

# **Town of** **Poultney, Vermont** **Annual Report**



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***Fiscal Year Ending***  
**June 30, 2024**

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### In Loving Memory of Susan Kasuba

Although Suzy retired as Poultney's Bookkeeper in 2017, she continued to be a welcome and positive presence at the Poultney Town Offices, and Poultney Village Office, filling in as a part-time Bookkeeper up until the end of her life. Her sense of humor and avid storytelling often helped alleviate stressful situations. Not only was she still willing to help at the Town and Village Offices, her dedication to Poultney's community was evident by her willingness to serve on other Poultney organizations such as the Poultney Young At Heart Senior Center, serving as a Justice of the Peace for the Town, and being a longstanding member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 39. Suzy will be missed, but never forgotten.

## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

FIRE	911
RESCUE SQUAD (MEDICAL)	911
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERRIFF'S DEPARTMENT	775-8002
STATE POLICE (emergency number)	911
(non-emergency number)	773-9101
TOWN CONSTABLE	558-2518
TOWN CLERK	287-5761
TOWN LISTER	287-5111
TOWN MANAGER	287-9751
LIBRARY	287-5556
SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER (Young at Heart Club)	287-9200
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	287-5212
HIGH SCHOOL	287-5861
QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	775-4342
GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION	775-4342
VILLAGE OFFICE	287-4003
VILLAGE WATER & SEWER	287-9727
POULTNEY POST OFFICE	287-9033

### **Poultney Transfer Station Hours**

Tuesday 8:00am - 5:00 pm  
Thursday 8:00am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday 8:00am - 5:00 pm  
(winter hours: Dec, Jan, Feb, close at 4:00 pm)

### **Town Clerk's Office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
(Closed 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm)

### **Town Manager's Office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
After 4:00 pm by appointment only

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Selectboard meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Poultney Town Hall Meeting Room and by Zoom, or by warned Special Meetings.
2. Planning Commission meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Poultney Town Hall Meeting Room, or by warned Special Meetings.
3. Quarry Valley Unified Union School Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Visit [grcsu.org](http://grcsu.org) for details of time and location as are subject to change.
4. Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union Board meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. Visit [grcsu.org](http://grcsu.org) for details of time and location as are subject to change.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**February 25, 2025** – Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Informational Meeting in person and remote at Poultney High School Library at 7:00pm, See Warning at [grcsu.org](http://grcsu.org) or [Poultney.vt.gov](http://Poultney.vt.gov) or in this report for details

**March 3, 2025** – Absentee Ballots may be requested until 4:00pm.

**March 3, 2025** – Pre-Town Informational Meeting at Poultney Fire Department Building at 55 Fire House Lane and via Zoom at 7pm, See Warning in this report for details or at [Poultney.vt.gov](http://Poultney.vt.gov)

**March 4, 2025** – Annual Town and Highway Meeting and Quarry Valley Unified Union School District voting by Australian Ballot at the Poultney Fire Department Building, 55 Fire House Lane, from 10:00am to 7:00pm

**March 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**—Rabies Clinic at Poultney Veterinary Hospital from 10am to 12pm—See notice in this report for details—Town Clerks Office will be open at the same date/time for Dog Registrations

**April 1, 2025** – Base date for setting assessed value and determining ownership of real property

**April 1, 2025** – Dogs must be licensed by this date. Females and Males - \$17.00; Neutered and Spayed - \$13.00. 50% penalty after this date, \$22.00 and \$16.00

**April 1, 2025** – Transfer Station Permits must be renewed by this date

**May 31, 2025** – Property taxes due in full

**July 1, 2025** – Fiscal year begins for 2025/2026

## HOLIDAYS 2025

Jan 01 New Year's Day	May 26 Memorial Day	Sept 01 Labor Day	Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day
Jan 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day	June 19 Juneteenth Day	Oct 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day	Dec 25 Christmas Day
Feb 17 Presidents' Day	July 04 Independence Day	Nov 11 Veterans' Day	

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE Term Expires January 31, 2027

Barbara Bunce Betit	802-558-3490
Carol Bunce	802-287-0616
Alan-Glen Burnell	802-558-8723
Joseph DeBonis, Jr.	802-287-1283
Bonnie Gray	802-287-5231
Dick Gray	802-287-5231
Eric Hier	802-417-9263
Kathleen Hutson	802-287-9279
Andrew Ohl	802-855-1033
Richard Rupe	802-287-9692
Mark Teetor	802-287-5836

### POULTNEY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CHAIR

Mary Jo Teetor	802-287-5836
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### POULTNEY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE CHAIR

Richard Rupe	802-287-9692
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**Warning**  
**Poultney Town Meeting 2025**  
**In-Person and via Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83935723883?pwd=QnEvcVVrSkN2OUpCMlFEM0lPTzBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3572 3883

Passcode: 989910

Or Dial: +1 929 205 6099 US

Meeting ID: 839 3572 3883 Passcode: 989910

The citizens of the Town of Poultney, in the County of Rutland and the State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote in the Town Meeting, are hereby warned to meet at the Poultney Fire Department, 55 Fire House Lane, in the Town of Poultney on **Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** to transact at that time, business not involving voting by Australian Ballot.

The meeting will be recessed at the conclusion of the transaction of such business until 10:00 a.m. on the following day at the Poultney Fire Department located at 55 Fire House Lane, this being Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at which time business, involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot, will be transacted.

(Ballot boxes/Polls will be opened at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

1. To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: (a) One (1) Town Moderator for a term of one year; (b) One (1) Selectboard member for a term of three years; (c) Two (2) Selectboard members for a term of one year; (d) One (1) Library Trustee for a term of five years; (e) One (1) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years?
2. Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?
3. Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,913,840.00, less estimated receipts of \$104,250, less surplus, if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026?
4. Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$1,233,105.00, less surplus, if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026?
5. Shall the Town of Poultney vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,500.00 for the support of Child First Advocacy Center to provide services to residents of the Town?

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025.

  
Jeffrey M. King, Chairperson

  
Sheryl Porrier, Vice-Chairperson

  
Alan-Glen Burnell

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Mark Teetor

  
Valerie Broughton

Received, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

  
Betsy J. Wescott, Poultney Town Clerk

**Town of Poultney  
Informational Meeting  
March 4, 2024**

Board Vice Chair Sheryl Porrier called the informational meeting for the Town of Poultney to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Selectboard members Sheryl Porrier, Alan-Glen Burnell, Mark Teetor, and Valerie Broughton, Town Manager Paul Donaldson, and Town Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Wescott.

Board Vice Chair Sheryl Porrier asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moderator Jaime Lee read the articles on the Warning.

**Article 1 To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: (a) One (1) Town Moderator for a term of one year; (b) One (1) Selectboard member for a term of three years; (c) Two (2) Selectboard members for a term of one year; (d) One (1) Library Trustee for a term of five years; (e) Two (2) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years?**

Moderator asked if any candidate on the ballot would like to speak. Eric Hier, Sheryl Porrier, Valerie Broughton and Mark Teetor each introduced themselves and what office they were running for.

**Article 2 Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?**

There were no questions or comments.

**Article 3 Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,677,347, less estimated receipts of \$104,250, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025?**

There were no questions or comments.

**Article 4 Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$1,134,024, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025?**

There were no questions or comments.

**Article 5 Shall the Town approve an additional allocation to the Poultney Rescue Squad in the amount of \$84,560 (this is in addition to the \$42,280 already included in the General Fund Budget in Article 3 of this Warning)?**

Moderator Jaime Lee asked if there was anyone from the Rescue Squad that would like to speak on behalf of the organization.

Debbie Hoisington stated she had handouts if anyone was interested in looking at it. She went over the handout and explained why the Rescue Squad was in need of additional funds.

Board Vice Chair Sheryl Porrier asked what the current staffing is.

Debbie Hoisington stated there are 7 EMT's, 3 AEMT's, and 4 drivers. 2 of the people are full time and 1 part time. All the other people are per diem but most of them fill in almost full time hours.

Board Vice Chair Sheryl Porrier asked that most of the dropped calls are not due to staffing you feel because out on another call.

Debbie Hoisington stated yes.

Mary Sue Reed stated that now that you have increased the salaries. Have you had a better retention rate of employees?

Debbie Hoisington stated yes they are much happier and much more willing to step up and are taking the extra time along with staying on.

Mary Jo Teetor asked how many calls do you get each year.

Debbie Hoisington stated there were about 332 calls last year.

Jonathan Andrews stated am I right in understanding that half of the increase in funding was supplied by ARPA funds last year and that those funds have expired and that is part of the reason why the amount is what it is. I feel like that is an important context to understand.

Debbie Hoisington stated that yes the Town did supply the second half last year from the ARPA funds. Mr. Donaldson did state yes that is correct. But I do not know if the funds expired or not. This would be a question for Mr. Donaldson.

Town Manager Paul Donaldson stated that 2 years ago the Rescue Squad had proposed a 5 year plan to up their per capita over the 5 years. Last year, the Rescue Squad came to the Selectboard and said the plan we proposed last time is clearly not going to work. We need to double the allocation. At that time the Selectboard decided to use the ARPA money to double the allocation with the understanding the Rescue Squad proof that you can sustain yourself on doubling the funding. This year the Rescue Squad came back to the Selectboard during budgeting season and said we can't sustain ourselves on the \$84,560. In fact, we actually now need \$126,840 and that's where we are.

Nic Stark asked if the Rescue Squad is going to engage in another 5 year plan in order to figure out whether this funding is going to continue grow.

Debbie Hoisington stated it is hard to tell right now with all the State Legislature bills that are in the House. The Federal Government is very much involved in the pace of fee schedules right now. They are trying to level off the fee schedules and bring Medicare and Medicaid up to date. We would like to be able to do a 5 year plan but probably not for now.

Moderator Jaime Lee recessed the meeting until 10:00 am when the polls open tomorrow and will close at 7:00 pm at the Poultney Fire House for voting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betsy J. Wescott, Town Clerk

#### **RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING MARCH 5, 2024**

Moderator	Vacant
Selectman – Three Year Term	Valerie Broughton
Selectman – One Year Term	Sheryl A. Porrier
Selectman – One Year Term	Mark Teetor
Library Trustee – Five Year Term	Ennis Duling
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director—Three Year Term	Eric Hier
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director—Three Year Term	Lauren Davenport
Question 2 – Independent Auditor's Report	Yes 572 No 70 Passed
Question 3 – General Fund Budget	Yes 483 No 167 Passed
Question 4 – Highway Budget	Yes 359 No 106 Passed
Question 5 – Shall the Town approve an additional allocation to the Poultney Rescue Squad in the amount of \$84,560 (this is in addition to the \$42,280 already included in the General Fund Budget in Article 3 of this Warning)?	Yes 473 No 185 Passed

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM (YEARS)	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Vacant	1	2025
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	Jean S. Davis	5	2027
	D. Bruce Williams	5	2028
	Ennis Duling	5	2029
	Nancy Luzer	5	2025
	Emily Sosnoff	5	2026
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	Jeffrey King	3	2026
	Alan-Glen Burnell	3	2025
	Valerie Broughton	3	2027
	Sheryl A. Porrier	1	2025
	Mark Teetor	1	2025
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	Betsy J. Wescott	3	2026
<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>	Betsy J. Wescott	3	2026
<b>UNION SCHOOL DIRECTORS</b>	Linda Smith	3	2026
	Eric Hier	3	2027
	Lauren Davenport	3	2027
	Rebecca Gardner	3	2025

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
ASSESSOR	Mary Jo Teetor	2025
CONSTABLE	Dale Kerber	2025
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (2 Year Appointment)	Jaime Lee, Chair	2026
	Mark Teetor	2026
	Benjamin Thirkield	2026
	Margaret Mug	2026
	Jonathan Andrews	2026
DOG WARDEN	Paul Donaldson	2025
FENCE VIEWER	Vacant	2025
FIRE WARDEN	Nathan Bourn	6/2029
FOURTH OF JULY DIRECTOR	Sarah Pelkey	2025
LUMBER INSPECTOR	Vacant	2025
PLANNING COMMISSIONERS	Jaime Lee, Chair	2025
	Mark Teetor	2025
	Jonathan Andrews	2025
	Douglas Langdon	2025
	Mary Sue Reed	2025
RECREATION DIRECTOR	Sheryl Porrier	2025
RECREATION COMMISSION	Sarah Pelkey	2025
RCSWD REPRESENTATIVE	Town Manager	2025
RUTLAND REGIONAL	Sarah Pelkey	2025
PLANNING COMMISSIONER	Paul Donaldson, Alternate	2025
RUTLAND REGION	Sarah Pelkey	2025
TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL	Paul Donaldson, Alternate	2025
TAX COLLECTOR	Town Manager	2025
TOWN ENERGY COORDINATOR	Town Manager	2025
TOWN SERVICES OFFICER	Town Manager	2025
TREE WARDEN	Stephens Handfield	2025
TOWN HEALTH OFFICER	Paul Donaldson	06/2027
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Town Manager	2025
OTTER CREEK COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT	Mark Teetor	2025
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Aaron Kerber, Coordinator	2025
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Paul Donaldson, Director	2025

**Town of Poultney  
Employee Wage Report  
Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Wage</b>	<b>Insurance Premium</b>	<b>Position</b>
Austin, Andrew	\$ 49,551.98	\$ 15,243.84	Highway Crew
Bates, Adam	\$ 28,927.50		Highway Crew
Bunce, Carol	\$ 36,182.90	\$ 6,488.94	Assistant Town Clerk/Elections
Cook, Rebecca	\$ 49,610.08	\$ 21,417.60	Librarian/Clerk
Crawford, Neisja	\$ 43,610.94	\$ 21,417.60	Bookkeeper/Secretary/Library
Donaldson, Paul A.	\$ 68,078.92	\$ 10,708.80	Town Manager
Doran, Michael P., Jr	\$ 190.00		Part-Time Transfer Station
Ferguson, Kevin	\$ 55,072.28	\$ 15,243.84	Highway Crew
Ferguson, Richard	\$ 67,151.00	\$ 15,243.84	Highway Crew
Frappier, Erin	\$ 10,335.66		Library Assistant
Kasuba, Susan	\$ 1,548.00		Office Assistance
Kerber, Dale	\$ 35,515.00		Constable/Public Safety Grants
Letendrea, Denise	\$ 17,732.88		Library Assistant
McLaughlin, Ronald	\$ 20,166.33	\$ 6,059.28	Part-Time Transfer Station
McLaughlin, Thomas	\$ 7,701.10		Part-Time Transfer Station
Muratori, Ryan J	\$ 240.00		Part-Time Transfer Station
Paquette, Racheal	\$ 33,761.86		Library Assistant
Pelkey, Sarah	\$ 58,240.00	\$ 21,417.60	Community Development Director
Porrier, Sheryl	\$ 3,024.00		Recreation Commission
Robert, Joel	\$ 72,318.75	\$ 21,417.60	Road Foreman
Teetor, Mary Jo	\$ 13,572.00		Lister
Thirkield, Kimberly	\$ 913.75		Office Assistance
Wescott, Betsy	\$ 46,898.02	\$ 15,243.84	Town Clerk/Treasurer
Williams, Thomas D.	\$ 27,056.00		Part-Time Transfer Station
Health Reimbursement Agreement (HRA) costs:		\$ 83,854.48	

**The following Auditor statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2024 financial audit conducted by Batchelder Associates, PC, a complete copy of which is available for inspection at the Town of Poultney's website, at [www.poultneyvt.gov](http://www.poultneyvt.gov).**



Batchelder Associates, PC

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees  
Town of Poultney  
Poultney, Vermont

### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Poultney, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Poultney, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Poultney, Vermont, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

### Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Poultney, Vermont, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Poultney, Vermont's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve (12) months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on test basis evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financials.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Poultney's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Poultney's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3-9 and 37-39, respectively, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability on Schedule 1 and the Schedule of Contributions on Schedule 2 and Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual on Schedule 3 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Poultney's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). In our opinion, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### **Other Information**

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

*Batchelder Associates, PC*

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License #945  
Barre, Vermont  
January 17, 2025

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Total
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,480,165	\$ 2,480,165
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts)		
Taxes receivable	494,816	494,816
Village receivable	13,179	13,179
Prepaid expenses	4,678	4,678
Due to/from other funds	12,900	12,900
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)		
Land	15,000	15,000
Building and building improvements	1,302,069	1,302,069
Vehicles and equipment	1,621,891	1,621,891
Infrastructure	1,092,617	1,092,617
Total Assets	<u>7,037,315</u>	<u>7,037,315</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS	<u>123,950</u>	<u>123,950</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>123,950</u>	<u>123,950</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	105,241	105,241
Accrued expenses	52,598	52,598
Deferred grant advances	151,437	151,437
Due within one (1) year	27,675	27,675
Non-current obligations		
Pension liability	375,906	375,906
Due in more than one (1) year	259,625	259,625
Total Liabilities	<u>972,483</u>	<u>972,483</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS	<u>5,146</u>	<u>5,146</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>5,146</u>	<u>5,146</u>
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	3,744,277	3,744,277
Nonspendable	4,678	4,678
Restricted	440,688	440,688
Committed	1,101,782	1,101,782
Assigned	164,796	164,796
Unrestricted	727,415	727,415
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 6,183,636</u>	<u>\$ 6,183,636</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2024

	General Funds	Highway Fund	Safety Vehicle Fund	Library Renovation Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and equivalents	\$ 1,996,438	\$ -	\$ 264,723	\$ -	\$ 219,005	\$ 2,480,166
Receivables (net of allowance)						
Property taxes, interest and penalty receivable	494,816	-	-	-	-	494,816
Village receivables	13,179	-	-	-	-	13,179
Prepaid Expenses	4,678	-	-	-	-	4,678
Due from other funds	3,572	560,715	-	304,368	550,819	1,419,473
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,512,682</b>	<b>\$ 560,715</b>	<b>\$ 264,723</b>	<b>\$ 304,368</b>	<b>\$ 769,825</b>	<b>\$ 4,412,312</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable	\$ 105,241	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,241
Accrued expenses	39,003	8,673	-	-	-	47,675
Other current liabilities	-	-	-	3,351	131,437	134,788
Deferred grant revenue	-	-	-	16,000	4,000	20,000
Due to other funds	1,377,672	-	-	-	28,902	1,406,574
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,521,917</b>	<b>8,673</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,351</b>	<b>164,339</b>	<b>1,714,280</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Unavailable property taxes	432,819	-	-	-	-	432,819
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>432,819</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>432,819</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>						
Restricted	-	-	-	-	440,688	440,688
Nonspendable	4,678	-	-	-	-	4,678
Committed	-	552,042	264,723	285,017	-	1,101,782
Assigned	-	-	-	-	164,796	164,796
Unassigned	553,268	-	-	-	-	553,268
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>557,946</b>	<b>552,042</b>	<b>264,723</b>	<b>285,017</b>	<b>605,485</b>	<b>2,265,212</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 2,512,682</b>	<b>\$ 560,715</b>	<b>\$ 264,723</b>	<b>\$ 304,368</b>	<b>\$ 769,825</b>	

Amounts reported for Government Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	4,031,577
Other assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures, and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	432,819
Long-term and accrued liabilities, including notes payable, net pension liability and accrued vacation are not due or payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(664,774)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to the Town's participation in VMERS are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	118,802
<b>Net position of Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 6,183,636</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2024

	General Funds	Highway Fund	Safety Vehicle Fund	Library Renovation Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Taxes	\$ 1,493,113	\$ 1,016,937	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 169,200	\$ 2,679,250
Tax penalties and interest	65,782	-	-	-	-	65,782
Fees, licenses and permits	4,729	185	-	-	-	4,914
Grant revenue	-	-	-	-	112,636	112,636
Intergovernmental revenues	103,371	130,829	-	636	229,546	464,382
Charges for current services	132,386	-	-	4,002	8,280	144,669
Donations	-	-	-	-	2,820	2,820
Interest	190	-	57	-	45	292
Other revenues	3,921	16,187	4,400	-	22,335	46,843
Total Revenues	<u>1,803,493</u>	<u>1,164,138</u>	<u>4,457</u>	<u>4,639</u>	<u>544,862</u>	<u>3,521,589</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
General government	697,293	30,487	2,033	-	306,286	1,036,100
Public safety	225,280	-	14,173	-	-	239,453
Public works	279,383	1,151,790	-	-	(127,194)	1,303,979
Cemetery	11,365	-	-	-	-	11,365
Conservation and development	65,109	-	-	197,324	3,403	265,836
Cultural & recreation	45,000	-	-	300	37,457	82,757
Debt service expenditures						
Principal and lease payments	27,675	-	-	-	-	27,675
Interest	10,553	-	-	-	-	10,553
Capital expenditures						
Public works	-	-	-	-	292,650	292,650
Public safety	-	-	371,419	-	-	371,419
Total Expenditures	<u>1,361,658</u>	<u>1,182,277</u>	<u>387,625</u>	<u>197,624</u>	<u>512,602</u>	<u>3,641,786</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>441,835</u>	<u>(18,139)</u>	<u>(383,168)</u>	<u>(192,985)</u>	<u>32,260</u>	<u>(120,196)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>						
Transfers in	120,800	-	103,500	187,664	-	411,964
Transfers out	(411,964)	-	-	-	-	(411,964)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(291,164)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,500</u>	<u>187,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>150,671</u>	<u>(18,139)</u>	<u>(279,668)</u>	<u>(5,321)</u>	<u>32,260</u>	<u>(120,196)</u>
Fund balances, June 30, 2023	<u>407,275</u>	<u>570,181</u>	<u>544,391</u>	<u>290,337</u>	<u>573,224</u>	<u>2,385,409</u>
Fund balances, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 557,946</u>	<u>\$ 552,042</u>	<u>\$ 264,723</u>	<u>\$ 285,017</u>	<u>\$ 605,485</u>	<u>\$ 2,265,212</u>

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TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
JUNE 30, 2024

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are  
different because:

Net change in fund balance - total government funds.	<u>\$ (120,196)</u>
Government funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	373,306
Accrued compensation and expenses is not reflected in the government funds.	(1,570)
Government funds report note proceeds and repayment as revenue and expenditures, respectively. The statement of activities does not reflect these as current inflows and outflows, but shows on the statement of net position.	27,673
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	14,965
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in government funds.	<u>(34,330)</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities.	<u><u>\$ 259,848</u></u>

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TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
JUNE 30, 2024

SCHEDULE 3

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 1,705,503	\$ 1,493,113	\$ (212,390)	1,677,347
Taxes penalties and interest	34,508	65,782	31,274	
Fees and licenses	15,250	4,729	(10,521)	
Intergovernmental revenues	25,000	103,371	78,371	
Charges for current services	24,000	132,386	108,386	
Interest	1,000	190	(810)	
Other revenues	4,500	3,921	(579)	
Total Revenues	<u>1,809,761</u>	<u>1,803,493</u>	<u>(6,268)</u>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
General government	672,081	697,293	(25,212)	
Public safety	334,890	225,280	109,610	
Public works	461,219	279,383	181,836	
Cemetery	8,800	11,365	(2,565)	
Conservation and development	1,350	65,109	(63,759)	
Cultural and recreation	42,500	45,000	(2,500)	
Debt service expenditures:				
Principal and lease payments	-	27,675	(27,675)	
Interest	-	10,553	(10,553)	
Total Expenditures	<u>1,520,840</u>	<u>1,361,658</u>	<u>159,182</u>	
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>288,921</u>	<u>441,835</u>	<u>152,914</u>	
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	-	120,800	120,800	
Transfer out	-	(411,964)	(411,964)	
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>(291,164)</u>	<u>(291,164)</u>	
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ 288,921</u>	<u>\$ 150,671</u>	<u>\$ (138,250)</u>	

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TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - HIGHWAY FUND  
JUNE 30, 2024

SCHEDULE 4

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 1,016,937	\$ 1,016,937	\$ -
Intergovernmental revenues	-	130,829	130,829
Other revenues	-	16,372	16,372
Total Revenues	1,016,937	1,164,138	147,200
EXPENDITURES			
Public works			
Roads	369,500	1,151,790	(782,290)
Equipment	147,500	-	147,500
Garage and other	39,250	-	39,250
Road crew	460,687	30,487	430,200
Total Expenditures	1,016,937	1,182,277	(165,340)
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(18,139)	(18,139)
Net change in fund balances	\$ -	\$ (18,139)	\$ (18,139)

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Tax Rate**  
**Fiscal Year 2023-2024**  
**(July 01, 2023 - June 30, 2024)**

	<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Non-Homestead</u>
General Fund	0.4614	0.4614
Local Agreement	0.0031	0.0031
Highway Fund	0.3648	0.3648
School District (total)	1.2704	1.5340
Town Tax Rate	2.0997	2.3633
Village Tax Rate	1.7349	1.9985

**Taxes to be Raised**

General Fund	\$ 1,435,253
Highway Fund	\$,1016,937
School District	\$4,980,524

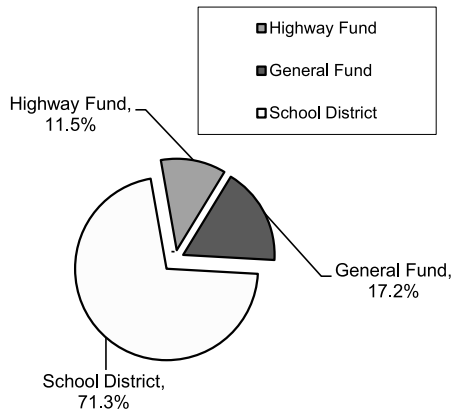
**Total Taxes to be Raised                      \$ 7,432,714**

**Grand List**

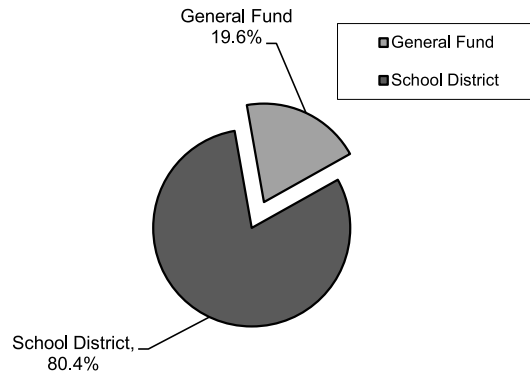
Village	\$ 67,272,635
Town Highway	\$ 280,658,100
Total Municipal Grand List	\$347,930,735
Homestead Education Grand List	\$ 133,159,100
Non-Residential Education Grand List	\$ 214,771,635

***Property Taxes***  
***Where it Goes...***

Town Properties



Village Properties



General Government Proposed Budget  
01-21-2025

ACCOUNT	2023-24 Budget	2022-23 Expended	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	% Change 24-25/25-26
<b>SELECTMEN</b>					
Salaries	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%
Mtngs, Travel & Training	500	0	500	500	0.00%
Supplies		0			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>TOWN MANAGER</b>					
Salary (70%)	47,655	47,655	47,655	54,950	15.31%
Communications (70%)	840	841	840	983	17.02%
Auto Allowance (70%)	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,473	16.90%
Dues, Subs & Mtngs.	455	785	455	533	17.14%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>50,210</b>	<b>50,541</b>	<b>50,210</b>	<b>57,939</b>	<b>15.39%</b>
<b>ELECTIONS</b>					
Salaries	2,300	912	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Supplies/Ballots	1,400	804	1,400	1,400	0.00%
Ballot Machine	2,500	561	2,500	2,500	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>2,277</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>BOOKKEEPING</b>					
Salary (70%)	29,688	29,688	30,579	32,261	5.50%
Part-Time (70%)	5,778	2,462	6,125	6,440	5.14%
Supplies	1,000	809	1,250	1,250	0.00%
IT	1,300	300	1,400	8,400	500.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37,766</b>	<b>33,259</b>	<b>39,354</b>	<b>48,351</b>	<b>22.86%</b>
<b>LEGAL SERVICES</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>11,610</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Economic/Community Development Communications</b>	<b>58,240</b>	<b>58,240</b>	<b>60,320</b> <b>0</b>	<b>66,560</b> <b>900</b>	<b>10.34%</b>
<b>TAX LISTING</b>					
Salaries	25,600	13,572	25,600	25,600	0.00%
Training	0	50	300	300	0.00%
Contract Services	2,600	1,957	2,600	2,600	0.00%
Reappraisal / BCA Services	600	290	600	600	0
Equipment	500	60	500	500	0
Supplies	500	535	500	500	0.00%
Mtngs. & Travel	500	75	500	500	0.00%
Communications	600	966	600	600	0.00%
Advertising	0	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30,900</b>	<b>17,505</b>	<b>31,200</b>	<b>31,200</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>TAX COLLECTING</b>					
Tax Billing/Advertising	600	2,094	600	2,000	233.33%
Printing	800	0	800	800	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>AUDITING</b>					
Salaries	9,500	11,000	11,500	20,000	73.91%
Town Report	2,600	2,789	2,790	2,600	-6.81%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,100</b>	<b>13,789</b>	<b>14,290</b>	<b>22,600</b>	<b>58.15%</b>
<b>CLERK/TREASURER</b>					

General Government Proposed Budget  
01-21-2025

ACCOUNT	2023-24 Budget	2022-23 Expended	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	% Change 24-25/25-26
Salary	46,898	43,950	46,898	50,000	6.62%
Assistant	36,183	36,183	36,910	37,680	2.09%
Supplies	2,500	2,542	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Telephone	1,600	1,143	1,600	1,600	0.00%
Advertising	400	375	400	400	0.00%
Records Preservation/Disposal	2,800	1,441	2,800	2,800	0.00%
Mtngs., Travel, Training	2,000	1,668	2,000	2,000	0.00%
Records Computerization	4,260	4,260	4,800	4,800	0.00%
Subscriptions & Dues	150	161	150	150	0.00%
Town Clerk Bank Fees	150	0	150	150	0.00%
Computer Equipment	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>97,940</b>	<b>91,722</b>	<b>99,208</b>	<b>103,080</b>	<b>3.90%</b>
<b>PLANNING &amp; ZONING</b>					
Zoning Admin.	0	0	16,000	16,000	0.00%
Office Supplies	200	180	200	200	0.00%
Advertising	650	127	650	650	0.00%
Printing	400	0	400	400	0.00%
Mapping	5,475	7,750	5,775	7,700	33.33%
CEDR	500	500	500	500	0.00%
Rut. Reg. Com/Dues	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,100	210.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8,225</b>	<b>9,558</b>	<b>24,525</b>	<b>28,550</b>	<b>16.41%</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>					
Supplies	3,500	2,744	3,500	3,500	0.00%
Photocopy Supplies	500	155	500	500	0.00%
Copier Service	2,500	2,004	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Computer Supplies	875	110	875	875	0.00%
Telephone	1,775	1,686	1,775	1,775	0.00%
Advertising	1,600	939	1,600	1,600	0.00%
Postage	6,100	5,689	6,100	6,100	0.00%
Subs & Meetings	450	1,903	450	450	0.00%
VLCT/Dues	5,350	5,081	5,800	5,800	0.00%
NEMRC / Services	800	233	800	800	0.00%
NEMRC / Contract	5,000	10,334	5,000	5,000	0.00%
Equip. Maintenance	500	0	500	500	0.00%
Equip. Purchases	700	0	700	700	0.00%
Town Website and software	4,900	5,691	5,500	6,500	12.24%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34,550</b>	<b>36,568</b>	<b>35,600</b>	<b>36,600</b>	<b>2.81%</b>
<b>TOWN HALL</b>					
Custodial Service	1,600	1,521	1,600	1,600	0.00%
Cleaning Supplies	0	12	0	0	0.00%
Cleaning Equipment	0	30	0	0	0.00%
Repairs & Maint.	4,000	5,987	4,000	4,000	0.00%
Util/Electricity	3,500	4,140	3,800	4,200	10.53%
Water & Sewer	520	483	520	520	0.00%
Utility/Fuel	2,500	2,805	3,300	3,300	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,120</b>	<b>14,978</b>	<b>13,220</b>	<b>13,620</b>	<b>3.03%</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Contract Services / Police	80,340	73,128	89,200	97,427	9.22%
Highway Safety Grant	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Public Safety Grant	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Constable Salary	7,000	2,120	7,000	7,000	0.00%

General Government Proposed Budget  
01-21-2025

ACCOUNT	2023-24 Budget	2022-23 Expended	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	% Change 24-25/25-26
Constable Travel	500	1,300	500	500	0.00%
Constable Supplies	500	630	500	500	0.00%
Constable Communications	1,500	802	1,500	1,500	0.00%
Cruiser Sinking Fund	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.00%
Cruiser Maintenance	2,250	449	2,250	2,250	0.00%
Constable Training	500	200	500	500	0.00%
Fire Department	120,800	120,800	128,050	166,350	29.91%
Fire Truck Payment	18,000	17,225	18,000	17,250	-4.17%
Fire Equip Fund	100,000	100,000	115,000	130,000	13.04%
Firehouse Capital Repair	0		20,483	20,483	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>334,890</b>	<b>320,154</b>	<b>386,483</b>	<b>447,260</b>	<b>15.73%</b>

**HEALTH & WELFARE**

Visiting Nurse	6,728	6,728	6,728	6,728	0.00%
Mental Health	3,654	3,654	3,654	3,654	0.00%
Nutrition	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.00%
ARC - Rutland Area	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.00%
Young At Heart	26,500	26,500	26,500	26,500	0.00%
RSVP	405	405	405	405	0.00%
New Story fka Battered Womer	500	500	500	500	0.00%
Center Indep. Living	420	420	420	420	0.00%
Vt Assc Blind & Vis	525	525	525	525	0.00%
Public Health	300	0	300	300	0.00%
Dog Warden Salary	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Dog Warden Supplies	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Dog Warden Storage	100	0	100	100	0.00%
Dog Warden Travel	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Humane Society	625	625	625	625	0.00%
Rut Co Parent/Child	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.00%
Ben Rut Op Co (BROC)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
Neighbor Works	500	500	500	500	0.00%
Rut Area Hospice	0	300	0	0	0.00%
Rut Adult Basic Ed	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.00%
Red Cross	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
Green Up Vermont	1,600	250	1,600	1,600	0.00%
Regional Ambulance	1,716	1,716	1,716	1,716	0.00%
Chamber and Economic Develp	3,020	500	3,020	3,020	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>54,193</b>	<b>50,223</b>	<b>54,193</b>	<b>54,193</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

**SOLID WASTE**

Refuse/Non-Recycle	100,000	116,482	100,000	110,000	10.00%
Recyclables	28,500	43,150	28,500	32,000	12.28%
Util/Electricity	1,725	1,851	1,725	1,725	0.00%
Station Operator	20,500	20,166	37,340	38,460	3.00%
Assistant Operator	18,237	17,974	18,785	19,439	3.48%
Temp Assistant Operator	6,800	9,571	7,200	7,416	3.00%
Equipment Rental	3,900	4,295	3,900	3,900	0.00%
Telephone	400	791	400	800	100.00%
Compost	5,600	6,928	7,750	7,750	0.00%
Construction Demolition / Freor	2,500	27,610	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Repairs & Maint.	3,500	2,189	3,500	3,500	0.00%
Portable Toilet	1,600	1,695	1,800	1,800	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>193,262</b>	<b>252,701</b>	<b>213,400</b>	<b>229,290</b>	<b>7.45%</b>

<b>SOLID WASTE DISTRICT</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
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General Government Proposed Budget  
01-21-2025

ACCOUNT	2023-24 Budget	2022-23 Expended	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	% Change 24-25/25-26
<b>CEMETERY MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>11,365</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>34.09%</b>
<b>CULTURE &amp; REC</b>					
Little League	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Poultney Band	2,500	5,000	2,500	2,500	0.00%
July 4th Activities	6,500	6,500	11,000	11,000	0.00%
Recreation	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.00%
Memorial Day	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
Lake St. Catherine	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>42,500</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>47,000</b>	<b>47,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>					
Subsidy	187,664	187,664	201,374	215,883	7.21%
Library Loan Payment	20,000	18,259	19,000	19,000	0.00%
Maintenance & Repairs	1,500	32	1,500	1,500	0.00%
Utility/Fuel Oil	4,000	3,953	4,600	4,600	0.00%
Water & Sewer	600	500	600	600	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>213,764</b>	<b>210,409</b>	<b>227,074</b>	<b>241,583</b>	<b>6.39%</b>
<b>CONSERV. &amp; DEVELOP</b>					
Forest Fires	400	0	400	400	0.00%
Poul - Mettowee Con Dst	750	750	750	750	
Tree Warden	200	200	200	200	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>EMPLOYEES BENEFITS</b>					
Retirement	25,000	18,439	23,500	23,500	0.00%
Workmen's Comp.	10,100	9,193	10,800	10,800	0.00%
Unemploy Insurance	500	612	735	735	0.00%
Social Security	25,000	30,807	26,000	30,000	15.38%
Health & Life Ins.	79,050	82,860	106,000	112,000	5.66%
Health Reimbursement Accoun	24,500		32,930	32,930	0.00%
Uniforms	1,300	3,170	2,875	3,400	18.26%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>165,450</b>	<b>145,082</b>	<b>202,840</b>	<b>213,365</b>	<b>5.19%</b>
<b>OTHERS</b>					
Prop-Liab Insurance	18,500	14,691	19,000	19,000	0.00%
Pol Insurance Bond	7,400	10,474	7,600	10,000	31.58%
Grant Match	6,000	0	6,000	6,000	0.00%
County Tax	29,500	25,941	30,500	30,500	0.00%
Sr Citizen Bldg Loan	3,100	2,744	3,100	2,800	-9.68%
Public Transportation	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.00%
Bldg.-Equip. Fund	4,200	4,200	5,000	5,000	0.00%
Rescue Squad	42,280	42,280	126,840	130,000	2.49%
Poultney Historical Society	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	0.00%
Downtown Revitalization	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
Stonebridge Inn	5,000		6,000	6,000	0.00%
Miscellaneous	4,000	2,887	4,000	4,000	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>136,480</b>	<b>119,717</b>	<b>224,540</b>	<b>229,800</b>	<b>2.34%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,520,840</b>	<b>\$ 1,442,502</b>	<b>\$ 1,761,907</b>	<b>\$ 1,913,840</b>	<b>8.62%</b>

**Highway Department Proposed Budget**

**01-21-2025**

	<b>FY 23-24 Budget</b>	<b>FY 22-24 Expended</b>	<b>FY 24-25 Budget</b>	<b>FY 25-26 Budget</b>	<b>% Change 24-25/25-26</b>
<b>HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Foreman	58,240	61,480	62,400	65,832	5.50%
Laborer	56,160	62,441	60,320	63,638	5.50%
Laborer	45,760	48,715	50,960	53,763	5.50%
Laborer	45,760	45,240	47,320	47,728	0.86%
Overtime	30,000	33,017	30,000	37,000	23.33%
Laborer	20,800	24,890	41,600	43,888	5.50%
Town Manager (30%)	20,424	20,424	20,424	23,550	15.31%
Communications (30%)	360	360	360	421	16.94%
Auto Allowance (30%)	540	540	540	632	17.04%
Dues,. Subs & Mtngs. (30%)	195	195	195	228	16.92%
Bookkeeper (30%)	12,723	12,723	13,105	13,826	5.50%
Asst. Bookkeeper (30%)	0	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>290,962</b>	<b>310,025</b>	<b>327,224</b>	<b>350,505</b>	<b>7.11%</b>
<b>SUMMER CONSTRUCTION</b>					
Operating Supp/Chloride	16,000	21,753	16,000	20,000	25.00%
Patching	1,500	412	2,000	2,000	0.00%
Culverts	6,500	31,025	6,500	10,000	53.85%
Resurface/Gravel	38,000	12,004	38,000	38,000	0.00%
Repaving	112,000	127,245	115,000	125,000	8.70%
Guardrails	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	0.00%
Reconstruction	24,000	101,024	27,000	27,000	0.00%
Roadside Mowing	5,000	22,800	10,000	10,000	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>204,500</b>	<b>316,263</b>	<b>216,000</b>	<b>233,500</b>	<b>8.10%</b>
<b>TRAFFIC CONTROL/SIGNS</b>	1,000	3,160	1,000	1,500	50.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>2,347</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>50.00%</b>
<b>WINTER MINTENANCE</b>					
Winter Sand	40,000	37,612	42,500	42,500	0.00%
Salt	46,000	30,260	46,000	46,000	0.00%
Snow Removal Equipment	4,000	11,003	4,000	4,000	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>78,874</b>	<b>92,500</b>	<b>92,500</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>CONS &amp; BRIDGE REPAIR</b>	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>	14,000	15,416	14,000	15,000	7.14%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>15,416</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>7.14%</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>					
Retirement	15,225	17,108	16,500	20,000	21.21%
Workers Compensation	18,250	19,904	22,000	22,000	0.00%
Unemployment Ins	750	612	900	900	0.00%
Social Security	22,200	17,968	24,200	24,200	0.00%
Health & Life Ins	82,000	69,409	110,000	110,000	0.00%

**Highway Department Proposed Budget**

**01-21-2025**

	<b>FY 23-24 Budget</b>	<b>FY 22-24 Expended</b>	<b>FY 24-25 Budget</b>	<b>FY 25-26 Budget</b>	<b>% Change 24-25/25-26</b>
Health Reimbursement	25,500	0	30,500	30,500	0.00%
Uniform Services	5,800	8,433	6,200	8,500	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>169,725</b>	<b>133,434</b>	<b>210,300</b>	<b>216,100</b>	<b>2.76%</b>

**PLANT OPERATIONS**

Fuel Oil	0	1,800	0	1,900	
Supplies / Equipment	1,500	4,597	1,500	3,500	
Operating Supplies	0	797	0	0	
Repair & Maint Supplies	3,250	1,009	3,250	3,250	0.00%
Building Improvements	1,000	1,870	1,000	1,000	
Maintenance and Repair	0	1,920	0	0	
Environmental Compliance	0	100	0	0	
Small Tools & Equip	1,000	1,245	1,000	1,100	
Advertising	400	0	400	400	0.00%
Communications	2,500	2,793	2,500	2,900	16.00%
Electricity	2,800	4,566	2,800	4,400	57.14%
Water & Sewer	750	838	750	750	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13,200</b>	<b>21,536</b>	<b>13,200</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>45.45%</b>

**VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT**

Operating Supplies	500	670	500	500	0.00%
Gas & Oil	30,000	41,576	34,000	40,000	17.65%
Repair & Maint Supplies	15,000	17,787	17,500	20,000	14.29%
Equip Replace Fund	90,000	90,000	105,000	135,000	28.57%
Repair & Maintenance	7,500	52,959	7,500	9,000	20.00%
Equipment Purchase	500	5,267	500	1,500	200.00%
Tires	4,000	19,261	8,000	12,000	50.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>147,500</b>	<b>227,521</b>	<b>173,000</b>	<b>218,000</b>	<b>26.01%</b>

**OTHER**

Insurance Prop & Casualty	13,750	12,404	14,500	14,500	0.00%
Sidewalks	0	0	0	0	
Trees	2,500	0	2,500	2,500	
MRGP Permit	3,100	1,350	3,100	3,100	
Miscellaneous	3,100	1,648	3,100	3,100	0.00%
Communications	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26,050</b>	<b>19,003</b>	<b>26,800</b>	<b>26,800</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,016,937</b>	<b>1,184,420</b>	<b>1,134,024</b>	<b>1,233,105</b>	<b>8.74%</b>
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**Tax Rate**  
**Fiscal Year 2024- 2025**  
**(July 01, 2024 - June 30, 2025)**

	<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Non-Homestead</u>
General Fund	0.4688	0.4688
Local Agreement	0.0037	0.0037
Highway Fund	0.3837	0.3837
School District (total)	1.3009	1.7230
Town Tax Rate	2.1571	2.5792
Village Tax Rate	1.7734	2.1955

**Taxes to be Raised**

General Fund	\$ 1,657,657
Highway Fund	\$ 1,134,024
School District	\$ 5,458,129

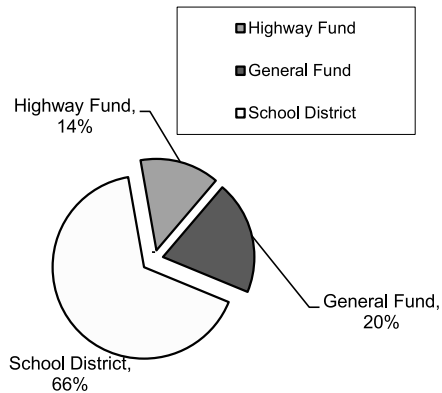
**Total Taxes to be Raised                      \$ 8,249,810**

**Grand List**

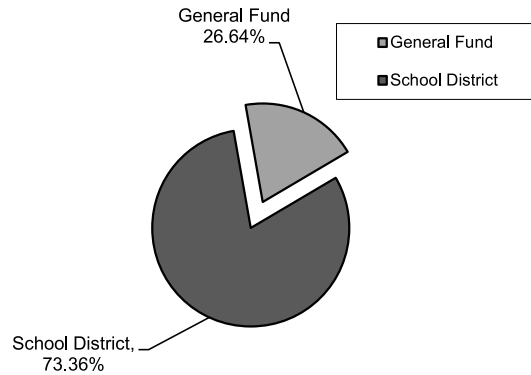
Village	\$ 69,045,800
Town Highway	\$ 282,548,200
Total Municipal Grand List	\$351,594,000
Homestead Education Grand List	\$ 135,391,200
Non-Residential Education Grand List	\$ 214,557,421

***Property Taxes***  
***Where it Goes...***

Town Properties



Village Properties



**Estimated  
Amount to be raised by Taxes  
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026**

General Government	\$ 1,933,840
Highway Fund	\$ 1,228,105
School District –	
Local	Available June 30
Est. State Education Taxes	Available June 30
Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$ 2,556,440</u>

**Projected General Fund Receipts  
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026**

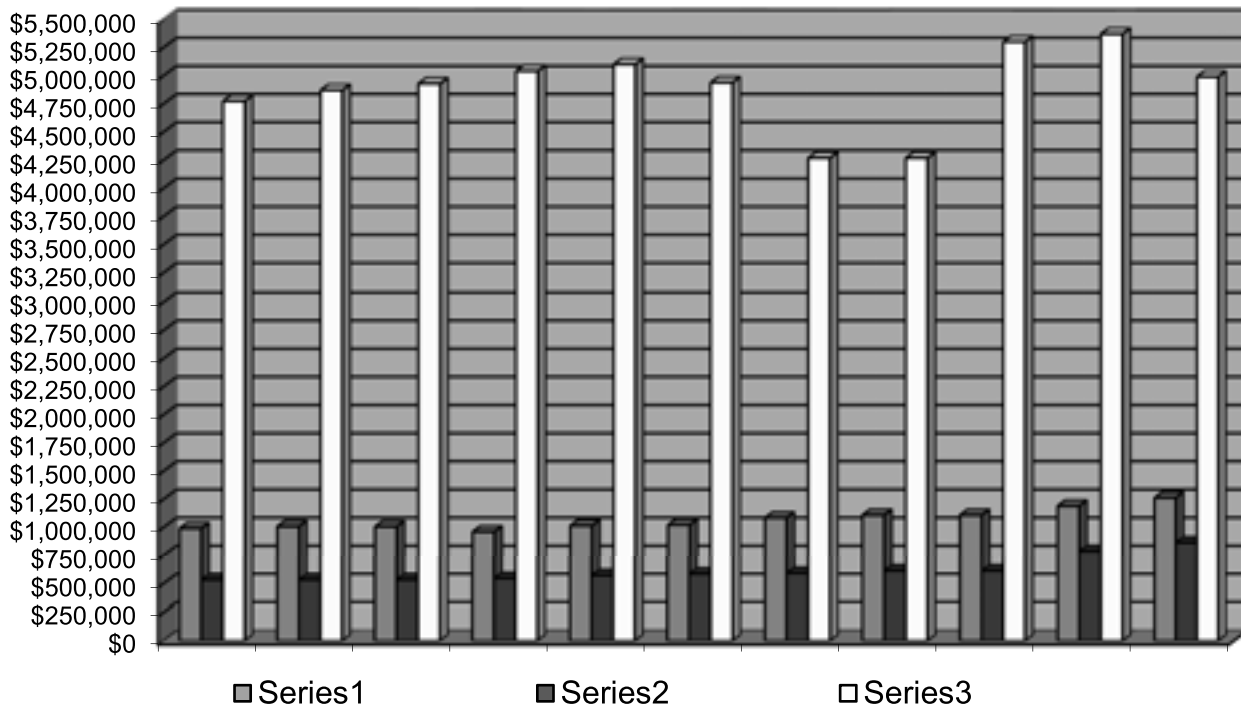
	Taxes	\$1,829,590
	Town Clerk Fees	24,000
	Penalties	15,000
	Delinquent Interest	19,500
	Permits	6,500
	Liquor Licenses	1,000
	Dog Licenses	1,000
	Miscellaneous	750
	State Lands	17,000
	Current Use	8,000
	Fines	4,500
	Interest	1,000
	Recyclables	1,000
	Trash Bags	5,000
Projected Total		<u>\$1,933,840</u>

**Projected Highway Receipts  
July 01, 2025 - June 30, 2026**

	Taxes	\$ 1,228,105
Projected Total	\$ 1,228,105	<u>                    </u>

# Property Tax Trends for FY 2013 - 2024

Amounts Raised By Taxes

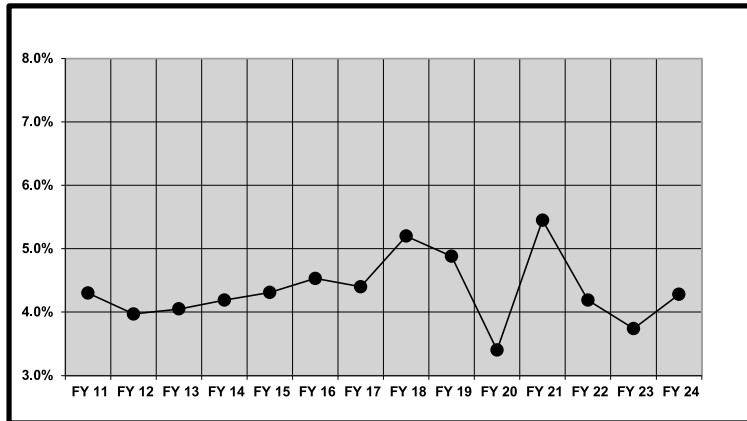


## Dollar Amounts Raised by Taxes

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Highway Fund</u>	<u>School District</u>
FY 12	\$990,833	\$534,352	\$4,899,014
FY 13	\$1,008,444	\$534,324	\$4,773,881
FY 14	\$1,006,355	\$543,216	\$4,870,492
FY 15	\$961,290	\$546,742	\$4,928,779
FY 16	\$1,015,591	\$573,248	\$5,040,278
FY 17	\$1,022,039	\$585,760	\$5,100,452
FY 18	\$1,084,471	\$593,266	\$4,938,297
FY 19	\$1,109,455	\$614,752	\$4,938,297
FY 20	\$1,133,408	\$634,183	\$4,268,068
FY 21	\$1,190,029	\$786,954	\$5,299,663

**Percentage of Taxes Going Delinquent**  
**Ending May 31, 2024**

9.0%



**Table of Taxes Going Delinquent**  
**Ending May 31st of the stated FY**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquents</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
FY 03	\$ 222,137.54	4.86%
FY 04	\$ 258,412.85	5.65%
FY 05	\$ 272,469.40	5.55%
FY 06	\$ 248,797.95	5.06%
FY 07	\$ 263,185.20	4.90%
FY 08	\$ 219,133.80	3.83%
FY 09	\$ 263,545.59	4.09%
FY 10	\$ 276,542.12	4.31%
FY 11	\$ 275,539.64	4.30%
FY 12	\$ 255,294.52	3.97%
FY 13	\$ 256,018.75	4.05%
FY 14	\$ 268,640.87	4.19%
FY 15	\$ 277,516.71	4.31%
FY 16	\$ 300,289.23	4.53%
FY 17	\$ 295,364.75	4.40%
FY 18	\$ 344,587.30	5.20%
FY 19	\$ 322,593.83	4.88%
FY 20	\$ 248,749.31	3.40%
FY 21	\$ 398,678.56	5.45%
FY 22	\$ 315,203.96	4.19%
FY 23	\$ 284,869.56	3.74%
FY 24	\$ 325,718.12	4.28%

Delinquent Property Taxes  
Ending May 31, 2024  
Fiscal Year 2024

1999-2012	17,370.45
2012-2013	2,037.80
2013-2014	1,936.24
2014-2015	2,556.56
2015-2016	2,530.52
2016-2017	2,374.28
2017-2018	3,655.09
2018-2019	11,947.06
2019-2020	16,998.08
2020-2021	38,499.71
2021-2022	54,104.77
2022-2023	123,491.49

Taxes were due on May 31, 2024. Taxes became delinquent if not paid in full by that date.

On June 1, 2024 the following amounts were delinquent.

2023-2024	<u>325,718.12</u>
Grand Total	603,220.17

Our 2023/2024 fiscal year ended on 06/30/2024. Total delinquent taxes on 07/01/24 were \$487,499.26.

Delinquent property taxes as of January 1, 2025 are listed below (not including tax under \$100.00).

It is important to note that some properties have sold and ownership has transferred. These were the property owners of record when our Grand List was filed as required on 04/01/2024.

<u>Listed Owner</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
Ainsworth-Hurley Linda	5,064.80	3,684.33	3,338.52		3,056.12
Babcock, Amos E					887.13
Barber Katheryn		1,586.16	2,873.16	2,507.92	2,220.32
Bushy, Paul				1,143.81	3,324.96
C/O Dooner, Richard					1,094.43
C/O Fontaine Alexa					1,273.29
C/O Harper John P					1,822.59
C/O Kerber, William					2,643.52
C/O Panoushek, Brian					2,024.04
C/O Tracey, Lindsey					849.09
Cannata Deborah Ann Trustee		4,136.64	4,293.56	3,747.56	3,318.00
Cannata Trust				481.16	425.72
Casey, William					517.24
Clement, Andrew				1,764.60	1,783.52
Condrell, Jay & Tiffany					9,464.80
Cooper, Donald E				833.48	2,071.12
CR Beach					1,064.47
Cram, Linda				1,258.36	964.20
Daniels, Frederick					2,692.40
Delaney, Janet					203.99
Diminico, James and Morgan		1,661.65	1,851.98	3,140.44	2,756.84
Dunster, Nelson					633.16
Fontaine Alexander					1,817.44
Giard, Joshua M & B					2,787.04
Godzik Thomas Jr					2,106.30
Greene Anthony	3,180.88	2,977.96	2,675.12	2,296.28	1,982.48
Greene Marguerite	3,845.40	3,653.08	3,309.68	2,888.48	1,174.56
Hayes Francis		601.50	726.40	633.84	561.28
Hayes Francis R & Janet M			2,098.18	1,105.56	1,246.16
Hayes Rayeann			2,546.88	2,189.44	1,922.08
Himes David & Gina			1,211.67	3,492.24	3,065.48
Howe Christopher				58.04	893.08
Howe Christopher			1,391.83	3,652.68	4,391.08
Humphrey, Louise E	1,221.16	1,161.76	1,052.20	918.08	813.04

<u>Listed Owner</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
Hunter, Pamela R					1,438.00
Hurley, Linda					801.41
Hyam Blum Trustee					2,258.08
Hyde, Michael L				1,353.97	3,699.72
Jurnak, Ronald T				4,941.00	
Kinney Sandra			2,246.40	2,405.24	2,160.16
Knipes Deryk & Emily					5,687.68
Locke, Samuel					4,713.44
Losso, Kevin Patrick Michael			2,111.28	7,370.00	6,525.56
Mead, Jr Martin R				253.00	1,476.56
Millington, Lloyd				2,336.24	1,780.16
O'Connell, Judy	4,947.84	4,700.44	4,258.60	3,716.08	3,290.48
Pitts, Robert B & Carol A					2,162.80
Punderson, Frank			1,138.00	993.16	1,501.36
Roberts, Wray	382.72	363.84	329.56	287.40	254.40
Rudnicki, Francis				4,746.67	7,331.30
Saltis, David P					1,916.12
Skovira, John & Laura				2,120.33	2,163.56
Smith, Mary		8,709.04	9,339.36	8,150.72	7,216.76
Stacey, Jeremy				5,670.68	560.52
Stork, Kaylee M					1,364.37
Thomas, Lee J & Leigh E					2,021.54
Thorton Wayne Sr				684.96	1,655.84
Tourville, Gary F					1,725.40
Vermont Structural				6,508.32	5,762.36
Vermont Structural				1,130.44	1,001.00
Vermont Structural				13,219.40	11,704.44
Williams Julie Ann					2,053.72

**Total Delinquent taxes as of 01/01/2025      401,044.72**

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**Town of Poultney  
Important Tax Information**

1. **Billing of Taxes:** Taxes are levied on both real and personal property as it exists in the owner of record on the Grand List dated April 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the fiscal year start date. The tax rate is calculated in July based on the Budgets as approved by the voters in the previous March and the Grand List total value. By law the tax bills are mailed to the April 1<sup>st</sup> owner of record at the address on file with the Lister's Office. All tax bills are mailed on or about the first week of August. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of responsibility to pay the taxes when they become due nor does it exempt them from the loss of discount or the addition of penalties and interest as required by law. The Lister's Office and the Tax Office must be notified of any address change in writing. Mortgage companies must request each year, in writing, prior to the mailing of the tax bills, any tax bills that they may be escrowing funds on behalf of their mortgagees.
2. **Tax Due Date:** The Town of Poultney offers the option to pay real estate and personal property taxes in quarterly installments. Property owners choosing to take advantage of this option may take a 2% discount if paid prior to or on the quarterly due date. With the due dates being: September 15<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>. **The final due date to pay taxes is May 31<sup>st</sup>.** Taxes not paid by the final due date will be charged an 8% penalty, interest of 1% for the first 3 months and 1 ½% per month thereafter. If the discount date or final due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, taxes may be paid on the following normal business day. Taxes being mailed must be postmarked prior to the actual due date. Payments made by check must have a current date (no post dated checks will be accepted), made payable to the Town of Poultney and be for the exact payment amount. Any overpayment amounts will be applied to the next quarter or if overpayment occurs at the end of the fiscal year, a refund will be made via check. No Cash Back on Any Payments! Receipts will be mailed if stamp is supplied along with request.
3. **Transfer of Property:** If any and all of a taxed property is sold, it is the Seller's responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner, and it is the new owner's responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable.
4. **Questions:** Any questions regarding billed amounts, amounts due, payments made, policies regarding collection or due dates should be directed to the Town Manager's Office, 9 Main Street, Poultney, Vermont 05764. Or you may call 1-802-287-9751.

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## Selectboard and Town Manager's Report

### Budget

#### General Government:

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 01, 2025 - June 30, 2026) is \$1,913,840. This represents an increase in the amount of \$151,933 (up 8.62%) from the current Fiscal Year 2025 budget approved by voters in March 2024. Some of those items reflecting adjustments include, among others, increases to salaries, IT/website support, tax collecting, mapping, auditing services, public safety costs (RCSD), fire department allocation, library allocation and Poultney Rescue Squad allocation.

#### Highway District:

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) is \$1,233,105. This represents an increase in the amount of \$99,081 (up 8.74%) above the current Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. The proposed budget reflects an increase in the following line item budgets: wages and benefits, chloride, culverts, paving and equipment replacement fund paving, roadside mowing, winter salt, gravel, and equipment replacement.

### Calendar Year 2024

#### What was/is new this year and why

- Transitioned from traditional Rock Salt to ClearLane<sup>®</sup> pretreated salt. “Combined with pre-wetting and deicing agents, including a PNS-approved corrosion inhibitor, a coloring agent, and a leaching inhibitor, better for the environment than traditional road salt. The same deicing effect is achieved using 30% less product when compared to regular rock salt. Salt loses much of its effectiveness when temperatures dip below 15°F. Customers are finding that ClearLane<sup>®</sup> enhanced deicer, however, continues melting ice when temps reach below zero”.
- Road surfacing material has been switched from crushed bank-run gravel to crushed stone with fines. Reasons for the change: roads stay much more stiff during/after rainfall as opposed to the slimy/slick road feeling from crushed gravel, resulting in less silt content on roads and entering waterways; washouts are far less significant; the crushed stone develops less potholes, has a lower annual material erosion rate, requires less Magnesium-Chloride per lane mile and less overall maintenance leaving more time for other necessary projects.
- Winter Sand was switched from 3/8” crushed gravel to 3/8” crushed stone with minimal fines to coincide with the change in road surface material. Although it’s much less visible than the ‘brown sand’, the pros of this adaptation are: better traction in snow and ice, less need to re-sand in the following days of a storm (also resulting in less overall material used), reduced wear and tear of plow-trucks and decreased fuel consumption.
- The change of both, road surfacing and winter traction aggregates also results in far less silica content applied to public areas.

**Be advised,** the sand shed is still about ½ full of the old style sand that we will be incorporating into the winter traction material once we get to that part of the sand shed.

#### Road Improvements, Summer Construction and significant highlights

##### (In accordance to MRGP and Better Roads Manual)

- Emergency (Failed) Culvert replacements on Finel Hollow Rd. 4’D X 40’L, Lewis Rd. 18”D X 40’L, Debonis Quarry Rd. 36”D X 20’L
- Ferncliff Rd.: cut brush that was encroaching the roadway; replaced and reopened culverts as needed (with the exception of 1- 24” X 60’ that will be replaced next year).
- Ward Rd. in its entirety: cut all brush and trimmed trees encroaching the roadway
- Evergreen Rd. in its entirety: cut all encroaching (of the roadway/R.O.W.) brush and trees. Ditched as needed for proper drainage. Add material in areas of dire need.
- Contracted Pike Industries to pave Lakeview Hill Rd.

- Pond Hill Ranch Rd.: MRGP (Municipal Roads General Permit) work. 4- 100M segments, and Pond Hill Rd. for 1- 100M segment. Tasks included: brush/ tree cutting, ditching, replacement of multiple failing or undersized culverts, ditching, opening conveyance turnouts and stone lining as needed, adding material to road surface and grading.

**Material applied to roads and/or stockpiled at yard (totals may be approximate)**

Road surfacing material- 1298.46 tons

Winter Sand/stone-1751.14 tons

Magnesium Chloride- 25,000 Gals.

**Identified and prioritized upcoming major projects (projects may be subject to change)**

Ferncliff Rd- Replace 24" X 60' Culvert

Lewis Rd.- brush, trees, road, culverts and ditch/R.O.W. cleanup and reconstruction to meet/exceed Vt. Better Roads Manual.

MRGP work as needed to be in compliance with regulations.

**New equipment**

- 2013 John Deere tractor with Alamo boom mower attachment.

**Equipment replaced or sold**

- 2006 Int'l 7600 tandem axle Dump Truck was sold. (previously replaced by, 2023 Western Star 47X tandem axle Dump Truck)

**Summary in Brief:**

- The Town sponsored 3 Household Hazardous Waste Collection programs in conjunction with the Rutland County Solid Waste District. The Town Transfer Station is the site for the collection of this special waste. **See the HHW Schedule at the end of this book for the next three collection dates;**
- The Planning Commission, with the assistance of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, recently completed an update to the Poultney Unified Bylaws;
- The Route 31/South Street bridge replacement is projected to commence winter 2025 with the placement of a temporary bridge. The State is currently in the process of preparing ROW offers to affected landowners.

**Future Plans:**

- Continue to apply for Agency of Transportation Class 2 Paving and Bridge and Culvert grants;
- Exploring funding options, and applying for the same, to make improvements to town-owned buildings.
- Continue working closely with Slate Valley Trails in an effort to connect the Village to their trail systems located in South and East Poultney;
- Continue to apply for State and Federal funding for various economic development and transportation projects;

The Poultney Selectboard and I would again like to thank all the volunteers of our local Boards, Commissions, Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Community Service Organizations, who dedicate many hours to serving the public in so many ways.

**s/ Jeff King**  
**Chairperson, Poultney Selectboard**

**s/Paul A. Donaldson**  
**Poultney Town Manager**

## Community Development

This past year, community and economic development efforts have focused on creating capacity within the municipality, civic organizations, and non-profits; identifying and addressing priority projects and improvements for the community's infrastructure; supporting housing development initiatives; and ongoing efforts toward establishing a resilient local economy based on the areas outdoor recreation assets, redevelopment of the Green Mountain College campus, and, increasingly, support for growth of the agricultural sector of the region.

Municipal project highlights include implementation of a new Town website; action on a merger feasibility study through the formation of a local Steering Committee, funding identified, and consultant selection; support for the in-progress Poultney River D&H Rail Trail Bridge Flood Hazard Mitigation Planning and Engineering Study; planning for emergency management; grant awards for energy efficiency investment in several municipal buildings; and a Poultney Energy Fair hosted at the Young at Heart Senior Center.

Support for non-profits remains a priority, however in 2024, the Poultney community made significant headway in strengthening its non-profit boards with new members and, in some cases, hiring staff or directors. The people that run Poultney's non-profits are to be commended for their sincere commitment to their respective organizations which fill varied and critical roles in supporting the community.

This past year brought continued change to Poultney Village with the closure of the LiHigh School and the Poultney Fair Haven Auto Supply store. These losses of a long-established school and business impacted the community, however opportunities for new growth have arisen. Endeavors such as the establishment of the Poultney Coworking Loft, an increase in pop-up events and renewed enthusiasm for Main Street holiday decorations and streetscape improvements are strengthening community ties. Increased offerings for local events, courses, training, and skill building offered by the Poultney Public Library, Stone Valley Arts, REclaimED Makerspace, and others illustrate a strong social fabric – a hallmark of the Poultney community for decades.

Business highlights from the past year include growth and job creation at Bhakta Spirits and Hope Haven Integrative Health, the establishment of a new 802Spirits store within the Poultney Citgo gas station and the sale of the historic Train Station building which is anticipated to open as a new restaurant in 2025. As of the writing of this report, there are several commercial properties within Poultney listed for sale or rent.

Community development work includes liaising with regional and state partners to create partnerships and identify development trends and opportunities. In Poultney, these roles include representing the Town as a Rutland Regional Planning Commission Regional Commissioner and serving on the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), serving on the South Lake Champlain Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC), and the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) Steering Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Pelkey, Community Development Director

CONSTABLE, POULTNEY, VT  
106 KERBER LANE  
POULTNEY, VT 05764  
(802) 558-2518

01/21/2025

Subject: 2024 Activity Report for Town Constable.

This past year more the Office of the Constable has conducted several motor vehicle stops for various motor vehicle law violations, with the majority of the stops for speeding. Several motor vehicle crashes were also investigated by the office. The majority of other crimes were mainly investigated by the Rutland County Sheriff's Dept through the contract the Town of Poultney has with their agency.

The Office of Constable continues to participate in the Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program that is administered on a county wide level by the Rutland County Sheriff's Department. The total award of this grant increased the funds available to all the towns, including Poultney. These patrols are for targeting impaired driving, both alcohol and drug impaired driving, and aggressive driving. Poultney also participates in the joint law enforcement activities in the Rutland County area. These activities are usually the Sobriety Checkpoints or Motor Vehicle Occupancy seat belt checks. Also as a reminder, if anyone needs assistance with a child safety seat installation, contact myself as a Child Safety Seat Tech.

Please remember to report suspicious activity while it is occurring. With law enforcement on the statewide level pulling back from serving the small communities with our local problems, it will be up to communities such as ours to become the eyes and ears for law enforcement. Together, we can deter crime by being diligent in watching out for our neighbors. Please also be diligent in locking your vehicles and remove valuables from your vehicles at night. Recently there has been a spike in Larcenies from vehicles in the Poultney area. Typically, the thief or thieves will not break into a vehicle unless they are able to see something of value inside the vehicle. In most cases, vehicles were left unlocked and this leaves the vehicles a prime target of the persons engaging in criminal behavior.

Thank You, Dale Kerber, Poultney Town Constable

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**Poultney Town Health Officer's Report - 2024**

Over the past year, calls were received pertaining to the following:

- 6 - dog bite incidents along with rabies questions;
- 1 - landlord / tenant issues pertaining to the State of Vermont's Rental Health Housing Code;
- 2 - illegal dumping sites that were cleaned up thanks to the Poultney Highway Crew;
- 1 - Septic complaint.

Respectfully submitted,      Paul A. Donaldson, Poultney Health Officer

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Animal Control

Please keep your dog up to date with rabies shots & register him/her annually with the Town Clerk. It is difficult to identify the owner of an unregistered dog in the event of an emergency. Please be a responsible pet owner & a good neighbor. To contact Animal Control: (802) 287-9751. Respectfully Submitted, Paul Donaldson, Animal Control Officer

Zoning Administrator's  
Summary of Permits  
March 4, 1986 - March 31, 22024

Permit Type	86 - 2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Building	1151	12	9	1,172
Zoning	457	16	7	480
Subdivision	135	0	0	135
Total Permits	1,743	28	16	1,787

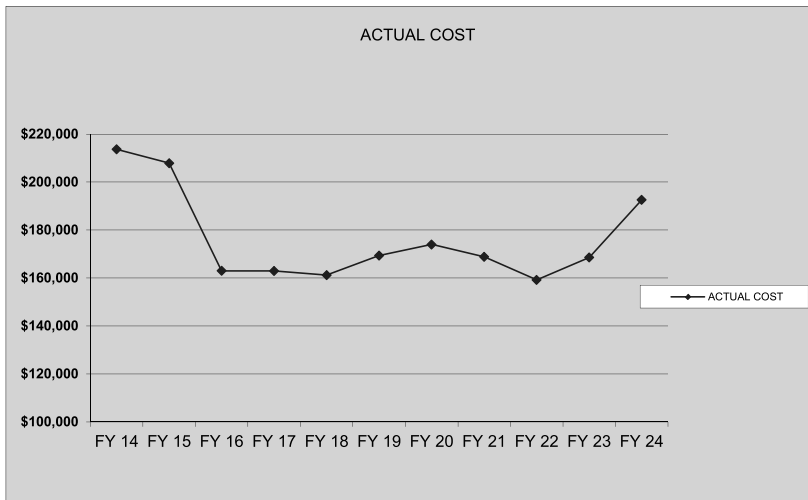
Building Permits are issued for additions to existing buildings or accessory structures.

Zoning Permits are issued primarily for new structures and change of land use.

You must obtain a permit before you change the use of land or buildings, build any new structure, make additions to existing buildings, or subdivide a parcel of land into 2 or more parcels. For more information, contact the Zoning Administrator at 287-9751.

S/Paul A. Donaldson  
Zoning Administrator

## SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS FISCAL YEARS 2014 - 2024



\$180,000      FY91 FY92 FY93 FY94 FY95 FY96 FY97 FY98 FY99 FY00 ACTUAL COST FY01 FY02 FY03 FY04

### Solid Waste Disposal Table

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACTUAL COST</u>	<u>ANNUAL INCREASE</u>
FY 08	\$197,929.78	-3.19%
FY 09	\$213,735.08	7.98%
FY 10	\$210,076.38	-1.74%
FY 11	\$208,070.28	-1.00%
FY 12	\$213,555.45	2.76%
FY 13	\$207,310.09	-3.00%
FY 14	\$213,690.52	3.08%
FY 15	\$207,890.07	-2.79%
FY 16	\$163,013.19	-21.60%
FY 17	\$162,911.08	-0.06%
FY 18	\$161,187.88	-1.06%
FY 19	\$169,358.77	5.07%
FY 20	\$173,962.76	2.80%
FY 21	\$168,795.43	2.94%
FY 22	\$159,190.84	-5.69%
FY 23	\$168,603.27	5.91%
FY 24	\$192,593.00	1.42%

9.0%

**Poultney Fire Department  
Year Ending December 31, 2024**

The Poultney Fire Department answered 167 calls for service in 2024. Below is a breakdown of the calls by type:

Motor Vehicle Accidents - 40	Grass & Brush Fire - 5
Fire Alarm Activations - 18	Wilderness Rescue - 1
EMS Assists - 26	Good Intent - 14
Structure Fires - 14	Chimney Fire - 5
Hazmat - 1	Service - 3
Utility Call - 8	Rubbish Fire - 5
CO Alarm - 9	Smoke Conditions - 7
Smell of Propane - 5	

These calls resulted in firefighters volunteering 1,114.5 hours to provide the services necessary to answer these calls. The combined training hours that the department trained to be prepared to respond to these incidents was 1,500 hours. The training hours recorded are the hours that the department formally meets and trains. After a summer long effort by all members this year to work on ensuring basic fire ground operations were ingrained into our muscle memory, 15 members travelled to the Vermont Fire Academy to participate in a live fire burn day. Over the Saturday in October that the members participated in the live burn drill, members got to use their skills to practice fire attack, rescues, and all other aspects of a real fire scenario under real fire conditions. This drill allows members to not only become more proficient but also more confident in their skills.

With a continued focus on replacing aging equipment on a regular schedule Poultney Fire took delivery of a 2022 Ford F-550 4x4 Mini pumper in April of 2024 that was ordered in October of 2022. This piece of apparatus will serve as the replacement for our 1994 International Pumper that was utilized as the first out for motor vehicle accidents as well as special rescue calls. The new truck improves on the capabilities of the old truck by having a smaller footprint, more compartment space for tools and equipment, and being 4x4. With the enhanced capabilities this will lead to us being able to get into hard to access driveways and water sources that were previously unable to be accessed.

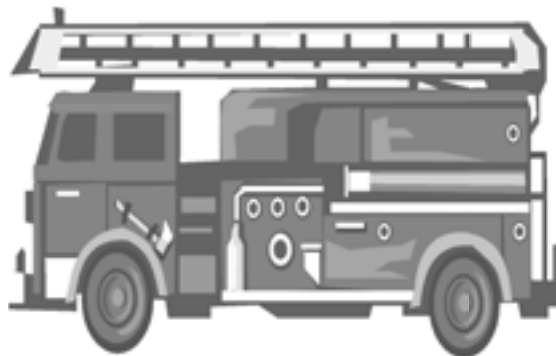
While the department has a dedicated group of 20 senior members and 2 junior members, we hope to recruit more volunteers to ensure we continue to be able to provide adequate protection to the community. Those who are interested could serve in a variety of roles ranging from personnel who assist on the fire scene to those who fight the fire. Anyone who is interested to see what we do is welcome to stop by the firehouse any Tuesday night from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

In closing we would like to thank the Selectboard, Town Manager, and Village and Town personnel for their continued support of the Department. When you see members on the street, please thank them for their time and effort they put in for the benefit of our community.

Respectfully,  
Aaron Kerber  
Poultney Fire Chief

**\*2025\* Slate of Officers include:**

Aaron Kerber	Fire Chief
Angelo Nitolli	1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief
RC Dayton	2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief
Bill Jones	Captain
Dave Johnson	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant
Medrick Petty	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant



POULTNEY FIRE DEPT. BUDGET	FY 24-25	PROPOSED FY 25-26
700-4500 FIRE DEPT. ADMINISTRATION		
700-4500-15.01 Workers Compensation	\$1,650.00	\$2,550.00
700-4500-20.00 Sickness & Accident INS	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
700-4500-44.00 Appropriation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
700-4500-44.01 Annual Banquet	\$1,900.00	\$2,500.00
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Total FIRE DEPT. ADMINISTRATION	\$15,800.00	\$37,300.00
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FIRE DEPT. OPERATIONS		
700-4520-21.00 Chemicals	\$250.00	\$250.00
700-4520-56.00 Fire Prevention	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
700-4530-30.00 Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$500.00
700-4530-40.00 Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$1,250.00	\$1,750.00
700-4530-79.00 School & Training	\$5,000.00	\$7,000.00
700-4540-34.00 Communications	\$3,250.00	\$5,050.00
700-4540-34.01 Alert	\$5,550.00	\$6,050.00
700-4570-21.01 Fuel Oil	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
700-4570-68.00 Maint & Repairs (Bldg)	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00
700-4570-76.00 Electric	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
700-4570-76.01 Utilities - Water/Sewer	\$500.00	\$500.00
700-4580-21.01 Gas & Oil	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
700-4580-22.00 Repair & Maint. Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
700-4580-56.00 Other Contracted Services	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00
700-4580-68.00 Equipment Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$12,500.00
700-4580-83.00 Equipment Replacement	\$37,500.00	\$40,000.00
700-4590-48.00 Property Insurance	\$11,000.00	\$16,000.00
700-4590-99.00 Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$300.00
700-5400-00.00 Health & Safety Services	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
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Total FIRE DEPT OPERATIONS	\$112,250.00	\$129,050.00
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Total Expenditures	\$128,050.00	\$166,350.00

## INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN CLERK

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm  
For information, please call 802-287-5761

**DOG REGISTRATIONS:** State Law requires that **ALL** dogs 6 months or older be registered by April 1<sup>st</sup> of every year. You will need to bring the current rabies certificate. Spayed or neutered cost is \$13.00 and all others are \$17.00. After April 1<sup>st</sup>, a late fee of 50% will be added, \$16.00 and \$22.00.

**RABIES CLINIC:** March 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Poultney Veterinary Hospital in Poultney. The vaccination fee will be \$10.00. If multiple pets need to be vaccinated, please call to pre-register. A prior Rabies Certificate must be provided upon arrival to receive a 3 year Rabies vaccination. If no prior Rabies Certificate is provided, the vaccination will only be for 1 year. Upon arrival, please leave your pet in the car. You will need to go in to register and pay for your pet before being vaccinated, 802-287-9292. The Town Clerks Office at Town Hall will be open the same dates and times for Dog Registrations. You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you to receive a license.

**DMV:** DMV forms are available in the office for pick up. The office does renewal of registrations for cars, trucks, trailers, campers, snowmobiles, and motorboats, current month and back two months. The cost is the registration amount in cash or check to DMV plus a \$3.00 fee for doing it here, in cash or check.

**FISH & WILDLIFE:** The office sells Hunting and Fishing licenses. I also have the current year books. The office also processes Legally Posted Land with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department for a recording fee of \$5.00. This is good for 1 year from the date form is completed.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS:** These are for Vermont residents 62 years or older, or a veteran of the armed forces. Cost is a one-time fee of \$2.00. Green Mountain Passport holders are eligible for state wide reduced prices on goods and services from hundreds of Vermont private businesses as well as free entrance into Vermont State Parks, Museums, and fully sponsored events.

**LIQUOR LICENSES:** Applications and renewals are available online through the DLL Portal. The tobacco license fee is waived with all first and second class liquor license application. All liquor licenses and all tobacco licenses go to the Selectboard for review before being electronically submitted to the DLL Portal. Catering Permits should be submitted with a Certificate of Insurance via the DLL Portal for review by the Town Clerk.

**NOTARY PUBLIC:** Services are provided at no cost. We do not notarize Powers Of Attorney or Wills.

**VERMONT STATE INCOME TAX:** You can request forms when available by calling 855-297-5600 or online at [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov) or by email at [tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov](mailto:tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov).

**VOTING:** If you are a Poultney resident and wish to register to vote or a current voter and need to update your information, please contact the Poultney Town Clerk for an application or register online at **My Voter Page** at <http://mvp.vermont.gov>. If you are moving to another town or state, please send a letter to my office. Absentee ballots are available at least two weeks before any election. A ballot can be requested from the Town Clerk's office or online at **My Voter Page**.

I want to thank everyone for their support. I enjoy serving my community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Wescott  
Town Clerk

# REPORT OF LICENSES SOLD BY TOWN CLERK DURING 2024

## FIRST CLASS

American Legion Post #39  
Lake St. Catherine Country Club  
Tap Tavern  
Toads Burgers Bar

## SECOND CLASS

Brockton Corporation (Shaw's Beer and Wine)  
Cluckin' Café & Cones Point Country Store  
Dollar General  
Midway Oil Corp. (2 locations)  
Stewart's Ice Cream Co., Inc.

## TOBACCO LICENSES

Brockton Corp. (Shaw's Beer and Wine)  
Cluckin' Café & Cones Point Country Store  
Dollar General  
Midway Oil Corp. (2 locations)  
Stewart's Ice Cream Co., Inc.

## DOG LICENSES

There were 322 dog licenses issued during 2024. By State statute, dogs are required to be registered by April 1<sup>st</sup> each year. April 1<sup>st</sup> is the **LAST** day a dog license may be obtained without a penalty. The penalty is the regular fee plus 50%.

Before obtaining a license for a dog, a person must deliver to the Town Clerk a current Rabies Vaccination Certificate which meets one of the following requirements: 1) a dog of less than one year of age has been vaccinated; 2) a dog of one or more years but less than two years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding twelve months; or 3) a dog of two or more years has been vaccinated within the preceding thirty-sixth months.

Rabies Certificates for all dogs licensed in Poultney during 2024 are on file in the Town Clerk's office. Please call to determine whether or not a new rabies vaccination will be required.

## FEES FOR DOGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Spayed Female \$13.00	Non-Spayed Female	\$17.00
Neutered Male \$13.00	Non-Spayed Male	\$17.00

2025 licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's office.

Please note there will be Rabies Clinics will be on March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Poultney Veterinary Hospital in Poultney. The vaccination fee will be \$10.00 per pet. If multiple pets need to be vaccinated, please call to pre-register. A prior Rabies Certificate must be provided upon arrival to receive a 3 year Rabies vaccination. If no prior Rabies Certificate is provided, the vaccination will only be for 1 year. Upon arrival, please leave your pet in the car. You will need to go in to register and pay for your pet before being vaccinated, 802-287-9292. The Town Clerks Office at Town Hall will be open the same dates and times for Dog Registrations. You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you to receive a license.

## VITAL STATISTICS 2024

<b>BIRTHS:</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>DEATHS:</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>MARRIAGES:</b>	<b>19</b>

All records are available to view during regular business hours Monday – Friday  
8:30am – 12:30pm and 1:30pm – 4:00pm

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**  
**POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

New Books Added	1,013	Number of Library Card Holders	1,565
Total Book Collection	14,757	78 Programs Offered with a Total Attendance of	3,245
Periodical Subscriptions	35	Adult Circulation	11,967
Audio Books	370	Juvenile Circulation	10,502
DVDs	3,596	Online Circulation (hoopla, Kanopy, ListenUp VT)	4,044

The 2023-2024 fiscal year saw a continued growth in the number of people attending library programs. Events ranged from a concert with Mister Chris, a Punch and Judy Puppet Show, our second annual Craft Supply Swap, historical lectures, and so much more!

As always, our most popular events are those for the children. In February we had a program with games and crafts based on the popular Australian kids show “Bluey”. This event had 73 attendees. In March we participated in the PES PTO “Screen Free Week” by building a 9-hole mini golf course inside the library! 90 adults and children joined us to play mini golf amongst the books. Thanks to a grant from the Children’s Literacy Foundation, we were able to kick off our annual Summer Reading Program with two great events. We started the day with Ed Popielarczyk’s Flea Circus in the Rosenthal room, followed by a Literacy Carnival in the adult room. Kids played a wide variety of carnival style games to earn tickets, which could be redeemed for stickers, books, and other fun prizes.

Story Time has been a popular program for babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers for decades. With the support of Stewart’s Holiday Match and The Winnie Belle Learned fund we were able to buy some great building and imagination toys to add an infant and toddler play group. Play Group meets for a half hour after every Story Time. We have also added new toys to our Daphne Bartholomew Children’s Room, including a dollhouse and light board. These were added with funds from the Vermont Early Literacy Initiative (VELI). VELI funding also allowed us to add to our collection of YOTO audio players, Playaway audio books, and educational backpack kits for circulation.

At the Library, we are always assessing the needs of our patrons and our community as we had new materials, services, and events. If there is something you would like to see at Poultney Public Library, please let us know! All Poultney residents are eligible for a free library card at Poultney Public Library. This card allows access to our books, movies, passes, recreational equipment, and online services. Online services include ebooks, audiobooks, video streaming, online classes, and research databases.

Thank you to all of our great library visitors and supporters! If you haven’t been to the library in a while, we hope you will stop in. We have something for everyone!

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca L. Cook  
Librarian

If you have questions about this report, or about the Library and its services, please contact us during our regular hours at 287-5556.

Monday & Friday	10:00AM-5:00PM
Tues, Wed, Thurs.	12:00PM-7:00PM
Saturday	10:00AM-1:00PM

Telephone:	802-287-5556
Email:	ppl5556@yahoo.com
Website:	poultneypubliclibrary.com

PLEASE NOTE: Library Board meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October, and the first Tuesday of December, at 6:00PM in the Library.

**Poultney Public Library  
Annual Treasurer's Report  
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024  
General Account**

Beginning Balance 07/01/23 \$ 00.00

**INCOME**

Town Appropriation	\$187,664.00
Fines & Fees	1,706.62
Book Sales	2,117.76
Copier	178.04

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 191,666.42</b>
Total Available Funds	\$ 191,666.42

**EXPENSES**

Salaries	\$112,640.48
Maintenance	3,980.27
Books & Binding	20,127.20
Periodicals	1,174.79
Employee Benefits	35,959.85
Telecommunications	1,568.33
Electricity	5,455.45
Travel, Education, Dues	1163.13
Programming	989.73
Annual Equipment Fees	3,341.35
Supplies & Equipment	3,441.23
Postage & Miscellaneous	2,780.61
Computer Replacement	970.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 193,592.42</b>
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Balance on Hand 06/30/23 \$ -1,926.00

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**SPECIAL ACCOUNT**

**Balance on Hand 07/01/23** **\$ 13,760.06**

**INCOME**

Gifts	\$ 2,340.01
Fundraisers	1,513.96
Interest from accounts	14.03
Maslack Programming Funds	5,000.00
United Fund	200.00
Stewarts Holiday Match	1,000.00
Summer Recreation	1,125.00
VELI	2,500.00
VT Fairy Tale Festival	382.00
W.B. Learned Grant	2,500.00
ALA Grant	10,000.00
Square, Misc.	610.64

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 27,185.64</b>
Total Available Funds	<b>\$ 40,945.70</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Program Fees and Supplies	\$ 13,175.03
Passes	875.00
Substitute Pool	821.00
Mugs	80.00
Library Materials	3,411.88
Credit Card Payments to Town	452.79
Bank Fees	161.18

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 18,976.88</b>
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**Balance on Hand 06/30/24** **\$ 21,968.82**

POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BUDGET JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

SALARIES:	Librarian	\$53392.00
	Assistant	36362.00
	Clerk	19025.00
	Asst. Clerk	11654.00
	Bookkeeping	2000.00
Building Maintenance		4000.00
Employee Benefits:		
	Social Security	9213.00
	Health Insurance	33515.00
	Retirement	5722.00
Library Materials		21000.00
Periodicals		1200.00
Telephone		2500.00
Electricity		5500.00
Travel, Dues, Education		1500.00
Supplies and Equipment		3500.00
Annual Equipment Maintenance Fees		3500.00
Computer Replacement		2500.00
Programming		1300.00
Postage and Miscellaneous		2500.00
	Total Budget	<u>\$219,883.00</u>
Less other income		
	(fines, copier fees, book sales)	<4000>
	TOWN APPROPRIATION	<u>\$215,883.00</u>



# Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc.

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January 10, 2025

Dear Town of Poultney Selectboard,

Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc is requesting an increase in Town funding starting July 1, 2025. We are requesting a rate of \$50.00 per capita, which totals \$151,000 annually. If possible, I would like to propose dividing payments in four payments (July, November, February and May).

Poultney Rescue Squad has 11 paid staff and 3 volunteer members. Our goal when we increased our per capita was to hire staff and cover as many of our calls as possible. We have increased our call volume, we continue to try to recruit new people.

The continued rising cost of supplies, insurance, maintenance of our vehicles, recruitment and training of our personnel is the reason why we have requested the raise in per capita. This will allow Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc to continue to provide the services both emergency and non-emergency to the community that everyone has come to expect.

Sincerely,

Debbie Hoisington  
Administrator and Treasurer  
Poultney Rescue

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## 2024 Report Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc.



Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. is a paid staff and volunteer agency that consists of 11 paid employees and 3 volunteers. Poultney Rescue responded to 363 calls in 2024. The breakdown of calls is listed below:

Calls in Poultney 255  
Calls in Middletown Springs 32  
Mutual Aid calls for surrounding towns 18  
Interfacility transfers 59 (often bringing people home from hospital)  
Total Calls taken in 2024 363

We at Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc would like to thank the community for your ongoing support! Our mission is to provide emergency care and transport for the members of our community and without your help we could not fulfill this mission.

Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc has made good strides this year regarding recruitment of new providers and is working diligently to retain them. With the ongoing Nationwide shortage in EMS, we are staying optimistic for 2025. We encourage any members of the community that are interested in becoming part of the Poultney Rescue Squad to please call us at 802-287-5575. Poultney Rescue would like to say Thank you to the surrounding agencies for their mutual aid coverage this year.

Poultney Rescue Squad is a nonprofit agency that operates 2 ambulances that are fully equipped for Advance Life Support. Poultney Rescue Squad has a full crew on 7 days a week during the day with both paid and volunteer members covering nights. Poultney covers the Towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs and a portion of Tinmouth. We also provide mutual aid to surrounding Towns when needed. Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. consists of a Public Board of Directors that have completed their 6<sup>th</sup> year with PRS. Our current board members are Kathy Stephenson, who has been on the board going on 6 years now and come 30 plus years in EMS, Debbie Hoisington who has been on the boards over 8 years and come with about 10 years in EMS and 30 years in the medical fields and our newest boards member Tom Fucile who comes to us with a fire and emergency service background. We would like to thank them for all their time put into supporting PRS.

Poultney Rescue Squad has 1 full-time, 1 part-time and 9 per diem emergency care providers. Josiah Simons, EMT/full-time employee. James Reed AEMT part time employee. Our per diem staff is as follows Katrina Davenport AEMT full-time employee. Chad Geno AEMT, Mason Havenstrite EMT, Mike McLean VEFR, James Reed EMT, Cadence Muth EMT, Geanina Swanay AEMT, Rachael Lynch EMT, Kaylah Bennett, VEFR. A huge thank you to our volunteers: Medrick Petty/EMT, Malcolm McIntyre/AEMT, Micheal Babcock/VEFR.

We would also like to Thank the volunteer Ladies at the Poultney Rescue Squad Thrift Shop for raising funds to help support us. Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank Debbie Hoisington for overseeing the Thrift Shop and volunteers. Thank you to all the community support at the thrift shop.

Poultney Rescue offers First Aid and CPR courses. If you would like to one of these courses, please email [poultneyrescue70@gmail.com](mailto:poultneyrescue70@gmail.com) or call 802-287-5575 with your request.

We look forward to serving the communities in 2024. Thank you again for your continuous support. I would like to thank PRS members for their time and dedication!

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Hoisington, Interim Administrator

# **RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## **Sheriff David J. Fox**

### **Town of Poultney Sheriff's report**

Incidents for 2023-2024 contract period Rutland County Sheriff's Deputies have responded to 276 incidents an increase of 30 incidents over 2022-2023, had 23 criminal arrests an increase of 4 over 2022-2023, performed 242 traffic stops issued 125 tickets in the town of Poultney. Deputies have developed a positive relationship with the board as well as the citizens of Poultney. I want to thank the citizens of Poultney for their positive feedback and support for the Sheriff's patrols. The Rutland County Sheriffs pride ourselves on being adaptable to the needs of the town when they arise. It is an honor to serve the citizens of Poultney. We hope to continue serving the citizens of Poultney for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted.

Sheriff

David J. Fox



Marble Valley Regional Transit District  
"The Bus"

2024 Town of Poultney, Annual Report

Lee Bizon, Community Outreach

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty eighth year of providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area. The Bus is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 641,900 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 3,450 rides to Poultney on the Fair Haven Route, a commuter service with stops at Green Mountain College, Main Street and Stewarts Shop. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use as well as the savings realized in the cost of fuel.

MVRTD has provided service under the Elderly and Disabled Program to Poultney for many years.

For more information about schedules and services please call 773-3244 x112 or visit MVRTD's web site at [www.thebus.com](http://www.thebus.com).

MVRTD thanks the residents of Poultney for their continued support of public transit.

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs to facilitate the conservation of healthy soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the District watersheds for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, six employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; Agricultural Outreach Specialist Jennifer Alexander; Native Plant Nursery Manager and Environmental Planner, Sadie Brown; Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Whitnee Burgess; Program Specialist Averie Noble, and Program Specialist Jayden Groft.

**Stormwater Management** The District is currently working with several towns on planning and implementing 'green stormwater' projects. We worked this past season in Castleton, Poultney, Fair Haven, Wells, and Pawlet to identify and design stormwater projects, develop scoping studies, and implement green stormwater infrastructure with grant funds, and are planning on continuing this work in other local towns.

This past year, we worked with lakes in the watershed and installed many small shoreline plantings through our Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP). In addition to implementing buffer plantings and small stormwater treatment practices, we completed LakeWise Assessments along Lake Bomoseen and Lake St. Catherine, resulting in recommendations for homeowners to implement lake friendly practices in their yards. We plan to continue both programs with shoreline homeowners in the coming year. The District is currently working on the Lake Watershed Action Plan for Lake St Catherine to identify stormwater runoff issues, assess natural resources, and propose high priority mitigation projects.

**Waterways** The District planted approximately 4,000 native trees and shrubs within the Poultney River and Mettowee River watersheds. Projects were focused along waterways within the riparian zone with the goal of stabilizing stream banks and reducing erosion, restoring native plant communities and habitat, improving water quality, and increasing flood resilience. Funded through DEC, PMNRCD led invasive water chestnut pulling in Southern Lake Champlain and its tributaries.

**Agricultural Programs** The District assists farmers applying manure and fertilizer to their fields through farm-specific, nutrient management plans via a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and assists in developing long-range plans to continue sustainable conservation practices. PMNRCD provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator to farmers, which help to improve soil health.

**Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery** PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney's Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. Many restoration plantings were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. The Nursery also serves as an educational center, providing field trip opportunities for elementary students and internships for high school and college students. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on-site. Visit our website for more information.

**Clean Water Service Provider** PMNRCD has partnered with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to provide funding and technical assistance to local towns as the local CWSP. This Clean Water Funding through DEC supports non regulatory projects such as green infrastructure stormwater practices, natural resources restoration projects on farm and forestland, and stream restoration projects including conservation easements and floodplain reconnection.

***The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.***

## 2024 Annual Report

In 2024, with your membership support and that of the Town of Poultney, the Poultney Historical Society was able to provide the community with: 1) free programming and educational services, 2) access to archival & genealogical resources and our growing collection of the town's artifacts, and 3) thoughtful care & curating of its three East Poultney historic buildings and multiple exhibits housed in them. Together, these efforts continue to tell the unfolding story of our town's past and present.

During 2024 we partnered with these community groups and the results were remarkable:

- **Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee:** We updated and distributed the Poultney Walking and Driving Tour brochures. Companion audio tours are also available free online on the Society's website. The Historical Society also hosted the annual MapleFest tree tapping.
- **Poultney Public Library:** The Historical Society presented two lectures in the library's media room, "Endangered Alphabets" Lecture with Tim Brookes in the spring and "Vermont Prohibition: Teetotalers, Bootleggers & Corruption" Lecture with Adam Krakowski in the fall.
- **Poultney Elementary School:** The 4th and 5th grade classes visited the East Poultney Schoolhouse this September where they heard all about the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. They learned what attending school was like 100 years ago and visited the Bryn Cariad Farm across the Green. We also hosted a visit with **Li High School** where students toured the Historical Society buildings and learned about the history of our town.
- **East Poultney Day:** The **89th Annual East Poultney Day** held in August took a look at the history of local manufacturing with the theme, "*Made in Poultney.*" **Poultney Public Librarian Rebecca Cook** and **Historian Ennis Duling** presented a detailed lecture on items made locally including melodeons, toy pianos, Manhattan shirts, women's dresses, creameries, slate working tools, stoves, steamboats, and horse-drawn sleighs. The day was filled with exhibits, local artisan products and foods, school reenactments and music from **Breanna Elaine** and **Carl Anton Diethelm**.
- **East Poultney Schoolhouse Repairs:** In November, **Rob Brill** (Forever Green Landscaping) and **Greg Colm** (Greg Colm Masonry & Historic Preservation) completed a project to protect the foundation of the 1896 building. Over many years, the north foundation wall had been destabilized by water cascading off the roof of the fire escape. The wall was repointed with historic mortar and a drainage system built to direct water away from the historic building. **Dan Foley** removed the problem fire escape roof and is replacing some of the unique shingles. The project was supported in part by funds from **Preservation Trust of Vermont**.

The Poultney Historical Society depends upon memberships, contributions and the time and energy of our volunteers. Members receive regular news about the Society's work and historical events in Vermont, as well as the bi-annual newsletters. The Historical Society invites interested volunteers and organizations to help with a wide range of initiatives such as research, cataloguing and housing collections, planning programming and exhibits, and restoring the three historic buildings in our care.

Our mission—and our passion—is to protect and care for the treasures that tell the history of Poultney.

We are deeply grateful to the many people who have supported us again this year in so many ways.

Sincerely,

Krista Rupe, President of the Poultney Historical Society



The Lake St. Catherine Association (LSCA) had another successful year in 2024, implementing our lake management programs for the benefit of Lake St. Catherine, with excellent support from the lake community! Here are some highlights:

**Lake St. Catherine Watershed Action Plan (LWAP):** In partnership with the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD), Castleton University, and Fitzgerald Environmental Associates (FEA), this 3 year project is close to being completed. The LWAP has brought our partners and lake experts to LSC to perform various in-lake and watershed based measurements, testing, and studies to identify current or potential future issues. Using the collected data and information, a comprehensive, long-term plan is being written to address identified issues to continue to improve water quality at LSC.

**Lake St. Catherine Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP):** Through extensive fieldwork in 2018 & 2019, PMNRCD and FEA created the LSC SWMP. This plan identified 50 projects in the LSC watershed to address runoff carrying pollutants into the lake. Six of these projects have been completed, and in September 2023, a lake community meeting was held in Wells, and 12 more projects were selected. These projects are currently being designed using a \$50k grant the LSCA earned from the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP). These designed projects will then be submitted for funding and implementation.

**Lake Wise Program:** Lake Wise is a program developed by Vermont's Lakes and Ponds to recognize outstanding efforts by homeowners who live along a lakeshore to protect the water quality and habitat along the shoreline and within the near-shore area of the lake. Using a grant received from the LCBP, PMNRCD assessed multiple properties, and implemented numerous projects along the shoreline to limit stormwater runoff reaching the lake. 26 properties on LSC have earned the Lake Wise Award since 2019, and we expect at least a few more will earn it in 2024 as the program finishes work for the season.

**Greeter Program - Boat Launch Monitoring:** Our Greeter Program is very important to the health of Lake St. Catherine. Our Greeters work to stop aquatic invasive species (AIS) from entering LSC at the boat launch in Wells by inspecting vessels and trailers before they enter the lake. They also educate boaters about the dangers of AIS for the lake.

**Milfoil Control:** Our Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting team (DASH) worked throughout the summer hand-pulling milfoil in 9 locations, covering 37.5 acres, and removing 269 17.5 gallon buckets of milfoil. Milfoil spot treatments occurred in 7 areas, covering 34.5 acres.

**Libraries Love Lakes II:** In partnership with the Wells Village Library, the LSCA earned a \$20k grant from the LCBP to continue the Libraries Love Lakes initiative. This funded four seasonally themed events in 2024, the creation of an LSC mascot, the creation of an interactive watershed model of LSC, and lake themed materials for the library.

**Other Initiatives:** Placement and maintenance of lake buoys and markers, working with Vermont Center for Ecostudies on loon initiatives, organization of volunteer opportunities, the LSCA Boat Parade, VIP paddles, securing funds for LSC via grant writing, and constant updates of LSC news via our website ([www.lakestcatherine.org](http://www.lakestcatherine.org)) and Facebook.

Thank you to the Town of Poultney for your continued support of the LSCA!

Submitted by, Jim Candors, President, Lake St. Catherine Association

# POULTNEY YOUNG at HEART SENIOR CENTER

206 Furnace St

Poultney, VT 05764

(802)-287-9200 [yahsc@comcast.net](mailto:yahsc@comcast.net)

Young at Heart Senior Center will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as of September, 2025. Young at Heart Senior Center's mission is to provide a safe, welcoming environment with enrichments and interactions in order to empower our community of older adults to creatively age with dignity and quality of life. Through programming, individuals can remain independent and be involved members of the community. The center offers congregate dining and monthly events. Our meals are nutritious and our activities are educational, informed, healthy and social. We continue to keep up with the times in all aspects.

We work closely with the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, RAVNA, and SASH to provide access to information and services, including Meals on Wheels, Medicare and Wellness Clinics. We offer AARP programs, as well as monthly foot clinics, and blood pressure clinics. Bone Builders, a low-impact exercise program, meets twice weekly. We have our walking track and pavilion area for use.

As a senior meal site, seniors over 60 come from throughout the region to socialize and enjoy lunch. In 2024, we served around 12,000 meals. Young at Heart is open four days a week, Tuesday through Friday. Lunch is ready for pick up by 11:00. Lunch is available at noon for in house dining. Suggested donations are \$4.00 for seniors 60 and older; under 60 is a fee of \$6.00. Reservations are required by 9am the morning of. All are welcomed.

The Young at Heart Thrift Store is open Tuesday through Friday from 9-12. We offer many unique, quality items with an ever evolving inventory as new donations are added daily.

Trips for fun and adventure are going to be scheduled this year.

We would like to thank all those people who help keep Young at Heart going. These include but are not limited to: our kitchen, dining room, events, programming, thrift store volunteers, and the Meals on Wheels drivers. A very special thank you goes to the Modern Woodmen of America, from Wells, VT, for their continuous support. We want to thank the community and local business people for supporting our fundraising efforts which included: Maplefest Dinner, MWA Bingo, Basket Party, and Tea Cup auction. Thanks to everyone who has donated time, energy, products or funds which made them a success. Finally, a big THANK YOU to the VERMONT FOODBANK, HANNAFORD'S SUPERMARKET in RUTLAND, GRAND UNION and SHAW'S of Poultney for their continued support.

2024 – 2025 Board of Directors:

Jeff King– President, Mark Teetor-Vice President , Carol Stierle -Treasurer, Carol Brown– Secretary Trustees: , John Thomas, Mary Pernal, Sheila Nichols, Patricia Beatty, Michelle McCarron

Site Director - Carrie LaFond-Hurlburt Kitchen Manager - Carol Stierle Cook-Diane Ferguson

## *Poultney Food Shelf, Inc.*

The Stonebridge  
PO Box 96  
Poultney VT 05764  
(802) 287-9558

The Poultney Food Shelf is a community service organization dedicated to addressing hunger in our communities. We serve the towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Hampton (NY). The Food Shelf is a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank, and we work closely with other agencies such as BROOC, the Young at Heart Senior Center, and other food pantries throughout the area. We are funded by donations from area businesses, organizations, and individuals.

In 2024, we had 637 visits to our food shelf. We distributed more than 6,500 pounds of food to provide enough meals for 1,653 people. These figures do not include USDA TEFAP ("government commodities") that are distributed from our pantry, or the home deliveries made monthly to approximately 20 Poultney seniors and other homebound individuals.

We'd like to thank the Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Hampton communities for their continued support, as well as the following businesses and organizations: the Poultney Snowmobile Club, the staff and students of Poultney Elementary School, Poultney High School, Leap Frog School. Thank you to the members of the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce, the Poultney Woman's Club, and the Poultney Rotary Club. Thank you also to the Poultney United Methodist Church, St. Raphael Church, the Welsh Presbyterian Church, First Light, and Green Mountain Power.

And THANK YOU to all the individuals and families who, through donations of food, supplies, and money, make it possible for the Poultney Food Shelf to continue serving those in need.



Established in 2002, the **Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee, Inc.** (PDRC) is a 501(3)(c) non-profit charged with overseeing activities that bolster Poultney's Designated Downtown.

As a result of our designation, businesses, non-profits, and income-producing properties (e.g. rentals) in buildings over 30 years old that operate within the Designated Downtown are eligible for state and federal tax credits for façade work and various code improvements. In addition, the Town, Village, non-profits, and others can receive priority consideration for many State grant opportunities, and our municipalities have access to Vermont's Downtown Transportation Fund for transportation-related capital improvements within or serving the designated area. Learn more about these resources by visiting [poultneydowntown.com](http://poultneydowntown.com).

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## 2024 Year in Review

**Building Capacity for Downtown Success.** 2024 was a year of strategic growth for the PDRC. We focused on strengthening our capacity to lead and collaborate on projects that elevate Poultney's designated downtown area. A key achievement was securing the Downtown Vibrancy Grant, which allowed us to hire the talented Laura Williams as a part-time director. This leadership role has been instrumental in managing projects, providing direction to the board, and revamping our online presence through social media, updated bylaws, and board member job descriptions.

**Community Collaboration & Events.** The PDRC led several community-wide initiatives in 2024. We hosted the 2024 MapleFest and spearheaded the festive downtown holiday decorations. This collaborative effort involved the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce, Poultney Rotary, and the Poultney Public Library. Together, we adorned Main Street with light pole decorations, created a photo opportunity and decorative arch in Slate Quarry Park, and lit up the Stonebridge Visitor Center. Additionally, we ran a successful online marketing campaign featuring a Poultney holiday calendar and online advertising, driving traffic and providing support to over 30 local events.

**Beautification Efforts.** Understanding the link between aesthetics and economic growth, the PDRC prioritized downtown beautification projects. We organized a community garden bed cleanup with support from the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District and a local volunteer UVM Master Gardener (Larry Springsteen). In addition, we contracted with Carpenter & Costin, and their work included weekly maintenance of Main Street gardens and preparing the beds for spring planting in 2025.

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The PDRC remains grateful for the generous support of individual donors and annual appropriations from the Town and Village. We are committed to using these resources wisely to maximize the benefit for Poultney and build a bright future for our downtown.

Sincerely,  
Jaime Lee, PDRC President



**“Medic One” PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
(FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024)**

To The Honorable Citizens of the Town of Poultney:

We are pleased to present our annual report to the Citizens of the Town of Poultney. “**Medic One**”, or one of our advanced life support equipped ambulances, meets incoming patients that require advanced life support when needed and requested.

Training is very important to keep our Paramedics up to date in their skills. Training has been provided in Pre-Hospital Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced personnel’s National Paramedic certifications.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. Regional Ambulance Service Inc. is a not for profit corporation. The funds communities contribute helps to keep this program available to incoming patients from outside of the Regional Ambulance Service area. Our “Medic One” is a vital part of our goal of “*Serving People 1<sup>st</sup> with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism.*”

The Poultney Rescue Squad is a valuable and professional community resource. Our staff works closely, as a team, with your community ambulance and first response personnel. We thank you for your past support and hope we can continue to serve with your local emergency personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Finger,  
Chief Executive Officer



**Senior Volunteer Programs**

RSVP of Rutland and Addison Counties/The Volunteer Center  
The Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program  
One-2-One



**2025 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY24  
TOWN OF: POULTNEY • AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$405.00**

Brief Description of RSVP & The Volunteer Center

\*\*Please note that this report is based off a 9-month period per a federal realignment.\*\*

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community

needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also offers several free "Signature Programs" that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides free strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 11,243 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 31 partner agencies and an estimated 1,349 children. We also partner with AARP to provide free income tax return services to low-income residents of Rutland County. From July 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 66,488 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$2,226,683.12.

#### Services Provided to Poultney Residents

In FY'24, Poultney residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our RSVP Bone Builders classes. Poultney RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: Castleton Community Center, Young at Heart Senior Center, RSVP Operation Dolls & More, American Red Cross, Slate Valley Cares, and RSVP Bone Builders. Poultney RSVP volunteers donated 3,605 hours of service to the community.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help continue to defray the financial impact of the COVID Pandemic on our organization along with the cost of providing volunteer placement, support, transportation, and recognition. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to the increasing needs of our local communities.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Poultney for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 468-7056.

Sincerely, Maryesa White, RSVP Director

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#### **Town of Poultney**

#### **To the Officers and Citizens of Poultney:**

In 2023, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) provided Poultney residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From children with intensive medical needs, to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, to those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring quality health care wherever it is needed, regardless of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking federal and state reimbursements, along with rising health care costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective healthcare services to Poultney's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year VNAHSR's skilled and dedicated staff made more than 119,829 home visits to 2,915 patients. **In Poultney, we provided 3,218 visits to 67 individuals.**

**Thank you for your continued support! With your vote of confidence, we will continue to fulfill our promise to your community to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.**

Sincerely,

Sara C. King, CEO

Dan DiBattista, President

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Locations in Bennington, Dorset, Manchester and St. Albans

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**Community CareNetwork**

**RutlandMentalHealthServices**

**In the year 2024, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Poultney assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:**

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

**During fiscal year 2024, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 30,250 hours of services to 154 Poultney residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Poultney in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.**

***Dick Courcelle***  
Chief Executive Officer

Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.



## NewStory Center Annual Report 2024

For 45 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY24, NewStory Center served 789 survivors and their children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, support groups, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Poultney for their support of our agency. Your generosity allows us to, not only provide survivors with necessities and ongoing advocacy, but also affords us the ability to grow and expand our services to better serve your community.

### REQUEST

**NewStory Center** is requesting the sum of \$500, to be voted on at the town meeting in March 2025, to support victims in Rutland County. We are very thankful for the help that the people of Poultney have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. We provided services for at least **16 residents of Poultney** this past year. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

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Town Clerk and Select Board of Poultney  
9 Main Street, Suite 2  
Poultney, VT 05764

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Rutland County Parent Child Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing accessible, educational, and dignified services to families throughout Rutland County. Our mission is to remove barriers that prevent families from reaching their goals by offering a range of services, including early childhood education, development intervention for young children, educational and enrichment programs to at-risk youth, family education, employment guidance, playgrounds and a welcome baby program. Additionally, our unique grocery store-style food pantry is an invaluable resource in the county. In the last fiscal year, we served approximately 2,000 families and 1,400 children through our 4 sites across the county. The ongoing housing crisis and the increasing demand for comprehensive, whole-family services highlight the critical need for our work.

In June, we opened our 2Gen Campus, expanding our reach and providing a one-stop shop for community services. This new campus strengthens our ability to serve families by offering a centralized location where they can access a variety of essential resources. At RCPCC, we follow a two-generational (2Gen) Whole Family Approach, ensuring that both children and parents receive the support necessary for lasting success. By focusing on the needs of the entire family, we aim to create sustainable outcomes that empower individuals and strengthen communities. All our services are offered at no cost or with substantial financial assistance, guaranteeing that every family can access the resources they need to thrive.

We would like to continue to receive our request of \$200. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Sincerely, Corissa Burnell, Co-Executive Director

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**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000**  
**TOWN OF POULTNEY**  
**SUMMARY REPORT**  
**Request Amount: \$420.00**

For over 45 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'24 (10/2023-9/2024) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **293** individuals to help increase their independent living skills. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **233** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **115** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **149** individuals with information on assistive technology; **43** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **320** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **38** people and provided **31** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier (although we are working from home as our office (along with so many others) was devastated in the July flood and we have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During our FY'24, **3** residents of **Poultney** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)  
(**\$975.00** spent on meals for resident)
- Peer Advocate Counseling (PAC)
- Information, Referral and Assistance Program (I,R&A)

## **Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024**

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), is a non-profit, seven-county organization providing individuals 16 years of age and older confidential education and literacy services with no cost to students. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math and technology. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their town of residence, or a GED. We also offer citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen as well as instruction in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages). We are the only official GED testing site in Rutland County.

Our flexible pathways have provided students with the opportunity to obtain a high school diploma with many options and resources including dual enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford Tech, online classes, internships and other creative options.

In addition to our Adult Basic Education programming, Vermont Adult Learning operates Energy Works, a workforce training program for jobs in the weatherization and heat pump installation fields. Participants partake of technical training, job readiness training and coaching, and job shadowing opportunities. If you like working with your hands and want to get started in a growing field, this could be for you. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

Vermont Adult Learning served 1388 students statewide in fiscal year 2024. 203 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided approximately 5675 hours of education. This was a 17% increase in the number of students served here in Rutland County! We provided 24 hours of instructional service to three students from Poultney.

Classes are held five days a week, Monday – Friday, with evening classes available and a robust online learning center that was developed following the COVID19 pandemic. This has lessened the transportation barriers many of our students faced but increased the need for technology supports. In response, we have been able to supply our students with Chromebooks so they may remain engaged in their educational pursuits.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the voters of Poultney.

**Contact: Chris Ettori, Regional Director**  
**Email: [cettori@vtadultlearning.org](mailto:cettori@vtadultlearning.org)**  
**Or call 775-0617 ext. 5011**

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**VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**  
*HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926*

### **Report of Services for Town of Poultney**

During the 2024 Fiscal Year, The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired saw continued success in client services, innovative programs, and community outreach initiatives. Moving forward, it is exciting to imagine the strides we

will make in enabling blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be more independent, develop adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life.

**SMART Device Training Program:** 584 Vermont residents received SMART Device Training in FY24, the highest number in the program’s five-year history. In order to fully fund SMART. VABVI has launched the several-year Second Century Endowment Campaign.

**PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning and Support) Group:** PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. While many clients have been pleased with the reintroduction of in-person meetings in FY24, opportunities to join virtually remain available for maximum flexibility. 90 clients attended PALS meetings in FY24.

**HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence):** The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills.

**IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience):** IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This June, IRLE brought 10 visually impaired students to Jay Peak Resort. Activities included beep basketball, disc golf, and ice skating. Fund was had by all!

**Community Outreach:** VABVI continues to innovate new projects which will connect the local community to our services and cause. After more than two years of development, an accessible tactile sign was installed in Burlington’s Waterfront Park in June of 2024. Additionally, VABVI’s New Americans Project has offered free vision screenings for local refugee community members.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the agency provided services to a total of 1,048 Vermont residents. This total includes 9 adults and 1 student in Poultney, and 110 adults and 23 students in Rutland County.

For more information about VABVI’s services or volunteer opportunities, please contact Samantha Gougher, Development Associate, at [sgougher@vabvi.org](mailto:sgougher@vabvi.org). Thank you very much for your support!

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10/25/2024

Town of Poultney  
Attn: Clerk Betsy Wescott & Selectboard Members  
9 Main St Suite 2, Poultney, VT 05764

Re: 2024 Town Report

Dear Clerk Betsy Wescott & Selectboard Members,

On behalf of our board of directors, staff and customers at NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, we want to sincerely thank you for your continued support!

While it was once again a challenging year for so many, we are pleased to report that with continued generous funding from our incredible partners, the State of Vermont, and Poultney, we were once again able to assist many Vermonters with affordable housing services including homebuyer education and counseling, downpayment assistance, home repair and energy loans and grants, home energy audits and energy efficiency projects. Below is a summary of the specific services we were able to provide throughout our service area.

In the last fiscal year (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024), our services comprised of:

- 137 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 135 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont.
- 44 Energy Loans, totaling \$801,164 were made to help homeowners make energy improvements to their home.
- 59 rental units rehabilitated.
- 8 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$287,175 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier.
- 8 Home Repair Loans totaling \$80,154 and 26 Home Repair Grants totaling \$119,961 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades.
- 3 grants totaling \$132,050 were made to homebuyers who utilized the state of Vermont's Share Equity Program.
- 71 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those 19 became homeowners.
- 82 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching.

Again, thank you for your support as we wouldn't otherwise be able to provide these services.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Paskevich Chief Program Officer  
[mpaskevich@nwwvt.org](mailto:mpaskevich@nwwvt.org) | 802.797.8610

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## RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is deeply grateful for the continued partnership and collaboration with the towns in our region. Our top priority remains supporting and empowering our municipalities to foster community and economic development. With 12 program areas, ranging from emergency management and economic development to transportation and water quality, FY24 was our most productive year yet. We look forward to continuing this momentum into the future. For a detailed overview of our work in FY24, visit [www.vapda.org](http://www.vapda.org). To learn more about our programs and services, visit [www.rutlandrpc.org](http://www.rutlandrpc.org).

### Planning and Technical Assistance

With increasing demands on our towns, the RRPC is here to help lighten the load. As the go-to resource for all 27 municipalities in the Rutland Region, we are often the first call for regulatory, planning, and development questions. We help towns navigate state and federal regulations, share important updates on new rules and funding opportunities, and support the development and management of key projects. In addition, we assist in securing grant funding, creating town plans, zoning bylaws, feasibility studies, and designation areas. We also provide hands-on support and training to municipal

officials and staff, helping ensure success across the region.

### **Economic Development**

The RRPC is committed to fostering strong local economies through initiatives like Brownfields Redevelopment. In 2024, we supported assessments and redevelopment planning for 10 projects across five towns, including the former Berwick Hotel and Lynda Lee Factory in Rutland City. These efforts are driving transformative housing, mixed-use, and manufacturing developments while enhancing regional collaboration through an expanded Brownfields Steering Committee.

### **Energy Efficiency**

The RRPC is working closely with towns across the region to implement the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP), which is designed to reduce energy costs and improve the efficiency of town-owned buildings. In FY24, the RRPC secured \$2.5 million in funding for nine municipalities, supporting a range of energy-saving upgrades, weatherization efforts, and other essential improvements. These investments are helping towns lower their energy costs, reduce burdens for local taxpayers, and enhance the sustainability of municipal operations. MERP plays a crucial role in strengthening energy resilience, advancing climate goals, and creating long-term savings for communities throughout the region.

### **Housing**

Recognizing the critical need for diverse and affordable housing options, the RRPC has been a driving force in addressing the Region's housing shortage. In 2024, the RRPC developed a comprehensive Housing Resource Guide featuring over 30 funding opportunities and 45 resources for developers. Widely regarded as a statewide model, this guide has played a pivotal role in helping local developers create new housing units and advance vital projects across the region.

### **Workforce Development**

Workforce development is vital for retaining youth and rebuilding the trades sector in the Rutland Region. In 2024, the RRPC revitalized the Rutland Region Workforce Investment Board (RRWIB) to encourage regional collaboration. The RRPC also secured a \$1.25 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to create a bridge program for high schoolers in Rutland County, offering pathways to careers in the trades and addressing workforce needs in the region.

### **Regional Planning**

In 2024, the RRPC began a comprehensive update of the Rutland Regional Plan. Recognizing the importance of community input, the RRPC focused on expanding public engagement to ensure the plan reflects the priorities and needs of all towns in the region. This effort included town presentations, pop-up events, open houses, and a public survey, all aimed at gathering diverse perspectives. The feedback received has been instrumental in shaping the first draft of the updated plan, which will continue to guide local planning and investment decisions for a more equitable, healthy, and resilient Rutland Region. To learn more about the 2026 Regional Plan and upcoming events, check out [www.rutlandrpc.org/plan2026](http://www.rutlandrpc.org/plan2026).

In closing, we thank the dedicated volunteers and civil servants whose commitment drives progress in our region. Your involvement ensures that diverse perspectives continue to shape our future. As we look ahead to 2025, we encourage all to get involved and help contribute to the success and growth of our Region!

Devon Neary, Executive Director

## Rutland County Solid Waste District | Annual Report - Calendar Year 2024

The Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our eighteen member municipalities, residents, and businesses. Some services are also available to non-district communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and full-service transfer station at 14 Gleason Road in Rutland City. District information on programs, facility, operations, rates, obtaining an annual permit, and many other resources to assist you in your recycling and diversion requirements can be located at our web site, [www.rcswd.com](http://www.rcswd.com). You can also call us at (802) 775-7209.

This year, The District has had many new challenges amid the post global pandemic. Being deemed essential by Governor Scott we remained on the job in full force. Each of our employees continue to raise for the occasion in implementing the guidelines from the CDC, VOSHA, and VBOH. The District also has developed many efficiencies. RCSWD annual permits can be obtained from the convenience of your home or business via [www.rcswd.com/permits](http://www.rcswd.com/permits) in about 4 minutes. Debit and credit cards are accepted as an added means of payment accepted at our facilities. A small convenience fee will be charged.

The RCSWD did complete the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025. The State requires that all communities have a current SWIP in place that meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five-year period. Milestones will need to be reported back as required. The community's involvement in drafting and developing this document was encouraged. The District has also completed a major stormwater project required by Vermont's new 3-acre rules. Thus far this project has cost \$442,227.13

Our website has been updated! This is your virtual Solid Waste Administration Office. Appointments, permits, events, and so much information and detail at your fingertips 24 -hours a day. To keep up to date, do ensure you subscribe to our newsletter, and to your choice of e-mail events alerts. Please see our 2024 Annual Report Book which covers greater detail, and all our programs to include but not limited to:

Waste Disposal: During 2024, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 37,970 tons of municipal solid waste which includes the construction and demolition activity along with a significant amount of bulky waste.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts Zero Sort recycling from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 265 tons of recyclables a year from a large geographical area. Since we began tracking material in 2013 the facility has processed over 260,108 tons of recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents and small business generators. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility by appointment. An additional 32 events are scheduled collections at twelve town transfer stations within eighteen member towns through the spring, summer, and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of our most hazardous, flammable, and toxic materials. The RCSWD HHW also collects electronic waste and has collected over 51.96 tons of material.

Other Programs: The District also offered waste management education, and reduction programs, construction, demolition waste, clean wood, and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, 350 Rutland County, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, and Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society and our valued haulers.

Thank you,  
Mark S. Shea, District Manager



**9-1-1 Calls for Service  
January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2022**

Total 911 Calls Received – 253,449 (up 15,051 or 6% from 238,398 in 2022)

Total Cellular 911 Calls Received - 193,048 (approximately 76% of total, up from 74% in 2022)

Total Abandoned 911 Calls Received – 23,021 (approximately 9% of total, down from 11% in 2022)

Average Time to Answer – 00:05 (seconds- remained the same as 2022)

Average Call Time – 02:07 (minutes; seconds – was 02:04 in 2022)

Total Text-to-911 Received – 865 (up 243 or 33% from 622 in 2022)

Total **POULTNEY** 9-1-1 Calls Received – 989

**Disclaimer** Due primarily to the use of cell phones, the town-by-town statistics do not provide an accurate count of the 911 calls made in any given town. To get an exact town-by-town count of 911 calls would require listening to the recordings of tens of thousands of calls to determine their exact location. This is because of the technology used to locate wireless callers. A wireless call is seen by the 911 system as either a Phase 1 call or a Phase 2 call. In a Phase 1 call, only the location of the cellular tower that received the call is transmitted to the 911 call-taker. In a Phase 2 call, the cellular system attempts to determine the exact location of the caller, but the accuracy varies.

**Things Everyone Needs to Know to Be 9-1-1 Ready!** Help us help you! In an emergency, seconds matter; being prepared can make a difference! Talking through scenarios with other family members can help you. **Be 9-1-1 Ready!**

**Know when to use 9-1-1.** Call or text 9-1-1 in an emergency: **to save a life, stop a crime, or to report a fire.** If you or someone else is hurt or very sick, call 9-1-1. If you're not sure if your situation is an emergency, err on the side of safety and call 9-1-1. The call-taker can assess the event and guide you. **Call when you can, text when you can't!**

**Know your location.** Emergency responders can't help you if they don't know where you are. Train yourself to pay attention to where you are. If you're traveling, be able to identify the road, your direction, mile markers, exits, etc. If you're visiting a friend's house, make a mental note of their address. Make sure everyone in your home knows your street address. Keep your address posted by your phone in case of an emergency.

**Know your phone.** We can call 9-1-1 from a variety of phones these days, which is great in an emergency. However, not all phones and devices provide the 9-1-1 call-taker with your location information. Landline phones will provide your location to the call-taker, but cell and VoIP phones may not. Contact your service provider for more information about the capabilities of your phone.

**Remain calm.** It may be hard to remain calm during an emergency, but when you do so, you make it easier for the call-taker to gather your information and get the right help on the way.

**Don't hang up.** If you have placed an emergency call to 9-1-1, stay on the line until the call-taker tells you it's ok to hang up the phone. They can dispatch help even when you are still on the line. In addition, they may require more information or be able to provide you with assistance, so don't hang up!

**Don't hang up!** If you've called 9-1-1 by accident, it's important to let the call-taker know. If you hang up suddenly, the call-taker may call you back or may even send someone to your home to check on your safety.

**Old cell phones.** Old cell phones may make entertaining toys for kids, but do you know that even deactivated phones with no service plan can still call 9-1-1? To avoid an unintentional call to 9-1-1, remove the battery before giving it to a child to play with. Better yet, recycle or donate your retired phone.



**Vermont 2-1-1 is the number to dial to find out about hundreds of important community resources, like emergency food and shelter, disability services, counseling, senior services, health care, child care, drug and alcohol programs, legal assistance, transportation agencies, educational and volunteer opportunities, and much more.**

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**About the Vermont 2-1-1 database:**

The Vermont 2-1-1 database contains detailed descriptions of programs and services available to Vermonters that are provided by local community groups, social service and health-related agencies, government organizations, and others. We are constantly adding new resources to our database, but at last count it contains **1010** agencies that provide **10031** services across **2941** programs. Resource Specialists gather information by regularly attending community meetings throughout the state and contacting agencies directly to complete a formal update process at least annually.

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**Services fall under the following general categories:**

Basic Needs	Consumer Services
Criminal Justice and Legal Services	Education
Environment/Public Health/Public Safety	Health Care
Income Support and Employment	Individual and Family Life
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	Organizational/Community Services

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**Types of agencies in the database include:**

Federal, state and local entities	Community Action Agencies
Non-Profit organizations	Churches
Service organizations and civic groups that provide services to the public	
Out-of-state entities that offer services to Vermonters	
And more	

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**To reach an Information and Referral Specialist in the Contact Center:**

**From within Vermont:** [1-866-652-4636](tel:1-866-652-4636)

**From Out-of-State:** [1-802-652-4636](tel:1-802-652-4636)

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## Vermont League of Cities and Towns

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

**Member Benefits** – All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 140 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, and fire districts. As members, municipal officials and staff can tap into specialized benefits, expertise, and services, such as:

- Legal and technical assistance, including prompt responses to thousands of questions on how to comply with state and federal requirements. VLCT also creates and publishes guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs to simplify the day-to-day work of municipal officials and staff. In 2024, members used VLCT’s consultation, resources, and government-specific finance training to help them obtain federal infrastructure funding, respond to flooding, and manage grants. Staff even helped state leaders design and implement grant programs to be easier for municipalities to use.

- Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials. VLCT provides training via webinars, classes at members' locations, and its annual member conference. In the wake of the 2023 floods, VLCT became a crucial information hub for local officials, and in 2024 VLCT helped members understand the local effects of updates to the Open Meeting Law, Act 250, and other state laws. VLCT's Equity Committee assists local officials in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in their municipalities' decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped secure flood relief for municipalities, increase local transportation funding, expand remote meeting authority, improve emergency medical services, exempt downtowns from Act 250, and create local option tax authority. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- Not-for-profit insurance programs. The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members group rates on desirable employee benefits. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are only available to VLCT members.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit [vlct.org](http://vlct.org). Recent audited financial statements are available at [vlct.org/AuditReports](http://vlct.org/AuditReports).

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## ANNUAL REPORT TO The Town of Poultney

# 2024

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets that are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,110 animals in 2023.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, membership, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national

organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 28 animals from the Town of Poultney from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Please call us at 483.9171 or visit our website at [RCHSVT.org](http://RCHSVT.org) if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

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#### **DOG LICENSING & THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka “VSNIP”!**

Pursuant to: 20 VS.A. §3581 of the Vermont Statutes Title 20: Internal Security and Public Safety, Chapter 193: Domestic Pet or Wolf-hybrid Control. Sub-chapter 002: Licenses: A dog must be licensed (registered) by six months of age at your town office to be legal. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required. Dogs **not** licensed can be seized and euthanized per state statute.

Registering identifies your dog. It's proof of protection against rabies in case an animal or person is bitten. Immediate medical attention is needed. Animals not vaccinated and registered could be quarantined or possibly seized and euthanized, enabling the brain to be tested. Rabies is deadly. PLEASE LICENSE NOW!

Vermont Statutes Title 20 - Internal Security and Public Safety Chapter 193 - Domestic Pet or Wolf-Hybrid Control §3621. Issuance of warrant to impound; complaint.

**(a)(1) The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a warrant to one or more police officers, constables, pound keepers, or appointed animal control officers, directing them to promptly impound all dogs or wolf-hybrids within the town or city not licensed according to the provisions of this subchapter, except as exempted by section 3587 of this title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers of the impounded dogs and wolf-hybrids.**

A puppy (or kitten) can have their first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Community Animal Aid hosts a Wellness Clinic, including rabies vaccinations, for those unhoused or those receiving state benefits usually on the 2nd Saturday of the month: East Barre Fire Station. Check for updates: [AnimalAidVT@gmail.com](mailto:AnimalAidVT@gmail.com) or 802-734-0259. Tractor Supply Stores host a monthly rabies clinic, and some VT Humane Societies and veterinarians offer a rabies clinic in March.

#### **THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka “VSNIP”**

**VSNIP helps income eligible Vermonters have dogs and cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated at a very reduced cost to them.** Veterinary offices are throughout the state and we invite other veterinarians to join this altruistic effort to help continue eliminating routine euthanasia of mostly, an over population of cats and kittens. For an application, call 802-672-5302. Push #2 for instructions, or visit: [VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV](http://VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV)  
Sue Skaskiw, Administrator

TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

# Poultney Rabies Clinic

**FEE: \$10.00/pet**

**Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 from 10:00am – 12:00pm**

**Poultney Veterinary Hospital – 330 East Main St., Poultney, VT**

**Leave Pet in Car and Owner only enter to register and pay for pet  
If multiple pets, please call to pre-register  
802-287-9292**

**1 year vaccination unless show proof of prior vaccination**

**Town Clerk's Office open same days/times to register dogs  
You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you for license  
For information, call Poultney Town Clerks Office at 802-287-5761**

**Per Vermont State Law ALL Dogs must be registered by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.**

## RABIES ALERT!

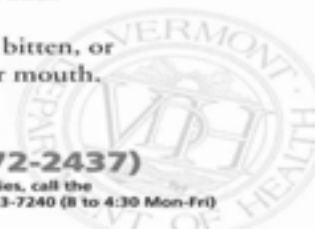


- \* Don't feed or touch wild animals, or animals you don't know— even baby animals.
- \* Get rabies shots for all your pets, even cats.
- \* Call your doctor right away if you are bitten, or get animal saliva in a cut, eyes, nose or mouth.



**Vermont Rabies Hotline:  
1-800-4-RABIES (1-800-472-2437)**

If you have contact with an animal that may have rabies, call the Vermont Department of Health at 800-640-4374 or 863-7240 (8 to 4:30 Mon-Fri)





# ARC

**Advocacy\* Resources\* Community**

Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

**Mission Statement:** To advocate for the right of individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) and their families to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as non-disabled individuals, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

### **PROGRAMS:**

**Representative Payee Program:** ARC currently has an active client base of 50 individuals living with Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities. We manage each client's individual Social Security and/or Supplemental Security Income and process payments of their financial obligations timely. The Rep. Payee is the liaison for Social Security and works with various other agencies and the client's case managers to assure that the beneficiaries are receiving appropriate services. We are currently at capacity with a waiting list of four potential clients.

**Self-Advocates (SABE-R) and AKtion Club:** The Self Advocates Becoming Empowered - Rutland trained and practiced Disability Acceptance presentations about what it is like to live in Rutland County as an adult living with a developmental disability to various organizations such as the Free Clinic, Castleton Campus of VTSU, the Civil and Probate Divisions of VT Superior Court, and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. The Aktion Club (a Kiwanis member group) created a new fund raiser: "8-Bean soup in a Jar" has been a great hit this past year. We expanded our "jar" series to include "fairy jars" –glow in the dark lanterns. Last year's self-sponsored Car Wash and Bake Sale allowed them to donate \$350 to a deserving family of the Boys & Girls Club. We are doing it again at the Bennington Bank on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Events/Great Outdoor Experiences:** These events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that builds a circle of support, family and community while practicing social skills, and getting physical exercise. We offer five themed dances and three outdoor events throughout the year. We start with our Valentine's Dance, followed by the End O' Winter, Spring Fling, Halloween, and end with the Holiday Dance. Our outdoor events are at least the Family Fun Day, Urban Legend Walk, and Duffy Barn Picnic. We hope to add another outdoor event in 2025!

**Transportation:** We are especially grateful to **MVRTD** and the grant we received. They provided transportation through volunteer drivers to 5 Self Advocate & Aktion club members who live rurally to their monthly meetings and weekly trainings this winter and this summer, while transporting them to the specific community locations for their presentations! This year we collaborated with RRPC to create a pilot survey for individuals with ID/DD for their safety and accessibility to public transportation. MVRTD provided transportation to the Annual Self-Advocates convention in March and to all our events, transporting on average fifteen people per event from and return to their homes as well as providing some special individual trips.

On behalf of those we have served, and their families for over 66 years, we are grateful for the support and continued assistance from the citizens of Rutland Area. Rutland County's population claims 28% as having a disability- one of the highest county in the State. We rely on the support of 18 towns in the Rutland Area along with grants, donations and small fundraisers throughout the year. We choose to embrace peer to peer comradery, to offer opportunities for the DD/ID population to share in the community through self-advocacy skills and respectfully appreciate the offerings from all of Rutland Area. For those wanting more information on these wonderful services or to volunteer, please call 802-775-1370.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Drake, Executive Director

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December 5, 2024

To the Citizens of the Town of Poultney,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action served **192** residents of the Town of Poultney. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

***Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$1,000.00.***

We truly value our collaboration with Poultney as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom", written over a light gray circular background.

Thomas L. Donahue, CEO  
[tdonahue@broc.org](mailto:tdonahue@broc.org)

**Rutland Office**  
143 Maple St  
Rutland VT, 05701  
(802) 786-5990



**Bennington Office**  
160 Benmont Ave, Suite #90  
Bennington VT, 05201  
(802) 442-5436

## **Report to the Citizens of Poultney**

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to older residents in Poultney during SVCOA's most recent annual reporting period of 10/1/2023 through 9/30/2024.

### ***Nutrition Support***

The Council helped provide 7,965 meals that were delivered to the homes of 53 older Vermonters in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". In addition, 92 older Poultney residents came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 2,418 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 36.75 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 24 residents of Poultney.

### ***Case Management Assistance:***

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 48 older Vermonters in your community for a total of 339.5 hours. Case managers meet with an older resident privately in their home or at another agreed upon location and assess their individual situation. They will work with the older resident to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the older resident desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help older residents connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail older Vermonters facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

### ***Other Services and Support:***

- 1) "Senior Helpline" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior Helpline staff provide telephone support to older Vermonters and others who need information on available programs and community resources.
- 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program.
- 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project.
- 4) Information about issues and opportunities directly affecting older Vermonters via various agency articles and publications.
- 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician.
- 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound older Vermonters.
- 7) Outreach services to older Vermonters dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland Mental Health.
- 8) Transportation assistance.
- 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to older Vermonters in need of assistance.
- 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to older Vermonters and younger disabled individuals.

## Poultney Rotary Club

*You are Invited!*

We meet every Monday morning at 7:15am at the Rail Trail Eatery for breakfast. Representatives of local groups join us to share community news. Please join us. Meetings are not held on Monday holidays and between Christmas and New Years. We post meeting schedules and meeting locations on our website (<https://poultney-rotary.weebly.com>) and news on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PoultneyRotaryClub1927>).

The Poultney Rotary Club was founded 97 years ago. We value the development of friends and community as an opportunity for service above self. We strive for high ethical standards and the appreciation that all community occupations should be valued. We support both our local community, our region, nation and international goodwill, peace, and service. We seek to cooperate with other organizations to improve our world.

### **Poultney Rotary Club Activities 2024**

#### Fund Raising/ Community Events

- 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook off with Band and Silent Auction (September)
- Community Trivia (March)

#### Where the Funds Go!

- ◆ School Support:
  - Two \$5,000 Scholarships for Academic Achievement for seniors pursuing college
  - Two \$500 Scholarship for Academic and Music Achievement
  - Two \$500 Award for Excellence in Vocational, Technical, & Career Education
  - Ten-Awards to National Honor Societies Seniors
  - Supported travel for History Day finalist's trip to compete in Washington, DC
  - Back Pack Program & Supplies for High School and Elementary School
  - Financial Support for Poultney High School life skills program field trip
  - *Josh the Otter Program*, a water safety program for kindergarten students in Poultney, Wells, & Middletown Springs.
- ◆ Poultney Green-up Day Activities and Plant Sale support of Mettowee Conservational District
- ◆ Financial Support of Local Programs:
  - Young at Heart Senior Center
  - Stone Valley Arts Programs for community and schools
  - Poultney Recreation Program Scholarships
  - Poultney Recreation Puppet Residency
  - Tree of Giving (2 children)
  - Poultney Arts Day Dance 2024
  - Vt Fish & Wildlife Green Mountain Conservation Camp Scholarship (1)
- ◆ Rutland Area ARC Picnic
- ◆ International donations to World Polio, Rotary Foundation Humanitarian Efforts, and Shelter Box  
(International kit providing a complete family living unit/tent and supplies)

# SLATE VALLEY TRAILS

## Poultney Town Report, Submitted by Courtney Behnken, SVT Director of Operations

Slate Valley Trails, (SVT) is a dedicated community organization established in 2015. As a non-profit organization and a proud chapter of the Vermont Mountain Biking Association (VMBA), our primary objective is to build, maintain and promote foot and cycling trails in the Slate Valley region of southwestern Vermont. Today, SVT maintains over 60 miles of multi-use trails in and around Poultney. SVT Trailheads include: Delaney Woods, Endless Brook Trailhead, Fairgrounds Trailhead, Howe Hill Trailhead, Lake St. Catherine Country Club Trailhead, Castleton University Trails, Poultney River Loop, Deane/Osborne Preserve

### SVT's year in review

#### In 2024:

- Constructed a new trail loop off of route 30 that will be a future town to trails connection
- Hired professional trail maintenance crew who performed over 1,500+ hours on trail sustainability projects, routine maintenance, enhancements, and upgrades.
- Hosted 2 major fundraising events (Epic Mountain Bike Race & Scramble Running Festival) that brought 300+ participants, locally and nationally.
- Engaged over 130 volunteers
- Hosted two successful weeks of a full day summer kid's mountain bike camp, partnering with Poultney's summer rec. program, which saw 50+ local youth participants
- Hosted it's 2nd annual FREE Adult Learn to Bike Clinic partnering with VMBA, which saw close to 60 participants
- Hosed a diverse range of free community events (group mountain bike rides, group trail runs, winter group hikes, group bird walks, group women's mtb rides) led by SVT volunteers
- Hosted 5 successful volunteer trail work nights
- Resumed a 100% volunteer trail grooming program for winter trail activities like fat biking, skiing, and snowshoeing
- Participated in community events such as the Fourth of July Parade and Chili Cook-Off
- Redesigned SVT website with a new "Plan Your Visit" page to promote Poultney's outdoor recreation assets, shopping, and dining establishments
- Engaged 30 local business sponsors, 400 members, and 13 board members

SVT would love to have your help! SVT is supported by memberships, donations, business sponsorships, grants and LOTS of volunteer hours. To participate and play a role in advocating for outdoor recreational opportunities and our community, visit [slatevalleytrails.org](https://slatevalleytrails.org) or contact [courtney@slatevalleytrails.org](mailto:courtney@slatevalleytrails.org).

Our Year in Poultney

December 2024

The Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce exists to promote business and our local area economy by growing our membership, connecting members, organizing events and promoting member businesses. Any local company or group that wants to support the growth and success of the Poultney area is welcome to join.

With an all-new board, 2024 was a year of learning and rebuilding with an emphasis on growing our membership as we worked together to host events we may or may not have previously attended, picked up the work of previous chamber boards and sought new opportunities to serve our member businesses and the community.

Membership was up significantly this year, and several overhead costs reduced, leaving us in good financial shape to increase our efforts to market and promote Poultney area businesses and events. The Spring Town Wide Yard Sale was a great success. Septemberfest, an Art, Craft and Food Fair in its third year, did well. In addition to hosting events, we supported Maplefest and East Poultney Day.

The Chamber again participated in organizing and judging the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, selected a Citizen of the Year for 2025 – Dick Gray of Poultney American Legion, and tailored Stuff-A-Shanty to better meet our community needs, as the Winter Wardrobe. We worked with the PDRC on several joint initiatives to include holiday promotions and a digital refresh for downtown businesses.

In addition to events, we've added Small Business Bingo, created a restaurant flyer and commenced a program spotlighting our member businesses. We will continue to look for opportunities to promote more of our member businesses. We are also able to make Vision and Dental insurance available to member businesses at group rates and will expand offerings to include other worksite insurance offerings.

We continue to maintain media partnerships with PEG-TV, Lakeside News and Rutland Sun, NYVT Media and the Rutland Herald. This raises awareness of Poultney and increases the visibility of the Chamber and its members.

Our efforts to promote the Poultney area include the compilation of the Poultney Community Guide, in partnership with NYVT Media that is used by locals and visitors alike. The guide includes a listing of all chamber members in good standing at the time of print as well as a listing of events and articles highlighting the various organizations and events that make Poultney such a special place.

Chamber member Suanne Ohl of Northland Real Estate continues to provide Welcome Baskets to new residents. The baskets include gifts and information about local businesses and organizations. Our local IT expert Bethani Dupee of Nekonook Services continues to maintain our website where information about member businesses and local events can be found. Any organization hosting a local event can request posting of the event by submitting a form on the website or sending email to [PoultneyVTChamber@gmail.com](mailto:PoultneyVTChamber@gmail.com).

It's been a good year, and we look forward to serving our business community again in 2025.

# QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

## Annual School District Meeting

**February 25 and March 4, 2025**

The legal voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Poultney, Proctor, and West Rutland, are hereby notified and warned to meet at Poultney High School Library in said town or virtually at the following link: [meet.google.com/toh-ewej-snf](https://meet.google.com/toh-ewej-snf) or Join by phone **1 347-954-0680 PIN: 600 570 571#** at seven o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, to transact any of the following business not involving voting by Australian ballot. Upon the conclusion of the business not involving Australian ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. at which time the polls open until 7:00 P.M. at which time the polls will close, to transact business involving voting by Australian ballot.

### February 25, 2025

- Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 2. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 3. To elect a treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 4. To elect a clerk for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 5. To hear a presentation from the School Board on the proposed 2025-26 budget.
- Article 6. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

### March 4, 2025

- Article 7. "Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$21,593,096.70, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Quarry Valley Unified Union School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$11,190, which is 4.72% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year."
- Advisory Article 8. Recognizing the authority vested in the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Board to undertake such action, shall the voters recommend to the Board that it explore closing a school within the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District?

### Informational Hearing on February 25, 2025

Said persons and voters are further notified and warned that the meeting on February 25, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at Poultney High School Library, in Poultney, Vermont will also serve as an informational hearing to discuss Article 7 which will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 4, 2025. Said persons and voters are warned and notified that voter qualifications, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Said persons and voters are further warned and notified that pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2680(h), Article 7 constitutes a Public Hearing on the proposed budget.


**Polling Places for Australian Ballot Vote on March 4, 2025**


Poultney:	Poultney Fire House	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Proctor:	Proctor Jr. Sr. High School	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
West Rutland:	West Rutland Town Hall	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Dated on January <sup>16</sup>, 2025.

QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:


  
Eric Hier, Board Chair

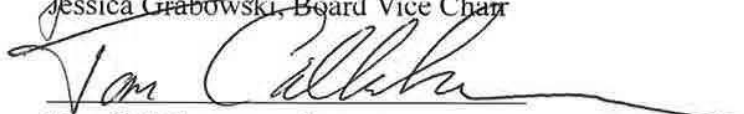
  
Sarah Lohnes-Watulak, Clerk


  
Lauren Davenport, Board Member

  
Lisa Miser, Board Member

  
Linda Smith, Board Member

  
Jessica Grabowski, Board Vice Chair

  
Tom Callahan, Board Member

  
Rebecca Gardner, Board Member

  
Michael Moser, Board Member

Received for record and recorded prior to posting this <sup>17<sup>th</sup></sup> day of January 2025.

  
Quarry Valley Unified Union District Clerk

# REMINDER

The Quarry Valley Board of School Directors  
Will Hold Its Annual Meeting as Follows:

**DATE & TIME:**

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 7: 00 PM

**LOCATION:**

**Poultney High School Library  
Poultney, VT**

**The Board Will Present the Proposed School Budget To the  
Public and Will Be Available to Answer Questions.**

Please Join Us in Support of Your Schools!

If you would like to review the annual report ahead of the meeting, please contact your local School, Town Office, or Library. Additionally, the annual report will be made available online at

[www.grcsu.org](http://www.grcsu.org).



GRCSU FY26 Budget Information



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Residents of the Town of Poultney:

It is my honor to continue to represent you in the Vermont House of Representatives. I began my sixth term of office, and will continue to represent you to the best of my abilities. Thank you for your continued support.

Due to the election this past November, we are returning to Montpelier with a better balance in both the House and the Senate as there is no longer a supermajority in either Chamber. The biggest takeaway from this is that we will now have to come to the table in our committees, listen, compromise, and reach consensus, before the bill leaves its respective committee.

Education, from how we fund to how we deliver, is on everyone's mind this session. With historic increases in property tax bills across our state, Vermonters spoke loud and clear that enough was enough. We need to fund education in a way that is clear, concise and transparent to Vermonters. Our current system is very difficult to understand. A foundation formula, where a certain dollar amount is sent to schools for each student enrolled, has been discussed.

Housing, or lack thereof, has become an issue in every county of the state. The need to ease ACT250 restrictions in order to rehabilitate or build new housing, is key to making this happen in as timely a way as possible.

Public Safety. Every county has felt the impact of increased crime. Poultney is no exception. I am a co-sponsor of an omnibus public safety bill which includes repeal of raising the juvenile age to 19 as well as looking at allowing judges more leeway when assessing bail, especially for repeat offenders.

Governor Scott will be presenting his State Budget on Tuesday, January 28. We eagerly await the Governor's budget, especially with regard to Education, Public Safety and Housing.

If you have any questions or concerns, I am always here to listen. Please feel free to reach out to me at [pmccoy@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:pmccoy@leg.state.vt.us).

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Pattie McCoy

# Rutland County Solid Waste District 2025 HHW Rural Rover Collection Schedule



**Gleason Road HHW facility is open Mon-Sat (7am - 2pm)**

(Online appointment can be made at [www.rcswd.com](http://www.rcswd.com)<sup>1</sup> in advance for the 14 Gleason Rd facility)

APRIL 5, 2025	<b>CASTLETON</b> 7:30AM - 11:00AM	<b>WEST RUTLAND</b> 12:00AM - 2:00PM
APRIL 12, 2025	<b>MT. HOLLY</b> 8:00AM - 10:00AM	<b>KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD</b> 11:30AM - 1:30PM
APRIL 19, 2025	<b>BRANDON</b> 8:00AM - 10:00AM	<b>PITTSFORD</b> 11:00AM - 1:00PM
APRIL 26, 2025	<b>POULTNEY</b> 8:00AM - 10:00 AM	<b>IRA</b> 11:30AM - 1:30PM
May 3, 2025	<b>PROCTOR</b> 11:00AM - 2:00PM	
MAY 10, 2025	<b>DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S</b> 8:00AM - 10:00AM	
MAY 17, 2025	<b>WALLINGFORD</b> 8:00AM - 10:00AM	<b>CLARENDON</b> 11:00AM - 1:00PM
MAY 24, 2025	<b>BRANDON</b> 8:00AM - 10:00AM	<b>PITTSFORD</b> 11:00AM - 1:00PM
MAY 31, 2025		<b>POULTNEY</b> 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 7, 2025	<b>CASTLETON</b> 8:00AM - 11:00AM	<b>WELLS</b> 12:00PM - 2:00PM
JUNE 14, 2025	<b>IRA</b> 8:00AM - 10:00AM	<b>WEST RUTLAND</b> 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 21, 2025	<b>MT. HOLLY</b> 8:00AM - 10:00AM	<b>KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD</b> 11:30AM to 1:30PM
JULY 19, 2025	<b>WALLINGFORD</b> 8:00AM - 10:00AM	<b>DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S</b> 11:00AM - 1:00PM
SEPT 6, 2025	<b>CASTLETON</b> 8:00AM - 11:00AM	<b>WELLS</b> 12:00PM - 2:00PM
SEPT 13, 2025		<b>POULTNEY</b> 11:00AM - 1:00PM
SEPT 20, 2025	<b>WALLINGFORD</b> 8:00AM - 10:00AM	<b>CLARENDON</b> 11:00AM - 1:00PM
SEPT 27, 2025	<b>BRANDON</b> 8:00AM - 10:00AM	<b>PITTSFORD</b> 11:00AM - 1:00PM
OCT 4, 2025	<b>KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD</b> 8:00AM - 10:00AM	<b>PROCTOR</b> 11:30AM - 1:30PM

## 2025 HHW RURAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE



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