients on ventilators, individuals with specialized equipment, or communication needs.

As always, Hardwick Rescue is happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Our non-emergency number is (802) 472-6343. We will answer your questions as soon as possible. All of the members of Hardwick Rescue thank you for your continued support of our non-profit organization.

Sincerely,

Deb LaRose, President, AEMT

Greensboro Historical Society Report

Your society had a busy and productive year in spite of the pandemic. Our winter program in March highlighted the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment with songs and tales of the suffragettes by singer-performer Linda Radtke. 60 women in Greensboro took the Freeman's Oath in 1920 which allowed them to vote in the fall election.

In April, we learned to Zoom and enjoy our monthly meetings virtually. At the GHS building, Tom Hayes of Topnotch Floors sanded and polished beautifully our old floor which had been used by library patrons from 1900 until the mid-1990s. The society is grateful to the citizens of Greensboro who voted money for the restoration at Town Meeting in 2019.

Summer, usually the busiest time at GHS, became more muted because the indoor exhibit, the Ice Cream Social, and the Annual Meeting had to be cancelled, though we were open on Saturdays for visitors to explore the permanent Hill Exhibit. But, working with the library, we set up an outdoor exhibit for a Self-Guided History Walk. Hopefully you had a chance to walk through both villages, in Greensboro and the Bend, to view the signs in front of historical buildings with pictures and information. A map was provided for each walk to help locate the sites. Everyone who answered the questions on the back of the map was eligible to receive a copy of "The History of Greensboro: The First Two Hundred Years." If you missed it, we plan to expand the walks next summer.

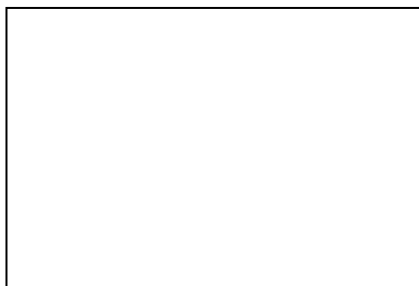
Our book sale went on outdoors twice at Janet Long's garage almost as usual, though with masks and careful social distancing this year. In October, Willie Smith led a fascinating history walk up Baker Hill for a crowd of people visiting the old Baker Hill Cemetery and cellar holes.

We published the 44th edition of the annual *Hazen Road Dispatch*, spring and fall newsletters, and reprinted several booklets about Greensboro History that had been out-of-print in our bookstore. In the archive department, Willie Smith and Leslie Rowell continued to make great progress in the care, organization, and description of our collections and materials, including a new reference shelf to aid researchers and staff in responding to research inquiries.

The GHS website becomes even more interesting each year as Kyle Gray adds not only new biographical data but many more audio and video materials. You'll find a complete index to the "Hazen Road Dispatch," cemetery records, Greensboro High School History and yearbooks, and much more. His current project is adding photos and descriptions of previous GHS exhibits. Check them out at www.greensborohistoricalsociety.org.

The society thanks all lovers of Greensboro for their donations to help preserve our history for future generations.

Greensboro Free Library Report



This has been my first year as Librarian at the Greensboro Free Library, and I want to thank everyone who has welcomed me into the community and shown me how much this library is valued. In a year that has been difficult for everyone, so many groups and individuals have coordinated to help the library continue its mission to share knowledge and joy through books, magazines, movies, programs, and take-home crafts.

First, I would like to thank Mary Metcalf and Debbie Kasper, who stepped down this year after many years in the library, but continue to offer support, advice, and a cheery face-behind-a-mask! Second, I am so thankful for our volunteers and volunteer trustees, who have kept the library running smoothly through the many transitions of this pandemic year. Our ongoing book sale, our newsletter, the books all properly shelved, the cheerful displays... all are the products of our volunteers. And last but not least, I could not run the library without the skilled and creative work of our Youth Librarian, Emily Purdy, and our new Assistant Librarian, Mackenna Lapierre.

And what a year it has been! March brought the statewide shutdown, and librarians worked alone in the library until opening May 1st for curbside service. Emily recorded virtual story times for our youngest readers, and we expanded our online offerings to include Kanopy, a service for streaming independent and educational films. With safety requirements in place, we opened our doors again for full summer hours on July 1st. A steady stream of grateful patrons browsed the collections, printed forms, and used

the new, faster internet to teach and attend classes and even take part in an online job interview. Families discovered new activity kits, allowing hands-on exploration of circus arts, puppetry, bird watching, and more. Our summer book discussion series continued, with both in-person and virtual attendees. Modern Times Theater presented a socially-distanced puppet show in our backyard, which was recorded and offered online for families unable to attend. Fall brought a tile mosaic class for children taught by local artist Emma Podolin, who returned in December with take-home clay bell kits for patrons to decorate. Emily visited Lakeview Elementary weekly to bring books and stories to local kindergartners, and I delivered large-print books to the Greensboro Nursing Home. The library collected and shared resources for parents to support at-home learning, and began a monthly Zoom book club. As the year comes to a close, we have remained open for brief visits but also continued curbside service, offered take-home craft kits, and installed a Circle of Light in our backyard to bring joy and light to the winter season.

The library received grant funding this year from several sources: the federal government's universal service program, subsidizing our Ethernet wifi with faster 100 Mbps speeds; the GUCC's Pleasants Fund, for winter window inserts and magazine and book displays; the Greensboro Association and its Emergency Fund, for youth programming, updating our public bathroom, expansion of our Discovery Kits, and winter take-home craft projects; the Turrell Fund, for children's programming; the Institute for Museum and Library Services, subsidizing our courier delivery for interlibrary loans; and the Department of Libraries, for summer programming and professional development. The Vermont Humanities Council donated books through its Vermont Reads program. A special donation funded the purchase of new outside signs, and a special town appropriation allowed us to repaint the entire building. We also received a plexi-glass divider for our circulation desk, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting supplies with federal COVID relief funds, and an air purifier from UVM Extension. WonderArts and Highland Center for the Arts helped us with programming and our discovery kits. And last but certainly the tastiest, Jasper Hill provided free cheese for readers, beginning when we reopened for curbside service in May and continuing throughout the year.

With all this support and some creative maneuvering, the library has been able to remain a vital and vibrant resource for this community through a year of uncertainty and hardship. Reading, discovery, and your own Greensboro Free Library are alive and well as the calendar turns to a new year.

Paula Davidson, Librarian

Caspian Lake Beach Committee Report

The summer of COVID-19 brought many challenges, changes, and new procedures to the caretaking of the beach and the people who visit it. We collaborated, enacted and followed through the summer with the town health officers to follow CDC and state guidelines as evidenced by the instructive sandwich sign at the entrance to the beach (made by Peter Romans and the sign donated by SPARK), an additional grant from the Greensboro Association to help pay the extra bathroom cleaning, placing use of the picnic tables on hold, and signage posted to instruct beachgoers.

Our thanks to all the committee members for their input, patience, and guidance and it really helped that the weather was beautiful, so that people were able to come to the beach and enjoy themselves in this very difficult and isolating time.

For next summer we have begun to collaborate with the Recreation Committee who have generously committed to helping us build another bench with a totally different design, so we can look forward to working with them when the ground is ready. We will also be working with the Recreation Committee, Hardwick Electric, and the State to “clean up” the area beyond the dam to make it more conducive to safe use.

And thanks to Earl Kasper and his crew for the good maintenance work that they do including mowing, cleaning the bathrooms per guidelines, and cleaning up goose poop. We all want to see the beach be considered a great place to come and commit ourselves to its caretaking to make this possible.

Ila Hunt, Chair

Greensboro Recreation Committee Report

The Greensboro Recreation Committee’s mission is to maintain and improve town recreation resources in order to promote quality of life through passive and active recreation.

Using the town’s appropriations, the Recreation Committee continued to invest in the town's recreation activities plus repair deteriorating infrastructure. In October we supported a well-attended COVID-safe Halloween community street party in the upper village. Our thanks go to the GUCC for organizing such a needed and successful event. In December the committee purchased new lights and, with the help of the Hardwick Electric crew, decorated the Christmas tree on the village green. Starting last fall and continuing into this spring, the committee is partnering with the Beach Committee to replace the deteriorating lakeside benches. The committee also investigated erecting and maintaining a town skating area. Unfortunately, the challenges of finding a satisfactory location plus the maintenance and safety logistics put a kibosh on the project. Looking forward, helping to develop the rail trail in the Bend and eventually creating an upper village recreation trail are on our radar. Again, we are requesting the town to budget \$2,000 for recreation in the upcoming budget.

In closing, the committee would like to sincerely thank our committee chair Michelle Laflam for her leadership and service over the past four years. She will be stepping back from her duties for a period of time due to pandemic-related demands on her time.

Recreation Committee: Devin Burgess Erika Karp Naomi Ranz-Schleifer John Schweizer

WonderArts Report

It is with a sense of pride and accomplishment that we write our Greensboro Town Report. This past year has been a time of growth, innovation, and collaboration for WonderArts. We are full of gratitude to the Town of Greensboro and its residents who support our work. We are honored to contribute vibrant and inclusive programming to our warm and welcoming community.

In 2020, we:

- Reached 1400 adults, youth, and elders.
- Collaborated with 36 partner organizations.
- Led 139 program activities, classes, and events.
- Offered programs at 13 local venues and 13 schools.
- Hired 22 community members to lead classes and events.
- Exhibited artwork from 11 local artists.
- Held 10 spark classes and events and many trainings.

Highlights from WonderArts programs that serve the Greensboro community last year include:

- Serving students at Four Seasons of Early Learning through classes that taught music, movement, expression, and self-care up until mid-March 2020.
- Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we had to cancel our summer camps for 2020, but we hope to resume them in 2021 at Lakeview Union. Typical themes include: Public Voice + Parade, Environmental Heroes, Exploring Global Cultures, Tools + Technology, and Animal Kingdom Adventures. Over 50% of our families in the past have received scholarships.
- Leading the after-school program at Lakeview Union in Culinary Arts, Design, Art, Dance and Environment. These after-school programs are free. We are offering these in 2021 as remote learning kits.
- Offering community classes and events at HCA and GUCC up until mid-March 2020, including: Plein Air, Flower Design, Ceramic Ornaments, Intro to Brush Painting, Lotion, DIY Kombucha and Firecider, Costume Drop + Swap, and Let's Talk Film screenings.
- Honoring Ash Eent, a collaboration with Vermont Land Trust, Sterling College, WonderArts VT and the Orleans County Forester.
- Serving our community through Spark resources, classes, and economic development opportunities.

Visit www.WonderArtsVT.org and/or 'like' us on Facebook!

In 2021, the \$3,500 allocation provided by the Town of Greensboro will continue to support enriching programs that enhance the well-being of community members of all ages. We are incredibly thankful to all participants, donors, volunteers, businesses, partners, and individuals that make our work possible.

Thank you.

Four Seasons of Early Learning Report

2020 will forever be synonymous with the COVID-19 global pandemic. This year our norms were interrupted, we faced difficulties and uncertainties, and many things in our everyday lives came to a screeching halt, but the need for quality care within our community remained constant. In fact, the pandemic highlighted the extent to which our economy relies on quality care for our youngest citizens and their families.

When businesses and schools shuttered their doors, Four Seasons was able to remain open to serve the families of essential personnel. We extended our learning community and welcomed families who needed care so that local healthcare providers, mechanics, and retail workers could continue to fulfill their important roles and keep our community safe and running smoothly.

The closures have exposed a deep crisis for families of young children, especially those in low- and middle-income families. Early education is essential in providing children with integrated services, affection, protection, stimulation, and nutrition and at the same time, enable them to develop social, emotional, and cognitive skills. The role of Four Seasons in our community is critical and one to be proud of.

Since we were given the green light to reopen our doors to our entire learning community in June, we have served 7,862 meals. The meals are made onsite and sourced locally as much as possible. All recipes are made from scratch with a focus on nutrient-dense ingredients.

Before the pandemic, the percentage of families that qualified for free-reduced meals according to the USDA guidelines hovered around 45%. Today, the percentage of our learning community that qualifies is over 65%. Over the last 6 months, the economic and food security among our families has eroded and continues to do so. We understand that the majority of our students' caloric intake happens here. Their growing bodies and minds need the fuel our meals provide, and we understand that healthy habits take root early!

We are proud of our history and the vital role we play in the education of our youngest community members, past and present. We know through hard work and imagination we can make our dreams reality — in the same way we grew from a small parent cooperative to the program we are today. A lot can change in 48 years but what has always remained true is Four Seasons of Early Learning's commitment to its families and purpose in the community.

Michelle Laflam, Executive Director

Greensboro Nursing Home Report

Greensboro Nursing Home is also known as the Greensboro Hospital Association. The Greensboro Hospital Association was organized and incorporated on August 22nd of 1935, for the purpose of “caring for the sick and injured, and the furthering of health in the community”. The organization remains steadfast to its vision: put quality care, professionalism, teamwork, and community partnership at the heart of everything we do, and we accomplish both by remaining true to our core values. Some of the faces may have changed, however our commitment to providing the highest quality of care and quality of life to our residents has not, and we will always remember that we are your nursing home.

The nursing home is a not-for-profit organization, with oversight by a volunteer Board of Trustees whose president is Bobbie Nisbet. Greensboro Nursing Home continues to support the local area by participating in the Meals on Wheels program. We prepare several thousand hot, nutritious meals annually that are delivered by volunteers throughout the community. The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging (NEKCOA) has recently awarded Greensboro Nursing Home with the “Humanitarian Hero Award,” in honor of “outstanding dedication and service during the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic.” This award is given to an organization in honor of their dedication and impact they have on our community at large in support of elder and disabled Vermonters. We are also one of the largest employers in the area, and we are proud of the dedicated team of professionals who support your nursing home 24 hour a day, 7 days a week, all year long. Our staff is happy to serve the community, and it is our pleasure to be a resource to our local residents, families, friends, and visitors by guiding individuals to services which may be available to them.

Greensboro Nursing Home continues to improve in 2021! In 2020, the nursing home has continued to renovate our resident rooms, flooring, and upgraded our IT structure with fiber-optics and updated technology. Although many projects have been delayed or interrupted by the pandemic, we are continuing the process of applying for an outpatient license, so that we will be able to offer outpatient rehabilitation services to our community as well as to any of our staff who are in need, or could benefit from therapy services, once the state of emergency due to the pandemic has been lifted. We are also working with the State of Vermont and a local contractor in the development of a walking path on our property, to encourage ambulation and independence with our elders.

Greensboro Nursing Home is proud to announce that our facility continues to maintain a Five Star Rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). We invite you to log-on for yourself to the Medicare Nursing Home Compare website at:
<https://www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare/search.html>

On this site, you can explore data from all the nursing homes in the state of Vermont and you can compare various aspects of nursing home care. This is a great tool to use when considering a nursing home for yourself or for a loved one.

This has been a very difficult year for our community. Most of us had no idea we would be facing such heavy challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic. At Greensboro Nursing Home, we have strived to focus on our residents’ physical and emotional wellbeing during this hard time. Although mandated restrictions on visits and socializing have made it more challenging, we have put a major focus on our activities department, rehab department, and have purchased several electronic devices to allow virtual interactions through Zoom, Facetime, telemedicine visits, and more. We appreciate everyone’s understanding and encouragement in the following of guidelines and mandates from the various State and regulatory organizations. We are very proud to say that we have been able to remain COVID-free at our facility throughout this pandemic!

Let the tradition of serving others continue to thrive at Greensboro Nursing Home. We would like to say thank you to our community, it is only through individual donations and town appropriations that we are able to offer the highest quality of care that the community has grown accustomed to from Greensboro Nursing Home. Your support is invaluable and we appreciate it immensely.

Respectfully,

Brian Labelle, LNHA, Administrator

Agencies Requesting Town Funds

For more information about these agencies, please review our complete packet of information. Packets are available at the Town Hall or on the Town of Greensboro website at www.greensborovt.org

American Red Cross, Northern Vermont Chapter provides support to victims of fires, floods, and other disasters as well as CPR classes. (802) 660-9130 www.nvtredcross.org

AWARE, Aid to Women, Men and Children in Abuse and Rape Emergencies, provides services to victims of sexual and domestic violence. (802) 472-6463.

Caledonia Home Health Care provides home care and hospice services regardless of ability to pay. (802) 748-8116.

Clarina Howard Nichols Center is a shelter for battered women and their children. (802) 888-2584. www.clarina.org

Craftsbury Community Care Center is a non-profit residential care facility. (802) 586-5414. www.craftsburycommunitycarecenter.org

Green Up Vermont sponsors Green Up Day. 1-800-974-3259 www.greenupvermont.org

Hardwick Area Community Coalition focuses on reducing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use in the Hardwick area. (802) 472-8010 www.haccprevention.com

Hardwick Area Community Justice Center works with offenders in the criminal justice system and their re-entry into the community. (802) 644-1960.

Hardwick Area Food Pantry provides food for low-income individuals and families. (802) 472-5940.

Lamoille Family Center provides specialized services to families with children, including programs for pregnant and parenting teens. (802) 888-5229. www.lamoillefamilycenter.org

NEK Council on Aging (formerly Area on Aging) provides services to senior citizens, such as caregiver support, health insurance help, and casework services. (802) 748-5182 www.nevaaa.org

North Country Animal League promotes animal welfare. (802) 888-5065. www.ncal.com

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services provides home and learning-center education to persons over 16. (802) 334-6532.

Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) is our regional planning and development commission. (802) 748-5181.

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy brings people with disabilities together with volunteer advocates. (802) 624-0877. www.orleanscountycitizenadvocacy.org

Orleans County Court Diversion helps first-time juvenile and adult offenders of nonviolent crimes and their victims. (802) 334-8224.

Orleans County Historical Society owns and operates the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington. (802) 754-2022. www.oldstonehousemuseum.org

Rural Community Transportation (RCT) provides transportation for many purposes. (802) 748-8170. www.rideRCT.org

Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) provides services to Vermonters with disabilities, including information, counseling, training, advocacy, and help with independent living. 1-800-639-1522. www.vcil.org

Minutes for Annual Town Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Greensboro are hereby warned and notified to meet at The Highland Center For The Arts in Greensboro, Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10 a.m. to transact the following business:

Tim Nisbet opened with announcements, with a special thank you to the Highland Center for The Arts for opening their space for Town Meeting and to Smith's Grocery for making the donuts. Microphone runners for the day are Mackenna and Lewis Lapierre. Any ballot votes during Town Meeting will take place behind the Selectboard, entering on their right and exiting on the left.

Australian Ballot votes in the Gallery are the Presidential Primary, Hazen Union budget vote, Orleans Southwest Union Elementary School District budget vote and the NEK Waste Management budget vote will be open until 7 p.m.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator to govern said town for the coming year.

Karl Stein nominated Tim Nisbet, seconded by Kim Greaves. Mike Metcalf moved that the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Tim Nisbet.

Tim Nisbet was elected.

Article 2: To elect a Town Clerk for a three-year term.

Krissie Ohlrogge nominated Kim Greaves, seconded by Mike Metcalf who moved that the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Kim.

Kim was elected.

Article 3: To take action on the Town of Greensboro Annual printed report.

Motion by Larry Lumsden, seconded by Lorelei Wheeler. The following changes were made:

Erica Karp noted that Devin Burgess and Naomi Ranz are on the Recreation Committee.

Jan Travers noted that BJ Gray was a full member of the DRB, Jan Travers is the 1st alternate, and Mike Metcalf was the 2nd alternate.

Lorelei Wheeler noted that the Orleans Southwest Union Elementary School District was not the "Unified" school district.

Article passed with amendments.

Article 4: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$ 794,823.00 (Australian Ballot)

Motion by Josh, 2nd by Peter Romans. Tim noted that the Australian vote was open until 7 pm in the Gallery. No discussion.

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro authorize property tax exemption for the "Ballfield" property identified as parcel ID 005-0002 for a one year period. This will eliminate the municipal property tax due. However, the amount due for education taxes will still need to be raised and will be included in our Local Agreement rate.

So moved by Janet Long, Rosann Hickey seconded. So carried.

Article 6: To elect town officers and school district officers required by law and one or more library trustees:

Office	Term	Candidates/Nomination	Vote	Elected
Selectboard	2yr	<i>Kim nominated Peter Romans, Rosann nominated Matt McAllister, Peter withdrew.</i>	<i>Mike Metcalf moved the clerk cast 1 ballot.</i>	<i>Matt McAllister</i>
Selectboard	3 yrs	<i>Kim nominated Peter Romans, 2nd by Janet Long.</i>	<i>Mike Metcalf moved the clerk cast 1 ballot.</i>	<i>Peter Romans</i>
Treasurer	3yrs	<i>Judy Carpenter nominated Barbara Brooke, 2nd by Lynette Courtney.</i>	<i>Mike Metcalf moved the clerk cast 1 ballot.</i>	<i>Barbara Brooke</i>
Trustee of Public Funds	3 yrs	<i>Kim Greaves nominated Barbara Brooke</i>	<i>So Passed.</i>	<i>Barbara Brooke</i>
Cemetery Commissioner	3 yrs	<i>Wayne Young nominated MacNeil.</i>	<i>So Elected.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>
First Constable	1 yr	<i>Janet Long nominated Rick Walsh.</i>	<i>So Elected.</i>	<i>Rick Walsh</i>
*Library Trustee	3 2 1	<i>Virginia Lapierre Becky Arnold Renee Circosta</i>	<i>So Elected.</i>	<i>Virginia Lapierre Becky Arnold Renée Circosta</i>
<i>Collector of Delinquent Taxes</i>	<i>1 yr</i>	<i>Rosann Hickey nominated Janet Long.</i>	<i>So Elected.</i>	<i>Janet Long</i>

Town Agent	1	<i>Janet Long nominated David Smith.</i>	<i>So Elected.</i>	<i>David Smith</i>
Town Grand Juror	1 yr	<i>Karl Stein nominated David Smith.</i>	<i>So Elected.</i>	<i>David Smith</i>

** Mike Metcalf spoke to the Library trustees. He nominated Virginia Lapierre for the 3 year term, Becky Arnold for the 2 year term, and Renée Circosta for the 1 year term, to be voted on as a slate of officers. Being no other candidates, the slate of candidates were voted in. All above officers were elected as amended.*

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro appropriate the following sums to the outside agencies listed below?

So Moved by Adam Froehlig, 2nd by Penny Bretschneider. Victoria Von Hessert spoke to the Green Up and moved to increase Green Up by \$50.00.

Outside Agency	Amount
NEK Council on Aging	\$1,000.00
AWARE	\$2,000.00
Caledonia Home Health	\$1,400.00
Clarina Howard Nichols Ct	\$1,500.00
Craftsbury Community Care	\$10,500.00
4 Seasons on Early Learning	\$9,500.00
Green Up	\$50.00
Greensboro Nursing Home	\$22,500.00
Hardwick Area Community Coalition	\$500.00
Hardwick Area Food Pantry	\$2,500.00
Hardwick/Greensboro Restorative Justice	\$1,500.00
Lamoille Family	\$1,000.00
NEK Human Services	\$1,524.00
NEK Learning Services	\$250.00
NorthCountry Animal League	\$600.00
NVDA	\$572.00
Orleans Co. Historical Society	\$625.00
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	\$800.00
Orleans County Court Diversion	\$300.00
Red Cross	\$250.00

Rescue Squad	\$15,773.00
Rural Community Transportation	\$900.00
Vt. Center for Independent Living	\$210.00
WonderArts	\$3,500.00
TOTAL	\$79,254.00
Vt. Council on Rural Development	1,000.00
<i>Green Up Increase</i>	<u>50.00</u>
<i>Amended Total</i>	\$80,304.00

Josh Karp asked about the large increase in the Rescue Squad from last year. Karl Stein spoke to the need for the increase, increased costs of equipment, educational costs, etc. The Squad always needs more volunteers. There is a new course starting in August. They are also trying to get ahead of any financial troubles that seem to be plaguing other Rescue Squads.

Rosann Hickey expressed concerns over RCT. Peggy Lipscomb moved to amend the appropriation down by \$500, Janet Long seconded. Penny Bretschneider felt that Greensboro was being underserved. Janey Johnston said that the Meals on Wheels clients utilize RCT, but planning ahead was necessary. Hal Gray said he works with residents who rely on RCT but do call ahead. Jerrie Nash said she relies on RCT. Amendment did not pass. Appropriation stands at \$900.00.

Bobbie Nisbet informed the crowd that there will be an Aging in Place event on March 19 with the Area Agency on Aging at the Fellowship Hall.

The amendment of \$50.00 increase passed, as did the increase in the appropriation sums.

Peter Romans broke at this time to award the Greensboro Award to Ken and Janney Johnston.

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve the following Special Appropriation requests from the Municipal Properties listed below?

Greensboro Conservation	\$ 2,000
Greensboro Free Library	\$25,000
Greensboro Historical Society	\$ 5,000
Total	\$32,000

Mike Metcalf moved, Stew Arnold 2nd.

Josh Karp asked about the increase in the Historical Society appropriation from \$1,500 to \$5,000 from last year. Nancy Hill informed all that they hired Leslie Rowell, an archivist, to help "Save our History". Willie Smith is helping her and Kyle Gray is doing technology support. Please check out the website.

Becky Arnold acknowledged Mary Metcalf's 14 years of service to the Library and has retired. Debbie Kasper was acknowledged for her service and the new Librarian is Paula Davidson.

Motion was carried.

Article 9: Shall the voters approve the proposed budget in the amount of **\$ 2,020,911.00** which contains the necessary amount required by law and proposed expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 (This budget amount includes the outside and local appropriations requests).

Larry Lumsden moved, Kim Greaves 2nd.

Victoria VonHessert questioned if the fire dept. had enough for their needs. Andy Kehler explained that this was the first time putting a budget together for the fire dept. in the capital budget.

Wayne Young was thankful for the increase in the cemetery budget.

Josh Karp expressed concerns with the police budget always increasing.

Andy Kehler stated that it was a hard budget because of the increase in healthcare, and not many places to make a significant impact. There was much concerns over the police line item, i.e. % of the police services, what are our options, when was the next contract (2 years), request for more patrolling in Greensboro Bend.

Matt informed all that if there were concerns or suggestions, please come to the Board meetings the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Larry Lumsden questioned if a new Town Garage was in the future. Matt replied that one was in the near future, hopefully 2021. The old one makes it difficult to service our equipment.

Penny Bretschneider questioned the snowplowing, how to notify someone if they get missed. Peter replied that people needed to call Perry's, or himself. If they don't know, they won't know to go back. Peter said that the "collective bargaining" we had was a cost savings for tax payers. Dave Kelley thought they did a fabulous job.

Mike Cassidy congratulated the Road Crew for the condition of the roads.

Jerilyn Virden questions when would we plow sidewalks. Peter explained that we need more sidewalks complete, and the expensive equipment to do it with. Alice asked if a volunteer could do it as a community service. Josh suggested sub-contracting it out when our sidewalks were completed.

Judy Dales requested call the question of \$2,020,961.00 as amended. So passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Article 10: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro enter into a Communication Union District to be known as NEK Community Fiber, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch. 82?

*Carol Fairbank moved, and spoke to the CUD, with information in the Town Report. Victoria Von Hessert thanks Carol and the Board Band Task Force, explaining this was part of the Community Visits program started last summer.
Article 10 passed.*

Article 11: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve moving any surplus, with the exception of the HRA line item, from the current fiscal year Highway Dept. Budget into the HERF account in the next fiscal year?

*Kim Greaves moved, Larry Lumsden 2nd.
Karl Stein asked for clarification of what the HERF was. Kim explained it meant Highway Equipment Replacement Fund.
Article 11 passed.*

Article 12: Shall the voters of the Town of Greensboro approve having the Town Treasurer serve as collector of current taxes and set the tax due date of November 5, 2020. Taxes will be delinquent if not received in the office of the Town Treasurer by Thursday, November 6th, 2020, by 4:00 p.m.

*Kim Greaves moved, Mike Metcalf 2nd. Kim amended that it should read the 5th, Janet Long seconded.
Article 12 passed as amended to read taxes due Nov 5th, 2020 by 4:00 pm.*

Article 13: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Brent McCoy spoke to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail that he hoped the town would support, being a positive thing for all sports.

Nancy Hill, speaking for the Bend Revitalization Initiative added that the rail trail construction would add vitality to Greensboro Bend.

Victoria Von Hessert let all know that the Greater Greensboro reports were in the Gallery for anyone to take, inviting people to join a task force of their interest.

Mateo Kehler spoke to the Waste Water task force, we all need to buy into this to make it happen. They are in the process of applying for a grant for a feasibility study for Greensboro Bend, Greensboro village and a portion of the lake district. We need infrastructure to grow.

Mike Metcalf explained about the Waste Water survey available in the Gallery and on the website. A 90% response would be great. This is for businesses as well as residences.

Anna Kehler spoke to the Steward of the Watershed and how they are looking into the health of all the watersheds, including streams, rivers, lakes.

Penny Bretschneider asked to have patience with beavers in our streams and rivers.

A straw vote was proposed:

“We approve Gov. Scott’s proposed \$2.8 million to be put into the State Capitol Budget, rather than the Transportation Budget, for the Lamoille Rail Trail.”

This was enthusiastically approved.

Anna Kehler spoke to the Energy Committee and their “button-up” program. She introduced Molly Grant who demonstrated the window inserts program and their interest in expanding the program.

Motion to adjourn at 1:00pm

Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Nisbet, Moderator
Kim Greaves, Town Clerk

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 Greensboro Vital Statistics

Statistic	Number
Civil Marriages	5
Births	2
Deaths	4

Student Enrollment Figures for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

SCHOOL	Greensboro	SCHOOL TOTALS
Lakeview Union	33	44
Hazen Union	48	302
Craftsbury School District (Greensboro School age Students)	4	Not available

Equalized Greensboro Students to OSUESD: 36.91
Equalized Greensboro Students to Hazen: 58.73

RECYCLING IN GREENSBORO - 2021

Category	Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Notes
Brown Paper	Corrugated cardboard Brown paper grocery bags Boxboard (all colors inc. white)	Waxed cardboard Soiled items Milk or juice cartons	Flatten all boxes! Remove excess tape.
Mixed White Paper	Newspapers & magazines Office paper & envelopes Junk mail & glossy inserts Catalogs & telephone books Manila folders & envelopes Shredded paper (loose is OK) Soft cover books	Paper clips, wire bindings Hardcover books Carbon paper, rubber bands Milk or juice cartons Kleenex, paper towels Metallic wrapping paper Ice cream cartons	No bundles with string. Staples are OK.
Tin Cans	Tin cans and lids Metal caps & lids from other containers	Aluminum cans (go in own bin. Scrap metal	Labels OK. Rinse cans. <i>FYI: Tin is magnetic!</i>
Aluminum Cans	Soda, beer, and other aluminum cans Aluminum foil & pie plates	Tin cans (go in their own bin) Scrap Metal	Labels OK. Rinse cans. <i>FYI: Aluminum is <u>not</u> magnetic!</i>
Glass	Glass bottles and jars	Non-glass items (i.e. metal caps or lids) Broken china, Pyrex, crystal Broken drinking glasses Broken window glass	All colors & types are mixed together. Labels OK. Rinse containers. Remove caps, lids & corks.
Plastic Bags	Plastic bags labeled #2 or #4 Bubble wrap	Black trash bags Dirty bags Non-labeled bags	Bags must be labeled #2 or #4 to be acceptable
Plastics #1 - #5	Rigid plastic containers labeled #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 Plastic lids	Plastic bags Styrofoam Black plastic	Drain and rinse all.

ODDBALL ITEMS AT THE GREENSBORO RECYCLING CENTER

ACCEPTED: Egg cartons, rechargeable batteries, button-cell batteries, alkaline batteries, fluorescent light bulbs (compact & tubes) lead sinkers, hardcover books, aerosol cans (empty or full), bubble wrap.

NOT ACCEPTED: **(throw in trash)** Styrofoam of any kind, pet food bags, milk & juice cartons, aseptic cartons (i.e. soy milk) waxed items (i.e. ice cream, paper coffee cups).

LOCATION: The recycling center is located behind the Town Hall.

REGULAR HOURS: Saturdays 9 to 11 am. **DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS WHEN WE ARE CLOSED. THIS FACILITY IS OPEN DURING POSTED HOURS ONLY.**

EXTRA SUMMER: Additional time Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:30 pm in July and August.

ONLY METAL GOES IN THE METAL DUMPSTER!

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY: Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 8 - 11 am.

Greensboro Information
townclerk@greensborovt.org
www.greensborovt.org

Population (2010 census) 762
Registered Voters: 633

Selectboard Members

Tracy Collier.....	533-2504	Matt McAllister.....	533-2620
Gary Circosta.....	533-2281	Andy Kehler.....	533-2237
Peter Romans.....	533-2571		

Telephone Numbers

Emergency.....	911	Rescue Squad.....	911
Police-Hardwick.....	472-5475	Police-St. Johnsbury.....	748-3111
Fire-Emergency.....	911	Forest Fire Warden.....	533-2914
Fish and Wildlife.....	748-3111	Vt Poison Center.....	748-2393
Health Center.....	472-3300	School District.....	472-6531
Town Clerk.....	533-2911	Town Garage.....	533-7149
Lakeview.....	533-7066	Four Seasons of Early Learning.....	533-2261
Library.....	533-2531		
AWARE.....	472-6463	Health Officer.....	533-2195
Water District Operator.....	533-2576	Animal Control Officer.....	533-2410
Hardwick Power Outage.....	888-472-5201		

Office Hours and Meeting Times

Town Clerk's Office.....Monday through Thursday 9-4.
Library.....*Winter Hours:* Tuesday 10-7, Thursday 10-5:30,
Friday 10-5:30, Saturday 10-2, Sunday 11:30-1:30
Summer Hours: Monday 10-4, Tuesday 10-7,
Wednesday-Friday 10-4, Saturday 10-2,
Sunday 11:30-1:30.
Recycling..... Saturday 9-11 year round. July -August only-Weds. 3:30-5:30.
Located behind the Town Hall.
Selectboard Meetings2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.
Fire Department Meeting.....1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm at Fire Station.

Dog Licenses

Dogs six months old or older must be licensed annually on or before April 1. A current rabies certificate must be on file to license your dog.

	Before April 1	After April 1
Neutered Males	\$ 9.00	\$13.00
Spayed Females	\$ 9.00	\$13.00
Unneutered Males	\$13.00	\$17.00
Unspayed Females	\$13.00	\$17.00

Town of Greensboro
PO Box 119
Greensboro, VT 05841

Presort STD
US Postage
PAID
Burlington, VT
Permit # 165