

TOWN OF POMFRET, VERMONT



2024 Annual Report

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024

VITAL STATISTICS

2024 Births

May 1	Hawthorne (Hattie) Fahnestock Baldwin, daughter of Lindsay Hyde and Blair Baldwin
June 6	Ford Lion Piekny, son of Mila Korobkova and Michael Piekny
June 25	Charles (Chip) Claiborne Abbott, son of Annie and Doug Abbott
July 30	Lewis Charles Astbury, son of Kasia and Jacob Astbury
December 14	Marvin James Cole, son of Chelsea and Jacob Cole

2024 Marriages

May 26	Graham Charles Taylor and Alison Elizabeth Ganci, both of Charlestown MA
August 16	Hannah Elizabeth Bassett of Phoenix AZ and Ian George Lusty of Washington DC
August 17	Margaret Caroline Emmons of Pomfret VT and Samuel McVey Musson of Hartford VT

2024 Deaths/Burials

January 5	Elaine L. Chase of Pomfret VT, age 93
February 3	Eric M. Piper of Pomfret VT, age 71
May 16	Benjamin F. Asher of Pomfret VT, age 69
May 17 S.	Nancy Winn of Pomfret VT, age 85
May 31	Cynthia Fisher Jones of Pomfret VT, age 94
June 12	James A. Emery of Pomfret VT, age 82
June 19	Ruth Arlene Tuthill of Pomfret VT, age 93
June 27	Thomas Rothfuss Sr. of Pomfret VT, age 84
July 9	Linda J. Mountain of Pomfret VT, age 63
July 11	Thomas S. Massoth of Pomfret VT, age 84
October 14	Matthew Lee Miller of Claremont NH, age 38
October 27	John Lowell Putnam of Pomfret VT, age 67
November 15	Jane K. Adelson of Randolph Center VT (formerly of Pomfret), age 99
November 15	Nancy J. Bassett of Pomfret VT, age 99
November 19	Marvin L. Cole of Pomfret VT, age 81
December 8	Howard R. Gould of Woodstock VT (formerly of Pomfret), age 85

GENERAL INFORMATION

2020 U.S. Census Population 916
..... Housing Units 546

Town Office

5218 Pomfret Road, North Pomfret, Vermont 05053
<http://pomfretvt.us/>

Town Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
(802) 457-3861 (phone) | (802) 457-8180 (fax)

Clerk.....clerk@pomfretvt.us Treasurer.....treasurer@pomfretvt.us

Town Garage

Tel: (802) 457-2767
Cell: (802) 369-0225

Road Foreman: highway@pomfretvt.us

Volunteer Fire Department

Teago Station | 2026 Pomfret Road | (802) 457-1125
Pomfret Station | 7373 Pomfret Road | (802) 457-3730

Fire Chief: Jacob Astbury Tel: (802)-369-0579

EMERGENCIES, FIRE, AND AMBULANCE.....	911
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Abbott Memorial Library

15 Library Street, South Pomfret, Vermont 05067
<https://www.abbottmemorallibrary.org/>

Library Hours

Tuesday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM | Thursday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
(802) 457-2236 | abbottlibrary@gmail.com

Regular Meetings

Selectboard 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Town Office
Planning Commission..... 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:00 PM, Town Office
Trustees of the Abbott Memorial Library 3rd Monday, 7:00 PM, Abbott Memorial Library

State Representatives

General Assembly, Windsor County 4-1

Heather Surprenant (Barnard) hsurprenant@leg.state.vt.us | (802) 272-7943

Senate, Windsor County

Alison Clarkson (Woodstock) aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us | (802) 457-4627

Joe Major (Hartford) jmajor@leg.state.vt.us | (802) 622-4874

Rebecca White (Hartford) rwhite@leg.state.vt.us | (802) 777-4517

Community Reminders

The Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator remind residents that new residential, commercial and certain agricultural buildings, most renovations, home businesses and ponds require a permit application to the Town before construction begins. Sewage disposal system and access permits are required before a building permit can be issued. Sewage disposal system permits are issued by the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Failure to observe this procedure constitutes a violation of our zoning ordinance, and could result in serious penalties or other financial losses to those involved.

Residents are required to have an annual permit sticker (valid July 1 through June 30) and coupons to use the GUVSWMD/Hartford Transfer Station located at 2590 North Hartland Road (Route 5) in Hartford. Both are available at the Town Clerk's office. The cost of a permit is \$30.00 and the coupons are \$51.50 for a punch card of ten.

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Tribute – Norm Buchanan

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TRIBUTE

Norm Buchanan

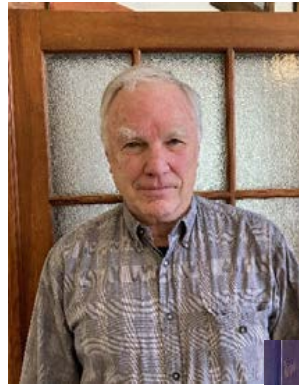
In 1979 Norm and Ruth Buchanan purchased their 1860's farmhouse on Hewitt Hill Road, where nary a wall nor floor were straight or level. There they settled in and raised their two kids, Scott and Laura. Norm worked for New England Telephone, retired in 1999, and dreamed of a quiet retirement full of family, friends, and travel. He could be found working in the gardens with Ruth, helping friends and neighbors hay their fields and wrangle their cows, skiing and traveling with his now-grown children...

But his peace was short-lived, when in 2005 the Selectboard asked him to fill a 1-year vacancy on the Board of Listers. He was then elected to the Board of Listers for six 3-year terms and has served as a Lister for 20 years. For the last 18 years he has served as the Chair of the Board, attending countless training courses and mentoring new Listers along the way. Our Listers are charged with the responsibility of determining the fair market value of properties so that our tax bills are equitable, as well as setting the Grand List for the year and processing Current Use and Homestead filings. This is one of those "behind the scenes" jobs in town government. In 2009 and 2023 Norm and the other Listers completed full townwide reappraisals. They quietly visited all 600 properties in town and spent countless hours coming up with new fair market values. The Listers job is never done.

You may not have met Norm Buchanan in person, but every taxpayer owes a huge dept of gratitude to the man that made sure everybody's property values were as correct as possible. In 1789 Benjamin Franklin wrote: "Nothing is certain except death and taxes". Rich or not, resident or not, we can be certain that Norman Buchanan made sure our assessments were fair and equitable. Thank you, Norm.

Norman Buchanan, The Lister

In 79 the Buchanans moved here from Mass
Wasn't the first and won't be the last
They settled on Hewitt Hill
Hearing Carlene's rooster was a thrill
Norm said: Ruth there are no street lights here
Ruth said: That's because there is nothing to fear
In 2005 the Selectboard did ask
Norm to do a simple task
Would you serve as a lister for one year?
Now after 20 Norm is still here
Every year he quietly did the task
For a better lister we could not ask
He faithfully did his job
Never was he threatened by a mob
We'll miss his quiet way
Now Ruth has him every day



SUMMARY OF TOWN MEETING

MARCH 5, 2024

Town Meeting was held by Australian Ballot, as voted at a Special Town Meeting on May 20, 2023. The voting results are as follows:

1. The following Town Officers were elected: Kevin Geiger, Moderator; Rebecca Fielder, Clerk; Steve Chamberlin, Selectboard 3yr; Meg Emmons, Selectboard 2yr; Ellen DesMeules, Treasurer; (vacant), Cemetery Commissioner; Norm Buchanan, Lister; (vacant), Auditor; Jim Robinson, Library Trustee 3yr; Mary Worrell, Library Trustee 3yr; Bob Coates, Trustee of Public Funds.
2. The voters authorized the Treasurer to be the collector of current taxes.
3. The FY25 General and Highway Budget totaling \$1,805,950 was approved.
4. \$42,500 was appropriated to the Abbott Memorial Library.
5. \$12,500 was appropriated to the Pomfret Cemetery Commission.
6. \$3,950 was appropriated to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH.
7. \$4,800 was appropriated to the Woodstock Area Council on Aging (Thompson Senior Center).
8. \$979 was appropriated to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS).
9. \$2,500 was appropriated to Empower Up – Windsor Central Mentoring Program.
10. \$750 was appropriated to the Spectrum Teen Center.
11. \$900 was appropriated to Pentangle Arts.
12. \$2,500 was appropriated to the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF).
13. \$400 was appropriated to the Women’s Information Service (WISE) of the Upper Valley.
14. \$50 was appropriated to Green Up Vermont.
15. Voters exempted the real properties of the Pomfret-Teago Volunteer Fire Department from taxation for a period of 5 years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 3840.
16. It was voted to re-appropriate the sum of \$118,717 from the unassigned General Fund balance to reduce FY25 taxes to be raised.
17. It was voted to have the Town Treasurer collect taxes in two installments, on August 16, 2024 and February 7, 2025. Late payments will be subject to interest of 1% per calendar month or a portion thereof. All taxes outstanding on February 8, 2025 shall be delinquent and subject to a penalty of 8%.

436 ballots were cast out of a total of 781 registered voters.

WARNING
Town of Pomfret
Annual Town Meeting 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Pomfret, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Pomfret Town Offices, 5218 Pomfret Road, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, between 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM, to vote by Australian ballot upon the articles of business listed herein.

An informational hearing to discuss the articles to be voted upon will occur at the Pomfret Town Hall, 5233 Pomfret Road, and via Zoom on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM. Instructions for joining the informational hearing appear at the end of this Warning.

The legal voters of the Town of Pomfret, Vermont are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said voting by Australian ballot shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. For more information, please visit <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/early-absentee-voting/> or call the Pomfret Town Offices at (802) 457-3861 during normal business hours (Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM).

1. To elect the following Town officers:
 - Town Moderator, 1-year term;
 - Town Clerk, 1-year term;
 - Selectboard Member, 3-year term;
 - Selectboard Member, 2-year term;
 - Treasurer, 1-year term;
 - Cemetery Commissioner, 3-year term;
 - Cemetery Commissioner, 2 years to finish a 3-year term;
 - Lister, 3-year term;
 - Lister, 2 years to finish a 3-year term;
 - Auditor, 3-year term;
 - Auditor, 2 years to finish a 3-year term;
 - Library Trustee, 3-year term;
 - Library Trustee, 3-year term; and
 - Trustee of Public Funds, 3-year term.

2. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4791?

3. Shall the voters approve the combined budget for Fiscal Year 2026 of \$1,931,749 for general purposes (\$540,046) and for highway purposes (\$1,391,703), of which \$1,360,902 will be raised by current year taxes and \$570,847 by other sources?

Note: The amounts in this Article 3 exclude the appropriations proposed in Articles 4 through 15 below.

4. Shall the voters appropriate \$42,500 to the Abbott Memorial Library?

5. Shall the voters appropriate \$16,500 to the Pomfret Cemetery Commission?

6. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,950 to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH in support of care provided in patients' homes?
7. Shall the voters appropriate \$4,800 to the Woodstock Area Council on Aging (d.b.a. The Thompson Senior Center) to be used for operational expenses to provide meals on wheels, transportation, wellness and social activities, medical equipment, and other Aging at Home support services to benefit Town residents?
8. Shall the voters appropriate \$979 to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services for support of services provided to residents of Windsor County?
9. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Empower Up - Windsor Central Mentoring Program (formerly known as the Ottauquechee Community Partnership) to support their Mentor and Buddy Program?
10. Shall the voters appropriate \$750 to the Spectrum Teen Center for support of activities at the center?
11. Shall the voters appropriate \$900 to Pentangle Arts for providing artistic endeavors in the community?
12. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF) for funding and support for individuals with limited financial means to help meet critical health and wellness needs such as medical and dental care, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prescription co-payments and short-term caregiver services?
13. Shall the voters appropriate \$400 to the Women's Information Service (WISE) of the Upper Valley for support of activities at the service?
14. Shall the voters appropriate \$50 to Green Up Vermont for Green Up Day supplies and services?
15. Shall the voters re-appropriate \$87,856 of the unassigned General Fund balance to reduce Fiscal Year 2026 taxes to be raised?

Note: Approval of this article would leave \$58,570 in the General Fund balance, which amount would remain subject to re-appropriation by the voters at a later date.

16. Shall the voters require that taxes be paid in U.S. funds in two installments, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4773, and that the first installment of such taxes be due and accepted at the Treasurer's office on or before 2:30 PM on August 15, 2025, and that the balance be due at the same location on or before 2:30 PM on February 6, 2026, and that overdue taxes bear interest at a rate of 1.0% per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4873, and that all delinquent taxes be subject to an 8.0% penalty pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 1674?

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Dated this 22nd day of January, 2025,
by the Selectboard of the Town of Pomfret:

Benjamin Brickner, Chair
John Peters Jr., Vice-Chair
Steve Chamberlin
Meg Emmons
Emily Grube

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AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
INFORMATIONAL HEARING INSTRUCTIONS

An informational hearing to discuss the articles to be voted upon will occur at the Pomfret Town Hall, 5233 Pomfret Road, and via Zoom on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM. You may join this informational hearing by telephone, computer or smartphone as follows:

Computer or Smartphone

<https://zoom.us/j/95395079923?pwd=ZjBEed3ZuZWgvWmx2M0tpOE8zbjg2dz09>

Landline or Mobile Phone

Dial (301) 715-8592. When prompted, enter Meeting ID 953 9507 9923 and Passcode 306922.



Town Meeting Day, 1940

AUDITORS' REPORT

State law requires the Town Auditors to review the accounts of local officials and report the findings directly to the taxpayers. This responsibility ensures the transparency and accuracy of the town's finances. To this end, the financial summaries included in this Annual Report are based on the reconciliation performed by the previously appointed Auditors. They diligently verified the stated account balances to the best of their ability, ensuring that expenditures were duly authorized, and income was properly deposited into the appropriate accounts.

Additionally, state law requires the Auditors to present detailed statements of the town's financial condition, including summaries of receipts and expenditures, lists of fund assets, and information on any outstanding indebtedness. Where applicable, these statements, summaries, and lists are included in this Annual Report. Collectively, these materials provide a portrayal of the Town of Pomfret's financial position as of June 30, 2024, based on the information available at the time of reconciliation.

Two of the three Town Auditors were newly appointed as of October 2024. The newly appointed Auditors are diligently working to familiarize themselves with the town's financial records and procedures. While training and orientation are still ongoing, we are committed to upholding the highest standards of accuracy and accountability in the future. We thank the taxpayers for their patience and trust as we continue to build upon our knowledge and skills.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Ellen DesMeules, Town Treasurer, and Becky Fielder, Town Clerk, for their invaluable assistance throughout the year. Their cooperation and expertise have been essential in carrying out our duties. We also thank the town departments, contributors, and other organizations for providing their annual summaries, which help make the Pomfret Annual Report a thorough and informative resource.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Mears Abbott
Patti Wickersham
Tracie Hartford



Pictured: Terri Chamberlin providing ox cart rides & Alice Lamson during the 2024 Annual PYO Pumpkin Patch at Fox Crossing Farm. *Courtesy of Neil Lamson*

Treasurer's Report

The general fund ended the year with a \$78,000 reduction of the fund balance although the budget planned for a reduction nearly twice that size. Income was \$60,000 greater than anticipated, though expenses were close to target. While tax income fell \$50,000 short, delinquent tax income and Current Use contributed extra income. The 2024-25 fiscal year is budgeted to whittle down the cumulative fund balance of \$240,000 by nearly \$100,000.

The highway budget plan was to deficit spend \$20,050; expenses exceeded income by \$20,813. This did mean that the highway fund ended with a deficit, though this was a result of timing: the July 2023 storm was a FEMA-funded event, though federal funds arrived in the current fiscal year, in September and October 2024. Payments will total \$125,325.

The lion's share of ARPA (American Rescue Plan) related expenses were posted by June 2024. This is money from the COVID era, which had a deadline of December 2024 for spending. The total amount received was \$255,044. That was spent as follows (covering 3 fiscal years): land records scanned and available online: \$21,521; new computers: \$1,903; smart TV for remote meetings: \$3,350; hook up generator at garage: \$13,637; replace Pomfret FD generator: \$9,764; repairs to the brick building: \$10,100; handicapped door at main office: \$13,703; garage repairs: \$5,972; protective / radio helmets for road crew: \$2,247; funds toward new loader: \$56,000; install propane furnace at garage: \$27,200; bury power lines at garage: \$5,538; toward paving expenses: \$84,109.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen DesMeules, Pomfret Treasurer

Town Indebtedness

The Town of Pomfret had no indebtedness as of December 31, 2024.

Surety Bond

All Town officers are covered by a blanket \$500,000 bond through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

PROPERTY TAX RECONCILIATION

As of June 30, 2024

Beginning Balance, Delinquent Taxes	51,611.62	<i>Receivables beginning of the year</i>
Billings per NEMRC Status Report	5,741,927.72	<i>From grand list tax book summary</i>
Late Fee Retained by Town	195.00	<i>From final education report</i>
Less Payments Sent Directly to School	(289,666.62)	<i>From final education report</i>
Less Current Year Taxes	(5,378,881.21)	<i>From GF Trial Balance</i>
Less Town D. Taxes Recorded	(57,436.44)	<i>From GF Trial Balance</i>
Abatements/Adjustments/Rounding	(7.16)	
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Net	67,742.91	
Delinquencies per List	(67,742.91)	<i>Receivables at the end of the year</i>
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Difference	(0.00)	

TREASURER'S TAX REPORT

as of June 30, 2024

Rate Name	FY 2023-24 Tax rate	Grand List Value	Total Raised
Non Homestead Education Taxes	1.337	1,916,407.00	2,562,236.17
Homestead Education Taxes	1.4632	1,384,911.90	2,026,403.06
Local Agreement	0.0007	3,308,352.10	2,315.85
Town Taxes	0.03479	3,308,352.10	1,150,972.64
Total Tax			5,741,927.72

School Payments	
Total State Education Payments	298,471.62
Total State Current Use Payments	297,888.00

HISTORIC POMFRET TAX RATES

Residential Rate	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Town rate:	0.3767	0.3852	0.3882	0.3613	0.3616	0.3650	0.3776	0.4084	0.3479	0.3534
Local agreement:	0.0012	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0005	0.0005	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007
Residential Edu Rate	1.3642	1.4459	1.5437	1.6738	1.6586	1.5735	1.5031	1.5571	1.4632	1.6654
Total residential rate:	1.7421	1.8315	1.9323	2.0355	2.0206	1.9390	1.8812	1.9662	1.8118	2.0195
Non-Residential Rate	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Town rate:	0.3767	0.3852	0.3882	0.3613	0.3616	0.3650	0.3776	0.4084	0.3479	0.3534
Local agreement:	0.0012	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0005	0.0005	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007
Non-residential Edu rate:	1.4427	1.4559	1.4993	1.594	1.6372	1.5472	1.4995	1.5062	1.337	1.3837
Total non-res rate:	1.8206	1.8415	1.8879	1.9554	1.9992	1.9127	1.8776	1.9153	1.6856	1.7378
CLA	106.4	105.43	102.38	99.14	97.36	105.22	107.5	97.33	104.04*	1.0053
									*interim CLA	
Town-wide reappraisal took place during FY 2022-23, taking effect for 2023-24 tax year.										

POMFRET COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

It has been an ongoing process with the delinquent properties in getting the past due taxes resolved. There was one tax sale in 2024. To view the Delinquent Tax Collection Policy, you can find this on the Pomfret website www.pomfretvt.us under Documents, subsection Policies. Or you can contact me for a copy.

While I do not hold regular office hours at the Town Office, please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the day on my cell phone number of 1-802-299-8211 or by email karen.hewitt@pomfretvt.us or if you wish to meet in person, we can schedule a time.

Karen Hewitt Osnoe
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

STATEMENT OF OPERATING AND HIGHWAY RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND FUND BALANCES

For Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024

General Fund Receipts:

Current Year Taxes	5,378,881.21
School Tax Adj GT PTA DIS	0.00
Ed funds PAID to State	-1,953,585.77
Local schools Ed tax Paid	-2,337,671.00
School tax-Admin fee	-9,872.61
Transfer: highway fund	-1,059,360.00
Delinquent tax payments	57,436.44
Appalachian Trail in lieu	9,056.00
Current Use Reimbursement	297,888.00
Land Use change tax	6,759.00
VT State in Land in lieu	2,637.59
School tax collection fee	9,872.61
Penalties & Interest on Taxes Dues	20,857.00
Interest Income	10,044.00
Other Income Accts	11,986.00
Town Permits	4,515.00
Misc Income, Donations, State Funds & Other Grants	44,150.00
Public Safety Reimbursements	4,197.00
Total Income:	497,790.47

GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

Personnel, insurance, benefits	133,464.77
Buildings, grounds, repeater expenses	55,093.43
Professional Fees (legal & accounting)	30,118.52
Assessments (VLCT, 2 Rivers, etc.)	31,234.34
Public Safety (Fire Dept., Fast Squad, Ambulance, etc.)	159,629.35
Municipal Special Project	4,214.86
Appropriations	162,129.00
Total Expenses	575,884.27

Fund Balance as of July 01, 2023	343,237.72
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2024	-78,094

Highway Fund Income

Tax Support	1,059,360.00
State Aid to Highways	146,393.08
Webster Hill & Wild Apple	55,500.00
Misc. Income	8,158.69
Total Income:	1,269,411.77

Highway Fund Disbursements

Personnel, Insurance, Benefits, Training	460,870.04
Materials	244,176.59
Small Equipment	103,639.11
Vehicles & Large Equipment	24,514.32
Misc. Large Equipment	1,492.50
Garage Building	11,230.51
Special Projects and Grants	80,301.22
Highways Reserves	364,000.00
Total Expenses:	1,290,224.29
Fund balance as of July 01, 2023	-3,304.88
Fund balance as of June 30, 2024	-20,812.52

LISTERS' REPORT

Pomfret has 591 taxable parcels for the tax year 2024-25. There are an additional 17 non-taxed parcels, including the Town Hall, Town Offices, cemeteries, the North Pomfret Congregational Church, Town Garage, and other town owned land. There are two voted exemptions (the two Fire Department buildings); five partial Veteran exemptions, one partial Statutory exemption (Purple Crayon Productions, Inc. dba ArtisTree) and one special exemption (the ski lifts at Saskadena Six). We receive Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) funds for the Appalachian Trail land (federal) as well as State owned land off Joe Ranger Road (Howard Flowage) and Allen Hill Road (Amity Pond Natural Area). 168 parcels are enrolled in the Current Use program.

The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 91.75%, and the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 14.26%. This means that properties in town continue to be sold for much higher than their assessed values, even after the full townwide reappraisal that was undergone in 2022-2023. If sales continue to follow this trend, we will be statutorily required to perform another reappraisal (full or partial) within 3 years to correct the imbalances in the fair market valuations.

Homestead Declarations (VT HS-122 form) are required annually by April 15th and are to be filed with your Vermont Income Tax forms or online. If not filed, your property tax will be calculated based on the non-residential rate and you will be ineligible for a state payment toward the education tax. Filing an extension for your income taxes does NOT extend the deadline for the Homestead Declaration, so be sure to file it on time! Please be aware that if your homestead is in Pomfret but you fail to file a Homestead Declaration, you are committing tax fraud! If you have any questions about the HS-122 form you may contact us or the Vermont Department of Taxes.

Pomfret Board of Listers, Norm Buchanan, Becky Fielder, and Neil Lamson

GRAND LIST DATA SUMMARY

as of December 31, 2024

(Taxable properties only; State and Non-tax status properties are not included - see list below for "NON -TAX" parcels)

	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Education Listed Value	Non-Residential Education Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
<u>REAL ESTATE</u>					
Residential I	177	66,485,860	47,579,670	18,906,190	66,485,860
Residential II	291	295,000,870	119,278,550	175,722,320	295,000,870
Mobile Home-U	1	31,680	-	31,680	31,680
Mobile Home-L	4	454,320	218,360	235,960	454,320
Seasonal I	5	407,400	-	407,400	407,400
Seasonal II	5	2,986,750	-	2,986,750	2,986,750
Commercial	9	6,890,430	-	6,890,430	6,890,430
Commercial Apartments	1	945,730	-	945,730	945,730
Utilities-Electric	1	5,600,560	-	5,600,560	5,600,560
Farm	7	12,451,120	4,537,040	7,914,080	12,451,120
Miscellaneous	90	32,964,810	651,560	32,313,250	32,964,810
TOTAL LISTED R.E. VALUE	591	424,219,530	172,265,180	251,954,350	424,219,530
<u>EXEMPTIONS</u>					
Veterans 10,000	5	50,000	40,000	10,000	50,000
Veterans >10,000	5	150,000	-	-	-
Total Veterans	5	200,000	40,000	10,000	50,000
Grandfathered (<i>Fire Depts</i>)	2	615,300	-	615,300	615,300
Current Use	168	84,447,400	20,413,800	64,033,600	84,447,400
Special Exemptions (<i>Ski Area</i>)	1	-	-	703,320	703,320
Partial Statutory (<i>PCP Inc.</i>)	1	3,210,500	-	3,210,500	3,210,500
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS		88,473,200	20,453,800	68,572,720	89,026,520
LISTED VALUE MINUS EXEMPTIONS		335,746,330	151,811,380	183,381,630	335,193,010
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		3,357,463.30	(This amount equals 10% of the total Grand List)		
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			1,518,113.80	1,833,816.30	3,351,930.10
NON-TAX PARCELS*	17				
Abbott Memorial Library		Howard Flowage (State of VT)*	Pomfret Town Hall		
Amity Pond Natural Area (State of VT)*		North Pomfret Cong. Church	Pomfret Town Offices		
Appalachian Trail (US Dept. of Interior)*		Pomfret Town Stump Dump	Pomfret Town Picnic Area		
Bunker Hill Cemetery		Pomfret Town Forest	Tax Sale parcel - Handy Road, 2 acres		
Burns Cemetery		Pomfret Town Brick Building	The Prosper Valley School (TPVS/WCUUSD)		
Hewittville Cemetery		Pomfret Town Garage			

* The Town receives PILOT funds (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) for State and Federally owned lands.

CLERK'S REPORT

In 2024 the clerk's office received 220 documents for recording (including 37 property transfers and 12 property surveys), issued 3 marriage licenses, notarized 62 documents, registered 225 dogs, sold 122 landfill permits and 136 punchcards, and registered 55 new voters. We also handed out over 600 free COVID test kits provided at no charge by the State of Vermont's Department of Health, and an additional 500 donated to us by the Town of Bridgewater, who received more than they could handle from a generous donor. Unfortunately, these supply chains have dried up and we will not be receiving any more test kits.

This year marked our first elections using the automated tabulator machine, and it was a resounding success! As Town Meeting Day coincided with the Presidential Primary as well as the School District ballot vote, we had three elections running simultaneously and the tabulator was able to tally the results of them all without any issues or confusion. Our results were available a whopping 3 hours earlier than if we had counted by hand! Although many missed the routine and camaraderie of gathering to count the ballots in pairs, it made for a much smoother evening that took out the human-error element that always comes into play after a long day of manning the polls. The August State Primary and November General Election also ran perfectly, with results being posted only 45 minutes after the polls closed – a new record for us!

Curious about your deed or the history of your property? Pomfret's land records can be found at <https://pomfret.lr-1.com/> - there is no fee to search, but a \$2.50 per page fee to print non-watermarked copies from the website. The physical records books are located in the vault at the Town Office, and are searchable in person by appointment. In-office copies are available for a fee of \$1.00 per page.

Becky Fielder
Town Clerk



Pictured Above: (Left) Sugaring at Cloudland Rd, *courtesy of William Emmons III*, and (Right) Mary Worrell's Sheep, *courtesy of Mary Worrell*

CLERK’S DOG ACCOUNT REPORT

Fees from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024*

129	Neutered/Spayed	@ 10.00	\$1290.00
23	Unaltered dogs	@ 14.00	\$322.00
63	Neutered/spayed with penalty	@ 12.00	\$756.00
10	Unaltered with penalty	@ 18.00	\$180.00
225	Dogs		\$2,548.00

Total: 225 dogs = \$2,548.00

**Please note that due to a legislative change, dog license prices will increase by \$1 in 2025.*

By State Law, all dogs and wolf-hybrids 6 months of age or older must be licensed with the Town Clerk each year on or before April 1st. A current Rabies Certificate is required for licensing.

For the purposes of licensing a dog or wolf-hybrid, a current vaccination against rabies means that:

1. All dog and wolf-hybrid vaccinations recognized by state and local authorities shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
2. All dogs and wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination.
3. All subsequent vaccinations following the initial vaccination shall be valid for 36 months.
4. All vaccinations, including the initial vaccination, shall be with a U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved vaccine product.

The number of dogs licensed this year is down from 232 dogs registered in 2023. **If you are a dog owner and do not register your dog, you are in violation of 20 V.S.A. Section 3590, which states that animals may be destroyed if not immunized and licensed.** Please make an effort to license your dogs each year on or before the April 1st deadline. Pomfret’s dog ordinance dated October 1st, 2014 is available in the Town Office or can be downloaded from our website at <http://pomfretvt.us> under the Documents tab.

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Last year was another busy one for the Selectboard and we welcome this opportunity to share the highlights with you.

Town Meetings and Elections. Town meeting last March was our first after the May 2023 special meeting at which Pomfret adopted the Australian ballot for town officer elections, budget articles and other public questions. Turnout continues to be significantly higher than it was for floor meetings pre-Covid, with 56% of registered voters casting ballots on Town Meeting Day 2024 (compared to 14%, 13%, and 15% at the 2018, 2019 and 2020 floor meetings, respectively).

Although the tradition of in-person town meeting was a welcome opportunity to see neighbors and debate important local issues face-to-face, we believe the increased participation enabled by Australian balloting has made local government more accessible to our community overall. This year the informational hearing is on February 22 at the Town Hall, where in-person discussion and debate can still occur. See the Town Meeting Warning elsewhere in the town report for more details.

Last year Pomfret acquired an optical scan tabulator (paid for by the state) to count ballots cast in local, state and federal elections. While we miss the camaraderie that accompanied the painstaking process of manually tallying ballots after polls were closed, the tabulator has made this process more efficient and less error prone. We thank the many volunteers who still staff the polls during each election day. The Selectboard continues to hold hybrid meetings, resulting in a welcome increase in turnout and participation in our proceedings. You can find dial-in instructions for our meetings at pomfretvt.us/index.php/boar/sel.

Road Crew Changes. Longtime Road Foreman Jim Potter and crew member Justin Ricard left their positions last fall. Jim, Justin and the road crew have been excellent stewards of our roads, working countless nights, weekends and holidays to ensure our safety and convenience through all that Vermont weather has to offer. We wish Jim and Justin well in their next chapters.

Frank Rogers started in November as Pomfret's new Road Foreman. Joining Frank are new crew members Brad Howe and AJ Stevens. Frank, Brad and AJ have a combined 50 years of highway experience and we welcome them to Pomfret. They join veteran crew member Art Lewin on the team. Art was briefly a one-person road crew last fall and we are immensely grateful for his dedication and service to Pomfret.

Town Asset Investments. Pomfret received nearly \$255,000 from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). These funds were intended to promote resiliency in public health and infrastructure. To these ends, we used ARPA funds to convert the town garage heating system from oil to propane and sized the new unit so that the entire building can be heated and remain functional during power outages and other emergencies.

ARPA funds also offset the cost of a new wheel loader that replaces an older model no longer in service. All of Stage Road and Library Street were paved last year, also paid for in part with ARPA funds. And we replaced a tandem culvert on the lower end of Wild Apple Road that was hydraulically inadequate. The cost of this work was paid for almost entirely with a Town Highway Structures Program grant.

We replaced the steps at the Town Hall and removed the deteriorated ramp that was no longer safe. A new, portable ramp will be purchased soon. The Town Hall Revitalization Committee is hard at work soliciting feedback from the community to inform long range plans to renovate the Town Hall. The Committee began its work by obtaining a Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) "mini grant" to conduct an energy assessment and feasibility study of future improvements to that building.

Ordinance and Policy Updates. We continued to review and update our financial policies based on forms prepared by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) and tailored to Pomfret by our Financial Management Committee. We thank Nancy Mathews and Ellen DesMeules for their tireless effort to ensure the town’s financial procedures remain clear and robust. You can find these policies at pomfretvt.us/index.php/documents.

Foliage Traffic Management. Foliage traffic management continues to present public safety and quality of life challenges, particularly along the lower portion of Cloudland Road. Last year we closed this portion of Cloudland Road and made Barber Hill Road one way, largely replicating the effort undertaken the year before.

The temporary closure once again had its intended effect, eliminating gridlock and improving quality of life. We remain cautiously optimistic that road closures will not become a permanent feature of foliage season. For the time being, however, we believe this is the most effective way to address increasing traffic in this area so that residents and emergency services can navigate these roads safely. We thank the community for its patience while we continue to address these concerns.

Grant Funding Opportunities. The Selectboard continues to leverage outside funding to complete planning and maintenance work that will benefit our community for years to come. Last year we received a Town Highway Structures Program grant to replace a large culvert on Wild Apple Road. Our Town Hall Revitalization Committee also received a MERP “mini grant” to study future improvement to the Town Hall.

We continue to apply for grants to defray the cost of major structures on our highway system, paving projects on our primary roads, and ditching projects on our secondary roads that reduce runoff and improve downstream water quality.

Vermont 250th Anniversary Committee. Last year we created the Vermont 250th Anniversary Committee to work with the state Division for Historic Preservation as Vermont prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Revolutionary War, and founding of Vermont. Our Committee has also partnered with the Pomfret Historical Society to launch a new website and begin digitizing a trove of local artifacts that have been largely inaccessible to the public. Stay tuned for announcements about upcoming events and other ways to get involved in the upcoming celebrations.

Municipal Administration. As municipal government becomes more complex—even for small towns like ours—the Selectboard is considering whether to hire an administrator to handle day-to-day Selectboard functions like grant writing, contract negotiation and local-state government relations. These conversations are ongoing and your input would be greatly appreciated.

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Selectboard meetings are open to the public and we thank those who participate and offer their opinions and guidance. You can find our contact information at pomfretvt.us/index.php/boar/sel. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and around town.

Benjamin Brickner, Chair
John Peters, Jr. Vice-Chair
Steve Chamberlin
Meg Emmons
Emily Grube

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET NARRATIVE

Macroeconomic conditions during the last four years have been exceptionally difficult for everyone on a budget. Prices have risen at their fastest pace in forty years. They increased even faster in areas that predominate the budgets of small, rural towns like Pomfret. The cost of paving has nearly doubled since 2020. Highway equipment prices are substantially higher than forecast just two years ago. Liability and health insurance premiums increased nearly 20% in the last year alone.

After holding the line on municipal spending for the last several years, the Selectboard has concluded that a more significant increase this year is not only advisable, but unavoidable. As detailed below, the proposed FY 2026 budget increases spending by 6.9%. This is driven by many factors, but chief among them are increased saving for future paving projects and highway equipment purchases, and increased spending on non-discretionary items like insurance and emergency services. These categories alone account for nearly the entire amount of the proposed spending increase.

Nonetheless, the Selectboard believes the proposed budget is responsible and will best serve the town and taxpayers now and in the future. Prepared during eight public meetings with input from town officials, employees, volunteers and residents, this budget embodies a large amount of feedback received by the Selectboard. We believe it accurately reflects residents' expectations for how the town should operate today while prudently planning for the Pomfret of tomorrow.

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The combined Fiscal Year 2026 Town and Highway budget of \$2,007,578 (including voted appropriations) is 6.9% higher than Fiscal Year 2025's total budget of \$1,877,779. The Fiscal Year 2026 budget represents an increase compared to Fiscal Year 2025 (for the reasons explained below), and is 14.6% above the average combined budget for the last five years (Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026). If the voters approve all voted appropriations and re-appropriate a portion of the prior year's unassigned fund General Fund balance to offset current year taxes to be raised, the amount to be raised in taxes for Fiscal Year 2026 will be 13.7% higher than in Fiscal Year 2025 (\$1,348,875 versus \$1,186,262).

The General Fund finished Fiscal Year 2024 with an unassigned fund balance (sometimes referred to as a "surplus") of \$146,426 and the Highway Fund finished Fiscal Year 2024 with an unassigned fund balance of minus \$4,067. The unassigned fund balance in the General Fund was budgeted to end Fiscal Year 2024 at \$79,144. The significantly larger than budgeted balance arose from \$62,966 in greater than budgeted revenues and \$4,316 in lower than budgeted expenditures. The unassigned fund balance in the Highway Fund (a negative amount) arose from \$29,084 in greater than budgeted revenues (excluding a \$3,305 transfer from the Highway Rainy Day Reserve Fund), which were offset by \$33,151 in greater than budgeted expenditures.

The primary drivers of the greater than budgeted General Fund revenue were collections of delinquent taxes, interest income and state grant payments. Collection of delinquent taxes is not anticipated to be significant revenue sources going forward as recent collection efforts have substantially reduced the amount of delinquent taxes now outstanding. There were no significant drivers of the marginally lower than budgeted General Fund expenses. The primary drivers of the greater than budgeted Highway Fund revenue were state grant and aid payments. The primary drivers of the greater than budgeted Highway Fund expenses were payroll, fuel costs and town highway repairs.

Including all voted appropriations, the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund budget is 4.7% higher than the Fiscal Year 2025 budget (\$615,875 versus \$588,428) and 13.0% above the average General Fund budget for the last five years. The primary drivers of this year-over-year increase are generally increasing costs in the current high inflation macroeconomic climate, and specifically building repairs, law enforcement and professional fees.

To offset these increased costs, the Selectboard proposes to apply \$87,856 of the Fiscal Year 2024 unassigned General Fund balance as revenue in Fiscal Year 2026. This is only a portion of the \$146,426 General Fund balance available to reduce current taxes to be raised. Due to the size of the current fund balance and the likelihood that future fund balances will be significantly lower, the Selectboard believes it is prudent to retain some of the available fund balance in order to reduce the likelihood that significant municipal tax increases (and/or expenditure reductions) will be necessary to replace this non-recurring revenue source in future years.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Highway Fund budget is 7.9% higher than the Fiscal Year 2025 budget (\$1,391,703 versus \$1,289,351) and 15.3% above the average Highway Fund budget for the last five years. The primary drivers of this year-over-year increase are generally increasing costs in the current high inflation macroeconomic climate, and specifically paving, insurance premiums, fuel costs and equipment expenses.

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The Selectboard recognizes that the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget entails a larger than usual increase in spending. This is due in part to macroeconomic conditions beyond our control that are driving up costs generally, not just in Pomfret. It also results from our desire to anticipate future needs through realistic capital planning and commensurate reserve funding, and our limited ability to reduce or avoid non-discretionary spending in areas like insurance and emergency services.

Benjamin Brickner, Chair
John Peters, Jr., Vice-Chair
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Town of Pomfret
General Account Summary

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		FY 2026 Budget (proposed)	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget
	TOWN REVENUES						
	Taxes Current Year (100-6-10-00-300)						
5	Current Year Taxes*	1,348,875	1,186,262	5,378,881	1,127,488	4,628,908	1,067,927
6	Act 68 funds paid to State	-	-	(1,953,586)	-	(1,809,211)	-
7	School Tax Pd to School	-	-	(2,337,671)	-	(1,900,407)	-
8	School tax-Admin fee	-	-	(9,873)	-	(8,516)	-
9	Appropriation to Highway Fund	(1,220,440)	(1,126,216)	(1,059,360)	(1,059,360)	(959,513)	(959,513)
10	TOTAL TAXES CURRENT YEAR	128,435	60,046	18,392	68,128	(48,738)	108,414
11	<i>*Actual "current year taxes" includes both town and education tax revenues; Budget "current year taxes" includes only town tax revenues.</i>						
	Other Town Revenues						
20	Other Taxes (100-6-10-00-305)	327,700	340,700	383,650	298,604	493,976	280,433
25	Penalties and Interest (Taxes) (100-6-10-00-310)	20,000	20,000	20,857	20,000	37,410	15,000
29	Earnings on Accounts (100-6-10-05-315)	5,000	1,000	10,044	1,000	657	2,000
44	Income Accounts (100-6-10-10-320)	11,688	14,023	11,986	16,485	11,630	15,835
50	Town Permits (100-6-10-15-325)	5,300	7,300	4,515	8,500	7,020	6,125
58	Misc. Income (100-6-10-20-340)	29,296	26,027	24,302	21,500	38,710	20,285
65	State Funds and Other Grants (100-6-20-00-355)	600	615	19,848	607	610	607
70	Public Safety (100-6-50-40)	-	-	4,197	-	-	-
	TOTAL OTHER TOWN REVENUES	399,584	409,665	479,398	366,696	590,013	340,285
72	TOTAL TOWN REVENUES	528,019	469,711	497,790	434,824	541,275	448,699
	TOWN EXPENDITURES						
	Town Expenditures						
83	Clerk (100-7-10-10)	43,624	41,208	40,650	41,436	38,703	40,150
90	Treasurer (100-7-10-15)	46,874	47,081	45,282	46,086	44,245	44,600
99	Listers (100-7-10-20)	19,450	19,324	12,158	20,600	15,288	20,600
118	Other Officers (100-7-10-25)	47,943	40,511	35,374	45,040	35,345	49,760
133	Municipal Office (100-7-10-30)	38,877	38,158	38,228	33,800	35,889	33,300
138	Professional Fees (100-7-10-45)	25,500	23,500	30,119	18,000	27,533	19,000
145	Assessments (100-7-10-55)	28,995	27,322	31,234	30,325	20,408	31,840
154	Town Hall (100-7-10-65)	5,090	4,714	6,923	8,350	8,702	10,150
160	Brick Building (100-7-20-33)	854	1,055	1,078	-	776	1,500
171	Misc Town Expenses (100-7-20-35)	11,550	10,900	8,422	9,900	9,582	8,850
204	Fire Department (100-7-30-40)	129,435	138,957	137,454	135,973	58,763	57,235
211	Contract Services (100-7-30-42)	118,602	101,906	93,626	97,661	93,388	92,452
217	Fast Squad (100-7-30-44)	3,000	1,500	3,550	3,000	-	3,000
222	Communications and Disaster (100-7-30-46)	1,450	1,650	442	1,400	1,569	1,400
229	Municipal Special Projects (100-7-90-75)	500	1,500	4,215	1,500	16,777	1,500
237	Reserve Accounts	18,300	17,313	16,300	16,300	25,800	25,800
239	TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	540,046	516,599	505,055	509,371	432,767	441,137
259	TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	75,829	71,829	70,829	70,829	129,329	129,329

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		FY 2026 Budget (proposed)	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget
261	TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	615,875	588,428	575,884	580,200	562,096	570,466
263	TOWN REVENUES LESS TOWN EXPENDITURES AND LESS VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	(87,856)	(118,717)	(78,094)	(145,376)	(20,822)	(121,767)
265	BEGINNING GENERAL FUND BALANCE			343,237		364,059	
266	ENDING GENERAL FUND BALANCE*			265,143		343,237	
267	<i>General Fund Balance Change</i>			(78,094)		(20,822)	

269 **\$118,717 of the FY2023 ending General Fund balance was assigned to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2025. As a result, the unassigned FY 2024 ending General Fund balance was \$146,426, of which \$87,856 is proposed to be used to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2026. See Line 263. See also Warning Article 15.*

Town of Pomfret
Highway Account Summary

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		FY 2026 Budget (proposed)	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget
	HIGHWAY REVENUES						
5	Appropriation from General Fund	1,220,440	1,126,216	1,059,360	1,059,360	959,513	959,513
6	State Aid - Highways	155,331	159,185	146,393	142,163	142,163	132,500
7	Wild Apple Grant (BBR0994)	-	-	20,000	-	-	-
8	Webster Hill Grant (GA0392)	-	-	35,500	-	-	-
9	Grant to Comply with Mun. Standards	20,000	-	-	35,500	-	18,900
10	Highway Interest Income	-	24,000	17	-	69	-
11	Highway Misc. Income	-	-	4,837	-	2,426	-
12	Transfers In	-	-	3,305	-	-	-
13	TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES	1,395,771	1,309,401	1,269,412	1,237,023	1,104,171	1,110,913
	HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES						
29	Labor and Benefits (150-7-10-70)	466,085	468,397	429,838	407,675	419,846	363,852
36	Insurance (150-7-15-85)	43,803	32,189	31,032	28,558	27,772	30,189
51	Materials (150-7-20-75)	282,000	271,000	281,786	299,500	245,501	292,000
68	Small Equipment (150-7-30-80)	89,175	85,925	103,639	84,100	100,180	89,600
72	Large Equipment Maint and Repair (150-7-35-05)	35,000	30,000	26,007	30,000	38,810	25,000
80	Garage Building (150-7-40-83)	18,400	8,100	9,349	11,000	16,189	6,500
87	Contracts (150-7-50-90)	32,240	28,740	1,882	32,240	2,015	31,850
95	Special Projects and Grants (150-7-50-93)	-	-	42,692	-	5,291	-
101	Highway Reserves (150-7-95-50)	425,000	365,000	364,000	364,000	354,000	354,000
103	TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	1,391,703	1,289,351	1,290,224	1,257,073	1,209,605	1,192,992
105	HIGHWAY REVENUES LESS HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	4,067	20,050	(20,813)	(20,050)	(105,434)	(82,079)
107	BEGINNING HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE			(3,305)		102,129	
108	ENDING HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE*			(24,117)		(3,305)	
109	<i>Highway Fund Balance Change</i>			<i>(20,813)</i>		<i>(105,434)</i>	

111 * An additional \$20,050 was raised in taxes in FY 2025 to offset the anticipated FY 2024 year-end Highway Fund deficit of \$(20,050). The actual FY 2024 year-end Highway Fund deficit was \$(24,117). As a result, the unassigned FY 2024 ending Highway Fund balance was \$(4,067), which additional amount is proposed to be raised in taxes in FY 2026. See Line 105.

Town of Pomfret
General Account Detail

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1		FY 2026 Budget (proposed)	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2023 Budget
2	TOWN REVENUES (100-6)						
3							
4	Taxes Current Year (100-6-10-00-300)						
5	Current Year Taxes*	1,348,875	1,186,262	5,378,881	1,127,488	4,628,908	1,067,927
6	Act 68 funds paid to State	-	-	(1,953,586)	-	(1,809,211)	-
7	School Tax Pd to School	-	-	(2,337,671)	-	(1,900,407)	-
8	School tax-Admin fee	-	-	(9,873)	-	(8,516)	-
9	Appropriation to Highway Fund	(1,220,440)	(1,126,216)	(1,059,360)	(1,059,360)	(959,513)	(959,513)
10	TOTAL TAXES CURRENT YEAR	128,435	60,046	18,392	68,128	(48,738)	108,414
11	<i>*Actual "current year taxes" includes both town and education tax revenues; Budget "current year taxes" includes only town tax revenues.</i>						
12							
13	Other Taxes (100-6-10-00-305)						
14	Prior Years Delinquent	-	-	57,436	-	199,121	-
15	Appalachian Trail in lieu of taxes	9,000	9,000	9,056	8,000	8,515	7,500
16	Current Use Reimbursement	300,000	310,000	297,888	270,000	272,621	263,329
17	Land Use change tax	6,000	10,000	6,759	10,000	2,565	-
18	VT State in Land in lieu of taxes	2,700	2,700	2,638	2,604	2,638	2,604
19	School tax collection fee	10,000	9,000	9,873	8,000	8,516	7,000
20	TOTAL OTHER TAXES	327,700	340,700	383,650	298,604	493,976	280,433
21							
22	Penalties and Interest (Taxes) (100-6-10-00-310)						
23	Interest on Taxes Due	10,000	15,000	10,142	10,000	21,671	7,500
24	Late Penalty on Taxes Due	10,000	5,000	10,715	10,000	15,738	7,500
25	TOTAL PENALTIES AND INTEREST (TAXES)	20,000	20,000	20,857	20,000	37,410	15,000
26							
27	Earnings on Accounts (100-6-10-05-315)						
28	Interest Income	5,000	1,000	10,044	1,000	657	2,000
29	TOTAL EARNINGS ON ACCOUNTS	5,000	1,000	10,044	1,000	657	2,000
30							
31	Income Accounts (100-6-10-10-320)						
32	Recording	10,000	13,000	9,790	18,000	13,190	18,000
33	Restoration and Preservation Reserve Fund	(2,667)	(3,467)	(2,504)	(4,800)	(3,432)	(4,800)
34	Copying	1,500	1,500	1,431	1,500	1,843	1,500
35	Landfill Coupons Rcpts	12,000	12,000	9,649	14,000	10,609	13,800
36	Landfill Coupons-Cost	(12,000)	(12,000)	(8,585)	(14,000)	(13,737)	(13,800)
37	Marriage-CU License Rcpts	480	480	155	300	390	300
38	Marriage-CU Licenses-Cost	(390)	(390)	(215)	(250)	(350)	(250)
39	Dog Licenses Rcpts	2,500	2,500	2,812	2,500	2,424	2,000
40	Dog Licenses-Cost	(500)	(500)	(1,052)	(1,250)	(382)	(1,400)
41	Liquor Licenses	185	300	185	185	300	185
42	Rent Town Hall	500	500	250	200	685	200
43	Land posting fees	80	100	70	100	90	100
44	TOTAL INCOME ACCOUNTS	11,688	14,023	11,986	16,485	11,630	15,835
45							

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46	Town Permits (100-6-10-15-325)						
47	Highway Access	1,000	1,000	1,100	200	900	100
48	Excess Weight	300	300	370	300	320	275
49	Ridgeline, Building and Zoning Permits	4,000	6,000	3,045	8,000	5,800	5,750
50	TOTAL TOWN PERMITS	5,300	7,300	4,515	8,500	7,020	6,125
51							
52	Misc. Income (100-6-10-20-340)						
53	Charitable Donations	28,296	23,027	21,653	21,000	37,101	20,285
54	Misc. Select Board	-	-	1,731	-	6	-
55	Misc. Town Clerk	-	-	27	-	10	-
56	Traffic Fines	1,000	3,000	812	500	1,593	-
57	Opioid Settlements	-	-	79	-	-	-
58	TOTAL MISC. INCOME	29,296	26,027	24,302	21,500	38,710	20,285
59							
60	State Funds and Other Grants (100-6-20-00-355)						
61	Tax Equalization Income	600	615	602	607	610	607
62	MERP Mini Grant	-	-	4,000	-	-	-
63	Two Rivers GEARS Grant	-	-	9,587	-	-	-
64	BRIC, LEMP, LHMP Grant	-	-	5,659	-	-	-
65	TOTAL STATE FUNDS AND OTHER GRANTS	600	615	19,848	607	610	607
66							
67	Public Safety (100-6-50-40)						
68	Insurance Reimbursement	-	-	197	-	-	-
69	Legal Fee Reimbursement	-	-	4,000	-	-	-
70	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	-	-	4,197	-	-	-
71							
72	TOTAL TOWN REVENUES	528,019	469,711	497,790	434,824	541,275	448,699
73							
74	TOWN EXPENDITURES (100-7)						
75							
76	Clerk (100-7-10-10)						
77	Clerk Salary	41,874	40,458	29,708	29,708	28,000	28,000
78	Clerical Assistant	1,000	-	47	1,000	78	1,500
79	Clerk Insurance	-	-	10,620	9,978	9,978	9,300
80	Clerk Gen Exp	250	250	62	250	-	500
81	Permanent Records Maintenance	-	-	5	-	-	-
82	Record Books and Supplies	500	500	207	500	647	850
83	TOTAL CLERK	43,624	41,208	40,650	41,436	38,703	40,150
84							
85	Treasurer (100-7-10-15)						
86	Treas Salary	41,874	40,458	29,708	29,708	28,000	28,000
87	Asst. to Treasurer	4,000	5,423	4,537	5,500	4,982	6,500
88	Treas Insurance	-	-	10,620	9,978	9,768	9,300
89	Treas General Expense	1,000	1,200	417	900	1,496	800
90	TOTAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	46,874	47,081	45,282	46,086	44,245	44,600

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1							
91							
92	Listers (100-7-10-20)						
93	Listers Payroll	14,000	13,874	9,427	15,000	12,745	15,000
94	Listers Education and Dues	150	150	-	300	-	300
95	Listers mileage	150	150	-	150	-	150
96	Listers Gen Exp	150	150	126	150	99	150
97	Listers software: Proval	2,500	2,500	2,606	2,500	2,444	2,500
98	Tax mapping	2,500	2,500	-	2,500	-	2,500
99	TOTAL LISTERS	19,450	19,324	12,158	20,600	15,288	20,600
100							
101	Other Officers (100-7-10-25)						
102	Select Board	7,500	7,500	6,667	5,000	5,000	5,000
103	Select Board Gen Exp	500	500	882	500	-	500
104	Select Board Admin Asst	4,500	3,830	4,291	5,000	3,518	7,000
105	Board of Auditors	5,000	6,309	2,668	10,500	5,796	9,000
106	Constable and Expense	500	500	-	500	653	500
107	Delinquent Tax Collector	1,000	961	858	1,247	883	3,500
108	Zoning Administrator	12,500	6,852	5,168	6,233	6,295	8,000
109	Trustees of Public Funds	300	300	-	600	-	600
110	Town's Cost SS and Med	10,255	9,675	10,016	10,000	9,901	10,000
111	Child Care Contribution	442	-	-	-	-	-
112	Pub Officials Liab Insurance	3,796	2,643	3,370	3,500	1,947	3,500
113	Workers Comp	750	641	585	500	1,053	500
114	Select Board Admin. Asst. Exp	100	-	69	660	-	660
115	ZBA and Admin Exp	-	-	-	-	300	1,000
116	Fire Warden and Deputy	800	800	800	800	-	-
117	Planning Comm Exp	-	-	-	-	-	-
118	TOTAL OTHER OFFICERS	47,943	40,511	35,374	45,040	35,345	49,760
119							
120	Municipal Office (100-7-10-30)						
121	Cleaning	3,500	3,500	3,375	3,500	2,970	3,000
122	Town Office Building Maintenance	3,000	3,000	1,555	3,000	3,244	3,000
123	Insurance	1,627	2,983	2,129	2,700	2,235	2,700
124	Telephone-Internet	1,600	1,500	1,596	1,300	1,576	1,300
125	Postage and Envelopes	3,300	2,750	3,185	3,250	1,640	3,250
126	Town Offices: Supplies	1,000	1,500	858	1,500	1,483	1,500
127	Town Office Electricity	2,000	2,000	2,575	1,500	1,757	1,500
128	Propane	1,700	1,600	1,548	1,600	1,279	1,600
129	NEMRC Support	7,250	7,000	7,152	6,000	7,303	6,000
130	Office 365 Software	4,000	4,000	3,739	2,750	4,027	2,750
131	Computer Services/Cloud Backup/Security	8,000	6,500	8,596	5,000	6,551	5,000
132	Other New Equip/Copier lease	1,900	1,825	1,920	1,700	1,825	1,700
133	TOTAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE	38,877	38,158	38,228	33,800	35,889	33,300
134							
135	Professional Fees (100-7-10-45)						
136	Legal and Professional Fees	22,000	20,000	26,165	14,000	24,432	14,000
137	Accounting Support	3,500	3,500	3,954	4,000	3,101	5,000
138	TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES	25,500	23,500	30,119	18,000	27,533	19,000

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139							
140	Assessments (100-7-10-55)						
141	Windsor County Tax	16,738	15,163	19,193	18,284	16,728	19,000
142	GUVSWMD waste dues	8,244	8,244	8,244	8,244	-	9,160
143	VLCT Dues	2,428	2,376	2,304	2,304	2,233	2,233
144	Two Rivers	1,585	1,539	1,493	1,493	1,447	1,447
145	TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	28,995	27,322	31,234	30,325	20,408	31,840
146							
147	Town Hall (100-7-10-65)						
148	Misc and Cleaning, Town Hall	500	500	8	500	-	500
149	Repairs and Maintenance, Town Hall	500	500	27	-	453	2,000
150	Insurance	2,690	2,264	2,175	1,900	1,612	2,700
151	Electricity, Town Hall	800	850	720	750	770	750
152	Propane, Town Hall	100	100	49	200	289	200
153	Fuel Oil, Town Hall	500	500	3,944	5,000	5,578	4,000
154	TOTAL TOWN HALL	5,090	4,714	6,923	8,350	8,702	10,150
155							
156	Brick Building (100-7-20-33)						
157	Brick Bldg - Maint	-	-	13	-	-	1,500
158	Brick Bldg - insurance	504	755	707	-	476	-
159	Brick Bldg - propane	350	300	359	-	300	-
160	TOTAL BRICK BUILDING	854	1,055	1,078	-	776	1,500
161							
162	Misc Town Expenses (100-7-20-35)						
163	Grounds Maintenance	3,400	2,000	1,829	3,000	1,750	2,500
164	Bank Fees and Service Charges	50	50	48	50	23	50
165	Town Report Printing and Mailing	2,000	2,000	1,766	2,000	2,413	2,000
166	Published Legal Notices	2,500	2,500	2,336	2,500	2,245	2,500
167	Election Expenses	1,250	2,000	1,155	500	1,455	-
168	Ed Conferences/Mileage	1,500	1,500	1,094	1,000	1,408	1,000
169	Signs and Posts (911)	350	350	194	350	288	300
170	Misc Gen Exp	500	500	-	500	-	500
171	TOTAL MISC. TOWN EXPENSES	11,550	10,900	8,422	9,900	9,582	8,850
172							
173	Fire Department (100-7-30-40)						
174	Buildings Maintenance	1,500	1,500	1,614	1,000	2,580	9,000
175	FD: septic systems	1,000	1,300	1,916	350	-	350
176	Insurance	20,055	20,055	19,089	19,100	16,969	17,500
177	Pomfret FD phone: 3730	1,440	1,400	1,448	1,400	1,124	1,300
178	Teago FD phone: 1125	1,440	1,400	1,416	1,400	1,124	1,100
179	FD Radios & Cell Phones	-	-	499	-	-	-
180	FD Training, conf, mileage	1,000	3,000	3,055	3,000	2,081	3,000
181	FD alarm systems	2,000	1,085	-	1,085	1,433	985
182	Supplies	100	100	-	100	-	500
183	FD vehicle gasoline	500	100	-	100	-	50
184	FD operating expenses	-	-	1,601	-	-	-
185	PFD Rescue Vehicle	-	500	160	500	2,163	500
186	Squad 1 & Brush 1	500	-	-	-	-	-

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187	PFD Engine 1	4,000	6,250	3,812	4,000	4,341	4,000
188	PFD Engine 3	2,000	500	93	500	4,398	-
189	Teago Engine 1	-	-	110	-	-	-
190	Teago Engine 2	4,000	4,000	2,999	3,000	7,307	5,000
191	Teago Engine 3	-	-	253	-	28	500
192	Administration	-	-	78	-	-	-
193	Electricity--Pomfret FD	1,600	1,874	1,147	1,785	1,554	1,700
194	Electricity--Teago FD	2,000	2,095	1,967	1,995	1,483	1,900
195	Propane Pomfret Fire Dept	2,800	2,018	2,986	1,998	2,606	3,500
196	Teago FD propane	-	50	-	50	289	50
197	Heating oil, Teago FD	3,600	3,630	2,927	3,610	3,613	3,100
198	Equip (Hose, Tools etc)	6,900	5,900	4,212	3,900	136	1,500
199	SCBA and Gas Meter	2,000	4,000	872	1,700	1,359	1,300
200	Protective clothing (turnout gear)	3,000	2,500	10,000	10,000	3,642	-
201	FD Vehicle Reserve #400	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	-	-
202	FD non vehicle Reserve #402	7,600	15,300	15,000	15,000	-	-
203	Membership/Subscriptions	400	400	200	400	533	400
204	TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	129,435	138,957	137,454	135,973	58,763	57,235
205							
206	Contract Services (100-7-30-42)						
207	Ambulance Service Assessment	63,280	63,280	63,280	63,280	63,280	63,280
208	Unpaid Ambulance Bills	20,000	3,304	4,607	6,669	11,368	12,000
209	Dispatch Fees	4,122	4,122	4,098	2,712	3,206	2,172
210	Sheriff's Patrol/VT State Police	31,200	31,200	21,641	25,000	15,534	15,000
211	TOTAL CONTRACT SERVICES	118,602	101,906	93,626	97,661	93,388	92,452
212							
213	Fast Squad (100-7-30-44)						
214	FAST Squad: conf, train, mileage	1,500	750	-	1,500	-	1,500
215	FAST Squad Operating Expenses	-	-	499	-	-	-
216	FAST Squad supplies	1,500	750	3,051	1,500	-	1,500
217	TOTAL FAST SQUAD	3,000	1,500	3,550	3,000	-	3,000
218							
219	Communications and Disaster (100-7-30-46)						
220	Repeater expenses	1,000	1,250	-	1,000	1,173	1,000
221	Repeater electricity	450	400	442	400	396	400
222	TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS AND DISASTER	1,450	1,650	442	1,400	1,569	1,400
223							
224	Municipal Special Projects (100-7-90-75)						
225	Planning and zoning project	500	1,500	-	1,500	-	1,500
226	Town Plan Update	-	-	-	-	10,546	-
227	Hazard Mitigation Plan Update	-	-	1,315	-	6,231	-
228	Mini grant muni buildings	-	-	2,900	-	-	-
229	TOTAL MUNICIPAL SPECIAL PROJECTS	500	1,500	4,215	1,500	16,777	1,500
230							
231	Reserve Accounts						
232	Reappraisal Reserve #160	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
233	FD Equipment & Gear Reserve #402	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
234	Communications Reserve #410	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,800

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235	Moore Fund for Town Hall Reserve #454	2,500	-	-	-	-	-
236	Teago Village Reserve #460	-	11,513	10,500	10,500	10,000	10,000
237	TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS	18,300	17,313	16,300	16,300	25,800	25,800
238							
239	TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	540,046	516,599	505,055	509,371	432,767	441,137
240							
241	VOTED APPROPRIATIONS (100-7)						
242							
243	Voted Appropriations (100-7-95-50)						
244	<i>Town Entities</i>						
245	Abbott Memorial Library	42,500	42,500	42,500	42,500	41,500	41,500
246	Cemetery Appropriation	16,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,000	12,000
247	FD Vehicle Reserve #400	-	-	-	-	60,000	60,000
248							
249	<i>Social Service Entities</i>						
250	Visiting Nurses of VT and NH	3,950	3,950	3,950	3,950	3,950	3,950
251	Thompson Senior Center	4,800	4,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800
252	Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services	979	979	979	979	979	979
253	Empower Up - Windsor Central Mentoring Progra	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
254	Spectrum Teen Center	750	750	750	750	750	750
255	Pentangle Arts Council	900	900	900	900	900	900
256	Ottauquechee Health Foundation	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
257	WISE of Upper Valley	400	400	400	400	400	400
258	Green Up Day	50	50	50	50	50	50
259	TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	75,829	71,829	70,829	70,829	129,329	129,329
260							
261	TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	615,875	588,428	575,884	580,200	562,096	570,466
262							
263	TOWN REVENUES LESS TOWN EXPENDITURES AND LESS VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	(87,856)	(118,717)	(78,094)	(145,376)	(20,822)	(121,767)
264							
265	BEGINNING GENERAL FUND BALANCE			343,237		364,059	
266	ENDING GENERAL FUND BALANCE*			265,143		343,237	
267	<i>General Fund Balance Change</i>			<i>(78,094)</i>		<i>(20,822)</i>	
268							

*\$118,717 of the FY2023 ending General Fund balance was assigned to reduce taxes to be raised in FY2025. As a result, the unassigned FY2024 ending General Fund balance was \$146,426, of which \$87,856 is proposed to be used to reduce taxes to be raised in FY2026. See Line 263. See also Warning Article 15.

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2	HIGHWAY REVENUES (150-6)						
3							
4	Highway Revenue (150-6-10-00)						
5	Appropriation from General Fund	1,220,440	1,126,216	1,059,360	1,059,360	959,513	959,513
6	State Aid - Highways	155,331	159,185	146,393	142,163	142,163	132,500
7	Wild Apple Grant (BBR0994)	-	-	20,000	-	-	-
8	Webster Hill Grant (GA0392)	-	-	35,500	-	-	-
9	Grant to Comply with Mun. Standards	20,000	-	-	35,500	-	18,900
10	Highway Interest Income	-	24,000	17	-	69	-
11	Highway Misc. Income	-	-	4,837	-	2,426	-
12	Transfers In	-	-	3,305	-	-	-
13	TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES	1,395,771	1,309,401	1,269,412	1,237,023	1,104,171	1,110,913
14							
15	HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES (150-7)						
16							
17	Labor and Benefits (150-7-10-70)						
18	Gross Pay	313,032	335,930	297,935	280,000	295,870	242,595
19	FICA Social Security	19,408	20,828	17,584	17,360	17,623	16,602
20	Medicare Expense	4,539	4,871	4,112	4,060	4,122	3,882
21	Retirement Expense	28,173	29,394	25,324	23,800	23,165	16,375
22	Health Ins. - Town's Cost	92,651	66,625	70,233	68,000	62,516	69,944
23	Child Care Contribution	1,033	-	-	-	-	-
24	Drug and Alcohol Test/DOT	250	250	114	378	6	378
25	Protective Clothing/Supplies/Uniforms	4,500	3,000	14,535	10,077	2,660	10,077
26	Uniforms and Cleaning	-	5,000	-	-	11,325	-
27	Highway, conf, training and mileage	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	1,193	1,000
28	Use of Personal Vehicles	1,500	1,500	-	3,000	1,366	3,000
29	TOTAL LABOR AND BENEFITS	466,085	468,397	429,838	407,675	419,846	363,852
30							
31	Insurance (150-7-15-85)						
32	Property and Liability Insurance	18,131	12,452	12,029	10,760	10,142	9,300
33	Workers Compensation Insurance	22,437	16,219	16,192	14,280	14,846	18,000
34	Unemployment Insurance	780	968	523	968	600	1,000
35	Disability insurance	2,455	2,550	2,288	2,550	2,184	1,889
36	TOTAL INSURANCE	43,803	32,189	31,032	28,558	27,772	30,189
37							
38	Materials (150-7-20-75)						
39	Salt	80,000	80,000	-	75,000	-	85,000
40	Clear lane deicer salt	-	-	58,593	-	82,807	-
41	Sand	-	-	40,885	-	39,121	-
42	Manufactured Sand	65,000	65,000	15,928	80,000	-	70,000
43	Crushed Stone	95,000	85,000	138,916	85,000	95,147	85,000
44	Chloride	9,000	9,000	4,140	12,000	8,325	12,000
45	Cold Patch and Hot Mix	500	500	1,741	1,000	254	1,000
46	Culverts and Headwalls	20,000	20,000	4,042	25,000	12,457	18,000
47	Bandrail	2,000	2,000	-	2,500	644	5,000
48	Signs, snow fence and posts	6,000	5,000	17,387	15,000	2,685	10,000
49	Highway Misc.	1,000	1,000	154	1,000	80	1,000

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50	Hydroseeder supplies	3,500	3,500	-	3,000	3,982	5,000
51	TOTAL MATERIALS	282,000	271,000	281,786	299,500	245,501	292,000
52							
53	Small Equipment (150-7-30-80)						
54	Diesel	50,000	50,000	63,239	50,000	67,535	40,000
55	Gasoline (small equip)	2,325	2,325	1,086	100	2,744	100
56	Diesel Exhaust Fluid	1,000	1,000	1,124	1,000	935	1,000
57	Garage Propane	100	-	88	-	-	-
58	Garage Shop Supplies	5,000	5,000	2,756	5,000	5,399	10,000
59	Gen vehicle maintenance	3,000	3,000	6,137	2,000	3,170	2,000
60	Garage Office Supplies	750	750	1,060	500	1,877	500
61	Tires and Chains	15,000	11,850	13,987	15,000	-	20,000
62	Blades, Shoes, Rake Teeth	5,000	5,000	959	6,000	4,039	12,000
63	Rented Equipment	2,000	2,000	5,060	1,000	2,010	500
64	Radios and Cellphones	1,500	1,500	1,361	1,500	1,581	1,500
65	Traffic Control Devices	500	500	-	1,000	-	1,000
66	Garage Computer & Expense	-	-	-	-	603	-
67	Small Machines and Tools	3,000	3,000	6,783	1,000	10,286	1,000
68	TOTAL SMALL EQUIPMENT	89,175	85,925	103,639	84,100	100,180	89,600
69							
70	Large Equipment Maint and Repair (150-7-35-05)						
71	Large Equipment Maint and Repair	35,000	30,000	26,007	30,000	38,810	25,000
72	TOTAL LARGE EQUIPMENT MAINT AND REPAIR	35,000	30,000	26,007	30,000	38,810	25,000
73							
74	Garage Building (150-7-40-83)						
75	Garage Utilities	2,000	2,000	1,580	2,000	1,800	1,000
76	Garage Building and Grounds	3,500	3,500	3,810	7,000	11,845	3,500
77	Telephone	600	600	612	600	556	600
78	Garage Propane Heat	10,300	-	1,160	-	-	-
79	Garage Electricity	2,000	2,000	2,187	1,400	1,987	1,400
80	TOTAL GARAGE BUILDING	18,400	8,100	9,349	11,000	16,189	6,500
81							
82	Contracts (150-7-50-90)						
83	Crack Sealing	15,000	15,000	-	15,000	-	15,000
84	Tree Removal	10,000	10,000	532	10,000	250	10,000
85	VT State Permits (incl. Storm Water Permit)	3,740	3,740	1,350	3,740	1,765	3,350
86	Contracted Services	3,500	-	-	3,500	-	3,500
87	TOTAL CONTRACTS	32,240	28,740	1,882	32,240	2,015	31,850
88							
89	Special Projects and Grants (150-7-50-93)						
90	Culvert Below Johnson Road	-	-	9,000	-	-	-
91	Webster Hill Grant	-	-	15,252	-	4,956	-
92	2nd Wild Apple Project	-	-	12,200	-	-	-
93	VT Flood Event July 2023	-	-	6,240	-	-	-
94	BBR Grant-Wild Apple Rd	-	-	-	-	335	-
95	TOTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS AND GRANTS	-	-	42,692	-	5,291	-

Town of Pomfret
Highway Account Detail

As approved January 22, 2025

1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
96		FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2023
97	Highway Reserves (150-7-95-50)	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
98	Highway Vehicle Reserve #420	200,000	165,000	164,000	164,000	154,000	154,000
99	Highway Paving Reserve #422	225,000	175,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
100	Highway Bridges Reserve #424	-	25,000	-	-	-	-
101	TOTAL HIGHWAY RESERVES	425,000	365,000	364,000	364,000	354,000	354,000
102							
103	TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	1,391,703	1,289,351	1,290,224	1,257,073	1,209,605	1,192,992
104							
105	HIGHWAY REVENUES LESS	4,067	20,050	(20,813)	(20,050)	(105,434)	(82,079)
106	HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES						
107	BEGINNING HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE			(3,305)		102,129	
108	ENDING HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE*			(24,117)		(3,305)	
109	<i>Highway Fund Balance Change</i>			<i>(20,813)</i>		<i>(105,434)</i>	
110							

111 * An additional \$20,050 was raised in taxes in FY 2025 to offset the anticipated FY 2024 year-end Highway Fund deficit of \$(20,050). The actual FY 2024 year-end Highway Fund deficit was \$(24,117). As a result, the unassigned FY 2024 ending Highway Fund balance was \$(4,067), which additional amount is proposed to be raised in taxes in FY 2026. See Line 105.

Town of Pomfret
Calculation of Current Year Taxes to be Raised

As approved January 22, 2025

	A	B	C
1	Expenditures and Voted Appropriations		
2	Total Town Expenditures	540,046	<i>From General Account Detail, Line 239. See also Warning Article 3.</i>
3	Total Highway Expenditures	1,391,703	<i>From Highway Account Detail, Line 103. See also Warning Article 3.</i>
4	Total Voted Appropriations	75,829	<i>From General Account Detail, Line 259. See also Warning Articles 4 through 14.</i>
5	TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	2,007,578	<i>Sum of Lines 2, 3 and 4</i>
6			
7	Non-Tax Revenues		
8	Total Town Revenues (excluding FY 2026 taxes to be raised)	399,584	<i>From General Account Detail, Line 72, minus General Account Detail, Line 10.</i>
9	Total Highway Revenues (excluding FY 2026 taxes to be raised)	175,331	<i>From Highway Account Detail, Line 13, minus Highway Account Detail, Line 5.</i>
10	General Fund Balance to be used in FY 2026	87,856	<i>From General Account Detail, Line 263. See also Warning Article 15.</i>
11	Highway Fund Balance to be used in FY 2026	(4,067)	<i>From Highway Account Detail, Line 105.</i>
12	TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUES	658,703	<i>Sum of Lines 8, 9, 10 and 11</i>
13			
14	Calculation of Taxes to be Raised		
15	Expenditures and Voted Appropriations	2,007,578	<i>From Line 5</i>
16	Non-Tax Revenues	658,703	<i>From Line 12</i>
17	FY 2025 TAXES TO BE RAISED	1,348,875	<i>Difference between Lines 15 and 16. See also General Account Detail, Line 5.</i>

TOWN AND HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE SHEET

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

	General Fund #100	Highway Fund #150
Cash	\$455,564	
Due To/From Other Funds	(\$176,873)	(\$24,117)
Credit Card Processing	\$235	
Total Assets	\$278,926	(\$3,305)
Due to Other Funds		
Due To Taxpayers	\$118	
Security Deposits-refunds	\$200	
Due to taxpayer-Tax Sale	\$13,464	
Total Liabilities	\$13,783	
Fund Balances Prior Year	\$343,237	(\$3,305)
Fund Balance Current Year	(\$78,094)	(\$20,813)
Fund Balances	\$265,143	(\$24,117)
	\$278,926	(\$24,117)
Total Liability, Reserves, Fund Balance		

TRUSTEE AND OTHER FUND BALANCES

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

	LaBounty Trust	Moore Fund	Vanguard Balance Index Community	Vanguard Life Strategy (VAUGHAN)	Vanguard Balance Index Education	Trustee Funds Total
Fund number	#456	#454	#550	#550	#550	#550
ASSET						
Mascoma CD-principal	\$53,434	\$47,075	\$3,026	\$13,486	\$16,871	\$33,383
Interest/ Earnings	\$7,175	\$20,885	\$11,619	\$1,220	\$7,731	\$20,570
Due To/From Other Funds	(\$85)					
Total Asset	\$60,523	\$67,960	\$14,645	\$14,706	\$24,602	\$53,953
FUND BALANCE						
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	\$60,397	\$57,017				\$49,497
Fund Balance Current Year	\$127	\$10,943				\$4,456
Total Fund Balance	\$60,523	\$67,960				\$53,953
Total Liability, Reserves, Fund Balance	\$60,523	\$67,960				\$53,953

MISC. SMALL BALANCES

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Miscellaneous Small Balances (#450)							
	Ray Potter Mem Donations	Scott Harrington Memorial Gift	Lease Land Funds	Green Up Day	VT Historical Grant 2024	Unallocated interest, pre	Total Asset
Jan 7, 2025 actuals	\$126	\$365	\$2,273	\$479	\$1,000	\$7	\$4,251

RESERVE FUND BALANCES

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

	ARPA Grant #180	Restoration & Preservation #350	Fire Department Vehicle #400	FD Equipment & Gear #402	Communications #410	Highway Vehicle #420	Road Paving #422
Reserve sweep	\$95,071	\$13,829	\$360,609	\$4,175	\$8,185	\$120,458	\$237,345
Due To/ From Other Funds	-\$5,488	\$2,446	\$481	\$7,700	\$6,399	\$115	\$3,679
Total Assets	\$89,583	\$16,274	\$361,090	\$11,874	\$14,585	\$120,573	\$241,024
FUND BALANCE							
Total Prior Year Fund Balance	\$222,382	\$15,484	\$294,669	\$10,033	\$9,624	\$126,601	\$38,121
Fund Balance Current Year	-\$132,798	\$790	\$66,421	\$1,841	\$4,961	-\$6,027	\$202,903
Total Fund Balance	\$89,583	\$16,274	\$361,090	\$11,874	\$14,585	\$120,573	\$241,024
	Bridge #424	Library #440	Town Building #452	Teago Village #460	Gen Fund Rainy Day #470	Highway Rainy Day #475	
Reserve sweep	\$183,340	\$0	\$126,648	\$30,236		\$96,567	
Due To/ From Other Funds	\$5,725	\$1,264	\$3,585	\$636	\$84,291	\$76,954	
Total Assets	\$189,065	\$1,264	\$130,233	\$30,871	\$84,291	\$173,522	
FUND BALANCE							
Total Prior Year Fund Balance	\$185,513	\$1,264	\$127,780	\$10,987	\$84,270	\$175,240	
Fund Balance Current Year	\$3,552	\$0	\$2,454	\$19,885	\$21	-\$1,718	
Total Fund Balance	\$189,065	\$1,264	\$130,233	\$30,871	\$84,291	\$173,522	



Left: Gardening in Pomfret, courtesy of Jan Salstrom
Center: Sherburne Farms sign courtesy of Elizabeth Clark Frederick
Right: Doug Abbott at the 2024 PYO Pumpkin Patch courtesy of Neil Lamson

SUMMARY OF FUND BALANCES

JULY 01, 2023 to JUNE 30, 2024

Account	Fund Number	Bank CDs and Investments	Cash and other assets Revenues	Expenditures	Fund Balance as of June 30, 2024	Fund Balance as of June 30, 2023	Net change 2023-2024	FY 2024 Notes
General Fund	100				265,143.28	343,237.22	-78,093.94	operating fund; see Treasurer and Selectboard reports
Highway Fund	150				-24,117.40	-3,304.88	-20,812.52	see Treasurers and Select Board report
Reappraisal Reserve	160		6,935.96	1,772.24	102,744.14	97,580.52	5,163.62	Income: state funds; interest Expense: Generator (\$23,001.25); repairs, facility improvements & safety equipment: Loader purchase(\$56,000); propane furnace (\$19,600)
ARPA Grant Funds	180		3,363.05	136,161.48	89,583.38	222,381.81	-132,798.43	Income: Annual appeal; grants; donations; fundraising Expense: Wages; books; programs; building; (detail upon request) Vanguard Investment Account
Library Operating Account	200		59,794.43	60,966.73	6,023.85	7,196.15	-1,172.30	Income: interest, donations Expenses: general maintenance, misc expenses
Library Endowment	210	156,645.86			156,645.86	141,223.52	15,422.34	Appropriations (\$60,000) & interest (\$6,420.93)
Cemetery Fund	300	36,603.49	38,287.48	9,038.58	76,221.30	71,812.78	4,408.52	Expense: annual fee NEMRC, specialty office supplies
Fire Dept & Vehicle Reserve	400			0.00	361,090.27	294,669.34	66,420.93	Fire dept protective gear
Restoration & Preservation	350			1,992.02	16,274.47	15,484.38	790.09	
Fire Dept Equipment & Gear Reserve	402			13,300.26	11,874.42	10,033.18	1,841.24	
HWY Vehicle Reserve	410				14,584.61	9,624.03	4,960.58	

SUMMARY OF FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

Account	Fund Number	Bank CDs and Investments	Cash and other assets Revenues	Expenditures	Fund Balance as of June 30, 2024	Fund Balance as of June 30, 2023	Net change 2023-2024	FY 2024 Notes
Highway Vehicle Reserve	420			172,472.40	120,573.22	126,600.55	-6,027.33	Vehicle purchase \$172,472.40
Road Paving Reserve	422		202,903.09	0.00	241,024.29	38,121.20	202,903.09	Appropriations (\$200,000) & interest (\$2903.09)
Highway Bridge Reserve	424		3,552.21	0.00	189,064.75	185,512.54	3,552.21	Interest income
Library Reserve	440		0.00	0.00	1,263.74	1,263.74	0.00	
Misc small balances	450		4,200.61		4,200.61	3,165.66	1,034.95	Grant received: \$1,000.
Town Buildings Reserve	452		2,453.80	0.00	130,233.37	127,779.57	2,453.80	Interest income
Moore Fund for Town Hall	454	67,959.50		0.00	67,959.50	57,016.92	10,942.58	Vanguard interest income & dividend; donation (\$2500)
LaBounty Trust	456	60,608.30		85.00	60,523.30	60,396.57	126.73	Mascoma CD interest ; Expense: Hartford Probate fee
Teago Village Reserve	460		25,781.30	5,896.79	30,871.46	10,986.51	19,884.95	Income: appropriations; interest; grant reimbursement (\$15,043.12); Expense: SoPo scoping study
Town Rainy Day Reserve	470		20.84	0.00	84,291.10	84,270.26	20.84	interest income on checking acct balances
Highway Rainy Day Reserve	475		1,586.49	3,304.88	173,521.54	175,239.93	-1,718.39	Income: interest Expense: transfer to Highway Fund 150
Trustee of Public Funds	550	53,952.71		3,000.00	53,952.71	49,497.19	4,455.52	Vanguard Investment Account Expense: scholarships (\$3,000)

TOWN ASSETS

(per the Pomfret Selectboard)

Buildings with Land

- Town Hall
- Town Offices, Brick Building, and Carriage Shed
- Town Garage
- Abbott Memorial Library

Cemeteries

- Bunker Hill Cemetery
- Burns Cemetery
- Hewittville Cemetery

Land Only

- 100 acres (more or less) off Joe Ranger Road
- 35 acres (more or less) off Joe Ranger Road
- 2 acres off Handy Road (formerly Salmon – tax sale purchase)
- North Pomfret picnic area (across from firehouse)
- <1 acre above Kenyon Hill Bridge

Artifacts

- Abida Smith Tavern sign
- Thomas Ware portraits (7), currently on loan to Woodstock Historical Society
- Benjamin Franklin Mason paintings (5)

Highway Equipment

- 2024 John Deere 524P Loader (replaces 2010 loader)
- 2022 Truck, Ford 550 4WD with plow, wing & sander
- 2021 John Deere Grader, model 672G
- 2008 Komatsu PC78US-6 Excavator
- 2021 International 2WD with plow, sander & wing
- 2020 Int'l Truck tandem w/ plow, sander & wing
- 2016 John Deere 6110M 4WD with side mower
- 2022 Int'l tandem with plow, wing & sander
- 2015 Truck, Ford 550 4WD with plow, wing & sander
- 1987 Truck, Ford 350 Mini-Pumper
- 2008 Tag Trailer
- 2008 Compactor
- Jumping Jack Compactor
- Hotbox
- 2000 Bandit Chipper
- Austin-Western V Snowplow
- Pressure Washer (purchased new one in 2018)
- 2001 Rock Rake
- Air Compressor
- Snow Fence and Posts, 3,000 feet
- Chainsaws
- Welder, Lincoln Wire Feed
- Small Tools
- Hydroseeder
- Leaf Blower
- Steam Cleaner

POMFRET-TEAGO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2024 Report

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2024 Average Response Time 8.86min

2024 Total Man Hours on Calls 167 hrs

2024 Average Personnel per call 6

2024 Average Apparatus per call 2.78

2024 Fire Department Responses	
Building Fires (including Chimney Fires)	2
Forest, Woods, or Wildland Fire	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Motor Vehicle Extrication	4
Automatic/Smoke Alarm, no fire	1
CO Alarm	11
Mutual Aid to Bridgewater	2
Mutual Aid to Hartland	3
Mutual Aid to Barnard	1
Mutual Aid to Sharon	1
Public Assistance	1
Utility Problem (power lines/wire/transformer)	3
Dispatched & Canceled Enroute	8
Medical Assist	2
Total Calls in 2024	43

We welcomed two new members, a new firefighter Ian O’Brian and a new Fire Cadet Joaquin Jones Welker to our ranks this past year for a total of 21 Firefighters and 1 Cadet on our roster. Of these, 12 members are certified at FF1 or Higher and make up our interior firefighting squad. Additionally, 5 of our members are also EMT certified and respond to EMS calls with the Pomfret Fast Squad.

Currently, Ian O’Brian is enrolled in Vermont State Firefighter 1 and 2 training hosted in Woodstock while Micheal Schmill is completing is FF2 training there as well. Both men anticipate graduating by late summer. This is a huge commitment, and we applaud their service to the department and our community.

In September, Gary Staples and Michael Schmill attended courses at the Upper Valley Regional Fire School in Orford, NH. Our very own Asst Chief Jake Astbury was one of the instructors for the Vehicle Extrication Course.

Once again, we had two successful fundraiser events this year, the Annual Pomfret Pull in August, and the Firehouse Pancake Breakfast in October. We use the profits from these events to pay for a Grant writer, department service wear, specialized tools and house improvements. Additionally, after three years of specific targeted appeals and through the generosity of local businesses like Saskedena Six, private donations and non-profit foundations we were finally able to purchase our new Wildland Firefighting and Rescue UTV package this year. With more and more people using mountain bike trails and with the increase in Wildland fires in our area this unit was a crucial piece toward improving our ability to respond to remote emergencies with the tools and manpower needed to protect our citizens and property. This was part of our capital plan and as promised, was entirely funded through donations.

Once again, in 2024/25 we will be applying for more grants for future apparatus and other major pieces of equipment designed to improve our safety and response. Once again in 2024, we were unsuccessful in our attempt to be awarded grant funding for our capital expenditures. We will keep trying. Therefore, while we feel it is important for us to invest in the grant writing we still must continue to fund our reserves to replace our apparatus and protective gear as needed. We thank you all for your continued support.

Lastly, after 16 years of leading the Fire Department I have decided to retire as Chief as of January 2025. As I look back it is amazing how far we have come since I joined in 2003. I am so very proud of the men and women who serve our community. It has been truly rewarding to lead this incredible group of volunteers. I can proudly say that emergency services in the Town of Pomfret have never been stronger than they are today. Our men and women have never been more highly trained, our officers never more capable. I have confidence that with your continued support combined with the support of our elected officials and a fully funded Capital Plan, we will continue to protect and serve our citizens for years to come. I will remain on the department and continue to serve my beloved Pomfret as needed. Jacob Astbury has accepted the roll as Pomfret's Fire Chief in 2025. Jake has not only brought a high level of energy and expertise to our department but has proven himself to be a leader and has played a significant role in our recruitment and training. The role of Fire Chief offers no pay yet requires a great deal of time, energy, commitment and personal sacrifice. It is the support that comes from our community that keeps us going. Please wish Jake the best as he accepts this new role in leading the Pomfret-Teago Fire Department.

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We are still looking for more volunteers to serve, especially those that might be able to respond from the North Pomfret Station. For all new volunteers, we provide training both in-house and from State sponsored events.

Stop by the stations on Tuesday nights or give us a call and consider joining our team.

If you have any questions about the fire department, home fire safety or volunteering in various capacities please contact Chief Jacob Astbury at 802-369-0579 or email at jacobastbury12@gmail.com Listed below our current active roster. Please take the opportunity to thank these men and women for their service to our community when you see them. Your continued support means a lot to all of us.

Kevin Rice
Chief

Pomfret-Teago VFD Roster January 2025

Chief Jacob Astbury
Asst Chief Greg Olmstead
Asst Chief Terri Chamberlin, Co-Treasurer
Lt Josh Trimpi
Lt Scott Pearce
Lt Scott Barger
Littlefield, Jake
Greg Hartford, President
Michael Schmell, Co-Treasurer
Tom Gubbins
Abe Kanda-Olmstead

Kevin Rice
Tyler Wellington
Michael Piekny
Carl Bulgini
Lindsey Pekurny
Eric J Chase
Gordon Modarai
River Merriam
Gary Staples
Joaquin Jones-Welker, Cadet
Ian O'Brien



Top Left Photo: Pictured (l-r) Kevin Rice, Jake Astbury, Carl Bulgini and Scott Pearce with the new Wildland and Rescue UTV purchased in 2024 through fundraising.

All other photos: Pomfret-Teago VFD responding to wildfire, training, and fundraising at the annual Ox Pull Event

POMFRET-TEAGO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Account:

Beginning Balance 1/1/2024	\$	1,125.80
Funding from Fundraising Account	\$	21,500.00
Fundraising	\$	157.45
Equipment	\$	(9,542.01)
Fundraising Expense	\$	(2,775.18)
Department Apparel	\$	(2,552.55)
Training	\$	(2,422.97)
Fundraising Expenses	\$	(1,249.42)
Wildland Apparatus	\$	(1,100.00)
Training	\$	(727.20)
Building Maintenance	\$	(621.00)
Association Dues	\$	(340.00)
Postage	\$	(127.80)
Member Recognition	\$	(69.40)
Ending Balance	\$	1,255.72

Fundraising Account:

Beginning Balance 1/1/2024	\$	53,628.50
Fundraising	\$	45,948.36
Funding Checking Account	\$	(21,500.00)
Wildland Apparatus Funding	\$	(20,000.00)
Building Maintenance	\$	(3,446.36)
Fundraising Expenses	\$	(3,353.62)
Training	\$	(1,829.90)
Insurance	\$	(1,219.00)
Department Apparel	\$	(408.00)
Equipment	\$	(236.34)
Ending Balance	\$	47,583.64

Wildland Apparatus Account:

Beginning Balance 1/1/2024	\$	21,883.84
Fundraising	\$	87,235.00
General Fundraising used for Purchases	\$	20,000.00
Interest	\$	16.35
Truck Purchase	\$	(60,571.00)
Ranger Purchase	\$	(29,063.72)
Trailer Purchase	\$	(5,250.00)
Ending Balance	\$	34,250.47

CD FF Relief:

Beginning Balance 1/1/2024	\$	21,897.05
Interest	\$	43.97
Ending Balance	\$	21,941.02

FAST SQUAD REPORT

2024 Report

In June of 1981 the Pomfret FAST (First Aid Stabilization Team) squad was officially formed and incorporated. This year marked our 43rd year of service to the townspeople of Pomfret, their visitors, and those passing through within our borders. The squad is a nonprofit organization that is run totally by volunteers from Pomfret and the surrounding area. These members spend many hours training to be certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and then licensed by the VT Department of Health to operate as emergency medical responders in Vermont.

When 911 is dialed for medical emergencies the squad members respond directly to your location and provide initial medical aid. Simultaneously, our partner, the Woodstock Ambulance is responding with additional equipment and a crew. When needed, they will transport our patients to the nearest appropriate medical facility. We typically respond to about 50 medical calls per year on average.

Over the past two years we have had our squad grow from 4 active members to 12. Currently, each member has an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), oxygen therapy equipment and trauma related supplies, along with pagers and portable radios for communications.

Current members are:

Scott Pearse
Melissa Hayes
Holly Strahan
Neil Dewar
Ian Putnam
Jill Thomas
Amanda Perron
Greg Olmstead
Frank Perron
Chelsea Cole
Michael Schmell
Jacob Astbury

If you know these people, please take the time to thank them for their service.

Thank you,
Frank Perron, Jr.
President, Pomfret FAST Squad
(802) 457-3402
frank@frankperron.com



ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2024 Annual Report

The trustees and staff of Abbott Memorial Library appreciate the support of the Town of Pomfret and all our patrons. In 2024, the Library continued to expand programs and services for our community.

While the beloved Moth-style storytelling events were held again in late winter and late summer, for the first time, we hosted a spring egg hunt and our summer programming included a professional cartooning workshop that was well attended by local children. We continued to have story time for preschoolers during the school year, and in the fall, we brought the No Strings Marionette Company back to the Town Hall. There were a hundred attendees, and they enjoyed a lively and interactive performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. We also had two new recurring programs begin for adults—a book club and a fiber group. Finally, our annual lantern walk in December to celebrate and welcome winter was a beautiful way to end the year.

Our amazing staff of Cory Smith, Sue Heston, and Jenny Satterfield make these programs and the operation of the Library possible and help keep it a vibrant and vital part of Pomfret. Each brings their individual talents to the Library, managing everything from helping patrons select and obtain books, movies, and museum and park passes, including showing them how to download books and watch movies using library apps, to coordinating the variety of programs offered for all ages.

The Library also has terrific volunteers who give their time and energy freely to help with programs and maintenance of our building and grounds. This year, we'd like to thank Mark Binder, Liz Maliszewski, Jane Metcalf, Kevin Geiger, and Joanna Rudge Long for all their assistance. We are also grateful for help from the Town and our neighbors. The Pomfret-Teago Fire Department aided us with emergency planning, Artistree granted us the use of their beautiful grounds for our lantern walk and egg hunt, and the Pomfret Road Crew and Selectboard were instrumental in helping us get our parking lot paved. Coordinating the parking-area upgrade with the Town's paving of Stage Road saved the Library a significant amount of money.

One issue that trustees and staff have puzzled over for some time was brought to the forefront this year with the availability of federal grant money to improve libraries in Vermont. Though we did not receive this year's capital projects grant, we are aware that our beautiful historic building is not accessible to some residents, and we will continue to work on plans to address this challenge.

We depend on the community of Pomfret to support the Library. Our operating income provided by the Town appropriation covers 75 percent of our expenses, while the remaining 25 percent comes from annual appeal donations, grants applied for by our librarian, and the sale of used books. This year we are requesting an appropriation from the Town of \$42,500, the same amount as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Abbott, Cara DeFoor, Jocelyn Randles, Betsy Rhodes, Jim Robinson, and Mary Worrell

ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Treasurer's Report

	<i>FY23 Budget</i>	<i>FY23 Actual</i>	<i>FY24 Budget</i>	<i>FY24 Actual</i>	<i>FY25 Budget</i>	<i>FY26 Budget</i>
Operating Acct. Opening Balance		\$5,485.85		\$7,196.15	\$ 6,023.85	
Income						
Town Appropriation	41,500	41,500.00	42,500	42,500.00	42,500	42,500
Annual Appeal	9,000	10,405.00	10,000	9,250.00	10,500	10,000
Fundraising--Other		1,000.00	500	1,000.00	500	1,000
Grant	540	571.35 ¹	571	1,436.48 ²	636	684
Interest--Checking	40	6.30	40		30	10
Book Sales	100	329.50	250	270.00	250	250
Donations--Other	800	1,121.61	800	215.10	800	500
Miscellaneous	150	90.68	150	120.15	150	150
Reserve Sweep				5,000.00 ³	2000	2000
Town Library Reserve						
Total Income	52,130	\$55,024.44	54,811	\$59,791.73	57,366	57,094
Expenses						
Payroll						
Wages--Librarians	31,380	34,886.03	33,263	34,661.76	35,224	36,630
Wages--Cleaning	566	533.28	600	565.92	619	600
Payroll Taxes	2,444	2,676.60	2,591	2,694.91	2,739	3,010
Collection						
Books	2,200	2,189.24	2,500	2,264.73	2,500	2,500
Books - ARPA funded		500.00				
Audio/Video	1,000	1,010.04	1,000	830.70	1,000	1,000
Electronic	900	559.20	900	627.40	950	850
Miscellaneous	850	645.00	850	1,051.77	850	950
Program						
General Programs	200	223.96	300	1,305.82 ²	300	500
Building						
Electricity	1,000	431.15	1,200	937.51	800	1,000
Telephone	1,200	1,157.82	1,200	1,290.54	1,200	1,400
Heating	1,800	2,437.72	2,400	1,568.40	2,400	1,900
Maintenance	1,000	962.68	1,832	6,572.03 ³	548	1,000
Insurance	2,306	2,056.91	2,400	2,466.21	2,400	2,000
Fundraising						
Annual Appeal	400	428.86	500	1,211.23	500	500
Other						
Conference & Travel	125	111.60	125	122.32	125	125
Postage & Courier Expense	740	347.64	729	597.43	725	725
Courier Grant Expense	540	571.35 ¹	571	636.48 ²	636	684
Supplies	750	620.04	750	758.42	700	720
Information Technology	200	337.90	300	347.90	350	500
Reserve Funded	1,729				2,000	
Professional Services						
Miscellaneous Reserve	800	627.12	800	452.55	800	500
Total Expenses	52,130	\$53,314.14	54,811	\$60,964.03 ⁴	57,366	57,094
Net Change		1,710.30		(1,172.30)		
Operating Acct. Ending Balance		\$7,196.15		\$6,023.85		

¹ To enhance our ability to serve the community, Abbott has joined the State of Vermont's Interlibrary Loan Courier Program, using a grant to help offset the annual expense.

² Grants received include Courier \$636.48, Winnie Belle Learned Fund \$500, and Summer Reading Program \$300, which were used to offset courier service and general programs.

³ Reserve funds for building maintenance included \$1,175 for roof maintenance, \$2,740 for air exchanger, and \$1,631 for building drainage.

⁴ Abbott Memorial Library benefits from and greatly appreciates the generosity of community members and wishes to report the following in-kind donations that have reduced its FY24 operating expenses by \$1,538: books, \$300; dumpster use, \$200; garden maintenance, \$400; snow removal, \$600; solar electricity credits, \$38.

ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY Assets Report

Assets	Balance as of 07/01/23	Deposits / Interest	Disbursements/ Expenses	Gain/Loss	Balance as of 06/30/24
Operating Account	7,196.15	59,791.73	(60,964.03)		\$6,023.85
Abbott Memorial Library Fund					
Ira Abbott Fund (69.57%)--Restricted	61,919.60	1,631.46		9,175.32	71,094.92 ¹
One Hundred Year Fund (29.20%)--Unrestricted	25,988.97	684.76		3,851.08	29,840.05 ²
Wood & Harding Fund (1.23%)--Unrestricted	1,094.74	28.84		162.22	1,256.96 ²
Total Abbott Memorial Library Fund	89,003.31	2,345.06		13,188.62	\$102,191.93
Reserve Account					
Reserve--Unrestricted	52,220.21	2,287.75	(5,000.00) ³	2,233.72	54,453.93 ²
Total Reserve Account	52,220.21				\$54,453.93
Total Abbott Memorial Library Assets as of June 30, 2024					\$162,669.71

¹ The balance of the Ira Abbott Fund as of 06/30/24 is the total of the Library's restricted reserves, \$71,094.92.

² The combined balance of the One Hundred Year Fund, Wood & Harding Fund, and the Reserve Account as of 06/30/24 is the total of the Library's unrestricted reserves, \$85,550.94.

³ A \$5,000 withdrawal from the unrestricted reserve account was used for building maintenance.

NOTE: Further investment detail is available from the Abbott Memorial Library treasurer. Please telephone the Library at (802) 457-2236 to request additional information.



CEMETERY COMMISSION

2024 Annual Report

For the upcoming fiscal year, the Pomfret Cemetery Commission requests a Town Appropriation of \$16,500. This is an increase from last year, because like other small Vermont towns, we are faced with increased costs of maintenance. We met with the cemetery commissions of nearby towns to get some ideas on how other local towns manage their cemeteries. We were surprised to learn that Pomfret’s Cemetery budget was less than a third of these local towns’ budget.

There has been a significant rise in the cost of maintaining the cemeteries, and to secure bids and hire for the mowing of the 3 cemeteries, we need to increase our operating budget for mowing. The mowing was significantly delayed this summer as we were unable to secure a contract until late July.

Thank you to the Steve and Terri Chamberlin, and Christina Chamberlin and Jim Morgan for stepping in to mow and weed whip 2 of our cemeteries when they badly needed attention, we appreciate their sense of pride and community.

We have begun a project to update the cemetery maps to facilitate identification of burial plots and identify plots available for sale. We hope to make this available online in the future. We are also working with the Pomfret Historical Society to streamline information requests and consistency of records.

The Commissioners have assisted with internments and placement of memorial gravestones this year, provided descendants with historical research on their ancestors’ gravesites, and maintained the burial records at the Town Office.

We would like to thank local Boy Scout Troop 220 and especially Scout Max Carey for placing American flags on veteran’s graves. Troop 220 does this at several area cemeteries.

After many years of as Chair of Pomfret’s Cemetery Commission, Ona Chase decided to step aside. We thank her for her dedicated service to our community.

Cemetery Commissioners : Susan Burgess (Chair), Bruce Tuthill, Greg Greene

	FY2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual
Cemetery Income (300-6-10-00)		
Town Appropriation	12,000	12,500
Sale of Lots	--	--
Misc Revenue	--	--
Donation	450	200
Interest	463	744
Total Cemetery Income	12,913	13,444
Cemetery Expenses (300-7-94-00)		
General Maintenance	8,579	6,340
Restoration of Headstones	--	--
Purchase of Corner Stones	--	--

Flags		550	--
Misc. Cemetery	--		2,695
Total Cemetery Expense		9,129	9,035
Surplus (Deficit)		3,785	4,409
Beginning Fund Balance		68,028	71,813
Ending Fund Balance		71,813	76,222

PLANNING COMMISSION

2024 Annual Report

This past year has been a quiet one for the planning commission. The work continued on the town plan revision with emphasis on simplifying the document, making it more easily readable. There will be a final hearing to gather citizen input prior to the document’s submittal to the selectboard for their approval.

There were two Ridgeline and Hillside building applications which were approved.

As always, citizens are encouraged to join the meetings in person or by Zoom. Meetings are archived on the town website for reference.

Respectfully submitted,

The Pomfret Planning Commission

POMFRET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2024 Annual Report

The Pomfret Historical Society has created a website (see bottom). We already have had several inquiries from people other states who have visited it and contacted us for additional information. We can always use help responding to public research requests for family information.

On the website you will find our transcripts of recorded oral histories, an inspiration of Elaine Chase and others, to document voices town residents. One of our goals this year is to raise money to digitize the magnetic tape cassettes from which the oral histories were transcribed. We think it is important to document these voices.

We have been working with the Pomfret Cemetery Commission to help map and photograph gravestones in the Burns Cemetery. We hope to continue photographing at this site and eventually making the digital images available to the public. We hope to continue the project to include other cemeteries in Pomfret.

During the next two years we will be celebrating the 250th year of Vermont’s creation. The Pomfret Historical Society has been working with the newly-formed Pomfret 250th Committee to create educational programs. The PHS received a community planning grant, which has been used to create the PHS website, digital content, and plan for community events. If you are interested in working with the 250th Committee, please contact Alan Graham.

Scott Fletcher from the Hartford Historical Society continued his research on Hosea Doton, a Pomfret resident in the mid 1800s. On our website you will find digital transcripts of several Doton's diaries transcribed by Scott. We will also be linking maps that he drew, including some home-owners in surrounding villages in the mid-1800s, copied from linen and ink drawings. The PHS is open most Friday mornings from 10 am to noon and by appointment. It is located in the Red Brick Building next to the Pomfret Town Offices. We are always looking for historic photographs to scan and add to our collection. Call Alan Graham if you would like to visit. We are always looking for people to help us with projects.

Alan C. Graham Phone: 802-457-1021
Website: PomfretHistoryVT.com Email: PomfretHistoryVT@gmail.com



*Photo contributed by the Pomfret Historical Society
Eureka Farm, 1918 – From the Moore Farm, Courtesy of John Leavitt*

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

2024 Annual Report

The Pomfret Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is comprised of volunteers appointed by the Selectboard. We review requests for development that cannot be approved directly by the Zoning Administrator. Examples include most commercial land use, development within the setback of a road or property line, and other situations where the literal requirements of the town's Zoning Ordinance are not met.

When reviewing these requests, the ZBA considers whether the proposed development meets applicable standards in the Zoning Ordinance and the Flood Hazard Area Regulations. Under certain circumstances, the ZBA can grant waivers from these standards. The ZBA also can place conditions or limits on approved development to carry out the Zoning Ordinance's purposes. A copy of the Zoning Ordinance is available at pomfretvt.us/index.php/documents/.

The ZBA also reviews requests for most development in FEMA-designated flood hazard areas, as well as appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator. Our proceedings are “quasi-judicial,” with sworn testimony and decisions having legal force (and appealable to the Environmental Division of the Vermont Superior Court). Our recent decisions are available at pomfretvt.us/index.php/dep/planning-zoning/zo/.

The ZBA considered four zoning applications in 2024: three for conditional uses and one for a variance to develop in a special flood hazard area. Two of the conditional use applications were approved, each with conditions and limitations that limited the proposed development. The one variance application was approved as well, also with conditions and limitations.

Though the ZBA’s 2024 case load may appear light by the numbers, the applications we consider have become increasingly complex, occasionally entailing multiple public hearings, extensive deliberations, and engagement of legal counsel as we endeavor fairly and carefully to apply Pomfret’s land use rules.

If you are a Pomfret landowner, we strongly urge you to think ahead about required permits and compliance with applicable development regulations. Consulting with the Zoning Administrator before beginning work can also save you time and help ensure a smooth review.

Benjamin Brickner, Chair
Shaun Pickett, Vice-Chair
Susan Burgess
Kyle Hansen
Lindsay Hyde
Michael Schmell
Seth Westbrook

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

2024 Annual Report

The 2024 year has had a steady amount of zoning permits. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s) are still on the rise with landowners. Please remember that as a landowner, you are responsible for obtaining all required permits before beginning any work can commence. Failure to do so could result in monetary penalties. You may also be required to correct any violation, including removal of unpermitted homes, structures or other development.

While I do not hold regular office hours at the Town Office, please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the day by phone call or text message on my cell phone number of 1-802-299-8211 or by email karen.hewitt@pomfretvt.us or if you wish to meet in person, we can schedule a time. Zoning Applications can be picked up at the Town Office or obtained on the Town of Pomfret Website www.pomfretvt.us

Karen Hewitt Osnoe
Zoning Administrator

Trustees of Public Funds

2024 Annual Report

The Trustees of Public Funds are responsible for management of town endowment and trust funds. Throughout the year, the trustees meet to review market performance of existing funds, placement of new monies into either existing or new funds, discuss and initiate needed adjustments, and review overall fund management strategies. We encourage Pomfret residents to contribute to these funds. The trustees determine if disbursements, as designated by the originators of the funds, are possible, and initiate such actions.

In 2023-2024, fund performance was sufficient to allow disbursements from the two education trust funds. Anna Gnodde was awarded \$1,000 from the Mabel E. Vaughan Trust Fund and Grace Modarai received \$2,000 from the Avis M. Keith Educational Trust Fund.

Respectfully,
Michael Doten, Secretary
Robert Coates
Marjorie Wakefield, Chair

POMFRET INVASIVE PLANT COMMITTEE

2024 Annual Report

The Pomfret Invasive Plant Committee was formed to help manage invasive plants along the Town's roads. We appreciate working with the Town Selectboard, Road Crew, Artistree, Mike Bald (Got Weeds), and Pomfret residents.

This year we bagged up invasive plants in paper leaf bags (almost a dumpster full) for disposal at a site that will accept them. Next year we will have free paper leaf bags for people to use for bagging up invasive plants. We will arrange a time to pick up your bagged plants if you call us.

The road crew has asked us to remind volunteers to bag invasive plants instead of placing weeds in the road right-of-way. Pulling plants earlier in the season, just after they begin to flower, is the best time to manage invasive plants so they cannot continue to develop and drop seeds.

Preventing invasive plants from going to seed, either by pulling or cutting back, is the most important management strategy. Although mowing can knock down standing plants, many invasives still have enough energy to produce shorter plants and seeds. If you mow, make sure that you mow several times during the growing season to prevent seed development. Please remember that seeds can be transported from place to place and take precautions to clean equipment used to cut invasive plants when in seed to stop them from spreading.

To help us with invasive plant management or obtain information, please call or email one of us. Keep us in mind if you want paper leaf bags for invasive plant collecting and disposal.

Alan Graham, 457-1021 alan.c.graham@gmail.com
Betsy Rhodes, 457-1247 rhodes@sover.net
Joanna Long, 457-2918 JrudgeL@sover.net

TREE WARDEN

2024 Annual Report

The Pomfret Tree Warden is responsible for making decisions about shade trees along the right-of-ways in town. Trees along the town roads are removed in conjunction with the Tree Warden and Road/town officials. The Pomfret Public Tree Policy was completed and adopted by the Pomfret Selectboard on August 17, 2022. You can find it online under Policies in the town documents.

2024 there was no request for tree warden advice. We are here and available as needs arise.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), was detected in Pomfret and continues to spread, recently discovered in the Marsh Billings National Park in Woodstock. This beetle attacks living ash trees and kills them. We suggest that forest owners in Pomfret seek help in deciding what to do to manage their woodlots and identify specimen yard trees. A local certified professional or our county forester can give you valuable information.

At this point the Town of Pomfret does not have a plan to manage EAB in ash trees along the town right-of- ways. A small 4 mile survey we did along the paved Pomfret roads showed that there are about 40 ash trees per mile. Ash trees made up about 60% of the roadside trees (trees greater than 4" diameter). Ash make up about 5% of our forests. We may have 2,000 roadside ash trees killed by EAB in the next 10 years. The Road Crew, with the help of a tree company, will be removing some of the standing dead trees along the roadside.

If you have tree concerns or are interested in working with Pomfret roadside trees, especially planting new roadside trees, please contact us.

Cy Benoit, Tree Warden, cyrusbenoit@gmail.com

Bruce Tuthill, Deputy Tree Warden bdtuthill@yahoo.com



Photos courtesy of Greg Greene, 2024

Information Resources for Emerald Ash Borer in Vermont:

Most up-to-date maps of EAB and management links:

<https://www.vtinvasives.org/news-events/news/emerald-ash-borer-update-0>

Windsor County Forester:

A.J. Follensbee, 118 Prospect Street, Suite 102 White River Junction, VT 05001

Primary Phone: 802-595-2429 | Alternate Phone: 802-281-5262 | allen.follensbee@vermont.gov

WINDSOR COUNTY

2024 County Happenings

It has been a busy year at the Windsor County Building.

There has been a great deal of activity and changes here in Windsor County. We have been having difficulty with our aging heating system for several years. The Assistant Judges secured a grant for the county to replace an old boiler with a new efficient boiler system. The grant will pay for about 50% of the cost of the boiler replacement and installation. We are already seeing the effects of the new, more efficient system in both the comfort level of the building and in reduced energy costs.

This fall Assistant Judge David Singer retired from his position with the county. We thank him for his contribution to the county and wish him well.

Michael Ricci was re-appointed in November to fill the remaining 2 years of the assistant judge position. We welcome back Assistant Judge Ricci. He has once again embraced this position and its challenges.

Recently, the courthouse in White River Junction has closed for renovations. Criminal court and a number of staff members have moved to the Woodstock courthouse for approximately 18 months. There will be much more activity at the Woodstock courthouse than it has experience in the past years. Some minor renovations were made to the courthouse in Woodstock to accommodate this move. Though there have been several challenges, through the dedication of the court staff, all is going along very smoothly.

We thank the Rotary Club of Woodstock who cleaned the War Monument in front of the courthouse in Woodstock. The monument looks very bright and clean.

We are thankful to each of the towns in Windsor County for their trust and support of our work. We welcome your thoughts and questions on the management of the affairs of the County and our court.



Vermont 250th Anniversary Committee

2024 Annual Report

Vermont is preparing to recognize the 250th anniversary (semiquincentennial) of the American Revolutionary War and founding of the Vermont Republic with three years of celebratory events beginning this year. The Vermont 250th Anniversary Committee was formed by the Selectboard in early 2024 as Pomfret’s liaison to the state and other Vermont towns to organize complementary activities and celebrations.

Last year, our work was supported by a Vermont 250th Community Planning Grant with funding provided by Vermont Covered. This helped us to create a new website for the Pomfret Historical Society (PomfretHistoryVT.com) to showcase artifacts and archives relating to the Town of Pomfret.

If you are interested in joining or working with our committee, please contact one of us listed below. We welcome local organizations to plan targeted, themed festivities – with our committee or independently – to increase awareness of and to celebrate these historic anniversaries. We also invite community members to contribute ideas and to watch for upcoming activities to mark these milestones.

Please consider how you or your organization can participate. Contact the committee for more information at VT250@pomfretvt.us. We look forward to hearing from you and to celebrating a Happy Semiquincentennial.

Benjamin Brickner
Dottie Deans
Alan Graham
Gregory Hartford
Gennie Lawrence



“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

~ Dr. Jane Goodall

Dear Residents of Pomfret,

Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had an amazing turnout with a 30% increase in volunteers (30,176) who picked up 404 TONS of trash and 15,813 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe, healthy, and economically vibrant places to live.

Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to care about and get involved in their communities. Your annual contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact.

As Green Up rolls into our 55th year, we are again requesting your support for the usual \$50.00 appropriation.

The amount requested is based on town population and funds go directly back into your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

This past Green Up Day we attempted and achieved a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS® title. That’s right little old Vermont holds a world title for “The most pledges received to pick up trash in 24 hours.”

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day 2025, May 3rd - its Green Up Day’s 55th Anniversary!

I am honored to serve your community and look forward to working with you again. Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director

802-522-7245 • greenup@greenupvermont.org

Green Up’s mission is to promote the stewardship of our state’s natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment.

Green Up Vermont is a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit corporation.



The Ottawaquechee Health Foundation (OHF) Supports the Health and Wellness Needs of Pomfret 2024 Annual Report

The Ottawaquechee Health Foundation improves the health and well-being of people who live in our core towns through grants, community partnerships, educational opportunities, and the support of wellness initiatives. We believe accessible health and wellness care are a vital part of any community.

OHF's backbone programs, Good Neighbor and Homecare Grants, are utilized extensively by those in need. These programs accommodate the increased and diverse needs of the communities that we serve. Year-to-date, the foundation has received more than 240 grant inquiries totaling nearly \$248,000 in funding requests from people in the towns that we serve.

As of the end of November, OHF provided 7 grants to Pomfret residents in 2024 totaling over \$7,600. This equates to approximately 3.2% of our overall grants to date. Your support is essential to us and allows us to serve the Pomfret Community better. Thank you!

Funding Sources:

Our funding comes through bi-annual appeal donations, town appropriations, grants, donor cultivation, and a modest draw from our investments.

- Total revenue budgeted for 2024: \$550,000.
- Two small fundraisers were held in 2024, with a total net income of: \$5,000.
- Grants, town appropriations and donations are the largest income source for OHF, totaling more than 55% of the overall 2024 budget.
- Pomfret's town appropriation of \$2500 is an essential part of our income, and it is given back to your community through our grant programs. Your appropriation also represents much more than that, by demonstrating equal participation in every town that we serve.
- The most sought-after service from Pomfret residents is for the provision of care for oral, medical and aging in place/safe home care.

Together we can continue to create stronger and healthier communities.

Mary Young-Breuleux
Interim Executive Director
Ottawaquechee Health Foundation
802-457-4188 | www.ohfvt.org | director@ohfvt.org
PO Box 784 | 30 Pleasant Street | Woodstock, VT 05091



This year has been one of tremendous growth at The Thompson. We broke ground on our building expansion project, responded to community needs through our Aging at Home support program, enjoyed many delicious meals, and had a lot of fun.

The Thompson served 1,810 older adults last year and reaches more than 50% of the older adults in Pomfret age 65 and older.

With the population in our region projected to more than double in the 70–85 age group over the next decade, it's crucial that we find innovative ways to support our community members as we all age. We've made significant strides in enhancing our facilities and programs to better serve our community for years to come. Anyone who has experienced The Thompson can attest to the organization's extraordinary level of personal attention and kindness.

We served more than 25,000 meals last year and daily home-delivered Meals on Wheels continue to the far reaches of Pomfret. Transportation, free tax preparation, Medicare and insurance counseling, foot care clinics, medical equipment, handyman services for small odd jobs, caregiver support, and many social engagement opportunities are just a few of the other supportive services provided to Pomfret residents.

Please contact us at info@thompsonseneiorcenter.org or (802) 457-3277 with any questions or needs. You can also see the menu and program calendar online at www.thompsonseneiorcenter.org or find us on Facebook.

Requested town funds are critical for our operating budget that provides meals, rides, and services. Thank you to each of our Pomfret supporters and volunteers for ensuring that The Thompson remains a vibrant resource for all of us.

Respectfully submitted,
 Deanna Jones, Executive Director
 The Woodstock Area Council on Aging, (d.b.a.The Thompson Center)

PENTANGLE ARTS

2024 Annual Report

We are grateful to the Town of Pomfret for its support of our mission to make our area a more vibrant, creative and stimulating place to live. Contributions have supported our Youth in Arts programs, as well as our free programming such as workshops and residencies in area schools.

Highlights of our 2024 -2025 season include:

- Professional live musical theatre for area schools based on children’s literature, including the award-winning theatrical show and workshop, *The Boy From Troy*, about John Lewis and Charlotte’s Web. The range of the two performances allow for programming suitable for grade school and one for middle and high school. The shows are attended by 9 schools, and all performances at full capacity in our theatre.

- Full weekend of Wassail Weekend events that include performances: A Classic Christmas orchestral performance, Saturday night with The Empty Pockets, Sunday for the kids we had a Revels performance and Cupcakes with Santa, followed by the sing-a-long Messiah with Opera North soloist leading the programming.

- We have begun to spruce up the theatre by painting for the first time in 40 years and making additional updates to our offerings for concessions starting this winter.

- Forty-two weekends of feature films on the area’s largest stage!

- The 46th annual free summer music series Music By the River.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact us if you have any questions about Pentangle Arts and the Woodstock Town Hall Theatre.

Respectfully Submitted:
Deborah Greene
Executive Director (802) 457-3981



2024 Year End Report

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) is a regional planning commission serving 30 member towns, working to enhance the area's quality of life and foster a thriving economy. Governed by a Board of Representatives, TRORC provides expertise in zoning, budgeting, capital planning, flood damage reduction, and long-term recovery from disasters, including the July 2023 and 2024 floods. Additionally, we engage in renewable energy initiatives to meet Vermont's 2050 energy goals. As part of the East Central Vermont Economic Development District, TRORC supports individuals, businesses, and communities by promoting food security and health planning. TRORC also helps towns secure funding for road improvements, manage transportation projects, and navigate state and federal programs.

TRORC helped the Town of Pomfret update their Local Emergency Management Plan and assisted with flood permitting. We provided guidance for managing federal grant funds, helped with an energy audit and to apply for funding to upgrade the energy efficiency of the town hall. Staff managed a ditching project at Allen Hill Road and assisted with project development for a bridge upgrade.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
William B. Emmons III, Chairperson, Pomfret

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The GUVSWMD comprises 10 Upper Valley towns, overseeing a system for proper management of solid and hazardous waste, recyclables, and food scraps. GUV also provides special collection events for bulky and household hazardous waste (HHW), paint, electronics, tires, metal, and fluorescent bulbs as well as offering technical assistance, outreach, and education programs to area residents, businesses, schools, and municipalities.

- GUV held three special collections in West Fairlee, Strafford and Thetford. We collected 7.5 tons of tires, 10.2 tons of electronics (3.3 from the Sustainable Woodstock event), and approximately 8 tons of “big” trash. Collection events are open to any resident or business within the district.
- Members of the district recycled 2.09 tons of batteries in 2023. Please recycle your batteries at the Pomfret town offices. Batteries, paint, and fluorescent bulbs may be taken to participating hardware stores as well. Check our website.
- Vermonters saved 110,215 gallons of paint from the landfill in 2023.
- 241 GUV residents (10 from Pomfret) participated in two household hazardous waste events.
- 155 GUV residents participated in three Styrofoam collection events, two in Lebanon and one in WRJ. GUV staff assisted with the events but did not sponsor them.
- 2025 GUV collection event dates and recycling updates will be posted on our website, Facebook page, town list serves, and in local newspapers.
- In 2024, Vern Clifford once again represented Pomfret on the GUVSWMD Board of Supervisors. We thank him for his ongoing dedication.
- For information call Ham Gillett at 802-674-4474, email hgillett@marcvt.org or visit <https://www.guvsmd.org/>



East Central Vermont Telecommunications District

our internet service provider business

Pomfret ECFiber

A community-owned fiber optic network

Pomfret is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, the state's first communications union district (CUD), whose mission is to provide world-class fiber-optic based internet service to all on-grid homes and businesses in its member towns. The District consists of 31 member towns and owns the business which operates under the trade name ECFiber. The business added over 900 new customers this year, and now serves nearly 9,500 customers, via 1,800 miles of network. When completed, the ECFiber network will be available to about 32,000 premises over more than 2,000 miles of network. The Pomfret network is complete with a take rate of over 70%. ECFiber is a miracle of collective action; without it, few customers in our mostly rural towns would have decent internet. Construction in 2024 was focused on work in Wilder and Hartford. Additional towns to be built out in the future include Fairlee, Bradford, Newbury, and Topsham, Corinth, Washington, and Windsor. All locations in our 31 towns will eventually have multi-gigabit fiber service available on the nearest utility pole, and ECFiber on its own will have solved 20% of Vermont's rural broadband crisis with only a fraction of its funding (about 15%) coming from grants. In October you may have noticed that ECFiber increased its basic service to 100mb. This was the sixth time ECFiber has increased its basic service speed without increasing pricing.

ECFiber dates its legal existence back to Town Meetings in 2008, when a two-year organizing effort paid off with 23 towns agreeing to create an internet service provider. The first customers began receiving service in 2011. ECFiber became a CUD in June of 2015, opening the way to issuing revenue bonds. In 2020, eight new towns joined. Then, in 2023, the last of the original towns came online.

We invite you to visit our website (www.ecfiber.net) to learn more about ECFiber and encourage you to subscribe. You won't be charged anything until we start service. If you have specific questions about Pomfret, please contact us, your town-appointed delegates.

Alan Graham and Betsy Rhodes

Pomfret@ecfiber.net



WISE FY24 Annual Report

Mission Statement:

WISE leads the Upper Valley to end gender-based violence through survivor-centered advocacy, prevention, education and mobilization for social change.

Since 1971, WISE has been dedicated to providing survivor-centered advocacy and support to survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking within 23 Upper Valley communities, including the Town of Pomfret. WISE supports people through the confidential and free 24-hour crisis line, on-site emergency housing and housing advocacy, legal services, safety planning, groups, and in-person advocacy at the WISE Program Center, police stations, courthouses, hospitals, social service agencies, and at Dartmouth College. In FY24 (7/1/23-6/30/24), WISE provided advocacy and other critical support services to a total of 1355 people. Among the advocacy responses sought from WISE, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and accompaniments were the most common. WISE advocates are available every hour, every day at 866-348-WISE, text at 603-836-9472 or chat online at wiseuv.org.

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HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services

Narrative Report for FY25 for Town of Pomfret

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and emergency services programs.

Anyone with questions about HCRS' services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.



Empower UP! Mentoring Program has been matching mentors with Mountain Views Supervisory Union students since 1999, originating with Ottauquechee Community Partnership. This MVSU-wide initiative strives to build positive intergenerational relationships between adult role models and students in grades 2-12. For Vermont businesses and social groups interested in building our communities, mentoring is a volunteering option with a big pay-off: making a positive impact in the life of a young person. We welcome adults 18 years and older to apply to become a mentor for in-school or community mentoring. Mentoring is rewarding and fun!

- Connects people across generations.
- Connects students with positive role models.
- Keeps older generations engaged with youth.
- Creates volunteering opportunities for businesses/social groups.
- One hundred percent of our mentees believe that having a mentor has made them feel like they matter.
- Empower UP! has continued to maintain and support up to 16 mentor/mentee matches per year.

The Empower UP! Mentoring Program would like to thank the Town of Pomfret for their generous support we have received over the years. Community support is essential to sustain this program and serve the maximum number of students in the district. We thank you very much!

Respectfully submitted; Annie Luke, Program Coordinator



The **Spectrum Teen Center** would like to once again thank the town of Pomfret for their generous support that we received last year. We are very grateful for the continued support we have received from you over the years.

The Spectrum Teen Center has been serving teens for 29 years in grades 7-12. Our program serves teens from the six sending towns that make up the Mountain Views Supervisory Union. We are under the umbrella of the MVSU.

In 2024, we provided over 12 FREE events for teens! We hosted pizza nights at Pizza Chef in Woodstock, mini golf night at Pizza Chef in Quechee, art events at Artistree, several movie nights at the Woodstock Town Hall Theater and a hike up Mt. Peg.

Thank you again for your support!

The Spectrum Teen Center Director
Heather Vonada

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION (SEVCA)

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate the root causes of poverty.*

SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel, utility, housing, and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Financial Coaching (asset building & financial literacy), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, a Community Solar program, and a Thrift Store Voucher Program.

SEVCA has served a total of 3 unduplicated households comprised of 3 people in Pomfret between Oct 2023 and the end of September 2024. Unduplicated means that some of these households may have received services from more than one of our program areas.

In Pomfret, SEVCA's impact in FY2024 included:

- No-cost weatherization services that reduce a household's energy costs and make homes healthier and safer valued at least \$31,950
- Fuel & utility assistance to keep people's homes heated and their power on valued at least \$1,067
- **The combined value of services provided to residents in the Town of Pomfret exceeded \$33,017. The figures reported here are for direct client assistance only and do not include the cost of SEVCA providing these services through staffing and operating costs.**

Pomfret does not currently appropriate town funding to support SEVCA's work. SEVCA does not seek a petition from Pomfret's voters to seek social services funding. This report is provided for informational purposes to make Pomfret's citizens aware of the services and assistance that can be accessed by residents of your community. We are grateful for the opportunity to assist you and for the support of private donors in Pomfret and throughout our service area.

Josh Davis, Executive Director
Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA)
91 Buck Drive
Westminster, VT 05158
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sevca@sevca.org
www.sevca.org

PROSPER VALLEY TRUST

2024 Report

Pomfret Residents:

Well, there was some bad news with a silver lining this year on the MVSD budget front: There were some absolutely brutal increases beyond our control, particularly Health Insurance, which went up by almost 12% along with a student count that went down significantly.

We were faced with a decision to reduce services to our students or exceed the new spending cap imposed by the Vermont legislature last year.

We heard from a lot of folks (including many from Pomfret) who were concerned about the cuts to Unified Arts (which includes STEM, languages, art and music). After a careful review of our options and proposed budget cuts, the board reached a compromise that maintained the high standards of education in our buildings while reducing some budget items and the tax impact to most of our member towns, including Pomfret. We believe that the presented budget meets the MVSD Strategic Plan goals and supports staff and students.

The Silver Lining is that with this budget, the Pomfret Tax Rate still went down by 4.75% compared to FY25.

Both Lydia and I strongly support this compromise and encourage Pomfret residents to vote to adopt the budget.

Bob Crean

Lydia Locke

Mountain Views Supervisory Union Directors



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WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
a.k.a. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING
WARNING, NOTICE, and AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby **WARNED** and **NOTIFIED** that an **INFORMATIONAL HEARING** will be held at the **Woodstock Union Middle and High School library, located in the Town of Woodstock, Vermont, on Thursday February 27, 2025, commencing at 6:30PM** to discuss the Australian ballot articles of the 2025 Annual Unified Union District Meeting Warning. Additionally, the Public Informational Hearing will be accessible through electronic means (online meeting).

Information on how to access the remote hearing:

Topic: WCUUSD/MVSD Informational Hearing
Time: February 27, 2025, 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Meeting ID: 861 3007 6068
Passcode: 316883

- **By computer: Join Zoom meeting at**
<https://wcsu-net.zoom.us/j/86130076068?pwd=qGQ6HgyiTeXGvSrzas0j8HtPWUgwTL.1>
You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the meeting ID if prompted: **861 3007 6068** and passcode: **316883** if prompted.
- **By smartphone, tablet, or other device:** Download and open the Zoom app. You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the meeting ID: **861 3007 6068** and passcode: **316883** if prompted.
- **By telephone:** Dial: **+1 929 205 6099 US (New York) or +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)**
Enter the meeting ID: **861 3007 6068** and passcode: **316883** if prompted.

AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025

- 6:30PM: Call to Order
- 6:35PM: Additions or deletions to the agenda
 - Public comment
- 6:40PM: To hear the reports of the School District Board of Directors
 - Public comment
- 6:45PM Review and Discuss: **Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, approve the school board to expend \$30,773,078, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?
The Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in a Long Term Weighted (LTW) per pupil education spending of \$17,230, which is 1.03% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.
 - Public comment

- 7:30PM: Discussion of other non-binding business (if applicable)
- 7:35PM: Entertain motion to adjourn hearing.

Dated this 6th day of January 2025, in Woodstock, Vermont.

**WARNING FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
a.k.a. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 4, 2025**

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

Barnard Town Hall located at 115 North Road, Barnard, VT 10:00AM- 7:00PM
 Bridgewater Town Clerk’s Office located at 45 Southgate Loop, Bridgewater, VT 8:00AM-7:00PM
 Killington Town Hall located at 2706 River Road, Killington, VT 7:00AM-7:00PM
 Plymouth Municipal Building located at 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT 10:00AM-7:00PM
 Pomfret Town Office located at 5218 Pomfret Road, North Pomfret, VT 8:00AM-7:00PM
 Reading Town Hall located at 799 VT-106, Reading, VT 7:00AM-7:00PM
 Woodstock Town Hall located at 31 the Green, Woodstock VT 7:00AM- 7:00PM

Articles To Be Voted On By Australian Ballot- March 4, 2025

Article 1: The legal voters of the specified towns designated within this itemized Article shall elect the following:

- Barnard: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Bridgewater: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Plymouth: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Reading: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Woodstock: two school directors to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

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Upon closing of the polls, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §741(b)(2), the ballots will be counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock.

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.



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Bottom photo (left) courtesy of John Flynn. Bottom photo (right) courtesy of Dana Kaye

Mountain Views Supervisory Union

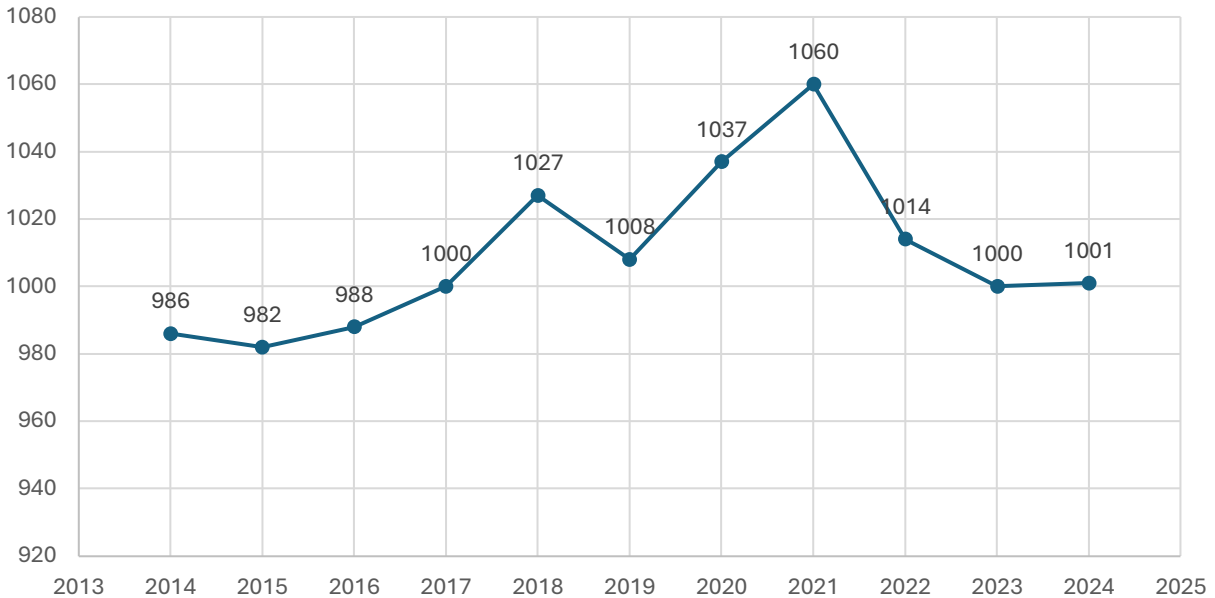
Enrollment Report as of September 30, 2024

Elementary School Enrollment	On-Site PreK	K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Total PreK-6
Barnard Academy	5	7	8	7	3	9	13	5	57
Killington Elementary School	24	11	12	11	14	9	21	13	115
Reading Elementary School	12	5	4	8	4	5			38
The Prosper Valley School							54	36	90
Woodstock Elementary School	51	38	59	25	39	47			259
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	92	61	83	51	60	70	88	54	559

Secondary School Enrollment -WUHSMS

Grade 7	69	MS TOTAL 132	WCUUSD resident students = 897 Tuition students from sending towns = 103 Act 129 VT High School Choice = 6
Grade 8	63		
Grade 9	75		
Grade 10	87	HS TOTAL 310	
Grade 11	77		
Grade 12	71		
TOTAL SECONDARY	442	TOTAL WCSU ENROLLMENT 1001	

MVSU Enrollment: 10 year comparison PreK -12th grade



Mountain Views Supervisory Union
Windsor Central Unified Union School District
 (a.k.a. Mountain Views School District)
<https://mtnviews.org>

FY26 BUDGET:

Budget financial details will be posted on our website as documents become available. Visit: MVSU website > About > Budget

AUDIT STATEMENT:

The financial records are being audited by RHR Smith & Company for the year ending June 30, 2024. Copies of the completed audit, when available, may be requested by calling the Director of Finance and Operations at 802-457-1213, ext. 1089, or visit: MVSU website > About > District Finances

Final FY25 Tax Rates Calculation

	<u>Barnard</u>	<u>Bridgewater</u>	<u>Killington</u>	<u>Plymouth</u>	<u>Pomfret</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Woodstock</u>
FY25 Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.6742	\$1.6742	\$1.6742	\$1.6742	\$1.6742	\$1.6742	\$1.6742
CLA	1.0457	1.1949	0.5235	0.6225	1.0053	1.0061	0.6365
Homestead Property Tax Rate	\$1.6010	\$1.4011	\$3.1981	\$2.6895	\$1.6654	\$1.6640	\$2.6303
FY24 Homestead Prop Tax Rate	\$1.9933	\$1.8759	\$2.4713	\$1.9765	\$1.4632	\$1.8425	\$2.0198
Increase(Decrease) from FY24	(\$0.3923)	(\$0.4748)	\$0.7268	\$0.7130	\$0.2022	(\$0.1785)	\$0.6105
Percentage Change from FY24	-19.68%	-25.31%	29.41%	36.07%	13.82%	-9.69%	30.23%

Projected FY26 Tax Rates Calculation

	<u>Barnard</u>	<u>Bridgewater</u>	<u>Killington</u>	<u>Plymouth</u>	<u>Pomfret</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Woodstock</u>
FY26 Est Equalized Tax Rate	\$2.0145	\$2.0145	\$2.0145	\$2.0145	\$2.0145	\$2.0145	\$2.0145
CLA	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
Homestead Property Tax Rate	\$2.0145	\$2.0145	\$2.0145	\$2.0145	\$2.0145	\$2.0145	\$2.0145
FY25 Homestead Prop Tax Rate	1.3900	1.4900	0.6300	0.6800	1.2700	1.3600	0.7900
Increase(Decrease) from FY25	\$1.4493	\$1.3520	\$3.1976	\$2.9625	\$1.5862	\$1.4812	\$2.5500
Percentage Change from FY25	\$1.6010	\$1.4011	\$3.1981	\$2.6895	\$1.6654	\$1.6640	\$2.6303
	(\$0.1518)	(\$0.0491)	(\$0.0005)	\$0.2730	(\$0.0792)	(\$0.1828)	(\$0.0804)
	-9.48%	-3.51%	-0.02%	10.15%	-4.75%	-10.99%	-3.05%

Mountain Views Supervisory Union

Projected Revenues

Fiscal Year 2025

	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted
Local Revenue					
Tuition From Other LEA's	\$1,787,500	\$1,565,064	\$1,588,335	\$1,640,398	\$1,762,995
Tuition by Parent/Patron - Pre-School	\$16,000	\$13,427	\$12,000	\$12,500	\$9,000
Interest Earned	\$18,500	\$47,709	\$17,000	\$68,955	\$23,000
Rental Income	\$45,000	\$5,618	\$50,000	\$10,582	\$7,500
Miscellaneous Local Revenues	\$6,500	\$52,663	\$6,500	\$25,760	\$6,500
SU Services to Others	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Prior Year Surplus Applied	\$350,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
Food Service Program	\$18,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Local Revenue	\$2,272,250	\$1,714,482	\$2,003,835	\$1,788,194	\$1,838,995
State and Federal Revenue					
Education Spending Grant	\$18,258,064	\$18,890,726	\$19,599,186	\$21,685,257	\$25,189,058
Small Schools Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Transportation Reimb	\$266,978	\$266,978	\$266,978	\$255,197	\$255,197
State Pre-K Subsidy	\$0	\$713	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ed Fund Payment to Tech Center	\$147,557	\$148,732	\$165,000	\$142,476	\$148,000
Driver's Education Reimbursement	\$6,000	\$4,254	\$6,000	\$3,006	\$4,000
Vocational Ed Transportation	\$35,000	\$36,060	\$35,000	\$37,300	\$36,000
High School Completion Grant	\$0	\$12,190	\$0	\$9,034	\$0
State Reim - Unenrolled Res	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$979	\$0
Total State and Federal Revenue	\$18,713,599	\$19,359,653	\$20,072,164	\$22,133,248	\$25,632,255
Special Education					
Special Ed Excess Cost Revenue	\$218,500	\$155,129	\$218,500	\$259,043	\$155,000
Special Ed Block Grant	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Ed Act 173 Block Grant	\$1,617,647	\$1,617,647	\$1,803,408	\$1,824,675	\$2,007,133
SPED Reimbursement - Extraordinary	\$0	\$95,795	\$0	\$698,460	\$0
SPED Reimbursement - EEE Block Grant	\$76,067	\$76,067	\$76,067	\$108,685	\$114,291
SPED Reimbursement - State Placed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,569	\$0
SPED Coord charges to Pittsfield	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000
Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Special Education	\$1,912,214	\$1,944,638	\$2,106,975	\$2,898,432	\$2,285,424
Total Revenues	\$22,898,063	\$23,018,773	\$24,182,974	\$26,819,874	\$29,756,674

THE PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL

Report by Interim Principal Devyn Workman

The 2023-2024 school year kicked off with great energy at our annual back to school night where we welcomed 34 new 5th grade students to join the Prosper Valley Community. TPVS had 79 students last year that embraced challenges, celebrated achievements, and deepened their understanding of the world around them. This annual report highlights the milestones, learning experiences, and partnerships that enriched our curriculum and reinforced our commitment to fostering well-rounded individuals.

Thanks to support from The Prosper Valley Trust, team-building activities at the Hulbert Outdoor Center strengthened collaboration and communication skills. Students tackled challenges that encouraged trust and mutual support on the high ropes course on their campus. But the engagement with high ropes didn't stop there, last year was the first year that students and staff got to engage with our very own High 5 Challenge Course on the TPVS campus. This challenge course consists of four low elements located in our woods and five high elements in our gym. On the high elements, students are in a harness and on belay while tackling cargo nets, giant's ladders, and bean poles 30 feet into the air! The high ropes course tested students' courage and determination. By overcoming physical and mental challenges, they built resilience and self-confidence.

The first annual Water Symposium showcased student research and creativity, exploring the vital role water plays in our lives and ecosystems. Immersing themselves in the local ecosystem, students snorkeled in the White River, observing aquatic life and gaining firsthand experience of biodiversity and water quality. Finally, students nurtured trout from eggs to release in the Barnard Brook out back of our school, gaining insight into aquatic ecosystems and the importance of species conservation.

An educational walk highlighted Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified buildings, inspiring students to consider innovative solutions for sustainable living. Students then explored sustainable architecture and environmental stewardship at the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS). This hands-on celebration of learning encouraged them to think critically about green building practices and they concluded the unit with designing and creating their own green building from only recycled materials.

Guided by expert instructors, students delved into the wonders of the night sky through astrophotography right here at TPVS in our very own observatory. They captured stunning images while learning about constellations, planets, and the universe.

Then Visiting Cobb Hill, students engaged with sustainable farming practices and explored the intersection of agriculture, community, and environmental responsibility. A trip to the Woodstock Historical Center brought history to life as students examined artifacts, explored exhibits, and connected with local heritage.

The annual sugaring unit allowed students to experience the traditional New England process of making maple syrup, blending science, culture, and hands-on learning. A visit to New England Falconry introduced students to the ancient art of falconry. They learned about birds of prey, conservation efforts, and the delicate balance of nature.

Here's to another year of growth, discovery, and shared accomplishments!

TOWN OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, COMMITTEES AND EMPLOYEES

— OFFICERS —	Term Expire	— APPOINTEES —	Term Expire
MODERATOR		ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	
Kevin Geiger	2025	<i>vacant</i>	<i>n/a</i>
TOWN CLERK		CITIZEN TRUSTEE OF LABOUNTY FUND	
Rebecca Fielder	2025	Marjorie Wakefield	2025
SELECTBOARD		COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	
Emily Grube	2025	Karen Hewitt Osnoe	2025
John Peters Jr., Vice-Chair	2025	CONSTABLE	
Benjamin Brickner, Chair	2026	Douglas Tuthill	2025
Meg Emmons	2026	e911 COORDINATOR	
Steve Chamberlin	2027	Rebecca Fielder	2025
TOWN TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR		EAST CENTRAL VERMONT DISTRICT (ECFiber) REPRESENTATIVES	
Ellen DesMeules	2025	Alan Graham	2025
CEMETERY COMMISSION		Betsy Rhodes (<i>first alternate</i>)	2025
Bruce Tuthill	2025	<i>vacant (second alternate)</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Susan Burgess, Chair	2026	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	
Greg Greene (<i>appointed 2024</i>)	2027	Kevin Rice	2025
LISTERS		FIRE WARDEN	
Rebecca Fielder	2025	Frank E. Perron, Jr.	2025
Neil Lamson	2026	Fred S. Doten, Sr. (<i>deputy</i>)	2025
Norman Buchanan, Chair	2027	GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (GUVSWD)	
AUDITORS		Vernon Clifford	2025
Kristen Esty (<i>resigned 2024</i>)	2025	Douglas Tuthill (<i>alternate</i>)	2025
Patti Wickersham (<i>appointed 2024</i>)	2025	HEALTH OFFICER	
Annie Mears Abbott	2026	Hugh Hermann, M.D.	2027
Tracie Hartford (<i>appointed 2024</i>)	2027	PLANNING COMMISSION	
LIBRARY TRUSTEES		John Moore	2025
Cara DeFoor	2025	Doug Tuthill	2025
Jocelyn Randles	2025	Cyrus Benoit	2026
Douglas Abbott	2026	William Emmons, Chair	2026
Betsy Rhodes	2026	Nelson Lamson	2027
Jim Robinson	2027	Jack Pearsons	2027
Mary Worrell, Chair	2027	Tyler Wellington	2027
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS		ROAD COMMISSIONER	
Michael Doten	2025	<i>vacant</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Marjorie Wakefield, Chair	2026	TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	
Robert Coates	2027	Sheila Murray	2025
WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORS		TREE WARDEN	
Lydia Locke	2026	Cyrus Benoit	2025
Bob Crean	2027	<i>vacant (deputy)</i>	<i>n/a</i>
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE			
Anne Bower	2025		
Michael Doten	2025		
Chuck Gundersen	2025		
James Robinson	2025		

— COMMITTEES —	Term Expire	— APPOINTEES (cont.) —	Term Expire
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE		TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION (TRORC) BOARD OF	
Neil Lamson	<i>n/a</i>	William Emmons	2025
John Moore	<i>n/a</i>	<i>vacant (alternate)</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Jon Ricketson	<i>n/a</i>		
Hunter Ulf	<i>n/a</i>		
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		TRORC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY	
Ellen DesMeules	<i>n/a</i>	Doug Tuthill	2025
Emily Grube	<i>n/a</i>		
Nancy Matthews	<i>n/a</i>	VERMONT ETHICS COMMISSION LIAISON	
		Rebecca Fielder	2025
TOWN HALL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE		ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	
Katie Brickner	<i>n/a</i>	Karen Hewitt Osnoe	2027
Marie Cross	<i>n/a</i>		
Meg Emmons, Chair	<i>n/a</i>	ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	
Dana Kaye	<i>n/a</i>	Benjamin Brickner, Chair	2025
Gennie Lawrence	<i>n/a</i>	Shaun Pickett, Vice-Chair	2025
John Moore	<i>n/a</i>	Susan Burgess	2026
		Seth Westbrook	2026
VERMONT 250TH ANNIVERSARY		Jeffry White (<i>resigned 2024</i>)	2026
Benjamin Brickner, Chair	2028	Michael Schmell (<i>appointed 2024</i>)	2026
Dottie Deans	2028	Lindsay Hyde	2027
Alan Graham	2028	Kyle Hansen	2027
Greg Hartford	2028		
Gennie Lawrence	2028		

— EMPLOYEES —

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Sally Weglarz

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Sally Weglarz

HIGHWAY TEAM

Brad Howe
 Art Lewin
 Frank Rogers, Foreman
 Andrew Stevens

SELECTBOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Cynthia Hewitt



(Left) Landscape courtesy of Dana Kaye
(Right) Fred & Nancy Doten courtesy of Marie Robinson



(Left) South Pomfret Landscape courtesy of Jody Eaton
(Right) Mt. Tom Farmer's Market courtesy of BJ Dunn



(Left): The Clark Family at the 2024 PYO Pumpkin Patch at Fox Crossing Farm.
(Right): Mt. Tom indoor Farmer's Market

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TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING
In-person voting is open Tuesday, March 4, 2025 8:00 am – 7:00 pm