

Town of Jericho ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021



Old Mill Park Oil Painting
by Maggie Byram

There will be no in-person Town Meeting on March 1st, 2022

You can vote all Articles by Australian Ballot by one of the following:

- 1. requesting a ballot to be mailed**
- 2. pick up your ballot or vote at Town Hall (beginning Feb. 9th)**
- 3. at Mt. Mansfield Union High School from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (on March 1st)**

Visit our website at Jerichovt.org - sign up to receive information or participate in discussions on municipal happenings in Jericho.

Mark your Calendar.....

Town Meeting Day ~ 1st Tuesday in March
Renew Dog License by ~ April 1, 2022
Property Tax due dates ~ September 15th, 2022
 & March 15th, 2023

Monthly Committee Meetings

SELECTBOARD

1st & 3rd Thursday at 7 pm

PLANNING COMMISSION

1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7 pm

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

3rd Wednesday at 7 pm at Jericho Town Library

MOBBS COMMITTEE

4th Monday at 7 pm

JERICO ENERGY TASK FORCE

3rd Monday at 7 pm

JERICO TRAILS COMMITTEE

2nd Monday at 7 pm

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesday at 7 pm

Community Meetings

MOUNT MANSFIELD UNIFIED UNION
SCHOOL DISTRICT

please check the website for dates: www.cesivt.org

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY BOARD

2nd Monday at 5:30 pm at the Library

JERICHO UNDERHILL LIBRARY DISTRICT

3rd Thursday at 7pm at the Deborah Rawson Library

JERICHO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT

1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7pm at the Deborah Rawson Library

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Winter in Mills River
by Judy O'Brien

A VOTER'S GUIDE TO DOING BUSINESS AT TOWN MEETING

by Dave Barrington, Moderator

Town Meeting is your chance to speak your mind about the issues relating to town business, so go ahead, speak up! (Only registered voters of the town of Jericho may speak or vote at town meeting, except by suspension of the rules, a special motion.) The Jericho moderator uses Robert's rules of order (as required by the State of Vermont), except where there is a Vermont law that specifies otherwise.

Ordinarily, you must be recognized by the moderator to speak.* Always wait for a microphone and give your name for the minutes when you begin to speak, even if you have spoken before in the meeting.

It is a Jericho tradition for the moderator to read and ask you what you wish to do with the various warned articles in the town report. Help the moderator do the town's business by making a motion to accept (not reject) each of the articles. You can also be the one to second the motion. You must give your name when you do these things. Only motions that have been warned in the town report can, if approved, be binding for the voters and officers of the town; all other motions are taken as advice.

You can modify an existing motion ("I wish to amend article # to read...") or make a new motion ("I move that..."). If your sense is that all the points of view have been made on an issue and we are going over the same ground again, you can make a motion (not interrupt) to move to vote on the previous question (meaning the motion on the floor - often said as, "I call the question"). This motion to call the question requires a two-thirds majority to pass.

Though it is my first priority to give all the voters their say, it is also important to me to finish in time to allow the school meeting to begin at the warned time. My ground rules related to time: 1) you may not speak again on a motion until all others have had the opportunity; 2) you may speak a total of twice on a motion; and 3) please speak for a maximum of one minute each time.

My best tool for moving things along is to ask the voters for unanimous consent on a motion if it seems non-controversial to me. The way I do this is to say, "if there is no objection...". This is your invitation to object. It only takes one person, and I am happy to consider anything that any one person wants to. On the other hand, I can avoid a vote and the time it takes with this phrase.

The moderator will ask for a voice vote to begin with on all motions that require a simple majority. Once the ayes and nays have been voiced the moderator will say, "The ayes (or nays) appear to have it...", which is your invitation to disagree with the moderator's opinion by saying "Division". Division means that the voters proceed to a vote by count of hands; it takes only one person asking to require a vote by hands. Any seven voters can require a paper ballot, if it comes to that.

The job of the moderator is to make sure that all the voters who wish to speak are heard, and that order prevails in town meeting. I have considerable influence on the course of events by choice of procedure and the like. If you are unhappy with my procedure please either speak up in meeting (the voters have the privilege of voting on an appeal of the moderator's decision on procedure) or speak privately to me.

New, 2009: If it's on the Australian ballot (the one you fill out in the booth) you can talk about it in town meeting, except that you cannot speak for or against someone running for town office during town meeting.

*exceptions include appealing my procedure decisions, calling for a division (show of hands) or written ballot, asking for a point of information, or making a point of order

It is this moderator's conviction that we in Vermont are in the business of modeling how to run a democracy for the rest of our country.

Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes

1. A notice of taxes due (including interest and penalties if applicable) will be sent to taxpayers who have not paid their taxes in a timely manner. A notice will be sent each month while the taxes are delinquent unless the Town Treasurer determines otherwise.
2. No payment arrangements will be accepted.
3. Interest will be charged at the rate of 1% per month (interest rate will increase to 1 ½ % three months after final installment payment is due)-no fraction of a month will be considered-until the taxes are paid in full. Interest will be charged on the day following the due date of each installment and will be charged on that same date in the following months.
4. An 8% penalty will be applied the day after the final installment due date.
5. Notice will be sent to mortgage holders or lien holders 30 days after final payment is due. (Letter to include notice that the process to sell the property at a tax sale will begin within 30 days.)
6. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to ensure that the Town has the proper address for mailing property tax bills, notices, etc.
7. Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the 8% penalty fee, if applicable.
8. All delinquent taxes will be turned over to the Town Attorney for purposes of tax sales within 60 days of the due date of the final installment.
9. The Town Attorney shall be instructed to send an initial letter to the delinquent taxpayer within 10 days of receiving the list. Such letter shall demand payment within 15 days of mailing letter to taxpayer. If payment in full is not received by the due date, Town Attorney shall begin the process to sell the property at a tax sale within 30 days. Such letter shall contain a notice that each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on grounds listed in 24 V.S.A. § 1535.
10. Costs of preparing and conducting the tax sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% (or amount specified by current statute) of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
11. A listing of delinquent taxes will be available in the Town's office for viewing by the public.
12. In the event no one purchases the property at tax sale, or, if in the judgement of the Town Treasurer, proceeding with the tax sale is unadvisable, the Town Treasurer shall collect the delinquent taxes (including interest, penalties and other costs) using any or all of the methods permitted by law.
13. This collection policy is to be published in the Town's Annual Report and is to be publicly displayed in the Town's offices.

Town Office Hours

Town Administrator's Office

Monday – Thursday 7:30 - 3:30

Friday 7:30 - 3:00

Town Clerk's Office

Monday – Thursday 8:00 - 4:00

Friday 8:00 - 12:00

Treasurer's Office/Fin. Coord.

Monday - Thursday 7:45 - 2:45

Planning Office

Monday – Thursday 7:30 - 3:30

Friday 7:30 - 11:30

Zoning Office

Monday 8:00 - 4:00

Wednesday 8:00 - 4:00

Thursday 8:00 - 4:00

Listers' Office

Monday – Thursday 9:00 - 1:00

(or by appointment)

Jericho Highway Department

Monday - Friday 7:00 - 3:00

Other Contact Information

Animal Control Officer - Ed Stygles 899-4605

Health Officer - Richard Bernstein, M.D. 899-9970 x 3

Fire Warden - Todd Fischer (*burn permits*) 343-6428

Underhill-Jericho Fire Department 899-4025

Game Warden 878-7111

State Police (non-emergency # only) 878-7111

EMERGENCY NUMBER 911

Town Officials

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

John Abbott, *Town Administrator*

899-9970 x 109 ~ jabbott@jerichovt.gov

Paula Carrier, *Administrative/Personnel Assistant*

899-9970 x 101 ~ pcarrier@jerichovt.gov

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Jessica Alexander, *Town Clerk*

899-4936 x 1 ~ jerichovermont@yahoo.com

Ben Joslin & Barb McVicar, *Assistant Town Clerks*

899-4936 x 100 ~ Election Extension

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Brian Stevens, *Treasurer*

899-4786 x 5 ~ treasurer@jerichovt.gov

Amy Morse, *Financial Coordinator*

899-4786 x 102 ~ amorse@jerichovt.gov

LISTERS' OFFICE

Lori Dykema ~ P. Andrew Levi ~ Paula Carrier, *Listers*

Terri Sabens, *Assessor V.P.A. III*

899-2640 x 107 ~ listers@jerichovt.gov

PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

Katherine Sonnick, *Planning & Development Coordinator*

899-2287 x 103 ~ ksonnick@jerichovt.gov

Chris Flinn, *Zoning Administrator*

899-2287 x 104 ~ cflinn@jerichovt.gov

SUMMER RECREATION OFFICE

Lynn Wagner, *Summer Rec Director*

899-9970 x 105 ~ lwagner@jerichovt.gov

793-6452 alternate

JERICO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Adam Magee, *Road Supervisor*

899-3180 ~ jerichohighway@jerichovt.gov

Felix Streeter, Brian Fuller, Roger Miller, Kyle Guyette and

Joe Gulia, *Road Crew*

office hours may change, please check the website for updates & changes throughout the year

SAMPLE BALLOT- TOWN



Town of Jericho

PO Box 67, Jericho, Vermont 05465
(802) 899-4936, ext. 1
jerichovermont@yahoo.com

SAMPLE

REQUEST FOR EARLY/ABSENTEE BALLOT

Requesting Ballot for:

- ☐ Town Meeting: March 1, 2022 (Town Officers, Municipal warned articles (including municipal budget) and MMUU Budget)
- ☐ State Primary: August 9, 2022
- ☐ General Election: November 8, 2022
- ☐ Any Special Election: Calendar Year 2022

Name of Early/Absentee Voter: _____

Residence (Street) Address in Jericho: _____ Jericho, Vermont 05465

Signature: _____

Date: _____

IF BALLOT IS TO BE MAILED:

Mailing Address (if different from physical address):

IF YOU ARE REQUESTING A BALLOT FOR SOMEONE ELSE:

Name of Person Completing this Form: _____

Relationship to Absentee Voter: _____

Or Organization Address if Applicable

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*An absentee voter, or an authorized family member acting in the voter's behalf, may apply for an absentee ballot by telephone, in person, or in writing. A family member includes a person's spouse, children, brothers, sisters, parents, spouse's parents, grandparents, and spouse's grandparents. Any other authorized person may apply in writing or in person.

For Office Use Only: Check here when entered in VEMS _____

Ballot was: Voted in Office _____

Taken by Voter _____

Sent by Mail _____

OFFICIAL WARNING

Town of Jericho

The legal voters of Jericho, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, to vote on the following articles via Australian ballot. The polls for said ballot shall be at the Mount Mansfield Unified Union High School in said town of Jericho between the hours of 7:00 am (time at which the poll shall open) and 7:00 pm (the time at which the polls shall close).

ARTICLE I Shall the voters approve the proposed fiscal year ending 2023 budget of \$3,235,269, including spending unanticipated funds such as State and Federal grants and gifts?

ARTICLE II Shall the voters appropriate \$409,699 of the total \$753,988 Underhill Jericho Fire Department budget, to the department, for the purpose of providing fire protection/suppression, emergency response services and certified first response services in the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during FY2023?

ARTICLE III Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for the temporary needs of the Town?

ARTICLE IV Shall the Town collect its taxes by its Treasurer in accordance with 32 VSA Section 4791?

ARTICLE V Shall the Town collect its taxes in equal installments due in the Town Offices on September 15, 2022, and March 15, 2023, with postmarks acceptable?

ARTICLE VI To elect a Moderator for a one-year term.

ARTICLE VII To elect a Town Clerk for a one-year term.

ARTICLE VIII To elect a Selectboard member for a three-year term.

ARTICLE IX To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term.

ARTICLE X To elect a Jericho Underhill Library District Trustee for one year of an unexpired four-year term.

- ARTICLE XI To elect a Jericho Underhill Library District Trustee for three years of an unexpired four-year term
- ARTICLE XII To elect a Jericho Underhill Library District Trustee for a four-year term
- ARTICLE XIII To elect a Jericho Underhill Park District Trustee for a three-year term.
- ARTICLE XIV Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District Board of Directors for a three-year term. **(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)**

JERICO SELECTBOARD

Dated this 20 day of January, A.D., 2022


Catherine McMains


Wayne Howe


Erik Johnson

Received for record this 20 day of January, A.D., 2022


Town Clerk

TOWN COMMITTEES - APPOINTED

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Eric Hill.....Term expires 2022
 Sabina Ernst.....Term expires 2022
 Ann Kroll Lerner.....Term expires 2023
 Karina Dailey.....Term expires 2023
 Tom Baribault (Chair).....Term expires 2024
 Laura Vallett.....Term expires 2024
 Allaire Diamond.....Term expires 2024

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Barry King (Chair).....Term expires 2022
 Andrew Chardain.....Term expires 2022
 Bruce Jacobs (alternate).....Term expires 2023
 Phyl NewbeckTerm expires 2023
 Joe Flynn (alternate).....Term expires 2023
 Jeff York.....Term expires 2024
 Ben Barron.....Term expires 2024

ENERGY TASK FORCE

Phyl Newbeck	Eric Bishop
Stuart Alexander	Roger Putzel
Reed Sims	Larry Lamb
Adam Wechsler	
Catherine McMains (Chair)	

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jeff York.....Term expires 2022
 Tom Dowd.....Term expires 2022
 Lindsey Halman.....Term expires 2023
 Beth Davis Seniw (Chair).....Term expires 2024
 Susan McMillan.....Term expires 2025
 Barbara Adams.....Term expires 2025
 Linda Porter.....Term expires 2025

MOBBS COMMITTEE

Terry Hook.....Term expires 2022
 Riley Glanz.....Term expires 2022
 Chris Smith.....Term expires 2022
 Andy Dumas.....Term expires 2023
 Pete Davis (Chair).....Term expires 2023
 George Bennum.....Term expires 2023
 Jessica Dion.....Term expires 2024
 Sam Gaulty.....Term expires 2024
 Patrick Hayden.....Term expires 2024
 Nancy Bolt.....Term expires 2024

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sarah MacLeod.....Term expires 2022
 Susan Breese (Chair)Term expires 2022
 Sabina Ernst.....Term expires 2023
 Wendy Verrei Berenback.....Term expires 2023
 vacant.....Term expires 2024
 Chris Brown.....Term expires 2024
 Erik Glitman.....Term expires 2024

TRAILS COMMITTEE

Niels Rinehart.....Term expires 2022
 Stewart Brineger.....Term expires 2022
 Julian Dixon.....Term expires 2022
 Kayla Donahue.....Term expires 2023
 Adam Popkin.....Term expires 2023
 vacant.....Term expires 2024
 Steven Schwartz.....Term expires 2024
 Rick Gordon.....Term expires 2024

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

SarahJane Dube (Chair)Term expires 2022
 Peter Booth.....Term expires 2022
 Eric Silman.....Term expires 2023
 Stacy Burnett.....Term expires 2023
 Wayne Ellis.....Term expires 2024
 Erik Glitman.....Term expires 2024
 Margo Batsie.....Term expires 2024
 Richard Hankins.....Term expires 2025

TOWN OFFICERS - APPOINTED

Administrative/Personnel Assistant.....Paula Carrier
 Animal Control Officer.....Ed Stygles
 Assistant Town Clerks.....Ben Joslin & Barb McVicar
 C.C.R.P.C. Rep.....Catherine McMains
 alternate.....Wayne Howe
 C.C.R.P.C TAC Representative.....Katherine Sonnick
 CSWD Representative.....Leslie Nulty
 CSWD Alternate Rep.....Tom Joslin
 Delinquent Tax Collector.....Amy Morse
 Emergency Management Coordinator.....Aaron Little
 Financial Coordinator.....Amy Morse
 Fire Warden.....Todd Fischer
 Health Officer.....Richard Bernstein, M.D.
 Health Officer, Deputy.....vacant
 Listers.....Lori Dykema ~P. Andrew Levi ~ Paula Carrier

Assessor V.P.A. III.....Terri Sabens
 Planning & Development Coordinator.....Katherine Sonnick
 Road Supervisor.....Adam Magee
 Road Crew Members.....Felix Streeter
 Roger Miller
 Brian Fuller
 Kyle Guyette
 Joe Gulia
 Summer Recreation Director.....Lynn Wagner
 Town Administrator.....John Abbott
 Town Treasurer.....Brian Stevens
 Tree Warden.....Don Tobi
 Trustee of Public Funds.....Selectboard
 Winooski Valley Park District Rep.....Sonya Schuyler
 Zoning Administrator.....Chris Flinn

TOWN OFFICERS - ELECTED

JERICHO CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Bert Lindholm.....Term expires 2022
 Stuart Alexander.....Term expires 2023
 Isabella Martin.....Term expires 2024

SELECTBOARD

Wayne Howe.....Term expires 2022
 Catherine McMains.....Term expires 2023
 Erik Johnson.....Term expires 2024

TOWN CLERK

Jessica Alexander.....Term expires 2022

TOWN MODERATOR

David Barrington.....Term expires 2022

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

(Elected to office November 3, 2020-Terms begin
 February 1, 2021 for a two year term)

Peter Booth
 Mary Coburn
 Kathleen Bassett Cramer
 Mary Jane Dickerson
 Bill Drislane
 Ben Joslin
 Tom Joslin

Cathy Paris
 Carol Smith
 Michael Sweeney
 Michele Tulis
 Mike Weinberg

(J) = Jericho
 (U) = Underhill

JERICHO UNDERHILL LIBRARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Sven Lindholm (J) Chair.....Term expires 2022
 Carolyn Green (U).....Term expires 2022
 vacant (J).....Term expires 2023
 Barbara Yerrick (U).....Term expires 2023
 vacant (J).....Term expires 2024
 Connell Gallagher (U).....Term expires 2024
 Bill McMains (J).....Term expires 2024
 Sharon Lockwood (J).....Term expires 2024
 Nicole Gruet-Matthews (U).....Term expires 2025

JERICHO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Livy Strong (Chair) (J).....Term expires 2022
 Dave Williamson (U).....Term expires 2022
 vacant (U).....Term expires 2023
 Chris Tardi (J).....Term expires 2023
 Donna Pratt (J).....Term expires 2024
 vacant (J).....Term expires 2024
 James Massingham (U).....Term expires 2024

TOWN OF JERICO
PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL FY 2022/23

	ACTUAL FY2020	BUDGET FY2021	ACTUAL FY2021	BUDGET FY2022	BUDGET FY2023	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
REVENUES - DETAIL							
PROPERTY TAXES							
1 GENERAL TAX REVENUE	\$ 2,482,540	\$ 2,610,487	\$ 2,624,319	\$ 2,694,098	\$ 2,813,219	\$ 119,121	4.4%
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 2,482,540	\$ 2,610,487	\$ 2,624,319	\$ 2,694,098	\$ 2,813,219	\$ 119,121	4.4%
PENALTIES AND INTEREST							
2 INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES	17,060	15,000	15,345	16,500	15,000	(1,500)	-9.1%
3 PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT TAXES	21,382	15,500	18,933	19,000	18,000	(1,000)	-5.3%
4 PRIOR YEAR DELINQUENT TAX	-	8,000	-	4,000	4,000	-	
TOTAL PENALTIES AND INTEREST	\$ 38,443	\$ 38,500	\$ 34,279	\$ 39,500	\$ 37,000	\$ (2,500)	-6.3%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL							
5 CURRENT USE	38,822	38,250	42,539	38,250	48,000	9,750	25.5%
6 PILOT STATE ANR/UVM PAYMENT	982	1,200	974	1,200	1,200	-	
7 COLLECTION FEES ON DELINQUENT TAXES	-	-	-	-	-	-	
8 STATE AID FOR ROADS	151,071	147,000	193,200	152,000	150,000	(2,000)	-1.3%
9 CLASS 2 STRUCTURE GRANT	14,320	-	-	-	-	-	
10 CLASS 2 ROAD GRANT	128,068	-	-	-	-	-	
11 ACT 60 REVENUE	2,110	2,100	2,125	2,100	2,100	-	
12 ACT 68 REVENUE	19,221	18,000	19,468	18,000	19,000	1,000	5.6%
13 STATE GRANT LIST ASSISTANCE	17,935	17,800	18,063	17,800	17,800	-	
14 SPECIAL GRANTS	10,434	20,000	28,484	10,000	-	(10,000)	
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 382,963	\$ 244,350	\$ 304,854	\$ 239,350	\$ 238,100	\$ (1,250)	-0.5%
LICENSES AND FINES							
15 PLANNING AND ZONING FEES	19,629	22,000	36,829	22,000	27,500	5,500	25.0%
16 LAW ENFORCEMENT FINES	52,825	35,000	28,327	35,000	35,000	-	
17 DOG LICENSES	567	1,800	1,244	1,800	1,300	(500)	-27.8%
18 EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS	1,235	1,250	1,325	1,250	1,250	-	
19 ALL OTHER LICENSES	720	550	765	550	550	-	
20 COPIER FEES	5,009	4,500	5,366	4,500	4,500	-	
21 RECORDING FEES	61,711	40,000	83,318	40,000	40,000	-	
22 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	146	250	-	250	150	(100)	-40.0%
23 MARRIAGE LICENSES	1,020	1,200	1,540	1,200	1,200	-	
24 ALL OTHER FEES	2,451	2,500	3,415	2,500	2,000	(500)	-20.0%
25 RESTORATION AND COMPUTERIZATION	23,308	20,000	64,937	20,000	15,000	(5,000)	-25.0%
TOTAL LICENSES AND FINES	\$ 168,622	\$ 129,050	\$ 227,066	\$ 129,050	\$ 128,450	\$ (600)	-0.5%
MISCELLANEOUS							
26 INTEREST ON CHECKING	\$ 6,619	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,623	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	\$ (2,000)	-33.3%
27 SOLAR LEASE	-	18,000	12,000	18,000	12,000	(6,000)	-33.3%
28 SALE OF EQUIPMENT	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	
29 NOT CLASSIFIED	5,023	100	5,298	100	2,500	2,400	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 77,642	\$ 24,100	\$ 20,921	\$ 24,100	\$ 18,500	\$ (5,600)	-23.2%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,150,210	\$3,046,487	\$3,211,439	\$3,126,098	\$3,235,269	\$109,171	3.5%

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EXPENDITURES - DETAIL							
TOWN TREASURER							
100 SALARIES	\$ 43,694	\$ 45,921	\$ 44,531	\$ 46,894	\$ 49,093	\$ 2,199	4.7%
101 BENEFITS	35,793	38,980	37,457	40,587	38,470	(2,117)	-5.2%
102 LEGAL EXPENSE	(4)	500	-	500	500	-	
103 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	110	500	223	500	500	-	
104 ADVERTISEMENTS	-	100	-	100	100	-	
105 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	-	250	-	250	250	-	
TOTAL TOWN TREASURER	\$ 79,594	\$ 86,251	\$ 82,210	\$ 88,831	\$ 88,913	\$ 82	0.1%
ADMINISTRATION							
106 SALARIES	\$ 147,882	\$ 149,970	\$ 151,792	\$ 153,369	\$ 155,362	\$ 1,993	1.3%
107 BENEFITS	60,024	66,486	62,996	69,045	55,750	(13,295)	-19.3%
108 OUTSIDE ANNUAL AUDIT	12,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	15,000	2,000	15.4%
109 LEGAL EXPENSE	19,036	28,000	19,410	24,000	24,000	-	%
110 COMPUTER SUPPORT/REPAIRS	25,419	22,000	29,940	22,000	24,000	2,000	9.1%
111 OFFICE EQUIPMENT/COMPUTERS	8,371	15,000	5,473	15,000	10,000	(5,000)	-33.3%
112 POSTAGE	6,171	6,000	7,355	6,000	7,500	1,500	25.0%
113 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	738	5,000	1,752	5,000	2,000	(3,000)	-60.0%
114 TRAINING & EDUCATION					3,000	3,000	
115 ADVERTISING	9,421	3,000	2,013	3,000	3,000	-	
116 TOWN REPORT	2,607	4,000	3,919	4,000	4,500	500	12.5%
117 TELEPHONE	5,206	4,500	6,535	4,500	7,000	2,500	55.6%
118 SUPPLIES/EXPENSES -INTERDEPART	13,268	12,000	14,919	12,000	15,000	3,000	25.0%
119 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS	3,860	20,000	6,699	15,000	5,000	(10,000)	-66.7%
120 CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE - GR			3,620			-	
121 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	3,948	3,500	4,486	3,500	4,000	500	14.3%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 317,949	\$ 352,456	\$ 333,908	\$ 349,414	\$ 335,112	\$ (14,302)	-4.1%
TOWN CLERK							
122 SALARIES	\$ 74,250	\$ 84,465	\$ 91,051	\$ 86,934	\$ 94,096	\$ 7,162	8.2%
123 BENEFITS	21,938	26,116	26,319	25,961	34,644	8,683	33.4%
124 BOARD FEES/ELECTIONS	2,298	8,550	11,174	4,000	8,600	4,600	115.0%
125 LEGAL EXPENSE	-	150	-	150	150	-	
126 BOOK RESTORATION/DIGITIZATION	12,260	20,000	48,830	42,000	15,000	(27,000)	-64.3%
127 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	999	2,580	359	2,580	1,700	(880)	-34.1%
128 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	-	100	-	100		(100)	
129 LICENSE PAYMENTS TO STATE	1,350	6,050	9,050	6,050	6,050	-	
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	\$ 113,096	\$ 148,011	\$ 186,784	\$ 167,775	\$ 160,241	\$ (7,534)	-4.5%
LISTING							
130 SALARIES	\$ 27,708	\$ 31,929	\$ 28,656	\$ 31,942	\$ 33,496	\$ 1,554	4.9%
131 BENEFITS	2,082	2,443	2,179	2,444	2,562	118	4.8%
132 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	396	800	140	800	400	(400)	-50.0%
133 MAPPING	3,599	3,000	1,075	3,000	2,500	(500)	-16.7%
134 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT	-	1,800	1,807	1,800	1,950	150	8.3%
135 REAPPRAISAL	-	2,000	-	-		-	
TOTAL LISTING	\$ 33,785	\$ 41,972	\$ 33,857	\$ 39,986	\$ 40,909	\$ 923	2.3%

TOWN OF JERICO
PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL FY 2022/23

	ACTUAL FY2020	BUDGET FY2021	ACTUAL FY2021	BUDGET FY2022	BUDGET FY2023	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
HEALTH OFFICE							
136 HEALTH OFFICER	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 500	25.0%
137 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	-	150	-	150	150	-	
138 DOG WARDEN	2,053	4,000	1,244	4,000	4,500	500	12.5%
TOTAL HEALTH OFFICE	\$ 4,053	\$ 6,150	\$ 3,244	\$ 6,150	\$ 7,150	\$ 1,000	16.3%
PLANNING AND ZONING							
139 SALARIES	\$ 100,567	\$ 101,130	\$ 107,869	\$ 103,532	\$ 111,007	\$ 7,475	7.2%
140 BENEFITS	72,050	80,215	78,087	83,322	78,861	(4,461)	-5.4%
141 LEGAL EXPENSE	3,705	6,000	4,698	6,000	6,000	-	
142 TRAVEL, MEETING & SUBSCRIPTIONS	659	2,000	500	2,000	1,000	(1,000)	-50.0%
143 ADVERTISEMENTS	1,594	4,000	1,337	4,000	4,000	-	
144 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS	17,996	15,000	4,519	15,000	15,000	-	
145 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	33	100	77	100	100	-	
TOTAL PLANNING AND ZONING	\$ 196,603	\$ 208,445	\$ 197,087	\$ 213,954	\$ 215,968	\$ 2,014	0.9%
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES							
146 SALARIES AND OVERTIME	\$ 291,875	\$ 331,229	\$ 309,297	\$ 337,484	\$ 363,306	\$ 25,822	7.7%
147 BENEFITS	158,957	185,789	164,156	181,616	178,869	(2,747)	-1.5%
148 OFFICE EQUIPMENT/MAINTENANCE	-	500	40	500	800	300	60.0%
149 TRAVEL, MEETING & SUBSCRIPTIONS	35	800	49	800	500	(300)	-37.5%
150 TELEPHONE	3,286	4,200	5,598	4,200	5,800	1,600	38.1%
151 ELECTRICITY	3,749	3,500	5,816	3,500	6,000	2,500	71.4%
152 BUILDING HEAT	8,933	11,000	8,337	11,000	10,000	(1,000)	-9.1%
153 BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	11,158	10,000	7,116	10,000	10,000	-	
154 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	
155 SMALL EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	25,380	10,000	24,144	15,000	15,000	-	
156 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	136,821	61,000	88,094	75,000	85,000	10,000	13.3%
157 HIRED EQUIPMENT	30,920	25,000	29,862	25,000	25,000	-	
158 SUMMER ROADS GRAVEL/STONE	58,823	40,000	45,438	40,000	50,000	10,000	25.0%
159 WINTER SAND	61,831	60,000	59,960	60,000	60,000	-	
160 SALT	115,510	80,000	113,643	100,000	110,000	10,000	10.0%
161 SALT ALTERNATIVES	-	4,500	-	-	-	-	
162 ROAD IMPROVEMENT	268,515	275,000	322,263	295,000	295,000	-	
163 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT	32,717	50,000	552	50,000	-	(50,000)	
164 GAS, OIL AND DIESEL	48,313	65,000	47,501	65,000	65,000	-	
165 CULVERTS	122,758	10,000	1,362	10,000	15,000	5,000	50.0%
166 GUARDRAILS	-	8,000	-	8,000	8,000	-	
167 COLD & HOT PATCH	4,596	7,000	1,031	7,000	12,000	5,000	71.4%
168 CHLORIDE	40,799	26,000	28,232	35,000	30,000	(5,000)	-14.3%
169 SIGNAGE & STRIPING	8,391	25,000	8,702	25,000	12,000	(13,000)	-52.0%
170 TREE/BRUSH MAINTENANCE	24,000	20,000	13,085	20,000	25,000	5,000	25.0%
171 MUD SEASON GRAVEL	14,030	20,000	17,210	20,000	20,000	-	
172 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	12,756	12,000	9,505	12,000	12,000	-	
TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES	\$ 1,484,153	\$ 1,345,518	\$ 1,310,993	\$ 1,411,100	\$ 1,429,276	\$ 18,176	1.3%

TOWN OF JERICO
PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL FY 2022/23

	ACTUAL FY2020	BUDGET FY2021	ACTUAL FY2021	BUDGET FY2022	BUDGET FY2023	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM							
173 SUMMER RECREATION FEES	\$ 111,689	\$ 115,000	\$ 65,342	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000	\$ -	
174 SALARIES	79,377	86,000	85,717	86,000	95,860	9,860	11.5%
175 BENEFITS	6,073	9,000	6,557	9,000	7,273	(1,727)	-19.2%
176 SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	11,181	8,000	12,264	8,000	8,000	-	
177 TRAVEL	20,309	8,000	315	8,000	10,000	2,000	25.0%
178 PROGRAMS	-	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-	
179 ADVERTISEMENTS	-	60	-	60	60	-	
180 FACILITY RENTAL	2,360	2,000	1,750	2,000	2,000	-	
181 FIELD TRIPS	24,099	25,000	-	25,000	25,000	-	
182 CIT PROGRAM	900	1,600	1,000	1,600	2,000	400	25.0%
183 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	1,700	8,400	-	5,400	2,500	(2,900)	-53.7%
TOTAL SUMMER RECREATION EXPENSES	145,999	150,560	107,603	147,560	155,193	7,633	5.2%
NET SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM	\$ 34,310	\$ 35,560	\$ 42,261	\$ 32,560	\$ 40,193	\$ 7,633	23.4%
INSURANCES							
184 UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 528	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,486	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,800	\$ 800	40.0%
185 WORKERS COMPENSATION	33,622	23,500	22,561	21,000	25,000	4,000	19.0%
186 PROPERTY, CASUALTY & LIABILITY	34,060	34,000	20,143	30,000	34,000	4,000	13.3%
TOTAL INSURANCES	\$ 68,210	\$ 59,500	\$ 44,190	\$ 53,000	\$ 61,800	\$ 8,800	16.6%
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY							
187 RESCUE SQUAD -ESSEX	\$ 15,600	\$ 15,600	\$ 15,600	\$ 15,600	\$ 46,858	\$ 31,258	200.4%
188 RESCUE SQUAD - RICHMOND	14,000	16,000	16,000	18,000	18,000	-	
190 POLICE SERVICES	149,504	120,000	141,384	120,000	135,000	15,000	12.5%
TOTAL POLICE AND SAFETY	\$ 179,104	\$ 151,600	\$ 172,984	\$ 153,600	\$ 199,858	\$ 46,258	30.1%
BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE							
191 BUILDING-ELECTRICITY	\$ 8,381	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,612	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	
192 STREET LIGHTS	14,141	15,500	15,355	15,500	15,500	-	
193 BUILDING HEAT	2,428	2,800	2,029	2,800	2,500	(300)	-10.7%
194 CASTLE AND LOWERY CEMETERIES	2,147	5,950	2,750	5,200	5,750	550	10.6%
195 JERICO CENTER CEMETERY	5,286	6,200	3,994	6,200	6,875	675	10.9%
196 JERICO GREENS	8,673	8,400	8,920	8,400	8,400	-	
197 MAINTENANCE/REPAIR - TOWN FACILITIES	16,745	31,500	23,639	31,500	31,500	-	
198 SIDEWALKS - MAINTENANCE	16,022	17,000	21,950	22,000	22,000	-	
200 TREE WARDEN	-	1,000	-	1,000	5,000	4,000	400.0%
201 STORMWATER - PERMITS/MAINTENANCE	2,581	4,000	13,403	4,000	4,000	-	
TOTAL BUILDING AND PROPERTY	\$ 76,404	\$ 100,350	\$ 99,652	\$ 104,600	\$ 109,525	\$ 4,925	4.7%
JERICO CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC USE							
202 SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ (1,000)	
203 JERICO CONSV COMMISSION	188	1,700	-	1,700	1,000	(700)	-41.2%
204 LAND IMPROVEMENTS	9,554	10,000	2,461	10,000	5,000	(5,000)	-50.0%
205 MOBBS FARM	4,698	3,200	3,939	3,200	3,200	-	
206 TRAILS COMMITTEE	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	
207 OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION	-	-	-	-	-	-	
208 POST CLOSURE LANDFILL COSTS	1,800	5,000	1,800	5,000	3,000	(2,000)	-40.0%
TOTAL CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC USE	\$ 16,241	\$ 20,900	\$ 8,200	\$ 20,900	\$ 17,200	\$ (3,700)	-17.7%

TOWN OF JERICO
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		ACTUAL FY2020	BUDGET FY2021	ACTUAL FY2021	BUDGET FY2022	BUDGET FY2023	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
TOWN CENTER LIBRARY								
209	SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$ 52,796	\$ 56,027	\$ 46,228	\$ 50,545	\$ 56,400	\$ 5,855	11.6%
210	GENERAL EXPENSES	22,360	24,000	24,000	24,300	25,200	900	
211	LIBRARY MAINTENANCE	4,842	-	5,922	-	-	-	
212	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	6,144	10,000	155	10,000	10,000	-	
	TOTAL TOWN LIBRARY	\$ 86,142	\$ 90,027	\$ 76,305	\$ 84,845	\$ 91,600	\$ 6,755	8.0%
APPROPRIATIONS								
MANDATED								
213	CHITTENDEN COUNTY TAX	\$ 28,804	\$ 29,036	\$ 29,253	\$ 29,588	\$ 29,750	\$ 162	0.5%
214	CHITTENDEN RPC	7,366	7,339	7,339	7,396	7,604	208	2.8%
215	JERICO-UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT	25,827	31,587	31,587	31,587	34,272	2,685	8.5%
216	VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS	7,031	7,321	7,321	7,321	7,552	231	3.2%
	TOTAL MANDATED	\$ 69,028	\$ 75,283	\$ 75,500	\$ 75,892	\$ 79,178	\$ 3,286	4.3%
NON-MANDATED								
217	AGE WELL	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	
218	BROWNS RIVER LITTLE LEAGUE	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	-	
219	CHILD CARE RESOURCE	1,161	200	200	2,928	2,914	(14)	-0.5%
220	COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY SHELTER	750	750	750	750	750	-	
221	CHITTENDEN UNIT ON SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS	9,215	9,431	9,431	9,390	7,558	(1,832)	-19.5%
222	FARMERS MARKET	3,840	3,840	3,840	3,840	3,840	-	
223	FEEDING CHITTENDEN	700	700	700	700	1,000	300	42.9%
224	GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT SERVICE	14,997	15,597	15,597	15,597	15,597	-	
225	JERICO CENTER PRESERVATION	6,750	8,750	8,750	8,750	9,000	250	2.9%
226	JERICO FOODSHELF	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	
227	JERI-HILL XYZ SENIORS	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	-	
228	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	152	300	-	300	350	50	16.7%
229	MMCTV	1,960	6,270	6,270	2,270	2,900	630	27.8%
230	MMMUSD-TENNIS COURT FUND	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-	(1,000)	
231	OUR COMMUNITY CARES CAMP	500	500	500	3,000	3,000	-	
232	STEPS TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	3,700	3,700	3,700	4,000	4,000	-	
233	THE HOWARD CENTER	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	
234	UVM HOME AND HEALTH HOSPICE	18,081	18,081	18,081	18,081	20,000	1,919	10.6%
235	VERMONT CARES	500	500	500	500	500	-	
236	VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	150	150	150	150	150	-	
237	WINOOSKI VALLEY PARK DISTRICT	13,764	13,749	13,749	14,309	15,338	1,029	7.2%
	TOTAL NON-MANDATED	\$ 90,470	\$ 95,768	\$ 94,468	\$ 98,815	\$ 100,147	\$ 1,332	1.3%
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 159,497	\$ 171,051	\$ 169,968	\$ 174,707	\$ 179,325	\$ 4,618	2.6%
NET CASH OUTLAY FOR EQUIPMENT								
238	PURCHASE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT	\$ 265,072	\$ 140,100	\$ 290,598	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
239	LOAN PROCEEDS TO ACQUIRE EQUIPMENT	(110,000)	-	(214,733)	-	-	-	
	CASH OUTLAY FOR EQUIPMENT	\$ 155,072	\$ 140,100	\$ 75,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
NET CASH OUTLAY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS								
240	SIDEWALKS - CONSTRUCTION	\$ 32,376	\$ 310,000	\$ 370,893	\$ 325,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 275,000	84.6%
241	SIDEWALK GRANTS	-	(260,000)	(349,123)	(252,000)	(480,000)	(228,000)	
	CASH OUTLAY FOR IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 32,376	\$ 50,000	\$ 21,770	\$ 73,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 47,000	64.4%

TOWN OF JERICHO
PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL FY 2022/23

	ACTUAL FY2020	BUDGET FY2021	ACTUAL FY2021	BUDGET FY2022	BUDGET FY2023	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
DEBT SERVICE							
242 INTEREST ON DEBT	\$ 25,285	\$ 18,396	\$ 26,213	\$ 15,896	\$ 16,000	\$ 104	0.7%
243 PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	138,324	60,000	169,883	212,200	154,400	(57,800)	-27.2%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ 163,610	\$ 78,396	\$ 196,096	\$ 228,096	\$ 170,400	\$ (57,696)	-25.3%
USE OF RESERVE FUNDS							
244 ROAD IMPACT FEES	\$ 18,576	\$ 27,500	\$ 67,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	
245 RECREATION IMPACT FEES	-	-	-	-	-	-	
246 HEAVY VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT FUND	-	-	-	12,220	-	(12,220)	
247 REAPPRAISAL FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
248 OPEN SPACE FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
249 BRIDGE FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
250 RECORD PRESERVATION FUND	-	-	-	22,000	-	(22,000)	
251 SIDEWALK/PATHS FUND	-	40,000	-	-	-	-	
252 BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY FUND	5,922	-	-	-	-	-	
253 ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
254 STORMWATER MITIGATION FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
255 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
256 FUND BALANCE USE	-	-	-	-	-	-	
257 LIBRARY FUND	8,661	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$ 33,159	\$ 67,500	\$ 67,500	\$ 84,220	\$ 50,000	\$ (34,220)	-40.6%
TRANSFERS TO RESERVE FUNDS							
258 HEAVY VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 30,000	\$ 9,900	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
259 REAPPRAISAL FUND	-	17,800	17,800	7,800	17,800	10,000	128.2%
260 OPEN SPACE FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
261 BRIDGE FUND	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	
262 RECORD PRESERVATION FUND	12,500	-	15,722	-	-	-	
263 SIDEWALK/PATHS FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
264 ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
265 STORMWATER	-	-	-	-	-	-	
266 BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
267 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL TRANSFERS TO RESERVE FUNDS	\$ 42,500	\$ 27,700	\$ 133,522	\$ 7,800	\$ 17,800	\$ 10,000	128.2%
NET RESERVE FUND ACTIVITY	\$ 9,341	\$ (39,800)	\$ 66,022	\$ (76,420)	\$ (32,200)	\$ 44,220	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,209,541	\$ 3,046,487	\$ 3,121,397	\$ 3,126,098	\$ 3,235,269	\$ 109,171	3.5%
NET CHANGE IN GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ (59,331)	\$ -	\$ 90,042	\$ -	\$ -		

TOWN OF JERICO
PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL FY 2022/23

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET		
	FY2020	FY2021	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
OTHER COLLECTIONS AND REMITTANCES:							
COLLECTIONS							
UNDERHILL-JERICO FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 343,430	\$ 367,165	\$ 367,165	\$ 371,985	\$ 409,699	\$ 37,714	10.1%
DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY	166,246	167,851	167,851	167,649	172,207	4,558	2.7%
OLD RED MILL				18,560	18,560		
CONSERVATION FUND			33,737	33,737	33,737	-	
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 509,676	\$ 535,016	\$ 568,753	\$ 591,931	\$ 634,203	\$ 42,272	7.1%
REMITTANCES							
UNDERHILL-JERICO FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 343,430	\$ 367,165	\$ 367,165	\$ 371,985	\$ 409,699	\$ 37,714	
DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY	166,246	167,851	167,851	167,649	172,207	4,558	
OLD RED MILL				18,560	18,560	-	
CONSERVATION RESERVE FUND			33,737	33,737	33,737	-	
TOTAL REMITTANCES	\$ 509,676	\$ 535,016	\$ 568,753	\$ 591,931	\$ 634,203	\$ 42,272	7.1%
NET COLLECTIONS AND REMITTANCES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

**TOWN OF JERICO
PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL FY 2022/23**

	ACTUAL FY2020	BUDGET FY2021	ACTUAL FY2021	BUDGET FY2022	BUDGET FY2023	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
BUDGET SUMMARY:							
GENERAL TAX ASSESSMENT	\$ 2,482,540	\$ 2,610,487	\$ 2,624,319	\$ 2,694,098	\$ 2,813,219	\$ 119,121	4.4%
OTHER REVENUE							
PENALTIES AND INTEREST	\$ 38,443	\$ 38,500	\$ 34,279	\$ 39,500	\$ 37,000	\$ (2,500)	-6.3%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	382,963	244,350	304,854	239,350	238,100	(1,250)	-0.5%
LICENSES AND FINES	168,622	129,050	227,066	129,050	128,450	(600)	-0.5%
MISCELLANEOUS	77,642	24,100	20,921	24,100	18,500	(5,600)	-23.2%
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	667,670	436,000	587,120	432,000	422,050	(9,950)	-2.3%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 3,150,210	\$ 3,046,487	\$ 3,211,439	\$ 3,126,098	\$ 3,235,269	\$ 109,171	3.5%
EXPENSES							
TOWN TREASURER	\$ 79,594	\$ 86,251	\$ 82,210	\$ 88,831	\$ 88,913	\$ 82	0.1%
ADMINISTRATION	317,949	352,456	333,908	349,414	335,112	(14,302)	-4.1%
TOWN CLERK	113,096	148,011	186,784	167,775	160,241	(7,534)	-4.5%
LISTING	33,785	41,972	33,857	39,986	40,909	923	2.3%
HEALTH OFFICE	4,053	6,150	3,244	6,150	7,150	1,000	16.3%
PLANNING & ZONING	196,603	208,445	197,087	213,954	215,968	2,014	0.9%
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES	1,484,153	1,345,518	1,310,993	1,411,100	1,429,276	18,176	1.3%
SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM (NET OF FEES)	34,310	35,560	42,261	32,560	40,193	7,633	23.4%
INSURANCES	68,210	59,500	44,190	53,000	61,800	8,800	16.6%
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY	179,104	151,600	172,984	153,600	199,858	46,258	30.1%
BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	76,404	100,350	99,852	104,600	109,525	4,925	4.7%
CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC USE	16,241	20,900	8,200	20,900	17,200	(3,700)	-17.7%
TOWN CENTER LIBRARY	86,142	90,027	76,305	84,845	91,600	6,755	8.0%
APPROPRIATIONS	159,497	171,051	169,968	174,707	179,325	4,618	2.6%
TOTAL OF EXPENSES	2,849,142	2,817,791	2,761,644	2,901,422	2,977,069	75,647	2.6%
NET CASH OUTLAY FOR EQUIPMENT	\$ 155,072	\$ 140,100	\$ 75,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
NET CASH OUTLAY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 32,376	\$ 50,000	\$ 21,770	\$ 73,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 47,000	64.4%
DEBT SERVICE							
PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS	\$ 163,610	\$ 78,396	\$ 196,096	\$ 228,096	\$ 170,400	\$ (57,696)	-25.3%
SUMMARY OF RESERVE FUND ACTIVITY							
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVES	\$ (33,159)	\$ (67,500)	\$ (67,500)	\$ (84,220)	\$ (50,000)	\$ 34,220	-40.6%
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES	42,500	27,700	133,522	7,800	17,800	10,000	128.2%
NET RESERVE FUND ACTIVITY	9,341	(39,800)	66,022	(76,420)	(32,200)	44,220	-57.9%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,209,541	\$ 3,046,487	\$ 3,121,397	\$ 3,126,098	\$ 3,235,269	\$ 109,171	3.5%
NET	\$ (59,331)	\$ -	\$ 90,042	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

**TOWN OF JERICHO
CAPITAL BUDGET 2022/23**

Project	Line	Budget FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	Total Cost
PROJECTS:							
BUILDINGS & PROPERTY							
Jericho Library Improvements	239	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000
Highway Garage Improvements	199	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	50,000
Mobbs Improvements	206	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	25,000
HIGHWAYS							
Asphalt Highway Improvement	164	255,000	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000	1,615,000
Gravel Road Improvement	164	40,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	240,000
Cilley Hill Road Improvement							
BRIDGES & CULVERTS							
Sub and Superstructure Concrete Repairs	165						
Beam Cleaning and Painting	165						
HEAVY/EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES							
Highway - Equipment/Vehicles	240	-	150,000	150,000	155,000	160,000	615,000
SIDEWALKS							
Riverside Sidewalk	242	600,000					600,000
Ethan Allen to MMU Path	242	-	50,000	50,000	600,000	600,000	1,300,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		\$920,000	\$615,000	\$615,000	\$1,170,000	\$1,175,000	\$4,495,000
SOURCES OF FUNDING:							
Grants State/Federal/Other	243	\$ 480,000					
Reserve Funds		-					
Operating Funds	1	440,000					
Road Impact Fees	255						
Loans	241						
TOTAL FUNDING		\$ 920,000					

**TOWN OF JERICHO
RESERVE ACCOUNT ACTIVITY**

RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Sidewalks and Paths	\$ 26,493			\$ 53	\$ 26,546				\$ 26,546				\$ 26,546
Preservation	153,332	15,722		291	169,345		(22,000)		147,345				147,345
Equipment	44,037	-		89	44,126		(12,220)		31,906				31,906
Reappraisal	101,679	17,800		206	119,685	7,800			127,485	17,800			145,285
Bridge Replacement	60,182	100,000		121	160,303				160,303				160,303
Stormwater	20,497			41	20,538		-		20,538				20,538
Jericho Town Center Library Fund	22,186			13,532	35,718				35,718				35,718
Road Upgrade Fund	116,236			235	116,471				116,471				116,471
Buildings and Property	26,907			63	26,970				26,970				26,970
Capital Projects	27,111			54	27,165				27,165				27,165
Conservation Reserve Fund	47,631			33,835	81,466			33,737	115,203			33,737	148,940
Old Red Mill					-			18,560	18,560			18,560	37,120
Unassigned General Fund Balance	740,800			90,042	830,842				830,842			-	830,842
Total Reserve Accounts	\$ 1,387,091	\$ 133,522	\$ -	\$ 138,562	\$ 1,659,175	\$ 7,800	\$ (34,220)	\$ 52,297	\$ 1,685,052	\$ 17,800	\$ -	\$ 52,297	\$ 1,755,149
TOWN IMPACT FEES													
Road Impact	\$ 164,316		\$ (67,500)	\$ 67,866	\$ 164,682		\$ (50,000)		\$ 114,682		\$ (50,000)		\$ 64,682
Recreational	20,593		-	4,095	24,688		-		24,688		-		24,688
Total Town Impact Fees	\$ 184,909	\$ -	\$ (67,500)	\$ 71,961	\$ 189,370	\$ -	\$ (50,000)	\$ -	\$ 139,370	\$ -	\$ (50,000)	\$ -	\$ 89,370
EXPENDABLE TRUSTS													
Bentley Cemetery Fund	\$ 2,728			\$ 7	\$ 2,735				\$ 2,735				\$ 2,735
Maude Brown Fund	3,977			10	3,987				3,987				3,987
Stevens Fund	16,522			27	16,549				16,549				16,549
Total Expendable Trusts	\$ 23,227	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44	\$ 23,271	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,271	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,271
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,595,227	\$ 133,522	\$ (67,500)	\$ 210,567	\$ 1,871,816	\$ 7,800	\$ (84,220)	\$ 52,297	\$ 1,847,693	\$ 17,800	\$ (50,000)	\$ 52,297	\$ 1,867,790

Capital Replacement Plan

(As of October 2021)

Vehicle	Year and Current Hours	Ideal Replacement Cycle (in years)	Replacement Year (FY)	Estimated Replacement cost	Replacement Notes
Grader	2019/1,000hrs 672GP	12	2031/2043 (2032/2044)		
Excavator	2020/0 Case 145D SR	12	2032/2044 (2033/2045)		
Loader	2015/2,565 926M	12	2027/2039 (2028/2040)		
Backhoe	2005/Broke BL70				
Truck 1	2020 International HV	7	2026/2033/2040 (2027/2034/2041)		
Truck 2	2017 Freightliner 114SD	7	2023/2030/2037 (2024/2031/2038)		
Truck 3	2021 International HV	7	2028/2035/2042 (2029/2036/2043)		
Truck 4	2020 International HV	7	2027/2034/2041 (2028/2035/2042)		
Truck 5	2017 International 4300		?		
Truck 6	2019 Ford F-350	6	2025/2031/2037 (2026/2032/2038)		
Truck 7	HV Single Axle	7	2024/2031/2038 (2025/2032/2039)		
Truck 8	2020 Ford F-350 (extended cab)	6	2026/2032/2038 (2027/2033/2039)		
Excavator Trailer	2021 Talbert AC 20 20 Ton Tag				
Utility Trailer					

SELECTBOARD REPORT

FINANCES

Thanks to the good work by staff, the TOJ received another clean audit report. According to the 2021 audit, the cost of the Town's programs was \$3,121,397 as compared to the FY20 cost of \$3,209,541. The fiscal year of 2021 finished with a surplus of \$90,042 leaving an unassigned Fund Balance of \$830,842.

PROPOSED BUDGET

The proposed FY23 budget is \$3,235,269. On the revenue side, the amount raised by taxes is increasing by 3.5%. Major projects included in the budget are paving (line 164), construction of the sidewalk along Lee River from Sunny View to Route 15 (line 242) and preliminary work on the Route 15 Riverside sidewalk from Jericho Market to Park Street Extension (line 243).

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

As you are aware, with the pandemic the Town of Jericho has been trying to make sure we are helping residents as much as we can. At the beginning of the pandemic, the Town of Jericho was prepared to have staff work from home and do as much as possible and the staff pulled through and worked hard at completing tasks remotely.

The Town worked with MMCTV to achieve live remote meetings so that the public can participate in any meeting, which included cameras in the conference room, microphones, as well as modems to connect everything to make it work properly.

Town of Jericho staff was allowed back into the office on of June 14th and the doors were unlocked to the public. Now that we are having another peak in cases, we are aware and ready to do what is necessary to get work done.

Todd Odit, the Town Administrator of 11 years, left the Town of Jericho in April to become the first Town Manager of Hinesburg. The Town secured the services of the VLCT (Vermont League of City and Towns) to assist in the recruitment of a new Town Administrator. While this process took place Paula Carrier stepped into the Interim Town Administrator position. John Abbott accepted the position and began work in September. Erik Johnson became the newest SelectBoard member, winning election at Town Meeting in March. At Town Meeting in March 2021 with a vote of 91% in favor of such, the SelectBoard started the process working with the Vermont Land Trust to permanently conserve the Mobbs Farm property, ensuring the natural resources, habitat, trails, recreational and educational opportunities, productive farm and forestland and scenic value continue to be enjoyed by future generations.

The voters also approved funding to repair and maintain the Old Red Mill. The Town was able to secure a grant from the Natural Resource Conservation Service to repair the bank that had been washed out in a prior year storm. To ensure the safety of the building during construction, stabilization of the foundation of the Mill is now included.

The federal government passed the American Rescue Plan Act that provides for funding at the municipal level. The Town of Jericho will receive \$ 1,493,000 with the first portion received in May/June 2021 and the second to arrive at the same time in 2022. Surveys and public outreach have begun to assess priorities within the community.

HIGHWAYS

Paving work was done on Governor Peck and Barber Farm.

SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS

Right of Way easement agreements for the construction of the Lee River sidewalk were the task for FY21/22 preparing for construction in FY 22/23. The Town applied for and was awarded a grant to construct a sidewalk along the east side of Route 15 from the Jericho Market to Park Street Extension.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

Jericho's Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) was first established by the Selectboard in November of 2019, with the mission "to increase the availability of affordable housing in order to support a more diverse, vibrant and inclusive community by lowering economic, racial and social barriers to living in Jericho." We serve in an advisory capacity to the Town's regulatory bodies and commissions (e.g. Selectboard and Planning Commission).

The primary focus of the AHC in 2020 has been education and outreach. AHC met with several local organizations already engaged in affordable housing issues, including towns nearby with similar size and demographics to Jericho, the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, Vermont Housing & Conservation Board, Habitat for Humanity and local contractors such as Evernorth. Each of these organizations increased the AHC's knowledge of issues surrounding affordable housing in our region. Additionally, several members of the committee have participated in webinars and public forums hosted by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission and others.

AHC also delivered on two projects. The first was a policy and regulatory review of inclusionary zoning in towns like Jericho. This analysis culminated in a recommendation to the Planning Commission in August 2021 to adopt inclusionary zoning (see presentation on town website). We recommended - Any development of 10 units over a period of 5 years must include 15% permanently affordable homes (affordable = rental for families earning 60% of Area Median Income and ownership for families earning up to 100% of AMI).

The second project was to explore accessory dwelling units (ADUs) as a means of providing more affordable housing in Jericho. We conducted a survey to understand how ADUs serve our community today and how to make them a more accessible option in the future. From this survey we determined that ADUs are indeed one way Jericho can attract new residents to our community with affordable housing and have current residents benefit from additional income or the flexibility of multi-generational living. However, we also found there could be improvements made to ease some of the obstacles to permitting and construction. (A summary of the results of the survey can be found on the town's website.) The AHC is also working to develop an ADU portal for the town website. This portal will be a one-stop site for residents considering an ADU and will streamline the process for those who are ready to take the necessary steps.

We've had a productive start under the guidance of our founding Chair, Bob Robbins and founding members: Peter Booth, Erik Glitman, and Phyl Newbeck. Membership has turned over and filled out to now include: Margo Batsie, Peter Booth, Stacy Burnett, Sarahjane Dube, Wayne Ellis, Erik Glitman, Richard Hankins, and Eric Silman.

Affordable housing in a small, rural town like ours will require action on many fronts and a willingness to be creative. In 2022 we will analyze the current affordable housing conditions in Jericho with a Housing Needs Assessment. The AHC will participate in the Planning Commission's bylaw modernization initiative. We will identify what is standing in the way of affordable housing and what could be added to promote affordable housing in our town regulations. Finally, we will identify and promote available funding programs and resources to help keep lower- and middle-income neighbors in their homes and preserve what economic diversity we do have.

Please, join the conversation the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm or reach out to our new Chair, Sarahjane Dube at Sarahjane.Dube@gmail.com.

BROWNS RIVER LITTLE LEAGUE REPORT

formerly known as Jericho Youth League

Thank you to the Town of Jericho for its continued support of the Browns River Little League baseball program. The 2021 season was a nice bounce-back season after the Covid-related challenges of the previous year. We had 166 players, ages 4-12, participate in our regular spring season, with another large contingent of players participating in extra summer and fall short seasons. Families were enthusiastic about getting their kids outside to play. The majority of BRLL players reside in Jericho, with the rest coming from Underhill. Interest and enthusiasm in youth baseball remains high in both towns and the league continues to offer quality instruction in a safe, enjoyable atmosphere.

The league remained dedicated to providing a healthy environment in the midst of the Covid pandemic. We followed stringent protocols like maintaining safe social distancing with kids on the field and in dugouts, limited sharing of equipment, and followed strict contact tracing protocols. We had zero Covid related incidents. In addition, much of the funds received from the town last year went toward the purchase of new equipment for players - new helmets and catchers' gear specifically. This allowed most players to have their own equipment for the season, eliminating the need for sharing potentially unsanitary, contaminated gear.

Many visiting teams and their families remark at the quality of our fields, and that is due to the unwavering commitment of our board members, league volunteers, sponsors, and in large part, the town. BRLL, unlike most other Little Leagues in Vermont, plays ball at the various school baseball fields. The league enjoys a great relationship with the school district. Yet this puts our league at a disadvantage. While other leagues play in public parks funded by taxpayers and corporate sponsors (purchasing advertisements on sports fields via banners, etc), BRLL plays on school grounds with no corporate sponsors or tax funds earmarked for public fields. Thus BRLL has to rely on player registration fees, corporate donations, and finally, discretionary money from the town to cover everything from player uniforms to equipment to field maintenance. Field maintenance, in particular, is very expensive, and town funding goes a long way in assisting with that. We have beautiful baseball fields as a result, but they need maintenance every year.

Per capita, Jericho continues to have one of the largest player participation in little league in the region. BRLL will never turn a child down due to financial hardship - we provide free registration annually and provide equipment to those in need. This is also one of the benefits of the aid given by the town.

The league would again like to thank the town for their continued support of the Browns River Little League baseball program. If you have any questions or comments please contact Casey Knudsen, BRLL President, at caseyknudsen@gmail.com, or email our league in general at brownsriverll@gmail.com.

-Browns River Little League Board of Directors

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Jericho's Conservation Commission members have persevered with our established mission in the face of this pandemic's recent resurgence and the complicated socio economic ramifications. Emerald Ash Borer infestations here in Chittenden County not only threaten lives and property; but have also created a budgeting dilemma, a road and utility right-of-way management issue, and a greater degree of uncertainty regarding forest stewardship. All citizens are advised to consider scientific evidence and hard data in their daily decision making. This is true with respect to maintaining your personal well-being and those around you, as well being open minded about the ways that Jericho might enhance its natural world. We encourage you to find the latest information related to each of the following topics at the Join In Jericho link to the Conservation Commission.

- Jericho's working landscape and each person's connections to watershed health, wildlife habitat and corridors, and biodiversity in the context of a shifting climate
- County Forester updates and links to information about controlling invasive species of plants and "Slow The Spread" of EAB
- Reliable inventories of Jericho's resources to foster effective town planning that will maintain Jericho's vibrant ecosystems for its citizens, wildlife, and plant communities
- Cooperative efforts with the Selectboard, Planning Commission, Development Review Board, the Mobbs, Trails, and Affordable Housing Committees, and other Boards as well as town staff to develop dynamic conservation policies and better serve the community

Although presently composed of seven volunteers, we are striving to reach a full slate of 9 members. Appointments are made by the Selectboard with a rotating set of 3-year terms. The yearly budget is often supplemented via grant awards (both private and public). Continuing engagement with local schools and landowners, professional consultants, and neighboring towns' conservation commissions is essential in carrying on our mission. Due to Covid-related safety measures our monthly meetings are now held in the hybrid format and facilitated with the assistance of town staff. Our meeting minutes and monthly agendas are available at the town website. Public involvement and community education constituted the majority of our effort in the past twelve months:

- Actively participated in DRB hearings involving natural resource considerations
- Cooperated with the Mobbs Committee and SelectBoard in evaluating the first funding proposal under the auspices of new Conservation Reserve Fund
- Participated in the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions Annual Summit via remote presentations in October and November
- Participated in Ash Borer workshops presented by state experts
- Began planning for a replacement tree nursery adjacent to Town Garage with trees donated by the 350 Vermont organization
- Followed up on the 2016 and 2018 grants from the VT Urban and Community Forestry Program and New England Wildflower Society, respectively, for maintaining both tree health and a Pollinator Garden at Jericho Center Green with timely watering, weeding, and mulching activities
- Orchestrated community Bioblitzes in May and September at the Mobbs and Mills Riverside Parks, respectively (results are available at Join in Jericho)

Planned activities in 2022:

1. Coordinate a town-wide Ash Tree Inventory with our Tree Warden Don Tobi (Consider volunteering for this effort in your neighborhood!)
2. Renew sponsorship of Natural Places of Jericho as pandemic restrictions allow to help encourage deeper connections between the community and the natural systems within the town
3. Assist Planning Commission and Zoning Office in implementing the objectives of the Natural Resource Overlay District
4. Cosponsor an ecobook discussion group along with the Jericho Town Library
5. Enlist volunteers to assist in local invasive plant removal efforts, GreenUp activities and restoration projects in natural areas in Jericho
6. Serve as a nexus of information on pollinator garden and meadow establishment for landowners in conjunction with regional organizations such as Native Plant Trust (formerly the New England Wildflower Society), the Xerxes Society, and the Vermont Entomological Society

Monthly meetings are always open to the public by remote link at Join In Jericho. Be our guest at 7 PM every 3rd Wednesday. Current members are: Ann Kroll Lerner, Laura Vallett, Karina Dailey, Allaire Diamond, Sabina Ernst, Eric Hill, and Tom Baribault (chair). Feel free to contact any of us with your questions or comments. Stay Well Everyone and Get Outside!!!

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The purpose of the Development Review Board ("DRB") is to review proposed land use changes to see that they conform to the Subdivision and Land Use Regulations.

The regulations are developed by the Planning Commission and Town Planner, then adopted by the Selectboard or by referendum. The Zoning Administrator administers the regulations. Some applications, such as subdivisions or conditional uses, require review by the DRB.

The DRB is a group of volunteers appointed by the Selectboard. The DRB normally meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month if there are any applications to review. As we have been able to get more back to normal we are holding meetings in a hybrid model, meeting in person and with the ability for anyone to participate online or even on the phone. Each public hearing on an application includes an opportunity for public comment, and anyone may comment or ask questions ahead of time in writing as well.

I am often asked how the public can stay informed of DRB hearings. When an application that requires a DRB hearing is processed, a public hearing will be scheduled. These hearings are always scheduled several weeks ahead and the application materials are posted on the Town website. To find the information on upcoming hearings, you can always start at the DRB page at <https://jerichovt.org/DRB>. This page also has links to see the plans and maps and other application materials for each pending application.

In addition to the legally required notices to neighbors, the Zoning Administrator publishes the agenda in local papers, including the Mountain Gazette.

My thanks to Mount Mansfield Cable TV for their assistance and expertise to set up the meeting room to support meeting in our hybrid model. MMCTV usually records our meetings, so if you have cable TV, you can watch the past hearings on public access TV. You can also see them online on MMCTV's Vimeo channels. There is a link to the videos on the DRB page on the Town website.

The Zoning Administrator is the Town staff person who assists the Board and applicants in the hearing process. If you have questions about an upcoming hearing that are not answered by the materials posted on the website, the Zoning Administrator is the person to contact.

Besides our routine work on development projects, as Chair I represent the board as part of the Town government chair-to-chair meetings and I consult with the planning commission occasionally as part of their process for amendments of the regulations.

As Chair, I'd like to say thank you to Jeff York, Ben Barron, Andrew Chardain, Phyl Newbeck, and Joe Flynn for their faithful service, contributing their talents to the work of the DRB.

-Barry King
Chair, Jericho Development Review Board-December 2021

JERICHO CASTLE/LOWRY CEMETERY REPORT

The Cemetery Commissioners held one publicly warned cemetery commission meeting in 2021.

CASTLE CEMETERY

The Commission hired Bianchi Stone Crafters to clean, repair and improve the Wires family tall obelisk monument. The Wires family names and data in the Town Record book created a number of years ago.

The tall obelisk has large cracks and fissures and pieces are starting to fall off. Another winter of water and ice will cause more extensive damage. The best recommendation is to use gray epoxy and seal the whole obelisk. The names are ill legible and cannot be read. The epoxy color matches the present stone color and would seal the stone surface and prevent from future deterioration. This would keep the original monument in place for another 15 or 20 years. Bianchi Stone Crafters completed this work this year.

LOWREY CEMETERY

The Commission continued to maintain this cemetery. No record exists of the family or individuals buried. Verbal accounts have stated that approximately thirty or more burials were in existence many years ago. At some time the monuments were smashed and broken. Now only pieces of the original markers are in place.

The Commission looks to install a new name marker and an access stairway up the hillside from Raceway Road into the cemetery. This work will progress next year.

The Cemetery Commission looks to provide interest, support, and participation in maintaining Town of Jericho Cemeteries that contain original Jericho settlers and founders. Your suggestions or comments are most welcome.

Bert Lindholm

Stuart Alexander

Isabella Martin

JERICHO CENTER CEMETERY REPORT

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Burials

Due to various delays over the last 18 months, most likely from Covid-19 actions, the number of burials doubled in 2021. In the cemetery this year there were eleven cremation burials and two vault burials. The largest number in many years. With the virus slowing down we look for things to return to a more normal activity in the coming months.

Roadway Improvement:

Roadway repair was delayed for a year. This is a pea stone layer addition on the back section turn around and the back roadway. This prevents roadway water collection to prevent water puddles. This work makes the roadway presentable for all visitors.

Lawn Mowing: The contract coordinated between cemetery and Town was continued this year. This is the major annual cemetery expense. Once wet spring weather ended the contractor provided satisfactory summer mowing. We look for him to continue next year.

Monuments

Five monuments were removed and repaired in the hillside section. These fall and break. No family members are available, so rather than lose the family identity we provide repair service as funds allow.

As volunteer time, and donations permit, the Association continues to provide cemetery improvements.

Many, many THANKS go out to everyone for their continued interest, support and participation in the cemetery. Please let us know of your suggestions or comments.

Cordially yours, Bert Lindholm
for the J.C.C.A. Board of Trustees

Jim Adams
Isabella Martin

Stuart Alexander
Terry Hook

Mary Jane Dickerson

Wayne Ellis

JERICO CENTER PRESERVATION REPORT

The Community Center in Jericho is owned by the Jericho Center Preservation Association and since 1993 has provided Jericho and its neighboring towns with a historic setting in which residents gather, learn, play and are entertained. It enhances the sense of community among the people who live here -- that feeling of belonging to, caring about and enjoying our wonderful community.

Since the JCPA purchased the building from the Jericho School District, this 1847 building has undergone major maintenance projects. Thanks to the generosity of the Town, the VT Department of Housing and Community Development, the Preservation Trust of VT, and numerous businesses and residents, in past years we have been able to restore the building foundation, correct drainage issues, mitigate cellar moisture, remove an obsolete oil tank, replace attic insulation, increase building accessibility, replace the front steps, and successfully remove a hive of bees from the wall!. Most recently we have repainted the auditorium ceiling. . As with most old buildings, the list of maintenance and improvement needs is never ending and contributions to our 501(c)(3) organization are always welcome.

Following State and CDC guidance, the Community Center was partially closed for a while this past spring due to the pandemic. Many annual events, including Green Up Day Breakfast, Garden Tour, and potluck suppers did not happen, but we're hopeful that 2022 will see these events return.

As of this writing (November 2021), the Center is now open and following updated health guidelines. It is available to rent for meetings, private parties, classes, and other events. Chairs and tables can be rented for use elsewhere. Although fall '21 rentals have been relatively strong, contributions from the Town and local residents are greatly appreciated, keeping this vital resource open and functioning.

If you are interested in being involved with the fun and rewarding Community Center Operating Committee or the JCPA Board, please contact us.

Operating Committee:ccjvermont@gmail.com or 802-247-4024 JCPA: vtvelo@gmail.com or 802-899-2072..In addition, the Center has an active online presence with Facebook and Instagram pages as well as a website: www.ccjvermont.com. To schedule use of the Community Center please visit these online resources, email, or call Jen at 802-247-4024

. "Community is what we make of it and how we shape it. Our sense of place, of belonging, is shaped by our own hands." - Brainpickings.

JERICO PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY REPORT

Susan Campbell is the President of the Pleasant View Cemetery Jericho Cemetery Association and Ron Derouchie is the Sexton. All Phase Property Management is doing the upkeep of the Cemetery.

Bianci Stone Crafters continues to clean (and perform some repairs) the old monuments one section at a time. The tall monument behind the Church has been cleaned and repaired this summer along with the cleaning of another large section. If you wish to have your stone cleaned when the others are being done please notify Bianci and they can give you an estimate.

We urge the buyer to remember that the land on which the lot stands is not purchased, but only the right to bury in it. Please read the Rules and Regulations regarding what is allowed to be placed on the lot. We must limit what can be put there for the safety of the workers and their machinery as well as for the people who visit. This includes no glass or plastic containers or anything that might cause injury to workers or passers-by. Please do not use any border fencing (including bricks and stones) or metal items as it damages the machinery. If any object can be damaged by the lawn up keeping, it is possible to cause harm to people and other monuments by flying debris. Please keep in mind to only place living flowers on the site within 12 inches of the family stone. Water is available at the rear of Joy Hall (next to the Church.)

If something has been removed from your lot, please check the contents of the first open bay of the carriage house (next to the cemetery - in the church parking lot). Thank you for your co-operation. All owners of lots are urged to participate in the meetings. The Annual Meeting is the fourth Tuesday of September. Please call me at 802 899-4926 for place and time or for any other information. We are always in need of officers and trustees to assist with the Cemetery.

Bette Whitcomb, Treasurer

JERICO FARMERS MARKET REPORT

This past summer marked the 20th anniversary season of the Jericho Farmers Market (JFM). Over these 20 years, we have grown from a small group of farmers and makers into an organization with a multi pronged mission to serve as a community gathering place, a direct sales outlet for local farmers, an incubator for local businesses, and a shopping location for fresh local food for our whole community.

One of the Farmers' Market's goals is to ensure access to fresh local food to all residents of the local community regardless of income. We do this through several programs, including enabling the use of 3SquaresVT benefits at the market, and administering a statewide program, Crop Cash, which doubles this money when used at the market. In addition, this year we had a generous designated gift from a community member, which enabled us to fund even more fresh, local food for food insecure families. In 2021, these programs combined to funnel over \$2,400 in federal food assistance money to our local economy. This food was purchased directly from local farmers at full market prices, so serves both to provide food for local residents and to support the local farming economy. As well as economic benefits, this program works to make sure that all Jericho families have equal access to high quality, local, food.

In addition to our food access goals, the Farmers Market works to be a location where small or new local businesses can find a direct sales outlet within the community. During the 2021 Season, almost one quarter of the vendors at the JFM were businesses within their first few years of operation. Support from the town and private donors enables the JFM to keep our vendor fees low which allows these new businesses to reach a local market at a more accessible price point. Along with these new businesses, the market also serves as a sales outlet for many creative and agricultural small businesses across our community. This group of over 40 vendors brought a combined \$145,000 into the local economy during the 2021 Season. This direct sales outlet invigorates the local economy and lets local residents keep their money local.

2021 also brought a return of our community programming, including the Power of Produce (POP) Kids Club program, for kids ages six through twelve. This program's simple but powerful concept is to combine learning with allowing children to make their own buying decisions. Each week, participating students complete educational activities, and then are given coupons to purchase fresh fruits & vegetables of their choice from our vendors. Choice is a major motivator in children's behavior, and the ability to choose fresh and local food from the market helps to build the habits of varied eating from an early age.

The other part of our community programming we were able to restart was our Music at the Market program part way through this year's season. This, combined with reopening picnicking at the market, has allowed for a return to the community feel of the market. Having outdoor community spaces has been particularly vital during the pandemic, as it creates safer ways to meet up with friends and neighbors, and we've been delighted to be able to serve that need in our community.

Like so many local organizations, the Jericho Farmers Market relies upon volunteers to keep the market running. As well as our amazing vendors, a special thank you goes out to our volunteers who staff our office, run the POP Program, and help with setup and breakdown each week. If you are interested in our mission and want to find out more about volunteering with us, please contact the Market Manager, Elizabeth King at jerichofarmersmarket@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you on May 26 from 3-6:30pm, at Mills Riverside Park, for the first market of the 2022 Season!

Submitted by:
Elizabeth King, Jericho Farmers' Market Manager

JERICHO ENERGY TASK FORCE REPORT

Task Force members for Fiscal Year 2021 were Catherine McMains, chair, Phyl Newbeck, secretary, Reed Sims, Larry Lamb, Roger Putzel, Eric Bishop and Adam Wechsler. The JETF meets on the third Monday of the month at 7pm. We are actively seeking new members and encourage anyone with an interest in energy issues to join. With programs from the State to increase the number of charging stations, putting more funding into weatherization, the adoption of an Initial Climate Action Plan as well as the hiring of an Energy Coordinator as a member of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission staff to assist communities in implementation of their enhanced energy plans, it is an exciting time to get involved.

COVID in FY 21 continued to have impacts on the functioning of the Task Force. Normally in the fall, the JETF would be busy with Button Up workshops and preparing for the winter movie and lecture series, but was not able to do so. The Task Force did receive and discuss energy data for Jericho from Efficiency Vermont and the CCRPC. With Wendy Verrei Berenback, the Planning Commission liaison to the JETF, the Task Force discussed what implementation policies of the Jericho Enhanced Energy Plan would be done by the JETF and what would fall to the Planning Commission. The Task Force also added to a "Do You Know" section of its portion of the Town website, a guide to weatherization projects and other ways to save on energy costs. There was a presentation on e-bikes with the plan to have a demonstration project at a future Harvest Market. The group also discussed cooperating with the Underhill Energy Committee for future events.

JERICHO-UNDERHILL-CAMBRIDGE TRI-TOWN ALTERNATIVES REPORT

Cambridge Reps : Jen Smithers, Noah Reynolds ~Jericho Reps : Wayne Howe
Underhill Reps : Sue Cromwell, Kurt Johnson, Donna Johnson, Mike Oman

The Tri Town alternate transportation committee is a group of representatives from Cambridge, Underhill and Jericho who advocate for public transportation options in the three towns. It serves as an advisory group to the Green Mountain Transit (GMT) bus route that runs along Route 15, but is also interested in other options for transportation service. All three towns support the development of transportation infrastructure through their allocation of a subsidy to GMT for the service.

The Covid pandemic continues to affect many aspects of our daily lives including public transportation among the Tri town communities. Ridership continues to be reduced during the pandemic although it has returned a bit. Our focus this year was in two areas. For the first half of the year we worked with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC), GMT and an independent transportation consultant (Steadman Hill Consulting). This formal study was solely funded by the CCRPC to develop a plan for the Tri Town area transportation needs. A key component of this was to provide recommendations for getting new sustainable services in place. An extensive survey gave our consultant a clear view of the challenges of public transportation in our rural setting. He considered many options, but provided a clear message that that all of these would be challenging to sustain in such a low population density. Although he didn't say it couldn't be done, many of us felt his message was clear it would take a lot of resource and effort to enable some of the options we were considering, such as mid-day service.

However we remained optimistic given at mid-year the Future of Rural Transportation (FRT) initiative was ramping up to perform their own survey for the Chittenden East school district they had awarded along with one other location in the state. The FRT is comprised of staff from VTRANS and UVM and has a budget from the State to perform feasibility studies in these two areas with plans to engage pilot programs in 2022. At first we felt our "cause" was in very good hands and that we would hear in the Fall that there would be a plan for the 2022 pilot that would re-energize our initiative. Unfortunately, we were recently informed that they had decided to go with a very limited pilot initiative that would only connect MMU and the Richmond village to the Richmond park and ride. At this time, it's unclear whether we will be able to persuade them to reconsider. We feel they are missing an opportunity to provide substantive improvements pursuant to their charter by limiting the scope of the project as it is currently defined. Hopefully we'll have some success in getting them to broaden the feasibility pilot.

Going forward in the coming year, we will need to arrive at some decisions with respect to the available options for implementing local transit with or without involvement from the FRT effort. We will, hopefully, be involved in re-energizing the existing GMT Rt 36 commuter service as covid lessens its grip, and we anticipate working with other local transportation parties to better define our local needs and options.

Sincerely,
Tri-town Alt Trans Committee

JERICO TOWN LIBRARY REPORT

2021 Annual Report

Jericho Town Library

www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org | (802) 899-4686 | library@jerichotownlibraryvt.org

PO Box 1055 | 7 Jericho Center Circle | Jericho, VT 05465

Hours & Info

- 10-7 Tuesday, 10-4 Wednesday to Friday, 10-2 Saturday
- We are fully reopened, no appointment needed!
- Masks suggested for everyone, regardless of vaccination status; required for unvaccinated people, including kids between 2 and 12.
- Let's connect! Instagram: @jerichotownlibrary; Facebook: Jericho Town Library

Programs

- Craft kits are available in the entryway first-come, first-served almost every week.
- Storytime is every Wednesday at 10:30 am. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month this fall, we're joined by Miss Emma for a special storytime with music and movement. Outside on the Town Green as long as weather permitted, then indoors.
- Around the World in 2021: We kicked off the new year with a "world tour," encouraging the community to investigate the literature, food, and culture of countries across the globe. We had so much fun exploring the world with you!
- Check out our social media or website for details about all our events.

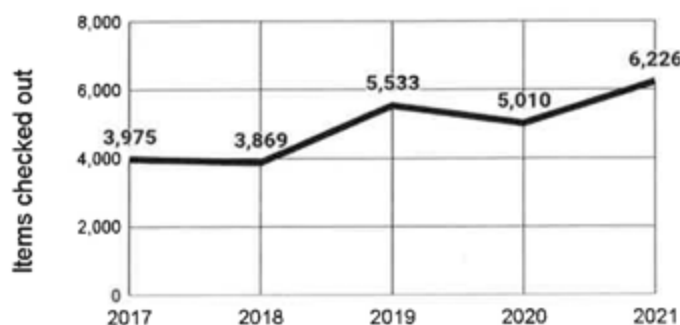
2021 Summer Reading Program: Tails & Tales

- Collaborated with DRML on registration, prizes, and end-of-summer celebration
- 123 children registered
- 1600+ cumulative attendees at JTL's summer programs
- Highlights:
 - Touch-A-Truck with UJFD, Jericho Highway Dept, and Essex Rescue
 - Jericho Pet Parade: A triumphant return of this wonderful tradition
 - Tent at the Farmers' Market every week with outdoor games, free books, & reading challenges
- Scan this QR code to view photos from our 2021 summer reading program:



Circulation

Total annual circulation



Fiscal year (July 1-June 30)

Our total annual circulation has increased 12.5% from the 2019 fiscal year (the most recent fiscal year that was unaffected by Covid).

This is remarkable growth, considering we were operating only through curbside pickup and by-appointment browsing sessions during this time frame.

JERICO UNDERHILL LIBRARY DISTRICT REPORT

The Deborah Rawson Memorial Library had 6,140 use the library either in person or using our new curbside pick-up. This number is significantly lower than years past due to the pandemic and the library only being able to be open for shorter periods of time. This past year 36,036 items were checked out though mostly thanks to curbside pick-up. The library continues to offer a wide variety of programs for all ages both online using Zoom and a few in person programs. The library was able to hold many programs outside which was both fun and challenging. The library continues provided books to the Jeri-Hill Apartments. Contactless homebound delivery is available if you physically are unable to come to the library. Call to arrange a visit. 899-4962. Curbside pick-up is available also. You can place your items on hold through our online catalog and then call or email the library at rawson-library@drml.org to let us know when you would like to pick them up!

Currently the library has 23,785 items that include books, magazine subscriptions, DVDs, Books on CD and Music CDs. Any item the library doesn't have we are happy to borrow from another library either in Vermont or out of state. Downloadable audio-books and ebooks are also available using our website and a current library card. All our items can be found on our website www.drml.org as well as our consortium member libraries items. No fines are charged on late items.

WiFi is available 24/7 with no password needed. It is available anywhere around the perimeter of the library including our parking lot!

Our Master Gardeners and volunteers again delivered to the Jericho Underhill food shelf and Jeri-Hill Apartments produce from the library gardens. This included 300 pounds of potatoes dug by community helpers, Saxon Hill Preschool and the Master Gardeners! This past year the theme of the garden was author Thornton Burgess. The self-guided poetry walk in the Mills Riverside Park featured Paul Laurence Dunbar and our StoryWalk® was up by the library.

The library has new hours! We are open 10-8 Tuesday and Thursday, 10-6 Wednesday and Friday, Saturday 10-2 and Sundays 1-4 September to May. Everyone under 2 must wear a mask and we ask that you try to limit your visit to 30 minutes. We do have computers available as well as faxing and copying. Curbside pick up is available. Call the library at 802-899-4962 to arrange a day and time.

Stay safe and stay well. The staff looks forward to seeing you!

Board of Trustees Report 2021 by Sven Lindholm

The past year has reminded us that our relationships in our community are fundamental to our survival and growth. It is our responsibility to work towards a balance where we – the library and the communities it serves – can thrive

This year we – the DRML staff, Board of Trustees, and volunteers – wanted to do more for you than we did last year. It has been heartwarming to see you coming back to the library, even if only 30 minutes at a time.

Our many essential services have continued even if we feel there is limited access. We are using libraries in different ways. While people can now come in a browse the stacks, we have continued curbside pickup. Online services continue to be enhanced. There have been many in-person events as the weather has permitted. Many community events continue to have digital access. This has not deterred you from being part of the library. We have been able to continue adult programs such as book discussion groups, a poetry walk and Trivia Quest as well as many youth programs such as a weekly story time, craft tutorials and craft curbside pickup, and a summer reading program.

We welcomed back the Harvest Festival, and the annual Book Barn sale went on. Turnout was outstanding and this year was one of its more successful years. We were happy to see you, our neighbors, come in and show us what the library means to you.

Volunteers continue to be an important resource. This year provided less opportunities for involvement. However, we do want to thank all the volunteers who nurtured the garden which grew a bumper crop of vegetables, which were donated to residents at the Jeri-Hill Apartments and the local food bank. Volunteers help out for many programs and the annual Book Barn.

Books. These are the main resource of the library. I want to share some words I recently read. Early in his life, the author Tom Robbins traded a radio for money to buy books and wrote this: "There were no regrets. Evidently, I'd suffered an epiphany. The subconscious realization that when it comes to coolness, nothing the human race has ever invented is more cool than a book."

Everyone in Jericho and Underhill are important to the life of the library. You have kept us going and helped us know what we as a library can do to help with getting needed essential information in a way that is accessible to you.

Lastly, the Board of Trustees is seeking new members from Jericho and hope to fill the positions. It has been difficult to recruit since most work is done virtually. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees we would welcome speaking with you and having you on board.

We'll be in touch and hope that you will be in touch with us.

Friend of the DRML report:

During 2020- 2021 and despite the pandemic challenges, the Friends of the DRML has continued to coordinate resources and programming opportunities with our local library board and staff.

The Friends of the DRML provide the library with requested program support, supplies, and equipment that enhance the DRML. Recently, the Friends has invested in a variety of diverse museum memberships throughout the state to support both youth and adult interests. This year a new Friends of the DRML logo was designed and will be reflected on correspondence, tote bags, and more. Revenues are raised by way of donations to the Friends of the DRML, the sale of puppets, books, tote bags, and bumper stickers. Opportunities to engage with the Friends of DRML and support the important and valuable asset of our community library are posted on the Friends of the DRML bulletin board above the library photo copier. Hope to see you!

Friends of the DRML, Christine Ryan, Secretary/Treasurer

JERICHO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT REPORT

For over twenty-three years, Mills Riverside Park has offered our community an extraordinary natural area for year round recreation. Whether on snowshoes, cross country skis, horseback or bike, Mills Riverside Park provides the trails and open land for all to enjoy. Scheduled sports such as soccer and lacrosse also keep our youth active and engaged. The Farmers' Market calls the park home during the warmer months and hundreds of visitors explore the farm fresh produce, crafts, and prepared foods every Thursday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Summer concerts entertain many, our lush lawns are perfect for picnicking. Many of these traditional events at Mills Riverside Park came to a sudden halt when we were forced to cancel a number of activities because of the Covid 19 virus. The Park District Board of Trustees was extremely pleased to return to a near normal time with a full schedule this year. Beyond managing the park's day to day affairs, the Park District has been challenged by a deteriorating covered bridge and trail erosion. A full assessment of our bridge was conducted by Engineering Ventures and it was determined that the roof and walls were in poor condition and that the abutments might also need to be replaced. As many know, this covered bridge is highly cherished and the only entrance to Mills Riverside Park. How would it be possible to reconstruct the bridge without closing off access? We decided to take a half step measure and tackle the roof and walls first and install safety handrails. This work was accomplished by the end of November and cost over \$36,000. The more extensive reconstruction will have to wait until funding is secured. A temporary bridge will be available to maintain public access as the reconstruction of the bridge will take a few months.

The Park District Board of Trustees is also focusing on our West Fieldstone Loop trail. In 2017, we hired Timber and Stone LLC to improve about a third of this difficult trail at a cost of \$25,000. The funding came from our capital improvements fund. Besides ledge, water seeps from the ground which makes the West Fieldstone Loop very muddy. We have applied for a state grant in an effort to complete the restoration and improvements on this trail.

Mills Riverside Park has proved to be an invaluable natural asset. Managing this land is an honor. Over 360 visitors cross our bridge daily in the summer. Thank you for respecting the park and following park rules. A special thanks to our hardworking and dedicated board members.

Livy Strong Chair
Dave Williamson Vice-chair
James Massingham Secretary
Donna Pratt Treasurer

Bruce Blockland Bridge committee chair
Chris Tardie Outdoor stewardship

JERIHILL XYZ SENIORS REPORT

Our mission is to provide a social environment with companionship, meals and activities to do while we are together. We have seniors from both Underhill and Jericho that enjoy our group and all 50+ are welcome. We have posted ads in local newspapers with contact information for anyone interested and wishes to attend and also word of mouth.

We average about 40-50 per gathering but due to the Covid pandemic we have averaged about 12-20 and were only able to meet twice this past year.

These funds help cover costs of outings, food costs, special meals and other group activities. Loreen Teer quotes "we have no way of assessing how our group helps or betters the lives of those who participate except from the smiles, chatter & laughter in the room from those attending."

The group is not currently meeting due to Covid issues & uncertainty however, they still are coming up with new ideas and programs to do once they can reconvene.

JERICHO-UNDERHILL WATER DISTRICT REPORT

The Jericho-Underhill Water District provided drinking water and fire hydrant access to 326+ residential and business connections representing about 900 people within the District. During the past year drinking water supplied to the District averaged about 40,000 gallons per day. Water delivered to District customers this year was of high quality and adequate quantity and met all state and federal requirements.

- Listed below are some highlights of the past year:
- Weekly testing along with yearly testing for lead and copper were completed. Results for all testing were very good with all levels well below state and federal requirements.
- The Trustees contracted with Utility Business Systems for RapidRead Utility Billing Software that coordinates all billing with our Quickbooks financial management software.
- We were fortunate over the winter to have no leaks on any service line.
- Flushing of main lines was completed in the spring and late fall to clear lines of sediments and residue.
- Maple Ridge tank electricity power lines were moved from the opposite roadside of the tank to the tank side. This was completed by Trombley Electric Co. that ran lines under the road to the tank. This work was necessary as lines and controls had deteriorated on the pole.
- The Trustees and staff worked with G.W. Tatro, who purchased the mill site, along with Hamlin Engineering of Essex on the water infrastructure for future development.
- The Trustees approved three allocations for water service for new construction.
- Our Consumer Confidence Report was distributed to all customers either electronically or hand delivered and our Source Protect Plan was updated and approved.
- The District replaced two older hydrants that did not function at 100%. This work will make for a full functionality. Hydrants were installed based on engineer drawings completed by O'Leary and Burke Engineers.
- Mission Radio Unit was installed at Maple Ridge tank for redundant controls of the well pumps in December.
- A new chlorine analyzer was purchased after a year of often repairing the former controller.
- The district employees worked closely with contractors and engineers on two construction projects, the Underhill sidewalk installation and Park St. drainage work. Thanks to Marc Maheux for his assistance in the sidewalk installation.

Kirk Patch of Champlin Associates in Essex, VT continued the duties of Chief Operator and John Trombley was our Assistant Operator. We appreciate the dedication and the continued assistance to the district. Marc Maheux also served as Moderator for the 2019 Annual Meeting. The Trustees consisted of Joseph P. O'Brien, President, Tanner Palmer, Trustee, and Stephen Jennings, Trustee. Nancy Benson served as Clerk and Treasurer. Andy Foresberg served as Delinquent Bill Collector and back-up support for the system. Auditors were Vicki Milton, Harland Blodgett, and Bill VanDeVenter. Marc Maheux continued to manage our website and was available for consultations. The district was also assisted, when needed, by former Assistant Operators Michael Willard and Andy Foresberg. Helen Miller was our local water tester. The Trustees wish to thank everyone for their work this past year.

Joseph P. O'Brien, President
Tanner Palmer, Trustee
Stephen Jennings, Trustee

LISTERS' REPORT

While we are all still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of Jericho is back to work full time keeping the wheels turning. The Lister's Office wants to give out a huge THANK YOU again to the members of our community with building permits in assisting us with the permit inspection process by supplying items needed by email or through a conversation on the phone and/or a quick "masked" and COVID safe visit if necessary. We have completed the inspections that were ready. We would have had a difficult time completing the job without this level of cooperation. If you have a permit that requires an "interior" inspection, we would appreciate if you would call or email us 802-899-2640 Ext 106 or listers@jerichovt.gov so that we can get the information that we need or come up with a plan. Exterior inspections are ongoing and do not require direct contact with the homeowner. We will leave a door hanger if we have been to your property. Again, thank you for your assistance and cooperation. It is APPRECIATED!

The real estate market is still suffering from a lack of inventory and the pool of anxious buyers is still a reality. This continues to drive sales prices higher. The new construction industry is continuing to reap benefits from this shortage however they are facing their own woes with supply shortages and rising prices and sometimes major delays in receiving these supplies. We have seen a lot of sales in Jericho and the trend is showing that it will continue at this pace for some time. We should be seeing some activity in the commercial district as Phase 1 of the Sawmill project has been approved. Stay tuned for further details and updates by checking the website at www.jerichovt.org.

The Listers Office will be going through some processing changes this year as the State Tax Department is implementing new software that they have been testing over the last year. It will be done in phases and should be seamless for the most part. Your patience are greatly appreciated as we navigate through this beginning with Q1-Q2 of 2022. The Listers Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9AM to 1PM and if you have a need to speak to us or need to visit us at the office. The public is still required to wear masks in town buildings. You can also call for an appointment and we will be happy to meet with you practicing COVID safe requirements.

SUMMER RECREATION REPORT

The Jericho Summer camp opened another season on Monday, June 21st and completed the summer on Friday, July 30th! Assistant Directors Dakotah Patnode, Madison Sanguinetti and Darcy Patnode helped lead the camp under the direction of Lynn Wagner. Dakotah Patnode returned as the Assistant Director at the older camp which was held at Browns River Middle School. Her leadership and creativity helped make a vibrant and exciting summer. Madison Sanguinetti and Darcy Patnode once again teamed up to lead the younger camp to a fabulous summer of amazing activities and events held at Jericho Elementary School.

The camp served 264 campers this summer: 184 at Jericho Elementary and 80 at Browns River. There were 18 CIT's (Counselor In Training) and 20 counselors who benefited from the summer program. Twelve campers received scholarships from local organizations, churches, community donors, and businesses which are coordinated by Janet Grant. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please contact Janet Grant (899-5534) for further information.

Campers explored many different activities throughout the summer such as basketball, scavenger hunts, floor hockey, kickball, many creative arts & crafts projects, water activities, tag games, nature walk/activities, ball games, river walk, building, volleyball, lacrosse, laser tag, outdoor games, board games, card games, dance and many more!

Both camps were able to embark upon some field trips this summer. Field trips included Bowling, Jay Peak Water Park, Smuggler's Notch, Get Air, Ethan Allen Boat Cruise with Ice Cream Bar and an In House Movie Theater with popcorn and gummies.

Our camp was also very fortunate to receive free breakfast and lunch for those that were 18 years or under. This was offered through COVID funds. Many families benefited from this program, which was needed. We thank all those involved to help make this possible.

For more information about the Jericho Recreation Program, please visit the Town of Jericho website at jerichovt.org. This website will provide information such as counselor and counselor in training applications, an informational camp brochure, a registration form and newsletters that describe the daily activities that are offered. Please also feel free to email the camp Director, Lynn Wagner at lwagner@jerichovt.gov.

Lynn Wagner, Director of Jericho Summer Camp
lwagner@jerichovt.gov

MOBBS FARM COMMITTEE REPORT

The MOBBS FARM Committee (MFC) is a group of nine, Jericho residents who work with the Selectboard to manage the Town-owned 234-acre, open-space, rural property. Committee members are appointed by the Selectboard on a rotating basis. Individuals interested in serving on the committee may contact committee members or Town Hall to express their interest. Current members include:

Pete Davis, Chair
Sam Gaulty, Vice Chair
Christine Smith

Andrew Dumas
Terry Hook
Riley Glanz

George Bennum
** Jessica Dion
** Patrick Hayden

** Newly appointed in 2021

The MFC manages a Facebook page, posts important information on Front Porch Forum, and maintains a presence on the Town website, where monthly newsletters, meeting agendas and minutes are available. Two kiosks may be found at both parking lots used by visitors to Mobbs Farm. Notices from the MFC and the town are posted on each of the kiosks on an as-needed basis. The MFC meets on the 4th Monday of every month, 7:00 PM, at the town hall. Since the outbreak of the Covid-19 Pandemic, monthly meetings have been conducted on the ZOOM meeting platform. The ZOOM meeting link, for all meetings, is posted on the town website and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend these monthly meetings, virtually.

2021 was noteworthy as Mobbs Farm experienced a huge increase in visitor use. With the pandemic limiting the kinds and types of activities in which people were able to engage, Mobbs Farm provided an incredibly valuable resource for Jericho residents. Families and individuals visiting Mobbs Farm have been able to enjoy the great outdoors, while remaining socially distant.

At Town Meeting Day in March, 2021, Jericho residents voted overwhelmingly, to move forward with the establishment of a Conservation Easement with the Vermont Land Trust, ensuring that Mobbs Farm will be conserved for future generations to enjoy. Over 91% of voters, voted to conserve Mobbs Farm. The MFC worked closely with the Jericho-Underhill Land Trust, Jericho Conservation Committee and the Vermont Land Trust to move forward to establish the conservation easement to conserve the property. The conservation initiative, and other ongoing projects, are identified in the Mobbs Farm Management Plan. The Management plan is updated every five years. The updated Management Plan may be found on the Mobbs Farm section of the town website. A short video overview, detailing the conservation initiative may be seen here: <https://vimeo.com/506944959>

New trails constructed in 2019 near the Browns' Trace parking lot, to enhance the appeal of that area and encourage visitors to use the larger lot, have proven to be very popular. In 2021, new trails were established, specifically for winter time sledding. The new sledding hill features three runs: Bullit, Field Daze and Sap Run. Upon learning about the new sledding trails, kids of all ages flocked to Mobbs Farm to enjoy fun-filled winter days, easily accessed from the Browns Trace parking lot. Special thanks to MFC member, Riley Glanz, for spearheading the sledding hill initiative!

Trails accessing the "Hillside" section of Mobbs Farm, from the Browns Trace parking lot, are in the process of being re-routed around the new 6,000 panel Solar Farm, built by Encore Renewable Energy on the nearby dump cap. Trails that previously cut across the dump cap will be re-routed so that the Mobbs Farm trail network will remain accessible from the Browns Trace parking area. Currently, users may access all Hillside trails, utilizing marked, detour trails, until more permanent trails are constructed. The MFC hosted a "SOLAR-BRATION" event to commemorate the completion of construction of the solar farm and the onset of electrical generation on November 8th. The event was well attended by members of the community, the contractors who built the array, Town of Jericho Committee members, Select Board members, Rep. Trevor Squirrell and the CEO of Vermont Electrical Co-op, Janet Towne. Video of the event was filmed by Angelike Contis of MMCTV and may be seen here: <https://archive.org/details/jericho-solar-bration-11082021>

The MFC has been updating the existing Mobbs Farm trail maps to reflect new trails, assign trail names and identify newly re-routed sections. The mapping project is anticipated to be completed in 2022 and the updated maps will be available on the Trailforks app, the town website and parking lot kiosks.

The SNOWDOG snow grooming machine, purchased by the committee in 2019, will once again be used to establish winter trails, pack down loose snow and make walking, skiing and snowshoeing much more enjoyable for winter enthusiasts at Mobbs Farm. The machine also has an accessory that may be used to set Nordic ski tracks, which will vastly improve the classic skiing experience at Mobbs. Special thanks to Christine and Dan Smith, both of whom have put in an amazing amount of time and energy to make the dream of improved winter trails, a reality.

Trail mowing and brush hogging was contracted to All Seasons Property Maintenance. Usually, three sections of the fields are brush hogged on a three-year, rotating basis. However, due to encroaching primary tree species including sumac, white pine and poplar, all three sections of the meadow, west of Fitzsimonds Road, were mowed in November, 2021 to control growth of undesirable species of plants and trees. The MFC is currently reviewing the one-third, rotation plan for next year and beyond. Timing of the annual brush hogging is scheduled to take place after the first killing frost of the winter, to avoid damaging bird nests in spring and pollinator species in late summer; the trails are mowed on an as-needed basis.

Fruit trees planted in 2017 were pruned, fertilized and mulched in the Hillside Orchard section in 2021. The Hillside Orchard section of the property features a number of older apple trees in addition to the newly planted apple varieties including Macoun, Honey Crisp, MacIntosh and Northern Spy. As the young trees mature, they will provide food for both residents and wildlife. Pear, plum, and a variety of apple trees are tended to by committee members and were planted by Creative Landscaping, a business located in Jericho. Two new peach trees were added to the orchard in 2020. Hand painted signs identifying each of the juvenile trees may be seen on each of the wildlife-damage-protective tree enclosures. In 2021, four blueberry bushes were planted on the north side of the orchard and the plan is to expand the berry planting area to include additional plants, next spring.

In June, 2021, an experimental, small 30' x 20' area, located adjacent to the Browns Trace parking lot, was rototilled, weeded and planted with a variety of vegetables, to see if the land could potentially support a community garden. Beans, radishes, pumpkins, squash, spinach and other seedlings were donated by committee members. The plants did very well, despite the challenges of hauling water to the site and visits from local deer, who apparently enjoyed the garden very much! The MFC will be considering a variety of options for the garden in 2022.

The Jericho Conservation Commission partnered with the MFC to host the second, annual BioBlitz in 2021. A BioBlitz is a community, science effort to record as many species within a designated location and time period as possible, in this case, Mobbs Farm. The goal of the second, annual BioBlitz was to collect additional data and learn more about the diversity of natural communities that exist within the boundaries of Mobbs Farm. Residents were invited to make observations of plants, insects, birds (photographs or sound recordings) and fungi during their walks along the trails and submit them to iNaturalist. The project allowed participants to practice social distancing, while exploring nature within Jericho. Participants were instructed NOT to collect items... following the "Take only photographs, leave only footprints" mantra. Participants were allowed to make observations any time within the specified two weeks of the BioBlitz, as long as they were anywhere on the Mobbs Farm property. The BioBlitz was a really fun, informative, community-based activity that attracted nature lovers of all ages.

In 2020, members of the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps were contracted to remove and replace over 120 feet of hemlock planks on the boardwalk located on the southern end of the meadow section of Mobbs Farm. The new planks were a welcome improvement and the MFC will be working to identify other boardwalk sections in need of repair and plan to repair or replace accordingly.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the popular Mobbs Farm Trail Maintenance days, one in the spring and one in the fall, had to be downscaled this year. Multiple projects have been undertaken individually by committee members, some of whom have reached out to friends and volunteers to work on specific projects, while maintaining social distance and following CDC recommended guidelines. The committee continues to build a positive working relationship with "Fellowship of the Wheel". FOTW has worked with the committee on trail upgrades and maintenance projects throughout the year and they are currently planning for spring re-routes around the Solar Farm.



Campers and Counselors visiting Mobbs Farm Trails

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

2021 began with remote meetings, being held exclusively via Zoom. In June, the Planning Commission resumed to have in person meetings, but also offered a hybrid – remote option that, thanks to the help of MMCTV, has continued throughout the remainder of the year.

The PC continued their tradition of taking opportunities to expand their planning knowledge. Early in the year they watched a Vermont Planners Association online seminar about how to simplify development review, and later they learned more about the state's new guide on Enabling Better Places. They were reminded about how the Zoning Regulations continue to be a living and breathing document, which needs continual revisions to adapt to the current pressing issues.

The PC might consider 2021 the year of affordable housing. They addressed this in many meetings throughout the year, including Planned Unit Developments (PUDs), Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and how to allow for the development of multi-household dwellings. Some highlights of the PUDs changes include focused on encouraging density in the growth areas and open space in the rural areas and simplifying and clarifying language to make the process easier for the DRB and developers. The ADU changes allowed ADUs as a permitted use in all zoning districts where single dwellings are permitted, removing restrictions around number of bedrooms and owner occupancy, and increasing allowable size. Changes for multi-unit dwellings included, allowing duplexes as permitted uses in every district, and adding a new category of 3 or 4 unit multi-household structure. They held a public hearing on these changes in December and hope to have the Selectboard approve the changes early in 2022. The PC also plans to take a deeper dive, with the support of the Affordable Housing Committee, into other affordable housing issues, including inclusionary zoning in 2022.

The MMU student council approached the PC with a request to allow an LED sign at the school. The PC continues to look at potential changes. The PC conducted three separate walks with the community in Jericho's three village centers and found an enthusiastic group of residents with a wealth of knowledge in all three. While traffic was a concern in all three village centers, they each have their own unique challenges. The PC will continue to look into the village centers as they begin reviewing the Town Plan for an update in 2024.

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. and we invite members of the public to come in person or via Zoom and provide input as we help shape Jericho's future. If you are unable to attend, you can watch the MMCTV recordings of our meetings online or on television. We also invite you to visit the Planning Commission's webpage at: www.jerichovt.org/planning-commission.

Susan Bresee (clerk), Christian Brown, Jason Cheney (chair), Sabina Ernst, Erik Glitman, Sarah Macleod, and Wendy Verrei Berenback.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Resilience has been an ongoing trend. Here are some positive things that happened in the Town Clerk Office during this ongoing pandemic.

In August of 2020, Jericho applied for federal grant money to assist with the digitization of land records. We were already scanned back to 1991 and through this grant we were able to scan back to November 1980. The Coronavirus Municipal Records Digitization Grant was managed through the Vermont Department of Taxes and was capped at \$25,000 per town. Jericho requested \$42,248.17 and received \$34,185.33 because not all towns applied. This grant money was combined with the funding from the Town's preservation of land records reserve fund and the work was completed. We also now have land records available for viewing on-line at USLANDRECORDS.COM. During this fiscal year we have budgeted another \$30,000 using the Town's preservation of land records reserve fund to digitize back to June 1961 (Volume 35). Attorneys still come into the Jericho Town Office to research the Land Records housed in the Town Vault but they are also able to update the title by viewing the records on-line.

Prior to the land records being available to view on-line, I was spending a considerable amount of time scanning and emailing land record indexes and pages to assist attorneys with their title search remotely since March 2020. (There were 882 email conversations related to providing scans of land record documents to title searchers between April 2020 and June 2021 so that they could continue their search remotely.) The Town Clerk Office was open to land record researchers by appointment but limited to just one searcher at a time. Due to the mortgage interest rates being so low, many residents were re-financing. Due to the closings happening remotely there were many "Power of Attorney" documents accompanying the land record documents to be filed. This led to an increase volume of land record recording. The positive side of this is that Jericho receives \$15/page to record a document in the land records. Jericho has had a land record preservation fund since 1999 and currently \$4 per page is put into this reserve account to be used for computerization, restoration, and preservation of Jericho Land Records. The remaining \$11 per page will go into the Town's general fund. In fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 Jericho received \$83,318 in recording fees that went into the Town's general fund. The income designated to the Town's preservation of land records reserve fund for FY2021 shows as \$64,937 because that includes the \$34,185 federal grant.

Another grant that Jericho benefitted from was for Elections/Covid Safety Equipment. Other Town Departments also benefitted from this grant but \$3,425 was used for safety equipment and supplies for the August 2020, November 2020, and March 2021 elections. In addition, Jericho received reimbursement from the Secretary of States office for postage costs related to mailing out ballots. This money also came from federal funding but managed through the Vermont Office of the Secretary of State. In August 2020 the Secretary of State's Office provided postage paid envelopes for both mailing out and returning ballots. In November 2020, the Secretary of State's Office orchestrated mailing out ballots to every active voter in Vermont. A postage paid return envelope was also included for the voter to mail back the ballot to the Town. However, this mailing list used was from September 2, 2020 and this was the first time that the mailing list had been used from the Vermont Elections Management System (VEMS) to mail anything out. Many errors were found (people that no longer used a post office box or now used a post office box, people that no longer lived in town, people that had their mail forwarded –elections mail is not forwarded.) Jericho had about 300 ballots that were not deliverable and address corrections have been entered into the system. There were also new residents registering to vote between September 2, 2021 and the November election. In March of 2021, ballots were only mailed to voters that requested them. The Secretary of State's Office reimbursed the Town \$514.75 for the March postage costs.

For the first time in Jericho, March 2021 Town Meeting Ballots included Town Meeting Articles such as the municipal budget. In person voting was available on election day but there was no in-person meeting. This circumstance was made possible by temporary changes election law due to health and safety concerns. Jericho will again be using the Australian ballot voting for all Town Meeting articles in March, 2022. There will be no traditional in-person Town Meeting this March. In November 2021, I attended the New England Association of City and Town Clerks annual conference held in Vermont this year. There was a speaker from the MIT Elections Lab who spoke about what we learned from the November 2020 election. It was interesting to see the national trend of moving away from people voting in person on election day. There are now essentially 3 types of elections happening at the same time. 1. People voting in person on election day, 2. People voting early requesting and returning a ballot by mail, & 3. People voting early in person at the Town Office (or a combination of mail request/mail return, drop box return or in- person return early or on election day.) This makes management of elections more complex. This also makes the

commitment of the Jericho Board of Civil Authority to ensure safe, secure, and fair elections not just on election day but for the 45 days leading up to the election while ballots are available.

The Jericho Board of Civil Authority adjusted to virtual meetings and now carries out a hybrid meeting fashion. With the increase technology available at the Jericho Town Hall, this has also allowed for joint meetings with other Towns. This was helpful in having 5 towns participate in a discussion about legislative reapportionment. As a result of the 2020 census numbers, the legislature will be discussing legislative re-districting. The Jericho Board of Civil Authority supports keeping the current 2-member legislative district shared with Underhill in the House of Representatives. The Chittenden County Senators will be broken up from a 6-member district into single, 2-member or 3-member districts. The Jericho Board of Civil Authority supports keeping the 5 towns in the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District in the same senatorial district. These collaborative meetings would not have been possible without the support of MMCTV and specifically Angelike Contois.

The Jericho Town Office opened to allow in person traffic on Flag Day June 14th, 2021. Prior to that, we had some special days when we provided services outside at the picnic tables, such as Green Mountain Passport Day. Free admission to Vermont State Parks is available to Vermont residents 62 or older, or a veteran with the \$2 purchase of a Green Mountain Passport in their Town of residence.

Dog registration has been challenging these last 2 years with the restrictions on in-person visiting. The Town has seen increased postage costs in mailing the tag because it requires a hand stamp and can't go through the mechanical mail sorter. However, people have become more familiar with the on-line registration process that allows you to upload the dog's current rabies certificate. New for 2022, there is a "quick renewal response" registration available on the Town Website that will allow you to indicate if you would like to have the 2022 tags mailed or plan to come into the Town Office before April 1st. At the time of writing this report I have been told by the company supplying the dog tags that they are going to try to deliver them by the end of January 2022. The good news is that the dog tag shape is small with no sharp corners and has never been used in Jericho before. There were 888 dogs licensed in Jericho for 2021 and 19 dogs remain unregistered.

This upcoming year will be a busy election year. Election dates include March 1, 2022 Town Meeting, August 9, 2022 State Primary Election and November 8, 2022 General Election. Early absentee ballots will be available by February 9th for Town Meeting and 45 days before the August and November elections. This year, due to legislation passed, all active voters will automatically receive a November 8th, 2022 election ballot in the mail. The voter will then have a choice to return the ballot by mail, use an outside ballot drop box, return the ballot to the Town Office before the election or bring it to the polls on election day. You can check to see if your mailing address in the Vermont Elections Management System is correct by going to <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>

During calendar year 2021 there have been 26 marriages, 48 births and 30 deaths, (11 of which died in Jericho.) Gratitude to Beth Barndt's family for donating the Commander Dewey desk to the Jericho Town Clerk Office. The roll top desk without the roll top is a true treasure and presence of authority.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica R. Alexander, Certified Vermont Town Clerk
Town Clerk for Jericho

TRAILS COMMITTEE REPORT

The JTC is an advisory committee to the Select Board, whose mission is to: maintain existing non-motorized public trails, educate neighbors regarding access and use, and to work to develop public recreation trails for our neighbors in Jericho. Currently designated uses of non-motorized trails and pathways include: walking, running, skiing, biking, and horseback riding as terrain, infrastructure and landowner permission allow.

The JTC inventories local trails & pathways and has catalogued designated uses. In 2021, the JTC has worked on a number of projects and initiatives, that we believe, will broaden recreational, non-motorized trail access for our neighbors. While the Covid-19 pandemic limited in person meetings for our committee, interest in being outdoors and use of our incredible recreational trail resources, were at an all-time high. We also welcomed two new JTC members, Niels Rhinehart and Kayla Donahue!

The JTC trail map created last year has renewed interest by the community. We have placed them in local stores and other venues acknowledging there is still work to be done. Improving trail markings and updating designations for use is a priority in 2022. We encourage input, feedback, and additions. We are always working to cooperatively identify trail potential and connectivity opportunities.

The Jericho Town Forest located between Starbird, Ross Lane, Pinehurst, Packard Rd. and adjacent neighborhoods, continues to be a focus for improvement. It connects a number of neighborhoods in Jericho. With a new fence added in 2020, we have installed an information kiosk at the Starbird Ln. entrance. The kiosk provides trail navigation and environmental information for users. We are populating and updating this kiosk with user information necessary. We're glad to provide trail maps and other information per suggestion. We continue to remove barbed wire and old fence posts to provide unobstructed travel for forest creatures. We recently replaced the bridge over the watershed near Packard Road and into 2022, hope to make hiking safer by adding trail signs and improving infrastructure.

We will be working to better understand possibilities of non-motorized travel (using existing and re-routed trails) that could follow the Brown's River corridor. This extends from Cilley Hill Rd. to Raceway, and beyond to Route 15, the Jericho Market and the Riverside neighborhood. Adjacent to the recently defined commercial district, the vision is for neighbors to someday be able access stores and services without the need for vehicular travel on Rt. 15.

The JTC is working with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) regarding town-to-town non-motorized travel. This is a plan that has been in discussion for some time. It continues to be a focus within the region. Imagining the opportunity to get on a bicycle and ride from Jericho, to Essex, to Colchester to wherever, without the concern for riding major highways. There is a lot of work to do. And, even more to navigate regarding state and local laws. We'll continue to engage with CCRPC for the betterment of Chittenden County and the State of Vermont.

As a part of the overall recreational mission of the Town of Jericho and neighboring towns, we work closely with the Mobbs Farm, Jericho/Underhill Park District, Jericho Land Trust, and other local committees to collaborate and generate new ideas and opportunities. We participate in trail improvement, volunteerism, funding support and other initiatives these organizations undertake. It is our goal that the Jericho Trails Committee to be a supporter and partner as needed. We look forward to 2022 as a great year for trails!

OUTSIDE AGENCY INFORMATION

A full report of these agencies can be found in the Town Administrator's office. Outside Agencies are organizations and institutions that provide diverse services to the citizens of the Town of Jericho. **In order for any outside agency to be awarded monies from the Town of Jericho they need to submit the following: a discretionary funding application, a letter of support for the request and explanation of the benefits to Jericho Residents.**

Mandated:

Chittenden County Tax 175 Main Street, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 951-5106	
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission 110 West Canal Street, #202, Winooski, VT 05404	(802) 846-4490	ccrpcvt.org
Jericho Underhill Library District/ Deborah Rawson Memorial Library 8 River Road, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-4962	drml.org
Jericho Underhill Park District (JUPD) PO Box 164, Underhill, VT 05489	(802) 899-2693	millsriversidepark.org
Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) 89 Main Street, #4, Montpelier, VT 05602	802-229-9111	vlct.org

Non-Mandated:

Age Well formerly known as Champlain Valley Agency on Aging (CVAA) 875 Roosevelt Highway, Suite 210, Colchester, VT 05446	800-642-5119	agewellvt.org
Browns River Little League f/k/a Jericho Youth League PO Box 350, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 999-3046	brownsriverlittleleague.com
Child Care Resource (CCR) 300 Cornerstone Drive, #128, Williston, VT 05495	800-339-3367	childcareresource.org
Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) 50 Cherry Street, Suite 102, Burlington, VT 05404	(802) 652-6800	cusi-vt.org
Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) PO Box 1616, Burlington, VT 05402	(802) 864-7402	cotsonline.org
Essex Rescue, Inc. (ERI) 1 Educational Drive, Essex Jct., VT 05452	(802) 878-4859	essexrescue.org
Feeding Chittenden formerly known as Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf 228 N. Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 658-7939	feedingchittenden.org
Greater Burlington Industrial Corp. PO Box 786, 60 Main Street, Burlington VT 05401	(802) 862-5726	gbicvt.org
Green Mountain Transit-formerly known as CCTA 101 Queen City Park Road, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 864-2282	ridegmt.com
Howard Center 208 Flynn Avenue, Suite 3J, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 488-6000	howardcenter.org
Jericho Center Preservation (Community Center) PO Box 1018, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-2366	CommunityCenterinJericho.com
Jericho Farmers Market 26 Saxon Lane, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-3932	ejufoodshelf.wixsite.com
Jericho Food Shelf -Essex/Jericho/Underhill Ecumenical Ministry(Good Shepherd Lutheran Church) PO Box 65, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-3932	ejufoodshelf.wixsite.com

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Jericho Town Library 7 Jericho Center Circle, PO Box 1055, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-4686	jerichotownlibrary.org
Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors	(802) 899-4446	
Memorial Day Observance (Cub Scouts put flags on gravesites in Pleasant View Cemetery)		Cub Scouts
MMCTV 35 West Main Street, Richmond, VT 05477	(802) 434-2550	mtmansfieldctv.org
Our Community Cares Camp (OCCC) PO Box 503, Richmond, VT 05477	(802) 434-6006	ourcommunitycarescamp.org
Richmond Rescue 216 Railroad Street, Richmond, VT 05477	(802) 434-2394	richmondrescue.org
Steps to End Domestic Violence formerly known as Women Helping Battered Women PO Box 1535, Burlington, VT 05402	(802) 658-3131	stepsvt.org
Underhill-Jericho Fire Department PO Box 150, Underhill, VT 05489	(802) 899-4025	ujfd.org
University of Vermont Health Network-Home, Health & Hospice -formerly known as Visiting Nurses Association 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446	(802) 658-1900	uvmhomehealth.org
Vermont Cares 187 Saint Paul Street, Burlington, VT 05402	800-649-2437	vtcares.org
Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) 11 East State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602	800-639-1522	vcil.org
Winooski Valley Park District (WVPD) Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington, VT 05408	(802) 863-5744	wvpd.org

Other agencies:

Chittenden Solid Wast District (CSWD) 1021 Redmond Road, Williston, VT 05495	(802) 872-8111	cswd.net
Jericho Cemetery Association Pleasant View Cemetery	(802) 338-6402	Sexton: Ron Deroucher
Jericho Underhill Land Trust (JULT) PO Box 80, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-2693	jult.org
Jericho-Underhill Water District (JUWD) PO Box 174, Underhill, VT 05489	(802) 899-3810	http://jerichounderhillwater.org
Village of Jericho Water District 4B Red Mill Drive, #B, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-2938	email to : jerichovtvillage@comcast.net



UNDERHILL – JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
420 VT Route 15, Underhill, VT 05489
(802) 899-4025

November 22, 2021

Dear Underhill and Jericho Selectboard members,

Fiscal year 2020 – 2021 was a busy year for the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department. We started the fiscal year having just lost our 10 year employee Harry Schoppmann and were in the process training our new employee Michelle Collins. This also meant that we had to start the hiring process once again. All this in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic and continuing to build on the EMS first response program and maintaining the safety of our members and the public as we responded to calls for help. These were difficult and tiring times, but the department pulled together and got the job done. We have managed to not have a transmission of COVID-19 due to a work place exposure, continued to train all of our members through a mix of online training and later in the year in person training, we hired Annika Coloney in the spring, we had an apprentice training class running and continued the day to day operations of the organization. During the year we continued to grow the first response role of the UJFD. We brought on more new members, held an EMT certification class, worked with both Essex Rescue and Richmond Rescue to improve our responses, equipment and skills. This proved to be a great mix as we were awarded the First Responder of the Year organization by the State of Vermont. This is a significant accomplishment for such a young organization. One of the reasons why we received the award was our willingness to listen to feedback and improve our organization based upon the feedback received. It is an honor to have received this award.

In fiscal year 2020– 2021 the UJFD responded to 504 calls. This is an increase from 444 calls the year before. The addition of the medical first response program is a big contributor to the increased call volume.

Fires - 17
Motor Vehicle Crashes- 28
EMS – 324
Mutual Aid – 22
Other – 113

During FY20-21 there were 398 requests for EMS support. The difference between the 324 EMS calls above and the 398 calls, is that our EMS team is requested to respond to structure fires, mountain rescues etc. These calls are not recorded as an EMS call, but rather as some type of fire call. The UJFD responded to 358 of those calls. That is a 90% call coverage by the UJFD. This is an outstanding percentage of call coverage. 144 EMS calls occurred during the time our full time staff covered and 214 calls came in during the hours the volunteers are expected to cover.

Call volumes for the fiscal year were as follows;

Mutual aid – 22
Jericho – 319
Underhill – 163

This breaks down to 66% of the calls being in Jericho and 35% of the calls being in Underhill if the mutual aid calls are excluded from the numbers.

The addition of a medical first response program has been very beneficial to the community. Having local people to respond to a request for help typically gets someone to the patient faster than waiting for the ambulance from either Essex or Richmond. With transport ambulances being busier than ever, their response time can be extended if they

are not responding from their station or they are relying on mutual aid. A local first responder can arrive in minutes to help the patient.

We were able to complete the outfitting of our new pumper tanker, engine 2 which is based in the station on Browns Trace in Jericho.

COVID-19 presented the department with significant challenges this year. COVID necessitated many changes to how we responded to calls both as fire and EMS. The department needed to change how we operated to limit our members' risk of exposure. At an emergency call, we cannot maintain social distancing as the nature of our work requires us to be in close proximity to provide emergency assistance. We needed to obtain significantly more PPE for our firefighters and EMTs. We worked with the State of Vermont, our suppliers, and our neighboring agencies and ultimately acquired all the PPE necessary to keep our team safe. We were also able to obtain 2 grants to help fund the purchasing of some of the PPE necessary to battle COVID-19.

The UJFD trains almost every Tuesday night throughout the year. In addition, there are classes offered by the State of Vermont and other various training agencies that take place on weekends or other nights that many of our members attend. Training for the department was also significantly impacted by the restrictions related to Covid-19. We continued to online training. I commend the UJFD officer team for being able to continue to provide quality training to the membership.

In addition to the standard Tuesday night fire training, the UJFD now holds regular Thursday night EMS trainings for our first response team. In the course of these trainings we cover topics that are required for an EMT to be recertified every two years. Each level of EMS certification requires a different number of training hours bi-annually to maintain licensure.

Throughout the year the department holds many fire prevention and education activities at local schools, senior centers and youth groups in the community. We have had a solid program for many years; the benefits of that program are evident in the community. The majority of homes we go into have smoke or fire detection and carbon monoxide detection. These devices save lives, everyone needs to have them in their home. It has become standard operation for the UJFD to check every home we enter to ensure they have proper smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.. This is an extra measure we take to protect our community. All smoke, fire and carbon monoxide detectors have a life expectancy. Many times through our inspections we have found detectors that were near or past their life expectancy. If you ever have a question regarding your smoke, fire or carbon monoxide detectors please feel free to reach out to us at either 899-4025 or email at info@ujfd.org.

To recap, FY209 - 21 was a busy year for the UJFD. We worked hard throughout the year to train and educate ourselves to provide the best possible fire protection, medical emergency services, and education and prevention services to the community. We continued to grow our EMS first response team, holding our own certification class to get people trained and certified to be members of the UJFD medical first response program. We worked on many projects throughout the year which allow us to continue to provide top quality service to the community. With limited volunteer support during the weekdays, our full time staff have their hands full on calls until the volunteer members can respond from in and out of town. The UJFD sincerely thanks the communities of Underhill and Jericho for their continued support of the department which allows us to provide the quality service that the community needs. Lastly I would like to thank the family members of our volunteers, without their support and understanding our volunteers would not be able to accomplish all that we do. The UJFD is a fantastic team with a focus on supporting our community the best that we can.

Best Regards



Mathew Champlin, Chief
Underhill – Jericho Fire Department, Inc.

**UNDERHILL-JERICO FIRE
DEPARTMENT INC.
2020 - 2021 Budget Report**

INCOME:	BUDGET 2020-2021	2020-2021 ACTUAL
UNDERHILL	\$244,777	\$244,777
JERICO	\$367,165	\$367,165
MISCELLANEOUS		\$47,335
DONATIONS	\$1,200	\$12,404
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	\$30,000	\$75,000
USE OF OPERATING FUND FOR ENGINE 2 EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$9,263
TOTAL INCOME	\$643,142	\$755,944
EXPENSES:		
PAID ON CALL STIPENDS	\$60,000	\$84,776
FULL TIME STAFF		
SALARY	\$124,000	\$80,916
MEDICAL BENEFITS	\$29,500	\$10,479
PAYROLL TAXES	\$14,500	\$11,098
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
LEGAL	\$1,000	\$2,503
ACCOUNTING	\$10,000	\$6,334
AUDIT	\$8,000	\$10,000
INSURANCE		
WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$15,000	\$15,777
AUTO	\$15,500	\$17,956
FIRE DEPARTMENT PACKAGE	\$27,700	\$22,639
ACCIDENT / DISABILITY	\$4,500	\$5,004
UTILITIES	\$20,000	\$19,570
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$30,000	\$26,126
FUEL	\$6,000	\$3,248
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$2,500	\$5,387
NFPA REQUIRED TESTING	\$4,700	\$5,217
STATION MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS	\$20,000	\$21,628
FIREFIGHTER/EMT SAFETY EQUIPMENT	\$13,000	\$15,437
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	\$8,000	\$7,701
NEW EQUIPMENT AND HOSE	\$11,000	\$3,453
EMS SUPPLIES	\$9,000	\$7,607
EXTRICATION & HAZMAT EQUIPMENT	\$3,000	\$0
PHYSICALS, NEW MEMBERS AND ANNUAL FOR FF	\$10,000	\$7,220
FIRE PREVENTION / MEMBER TRAINING	\$5,000	\$1,353
ANNUAL AWARDS AND APPRECIATION	\$3,500	\$1,190
MISCELLANEOUS	\$500	\$0
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$12,000	\$11,359
CAPITAL LOAN PAYMENTS	\$83,216	\$85,183
New Station	\$0	\$0
NEW CAPITAL PURCHASES	\$15,000	\$20,956
ENGINE 2 EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$0	\$54,280
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$77,026	\$95,026
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	\$0	\$93,487
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$643,142	\$752,910

**UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE
DEPARTMENT INC.
2022 - 2023 Budget Request**

INCOME:	BUDGET 2021-2022	BUDGET REQUEST 2022-2023
UNDERHILL	\$247,990	\$251,106
JERICHO	\$371,985	\$409,699
MISCELLANEOUS	\$9,900	
DONATIONS		
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	\$19,500	\$93,183
TOTAL INCOME	\$649,375	\$753,988
EXPENSES:		
PAID ON CALL STIPENDS	\$70,000	\$85,000
FULL TIME STAFF		
SALARY	\$120,000	\$123,000
MEDICAL BENEFITS	\$29,000	\$53,000
PAYROLL TAXES	\$13,300	\$14,850
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
LEGAL	\$1,000	\$1,000
ACCOUNTING	\$6,000	\$7,000
AUDIT	\$10,000	\$10,000
FEES (Bank, payroll etc)	\$3,000	\$3,000
INSURANCE		
WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$13,000	\$16,600
AUTO	\$18,000	\$19,200
FIRE DEPARTMENT PACKAGE	\$24,000	\$23,500
ACCIDENT / DISABILITY	\$6,000	\$6,000
UTILITIES	\$20,000	\$26,000
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$25,000	\$28,000
FUEL	\$4,000	\$6,000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$3,000	\$3,000
NFPA REQUIRED TESTING	\$4,700	\$5,600
STATION MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS	\$20,000	\$20,000
FIREFIGHTER/EMT SAFETY EQUIPMENT	\$13,000	\$13,000
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	\$8,000	\$30,000
NEW EQUIPMENT AND HOSE	\$11,000	\$11,000
EMS SUPPLIES	\$15,000	\$19,000
EXTRICATION & HAZMAT EQUIPMENT	\$3,000	\$3,000
PHYSICALS, NEW MEMBERS AND ANNUAL FOR FF	\$10,000	\$6,000
FIRE PREVENTION / MEMBER TRAINING	\$5,000	\$5,000
ANNUAL AWARDS AND APPRECIATION	\$3,500	\$3,500
MISCELLANEOUS	\$500	\$500
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$9,000	\$12,000
CAPITAL LOAN PAYMENTS	\$163,074	\$90,238
NEW CAPITAL PURCHASES	\$0	\$110,000
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$18,301	\$0
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	\$0	\$0
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$649,375	\$753,988

UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.

INCOME:	BUDGET 2020- 2021	2020-2021 ACTUAL	BUDGET 2021- 2022	BUDGET REQUEST 2022- 2023
OPERATIONAL BUDGET INCOME	\$83,216	\$83,216	\$163,074	\$187,723
GRANTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RESERVE FUNDS	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$12,510
LOAN	\$87,300	\$91,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INCOME	\$185,516	\$189,216	\$163,074	\$200,233
EXPENSES:				
TRUCK LOAN PAYMENT	\$69,883	\$70,049	\$66,779	\$65,060
BUNKER GEAR LOAN PAYMENTS	\$13,333	\$15,135	\$15,811	\$15,811
NEW APPARATUS PURCHASES	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$100,000
BUNKER GEAR PURCHASES	\$42,300	\$7,671	\$0	\$0
NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES				\$10,000
EXTRICATION TOOL LOAN PAYMENT			\$9,362	\$9,362
EXTRICATION TOOL REPLACEMENT	\$60,000	\$65,696		
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$185,516	\$158,550	\$161,952	\$200,233

UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT INC. RESERVE ACCOUNT STATEMENT

	Ending Balance As of 6/30/2020	Transactions	Ending Balance As of 6/30/2021
CAPITAL FUND			
CAPITAL FUND	\$348,015	\$50,026	\$398,041
PAYROLL RESERVES			
PAID ON CALL PAYROLL RESERVE	\$57,782	\$0	\$57,782
FULL TIME SALARY RESERVE	\$51,884	\$50,507	\$102,391
MISCELLANEOUS RESERVES			
NEW EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$11,114	\$8,051	\$19,165
PRIVATE DONATIONS	\$15,423	\$7,767	\$23,190
MEMORIAL PARK	\$1,120	\$50	\$1,170
TRAINING CENTER	\$3,975	\$0	\$3,975
CAR SEAT SAFETY	\$4,555	\$0	\$4,555
FUTURE STATION	\$32,100	\$1,000	\$33,100
Explanation of changes to reserve accounts:			
Capital Fund: -\$45,000 for engine 2 equipment +\$77,026 planned transfer into reserve +\$18,000 for sale of			
Full Time Salary Reserve: \$15,000 transferred to the budget, \$65,507 moved into reserve			
Paid on Call Reserve:			
Private Donations Fund: \$15,267 transferred to reserve and \$7500 used for extrication tool purchase			
Future Station: \$1,000 in donations			

UJFD Rivers Land Account Statement

INCOME:	Actual 2018-2019	Actual 2019-2020	Actual 2020-2021
STARTING CASH BALANCE	\$58,188	\$14,106	\$11,859
RIVERS HOUSE RENTAL	\$14,340	\$14,340	\$14,270
SOLAR INCOME			\$11,526
MISCELLANEOUS	\$30	\$6	\$4
TOTAL INCOME	\$72,558	\$28,452	\$37,659
EXPENSES:			
HOUSE REPAIRS	\$450	\$1,118	\$367
PIT CLOSURE BOND	\$1,950	\$1,950	\$1,950
LEGAL	\$0	\$2,558	\$1,299
PROPERTY TAXES	\$8,915	\$8,813	\$9,307
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,117	\$2,703	\$3,026
NEW WELL	\$10,663		
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	\$35,357		\$548
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$58,452	\$17,142	\$16,496
CASH BALANCE	\$14,106	\$11,311	\$21,162

LIABILITIES			
SECURITY DEPOSIT	\$2,390	\$2,390	\$2,390
TAXES DUE	\$0	\$0	\$0
LEGAL EXPENSES DUE	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER DUE	\$0	\$0	\$0

STATE REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE TILL

I want to begin by thanking the voters of Underhill and Jericho for electing me to represent you in the Vermont Legislature. I will continue to do my best to work for transparent government, responsive to the needs of Vermont. I will continue to work in a non-partisan manor with my only goal being what is best for Vermont. I will continue to think independently and not have my votes dictated by anybody.

The first year of the session was extremely challenging and conducted almost entirely remotely due to the COVID pandemic. The 2022 second year of the session will also be challenging. At the time of this writing, the COVID new case numbers and hospitalization rates are the highest they have been at any time of the pandemic. After doing extremely well relative to other states in the earlier part of the pandemic, over the past week, Vermont has ranked anywhere from highest to 7th highest state for new cases per 100,000 residents. Hospitals and ERs and ICUs are packed. Scheduled surgeries are being cancelled because of the pressure on hospitals. This is despite a completed vaccination rate which presently is over 75% of all Vermonters.

Additional major challenges this year include housing shortages, worker shortages, a dramatic increase in drug overdose deaths, a large increase in demand for mental health services, child care shortages, beginning to implement the Global Warming Solutions Act, pension and state college funding.

The good news is that for the first time in my 14 years in the legislature we are not starting with an expected fiscal deficit. Due to Federal Government assistance, there is money available for one time projects and hope of more aid from the pending Build Back Better bill and recently passed Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act.

I would be happy to hear from you by email at: gtill@leg.state.vt.us or at Rep.GeorgeTill@gmail.com. My mailing address is: 74 Foothills Dr., Jericho 05465. If you would like to share your thoughts or need assistance navigating State government, please contact me. Along with Representative Trevor Squirrel, I will continue monthly constituent meetings for informal discussions. Due to the COVID pandemic, at the time of this writing, it is uncertain whether the meetings will be in person at the Deborah Rawson Library or by zoom. Meeting dates and access information will be available on the library website.

Again, Thank You for the honor of serving as your Representative.

Sincerely,
George Till

STATE REPRESENTATIVE TREVOR SQUIRRELL

Dear Jericho friends and members of the community,

I am honored to be one of your two State Representatives to the Vermont Legislature and am now embarking on the second year of my third term. My first five years have been a great experience and, of course, 2021 was an incredibly challenging year in terms of legislating as we only met remotely via Zoom. Helping and supporting members of our community to access programs and services is also one of the most important roles as a State Representative and I encourage you to contact me with any issues you are having.

For the past two biennia I served on the House Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife committee and last biennium as Ranking Member and Clerk. In this biennium I have been appointed to the House Appropriations committee. I am also a member of the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR) and was elected as Vice Chair in 2021. LCAR's purpose is oversight and review of State Agency rulemaking. I was also appointed to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee in 2021.

Our biggest challenge in House Appropriations in the upcoming session will be how best to strategically deploy the resources we have available to us. Housing, broadband, workforce development, child care, clean water, infrastructure, are important areas of concern as well as investments in the health and wellbeing of families and small businesses to create an equitable, resilient Vermont.

I look forward to seeing you and speaking with you at Town Meeting. Rep. George Till and I also invite you to meet us at the Deborah Rawson Library (possibly remote early on), monthly, from January to May. Watch Front Porch Forum for the schedule. Feel free to contact me any time via email at tsquirrel@sover.net or tsquirrel@leg.state.vt.us, call me at 899-2382 or write to me at PO Box 128, Underhill Center 05490.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.
Trevor J Squirrel

**OFFICIAL WARNING
MOUNT MANSFIELD UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

March 1, 2022

The legal voters of the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District comprising the voters of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill, (all Grades PK-12) are hereby notified and warned to meet in the respective polling places hereinafter named for each of the above-referenced towns on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022** at 7:00 a.m. (Huntington at 6:30 am) at which time the polls will open until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close, to transact any business involving voting by Australian ballot.

Article 1: To elect the following officers
a. Moderator for one year
b. Clerk for one year
c. Treasurer for one year

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District authorize the school board under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield School District authorize the Board of School Directors to allocate its current fund balance (surplus), without effect upon the District tax rate, as follows: assign \$1,675,000 of the school district's current fund balance as revenue for the 2022-2023 operating budget, and assign the remaining balance of \$875,011 as revenue for future budgets?

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend **\$52,410,895**, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the 2022-23 fiscal year?

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$17,271** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **3.23%** higher than spending for the current year.

Ballots will be counted by member towns on the night of the vote and reported to the MMUUSD District Clerk to determine final results.

The legal voters of Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said Annual Meeting shall be as provided in Sections 706u of Title 16 and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The legal voters of Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District are further warned and notified that the District shall conduct two virtual informational meetings. The first meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on **February 17, 2022** and is an informal informational meeting on the proposed 2022-23 budget. The second meeting on **February 24, 2022** at 6:00 pm is held pursuant to 17 VSA Section 2680(h) and is a hearing on all Articles to be voted by Australian ballot. To find information on how to attend and participate in these meetings, please go <https://www.mmuusd.org/> or call 802-434-2128.



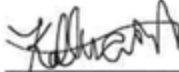
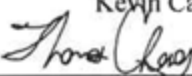
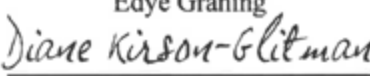



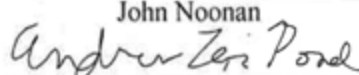

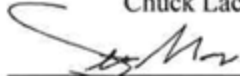
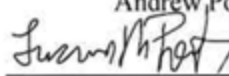
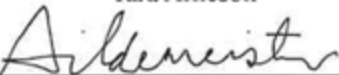
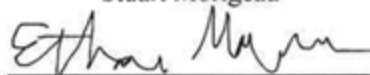
Polling Places

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Bolton	*	Smilie Memorial School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Huntington	*	Brewster-Pierce Memorial School	*	6:30 am - 7 pm
Jericho	*	Mt. Mansfield Union High School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Richmond	*	Camels Hump Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Underhill	*	Browns River Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm

Dated this 18th day of January, 2022 and unanimously approved by the MMUUSD Board of Directors.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

 <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Kevin Campbell	 <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Edye Graning	 <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Katie Nelson
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 _____, Clerk, Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District

Jericho Elementary School

Darik Williams, Principal

Enrollment: K-4 325

We opened the 2021-22 school year with the school-wide theme of "One Step at a Time," and it has been our mantra as we move forward with the year. As we continue to implement COVID-mitigation protocols and educate JES students, our staff are finding creative and innovative ways to engage our students and build a culture of community in our school. We began the year with rebranding our school mascot, Charlie the Cheetah. Charlie helps motivate students and staff alike with a friendly smile and a supportive air high five!

We love all of our Unified Arts Team, and our P.E. Department has certainly kept our students physically active while also having fun in the process. We began the school year with an exciting unit on disc golf. Professional disc golfers came to our school from around the country and taught our students a range of techniques and skills. Following that unit, we transitioned to Bike Week, a school-wide event in which some students learned to ride a bike without training wheels for the very first time! Now, we are preparing for cross-country skiing and Snow Motion. So many exciting physical adventures are awaiting us!

We continue to put a lot of energy into meeting the social and emotional needs of our students. Each of our classrooms continues the practice of beginning each school day with "morning meeting." We have found this practice to be a great way to set the tone for the day, and it continues to build a sense of community throughout the building. Beyond these meetings, our counselor collaborates with teachers to support snack/lunch bunch meetings with students as well. Building relationships with our students continues to be foundational to all that we do.



The workshop model is the basis for both our literacy and math instruction. Blending individual, small-group, and whole-class instructional times is the centerpiece of the workshop. Students learn to be accountable to themselves and others. They love having the opportunity to share their thoughts and products with their classmates. Workshop is yet another way we build a community of learning in the school.

Lastly, we are working very intentionally to cultivate our relationship with JES' Partners in Education (PIE) group. We have found PIE to be tremendously supportive of our students and staff. Their monthly "Wellness Wednesdays" lunches have been very appreciated by staff! They are currently in the process of supplying our outdoor learning space with materials to make that space even more conducive to student learning. PIE's partnership adds so much to making JES a vibrant and supportive community for all.

Richmond Elementary School

Jeremy Rector, Principal

Enrollment: PreK-4 323

At Richmond Elementary School, we come together this 2021-2022 school year to continuously celebrate the growth and development of our young learners. With courage, understanding, and dedication the students, families, and staff of RES persevere and find joy despite any challenges that arise. The focus this year has been on adaptability, access, and core values. From PreK all the way up through the 4th grade program, we continue to adapt and adjust what we are doing and how we are doing it to best meet the needs of the individual students and their families.

In order to align with and support our RES core values, community members, students, and staff came together this summer to expand the outdoor classroom spaces directly behind the school building. We now have

a redefined and dynamic learning space that is now known as the "Neighborhood Forest". This work was essential to increasing the access of an outdoor learning environment to our youngest learners; particularly PreK-1st grade. Students and staff have also greatly enjoyed the newly built roof structure down in the lower outdoor classrooms, which offers additional shelter and promotes outdoor learning opportunities regardless of the weather. Beyond the physical grounds work, staff also engaged in learning opportunities such as our August in-service training presented by Project Wild, which allowed us to build off our commitment to ensuring all students have access to a safe, healthy, and engaging learning environment - whether that is inside the building or somewhere beyond the four walls of the classroom.

As we continue to develop a robust Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), RES has reimaged its master schedule; prioritizing core academic blocks and aligning resources to provide additional support to all students. Every student is guaranteed core instructional time in both reading and math as well as an "intervention" block in both subjects. This strategy is allowing us to better meet the individual and diverse needs of students while providing more intervention opportunities and improved opportunities for students to practice for mastery and extend their learning in a personalized way. We have also added a new position in the building, the Coordinator of Special Education and Social Emotional Learning. By adding this position, we are able to provide classroom teachers additional support with implementing Universal Design within the classroom, as well as additional planning and support for individual student needs. As a direct result of this new position, we are also looking forward to expanding our social skills programming, and to increasing our ability to offer small group opportunities within the appropriate health and safety guidelines.

With adjusting our schedule to better align supports and adding a Special Ed. and SEL position, these are two of the concrete ways RES is working to close the opportunity gap between students and to support the diversity of all learners as we collectively persevere through this global pandemic. These examples demonstrate our core value and commitment toward an educational system that is responsive to student needs, and that ensures all students can learn and grow.



Underhill Central School

Jennifer Cote, Principal

Enrollment: K-4 147



Underhill Central School is an inclusive community where everyone is challenged to realize their fullest potential academically, socially, and emotionally in order to thrive in an ever-changing global community. Words and feelings shared by students and staff when revamping our mission statement included love, nature, peace, teamwork, happy, safe and earth keepers. All of our community members believe and strive to follow our vision and core values.

Literacy is always a priority at UCS and in our district. We continue to implement our new word study curriculum which integrates phonics, spelling and decoding skills. Multiage teachers are working closely with the district literacy coaches to imbed skills and strategies in an aligned scope and sequence for implementing the multi-age word study program. In addition, teachers are discussing equity through character traits. Each month focuses on a different trait, such as gratitude, empathy, and acceptance. Teachers continue to expand their classroom libraries and resources so students can read and connect with books that affirm their cultural identity and develop positive insights about others.

Outdoor spaces for each classroom have been established and a committee has been created to support outdoor learning. All of our classes enjoy the outdoor spaces and trails at UCS. Our kindergarten

classes have instituted Woodsy Wednesdays where they go out onto the trails and enjoy math activities. Teachers are encouraged to spend more time outdoors for learning and have students enjoy the world around them.



With the support of a very generous donation from an alumni of UCS, students worked to create a beautiful mural on our school with the creativity and support of local artist Mary Lacy. Our multipurpose room was also painted and a new seamless floor was poured. The hallways are cohesive, modern, and student focused, adding bright colors and eye-catching artwork. The building is a welcoming and engaging learning environment.



Teachers and students continue to be brave, fearless and resilient and have stood up to the challenges that COVID-19 has presented us. We have a staff that cares deeply about the students at UCS. We have students that are engaged in their learning environments and enjoy the relationships they are building with peers and staff. Here at UCS everyone is connected, loved and met where they are at.

Browns River Middle School

Kevin Hamilton, Principal
Rebecca Marsh, Assistant Principal

Enrollment: 5-8 358

Over the past school year the staff and students of Browns River Middle School demonstrated a tremendous amount of flexibility and creativity as they continued to navigate the challenges of COVID 19. BRMS staff members focused on meeting students where they were at both academically and emotionally. This year we were able to return to many of our normal routines with some small modifications. Students were able to return to our cafeteria for lunch with their entire grade level community, after school clubs returned with larger participation numbers than in past years, the music program increased opportunities for students as COVID restrictions were reduced, and our athletic programs returned to full competition schedules with other schools for the first time since the winter of 2020. Students were also able to participate in field trips that helped to enhance

their academic and social emotional learning skills.

Our teaching staff at BRMS continued to work closely with the teachers of Camels Hump Middle School with the support of our academic coaches as we aligned our middle school curriculum and instructional practices. Teachers also worked on looking at our entire curriculum through an equity lense to ensure that all of our students feel included and valued in our community. Staff also worked over the summer to develop a multi grade

level advisory system that was put on hold as precaution due to contact tracing concerns. We plan to introduce this system as soon as it is deemed safe to mix our grade levels. Our focus will be to develop a more cohesive, caring and supportive community for all of our students. We are excited at the opportunities that this will bring to all of our students.



Although this was another challenging year, spring is not far in the future and we are hopeful that the increased number of vaccinated students within our community and the warmer weather will bring more opportunities for our students and teachers to return to more normal activities.

Camels Hump Middle School

Gretchen Muller, Principal

Wilhelmina Picard, Assistant Principal

Enrollment: 5-8 296

The start of the 2021-2022 school year has been a busy one and also incredibly positive. The school community not only welcomed all our students back to school full time, but also welcomed new teachers and a new principal. CHMS continues to be a strong, effective and caring learning environment for all their students. This year CHMS teams were able to again engage with community members and organizations through various field trips to support curriculum in the areas such as science and social studies, as well as supporting teams to build relationships with each other. Students have been excited to be back in spaces such as the art and music rooms, design tech room, cafeteria and the library. The number of books that are being read by students has been incredible to see.

Students have been working collaboratively in book groups, science labs, math number talks, health projects, and more. Our teachers have been presented with another challenging year teaching during a pandemic, yet every day they are giving 110% to every student, differentiating instruction, adjusting their pace and curriculum and focusing on not only academic support but social emotional support as well.

CHMS also adjusted its schedule this year to incorporate advisory several times a week along with a reteach/intervention/extension block. The advisory times provide teams to connect with students in a different way and to create a smaller community within our larger school community. Advisory provides students with time to meet with peers as well as a trusted adult in the building. The school has used advisory to carry out whole-school projects such as focusing on gratitude and appreciation and creating a winter wonderland around the school.



This year has also been positive in the area of school athletics and after-school programs. Our students are thrilled to be able to participate on athletic teams and matches and to be able to choose different clubs to participate in. Once again, it is the motivation and dedication of our faculty and staff that have created these opportunities for our students. Each day we are impressed with the level of responsibility that every student and adult takes on to ensure we maintain a safe and healthy learning environment as we continue to navigate teaching and learning during a pandemic. We look forward to bringing back more opportunities for our students including band and chorus performances, outdoor whole-school events, and end-of year celebrations.

Mt. Mansfield Union High School

Michael Weston, Principal

Krystina Fernandez, Assistant Principal

David Marlow, Activities Director

Enrollment: 9-12 786

The 2020-2021 school year was one unlike any previous year. Mt. Mansfield Union High School ran a Hybrid schedule from our first day (September 8, 2020) to our last day (June 14, 2021). In this schedule students were in school two days a week and remote for three. This was a style of learning that was new to teachers, students, and families and it required adjustment from all parties. With the support of all



members of our Community students developed academic and personal skills that will serve them well in the future. We saw students succeed: 82% of AP Exams were at a Proficient or higher score, SAT scores were markedly higher than state and national averages, and our students earned 93.3% of their Proficiency Based



Graduation Requirements. We also demonstrated excellence outside of the classroom with state titles in Boys Nordic Skiing, Dance, and Girls Track & Field. Another data point that is noteworthy is over 70% of our student body was involved in at least one extracurricular event. The focus on in and out classroom activities is one that is a hallmark of our program and we believe one that creates an environment that better supports everyone.

The culmination of the year was the 54th Graduation Ceremony held at MMU on our soccer/lacrosse field. The Class of 2021, 192 strong, graduated on a beautiful Saturday morning in front of family and friends. This class led us through a difficult year with grace and understanding. They moved onto pursuits that have led them to all corners of the United States and to many foreign countries. These graduates will make all of CougarNation proud and I believe they will be Effective Engaged Citizens wherever they go. I want to make sure

to end this write-up with "THANK YOU". Your support and care has assisted all of us during the past 20 months. This is an incredible community and I know our students are better prepared for life because of it.

Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District Our Schools

Smilie Memorial School

Barbara Tomasi-Gay, Principal

Enrollment: Prek-4 82



At Smilie Memorial School, we eagerly welcomed back our students and educators for full, in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. We were excited to have all of our students back in school with us. New faces to Smilie include: Ms. Emma Parent, as our Preschool teacher; Ms. Connie Guyette, as our Academic Interventionist; Ms. Heather Carpenter, as our Food Service Manager; Ms. Maya Parry, as our Preschool Assistant; Ms. Alyson McCarthy, as our Howard Center School Services Clinician and the return of Kyle Dubois as a grade 3 & 4 teacher. We also have a student intern, Chris Wood, from Northern Vermont University, who is doing his teaching internship, with Mr. Dubois.

Fully masked, we continue to practice our successful mitigation strategies of handwashing, distancing and keeping masks on our faces. We also expanded our use of outdoor areas for learning. We now have 8 picnic tables, in a variety of spaces around the school. Our sun sails, tents and large donated tent helped us all stay outside, for longer periods of time. Our neighbor, just south of us, has given permission for us to use his land to hike and explore. Classes have been challenged by these new hiking areas. We also fenced in a section of forest area near the school so that students could be closer to nature and have a sliding hill when the snow came.



We continue to emphasize social-emotional learning (SEL) in all of our classes. Teachers are using stress reducing strategies to help students relax and focus on the task at hand. Restorative practices are used to help students solve problems at the class and individual levels. Our guidance counselor uses a social-emotional learning curriculum with all grades that helps students in areas of conflict and problem solving. Students are greeted individually, every day, by at least two individuals. Classrooms are focusing on making sure students feel welcome and have a sense of belonging. To that end, we are working with our school-based equity committee to explore implicit bias and to create environments where all students are supported, valued and challenged.

Academically, we are grateful to be working with our coaches in the areas of math reading, writing, social studies and science. Teachers have begun using our new Word Study program, which includes phonics, spelling and decoding skill development. Students are making progress as we meet them where they are and guide them forward.

At the end of this school year, I will be retiring as Principal of Smilie Memorial School. It has been 9 incredible years in Bolton and 46 total years in education for me. I am proud of all that we have accomplished during my time at Smilie. We built a preschool playground, developed a Learning Kiva on that playground and instituted Conscious Discipline as part of our SEL curriculum. We added a forest area to our playground and provided a variety of outdoor learning environments for our students. Together with strong community involvement, we have built robust and rich educational environments for our students. I am grateful to the community, staff and students for working together to make Smilie such an incredible school.



Brewster-Pierce Memorial School

Sally Hayes, Principal

Enrollment: PreK-4 123

Brewster-Pierce students continued to learn and grow despite the many obstacles presented by the pandemic. Staff, students and families had to adjust multiple times throughout this school year and we met each new challenge as a team, with collaboration, hard work and perseverance. We continue to be grateful for our incredible families and their ongoing support during this unique year. The BPMS learning community remains strong, vibrant and cohesive even through tough times.

BPMS staff continue to focus on integrating themes of equity, diversity and inclusion throughout our teaching practices and school culture. A necessary piece of this ongoing work has been continually examining our own biases and assumptions. Last academic year, we engaged in monthly professional development topics which focused on identity, diverse perspectives, hidden curriculum, and assumptions within our current school culture. Through our school-based and district ABAR (anti-bias/anti-racist) committees, we continue to develop a deeper understanding of inclusive practices using the auditing tools provided by Rebecca Haslam and the teachings of Dr. Luvelle Brown. As a school, we have been navigating how to balance the findings of our audits with meaningful, tangible actions. We are learning that while the progress is not linear and time is always a limiting factor, the collaborative examination of our practices gives us perspective to continue to move forward. The work we are engaged in thus far continues to serve as a springboard for updating lessons. We have added new, culturally responsive texts to our school and classroom libraries which enrich our learning by presenting multiple perspectives and diverse representations. Our understanding of how to have our own professional learning inform our work with students is a work in progress, and an active area of growth in our teaching community. As educators, we realize that our success in this essential work will in part be measured by how successfully we can engage our students in these dialogues in compassionate, developmentally appropriate ways.

We also prioritize math, literacy and social emotional learning for all students. While core content for reading and writing continues to be taught through a workshop model, we are also focusing on phonemic awareness beginning in preschool and kindergarten. Phonemic awareness is the skill of hearing and identifying sounds as a foundation for overall reading readiness. Teachers continue to integrate the practice of word study skills in reading, writing, science and social studies on a daily basis. During math practice we focus on problem solving and applying math to real life situations. Social and emotional learning has been a critical area of learning especially as children work through strong feelings living through 21 months of a pandemic. We teach critical skills and strategies to manage peer relations and self management including: mindfulness, emotional regulation and restorative practices.

Outdoor Learning continues to be a cornerstone of our school's mission and guides much of our science learning. Students have opportunities to explore the outdoors in the Huntington Community Forest, Brush Brook and the Huntington River. This year BPMS staff engaged in professional development to better understand local plant species. This learning translated into lessons and learning for all students in pre-K through fourth grade. Outdoor learning experiences challenge our young thinkers to use problem solving and inquiry as a foundation for understanding the world around them. In mid July the Huntington Community Forest officially opened to the public. This rich 245 acre outdoor learning space provides multiple habitats for student investigation and learning right in our school's backyard.



Tune into our local Front Porch Forum

Have you joined our local Front Porch Forum? FPF helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting a statewide network of online local forums. More than half of Vermont households participate with hundreds more joining every month. People use their FPF to find lost animals, offer assistance to neighbors, organize local projects, share crime reports, draw crowds to events, highlight small businesses, seek contractor recommendations, and much more. Started 10 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont. Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>

Mount Mansfield Community Television (MMCTV)

MMCTV is the community media center for Jericho, Richmond and Underhill. During the pandemic, we installed remotely-operated hybrid meeting setups in all three towns and provide most key government and school board meetings live on MMCTV's government channel (Comcast Cable 1086) and on Youtube. We are editing & archiving more meetings than ever. Apart from public meetings, we partner with most local non-profit organizations to share their messages with you. We also hold a TV camp each summer for middle schoolers.

Last year, we moved our studio into the Richmond Town Center building; it is currently a work-in-progress, but we couldn't be more delighted with the new space. Your feedback and donations are always welcome at our 501c3 organization, which is part of a network of 24 public access centers in Vermont.

If you'd like to learn more, visit our website MtMansfieldCtv.org
All our videos are also online here: Bitly.com/MmctvVideos

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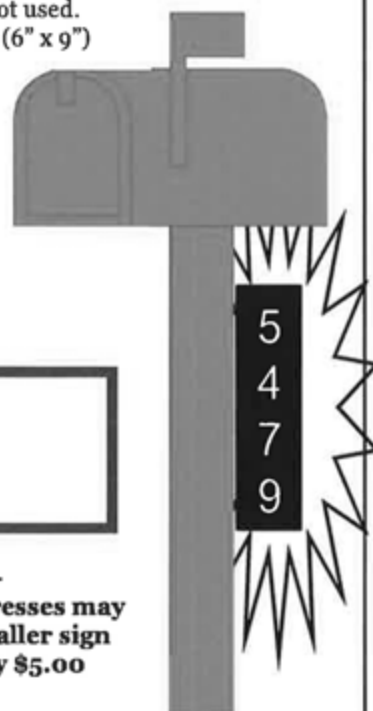
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Scouts BSA

Troop 627

The Underhill/Jericho Scouts BSA Troop has been a proud member of this community since 1963. Our communities are blessed with some outstanding members who volunteer their time, every week, to the advancement of our youth through the Scout program. Without the adult leaders, our program would not survive. "Thank You" to everyone who has been a part of this program over the past 55 years. Our Troop recently celebrated its 81st Eagle Scout! A very proud accomplishment! We currently have 29 scouts enrolled in our program. We are fortunate to have one of the most active troops in Vermont. Through our volunteers, we are able to provide a wide range of activities for the scouts to participate in. In 2021, we had one more Scout achieve the rank of Eagle Scout! The Eagle Scout project has benefited the Underhill-Jericho Fire department. In the coming months and in 2022, we have more Scouts in the process of completing their Eagle projects. This year we continue to have enthusiastic and energetic families who want to administer an excellent program for our youth to meet new challenges and to explore the outdoors.

Jason Ritter
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