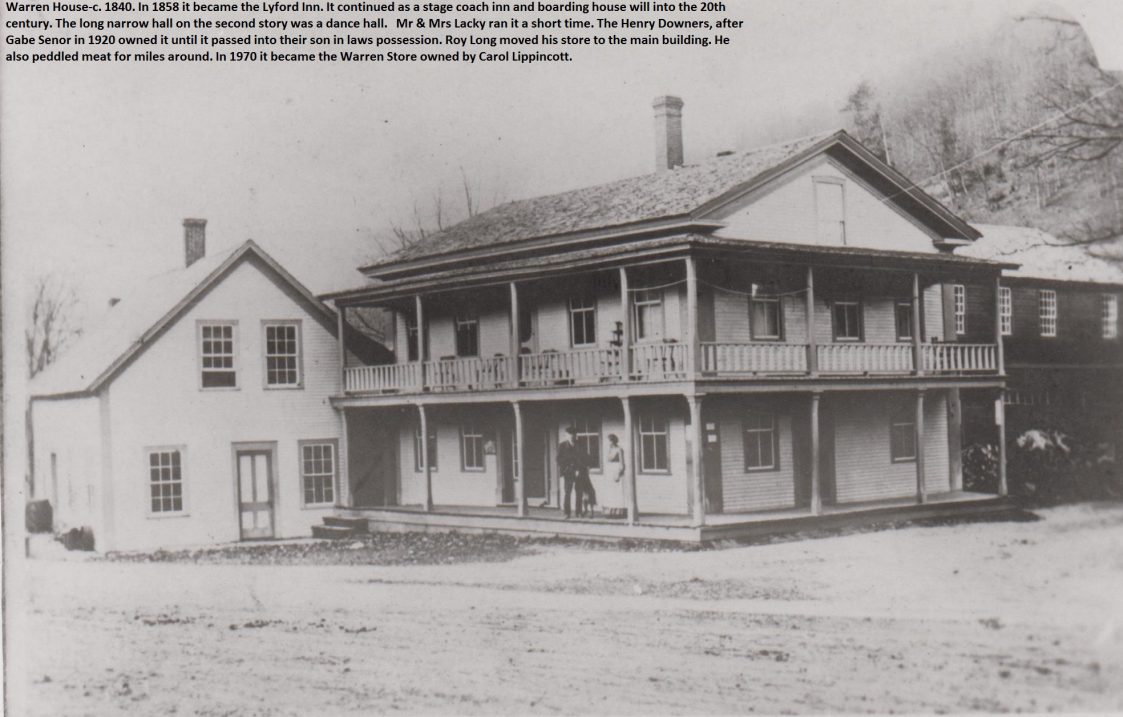


ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF WARREN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

Warren House-c. 1840. In 1858 it became the Lyford Inn. It continued as a stage coach inn and boarding house well into the 20th century. The long narrow hall on the second story was a dance hall. Mr & Mrs Lacky ran it a short time. The Henry Downers, after Gabe Senor in 1920 owned it until it passed into their son in laws possession. Roy Long moved his store to the main building. He also peddled meat for miles around. In 1970 it became the Warren Store owned by Carol Lippincott.



Warren Hotel- Roy Long added the gas pumps in front. The library and Post Office were in the lobby
The barn was the carriage house for the Inn



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TOWN OFFICIALS – 2021

OFFICE	TERM	EXPIRES
AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT REPRESENTATIVE		
Louise Messner	1 Year Appointment	2021
CONSTABLE		
Gene Bifano	2 Year Appointment	2021
CONSTABLE 2ND		
Jeff Campbell	2 Year Appointment	2021
CEMETARY COMMISSION		
John Goss	5 Year	2021
Michele Eid	5 Year	2023
Camilla Behn	5 Year	2023
Charles Snow	5 Year	2024
Sharon Conte	5 Year	2025
CTRL VT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REP		
Vacant	1 Year	2019
CTRL VT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REP	Vacant	
Michael Bridgewater alternate		
CTRL VT REVOLVING LOAN REPRESENTATIVE	Vacant	2020
John Norton – Alternate		
CTRL VT STATE POLICE ADVISORY BOARD		
Gene Bifano	1 Year	2021
Jeff Campbell	1 Year	2021
CONSERVATION COMMISSION-Appointed		
George Schenk	4 Year	2022
Damon Reed	4 Year	2022
Carolyn Schipa	4 Year	2023
Rocky Blier	4 Year	2023
Kate Warner	4 Year	2023
Clint Coleman	4 Year	2023
Amy Polaczyk	4 Year	2023
Jim Edgcomb	4 Year	2024
Vacant	4 Year	2024
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR		
Reta Goss	3 Year	2021
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD		
Chris Behn	3 Year	2022
Virginia Roth	3 Year	2022
Jeff Schoellkopf	3 Year	2022
Peter Monte, Chair	3 Year	2023
Charlotte Robinson	3 Year	2023
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD ALTERNATES		
Robert Kaufmann		
Devin Corrigan		
Don Swain		
DOG CATCHER		
Constables	1 Year Appointment	2021

TOWN OFFICIALS – 2021

OFFICE	TERM	EXPIRES
DOG POUND KEEPER		
Roy Hadden	1 Year Appointment	2021
E911 COORDINATOR		
Ruth Robbins	Appointment	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR		
Jeff Campbell		
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR		
Jeff Campbell		
ENERGY COORDINATOR		
Beth Bins	1 Year	2021
FENCE VIEWER		
Wayne Kathan	1 Year Appointment	2021
Randy Taplin	1 Year Appointment	2021
Vacant	1 Year Appointment	2021
FIRE CHIEF		
Peter DeFreest	1 Year Elected By Fire Department	
FOREST FIRE WARDEN		
Garrett Swann	5 Year Appointed by U.S. Forest Service	
GIS COORDINATOR		
Mike Kelley	1 Year	2021
GRAND JUROR		
Jeff Campbell	1 Year	2021
GREEN UP COMMITTEE		
Rootswork Members		
Harwood Unified Union School District		
Jonathan Clough	3 Year	2022
Rosemarie White	3 Year	2021
HEALTH OFFICER		
Steve Willis	3 Year Appointment	2021
HISTORIAN		
Vacant	1 Year Appointment	2021
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE		
Susan Bauchner	2 Year	2022
Sandra Brodeur	2 Year	2022
Kenneth Scott	2 Year	2022
Margo Wade	2 Year	2022
Joni Zweig	2 Year	2022
LIBRARIAN		
Marie Schmukal	Appointment	
LIBRARY TRUSTEE		
Ellen Kucera	3 Year	2021
David Green-Leibovitz	3 Year	2021
Linda Tyler	3 Year	2022
Alex Maclay	3 Year	2022

TOWN OFFICIALS – 2021

OFFICE	TERM	EXPIRES
David Ellison	3 Year	2023
Laurie Jones	3 Year	2023
LISTER		
Mike Kelly	3 Year	2021
Sandra Brodeur	3 Year	2022
Robert Cummiskey	3 Year	2023
MRV PLANNING DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE REP		
Robert Ackland		
Dan Raddock		
MAD RIVER VALLEY RECREATION COMMITTEE		
Douglas Bergstein		
Whitney Phillips		
Alice Rogers-Graves		
MRV SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE		
Margo Wade	1 Year	2021
MUNICIPAL COURT SYSTEM OFFICER	Appointment	
CUSTODIAL		
Reta Goss	1 Year	2021
ISSUING		
Ruth Robbins	1 Year	2021
Cindi Jones	1 Year	2021
Steve Willis	1 Year	2021
Gene Bifano	1 Year	2021
APPEARING		
Andrew Cunningham	1 Year	2021
Wayne Kathan	1 Year	2021
Steve Willis	1 Year	2021
Gene Bifano	1 Year	2021
Ruth Robbins	1 Year	2021
PLANNING COMMISSION		
J. Michael Bridgewater	3 Year	2021
Jim Sanford Chairman	3 Year	2021
Camilla Behn	4 Year	2022
Dan Raddock	4 Year	2022
Mike Ketchel	3 Year	2023
Randall Graves	3 Year	2023
Jennifer Faillace	3 Year	2023
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER		
Jeff Campbell	1 Year Appointment	2021
RECREATION COMMITTEE		
Carl Bates	2 Year	2021
Robert Meany	2 Year	2022
Doug Bernstein	3 Year	2022
Kirsten Reilly	2 Year	2022
Vacant	3 Year	2023

TOWN OFFICIALS – 2021

OFFICE	TERM	EXPIRES
ROAD COMMISSIONER & DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS		
Vacant	1 Year Appointment	2021
ROAD FOREMAN		
Andrew Bombard	1 Year	2021
SELECT BOARD		
Luke Youmell	2 Year	2021
Camilla Behn	3 Year	2022
Robert Ackland	2 Year	2022
Andrew Cunningham	3 Year	2022
Randy Graves	3 Year	2023
SHINGLE INSPECTOR		
Mac Rood	1 Year Appointment	2021
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE		
Camilla Behn	1 Year	2021
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR		
Cindi Jones		
TOWN AGENT		
Wayne Kathan	1 Year Appointment	2021
TOWN CLERK		
Reta Goss	3 Year	2021
Maliea Brunelle, Asst.		
TOWN TREASURER		
Dayna Lisaius	3 Year	2023
TOWN MODERATOR		
Mac Rood resigned	1 Year	2021
Doug Bergstein appt	1 Year	2021
TREE WARDEN		
Megan Moffroid	1 Year Appointment	2021
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY		
Dayna Lisaius	3 Year	2023
WEIGHER OF COAL		
Ken Friedman	1 Year Appointment	2021
ZONING AND PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR		
Ruth Robbins		

WARNING OF 2021 TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Warren are hereby notified that Vermont now has same day voter registration. Eligible residents will be able to register to vote on any day up to and including Election Day during the hours the polls are open. Legal voters of the Town of Warren may request absentee ballots for Australian ballot at the Town Clerk's office until Monday March 1st, 2020 until 4 PM. Any authorized person may apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of an absentee voter.

The following items will be voted on by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 2, 2020 at the Warren Town Hall, located at 413 Main Street.

- Article 1. Shall the Town vote a budget of \$3,274,738 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town including the capital expenditures and to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?
- Article 2. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes for that purpose?
- Article 3. Shall the Town vote its current taxes into the hands of the Town Treasurer?
- Article 4. Shall the Town vote to approve a contribution to the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service in the amount of \$15,000 to help cover the cost of replacing its oldest ambulance in 2021 and the ensure MRVAS has adequate financial resources to maintain its EMS readiness?
- Article 5. Shall the Town vote to allocate \$20,000 to the Conservation Reserve Fund for the year 2021 to be used for land conservation projects as stated in the Town of Warren Conservation Commission and Reserve Fund Charter dated 24 April 2007?
- Article 6. Shall the Town vote to authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$4,000 to be dedicated to the Mad River Valley Housing Coalition to fund their effort to create local housing solutions to the Mad River Valley's affordable housing challenge through the creation of programs that incentivize new rental units; assistance to municipalities in developing housing policy; exploration of a dedicated housing trust fund; incorporation of community feedback; and collaboration with individuals and developers on projects that meet the varied needs of the Mad River Valley housing market contingent upon approval of the towns of Warren, Waitsfield and Fayston?
- Article 7. Shall the Town have its taxes of real and personal property billed July 15, taxes due August 15, delinquent after November 15, with no discount?
- Article 8. Shall the Town vote its Green Mountain National Forest money go to the Warren PTO?
- Article 9. Shall the Town empower the Select Board to accept any land if given to the Town or to purchase any land within the Town?
- Article 10. Shall the town vote to start next year's Town Meeting at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Warren Elementary School?

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Email: propertymanagement@gmvt.net

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WARREN SELECT BOARD 2020 TOWN REPORT

Last year we ended the Select Board Report with this sentence: “2020 is shaping up to be an enormously important year locally and nationally. Exercise your right to VOTE!”

But no one could have foreseen the wild and twisting path we have taken since March. Less than two weeks after Town Meeting we experienced the sudden end of the ski season, a VT state of emergency declaration and near universal face masking.

Our immediate goal was to ensure the safety of all Town employees and to see that the duties of Town government were able to be delivered. We met weekly- open air at first, then online utilizing the Zoom platform. Our Emergency Management Director Jeff Campbell rose to the task delivering data and setting up protocols for us. We facilitated remote working for most Town employees and safe working conditions for those that needed to report in person. In June we were the first Valley town to pass a mask wearing mandate in our Covid 19 response. Maybe the low point of the early pandemic was cancelling the July 4th festivities. Undoubtedly correct, but so disappointing.

In reviewing our Town expenses, we chose to pull back on paving and road projects to conserve funds in case we were unable to collect property taxes from financially distressed taxpayers. Thankfully, this concern did not come to pass but we continue to watch and adjust in this year’s budgeting.

This year we all have learned to be flexible and resilient. The Board continued to meet weekly for most of the spring and summer with Covid 19 updates leading off. Later we returned to our regular meeting schedule noted below. The Zoom based meetings are a new phenomenon but we certainly saw more citizen participation and the live streaming by MRVTV meant it could be watched in real time.

We all join you in looking forward to a year that may bring a reboot of what we have always enjoyed in Warren: gathering, entertaining and sharing our community without the social distance.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month: 6pm on Zoom. Open to all.

The Warren Selectboard
Andrew Cunningham, Chair
Bob Ackland, Vice Chair
Luke Youmell
Randy Graves
Camilla Behn

2020 STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

2019 Statement of Taxes Billed	Tax Rate	Grand List	Tax
Non-residential Ed. Grand List	1.6761	5,690,865.61	9,538,459.92
Homestead Ed. Grand List	1.6814	1,593,942.00	2,680,054.06
Municipal Grand List	0.4100	7,366,269.02	3,020,141.41
Veteran’s Exemption	0.0002	7,366,269.02	1,473.15
Late HS-122			7830.34
Total Amount billed			<u>15,247,958.88</u>
Beginning Balance total Delinquent Tax list as of (12/31/2019)			396,976.41
Payments sent to State of Vermont Education Fund			(6,811,944.80)
Payment sent to WWSU-consolidated Union			(4,507,905.00)
2020 adjustments, corrections, and Tax appeals			3,741.73
Ending Balance total Delinquent Tax List as of (12/31/2020)			(447,482.80)
Total payments/adj/corrections			<u>(11,366,614.46)</u>
Net Town of Warren, Municipal budget			<u>3,881,344.42</u>

COMMENTS ON AND CHARTS REFLECTING THE USE OF TAX DOLLARS

The financial information presented in the Town Book for 2020 are unaudited numbers and are subject to change based on the audit. The tax rate presented for 2021 is an estimate. The setting of the tax rate is done in the 1st week of July, normally. It is set based on cash on hand, outstanding payables, the budget, and monies (grants) expected to be received in the remaining months of the year. Typically, the rate set is a few pennies lower than projected at this time.

This year a decision has been made again to only report on the municipal budget and the relevant funds associated with the municipal budget for 2021. The actual Statement of Funds reported for 2020 does include total funds, which means that educational funds are reported. The decision to not report on total funds for 2021 is that as of this writing there are no solid numbers for what Warren's collections of education funds or distribution of education funds. Simply put, this report reports what we actually manage, town funds spent on managing the town.

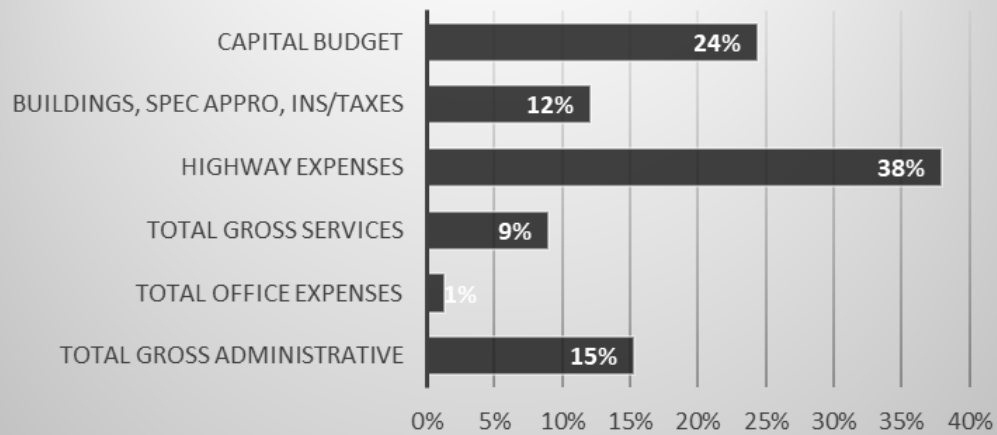
The Statement of Funds is prepared by the Town Treasurer and submitted as required to the state. All other preparations are done by the selectboard and are prepared to help voters of the town of Warren understand the budget presented in this report.

2020 has been a year with many challenges to say the least. The selectboard in March of 2020 made the decision to reduce spending as best they could without impacting the citizens of Warren. A decision was made to cancel any road paving projects and not move forward with a new town position of DPW. This saved the town \$293K. The town also enabled staff to work from home. Some chose to do so, and others felt with the Municipal Building closed that there was ample social distancing. The Highway Department underwent a reorganization, which impacted staffing levels from April through August. Savings were realized, but it put a strain on workload during the summer. The 2021 budget reflects a 2.5% wage increase to staff; paving projects were again put-on hold and departments were asked to not cut any services but to be mindful of their spending. The 2021 budget shows a 12.8% decrease from the 2020 budget and is level funded for most all lines items except those beyond town control.

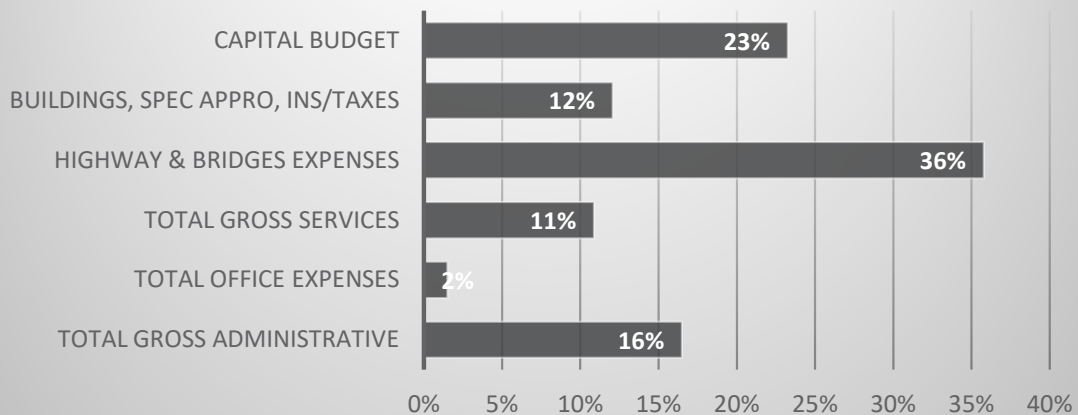
2020 BUDGETS

2021 Estimate of Municipal Taxes to be billed & other funds	Grand List	Tax Rate	Funds From and Spent
Proposed Gross Municipal Budget			\$ 3,274,738
Pending Town Articles for Conservation Commission			\$ 20,000
Pending Town Articles for MRVAS			\$ 15,000
Pending for MRV Housing Coalition			\$ 4,000
Estimated Revenue and Grants			\$ (310,761)
Municipal Grand List	\$ 7,284,511	\$ 0.4122	\$ 3,002,977
Estimated Summary of Where money will be used			
2020 Municipal Budget (Gross less anticipated/known revenue)			\$ 2,963,977
Pending Town Articles			\$ 39,000
Capital Expenditures per Capital Plan			\$ 140,000
Total			\$ 3,142,977
Funded from Capital Reserves			\$ (140,000)

2020 Municipal Actuals by % by Category



2021 Municipal Budget by % by Category



Municipal Tax Rate History Tax



REPORT OF DELINQUENT TAXES 2020

	PROPERTY OWNER	2020 PRIOR	TOTAL
	Abad G	\$1,180.84	\$0.00 \$1,180.84
	Abbot F	\$12.05	\$0.00 \$12.05
	Acker G	\$1,971.48	\$2,003.28 \$3,974.76
PP	Ambriano F	\$19,425.54	\$9,507.00 \$28,932.54
	Avallone A	\$3,749.08	\$34.03 \$3,783.11
	Bada Bing LLC	\$4,531.60	\$6,731.62 \$11,263.22
	Balch M	\$1,406.16	\$0.00 \$1,406.16
	Baron R	\$2,528.59	\$0.00 \$2,528.59
	Barsaleau F	\$4.17	\$0.00 \$4.17
	Bazin E	\$1,904.65	\$0.00 \$1,904.65
PP	Becker A	\$511.65	\$0.00 \$511.65
PP	Becker G	\$202.08	\$0.00 \$202.08
	Bell S	\$6.26	\$0.00 \$6.26
	Benedict L	\$10.43	\$0.00 \$10.43
	Bergmiller G	\$2,342.91	\$6,652.29 \$8,995.20
	Bernard L	\$6.26	\$0.00 \$6.26
	Bitler F	\$12.52	\$0.00 \$12.52
	Blackstone A	\$982.00	\$0.00 \$982.00
	Blum Y	\$12.52	\$0.00 \$12.52
	Booher C	\$9,353.39	\$6,175.32 \$15,528.71
PD	Boyle P	\$11,891.91	\$0.00 \$11,891.91
	Brink P	\$4.17	\$0.00 \$4.17
PD	Brown C	\$1,756.57	\$0.00 \$1,756.57
PD	Brown D	\$5,157.33	\$0.00 \$5,157.33
	Burnstein F	\$4.17	\$0.00 \$4.17
	Cahill D	\$458.98	\$0.00 \$458.98
	Cardinal L	\$12.52	\$0.00 \$12.52
	Cardwell R	\$2,503.56	\$5,847.36 \$8,350.92
	Carpenter J	\$1,721.20	\$0.00 \$1,721.20
	Chagnon T	\$2,516.08	\$0.00 \$2,516.08
	Clark J	\$1,497.37	\$0.00 \$1,497.37
	Collins M	\$8,537.14	\$8,368.14 \$16,905.28
	Connell	\$0.00	\$12.27 \$12.27
	Cullen J	\$1,364.44	\$0.00 \$1,364.44
PD	D'Entremont P	\$446.47	\$0.00 \$446.47
	Dahlstedt J	\$6,824.28	\$0.00 \$6,824.28
PD	Darrah E	\$458.98	\$0.00 \$458.98
	Davies T	\$108.81	\$0.00 \$108.81
	Davis R	\$6.26	\$0.00 \$6.26
	Demar L	\$15,839.19	\$0.00 \$15,839.19
	Dolloff R	\$150.21	\$147.24 \$297.45
	Dominick J	\$4,719.21	\$0.00 \$4,719.21
	Edwards B	\$4.17	\$8.16 \$12.33
	Eleven Eleven	\$1,942.35	\$0.00 \$1,942.35
	Ellis C	\$4.17	\$8.16 \$12.33
	Elsenboss E	\$12.52	\$24.48 \$37.00
	Erickson J	\$2,399.25	\$4,692.58 \$7,091.83
	Farber A	\$3,594.69	\$10,061.85 \$13,656.54
	Farrar K	\$715.60	\$2,125.85 \$2,841.45
	Flanagan M	\$1,382.99	\$0.00 \$1,382.99
	Forrest S	\$12.52	\$0.00 \$12.52
	Frank J	\$717.23	\$0.00 \$717.23
	Freidman Z	\$12.64	\$0.00 \$12.64

REPORT OF DELINQUENT TAXES 2020

	Gallivan F	\$6.26	\$0.00	\$6.26
	Geleta E	\$4.17	\$8.16	\$12.33
	Gibbons A	\$12.52	\$0.00	\$12.52
	Goodwin J	\$2,324.14	\$0.00	\$2,324.14
PD	Gottmann S	\$3,911.82	\$0.00	\$3,911.82
	Greenslit K	\$93.88	\$0.00	\$93.88
	Gregg L	\$12.52	\$12.27	\$24.79
	Guardino J	\$1,933.52	\$1,767.82	\$3,701.34
	Hammer A	\$1,253.87	\$1,863.16	\$3,117.03
	Harman P	\$2,760.17	\$0.00	\$2,760.17
	Harp B	\$3,096.07	\$0.00	\$3,096.07
	Hawke L	\$5,916.75	\$0.00	\$5,916.75
	Heady L	\$12.52	\$0.00	\$12.52
	Hess S	\$1,669.04	\$0.00	\$1,669.04
	Horne K	\$2,061.27	\$638.11	\$2,699.38
	Horochivsky V	\$12.52	\$12.27	\$24.79
	Kanalski N	\$4.17	\$0.00	\$4.17
	Kapteina T	\$671.78	\$658.49	\$1,330.27
	Keith D	\$543.74	\$0.00	\$543.74
	Kervin J	\$3,198.30	\$5,242.08	\$8,440.38
	Kingsbury S	\$3,540.45	\$3,470.37	\$7,010.82
	Korn M	\$471.35	\$735.00	\$1,206.35
	Korbage G	\$0.00	\$4,701.46	\$4,701.46
PP	Krotinger S	\$2,562.81	\$0.00	\$2,562.81
	Landis L	\$3,248.37	\$0.00	\$3,248.37
	Lary D	\$12.52	\$3.88	\$16.40
	Lavit T Estate	\$847.04	\$1,485.27	\$2,332.31
	Lebert M	\$4.17	\$4.09	\$8.26
PP	Levin R	\$6,400.11	\$0.00	\$6,400.11
	Lojko CLawson S	\$5,812.43	\$0.00	\$5,812.43
PP	Love Vermont	\$372.69	\$0.00	\$372.69
	Lu J	\$2,397.16	\$0.00	\$2,397.16
	Mackay R	\$872.07	\$0.00	\$872.07
	Majors B	\$5,115.61	\$4.19	\$5,119.80
	Mason S	\$5,399.35	\$0.00	\$5,399.35
PD	Mattaliano P	\$3,187.12	\$0.00	\$3,187.12
PP	Matteucci F	\$715.60	\$0.00	\$715.60
	Matthews J	\$130.40	\$0.00	\$130.40
	Maxwell E	\$6.26	\$0.00	\$6.26
PP	Mayer C	\$1,669.04	\$1,094.55	\$2,763.59
PD	McAllister T	\$596.68	\$1,250.80	\$1,847.48
	McDonough J	\$1,702.42	\$0.00	\$1,702.42
PP	McDougal L	\$546.76	\$0.00	\$546.76
	Meidmaridis G	\$12.52	\$0.00	\$12.52
	Michaud T	\$28.23	\$156.59	\$184.82
PD	Miller M	\$2,989.67	\$0.00	\$2,989.67
	Miller M	\$0.00	\$2,462.18	\$2,462.18
	Mohawk Inv	\$3,509.16	\$3,439.69	\$6,948.85
	Moody M	\$4.17	\$8.16	\$12.33
	Morales G	\$1,368.61	\$4,031.97	\$5,400.58
PD	Mosca R	\$6.26	\$0.00	\$6.26
PD	Nichols J	\$14,900.36	\$0.00	\$14,900.36
PD	Nullmeyer C	\$7,848.66	\$0.00	\$7,848.66
	O'Neil D	\$0.00	\$323.00	\$323.00
	O'Neill J	\$60.21	\$0.00	\$60.21

REPORT OF DELINQUENT TAXES 2020

	Oleander	\$4.17	\$12.29	\$16.46
	Osborne W	\$3,335.99	\$0.00	\$3,335.99
PP	Ostrout T	\$625.39	\$630.41	\$1,255.80
	Perrin M	\$4.17	\$4.09	\$8.26
	PJC Real Estate	\$1,364.44	\$0.00	\$1,364.44
	Price J	\$4,844.37	\$0.00	\$4,844.37
	Rand J	\$671.78	\$0.00	\$671.78
	Renkowsky R	\$20.86	\$20.45	\$41.31
	Reynolds E	\$12.52	\$36.87	\$49.39
	Ricketts D	\$4.17	\$0.00	\$4.17
	Roberts T	\$4.17	\$4.09	\$8.26
	Robinson L	\$1,322.62	\$0.00	\$1,322.62
	Rose P	\$12.52	\$0.00	\$12.52
PP	Roukema R	\$7,287.45	\$0.00	\$7,287.45
	Rowhouse E	\$3,673.97	\$0.00	\$3,673.97
	Rozentals A	\$4.17	\$0.00	\$4.17
	Ruetzler P	\$7,174.97	\$0.00	\$7,174.97
	Sadie Dog Properties	\$6,004.01	\$0.00	\$6,004.01
	Sawyer J	\$4.17	\$8.16	\$12.33
	Schnepp B	\$1,364.44	\$0.00	\$1,364.44
	Sears K	\$1,781.70	\$0.00	\$1,781.70
	Shepland J	\$3,290.10	\$0.00	\$3,290.10
	Shivo J	\$104.32	\$103.19	\$207.51
	Simons B	\$2,042.49	\$3,798.70	\$5,841.19
	Skura S	\$12.52	\$0.00	\$12.52
	Smith D	\$1,199.63	\$918.27	\$2,117.90
	Smith J	\$1,913.13	\$0.00	\$1,913.13
	Snow J	\$6.26	\$0.00	\$6.26
	Sooter C	\$27.13	\$53.04	\$80.17
	SRK 1999 Trust	\$5,242.87	\$0.00	\$5,242.87
	St Germain B	\$6.26	\$12.24	\$18.50
PD	Stahlman N	\$4.17	\$0.00	\$4.17
	Stashewsky V	\$6.26	\$6.13	\$12.39
PP	Stone C	\$5,791.57	\$3,599.64	\$9,391.21
	Storey J	\$1,172.60	\$0.00	\$1,172.60
PD	Stryczck A	\$8.34	\$8.18	\$16.52
	Sullivan C	\$5,810.35	\$17,117.45	\$22,927.80
	Sumner C	\$678.86	\$0.00	\$678.86
	Swann G	\$1,040.00	\$0.00	\$1,040.00
	Tighe T	\$12.52	\$0.00	\$12.52
	Todd T	\$2,274.07	\$2,229.05	\$4,503.12
	Tolchin M	\$1,618.97	\$0.00	\$1,618.97
PD	Vakkur G	\$2,902.05	\$4,047.06	\$6,949.11
	Vanderlugt V	\$3,584.26	\$0.00	\$3,584.26
	Viviano R	\$8.34	\$0.00	\$8.34
	Walsh J	\$12.52	\$12.27	\$24.79
	Weisblatt D	\$707.71	\$0.00	\$707.71
	White H	\$4.17	\$4.09	\$8.26
	White R	\$4.17	\$12.29	\$16.46
	Winthrop E	\$1,116.17	\$0.00	\$1,116.17
	Woolson P	\$2,451.25	\$0.00	\$2,451.25
	Yates	\$6.26	\$0.00	\$6.26
	Yustin J	\$8.34	\$0.00	\$8.34
	Zeiba G	\$8.34	\$0.00	\$8.34
	Warren	\$938.84	\$2,765.84	\$3,704.68

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TOTAL	\$316,305.35	\$131,176.99	\$447,482.34
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2019	\$396,976.41	\$14,931,578.09	\$0.027
2018	\$444,090.44	\$14,632,856.51	\$0.030
2017	\$391,261.53	\$14,576,473.80	\$0.027
2016	\$516,707.99	\$13,997,843.90	\$0.037
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Supplies	1,080	2,083	5,533	3,000	4,500	50.00%
Electricity	8,867	8,269	9,128	8,500	11,000	29.41%
Heating Oil	5,106	2,712	1,728	4,500	2,000	-55.56%
Propane Gas	15,373	16,738	12,578	17,000	16,000	-5.88%
Custodial Salaries	5,384	6,194	5,956	7,688	10,000	30.08%
Custodial Benefits	412	474	456	625	820	31.20%
Repairs and Maintenance	62,844	51,487	26,497	52,000	35,000	-32.69%
Dump Fees	3,009	4,848	2,916	4,000	3,500	-12.50%
Solid Waste Management	10,230	10,656	11,935	11,935	11,935	0.00%
Total Building	112,305	103,460	76,726	109,248	94,755	0.00%
Rental Income	765	1,865	400	1,500	200	-86.67%
Net Building Maintenance	111,540	101,595	76,326	107,748	94,555	-12.24%
OTHER EXPENDITURES						
Leased Land	2	2	2	2	2	0.00%
Contingencies	2,113	158	0	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Dogs	825	846	1,080	1,300	1,300	0.00%
RF1-088 Wastewater Bond -8/1/2026	39,376	39,376	39,376	39,376	39,376	0.00%
Fire Pond Bond -12/1/2025	19,393	18,795	18,014	18,014	17,489	-2.91%
Solar Array Bond -11/15/34	39,206	35,464	34,993	0	20,000	100.00% W/School Share
Solar Array Maintenance Contract	1,635	2,809	914	2,000	2,500	25.00%
Water System Maintenance Fee State	2,950	2,685	1,535	2,500	2,500	0.00%
State Tax Blueberry Lake Registration Fee	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
State Municipal Road Permit Tax	1,990	0	1,350	1,590	1,350	-15.09%
New Town Vault	78,534	0	0	0	0	0.00%
VDAT - Warren Main Street Project	706	2,887	0	0	0	0.00%
Other/Misc./PTO	0	19,901	20,332	0	0	0.00%
HMPG-Mill Rd Wall Grant		126,524	0	0	0	0.00%
Hanks Brook Culvert/ Federal		281,426	0	0	0	0.00%
Village Garden Maintenance	0	5,801	1,609	9,300	9300	0.00%
Total Other Expenditures	187,731	537,674	120,205	77,582	97,317	25.44%
Dogs, Brookfield, School State	957	988	682	1,000	1,000	0.00%
Net Other	186,774	536,686	119,523	76,582	96,317	25.77%
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS						
Mad River Valley Ambulance	-	-	15,000	15,000	0	0.00%
Central VT Economic Dev. Corp.	780	780	780	780	780	0.00%
Central VT Council on Aging	900	900	900	900	900	0.00%
VT Center for Independent Living	480	480	480	480	480	0.00%
Washington County Youth Service	250	250	250	250	250	0.00%
Central VT Community Action(Capstone)	300	300	300	300	300	0.00%
Music and Arts	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Mad River Valley Health Center	3,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Central VT Home & Health	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.00%
Battered Women Services (Circle)	755	755	755	755	755	0.00%
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	200	200	200	200	200	0.00%
Mad River Valley Senior Citizens	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.00%
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	500	500	500	500	500	0.00%
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100	100	100	100	100	0.00%
MRVTV 44	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	0.00%
Washington County Diversion Program	200	200	200	200	200	0.00%
Green Up Vermont	100	100	100	100	100	0.00%
Warren Historical Society	500	500	500	500	200	-60.00%
Valley Transportation	943	943	943	943	943	0.00%
Down Street, (Voted 3/07) Land Trust	750	750	750	750	750	0.00%
Central VT Basic Education (Voted 3/07)	600	600	600	600	600	0.00%
Good Beginnings (voted 2010)	300	300	300	300	300	0.00%
Family Center of Washington County Voted :	500	500	500	500	500	0.00%
Homeshare Voted 2018	300	300	0	300	0	0.00%
Washington Cty Mental Health Vote 2017	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.00%
Prevent Child Abuse (Voted 2012)	400	400	300	300	300	0.00%
Total Special Appropriations	29,958	28,958	42,558	42,858	26,258	-38.73%

TOWN OF WARREN BUDGET 2021

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	Budget % Increase 2020/2021
INSURANCE AND TAXES						
Insurance - Multi- Peril	29,682	25,156	27,404	27,404	35,132	28.20%
Insurance - Vehicles	16,703	14,999	15,039	14,039	16,870	20.16%
Workers Compensation/fire/constable	35,944	30,403	28,230	28,880	30,611	5.99%
HRA Expense	300	150	14,230	600	21,171	3428.50%
Town Officers Liability	3,550	2,763	3,323	3,323	3,018	-9.18%
Unemployment Compensation	250	100	100	100	903	803.00%
Broker Health Insurance Fee	2,620	2,380	2,170	2,400	2,400	0.00%
Employment Practices Liability	5,588	5,131	4,207	4,207	4,806	14.24%
EAP First - Fire Dept.	-	1,806	1,806	1,806	1,806	0.00%
County Tax	58,037	58,665	59,217	59,217	60,416	1.98%
Total Insurance and Taxes	152,674	141,553	155,727	141,977	177,133	24.76%
CAPITAL BUDGET						
Highway Department Equipment	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000	210,000	0.00%
Fire Department Equipment	90,000	90,000	100,000	100,000	110,000	10.00%
A. Town Reappraisal	0	0	0	0	0	100.00%
B. Town Mapping	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Conservation Fund	10,000	10,000	20,000	0	0	0.00%
Bridge Repairs	125,000	125,000	50,000	50,000	25,000	-50.00%
Road Paving	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	0.00%
Fire Protection/Sand Pipe	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
Fire fighter training & Personal Equipment	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0.00%
Library Building Improvement Fund	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
Town Building Renovations	75,000	50,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0.00%
Town Improvements	30,000	30,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0.00%
Town Planning & Development	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	0.00%
Warren Wastewater	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
Warren Cemetery	10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
Blueberry Dam & Covered Bridge	20,000	20,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0.00%
Warren Dept. of Public Safety Major Equip	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.00%
Total Capital Budget	901,500	881,500	796,500	776,500	761,500	-1.93%
Total Town Gross Expenditures	4,148,246	3,887,397	3,270,745	3,721,110	3,274,738	-12.00%
Total Revenue not including Taxes	415,230	561,008	475,488	324,212	310,761	-4.15%
NET TOWN EXPENDITURES	3,733,015	3,326,389	2,795,257	3,396,898	2,963,977	-12.74%

WASTE WATER REPORT FOR 2020

Warren Decentralized Wastewater System Report for 2020

The system currently has an uncommitted Reserve is 7214 GPD. Reserved as follows:

First Priority: Reserved 2,450 GPD-(10 residential living units within the service area for failed systems.

Second Priority: Residential, commercial, institutional and industrial facilities within the service area.

Third Priority: New applicants within the service area.

This past year was quiet as Covid-19 came into the country; however, SOS and The Town performed all the required maintenance on the system during this event. In April we repaired a section of the LPS at the intersection of Fuller Hill and Main Street. We also ordered a new pump for the Flat Iron Pump station to be replaced early in 2021.

Overall, the Wastewater system is performing well and Simon Operations has been very proactive on the systems, preventing any major system disruptions. They continue to be our service provider for the maintenance of the system. They have been exceptional in providing service and support for the Operation and Maintenance of the System. Green Mountain Engineering continues to do the Annual Engineering Inspection as required by the state for the Town's Indirect Discharge Permit requirements. The system continues to run smoothly with a few minor repairs such as floats, broken/damaged covers, and home phone line issues.

WHAT MAINTENANCE DOES THE TOWN OF WARREN PERFORM?

The Town maintains the STEP systems. As the homeowner, you are not responsible for most maintenance. Currently the Town has hired Simon Operation Services (SOS) to perform the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) services. The O&M services to be performed on the STEP system include:

1. Twice per year: April/May and September/October
 - a. Inspect and clean (if necessary) the effluent filter(s)
 - b. Check the pump controls
 - c. Observe the condition of all STEP system elements.
2. Once per year: April/May
 - a. Measure the thickness of the septic sludge and scum layers.
 - b. The Town will pump-out the STEP tank chambers as necessary.

(1) The Town pays for the tank pump-out.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU HEAR THE ALARM HORN?

The control panel detects alert conditions at the STEP system and notifies the operator directly.

1. The control panel uses a modem to dial out the alert through your telephone line. The modem dials an 800 number to a server computer so there are not telephone charges to you.
2. The server computer emails the operator who will respond to the alert. The server computer will email the operator every several hours if the alert condition is still present.
3. If the alert condition is still present after several hours, the alert audible on your panel will sound.
 - a. You will not know that there is an alert unless the Operator does not respond onsite from the emailed notification and the alert audible on the panel does not sound or flash. If there is no power to the panel there will be notification or alert sound/flash.

If you hear this alert audible, ***PLEASE CALL IN THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE:***

1. Operator Office Telephone: (888)767-1885 (mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

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2. Operator Cell Phone: 802-793-5633 (after hours)
3. Operator Emergency Pager: 802-741-2411 (after hours).

After calling the operator, you can silence the alert horn by pressing the red button on the front of the control panel.

If you are not successful contacting the Operator after a local alert, please contact a member of the Selectboard and notify them of your alert.

Your STEP system is designed to store approximately 1 day of wastewater flows after a high-level alert condition. You should act promptly and call the operator when you hear your local alert, AND minimize any water usage during this period, to reduce wastewater flows to the STEP tank.

DO'S AND DON'TS

DO'S

1. Flush normal household waste down your wastewater drains.
2. Mow around and over the access covers to your STEP tank. You can drive over the cover with a riding lawn mower, but vehicles are not to be driven over the covers of the tanks and you must be careful with blades of the mower as they can break the plastic covers and risers.
3. Keep tank covers and access to covers clear for maintenance by the operator.
4. Check to see if the circuit breaker (s) to the system was tripped after power outages and storms!

DON'TS

1. Flush paints, solvents, or other chemicals down your wastewater drains.
2. Flush any wipes, grease, nylons, dental floss and anything else that won't break down.
3. Open the control panel that controls your STEP system. The local alarm audible silence button is on the outside of the panel. There is no reason for you to access the inside of the panel.
4. Trip the breakers that energize the STEP system.
5. Open the access covers to the STEP systems/ Don't ever enter the STEP system.

Questions, regarding your system, additional allocation questions, can be answered by the Town Administrator.

TOWN OF WARREN DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER SYSTEM

TOWN OF WARREN DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER SYSTEM - 2021 BUDGET

Income	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual
User Fees Billed	66,766.28	\$ 68,093.35	\$ 70,233.51	\$ 71,971.05	\$ 71,245.60	\$ 75,045.87
Interest/Penalties	1,083.76	\$ 895.38	\$ 657.62	\$ 262.93	\$ 248.91	\$ 230.62
Sewer Permits	7,023.60	\$ 3,647.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,208.75
Refunds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delinquent Outstanding	11,063.67	\$ 6,883.70	\$ 2,416.32	\$2,461.99	\$8,379.26	\$7,487.91
Total Income	\$63,809.97	\$59,639.39	\$59,639.39	\$59,639.39	\$ 68,474.81	\$ 69,997.33

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	Budget % Increase **2020/2021*
Contract Operations						
Regular & Scheduled Maintenance (1)	29,550	31,095	31,720	31,800	32,820	3.21%
Estimated Unscheduled Main & Repairs	3,739	11,140	2,459	4,500	4,500	0.00%
Electrical (2)	1,961	4,687	0	3,500	3,500	0.00%
Individual Septic Tank Pumping (3)	6,828	8,644	3,570	6,500	6,500	0.00%
Effluent Sampling	300	900	600	900	900	0.00%
Annual System Inspection (4)	3,700	4,062	3,908	3,800	3,850	1.32%
Insurance (5)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
Training/Software Upgrades(6)	300	300	300	300	300	0.00%
Miscellaneous Repair	1,243	4,176	4,484	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Telephone (7)	200	200	100	100	100	0.00%
Vericomm Monitoring System Main. Fee (8)	560	2,154	2,799	2,175	3,000	37.93%
Administration/Billing/Meter	7,900	7,900	8,150	8,150	8,250	1.23%
Benefits	605	604	623	610	623	2.13%
Annual Operating Fee./Sewer Expansion (9)	873	873	873	873	873	0.00%
Bank Fees/Service Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Total	58,759	77,735	60,586	66,708	68,716	3.01%
Capital Maintenance Set-A-Side Accounts						
Brooks Field Septic Tank Cleaning	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	0.00%
Capital Replacement - Pumps (10)	8,000	19,073	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.00%
Total	12,300	23,373	12,300	12,300	12,300	0.00%

Total Expenses 71,059 101,108 72,886 79,008 81,016 2.48%

Wastewater Capital Acct. Expenditures

(1) Simon Operation Services (SOS)						
(2) Sub Stations & Electrical	2015	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020
(3) Annual for some users						
(4) Engineer Inspection	\$ 269.00	\$ 272.00	\$ 272.00	\$ 274.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 295.00
(5) Dues - VLCT - Backed out of Town Ins.	\$ 73.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 82.00	\$ 115.00
(6) Nemric - Software Support						
(7) Telephone/Pump Stations	\$ 85.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 115.00
(8) Verricom Monitoring System WTI						
(9) License IDP Fee to the State						

Accounts Delinquent	12/31/2020	
Dave Sellers	\$ 887.44	Acct 1
Dave Sellers	\$ 422.60	Acct 2
Amy Lavin	\$ 497.37	
96 Flat Iron	\$ 210.25	
US Postal Service	\$ 119.00	
Lisa Miserindino	\$ 1,948.00	
James Groom	\$ 210.25	
Andrew Paquin	\$ 2,848.00	
Chris Parsons	\$ 109.71	Acct 1
Chris Parsons	\$ 235.29	Acct 2

2021 WARREN CAPITAL BUDGET

Reserve Fund Budget Forecast Future Transfers										Forecast Expenditures				
	From General to Reserve Fund													
	Beginning Balance 1/1/2019	2021	2022	2023	2024	2019 Actual Expend	2020 Actual Expend	2021	2022	2023	Ending Balance 12/31/2020			
Highway Department Equipment	\$ 248,251.51	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 130,400	\$ 198,846	\$ 140,000	\$ 185,163	\$ 220,000	\$ 343,693.02			
Fire Department Equipment	\$ 478,876.18	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000		\$ 282,827			\$ -	\$ 297,672.69			
Town Reappraisal	\$ 400,418.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 275,000	\$ 429,532.71			
Town Mapping (State Refund)	\$ 46,533.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,310	\$ 1,770		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,964.35			
Conservation Fund	\$ 218,795.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 84,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155,584.11			
Bridge Repair	\$ 122,977.01	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 282,940	\$ 849	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 172,668.05			
Paving	\$ 98,388.20	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 707,612	\$ 18,868				\$ 555,235.00			
Fire Protection/Stand Pipes	\$ 48,952.91	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,166.89			
Fire Fighter Training & Personal Equipment	\$ 53,839.03	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,483	\$ 16,821	\$ 18,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 62,199.06			
Library Building Improvement Fund	\$ 51,794.15	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,500		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,020.52			
Town Building Renovations	\$ 126,065.80	\$ 25,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 50,796		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 151,619.18			
Town Improvements	\$ 91,219.39	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,550	\$ 10,456	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,154.29			
Town Planning & Development	\$ 58,442.47	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 58,442		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 146,889.08			
Warren Wastewater System	\$ 8,230.73	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,483	\$ 6,087	\$ 7,330	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,600	\$ 7,175.78			
State Lister Training Fund	\$ 814.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 817.59			
Cemetery	\$ 17,462.87	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,539.82			
Blueberry Dam & Covered Bridge	\$ 172,313.91	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,678	\$ 18,083	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 179,956.43			
Warren Public Safety Equipment Capital	\$ 6,084.98	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,611.73			
TOTAL	\$ 2,249,460	\$761,500	\$826,500	\$ 831,500	\$ 831,500	\$ 1,302,644	\$ 638,608	\$ 245,330	\$ 217,663	\$ 527,600	\$ 2,795,500			

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 2020

Dogs: Please remember that all dogs must be licensed on or before April 1st 2021 fees are \$9.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$13.00 for intact dogs. After April 2nd a 50% penalty is added. Of that license fee \$5.00 goes to the State of Vermont for a Spay and Neutering program and rabies control program. Dogs must have a current rabies vaccination in order to be registered. Rabies vaccinations are valid for 1 year for puppies and 3 years for dogs over 1 year old. The Town of Warren has a dog ordinance. If you would like a copy please call our office or visit our website www.warrenvt.org. If you need assistance please feel free to contact my office at 496-5224. We have 129 dogs registered; I feel there are many more who are not registered. A dog owner doesn't realize the value of the registration until the dog is missing. Having a tag on your dog could mean that if it is lost it could be returned to you much faster.

Vital Records: 2020 Deaths 14, Births 6 and Civil Marriages 17

The Town would like to congratulate the 17 couples who chose Warren for their marriage site, best wishes to you all!

We would also like to welcome our newest little residents, Sterling Ennis, Tullio Zollino, Chase Van Vught, Briggs Bleh, Addilyn Sparks and Rigel Haynsworth-Kemp. Congratulations to the proud parents!

We also must bid a fond farewell to Elizabeth Pitts-Moffit, Robert Eno, Christine Goulet, Raymond Gratton, Robert Hansen, Monte Bell, Arthur Boettger, John Blacksher, Nancy Colby, David Young, Milton Arnesen, Edward Dettor, Marcella Gratton, and Deborah Burke.

Important Dates for 2021.

March 1 is the last day voter, family members, authorized persons or health care providers may request early or absentee ballots.

March 2 is **Town Meeting**

April 1 is the last day for dog registrations without penalty

July 15 Warren Tax Bills will be mailed.*

August 15 **Warren Taxes are due.***

November 15 is the final date to pay **Warren Taxes** without penalty and interest.*

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*Dates are voted yearly at Town Meeting.

I am also the custodian of funds for the United Church of Warren Savings Account Balance as of 12/31/2020 is \$1421.06 and Certificate of Deposit Balance as of 12/31/2020 is \$3,000.00

Reta Goss, Warren Town Clerk
Office Hours are: Monday-Friday 9am-4:00pm
Phone: 802-496-2709 ex 21
Email: clerk@warrenvt.org

WARREN LIBRARY COMMISSION REPORT

As 2020 comes to a close, we would like to thank the Warren taxpayers for their continued support of the Warren Public Library. While 2020 was an unusual year, our librarians rose to the challenge and opened minds and inspired patrons through books, programming, and community albeit in different ways.

Our director, Marie Schmukal, continues to administer, supervise, and coordinate all activities and services of the library with great energy and enthusiasm. Amanda Gates, Youth Services Librarian, has continued to offer exciting and creative programming for children. Both successfully transitioned programming and services to Covid-safe methods be it virtual, outdoors, or contactless pick up.

Curbside pick-up, new in 2020 thanks to the shutdown, is so successful that it will continue indefinitely allowing patrons to request books online and pick-up outside the library during designated hours including mystery bags allowing a librarian to curate a selection of books based on a patron's interests.

Our children's programming was running strong pre-shutdown with weekly story hours for our youngest patrons, two different afterschool programs for elementary school students, and a homeschool book club. Programs successfully transitioned to virtual gatherings including games for kids and a virtual story hour with related craft kits available to pick up each week. The homeschool book club has expanded to reach interested students participating in regular school as well as homeschoolers. The summer reading program, in collaboration with Joslin and the Moretown library, focused on outdoor and passive programming providing opportunities for families to get out and about safely.

Virtual trivia nights, hosted in conjunction with the other MRV libraries, have been immensely popular, bringing together all ages for fun competitions on subjects such as Harry Potter, Star Wars, Fairy Tales, and Thanksgiving. Also co-hosted with the MRV libraries was "Talking with Kids About Racism", facilitated by the Peace & Justice Center of Vermont and a parenting book club, sponsored by Hannah's House.

While Halloween had to look different this year, Marie, with Dayna Lisaius from the town and Heidi Greene from Warren School, did an amazing job creating a Covid-friendly experience with the haunted hike and scavenger hunt at the town forest. It was a huge success with many asking that it happen again.

The library staff also includes Jeanne Hullett as Circulation Desk Assistant and many dedicated volunteers. We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of our 2020 volunteers. Our circulation desk volunteers: Sue Stoeher, Fran Plewak, Loretta Menkes, Steve Glaser, Becky Starks, Pam Lerner, Barbara Mason, Linda Jones, and Allie Brooks. Our substitutes: Arlene Diesenhouse, Meg Hourihan, and Linda Tyler. Program volunteers: Jill Ellis, Magic the Gathering and Diana Whitney, Arthritis Exercise Program plus numerous Halloween volunteers.

The Friends of the Library organization is a vital entity of the WPL and we are grateful for their dedication and generosity. As our major fundraising source, the Friends raised nearly \$7,000 this year - which went directly toward children's programming, purchase of patron-requested materials, magazine subscriptions, and much more. This year we particularly thank the Friends for their generosity in funding the purchase of eBook and eAudiobook titles to shorten the wait times for Warren patrons for the most popular titles.

The library continues to push the boundary of what a library is with programs to check out items like Happy Lights and a wood moisture meter.

This is just a small sampling of what our Warren Public Library has to offer. We are grateful to the taxpayers continued support and invite you to visit warrenlibrary.com to discover everything the library has to offer. Check us out on Facebook and Instagram too!

Respectfully,

Ellen Kucera, Chair

David Ellison, Treasurer

David Green-Liebovitz, Secretary

Laurie Jones

Alex Maclay

Linda Tyler

WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

Warren Library	2020	2021
	Budget	Proposed
Funds Received		
Town of Warren Approved/Requested	119,409	117,602
Grants	590	590
Library Account	1,200	1,200
Friends	7,825	7,975
TOTAL FUNDING	129,024	127,367
Expenditures		
Salary & Benefits		
Payroll - Librarian	40,626	41,642
Payroll - Staff	24,013	21,199
TOTAL PAYROLL	64,639	62,841
Benefits	36,430	36,421
SUBTOTAL SALARY & BENEFITS	101,069	99,262
Adult Books - Town	5,200	5,200
Large Print Books - Town	200	200
Child Books - Town	1,800	1,800
Young Adult Books - Town	200	200
Patron Request Books - Friends	1,000	1,000
Replacement Materials - Friends	500	500
eBooks - Friends	250	500
Periodicals - Town	550	550
Periodicals - Friends	1,000	1,000
Digital Collection	1,500	1,500
Adult Audiobooks - Town	750	750
Child Audiobooks - Town	500	500
Audiobooks & DVDs - Friends	2,980	2,730
Toys and Games	100	100
Maker Programs and Supplies - Friends	350	350
Programs - Library Account	1,200	1,200
Book Discussion Programs - Friends	400	400
Children Programs - Friends	400	550
Summer Reading Program - Friends	400	400
Telephone	2,230	2,230
P.O. Box & Courier	945	945
Supplies	950	940
Technology		
Equipment	1,000	1,000

WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

Catalog Fees	425	425
Website	200	210
Software	75	75
Repairs and Maintenance	600	600
Professional Development - Town		
Conferences & Mileage	425	425
Memberships	390	390
Professional Development - Friends	300	300
Miscellaneous - Town	300	300
Miscellaneous - Friends	245	245
SUBTOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES - TOWN	18,340	18,340
SUBTOTAL GRANTS IN TOWN ACCOUNT	590	590
SUBTOTAL FRIENDS	7,825	7,975
SUBTOTAL LIBRARY ACCT	1,200	1,200
TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES	119,409	117,602
TOTAL LIBRARY BUDGET	129,024	127,367

WARREN HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 2020

This year the Warren Historical Society has been dormant due to Covid-19 as activities and meetings were curtailed, therefore the “Barn” has not been open nor has the Warren Town Hall been open. As many of you know, the “Barn” houses examples of Warren’s past history when it was a small hamlet formed along the Mad River with many bustling lumber mills and farms. In the early days, development focused on agriculture, timber cutting, and small-powered industry. The Mad River Valley has several such towns but Warren had the most developed mill economy. The Town was chartered in 1789 by John Throop and 67 associates.

We do have several lockable display cases at the Warren Town Hall that house articles on loan or gifted to the Warren historical Society can be shared with the community. People interested in the history of Warren are needed and are encouraged to join the Warren Historical Society. We are hopeful to be able to start the following projects in 2021: Organizing and cataloging a huge collection of photos that have been given to the Historical Society, erecting one of the original gas lanterns from the Village, sharing artifacts in the glass cases, hanging a quilt on the wall at the Town Hall etc. For more information about the Historical Society, the barn and future activities please contact Cindi Jones, at the Warren Town Office.

Event’s in 2020 were very limited due to Covid-19 hitting the country. However, the following are noteworthy:

The Annual 4th of July Parade and Events were canceled.

Alterra closes on Sugarbush Ski Resort as its new owner.

The Pitcher Inn & Warren Store were sold to Sadie Dog Properties.

Warren’s Halloween – changed to a haunted forest walk on the Eaton Parcel, with a dinosaur display.

In closing of 2020, the Town of Warren is looking to fill the spot of Town Historian. Please let the Warren Historical Society know if you are interested! We are also looking for interested people to join and keep this going as an important asset to the Town. We thank everyone who have continue to support this effort of the Town.

Leon Bruno, Warren Historical Society President

Cindi Jones, Treasurer

LISTERS REPORT 2020

This past year was one like no other as the Novel Coronavirus affected us all in many ways. The real estate market in Warren experienced a significant downturn when the virus became a reality in mid-March 2020. The number of monthly property transfers were lower from the previous year's totals versus the same time during the 2019 spring. However, as we moved into the summer and fall months' activity in the Warren real estate market exploded. Many out of state people made the decision to invest in second home real estate in the Valley and provide for a safer living environment or get-away. Sales prices have been very aggressive because of a limited inventory of homes and condominiums. Condominium sales were again at record highs with property appreciation witnessed in many complexes. New house construction and additions/renovations of existing homes were also at very high levels. As experienced last year, sales prices remain stable or appreciating in most areas markets.

Our CLA (common level of appraisal) which the state uses to equalize listing differences between towns is 92.4% which is good and means that the average sale price last year was 7.6% higher than we had properties assessed for. COVID 19 has certainly contributed to the higher sales prices as demand for real estate has far exceeded supply. This past year the rate for residents was \$1.6814 and \$1.6761 for non-residents. Our local rate was \$0.41 which pays for our roads and services. We have begun contacting third party appraisal companies to conduct a town wide reappraisal. The last appraisal for all Warren properties was in 2008. We still anticipate this appraisal will happen within in the next 2-3 years.

Daily activity in our Lister's office this year was constant. Whether assisting real estate agents, appraisers or answering property owner's questions, our goal is to provide the best possible service that we can. We make every effort to return phone calls promptly as well as emails. Once again this past summer, we continued our project whose purpose was to analyze market trends among the 40 condominium complexes located in Warren. We spent time at a number of complexes that had not been visited in years. We continue to update our in-house database that comprises each condo complex depicting current MLS listings assessed values, sales dates and 4 years of sales data by complex. This year we will be furthering our analysis on property land values and recent sales to determine appropriate assessed land values throughout Warren.

As always, we welcome everyone's questions and concerns. If you feel your assessment is incorrect, please contact us in the spring and not after you get your tax bill. By the time the bills are printed, our books have been closed for the year and there is very little we can do. Call or stop in when the weather starts to get good and we are happy to go over your cost card and visit your property if you wish so that there are no surprises when you get your tax bill. We thank you for your support and understanding.

Sandra Brodeur

Mike Kelley

Bob Cummisky

WARREN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT 2020

In the last year, the Warren Volunteer Fire department responded to 89 calls.

The breakdown of the incidents are as follows:

Incident Type	#	% of Total
Fires (includes structure, trash, vehicle, brush)	17	19.1%
Motor Vehicle Accident	9	10.1%
Bomb Scare	0	0%
Electrical/Power Line	4	4.5%
Gas/CO	5	5.6%
Misc. (Public Serv Call, Good Intent, Water)	6	6.7%
Non-Malicious False Alarms	48	53.9%
TOTAL	89	

This year has been a challenging year for all especially for fire departments in keeping their members trained and update. We have tried numerous ways to train while also keeping our membership safe during these trying times. The department as a group managed 468 total training hours which is down from the 836 hours from 2019. We have encouraged members to view online trainings and videos to continue to educate themselves.

The Warren Fire Department, Warren Department of Public Safety, MRVAS, VSP and the Sheriff's Department urge everyone to put up 911 addresses and insure they can be readily seen from the road so that they can assist 1st responders helping all those in need.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for VT Alerts. VT Alerts is the state's notification system for emergencies, Amber Alerts, weather, road conditions, and more. The new platform has improved functionality, a new look, and a smartphone app. **If you have signed up in the past you will need to re-register within the new system.**

The Warren Fire Department also urges all homeowners, renters and business owners to check that they have both Smoke and Carbon Monoxide ("CO") alarms, and that they are properly functioning. These alarms are a very cost-effective way to protect your family and property from unexpected fire and CO emergency situations.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter DeFreest, Chief

Jeff Campbell, 1st Assistant Chief

Lucas VanVught, 2nd Assistant Chief

Chad Koenig, 3rd Assistant Chief

WARREN ARTS COMMITTEE REPORT 2020

The Warren Arts Committee was established in 1987 when the Town of Warren voted to allocate funds to support the arts. Warren is a caring town and supporting arts and music is a prime example of how the residents care. Each year fine musical and arts events are offered free or for a reasonable ticket price thanks to funding that the Committee receives. We are proud to have carried out our mission for 33 years here in Warren.

This year was quite different due to COVID-19. We funded a contra dance held at the town hall in February of 2020. Since then performances and arts events have been cancelled. In a effort to keep the arts alive the Warren Arts committee donated to the Vermont Symphony and Scrag Mountain Music (regular performers in Warren) as well continuing our membership in the Vermont Arts Council. It is our hope that events will return in 2021 and our support will help to fund them. As always, suggestions from our residents for future events are encouraged and welcome. Our email is warrenarts@madriver.com

The Warren Arts Committee thanks the Select Board for its continued support. In-kind contributions and volunteer workers allow the Committee to keep expenses at a minimum. There is no paid staff. It is our hope that during 2021 we can revitalize music and arts in our town through workshops in the schools, concerts featuring Vermont folk, jazz and classical musicians, and outdoor celebrations.

Funds received:

From the town: \$2500

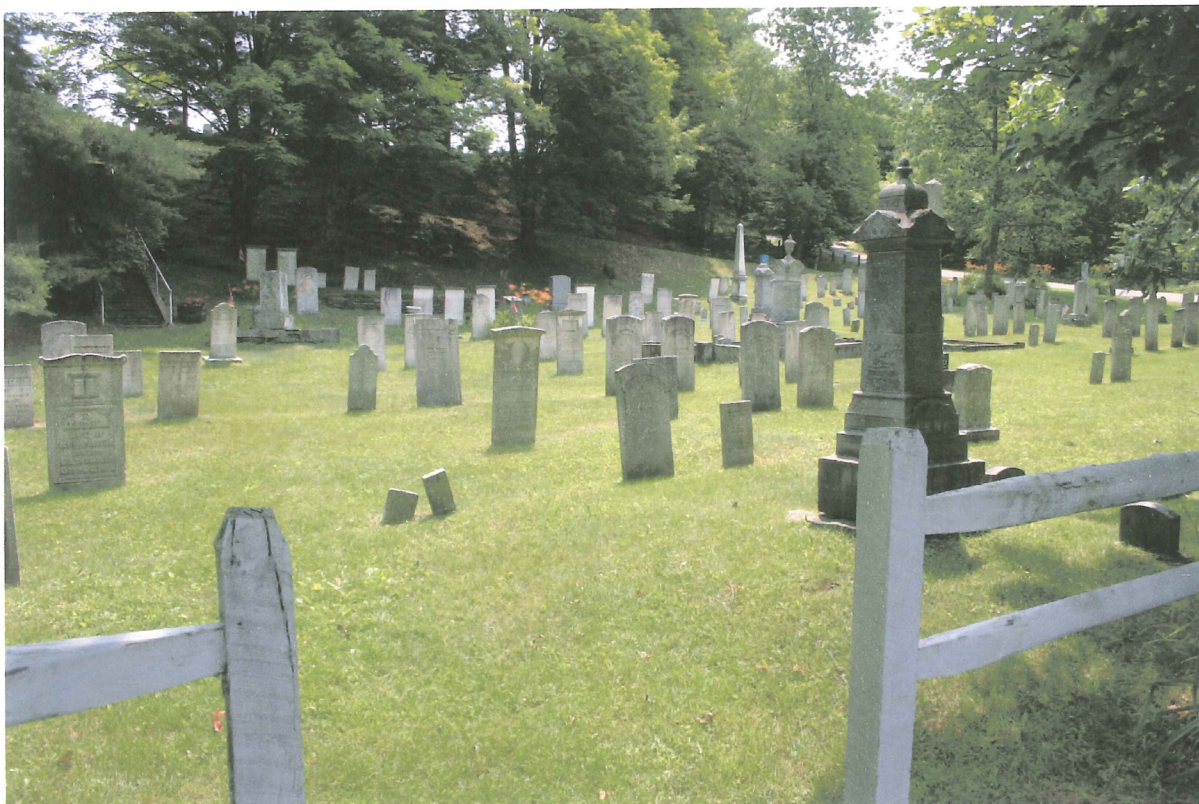
Expenditures: Memberships,

underwriting & expenses: \$ 1500.00

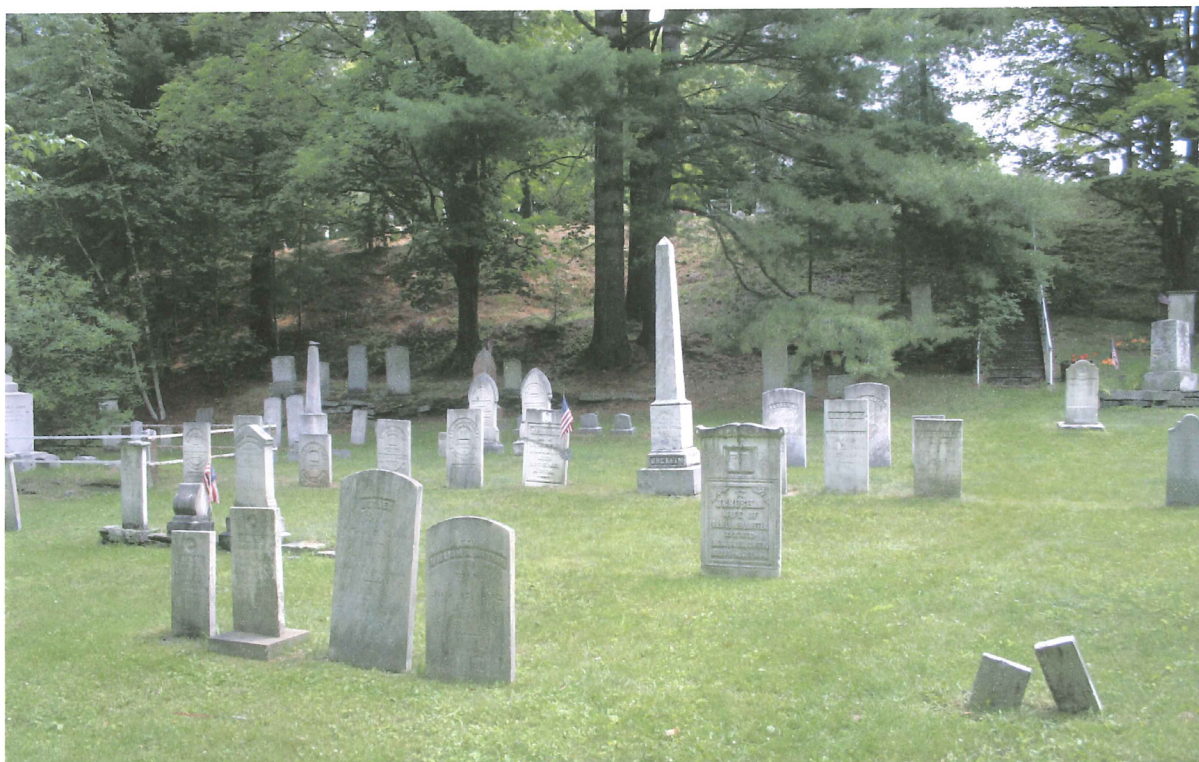
Respectfully submitted: Virginia Roth, Chairperson

WARREN CEMETERY ACCOUNTS

Report available at a later date



Village Cemetery, looking southwest



Village Cemetery, looking northwest

WARREN DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Gene Bifano & Jeff Campbell

emergency phone (911 or 229-9191)

non-emergency phone (496-2709 x7)

The Warren Department of Public Safety is made up to include Law Enforcement, Emergency Management and Dog Warden services, to provide a more unified group. Both law enforcement officers have received over **150** hours of training. The state of Vermont requires every officer, full or part-time to receive a minimum of 36 hours of training. These trainings include firearms training, traffic enforcements, domestic violence, dealing with children of domestic violence, mental illness, incident command, active shooters in schools and the workplace, continued basic first aid & CPR, fair and bias free Policing and more. Police education is essential to maintain a professional policing and is mandated by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council (VCJTC). It should be kept in mind that both Constables are Certified Police Officers.

In the calendar year of 2020 the Officers had over **500** patrol and response hours. Officers responded to over **50** emergency and non-emergency situations such as; 911 hang-ups, provided back-up to the Vermont State Police and the Sheriff's Department, domestic violence, suicides, mental health issues, burglaries, DUI stops, traffic accidents, noise and dog complaints, wellness checks, wildlife complaints, parking issues at Warren Falls and information gathering during the countless burglaries that occurred this year. The Officers responded to numerous incidents of people in mental crises. In some cases, the Officers have the lead in dealing with these individuals. They have intervened in disputes between individuals trying to keep the peace and to prevent further police intervention.

The Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) was promoted to Emergency Management Director (EMD) in May. The EMD certainly had his hands full with countless hours guiding and planning for the response of COVID-19. The EMD was not only the Incident Commander for the town of Warren but also acted as both Incident Commander as well as Deputy Incident Commander for the MRV Emergency Response to COVID-19.

The EMD attended the National Emergency Management Basic Academy located in Maryland, completed the Critical Infrastructure Protection Certification through Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service and numerous other much need trainings to help guide the town thru the pandemic. All trainings totaled 200 hours. Many of these trainings will put the town in a better position when applying for FEMA grants when in the future.

The Warren Department of Public Safety would like to thank everyone for doing their part to help keep themselves and the rest of the community safe during the pandemic.

The Warren Department of Public Safety, Warren Fire Department, MRVAS, VSP and the Sheriff's Department urge everyone to put up 911 addresses and insure they can be readily seen from the road so that they can assist 1st responders get to friends and neighbors in need.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for VT Alerts. VT Alerts is the state's notification system for emergencies, Amber Alerts, weather, road conditions, and more has improved functionality, a new look, and a smartphone app. If you have signed up in the past, you will need to re-register within the new system as there have been numerous changes with the new platform.

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.

Crime Statistics for Warren in 2020

Mental Health Assistance	2	Agency Assist	11	Burglary	2
Larceny, All	8	Vandalism	4	Missing Person	3
DUI (VSP Only)	2	False Alarm	11	Suspicious	38
Noise Disturbance	6	Welfare Check	10	Family Disturbances	4
Motor Vehicle Crashes	20	Alarms	38	Citizen Disputes	10
Citizen Assist	17	E911 Hang-ups	21	All other MISC.	54

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT 2020

The Planning Commission's primary mission is to review and update the Zoning Bylaws and the Town Plan on an ongoing basis to ensure that these legal documents are kept current and in conformity with the State of Vermont municipal statutes and regulations. This Commission is also tasked with making recommendations for changes in these same documents, which are then passed on to the Town Board of Select People for their review and future enactment. It is through this process that the Warren Planning Commission guides and protects the vision of future development and community life in Warren.

Starting in late July of 2019 and continuing for all of 2020 the Planning Commission focused solely on the update to the Warren Land Use and Development Regulations [LUDR]. With the assistance of Ms. Brandy Saxton and Mr. Rod Francis of PlaceSense the PC was diligent in reviewing the proposed rewrite which would come into line with the recently updated Town Plan. In addition, the PC asked for more specificity in the regulations in order to both give residents predictability and add more clarity for the administration of the regulations.

With the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic the PC missed only one meeting before going to virtual meetings via Google-Meet. In August PlaceSense provided a *draft* and the PC members discussed amongst themselves what additional changes they thought might be needed. They followed up with asking for input from the Mad River Valley Housing Coalition, Friends of the Mad River, Sugarbush Resort and the Warren Conservation Commission.

The PC received a Municipal Planning Grant for 2021 to help finish out their work on the LUDR which will be focused on outreach to the general public of Warren and final edits before going to the Warren Select Board.

In April of 2020 PC member Alison Duckworth submitted her resignation from the Planning Commission. Alison always brought a fresh perspective to the PC and we appreciate her time on the Commission. In July Jennifer Faillace expressed an interest in being a member of the Planning Commission and was appointed by the Select Board to fill Alison's vacancy. The PC is happy to have her on board!.

Current copies of the Warren Town Plan and the Warren Land Use and Development Regulations are available at the Town offices or on Warren's web site at <http://www.warrenvt.org/>. Planning Commission meeting agendas and minutes are also available at this site. The Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Municipal Building and we encourage people to attend any of our meetings.

Planning Commission

Jim Sanford, Chairman

Mike Ketchel, Vice Chairman

J. Michael Bridgewater

Randy Graves

Dan Raddock

Camilla Behn

Jennifer Faillace

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the Development Review Board held 14 public meetings via Google-Meet, while though awkward at first has worked pretty well. They held 17 hearings/ meetings and reviewed 21 applications. The Board considered and approved 4 re-approvals due to mylar defects, 2 3-lot Subdivisions, 1 subdivision, and a boundary line adjustment. The DRB reviewed 13 Conditional Use Applications and while 1 was denied the balance was approved.

Minutes and agendas of the Development Review Board meetings, the Land Use and Development Regulations, The Town Plan, Zoning Applications, and other general information can be found on the town webpage at: <http://www.warrenvt.org>

Due to relocating to another town, the DRB lost alternate member Tom Boyle. He will be missed and we will miss his presence on the Board and wish him well in his new home. The Development Review Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month on an "as need" basis at the Warren Municipal Building.

DRB Members:

Peter Monte, Chairman

Jeff Schoellkopf, Vice Chairman

Virginia Roth

Chris Behn

Charlotte Robinson

Robert Kaufmann (alternate)

Don Swain (alternate)

Devin Corrigan (alternate)

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT 2020

The Zoning activity for 2020 was quiet to start but picked up come summer with renovations and new builds. The Covid-19 pandemic brought with it homeowners, stuck at home, wanting to do home projects and add space. Folks from near and far bought up undeveloped parcels to build on as VT was seen as a safe haven. Some of this activity is flowing over into 2021. The total of 64 permits consisted of the following: 14 new residential builds, 12 residential renovations, 4 condominium renovations, 8 residential additions, 21 Accessory Structures and 5 Residential Accessory Dwellings. Fees collected for 2020 totaled \$46,420.52.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins

Zoning Administrator/Planning Coordinator

Town of Warren

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WARREN CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Town of Warren is blessed with a rich 'natural heritage' — **our inherited flora and fauna, ecosystems and geological structures**. The Warren Conservation Commission (WCC) was **created** to identify and conserve the Town's natural heritage, for the benefit and well-being of its citizens. Warren's natural heritage provides important and valuable services, including clean air and water, habitat and corridors for wildlife, and an array health-affirming recreation opportunities. Though often taken for granted, our natural heritage materially enriches our lives and will be an enduring gift to future generations.

In 2020, the WCC had planned activities that had to be curtailed due to Covid 19 restrictions and precautions. We did however manage to maintain some momentum on the core projects.

Natural heritage inventory and mapping

During the 2020 Town Meeting, we were challenged to provide a comprehensive overview of the Town's resources and make recommendation on strategies and priority areas in the Town where conservation projects would have the most impact. We will present that information at this year's Town Meeting and it will be available online through the Town's website. This information will be in two parts: 1) Warren Town Land Conservation Goals and Maps and 2) Recommended Conservation and Habitat Enhancement Practices for Landowners

In 2020 we assisted the Warren Zoning Commission on an update of the Zoning Regulations to provide protection to wildlife habitat and corridors. This activity will also support meeting the goals of Act 171 for the protection of forest blocks and habitat connectors.

Knotweed Control

Although we had a substantial budget approved at Town Meeting our activities were limited due to budget concerns caused by the Covid pandemic. We were able to lean on a core volunteer group and on 43 intern to conduct regular knotweed eradication activities on about 20 key infestation, which were identified and attacked in 2019. We can report significant eradication progress on those sites with a plan to continue in 2021 and expand our program, assuming a safe protocol can be implemented this summer.

Secondly to improve our knowledge of knotweed control eradication, our intern and Commission started the Knotweed Lab, which focused on learning as much as possible from simple evaluation of basic knotweed growth cycles. During the summer, sample selection of the plant were dried and replanted in pots to evaluate rejuvenation strength. Hundreds of tests were done on all parts of the knotweed plant and under a wide variety of drying scenarios. In addition, there are a small number of onsite evaluations of specific control techniques exploring new tactics. Our primary strategy continues to show significant benefits.

Going forward the Conservation Commission would like to increase our efforts on all these fronts. Our community has been supportive, and the impact over the last decade clearly demonstrates the positive results of an active conservation program. We would encourage the Town of Warren to continue to strengthen its commitment to the Warren Conservation Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wanner, George Schenk, Carolynn Schipa, Jim Edgcomb, Rocky Bleier,
Damon Reed, Amy Polaczyk, Jito Coleman, Chairman

WARREN SOLAR ENERGY REPORT



Wednesday January 12th, 2021

Solar Array Energy Generation Report for Town of Warren

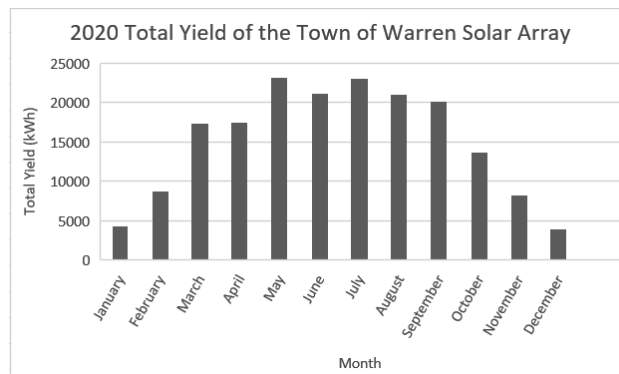
2015	
Date	Total Yield (kWh)
January	2,067
February	5,286
March	17,834
April	18,419
May	23,879
June	20,844
July	22,972
August	19,979
September	21,069
October	15,602
November	12,120
December	6,111
Actual Total	186,182
Estimated Total	165,304
Variance kWh	20,878
Performance	113%

2016	
Date	Total Yield (kWh)
January	6,354
February	8,488
March	18,171
April	22,736
May	20,846
June	21,694
July	23,332
August	20,908
September	22,920
October	12,523
November	9,083
December	4,836
Total	191,892
Estimated Total	165,304
Variance kWh	26,588
Performance	116%

2018	
Date	Total Yield (kWh)
January	5,399
February	7,667
March	14,909
April	14,398
May	23,277
June	21,820
July	23,874
August	20,196
September	17,700
October	10,263
November	5,351
December	7,413
Total	172,267
Estimated Total	165,304
Variance kWh	6,963
Performance	104%

2019	
Date	Total Yield (kWh)
January	3,268.70
February	10,908.52
March	19,266.97
April	16,916.77
May	18,309.65
June	21,334.20
July	23,662.78
August	23,472.03
September	19,752.83
October	13,580.81
November	8,465.74
December	4,207.05
Total	183,146
Estimated Total	165,304
Variance kWh	17,842
Performance	111%

2020	
Date	Total Yield (kWh)
January	4,361.75
February	8,800.3
March	17,414.15
April	17,494
May	23,231.13
June	21,147.18
July	23,053.7
August	21,002.46
September	20,171.37
October	13,635.23
November	8,240.58
December	3,997.88
Total	182,549.73
Estimated Total	165,304
Variance kWh	17,745
Performance	110%



WARNING & MINUTES OF 2020 TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Warren are hereby notified that Vermont now has same day voter registration. Eligible residents will be able to register to vote on any day up to and including Election Day during the hours the polls are open. Legal voters of the Town of Warren may request absentee ballots for Australian ballot at the Town Clerk's office until Monday March 2nd, 2020 until 5 PM. Any authorized person may apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of an absentee voter.

The residents of the Town of Warren who are legal voters in the town are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Warren Elementary School in the Town of Warren on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following matters:

Moderator, Mac Rood, called the meeting to order at 4PM

Article 1. To review and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2019?

Mr. Rood reviewed the various reports located on pages 8-41 of the 2020 Town Report noting that the Town Budget on pages 16-22 would be addressed under Article 2. Motion made and seconded to approve reports as printed.

Discussion covered why Town owes delinquent taxes, request to use less water, questions on paving, request to change Knot Weed management to Invasive Species management. Article 1 moved and seconded. Approved by a voice vote.

Article 2. Shall the Town vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town including the capital expenditures and to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

Robert Ackland moved that the voters approve a budget not to exceed \$3,707,211.00 motion seconded.

Mr. Ackland lead the audience in a slide presentation of the budget and proposed new expenditures. Addition of DPW position and office assistant. Paving projects both past and future were discussed. Jito Coleman spoke to the Conservation Commissions Knot Weed project last summer. Capital Budget was reduced because most of the large projects have been completed. Covered Bridge project should be completed later this summer. Concerns were voiced about the damage made to the covered bridge because of trucks ignoring signage. "Thank you" was given to the Road Crew!

Motion made and seconded to end discussion. Article 2 approved by a show of hands vote.

Article 3. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes for that purpose?

WARNING & MINUTES OF 2020 TOWN MEETING

Motion made and seconded to move Article 3. With no discussion motion made and seconded to end discussion. Article 3 was approved by a show of hands vote.

(Town Meeting took a short break to allow Representative Maxine Grad to address the audience)

Article 4. Shall the Town vote its current taxes into the hands of the Town Treasurer?

Motion made and seconded to move Article 4. With no discussion motion made and seconded to end discussion. Article 4 was approved by a show of hands vote.

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to allocate \$15,000 to the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service?

Motion was made and seconded to move Article 5. MRVAS Volunteer spoke to the audience and explained their income and expenses. Motion was made and seconded to end discussion. Article 5 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to allocate \$10,000 to the Conservation Reserve Fund for the year 2020 to be used for land conservation projects as stated in the Town of Warren Conservation Commission and Reserve Fund Charter dated 24 April 2007?

Conservation Commission member George Schenk spoke to the activities and concerns of the commission. Motion was made and seconded to increase the allocation from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Motion was made and seconded to end discussion. Article 6 as amended was approved by a show of hands vote.

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to spend an amount not to exceed \$84,000 from the Conservation Reserve Fund, to permanently protect 1.3 miles of the Catamount Trail, water quality of Lincoln Brook and the Mad River, and 512 acres of core forest and significant fish and wildlife habitat between Lincoln Gap and Lincoln Peak as additions to the Green Mountain National Forest?

Motion was made and seconded to move Article 7. It was stated that this money is already within the Conservation Commissions reserve money. This Article is simply asking the voters to approve the expenditure. Motion made and seconded to end discussion. Article 7 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 8. Shall the Town have its taxes of real and personal property paid in installments, and set the dates, and to see whether payments shall be with or without discounts, and set the amount thereof?

(Last year voted the following: Taxes billed July 15, taxes due August 15, delinquent after November 15, with no discount)

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Motion was made and seconded to move Article 8. Motion was made and seconded to end discussion. Article 8 approved by a show of hands vote.

Article 9. Shall the Town vote its Green Mountain National Forest money go to the Warren PTO?

Motion was made and seconded to move Article 9. Question asked as to the amount of money, answer was in the \$19,00 range. Motion was made and seconded to give the money to the Conservation Reserve Fund. Votes spoke to the many uses and children's projects this money paid for. Amendment was withdrawn. Motion was made and seconded to approve Article 9 as printed. Motion approved by a voice vote.

Article 10 Shall the Town empower the Select Board to accept any land if given to the Town or to purchase any land within the Town?

Motion was made and seconded to move Article 10. Motion was made and seconded to end discussion. Article 10 approved by a show of hands vote.

Article 11. Shall the town vote to start next year's Town Meeting at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Warren Elementary School?

Motion made and seconded to move Article 11. After brief discussion, Motion made and seconded to end discussion. Article 11 approved by a show of hands vote.

Article 12. Shall the town vote to cease mailing Town Reports to all eligible voters, but instead make reports available by mailing list, pick up at public places and publication on town web page.

Motion was made to move Article 12. Discussion was that the law requires every household to receive a Town Report. We have been reducing the number distributed because of the amount of reports being thrown out and not read or wanted. Motion made and seconded to end discussion. Motion 12 approved by a show of hands vote

Article 13. The following items will be voted on by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

1. The Election of all Town and School Officers required by law.

Because none of the offices were contested the Board of Civil Authority declared all candidates winners.

L. Macrae Rood reelected Moderator for one year, Randy Graves reelected Selectmen for 3 years. Robert Ackland reelected Selectmen for 2 years. Dayna Lisaius re elected as Town Treasurer and Trustee of Public money for 3 years. Jeffrey Campbell re elected as Grand Juror for 1 year. Wayne Kathan reelected Town Agent for 1 year. Sharon Conti elected to Warren Cemetery Commission for a 5-year term. Laurie Jones was elected to a

WARNING & MINUTES OF 2020 TOWN MEETING

3-year term to the Warren Library Commission, David Ellison was reelected to a 3-year term to the Warren Library Commission and David Green-Leibovitz was elected to a 1-year term (3-year seat) to the Warren Library Commission. Robert Cummisky was reelected to a 3-year term as Lister.

Article 14. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting. (Non-Binding Article)

Motion that the Town of Warren issue a vote of no confidence in Harwood Union Unified District Superintendent Brigid Nease. Motion seconded and approved by a voice vote. Thank you's were given to the Mad River Valley Free Wheeling service, Friends of the Mad River and Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice. Motion made and seconded to end Town Meeting. So moved by a voice vote.

Andrew Cunningham

Robert Ackland

Randall Graves

Camilla Behn

Luke Youmell

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 2020 REPORT

2020 has been a very interesting year for Town of Warren's Road Crew and sub-contractors. The winter weather came and went with new changes in our Road Crew. At the end of April, our Road Foreman, Ray Weston, left his position with the Town. The Town thanks Mr. Weston for his leadership, dedication, expertise and cost saving solutions. The Warren Selectboard asked Mr. Andrew Bombard to assume the Road Foreman's duties. With the onset of the pandemic all departments were asked to put their budgets on a spending freeze not knowing the future with the Governor Moratorium Stay at Home Order, and future tax payments. Many Projects were postponed such as paving the Access Road, German Flats Drainage project, Galloping Wind Trail Culvert and the two Storm Water Master Planning projects: Vaughn Brown Road and Pit Road.

When the Governor allowed certain workers to come back to work the Road Crew completed the following this year:

Emergency Culvert Replacement on Shepard Hill Road.

Roxbury Mountain – 7 Hydrological Segments – Part of the General Erosion Permit.

Sugarloaf Farm Road – Ditched, changed culverts and added gravel.

West Hill Extension – Ditched, stone lined, ditched and added gravel.

Fuller Hill Road – Drainage/ditching, stone lined and graveled from Murray Hill – Grants.

Plunkton Road – From Pine Street – Hill Side – Graveled, Stone lined and ditched.

Among these projects, they graded roads and did some mowing.

Covered Bridge – The Town's Covered Bridge was hit by trucks 4 times this past year. Repairs have been made on the bridge cosmetically. In 2021 The Town is in hopes of moving the abutment rehabilitation forward to construction with bid documents going out in early spring from Dubois and King.

In working with the Friends of the Mad River, they were awarded a grant to move forward from 30% engineering design to 100% construction design for the Vaughn Brown Road and Pit Road for planning these two roads for stormwater solutions. Construction would not happen until 2022.

The Town also applied for a Local Government Grant through the tax department to help with unanticipated expenses from Covid that the town paid out.

In Development and Planning – the Town worked with GMP and Collins Electric to redesign the Brook Road Speed sign to have constant power at all times. We are also installing a camera at the Covered Bridge to help with any violators that damage the bridge. There were no major building projects this coming year.

The Warren Sewer System has had some upgrades to the mission telemetry with Verizon, a pump at Flat Iron will be replaced. Over all the system has been doing well. We thank Simon Operations Service, Nathaniel Fredricks, for being proactive in keeping the system function.

The Town of Warren "Thanks" all the taxpayers for their support, and patience this past year with Covid 19.

WARREN SCHOOL PTO

The Warren School PTO would like to thank the voters of Warren for generously voting to appropriate the Town Forest Money to the PTO in 2020. This year has been a year like no other. Most of the traditional PTO activities and programs were unable to happen due to COVID-19 and the shut down in the spring. However, on account of the generosity of the town voters, the PTO was able to fund the Educating Children Outdoors (ECO) program for students in preschool through 4th grade. Children in these grades have the opportunity to spend half a day each week in the forest with a naturalist from the North Branch Nature Center. The naturalist collaborates with the classroom teachers to plan standards based lessons that help develop a relationship with the natural world as well as foster a sense of place and stewardship in our local forest. Outdoor learning supports student social emotional growth and development. The children, parents and staff of the Warren School expressed gratitude for the opportunity to be in the forest during the pandemic.

Since the last town meeting, we have continued to improve the school grounds by building garden beds behind the school to use for vegetables and as a pollinator garden. We now have a garden coordinator who has created future plans including more vegetable and flower gardens in the back of the school. We believe these enhancements benefit not only the students who use the grounds but also everyone who uses the playground, fields, and town land surrounding the school.

We are immensely grateful for the continued outpouring of generosity to our school community.

Warren School PTO

Operating Budget

	2019-2020 Budget	2019-2020 Actuals	2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Forecast
EXPENSES				
Winter Sports Program (Grades K-6)	\$6,000	\$5,725	\$0	\$0
Gardens & Grounds	\$4,000	\$309	\$2,000	\$2,000
Artist-in-Residence (Grades PK-6)	\$7,000	\$6,536	\$0	\$0
Four Winds Nature Program (Grades PK-4)	\$850	\$848	\$0	\$0
ECO Nature Program Supplies	\$1,500	\$0	\$24,545	\$26,145
Girls on the Run (Grades 1-6)	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Scholarships	\$500	\$365	\$500	\$500
Theater Program (Grades 1-6)	\$5,275	\$3,848	\$0	\$0
Community Building	\$1,500	\$921	\$1,000	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	<u>\$200</u>	<u>\$2,074</u>	<u>\$1,300</u>	<u>\$1,300</u>
	\$27,325	\$20,626	\$29,345	\$30,945

INCOME

Town Forest Funds received	\$17,000	\$19,901	\$20,332	\$20,332
Amount raised by PTO	<u>\$10,325</u>	<u>\$9,364</u>	<u>\$5,750</u>	<u>\$5,750</u>
	\$27,325	\$29,265	\$26,082	\$26,082

Balance as of 12/31/2020

Northfield Savings Bank Checking Acct	\$62,709
Paypal Account	<u>\$448</u>
Subtotal	\$63,158
Restricted Funds (Upper Unit, Preschool Playground, Project Elf)	<u>\$16,231</u>
Total Operating Funds Available	\$46,926

Northfield Savings Bank 18-month CD - Upper Unit Funds	\$10,440
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WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
10 ELM STREET
MONTPELIER, VT 05602
W. Samuel Hill Sheriff
802-223-3001

November 01, 2020

Town of Warren
Members of Selectboard

Re: Annual Report
July 01, 2019 – June 30, 2020

The Washington County Sheriff's Department has assisted with public safety within your community for many years. In our Annual Report I normally talk about what the Department has done, County wide, as well as with in you community. This year I thought it might be interesting to give you a little history of Washington County and the Sheriff's Department.

In 1810 Jefferson County, Vermont was established. The first Sheriff took office in 1811. At that time Sheriffs served a term of two years. In 1814 the name was changed to Washington County, renaming the County after George Washington. Washington County is approximately 695 square miles and is one of two Counties (Washington and Lamoille) that are not bordered by another State or Canada. Montpelier is the Shire Town and is also the State Capital. The current State House is actual the 3rd, as the first two burned down. In 1820 there were 14,113 people in living in Washington County. The 2019 numbers show 58,409 people now living in the County.

Washington County's first jail was built into the dwelling erected by Montpelier's founder, Jacob Davis, shortly after his arrival as the first settler in 1787. That building was given to the County by his son Thomas Davis and was rebuilt in granite in 1832. Another jail was built in what is now known as Jail House Common, at 24 Elm Street, Montpelier. Completed in 1900, a new Jail and Sheriff's residence was built at its current location, 10 Elm Street, Montpelier. The Sheriff's house is now the Sheriff's Office and the Jail had been remodeled into Probate Court, but now houses the County Offices and Passport office.

There have been 43 Sheriffs since 1811. Three Sheriffs held office for two terms, but their terms were separated by other Sheriffs holding the office. Sheriff Henry Lawson was the longest serving Sheriff, holding office from 1927 to 1953 - 26 years. I have held the office since July of 2004.

My uncle, Harold Potter, held the Office of Sheriff between 1960 and 1968. He left office to become the first director of the Vermont Police Academy, which I have been teaching at for twenty-one years.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Sheriff's Office currently has six full time Deputies, two office staff members, the Sheriff and many part time Deputies. The Office performs its statutory functions of transporting prisoners, mental health patients and juveniles as well as serving civil process. We also are responsible for security at the Civil Court in Montpelier. The office contracts with 10 towns within the County for motor vehicle patrol as well as performing a multitude of security and traffic details throughout the County. The Sheriffs Department also regularly assists other County law enforcement agencies when needed.

The Sheriff's Office is funded in three ways. First, we receive funds from the County budget which pays for our basic office support and staff. Second, the state pays the salaries of the Sheriff and the two state transport Deputies. Third, all other funding to support the office and pay deputy salaries comes from revenues raised by the Department. Vermont Sheriff's Departments are tasked, by statute, with transporting prisoners and serving civil process, but are given no vehicles or equipment to do so. Thus, Sheriff's Departments must raise revenues in support of the Office, in order to perform State mandated functions.

County wide, our patrol efforts during fiscal year 2020 generated 2229 total incident reports, to include 695 Vermont Traffic Citations and 1333 Traffic Warnings.

In the course of our patrol efforts in Warren the following Vermont Traffic Complaints, Warning and Incidents were recorded by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol in your town.

We are proud of the work we do and take pride in our efforts in making Washington County a safe place to live and work.

Professionally,

W Samuel Hill

W. Samuel Hill
Sheriff

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Ticket Summary

Report

ORI: VT0120000 **Washington County Sheriff's Department**

Civil Other **2** **0.83%** *of all tickets in this report*

<u>Count</u>		<u>% of Civil Other Tickets</u>
2	MJ1 - Possessing Marijuana/Hashish - 1st Offense (Under 21)	#####

Traffic **74** **30.71%** *of all tickets in this report*

<u>Count</u>		<u>% of Traffic Tickets</u>
1	DEF - Condition Of Vehicle	1.35%
1	DP2 - Failed to Display Rear Registration Plate or Failed to Display Both Registration Plates	1.35%
4	INC - Operating without proof of financial responsibility	5.41%
3	INS - Operating Without Liability Insurance	4.05%
1	LBR - 11-20 MPH over speed limit - Local	1.35%
1	LBR - 21-30 MPH over speed limit - Local	1.35%
1	LP - Loaning Or Permitting The Use Of Number Plates	1.35%
2	NL - Operating Without A License	2.70%
2	NR - Persons Required To Register	2.70%
2	OSC - Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal	2.70%
1	PNA - Misuse Of Number Plates	1.35%
1	PR - Passenger Restrictions	1.35%
36	SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	48.65%
6	SL3 - 21-30 MPH Over Speed Limit	8.11%
1	SL4 - 31 Or More MPH Over Speed Limit	1.35%
5	VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	6.76%
6	VO - Regulations In Municipalities	8.11%

Warning **165** **68.46%** *of all tickets in this report*

<u>Count</u>		<u>% of Warning Tickets</u>
1	AEI - Vehicle Approaching Or Entering Intersection	0.61%
1	CEL - Using Portable Electronic Device – 1st violation	0.61%
18	DEF - Condition Of Vehicle	10.91%
1	DLT - Driving On Roadways Laned For Traffic	0.61%
10	DP - Failed To Display Front Registration Plate	6.06%
1	FCC - Failure To Carry Registration Certificate	0.61%
13	FYY - Stop Sign	7.88%
3	LBR - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit-Local	1.82%
1	LK - Lights	0.61%
1	NL - Operating Without A License	0.61%
3	NR - Persons Required To Register	1.82%
10	SIG - Signals Required	6.06%
2	SL1 - 1-10 MPH Over Speed Limit	1.21%
72	SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	43.64%
25	VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	15.15%
2	VO - Regulations In Municipalities	1.21%
1	VSP - Operating without displaying validation sticker on plate	0.61%

Total Tickets **241**

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Incident Analysis Report

Washington County Sheriff's Department

ORI: VT0120000

	Count of Inc.	% of Total Inc.
Call Type		
<i>Agency Assist</i>	11	3.61%
<i>Alarm-Business</i>	1	0.33%
<i>Animal Problem</i>	2	0.66%
<i>Arrest on Warrant</i>	2	0.66%
<i>Attempt to Locate</i>	1	0.33%
<i>Citizen Assist</i>	3	0.98%
<i>Crash - Property Damage</i>	1	0.33%
<i>Directed Patrol</i>	3	0.98%
<i>Fire</i>	1	0.33%
<i>Foot Patrol</i>	2	0.66%
<i>Motor Vehicle Complaint</i>	1	0.33%
<i>Motorist Assist</i>	1	0.33%
<i>Notice Against Trespass - Service</i>	1	0.33%
<i>Parking Violation</i>	4	1.31%
<i>Property Watch</i>	24	7.87%
<i>Suspicious Person/Circumstance</i>	5	1.64%
<i>Traffic Hazard</i>	3	0.98%
<i>Traffic Stop</i>	234	76.72%
<i>Trespass Violation</i>	1	0.33%
<i>Vandalism</i>	1	0.33%
<i>VIN Verification</i>	2	0.66%
<i>Welfare Check</i>	1	0.33%

Total:	305
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MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE

Mad River Resource Management Alliance

P.O. Box 210, Waterbury Center VT 05677

(802) 244-7373 / fax (802) 244-7570

January 14, 2021

The Mad River Resource Management Alliance(MRRMA) includes the Towns of Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury. The Alliance was formed through an Interlocal Agreement that began in 1994. We changed our name in 2008 to reflect the fact that we are managing resources not wastes.

2020 was certainly a very challenging year in many areas. Due to the pandemic the Alliance cancelled our Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day event at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury. Our Fall event was held on October 3 2020. A total of 354 households participated in this event. We collected 11.36 tons of household hazardous waste at the event. Residents within the Alliance communities are able to bring all their architectural paints, waste pesticides, alkaline batteries and up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Bring your mercury thermostats to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and you will receive a coupon that can be redeemed for a \$5.00 rebate by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation which will process the thermostats. Residents can also bring all their compact fluorescent bulbs(CFLs) and up to ten or fewer non-CFL general purpose mercury containing lamps at no charge. We are planning two collection day events in 2021, at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 8 and October 2, 2021.

A total of 219.7 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tank during 2020. The tank is located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station.

Grow Compost of Vermont in Moretown collected food scraps and food processing residuals from the Washington West Supervisory Union waste streams, from other large generators in the MRRMA and in collection totes at their Moretown facility. A total of 270 tons of food scraps were collected by Grow Compost of Vermont in 2020 in the MRRMA. Visit our web site at madriverrma.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.

The twenty fourth truckload sale of compost bins resulted in the distribution of 56 compost bins and 8 Green Cones. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We held four composting workshops for Alliance residents this year and expect to hold more in 2021. We will hold our twenty fifth Compost Bin Sale this spring. The Alliance held a car and pickup truck tire and metal collection event at the Earthwise Transfer Station in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 30, 2020 due to the Pandemic. A total of 11.55 tons of tires and a ton of metal were collected during this event. The Wheels for Warmth Program was cancelled last year due to Covid-19. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 1, 2021.

Alliance residents can bring their mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and plastics #1 through #7, except for plastic film wrap and bags and beaded styrofoam for single stream recycling to the Earthwise Transfer Station, Rodney's Rubbish Transfer Station and Redemption Center. There are also local haulers and Saturday Fast Trash Collections available in the Mad River Resource Management Alliance. Currently the recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing. Due to market conditions there is now a charge for collecting and processing recyclables. Computers, printers, monitors and televisions can be recycled at no charge at the Earthwise Transfer Station or the State Surplus Property Office on Route 2 in Waterbury. Other e-waste can be brought to the State Surplus Property facility in Waterbury and recycled at a small per pound fee. During 2020, 45.69 tons of e-waste was collected. Additional information on this program is found on our web site. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association which helps us market some recyclable commodities such as tires, propane cylinders other materials and assists with educational programs. The Alliance is also a member of the Product Stewardship Institute(PSI). As a stakeholder in the PSI we work with other entities to reduce the environmental and health impacts of a variety of consumer products. This is accomplished by looking at the life cycle impacts of products and their packaging. Things like energy and materials consumption, emissions during manufacturing, toxicity, worker safety and waste disposal are among the issues reviewed. The objective of product stewardship is to rethink the way things are created in order to have more sustainable products in the future. We are also a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council which provides a local focus on legislative initiatives and other stewardship issues.

Our Solid Waste Implementation Plan(SWIP) is updated every five years. The draft update is available for review at our website, madriverrma.org.

Backyard burning of trash is illegal and causes air pollution problems. Be a good neighbor and don't burn trash. If you know of any illegal dumping sites within your town that would benefit from an Adopt a Site Program give John Malter, Alliance Administrator a call at 244-7373 and let's see what we can do to help eliminate these types of problems together. The FY21 assessment for the administration and programs remains at \$7.00 per capita.

The representatives of the Alliance include: Fayston, Chuck Martel; Moretown, Jonathan Siegel; Waitsfield, Sal Spinoso; Warren, Margo Wade; Waterbury, Alec Tuscany and John Malter from Waterbury is the Administrator for the Alliance.

MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT - 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Mad River Valley Planning District - 2020 Annual Report

The Mad River Valley Planning District (MRVPD) met a major milestone this year with 35 years carrying out a program of planning for the MRV directed toward its physical, social, economic, fiscal, environmental, cultural and aesthetic wellbeing. MRVPD is honored to provide professional planning, leadership, coordination, awareness, implementation and grant support to the broad MRV and its member Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield & Warren. Below are a few highlights from 2020; a more detailed year in review can be found at www.mrvpd.org.

Housing: The long-awaited Mad River Valley Housing Demand & Market Analysis was released in February, detailing the significant mismatch between housing supply and demand. MRVPD Staff collaborated with the MRV Housing Coalition (MRVHC) in presenting the study findings to the three towns and additional interested organizations. In October, MRVPD supported the MRVHC in presenting a 5-part virtual MRV affordable housing talk series. The well attended events covered topics ranging from smart growth to accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The conversation continued into November, when MRVPD hosted the 16th Annual MRV Tri-Town Leadership Meeting. This year's event focused on a selectboard discussion about affordable housing in the MRV. As a next step, MRVHC and MRVPD Staff drafted a plan for the three selectboards to consider four action steps: development of a MRV Housing Trust Fund; municipal contribution toward a MRVHC "Housing Coordinator" position; multi-town support for the Irasville growth center; and a Valley-wide approach to short-term rentals.

Recreation: 2020 marked the completion of the MRV Unified Trailhead Kiosk & Mapping Project. MRVPD served as project manager through the duration of the effort, which resulted in updated paper trail maps, inclusion in an online interactive trail viewer, and a total of 47 trailhead kiosks utilizing a unified design and incorporating maps, trail information, uses, and highlighting the work of trail stewards. Seed funding from the three towns to the MRV Recreation District in 2018 made this work possible, leveraging additional financial support from the State of VT. The MRV's trail stewards and various public and private property owners collaborated to make this project a reality. This project implements a portion of the MRV Moves Active Transportation Plan, a 2016 public involvement process that articulated a unified, multi-town, watershed-wide vision for recreational trails and non-motorized transportation facilities.

Data: MRVPD recently launched the MRV Community Dashboard Project to engage the community in a process of determining the data that matters most to gauge wellbeing in the Valley, and then share that data through a new, accessible online platform. Staff are excited to share the new online platform in Spring 2021.

Budget: For FY22, MRVPD requests \$44,067 from each of its four funders, Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren, and Sugarbush Resort, representing a 3% decrease over the previous year.

MRVPD's activities are overseen by a 7-voting member Steering Committee, consisting of a representative from the Selectboard and Planning Commission from each of its member towns, and a representative from the MRV Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, representatives from Sugarbush Resort and the Central VT Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) serve as non-voting members. MRVPD Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Meeting details at mrvpd.org. Staffing consists of Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director, & Kati Gallagher, Community Planner.

Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee

Bob Ackland, Warren Selectboard (Chair)
Jon Jamieson, Waitsfield Selectboard (Vice Chair)
Jared Cadwell, Fayston Selectboard (Secretary & Treasurer)
Dan Raddock, Warren Planning Commission
Brian Voigt, Waitsfield Planning Commission
Donald Simonini, Fayston Planning Commission
Margo Wade, Sugarbush Resort
Eric Friedman, MRV Chamber of Commerce
Bonnie Waninger, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Respectfully Submitted, Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director
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MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Mission of the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service is to provide the five Mad River Valley towns of Fayston, North Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield and Warren the highest quality of Emergency Medical Services utilizing dedicated volunteers, technology and community support."

Imagine living in the beautiful Mad River Valley without being confident you could get to a hospital if needed? For 50 years (2020 is OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY), the men and women of the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service (MRVAS) have volunteered to care for their neighbors in times of their greatest need. Through rain and snow, at dawn and late into the night, MRVAS volunteers have left work or the comfort of their own homes and missed celebrations and meetings to dispatch calls, jump into emergency vehicles and save lives. At any given time, 70 highly-trained and dedicated volunteers donate 60 or more hours of their time each month to make the Mad River Valley a better place to live. It's hard to imagine that type of commitment, but MRVAS volunteers make their community a priority year in and year out.

MRVAS is one of only a handful of all-volunteer squads left in Vermont.

Many services have closed after being unable to raise funds and recruit enough volunteers. In many of those towns, taxpayers saw taxes raised to pay for emergency services. Through a history of local outreach, MRVAS has managed to recruit and train volunteers to meet community needs.

MRVAS has had to spend \$600,000 in the last three years to replace two aging ambulances. Our third ambulance is fourteen years old and is scheduled to be replaced in 2021.

For the past fifty years, we have been able to remain independent—relying on our 70 plus volunteers and the generosity of valley residents, visitors and businesses. In 2020, we reached out to the towns for the first time. Previously, we had never approached the valley towns (or taxpayers) for financial assistance. We had hoped to continue this course, but the current trend of rising costs and stagnating revenues leaves us no choice but to change our financial model and request a donation from each our valley towns.

We requested \$15,000 from each town in 2020 and will do so again in 2021. If our financial pressures continue, this request will likely be necessary beyond 2021 as we will have to continue our cycle of ambulance replacement to care for our valley community.

In most years, MRVAS responds to 500+ calls for help. MRVAS must maintain the capacity to put three vehicles and crews on the road simultaneously. With three emergency vehicles, MRVAS handles approximately 98% of all calls without requesting the assistance of other agencies. This

MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE

is critical to the well-being of our community and visitors, as requests for outside assistance can add 20 minutes or more to response times. Two calls within a three-hour period is a common happening and as round trip calls are typically 3 hours, MRVAS must have three vehicles, so one is always at the ready.

At MRVAS, we take our training seriously; keeping up with frequent changes in state protocol and medical care, as well as the evolving needs of our growing community. Training is no easy task and requires numerous additional hours per year to stay certified, even after the initial training investment. We strive to incorporate and utilize the latest technology; incorporating innovations such as “Active 911” and EMS Manager” in order to communicate well and to provide clear, efficient, rapid response to any given location.

Wouldn't you like to become a member of MRVAS? We are always happy to bring new members onto our squad and to provide them with the necessary training! If you feel that serving your community in this way would enrich your life (as it has ours), please visit our website (www.mrvas.org) or call 496-8888 for further information.

Do keep in mind that MRVAS uses the E-911 system in its response, and that we look for E-911 numbers posted near your residences when responding to emergencies. Take a moment to reflect on the following: If you needed us in an emergency, is your location clearly marked? If not, help us help you! Give us a call if you need assistance determining how to mark your home properly. Numbers must be clearly visible from both directions when approaching your driveway.

Finally, we would like to thank you, the residents of this Mad River Valley, as well as second homeowners and visitors for supporting our dedicated staff of volunteers. It is your generous donations and subscriptions for service that allow us to continue to function as a team of professionals.

It continues to be our pleasure and honor to serve you. Feel free to visit our website (www.mrvas.org) or call us if you have questions.

Respectfully,

Sara Van Schaick, A-EMT
President and Head of Service

FRIENDS OF MAD RIVER



Healthy LAND. Clean WATER. Vibrant COMMUNITY.

2020 Report to Watershed Towns

Friends of the Mad River is a nonprofit organization dedicated to stewarding the Mad River watershed's healthy land and clean water for our community and for future generations. We build diverse partnerships of neighbors, businesses, towns, and other organizations. Together, we learn about the health of the land and water; conserve our natural resources; and celebrate this special place.

In 2020, with the help of municipal, agency, and non-profit partners, Friends of the Mad River sustained our 30 year commitment to the Mad River Valley community by:

- Working with more than 20 property owners to 'spongify' their homes and yards, absorbing the impact of storms and reducing costly erosion at over 100 homes since 2018, while also expanding the **Storm Smart** program to the broader Winooksi River Watershed;
- Planting 570 trees and shrubs at three sites to build **Riparian Restoration** benefits like clean water, flood resilience, and wildlife habitat;
- Facilitating community dialogue in two well-attended online workshops, and planning for a deeper dive in 2021 with 25 community members;
- Adapting to pandemic challenges and collecting 75 water samples from 10 swimhole sites across the watershed, analyzing the samples for *E. coli* bacteria as part of our **Mad River Watch** program;
- Consulting with a researcher to draft a report that will describe the impacts our community can expect from a changing climate, as well as the opportunities we have for building strength and resilience;
- Supporting the **Ridge to River** taskforce of municipal and community leaders as they advance their 2017 action plan for keeping water clean and reducing flood vulnerabilities by tackling stormwater runoff problems;
- Inviting neighbors near and far to celebrate life in the MAD River Valley and the waterSHED that connects us by sharing their **#madshedLOVE** across the digital ether with photos and videos, stories and poetry that inspire in challenging times;
- And, providing technical assistance to Mad River Valley select boards, conservation commissions, road crews, and individual landowners as they carefully steward watershed resources.

"We all cherish elements of the Mad River Valley for unique reasons. The natural beauty, recreational opportunities, abundant local food production, and the community supported by this landscape are the reasons my family is still here. I value the Friends of the Mad River for their ongoing stewardship and service that helps these elements flourish."

Our conservation work would not be possible without town leaders and staff dedicated to making thoughtful decisions, committed and hearty volunteers, donors who believe in the value of our work, and a community committed to one another. Thank you!

Corrie Miller, Executive Director • Ira Shadis, Stewardship Manager • Lisa Koitzsch, MRW Coordinator | Board of Directors: Ned Farquhar, President • Matt Williams, Vice President • Sucosh Norton, Treasurer • Kinny Perot, Secretary • Richard Czaplinski • Jeannie Nicklas • Brian Shupe • Katie Sullivan

More information at: [FriendsoftheMadRiver.org](https://www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org).

MAD RIVER VALLEY RECREATION ANNUAL REPORT

<p>Mad River Valley Recreation District Annual Report</p> <p>Mad River Valley Recreation District (MRVRD) is a Union Municipal District formed by the towns of Waitsfield, Warren and Fayston in 1994. The MRVRD seeks to facilitate, enhance and create recreational opportunities throughout the Mad River Valley that promote community vitality, physical fitness, appreciation for the outdoors and a high quality of life. The MRVRD owns and manages the Mad River Park Recreational Fields, operates a recreation grant program and supports diverse recreation opportunities important for community health and economic vitality in the Valley.</p> <p>Despite the pandemic, in 2020, the MRVRD awarded 11 grants, providing \$43,639 in financial support to the organizations listed in the financial report in addition to another 3 grants that were unable to be fulfilled due to covid. In January 2021, the MRVRD considered 12 grant requests and allocated approximately \$50,000 from funds approved by voters in 2019 and 2020 for new initiatives as well as long-standing programs. These investments will increase access to diverse recreational opportunities for all members of our community, as well as visitors.</p> <p>MRVRD is again requesting \$30,000 from each member town. These funds will enable the continuation of the recreation grant program, provide operating expenses for Mad River Park, and continue to support our new Recreation Coordinator and Facility Manager, Laura Arneson, to advance the MRVRD's strategic organizational goals through recreation trails, events, programming, parks and facilities management and recreation planning.</p> <p>The MRVRD Board encourages groups and individuals who are interested in creating recreational opportunities in the Mad River Valley to visit mrverd.org or contact any member of the Board. The board meets the third Tuesday of each month and seeks involvement and input from the community. Board meetings are currently being held remotely, but will resume at the General Wait House when it is safe to do so.</p> <p>The volunteer MRVRD board members have been appointed by the Select Boards of their respective towns and serve 1 or 3 year terms. Contact any of us if you are interested in joining the team.</p> <p>Liza Walker, Waitsfield – Co-Chair Alice Rodgers, Warren - Co-Chair Doug Bergstein, Warren – Treasurer Jeff Whittingham, Waitsfield - Secretary Chrissy Bellmyer, Fayston Luke Foley, Waitsfield Michael Nucci, Waitsfield Whitney Phillips, Warren John Stokes, Fayston</p> <p>We say goodbye to board members Jeff Whittingham, Chrissy Bellmyer and Whitney Phillips. Their energy and ideas helped push forward the goals of the Recreation District.</p>	Beginning Balance (Jan 1, 2020)	\$54,962
	Income	
	Funding from Towns	\$45,000
	Donation	\$1,000
	Expenditures	
	Administrative	\$2,218
	Brooks Field	\$2,920
	Couples Club	\$3,000
	Mad River Lacrosse	\$2,878
	Mad River Little League	\$2,040
	Mad River Park	\$4,500
	Mad River Path	\$6,000
	Mad River Riders	\$6,000
	Mad River Ridge Runners	\$4,100
	Pump Track	\$4,000
	Safety Vests	\$975
	Skatium	\$2,680
	Warren SkatePark	\$4,545
	Total Expenditures	\$45,857
	Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2020)	\$55,105
	Funding from Towns	\$30,000
	Recreation Coordinator Expenses	\$7,201
	Balance for R. C.	\$22,799
	Kiosk Project Balance	\$3,491
	Mad River Park Balance	\$1,632
	Grants Requested for 2021	\$80,694
	Projected Grants for 2021	\$50,000

MAD RIVER VALLEY TV HIGHLIGHTS

Mad River Valley TV 2020 HIGHLIGHTS: Pandemic changed station operations and increased importance of public access communications.

Mad River Valley TV is The Valley's public access management organization (AMO) dedicated to keeping the community informed about the actions of their towns, schools and elected officials. Also known as a PEG channel, it communicates Public, Educational and Governmental content to the Waitsfield Cable service area. The station celebrated its 21st year on the air during 2020 and covered nearly every meeting of the Warren Select Board, special joint meetings, meetings of the Mad River Valley Planning District, and most meetings of the Harwood Unified Union School District board and subcommittees. Since attending meetings in person has been discouraged or prohibited, availability through the MRVTV channel 45/245 and [MRVTV.com](https://mrvtv.com) has been important to the community.

MRVTV's Channels 44 (Community) and 45 (Municipal) are included in Waitsfield Cable's basic tier of service. In 2018 MRVTV added two High Definition (HD) Channels, 244 (Community) and 245 (Municipal), which are also part of Waitsfield Cable's basic tier of HD channels. MRVTV is one of the few public access TV stations in Vermont broadcasting in high definition. In fact, it is also one of the very few to do so in the U.S., with less than 10% of all public access TV stations in the country broadcasting in HD.

Since the beginning of the pandemic we've adjusted our work to continue providing access to government meetings and local events. Many of these have moved from live to Zoom and we've added the capabilities to capture the Zoom and broadcast through cable, maintaining access for our cable subscriber base. We've also worked to include as much COVID-19 related information as we can. We show every press conference on the pandemic held by Governor Scott and we've provided updates on local activities related to the pandemic. For example, a recent legislative update hosted by the Mad River Valley Planning District provided information on pandemic relief efforts and legislative priorities.

MRVTV produced and aired a wide range of community-based shows in 2020, from award winning THE MEND, to interview shows, theater reviews, presentations on local topics such as affordable housing in the Mad River Valley and information on modern wood heating options. With limited in-person attendance allowed, our capture of high school sporting events has been important to many in the community.

All locally produced programming, from meetings to school and community events is also on the MRVTV website, <https://mrvtv.com>, within a few days of its recording. For example, the MRV Leadership meeting which included Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren had 360 views from our YouTube Channel. School board meetings had over 1350 viewings and town governmental meetings had nearly 1000 views from [MRVTV.com](https://mrvtv.com). (Note viewing data from the cable channels is not available from Waitsfield Telecom.)

MRVTV is primarily funded by Waitsfield Cable as required by state and federal regulations. Cable subscribers see a 5% PEG access surcharge on their cable bills. Additionally, the towns of

MAD RIVER VALLEY TV HIGHLIGHTS

Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren and Moretown grant MRVTV sponsorship funds, which help to defray the cost of municipal meeting coverage and makes the web storage of our municipal programming available for all, anytime, even without cable service. The continuation of cable cutting is reducing cable funding which the station is making up through sponsorships and fundraising activities.

To capture more events, the station encourages nonprofits to find a member in their organization who can become a “media person” for coverage. MRVTV has equipment available to the community so the public can produce shows and access the airwaves. MRVTV also has a full studio available for taping shows and welcomes new users and producers for non-commercial community interest programs.

In 2020 MRVTV made use of many hours of statewide programming available on the Vermont Media Exchange (VMX). MRVTV showed 336 VMX programs produced by other public access centers around the state, with many timely governmental programs coming from the Vermont Statehouse. MRVTV contributed 255 programs to the exchange enabling viewing of our content across the state.

On the digital side, MRVTV experienced significant growth on its social media platforms. YouTube subscribers grew from 5,292 to 8,935 by the end of the year. On Facebook MRVTV more than tripled its following, with page likes increasing from 6,769 to over 10,000. MRVTV now has more YouTube subscribers and Facebook likes than any other public access television station in Vermont.

YouTube

Launched 6/30/17

8,935 Subscribers

Total Hours Viewed: 214,880 Views: 2,061,144

Facebook

10,004 likes

Instagram

Launched 8/14/17

540 Followers

Twitter

298 Followers

MAD RIVER VALLEY TV HIGHLIGHTS

To connect with viewers in real-time, MRVTV live-streamed a number of public events, including the Mad River Valley Town Leadership meeting and a retrospective of the Warren 4th of July Parade.

Regarding personnel, Keith Berkelhamer, Executive Director for the past three and a half years, left the station in September, and was replaced by Rob Perry. Rob moved full time to Warren 3 years ago but has been a regular in the Mad River Valley for decades. Tony Italiano is the station's Program/Media Manager, a role he has ably filled for nearly 14 years.

To learn more how you can be involved with MRVTV, please contact us at 583-4488 (44TV) or by email at rob@mrvtv.com. You also can just stop by our studio offices at the north end of the Village Square Shopping Center. And you can find us, all local programs, our schedules, and lots of affiliated information on the web at <https://mrvtv.com>. Members of the MRVTV board are: Lisa Loomis, Rob Williams, Liz Levey, Brian Shupe, Dan Eckstein, John Daniell, Ilse Sigmund, Ian Sweet and Ned Farquhar. We meet quarterly and actively welcome public input to our meetings or to any board member.

WMRW (94.5 FM) 2020 WARREN TOWN MEETING REPORT

WMRW-LP, (94.5 FM) is a 100-watt (low power) all-volunteer, noncommercial, community radio station broadcasting 24 hours/day over the airwaves to the Mad River Valley, and to the outside world via the internet at **wmrw.org**. WMRW is a project of the 501c3 non-profit Rootswork Inc., 'Making Space for Community to Happen'. Check out all that Rootswork does in our community at rootswork.org

As of 5 years ago (December 28th 2015) we have been transmitting on 94.5 fm from our 65 foot tower and transmitter at our new location 3 miles north of the East Warren Schoolhouse. We are eternally grateful to the many people and organizations whose donations of time and money made this huge improvement in reception throughout the Valley possible. We are particularly indebted to Pat and Shevonne Travers for hosting the tower and equipment shed.

The support from the station's current underwriters is critical to the success of our radio station, and helps cover the ongoing costs of our operations. These underwriters include **All Seasons Urethane Foam, Darrad Computers, Jamieson Insurance, Dr. Sean Mahoney, Mountain Side Ski Service, Katies Collars, Generations Painting Vermont, The East Warren Community Market, Whippletree Designs, Mountainside Ski Service, The Mad River Valley Rotary Club, Dr. Sean Mahoney**, and last but not least **Charlie (the dog)**.

Last year at this time, we planned to begin a capital drive to raise \$10,000 to replace our 1970's era broadcast console mixing board with a new mixing board. Due to the corona virus fundraising events were postponed, but thanks to a grant from Rootswork we were able to take advantage of the social inactivity to begin this major studio renovation in late March 2020. Thanks to the hard volunteer work of Roger Stauss of Sugarhouse Soundworks, who did the wiring layout and installation the new studio became functional again by the middle of June. We also replaced the floor of the studio with hardwood, added sound deadening to the ceiling, new custom equipment racks and made many other long over due improvements.

In 2021 we continue to seek new local radio talent and are very interested in working with local Valley schools to enhance their media / journalism/ theater curricula and sports coverage.

To learn more about WMRW-LP programming, or for anyone interested in getting involved and on-the-air, visit www.wmrw.org or call 802-496-4951 and leave a message.

Presently we have around 45 local volunteer programmers ranging in age from 4 to 81, offering a diverse mix of music, talk and local public service announcements. In addition, we air nationally syndicated alternative news and entertainment shows not available from most mainstream media sources. These shows include E-Town, Le Show, TUC Radio, and Letters and Politics. **For a current program schedule visit our website: WMRW.org**.

Our current \$13,750, 2021 annual base operating budget is funded entirely by contributions from our local listeners and local business underwriters. This frugal budget includes approximately \$2500 of operating and licensing expenses that enabled us to continue streaming over the internet. Our annual on-air fundraisers happen once or twice during each year and run until we have raised the funds to cover our annual operating expenses.

If you value this rare non-commercial public forum that provides opportunities for all citizens to freely communicate, please consider participating in, and/or, helping to fund WMRW's continuing operation. On-air acknowledgements (Underwriting) are available to businesses see (wmrw.org for details).

Tax-deductible donations can be made at WMRW.org through Paypal and via credit card, and checks can be sent to WMRW, PO. Box 95, Warren Vt. 05674 .

On behalf of all our volunteers, thank you to everyone, whose contributions of time and money continue to make this community resource a reality!

John Barkhausen, WMRW (volunteer) General Manager

ROOTSWORK ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2020

Rootswork is a 501c3 non-profit organization with over 550 current members located in the historic East Warren Schoolhouse (EWS) right off the 4 corners on the East Warren Road at 42 Roxbury Mountain Road, in Warren VT .

Our mission is embodied in our slogan “Making Space for Community to Happen”.

Rootswork rents the EWS from the Town of Warren for a low fee, and in return the Rootswork Board volunteers to manage, maintain and raise funds to continue to renovate the EWS for the benefit of our community and the futherance of our mission.

From this beautiful location we host five community projects: **The Bulk Fuel Buying Group; WMRW Community Radio (94.5 fm); The EWS Community Meeting Space; and our Electric Vehicle Charging Station.** Our fifth project is **The Rootswork Community Gardens**, which are organic gardening plots located immediately behind the EWS and available to rent at very reasonable rates. Anne Burling, a Rootswork founder and previous owner of the garden plot land, has recently transferred the land to Zeb Swick who has generously agreed to continue Anne’s tradition of donating the land for community garden use. Additionally we provide a viable home for our tenant the **East Warren Community Market.**

Progress on the **renovation of the historic East Warren Schoolhouse building and grounds** has been steady for the last ten years, and has included extensive rewiring, building wide insulating, new 2nd floor hardwood floor and new ceiling and lighting, new commercial kitchen expansion, new fire code hall doors and front door, new boiler, rebuilt boiler room floor, all new historically accurate efficient thermopane window replacements for all windows, installation of a Warren Tiny Library on the front deck, a replacement septic system, installation of an emergency generator; entry deck renovation; and reconstruction of the storage wing of the building for use by the Market. In 2020, renovations included siding replacement and painting prep of the south exterior wall, entry deck repairs. During the past 10 years Rootswork has invested around \$61,000 in repairs and maintenance of the building. We continue to maintain a Capital Reserve Building Fund of \$20,000.00 to finance any eventual major and/or emergency repairs.

Our annual fuel buying group and membership fee is \$45.00 and the term runs from July 1st to June 31st and coincides with the renewal of our participating Fuel Group contracts with suppliers. Suppliers of both propane and fuel oil include Suburban Propane, Irving Fuel Companies, Ward Energy and Bournes Energy. All suppliers offer substantial savings on your fuel buying needs.

If you are interested in learning more about Rootswork and our projects, the availability of the community meeting space and community garden plots, and why you might want to be involved, we invite you to visit the East Warren Schoolhouse and rootswork.org. Members and the general public are welcome to attend our annual Meeting, usually held in December.

We are very grateful to all our members for participating and helping Rootswork make our mission a reality.

Sincerely,

The 2020 Rootswork Board Directors

John Barkhausen (co-Chair)

Wendy Cox

Bob Meany

Deb O’Hara

Jim Sanford

Eric Sigsbey

Don Swain (co-Chair)

Pat Travers

MAD RIVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS REPORT

Attention: Dayna Lisaius

Senior Citizens (MRVSC) Board of Directors sincerely appreciates the continued support of the Town of Warren. With that support, we have been successful in our mission to provide nutritional meals, opportunities for social connection, and access to health and wellness resources for seniors in our community for over 30 years. In addition to three part-time staff, we are fortunate to have so many caring volunteers who are central to this success. In FY2020 we served 10,081 meals to our Meals On Wheels (MOW) clients in four towns. We prepare daily dietician-approved lunches for MOW clients five days a week and frozens delivered for weekends. All meals are by donation except for breakfast.

In addition to donations from patrons and clients, MRVSC receives financial support from the Central Vermont Council On Aging, the four Valley towns, Vermont Center for Independent Living, The Warren United Church, The Mad River Valley Rotary, Mehuron's, Shaws, Lawson's, The Village Grocery and local businesses and individuals that provide us with generous donations through gifts, attendance at our fundraisers, and coin collection cans at area retailers.

Respectfully Submitted:

MRVSC Board of Directors

Nancy Emory, President

Sue Stoehr, Treasurer

Joanne Fitzgerald, Secretary

Marise Lane; Spencer Potter, Bill Zekas, Candace Porter and Michael Bransfield.

MAD RIVER HEALTH CENTER

The Mad River Valley Health Center (MRVHC) is a non-profit corporation managed by a Board of Directors for the purpose of insuring high quality, local health care services in the MRV. The Mad River Valley Health Center was incorporated in 1981. In 2004, with the support of many Valley residents, the Health Center moved into its current two story building at the intersection of VT Route 100 and Old County Road in Waitsfield.

In accordance with its mission, space in the Health Center is fully leased by a variety of health care related providers. The majority of the space is occupied by the Mad River Family Practice (CVMC). The remainder of the space is utilized by organizations and individuals providing individual and family mental health support and oriental medicine treatments.

In addition to rental income, the Health Center has relied on contributions from the Valley towns to offset operating expenses. Per agreement with the Valley Select Boards, 2020 was the last year that the MRVHC Board requested public financial support for Health Center operations. The MRVHC board appreciates the support the Valley towns have provided in the past.

2020 was a challenging year for all the tenants of the Health Center. Covid-19 precautions have limited access to the facility throughout the majority of the year. Despite the financial impact on the MRVHC tenants, rental fees are current.

Normal maintenance activity has been undertaken during the year. The facility continues to be in excellent condition, however given that it is now 17 years old, we can expect increased maintenance in future years. Sufficient reserves are available to fund reasonably expected repairs.

Without a clear end to the pandemic in sight and recent increases in infections in Washington County, the Board made the costly decision to upgrade the HVAC air filtration system. New air filters were installed which are able to capture Covid-19 airborne droplets.

As we begin 2021, we are optimistic for the future of the MRVHC. To help insure our success, a small team of Board members are developing a financial plan to guide our decisions. The plan will be completed this spring.

Respectfully Submitted,
MRVHC Board of Directors

HOME HEALTH HOSPICE



**Central Vermont
Home Health & Hospice**

Community Relations and Development

2020 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

WARREN

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH) is a not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association serving 23 communities in central Vermont with skilled nursing care, physical, speech, and occupational therapy, medication management, social work support, and a personal care to central Vermonters of all ages in the comfort and privacy of home. The organization is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, each of whom lives in CVHHH's service area. CVHHH is guided by a mission to care for all central Vermonters regardless of a person's ability to pay, their geographic remoteness, or the complexity of their care needs. CVHHH embraces new technology and collaborates with other local providers to ensure that central Vermonters' care needs are met. In addition to providing medically-necessary care, CVHHH promotes the general welfare of community members with public flu and foot-care clinics and grief and bereavement support groups. To learn more, visit www.cvhhh.org.

CVHHH Services to the Residents of Warren

Jan 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	952
Hospice Care	127
Long Term Care	88
Maternal Child Health	9
TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS	1,176
TOTAL PATIENTS	52
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	63

Town funding will help to ensure that CVHHH provides services in Warren through 2021 and beyond. For more information contact Sandy Rousse, President & CEO, or Kim Farnum, Director of Community Relations & Development at 223-1878.

HOME HEALTH HOSPICE



PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

553 North Main Street, Barre, Vermont 05641

802-479-1229; phwcv.org

Town of Warren 2020 Report

People's Health & Wellness Clinic (PHWC) provides free healthcare to uninsured and underinsured people in Central Vermont. Services include high quality medical, mental health, oral health, and bodywork services which are provided at no cost to our patients. PHWC also continues to provide extensive case management, referrals, and assistance enrolling in health insurance and financial assistance programs.

2020 was an unusual and challenging year for our organization, local community, and global community. The COVID-19 pandemic forced our staff and volunteers to shift to telemedicine services, connecting with patients via video and phones calls. This has presented an opportunity for PHWC to update systems and technology to support telemedicine operations. Since the start of the pandemic, staff and volunteers have been working nimbly to care for existing and new patients who rely on our services. While limited in-person visits have resumed, the organization looks forward to welcoming more patients back to the clinic in 2021.

Since the start of the pandemic, we have partnered closely with Good Samaritan Haven, Vermont Department of Health, Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice, and other area agencies to care for our region's homeless population. We continue to work together to support the health and safety of our vulnerable community members.

In 2020, we cared for 380 unduplicated patients, 92 of whom were new to the clinic. Patients visited the clinic (in person and via telemedicine) for 433 medical visits, 183 dental visits, and 77 mental health visits. 74 patients received assistance enrolling in Medicaid, other health insurance plans, and financial assistance programs. Our patients came from 43 cities and towns, more than half had an income of less than 185% of the federal poverty level, and 90% of new patients reported having delayed care because of the cost.

In 2020, PHWC served 4 Warren residents, 3 of whom were new patients. Warren patients utilized medical care, mental health care, dental care, and case management services and required 6 visits.

As a federally deemed free clinic, we cannot charge for services. We depend on grants, donations, and municipal funding. We are grateful to the voters of Town of Warren for many years of support and are very pleased to be able to provide free and accessible healthcare to the Central Vermont community. For additional information, please contact Rebecca Goldfinger-Fein, Executive Director, at 802-479-1229 or rebecca@phwcv.org.

MAD RIVER VALLEY PATH REPORT



Get Into the Valley's Great Outdoors!

Recreation. Health. Connections.

Mad River Path

P.O. Box 683

Waitsfield, VT 05673

info@madriverpath.org

2020 Annual Report

In 2020, MRP completed a new path section, many small projects, regular maintenance, and extensive planning for future path sections. The pandemic caused a late start, but we were fortunate that our work continued without a hitch once we got the green light from the state.

We would like to acknowledge that the work we accomplish each year is thanks to the generous and enthusiastic Mad River Valley community. More than 330 households and 30 businesses supported MRP in 2020 with financial gifts. Plus, dozens of individuals contributed to our successes through volunteering, in-kind contributions, and donated construction materials.

Below is a list of projects and accomplishments from 2020:

Projects & Programs

- Completed new path section on Yestermorrow's land continuing north from the Kingsbury Farm Greenway. A trail easement is donated to protect this section in perpetuity.
- Began a new 1 mile side-trail at Yestermorrow stemming from the path (to be completed in 2021).
- Built new boardwalk between The Swanson Inn and Mad River Vet Services on the Mill Brook Trail.
- Restored and improved several bridges and stretches along the Mill Brook Trail.
- Upgraded a bridge at Riverside Park.
- Fixed the stairs behind the Warren Lodge.
- Replaced a culvert with a flood-resilient bridge and rebuilt two new picnic tables just south of Bridge St in Waitsfield.
- Installed new wayfinding placards across the path network.
- Continued mowing and vegetation management program across the path network.
- Coordinated and began year two of Irasville winter maintenance with KMK Property Management and Lawson's Finest.
- Repaired the gazebos along the Sugarbush Snowmaking Pond loop and the West Greenway.
- Eradicated invasive honey suckle along the Hosford Highway Boardwalk.
- Continued invasive knotweed management on the Austin Parcel with Friends of the Mad River, the Town of Waitsfield, and Vermont Master Naturalist Program.
- Set up two StoryWalks® in partnership with MRV Libraries.
- Launched the Biggest Tree in the MRV Challenge.
- Made the MRV's first Bird Bingo game available for free to everyone.
- Built and launched a new modern website with an interactive path sections map.

MAD RIVER VALLEY PATH REPORT

Planning & Assessments

- Determined priority maintenance and path/trail resilience projects for 2021.
- Continued discussions with landowners and VTrans to complete important gaps in the Warren to Moretown Path and the Irasville to Long Trail trail.
- Met with partners to strengthen collaborations on trail building and maintenance in the MRV.
- Applied for grant funding to complete planned projects.
- Began permitting processes for 2021 projects.



Yestermorrow staff and a student enjoy the new path section on the Yestermorrow campus on a sunny fall day in 2020.

Board of Directors

Rocky Bleier, Waitsfield | Alison Duckworth, Warren (Vice President) | David Ellison, Warren | Charlie Hosford, Waitsfield | Betsy Jondro, Fayston (Treasurer) | Kyle Neyer, Warren | Rudy Polwin, Waitsfield Britton Rogers, Warren
Mac Rood, Waitsfield (President), Jessica Tompkins, Waitsfield | Patrick Travers, Waitsfield (Secretary)

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION REPORT



CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN WARREN

Local Partnerships in Learning

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE), a community-based nonprofit organization has served the adult education and literacy needs of Warren residents for fifty-five years.

CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16- 90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

Warren is served by our learning center in Waterbury. The site has welcoming learning rooms (with computers, laptops and internet access to support instruction). CVABE staff and volunteers also teach students at the library or other local sites as needed.

Last year, 5 residents of Warren enrolled in CVABE's free programs. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. ***Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels. By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Warren residents for generations to come.***

CVABE provides free instruction to nearly 450 people annually in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$2,942 per student to provide a full year of instruction. *Nearly all students are low income.* Close to 100 community volunteers work with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We deeply appreciate Warren's voter-approved *past* support. This year, your level support is again critical to CVABE's free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life.

For more information regarding CVABE's adult education and literacy instruction for students, or volunteer opportunities, contact:

Waterbury Learning Center
31 North Main Street- Suite 1
Waterbury, Vermont 05676
(802) 244-8765
www.cvabe.org

CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

**Central Vermont Council on Aging
Request for Funding
Town of Warren
FY2021-22**

Mission Statement:

CVCOA supports Central Vermonters to age with dignity and choice.

Amount of Request: \$900 (level funding)

Date: November 4, 2020

Central Vermont Council on Aging is the primary agency serving older Vermonters aged 60 and over as well as their families and caregivers throughout the 54 towns of Central Vermont. We are a private nonprofit that assists these elders to remain independent for as long as possible. All services are made available to our clients at no charge, without regard to health, income or other resources.

The funding provided by the 54 Central Vermont towns we serve is essential to Central Vermont Council on Aging, and directly serves its mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We accomplish this by connecting seniors to a wide array of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive.

The financial support from the town of Warren helps to ensure that the resources are available to support the well-being of older Vermonters in the town of Warren. Please review the report of services that accompanies this request for a list of some of the many services that we make available to the seniors in your town.

All of us at CVCOA thank the residents of Warren for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.

CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

Central Vermont Council on Aging Report of Services to Warren FY20 November 4, 2020

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

Some of the options we make available include:

- CVCOA Help Line - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered and Community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including administration of the Dementia Respite Grant.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 45 Warren residents. Case Manager Lisa Mercurio was designated to work directly with the seniors in Warren. CVCOA staff provided 57 hours of case management services to Warren seniors.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Warren for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

TOWN OF WARREN SUMMARY REPORT

Request Amount: \$480.00

For the past 41 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'20 (10/2019-9/2020) 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 236 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and 5 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 124 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 89 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 61 individuals with information on assistive technology; 36 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 573 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served 41 people and provided 30 peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served 12 people in its first few months. The Rise Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Montpelier office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY'20, 1 resident of Warren received services from the following program:

- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

2020 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF WARREN

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission provides planning, development, and project implementation assistance to communities. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners.

2020 Warren Activities

- ❖ Assisted with Local Emergency Management Plan update.
- ❖ Completed traffic counts on Plunkton Road.
- ❖ Completed pedestrian counts on Mad River Valley trail network.
- ❖ Assisted with municipal planning grant application for zoning update.
- ❖ Facilitated a Virtual Wood Heat event for interested Mad River Valley residents seeking a heating upgrade.
- ❖ Supported application to Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program.

Regional Commissioner

Vacant

Transportation Advisory Committee

Camilla Behn

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ *Municipal plan and bylaw updates:* Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education, bylaw modernization, and plan updates.
- ❖ *Brownfields:* Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the community, stimulate the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ❖ *Transportation planning:* Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee and provide studies, plans, data collection, and counts.
- ❖ *Emergency planning:* Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and the state on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ *Energy conservation and development:* Foster projects that support energy conservation to save energy and tax dollars and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.
- ❖ *Natural resource planning and projects:* Implement activities to protect water resources/supplies, enhance recreational opportunities, maintain the forest products industry, and enhance environmental health.
- ❖ *Regional plans:* Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ *Geographic Information System services:* Provide municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.
- ❖ *Special projects:* Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- ❖ *Grants:* Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, write applications, and manage projects.

The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource -- please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

SKATIUM

SKATIUM is a Mad River Valley community outdoor ice-skating facility located in Irasville Center. It is owned and operated by Skatium, Inc., a local non-profit corporation with 501.c. 3 status under the IRS code. The current facility operates with natural ice made on a crushed stone surface, zambonies and other pertinent equipment and several ancillary structures on 5.4 acres owned by SKATIUM.

In the recent past, typical activities at SKATIUM have included public skating, stick time, adult hockey, and group and party rentals. In addition, SKATIUM has offered ice time free of charge to people with physical and cognitive disabilities. For this, SKATIUM has partnered with VERMONT ADAPTIVE SKI and SPORTS and the CENTRAL VERMONT PIONEERS sled hockey organization. The rink is also made available at no charge to valley elementary school programs. SKATIUM has made its facilities available for summer usage upon request.

SKATIUM typically operates with a \$25,000.00 - \$30,000.00 annual budget. Approximately half of the budget expenses are for payroll for its 3 employees. A very significant amount of the labor requirement is provided by volunteers at no charge. Major expenses in addition to payroll include electricity, propane, property taxes, insurance, municipal water, and snow removal. SKATIUM derives its income from revenues from ice use, skate rentals, board advertising, and a limited amount from fundraising events and donations. Last year the Mad River Valley Recreation District committed \$4,500.00 to help fund rink improvements. Seasons passes for families, individuals and students are offered in addition to day passes.

After careful consideration and with great reluctance, the Board of Directors has decided to suspend operations for the 2020/2021 winter season due COVID-19 and particularly the identification of skating rinks as potential super spreaders. The Board fully recognizes the importance of SKATIUM as a winter recreation option and will reopen for the winter of 2021/2022. It will be available for use this summer if Vermont lifts its restrictions regarding social distancing.

Remaining closed for the winter allows the Board to focus on plans for replacing the existing facility. Most permits are already in place to construct a new concrete ice surface with refrigeration that can also provide a functional surface for a variety of other activities, and plans are evolving to construct an open sided wood roof structure that will be extremely attractive and offer visibility to ongoing activities while still providing protection from the weather.

SKATIUM



Roof Structure by Nordic Structures of Montreal, QC, Canada

To expedite realizing future planned improvements, a Board of Advisors was formed in 2019 that is comprised of local officials, local businesspersons, individuals experienced in the development of multi-functional recreation facilities, and individuals experienced in fundraising. The Board will be reconvening to discuss the above concept's ability to be a viable first step for satisfying the Board's previous directive to construct a partially enclosed facility that can accommodate a wide range of seasonal recreational activities and spectator events and be both architecturally attractive and financially feasible. The estimated cost for such a facility is \$3.5 million. Fundraising plans anticipate that these funds will almost entirely be derived from donations, both large and small. Inquiries concerning the project and fundraising can be directed to SKATIUM at skatiumrink@gmail.com.

We thank you for your support.

SKATIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Zeke Church
Mike Eramo
Bill Moore
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Don Swain

GMT TOWN OF WARREN ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Who We Are

GMT is the public transportation provider for the northwest and central regions of Vermont, offering a variety of services to the communities in which we serve. GMT is proud to offer traditional public transportation services like commuter, deviated fixed routes and demand response shuttles, while providing individualized services such as shopping and health care shuttles, Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled services to both urban and rural communities.

Our Services

Individual Special Service Transportation

GMT provides essential medical and non-medical transportation service to those who qualify for Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled, non-Medicaid medical, human service and/or critical care funds. We offer individual coordinated services for those who qualify and who are in need of scheduled rides through GMT volunteer drivers, special shuttle service or general public routes.

In FY20 Warren residents were provided special transportation services, totaling 141 rides. Special services offered direct access to:

- *Health Care Services*
- *Meal Site/Senior Programs*
- *Adult Day Care Services*
- *VT Association of the Blind*
- *Health Care Services*
- *Prescription & Shopping*
- *Social Services*
- *Radiation & Dialysis Treatments*
- *Central VT Substance Abuse*
- *Prescription & Shopping*

General Public Transportation

GMT also provides traditional general public transportation service directly supporting the increasing demand for affordable commuter and essential daily needs transportation solutions.

In FY20, total GMT ridership was 329,642. This general public transportation ridership was *in addition to* Special Service ridership, (above), and is available through a variety of services including:

- Deviated Fixed Routes
- Local Commuter Routes
- Local Shopping Shuttles
- Health Care Shuttles
- Demand Response Service
- Regional Commuters to Chittenden and Caledonia Counties

Mad River Valley Bus Service

Since 1998, GMT has been serving the Mad River Valley and has provided an average of 50,000 trips per season through its service to the Valley, Sugarbush Resort and Mad River Glen. GMT is proud to offer numerous fixed-deviated fare free service and the Snow Cap Commuter during winter ski season to support the local economy and a healthy environment. In addition to State, Federal and local funds to support this local service, GMT relies on generous support from the resorts, inns and restaurants we serve.

FY20 Mad River Valley Bus Ridership Snapshot

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>RIDERSHIP</u>
VALLEY FLOOR	6,935
MOUNT ELLEN	19,856
VALLEY EVENING	1,270
MOUNTAIN CONDO	9,329

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GMT Volunteer Driver Program

In addition to shuttle vehicles, GMT uses an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated and caring rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services, and are the foundation of our special services. Drivers are reimbursed for the miles they drive and provide services under the management of GMT.

Thank You

Thank you to Warren taxpayers and officials for your continued financial support of GMT's public transportation service and for your commitment to efficient transportation solutions.

Information

Please feel free to contact Jenn Wood, Public Affairs & Community Relations Manager with questions or to request additional information on GMT services at 802.864.2282 or jwood@RideGMT.com.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Barre District, 2021

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. More info on your local health office can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>

COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

- COVID-19 Testing:
 - Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost Covid-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
 - Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020
- COVID-19 Cases:
 - As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
 - Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website:
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

Additional Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
 - Approximately 213,00* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season *(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
 - 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov
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THE FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY REPORT



FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY **....serving families in Warren**

The Family Center of Washington County provides services and resources to all children and families in our region. In FY'20 we offered services for children, youth and families, including: Early Care and Education, Children's Integrated Services-Early Intervention, Family Support Home Visiting, Child Care Financial Assistance, Child Care Referral, Hello Baby Information, Family Supportive Housing Services, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project, Specialized Child Care supports, Transportation, Reach Up Job Development, Family Works, on-site Parent Support Groups, Food Pantry, Diaper Bank, Parent Education, and Playgroups for children from birth to five. We are grateful for the support shown by the voters of Warren. For more information about Family Center programs and services, please visit: www.fcwcvt.org.

Among the 32 individuals in Warren who benefited from the Family Center's programs and services from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 were:

- *11 families** who received **Child Care Financial Assistance**.
- * 3 families** who received **Information & Referral**, including consulting our **Child Care Referral services**, receiving assistance in finding child care to meet their needs, answering questions related to child care and child development, and receiving information about other community resources available.
- *10 children and caregivers** who participated in our **Playgroups**. Playgroups are free, open to all families with children birth to five, and have no eligibility requirements. Children have a chance to play with others in a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment. Parents talk to other parents, draw upon each other for support, learn new skills from Playgroup Facilitators and get information about community resources.
- * 8 individuals** who were served by one of our **Home Visiting** services, providing parent and family education and support.

Building resourceful families and healthy children to create a strong community.

WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club

October 28, 2020

Select Board
Town of Warren
P. O. Box 337
Warren, VT 05674

Attention: Cindi Jones, Town Administrator

Dear Select Board:

On behalf of the young people and families we serve, the Board and staff of the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club thank the citizens of Warren for their continuing support over the years.

Once again this year, the Bureau requests that the Town allocate \$250 to support our services. The Bureau is proud that we have been able to hold this request level for more than 25 years. In the year ahead our agency will continue to strive to provide a strong array of services, and I respectfully request that the Town Select Board vote to place our request for continued funding on the warning for the 2021 annual Town Meeting.

Enclosed is an informational flyer that details the numbers of young people and families in Warren who we assisted last year. This flyer is designed to keep residents informed about our services, and we ask that you include it in the annual Town Report. If you need any changes in the flyer to make it work well in your report, please call Nicole Bachand here at 229-9151 nbachand@wcysb.org.

Local dollars are a critical financial resource for our agency. In addition to providing direct support for program operation, local dollars speak very loudly in convincing other funding sources that the Bureau meets a real need in the local community, and is viewed by local citizens as an important resource.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Kreig Pinkham
Executive Director



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WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club Is an Important Resource to the Residents of Warren

During the past year the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club provided the following services to **1,207 young people and families** in Central Vermont.
(20% of youth were engaged in multiple Bureau services).

- **95 Teens** participated in the **Basement Teen Center** in Montpelier that provides regular, supervised drop-in time, a variety of positive activities, and opportunities for youth leadership that support positive skill development between the hours of 2pm and 6pm, when teens are at greatest risk to engage in harmful behaviors. **1265 snacks/meals were served.*
- **98 Youths and their Families** were assisted by the **Country Roads Program** that provides 24-hour crisis intervention, short-term counseling, and temporary, emergency shelter for youth who have runaway, are homeless, or are in crisis. **14 nights of emergency shelter provided.*
- **101 Teens** were provided with **Substance Abuse Treatment** through the **Healthy Youth Program**. This includes substance abuse education, intervention, assessments, treatment and positive life skills coaching. Support is also available for families.
- **93 Teens** participated in the **Transitional Living Program** that helps homeless youth ages 16-21 make the transition to independent living. This program teaches life skills and budgeting; assists with employment and education goals; and provides direct rent assistance. **886 nights of housing provided.*
- **18 Young men** were served by **Return House** that provides transitional assistance (housing and/or case management) to young men who are returning to Barre City from jail. Return House is staffed 24/7.
- **103 Youth** were served through the **Youth Development Program** which provides voluntary case management services to youth ages 15-22, who are, or have been, in the custody of the State through the Department for Children and Families.
- **814 Community Members** were served through the **47th Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner** organized by the Bureau (398 meals were delivered to residents).

The Bureau has, for more than 20 years, requested \$250 from the Town of Warren. This funding request represents a small fraction of the total revenue the Bureau receives from all Washington County town appropriation requests and is only a small fraction of the cost of the services provided by the Bureau. Most of the services provided to Warren residents have involved multiple sessions, counseling services were provided by certified or licensed counselors, and emergency temporary shelter included 24-hour supervision, meals, and transportation.

The Bureau's mission is *"To provide a wide range of innovative and effective programs that empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in Washington County, and to provide leadership and support to other youth programs throughout Vermont."* We accomplish this through a variety of programs including: youth & family counseling; a program for runaway youth; a transitional living program for homeless youth; an adolescent substance abuse treatment program; a transitional living program for young men returning from jail; a teen center; a support program for youth involved in foster care; and a

WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

24 hour on call service. While the above identifies the specific services delivered to residents in FY '20, the types of Bureau services accessed by Warren residents vary from year to year. Warren residents are eligible to participate in any of our community-based programs as outlined on our website: www.wcysb.org.

Referrals to the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club come from parents, teachers and other school personnel, other area organizations, the VT Department of Children and Families, the VT Department of Corrections, churches, police officers, and young people themselves. Many referrals are received through the agency's **24-hour on-call service**.

The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club is a private, non-profit, social service agency. All programs and services are funded by foundations, state government, federal government, private donations, area towns, Medicaid, private insurance, and fundraising activities.

For Information and Assistance Call 802-229- 9151
The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club

MAD RIVER HOUSING COALITION REPORT



The Mad River Valley Housing Coalition

The Mad River Valley Housing Coalition (MRVHC) is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. The Coalition was created to support the planning and production of a wide variety of housing options within the Mad River Valley (MRV) through education, information, advocacy, endorsement and direct action.

In 2020 the MRVHC bolstered its efforts to provide local solutions to the MRV's lack of housing options. We worked with partners to identify impediments to affordable housing. We created a strategic plan that included community outreach; forging stronger partnerships with local and statewide housing organizations, the MRV Planning District (MRVPD) and the MRV Towns; assisting MRV Towns with Land Use Regulation updates; and encouraging action through new funding programs and free professional assistance.

Through generous funding from the MRV Community Fund, the Warren United Church, and St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, we created an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program which exchanges professional support and a \$10,000 construction grant to homeowners in exchange for creating a long-term, affordable rental ADU. The program created 3 new affordable rentals in the first year. We hope to increase this by an additional 6 units in 2021 through the expansion of our program and funding options.

With funding from AARP and in partnership with MRVPD, we organized an affordable housing talk series that shared recent MRV housing data and provided potential housing solutions from local and state experts. This transitioned into creating housing related recommendations for the Tri-Town Leadership meeting and researching the creation of a MRV Housing Trust Fund to support a broader range of housing opportunity.

Our board meets monthly to discuss progress and explore ideas. Our meetings are open to the public. We encourage attendance. Please find 2021 Meeting Information on our Facebook Page, on our website at www.MRVHousing.org or inquire by email, mrvhousing@gmavt.net.

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