

**SANDGATE, VERMONT
ANNUAL REPORT**



**TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT
2024 FISCAL YEAR**

SANDGATE TOWN WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, March 3rd, 2025 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of acting on the following articles, with the exception of Article 1 which will be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025. Absentee and early voting is permitted on all matters to be voted on by Australian Ballot. The polls will be open at the Town Hall on March 4th, 2025 between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

ARTICLE 1. To vote on the following Town and School Officers using Australian Ballot:

Auditor: three-year term	School Moderator: one-year term
Cemetery Commissioner: three-year term	Selectboard: three-year term
Constable: one-year term	Selectboard: one-year term
Delinquent Tax Collector: one-year term	Selectboard: one-year term
Grand Juror: one-year term	Town Agent: one-year term
Lister: three-year term	Town Moderator: one-year term
School Director: three-year term	Town Treasurer: three-year term

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money, in anticipation of taxes, to pay current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to spend budget surplus funds (if there are any) in the next fiscal year?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town of Sandgate vote to approve the collection of the Town and School taxes to be due on or before October 1, 2025?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town of Sandgate appropriate \$9,500 to the Arlington Rescue Squad?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town of Sandgate vote \$1,200 in support of Arlington Nursing Services?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town of Sandgate vote \$3,000 in support of Arlington Recreation Park?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town of Sandgate vote \$28,000 in support of the Arlington Fire Squad?

ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town of Sandgate appropriate \$4,180 for the Martha Canfield Library?

ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town of Sandgate vote to appropriate the total sum of \$2,957 for the following: Arlington Area Childcare, \$750; Arlington Community House, \$100; Bennington County Child Advocacy, \$200; Bennington County Conservation District, \$300; Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC), \$137; Burdett Commons, \$75; Center for Independent Living, \$95; Center for Restorative Justice, \$250; Green-Up Day, \$50; PAVE, \$100; Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, \$600; Tutorial Center, \$200; VT Association of Conservation Districts, \$100?

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town vote to adopt a budget of \$659,782 to defray expenses of the Town for the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026?

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2024 SELECTBOARD COMMENTS

Joe Nolan, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Linda Schmidt, Karen Tendrup

In 2024, the Selectboard instituted and oversaw the following;

- enactment of an ordinance regarding proper storage of animal feed
- purchase of the tandem truck the Town was previously renting from Washington County
- inspection and testing of Sandgate's twelve dry hydrants
- decision to put to a Town vote the question of the potential purchase of the 2,832-acre Egg Mountain property by the State of Vermont
- rewriting of the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan, in conjunction with the Bennington County Regional Commission
- participation in the Municipal Technical Assistance Program, through which a grant has been received to outfit Town Hall as a temporary emergency shelter
- participation in the Municipal Energy Resilience Program, through which a grant has been received to upgrade energy efficiency at Town Hall and the Town Garage.

The Board would like to thank all who have given their time to help the Town this year. Support from residents is crucial to the health of Sandgate and is much appreciated. Special thanks to all who participated in a successful Green Up Day last spring.



BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

Board of Selectmen, Justices of the Peace, Town Clerk

This town board is convened for matters of Elections and Tax Assessment Appeals primarily. On the rare occasion, the BCA may be called to participate in state district reapportionment and serve as part of the Board of Tax Abatement.

In 2024, the BCA met with the purpose of maintaining the Voter Checklist and to act as election officials. There were two elections held: A town/statewide election in March and a General election in November. In 2024, the BCA did not hear or act on any Tax Assessment appeals.



BOARD OF TAX ABATEMENT

BCA, Town Treasurer, Listers

The Board of Tax Abatement hear and act on requests to relieve taxpayers from the burden of property taxes, penalties and interest when the law allows. It exists to permit the board to prevent an injustice or to help a taxpayer who faces extraordinary circumstances that make it difficult for the taxpayer to meet his or her tax obligations. In 2024, the Board of Tax Abatement heard one request to reduce a taxpayer's tax burden. By majority, the Board voted against any reduction of the tax burden in question.

TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS FOR 2024

Sandra Reidy, Sandgate Town Clerk

The Town Clerk office is open Monday through Thursday 9:30 to 12:30 and the vault is open during those office hours.

The Town Website is www.sandgatevermont.org. The minutes of Selectboard meetings are posted online after each meeting and we post them on the bulletin board outside the office.

We are in volume 63 in the Sandgate Land Records. All volumes have been microfilmed up to and including volume 55. The Vermont State archives have a copy.



VITAL RECORDS FOR 2024

BIRTHS: Lucy Lee Fuller, Chloe Ann Joseph, Miles Henry Pike

MARRIAGES: None

DEATHS: Adam C. LeMay, Frederick R. Raphael



WUERSLIN-STUECKLEN ARTS GRANT COMMITTEE

Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Pat Hall, Dona McAdams, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel

There was 1 grant awarded in 2024:

- Peter Markalunas for Drumming instruction

The "Arts" means creative endeavors including, but not limited to, visual arts, performing arts, and literature. The amount of each award will be determined by the Award Committee. It is for one year only. The Award check will be sent, when applicable, directly to the chosen institution or supplier of services. The number and amount of awards will vary depending on available funds.

Application forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at sandgatevermont.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Eisenhart

AUDITORS' REPORT

Valerie dePeyster, Sheila Kearns, Peter Markalunas

We have audited the select board orders, vendor invoices, payroll and internal bank transfers for the Town of Sandgate for 2024. All the checks issued to vendors or employees in 2024 have been approved by the select board. At this time the Town of Sandgate does not produce financial statements that can be audited.

The auditors strongly recommend that Sandgate engage a municipal accounting consultant to review Sandgate's financial processes, workload and staffing levels. The goal of the engagement would be to understand what changes to workflow, processes and additions to staffing would be required to start producing financial statements for the Town of Sandgate with the goal of having an outside audit of the financial statements performed within the next 5 years.

Sandgate's town auditors do not audit the town school district and are not responsible for the audits of incorporated school districts, union school districts or supervisory unions.

LISTERS' REPORT

Valerie dePeyster, Jeanne Zoppel

Sandgate's 2024 Grand List contained 343 parcels and 7 non-tax parcels. After exemptions, the total Municipal Grand List is \$915,423 and the Education Grand List is \$916,332. We are pleased to say there are no outstanding appeals.

REMINDER: By law all residents must file H.S.122 by April 15.

If you are no longer a resident, file Form-122W, the non-resident form.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Lynn Fielding

There were no fires in 2024. 33 burn permits were issued. If you have any questions about burning or need a permit, please call Lynn Fielding at 802-375-2211. You do not need a burn permit when there is snow on the ground around the fire.

Burning in April and May is strongly discouraged.



ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

Jay Wilson, IV

This past year was full of projects that left very little time before snow coated the ground.

Our first project started off the season on Wuerslin Road. A blind corner and narrow road made travel and plowing both challenging and dangerous. Trees were cut and bank material was excavated to expand road width and improve visibility. Bank material was added to sections to expand the shoulder of the road for safer travel.

The next large project was a grant from the Grants in Aid program for \$27,000 on Rupert Road. This grant was to improve erosion and drainage by upgrading undersized culverts and adding new culverts, cleaning pre-existing ditches and adding new ditches as needed. Ditch and bank material was used to expand the shoulder, and trees and brush were removed to add visibility and road width.

The next project was a grant on the Rupert Road from the state structures program to remove a rotted 24" culvert and replace with a 57"x 38" galvanized culvert in which the town was awarded \$7,172.32. The next project was on West Road and also a grant from the Grants In Aid program with an awarded total of \$18,000. This grant was also to improve erosion and drainage with added culverts and stone-lined ditches.

Next was a grant to continue down West Road from the Better Roads program for a total of \$20,000. This grant had the same goals of improving erosion and drainage by adding culverts and stone-lined ditches. Also cutting down berms along the shoulder to allow drainage, and added gravel to increase the crown of the road.

The final grant of the season was a State Structures grant to replace a rotted 5' diameter boiler pipe repurposed culvert with a 14'x10'x56' box culvert. The town was awarded a total of \$200,000.00 for this project. I would like to thank the Arlington Highway Department for working with us and making this project possible. If this project had to be contracted out the bids were over \$400,000. Collaborations between neighboring towns in the future will help keep costs down and make large projects like this possible. Five state grants were completed with a total of \$272,172.32 being awarded to the town.

As we transitioned into winter months, we were off to a good start when I slipped on some ice and fractured my leg and ankle. Since January 2 Skip Wilson has been the only town employee taking care of the roads, so we thank you for your patience. We would also like to thank anyone who has helped out while I've been gone. I hope for a speedy recovery and a productive 2025 season.

2024 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Sheila Kearns

Activities for the past year include the issuance of 8 building permits: one for a new residence, five for accessory buildings, and two for remodel/alterations. The Zoning Administrator (ZA) also assisted two property owners in preparing applications to subdivide their properties. These were deemed minor subdivisions by the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Adjustment (PC/ZBA), and after legally required hearings these subdivisions were approved. The list of permits and applications is provided below.

Following a Select Board public meeting to take comments on the newly drafted Sandgate Land Use and Development Bylaw, the “Bylaws” were adopted on May 6, 2024. The increased detail and clarity of the Bylaws have improved the ability of the ZA to provide guidance to property owners who are seeking permits for development. The availability of the PC/ZBA members to consult with me and visit properties for which permits are being sought is a significant asset for which I am very grateful.

The ZA has seen a decrease in the instances of property owners who do not submit permits or consult with the ZA before beginning building projects and thanks all property owners who make the effort to determine permitting requirements when planning development projects. One area where the ZA and PC/ZBA would like to see improved awareness from property owners is regarding the building of farm structures, which are exempt from the requirement for a zoning permit, but in accordance with the Bylaws, require that notification in writing shall be filed with the ZA of the intent to build a farm structure.

Permit Applications January 1 2024 - December 31, 2024:

Applicant	Location	Property ID	Request	Action
Paige	4648 Sandgate Rd.	128000-00R	greenhouse	Approved
Aschmann/Pickering	18 Woodstock Rd.	230500-00R	addition	Approved
Carlisle	2331 Rupert Rd.	606500-00L	shed	Approved
Tew	283 Swearing Hill Rd.	114500-010	garage	Approved
Sherras	3854 Rupert Rd.	615000-00B	horse barn	Approved
Davis	4204 Rupert Rd.	616000-00R	new residence	Approved
Blandford	3010 Sandgate Rd.	116000-00R	garage	Approved
Walters	190 Swearing Hill Rd.	114000-010	addition	Approved
Pero	1651 Rupert Rd.	602500-00L	minor subdivision	Approved
WCCE Family Farm	2589 West Sandgate Rd.	718000-00B	minor subdivision	Approved

PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Members: Richard Zoppel (Chair), James Aschmann (Clerk), and Rob Viglas.

Alternates: Jean Eisenhart and Brad Kessler. Two positions are vacant.

The Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment (PC/ZBA) greatly appreciates the many years of service that Brad Kessler has given to the Town in serving on the PC/ZBA and we thank him for agreeing to continue on the Board as an Alternate. His contributions to our work have always been thoughtful and well presented. He has made a valuable contribution to the Town in carefully considering the matters that have come before the Board.

The PC/ZBA now has two vacant positions despite efforts to recruit town residents to serve in this important appointed position. The lack of a full slate of PC/ZBA members results in permit decisions, hearings, and appeals being delayed and causes a back-log of work to build up because meetings must be canceled when a quorum is not available.

Following a Select Board public meeting to take comments on the newly drafted Sandgate Land Use and Development Bylaw, the "Bylaws" were adopted on May 6, 2024. The new Bylaws have been very helpful in guiding the work of the PC/ZBA and we encourage all property owners to review them on the Town website: <https://sandgatevermont.org/laws-and-ordinances/>.

The PC/ZBA greatly appreciates the efforts made by property owners to obtain necessary permits for development and welcomes to opportunity to meet with property owners to discuss plans for development either during regularly scheduled meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, by appointment, or via informal discussion. Appointments may be made by contacting the Zoning Administrator (sandgatevtza@gmail.com; voicemail: 802-379-9961).



DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION POLICY

Town of Sandgate, Vermont

1. All delinquent taxes must be remitted to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes. The Town Treasurer is not authorized to accept any payment toward delinquent taxes.
2. As soon as the Tax Collection Warrant has been received from the Treasurer, the Delinquent Tax Collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer each month for three months. The third letter will contain notice of the possibility of a tax sale.
3. Partial payments may be made on a monthly basis; however, payment arrangements which completely pay the bill before April 1st of the year succeeding the current tax due date will be required.
4. Mortgage and lien holder will be notified of the tax delinquency 30 days after the first notice has been sent if the delinquent taxpayer has not paid the taxes or contracted the Collector to make arrangement for payment.
5. There will be a \$20 fee charged for any returned check or other faulty payment of delinquent taxes.
6. Six months after the due date, the Collector will send notice of impending tax sale to sell as much of the property as is necessary to pay the taxes, costs, and fees associated with such a sale.
7. If no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month or if the arrangements agreed to have not been met, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will instruct a lawyer to begin the following actions to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due, as is necessary to pay the tax, cost and fees.
 - a) The delinquent taxpayer will be notified of the tax sale decision, that full payment must be received prior to the posted date of the impending tax sale, and that the costs of the tax sale will be borne by the taxpayer.
 - b) All mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the tax sale.
 - c) If full payment has not been received by the posted time and date of the tax sale, the tax sale will be held according to the procedure specified in 32V.S.A Section 5252.
 - d) Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
8. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or if in the judgement of the Delinquent Tax Collector, proceeding with tax sale is unwise, the Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all the methods permitted by law.
9. Each taxpayer has the right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A Section 1535, which may be viewed in the Town Clerk's office.

Eleanor LaCross, Collector of Delinquent Taxes
802-375-2801

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Eleanor LaCross, Collector

Town taxes are due upon receipt of your yearly tax bill. The final date for the treasurer to receive payment for 2024-2025 taxes was October 1st 2024. A mailing date of October 1st does not constitute payment of taxes in a timely manner and the 8% penalty and 1% interest will be applied to all taxes which do not arrive at town hall on or before October 1st of each year. 1% interest on the principal is charged per month or portion of the month that the tax remains unpaid. This is an interest rate of 12% per year.

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

NAME	PARCEL	TOTAL
2024		
Cerretani, Jaclyn	146000-00R	206.61
Clark, Robert J	710500-00L	22.11
Corliss, Peter C	426500-00L	5,170.88
Eppers, Amanda	336000-00B	3,689.80
Grogan, Heath E	307500-00R	4,487.85
Kimball, Christopher	730300-0L0	218.25
Lerner, Benjamin	429000-00L	988.30
Low, Albert	312000-0R0	842.64
Maue, Eugene	148500-00R	3,220.36
Merrill Lynch Trust	144500-0L0	185.15
Miller, Charles	704700-00L	213.58
Mitchell, Edward	501000-00B	6,398.47
Mitchell, Edward	501500-00B	4,004.35
Mitchell, Edward	501000-0R0	417.79
Salmon-Holgren, Lorraine	612000-00R	1,229.93
Trombley, Nik	608000-00R	3,451.20
	TOTAL FOR 2024	34,747.27
2023		
Grogan, Heath E	307500-00R	5,186.62
Kennedy, Patrick	722500-00B	16.24
Low, Albert M	312000-0R0	973.88
Merrill Lynch Trust	144500-0L0	185.15
	TOTAL FOR 2023	6,361.89
2022		
Mitchell, Edward	501000-0R0	12.77
	TOTAL FOR 2022	12.77
	TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES	41,122.03

SANDGATE CEMETERY COMMISSION 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Ann Hammerle, Kathleen Hill, Julie Robertson

"I always thought that cemeteries gave me some sense of perspective."

— Lev Yilmaz, American Independent Film Maker

2024 started off touring the five cemetery locations in town; Beartown, Center Hill, Westside, Sherman Homestead Cemetery (or Redman) on Rupert Road and West Rupert Cemetery, close to the Sandgate-Rupert town line on Rupert Road. As you may remember, we experienced many high wind occurrences over the fall of 2023 and into the winter months. Storm damage is what we are initially looking for and then immediate needs of each particular cemetery. Tree removal is a top priority, but also, a high dollar expense. Sometimes we can benefit from the volunteer efforts of local citizens who clear a fallen tree and other times we have to budget for tree removal. Kathleen and Mike Hill did some necessary tree work and maintenance in the Beartown Cemetery this year and we are very grateful for their help. In 2025, we will continue to address fallen trees in other locations.

Last year we contracted with Justin Lawncare & Landscaping to do our brush removal and mowing for the Center Hill Cemetery and the West Sandgate Cemetery. We have found Justin Cutler, the proprietor, to be genuinely concerned about Sandgate's cemeteries and we are very pleased with his work. He also removed some dead trees for us in the Center Hill Cemetery. As of this writing, he has agreed to continue our relationship in 2025.

The lower portion of the Center Hill Cemetery, water has collected for many years. More than one vehicle has been mired in the mud there in a wet year. In an effort to prevent any further movement or shifting of the old section we contracted with Mattison Construction to lay down gravel, drainage piping and material. This work has long been on our 'bucket list' and it was great to have it done, finally!

In October, Tom Griffin from the Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA), came to speak at the Sandgate Community Table monthly meeting. The Cemetery Commissioners were honored to participate in making that happen. Mr. Griffin's presentation included many slides of other cemeteries throughout the state dealing with similar maintenance concerns.

The requirements for reserving a burial plot are as follows:

1. The plots are only available to residents and/or landowners.
2. Each plot can accommodate four (4) cremations or one (1) casket. On a case-by-case basis, the Commission may review other proposed combinations.
3. Currently, the donation amount is \$400.
4. Corner markers are required. One name or initial on four (4) gravesite markers. These corner markers can be purchased through many funeral services at your expense.

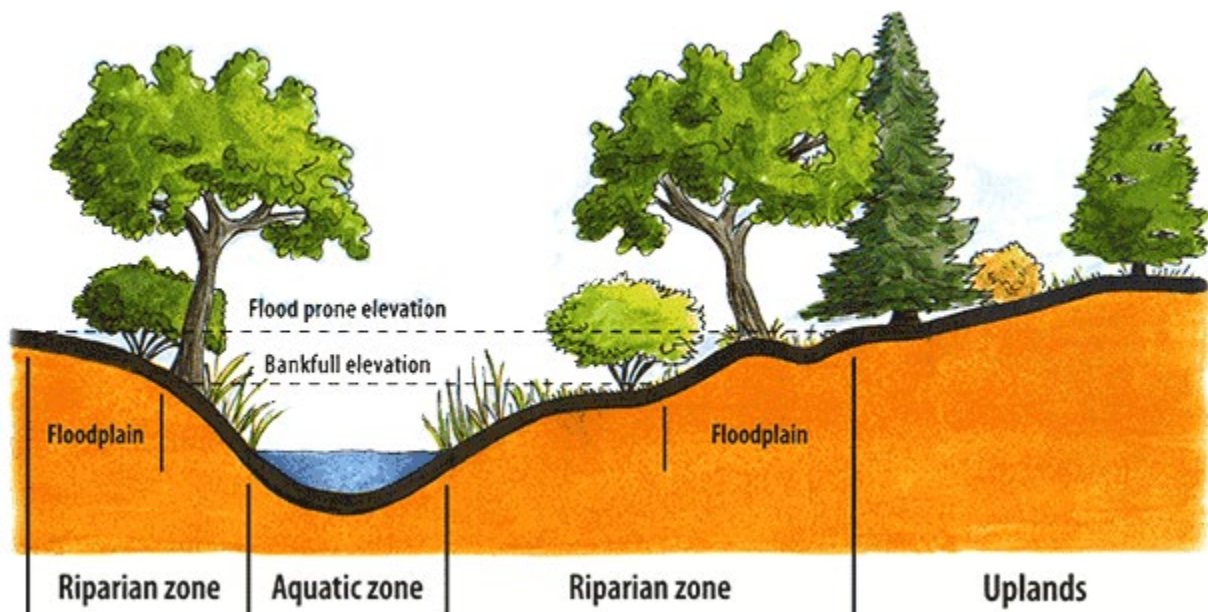
As always, the Commission appreciates the support you show us for our work and we encourage you to contact any one of us with questions.

SANDGATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jean Eisenhart (Chair), Harry Rich, Rob Viglas, Dottie Sundquist, Jim Henderson

In a vote by the Town of Sandgate, held August 13, 2024, citizens were asked “Should the Town of Sandgate endorse the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation’s acquisition of an approximately 2,363.5-acre parcel, known as Egg Mountain, located west of the Rupert Road in Sandgate, from the Conservation Fund, as a new State Forest?” The Town received 103 total votes on this local ballot question: 75 voted YES. 28 voted NO. With letters of support from the Towns of Rupert and Sandgate, the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation applied to the Forest Legacy Grant Program in September for the funds needed to purchase the property. The results of this application will be known in the late summer of 2025. If successful, The Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation will purchase the property and begin the process of developing a management plan based on their inventory of the property and citizen input.

Meanwhile, the Conservation Commission continues its emphasis on expanding vegetated riparian buffer zones along our rivers and streams. Vegetated buffers provide erosion control, flood hazard protection and wildlife habitat. It should be noted that all the private properties that experienced damage during recent severe weather events had very little or no vegetated buffers along their stream banks. In collaboration with the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance, we continue to offer all owners of waterfront property free trees and shrubs to be planted along their stream banks. Interested landowners should contact Jim Henderson (802-681-5374) to schedule a site visit or simply place an order for plants. Not interested in adding trees and shrubs? Then do your property and the water a favor and stop mowing to the river’s edge!



TREASURER'S REPORT
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund
July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Bank Balance: 7/1/23	\$142,890.00
Receipts:	
Current Taxes Paid as of 6/30/24	\$1,634,191.00
Building Permit Fees	\$155.00
Checking Interest	\$6,410.49
Town Clerk Fees	\$9,377.00
State Money	\$4,202.00
Pre-payments on Property Tax	\$10,200.00
Hold Harmless Money	
Total Receipts	\$1,664,535.49
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,807,425.49
Expenses:	
School Tax Share	\$1,003,825.00
Highway Property Tax Share	\$456,440.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$1,460,265.00
SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES	
Select Board Salaries	\$4,120.00
TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES	
Auditors Salary	\$690.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$8,517.00
Town Clerk Salary	\$11,783.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$9,377.00
Assistant Town Clerk	\$3,169.00
Treasurer Salary	\$13,709.00
Assistant Treasurer	\$3,169.00
Constable Salary	\$1,311.00
Lister's Salary & Expenses	\$222.00
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$3,988.75
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$346.00
Health Officer Salary	\$250.00
Payroll Tax	\$4,749.00
Vermont State Taxes	\$4,883.62
Training Town Officers	\$20.00
GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES	
Town Hall Utilities	\$6,584.00
School House Utilities	
Office Supplies	\$2,662.91
Computers, Software & Internet	\$10,063.68
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$1,467.00

TREASURER'S REPORT
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund
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Town Hall Major Repairs	
Town Hall Maintenance	\$4,280.00
Postage	\$550.00
Town Report Expense	\$1,137.00
Website Management	
Legal and Professional Fees	\$104.00
GENERAL SERVICES	
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$4,420.00
BCSWA	\$2,406.00
BCRC	\$3,000.00
Fire Protection	
Insurance and Bonding	\$7,555.00
BCA Meetings/Poll Workers	\$492.00
VLCT Dues	\$1,606.00
Animal Control	
Sheriff Patrol Expense	
County Tax	\$2,826.00
APPROPRIATIONS	
Arlington Area Childcare	\$750.00
Arlington Community House	\$100.00
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,200.00
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000.00
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,500.00
Bennington County Conservation District	\$300.00
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC)	\$137.00
Center for Independent Living	\$95.00
Center for Restorative Justice	\$250.00
Green Up Day	\$50.00
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	\$350.00
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,800.00
Tutorial Center	\$200.00
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$100.00
Cemetery Commission	
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	\$600.00
Tax Rebates	\$17,002.16
Chargebacks	\$8,888.88
Fees	\$75.00
Due to From Highway Checking	\$42,816.23
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$206,672.23
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,666,937.23
Revenue minus Expenditure	\$140,488.26

TREASURER'S REPORT
Reserve Accounts, 1 Year - July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Planning / Zoning Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$390
Interest earned	\$27
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$417
Emergency Management Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$1,326
Interest earned	\$54
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$1,380
Records Restoration/Town Hall Building Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$9,545
Interest earned	\$455
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$10,000
Property Reappraisal Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$20,628
Interest earned	\$4
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$20,632
Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$6,274
Appropriation	\$350
Interest earned	\$29
Grant Awards	\$1,415
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$5,238
Wuerslin / Stuecklen CD	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$3,579
Interest earned	\$107
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$3,686
School House Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$5,815
Interest earned	\$163
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$5,978
Holiday Party Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$792
Interest earned	\$26
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$818

Office Equipment Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$1,082
Carryover from 12/13 budget	
Interest earned	\$54
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$1,136
Miscellaneous Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$12,525
Carryover from 12/13 budget	
Interest earned	\$316
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$12,841
Legal Professional Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$22,543
Interest Earned	\$1,121
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$23,664
Tax Stabilization Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$19,033
Disbursements:	
Transfers for HW projects	
Interest Earned	\$89
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$19,122
Independent Audit	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$6,292
Interest earned	\$211
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$6,503
Computer Grant	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$803
Interest Earned	\$38
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$841
Recovery Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/23	\$4,137
Interest earned	
Bank balance: 6/30/24	\$4,137

TREASURER'S REPORT
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund
July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Bank balance: 7/1/2024	\$147,237
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Receipts:	
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Tax Rebates	\$14,434
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Chargebacks	
MISCELLANEOUS	
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$130,186
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,174,313
Revenues Minus Expenditures	\$421,519
Accounted for as follows:	
General Fund Checking Balance: 12/31/24	\$554,703
Revenues Minus Expenditures	\$628,418
Unaccounted Surplus	-\$73,715



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Reserve Accounts, 6-month - July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Planning / Zoning Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$390
Interest earned	\$19
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$409
Emergency Management Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$1,326
Interest earned	\$38
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$1,364
Town Hall Building Fund/Records Restoration	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$9,545
Interest earned	\$305
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$9,850
Property Reappraisal Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$20,628
Interest earned	\$2
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$20,630
Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$6,276
Interest earned	\$13
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$6,289
Wuerslin / Stuecklen CD	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$3,579
Interest earned	\$45
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$3,624
School House Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$5,815
Interest earned	\$76
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$5,891
Holiday Party Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$792
Interest earned	\$19
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$811

Office Equipment Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$1,082
Interest earned	\$38
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$1,120
Miscellaneous Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$12,252
Interest earned	\$416
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$12,668
Legal Professional Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$22,543
Interest Earned	\$795
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$23,338
Tax Stabilization Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$19,033
Interest Earned	\$41
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$19,074
Independent Audit	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$6,292
Interest earned	\$216
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$6,508
Recovery Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$4,137
Interest Earned	\$0
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$4,137
Computer Grant	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/24	\$803
Interest Earned	\$30
Bank balance: 12/31/24	\$833

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Bank Balance 7/1/24	\$46,208
Receipts:	
Property Tax Share	\$456,440
VT State Highway Aid	\$65,611
Highway Checking Interest	\$3,909
Grant Reimbursement	\$77,812
Hold Harmless Money	\$70,308
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$674,080
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$720,288
Expenses	
Road Foreman Salary	\$62,038
Road Foreman Overtime	\$5,411
Road Worker Salary	\$58,838
Road Worker Overtime	\$5,556
Uniforms/Shop Towels	\$1,600
Payroll Tax Expenses	
Retirement Contribution	\$6,975
Health Insurance	
Unemployment Insurance	\$144
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$3,963
Drug Testing	
Training / Mileage	
Misc. Expenses	\$1,953
Garage Maintenance	\$804
Heating Oil	
Electric	\$1,242
Phone/ Internet/Radios	\$3,477
Equipment Maintenance	\$22,941
Tires	\$3,477
Fuel and Oil (Trucks/Equipment)	\$29,346
Oil and Lube	\$1,233
Tools & Supplies	\$11,320
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	\$1,390
Road/Ditch Materials and Hauling	\$41,460
Sand (delivered)	\$22,034
Salt (delivered)	\$21,478

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Calcium Chloride (delivered)	
Tree and Brush Removal	
Contracted Services	\$48,275
Pavement Maintenance	\$1,359
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$12,207
Guard Rails	\$86
Road Equipment Fund Appropriation	\$50,000
Grant Funding	\$153,539
Tandem Truck	\$16,251
Better Back Roads	\$12,368
Grant in Aid Projects	\$802
Checks Cashed late from previous Budget	\$17,226
Fees	\$110
Total Expenditures	\$618,902
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$101,386
Accounted for as follows:	
Bank Balance: 6/30/24	\$101,385
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$1
Paving Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/24	\$25
Interest	\$1
Balance in fund as of 6/30/24	\$26
Bridge & Culvert Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/24	\$117,907
Interest	\$3,311
Balance in fund as of 6/30/24	\$121,218
Materials & Hauling Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/24	\$21,603
Interest	\$607
Balance in fund as of 6/30/24	\$22,210
Road Equipment Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/24	\$10,896
Expenditures	-\$53,065
FY 23/24 Budget Amount	\$50,000
Interest	\$475
Balance in fund as of 6/30/24	\$8,306

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Miscellaneous Fund*	
Balance as of 7/1/24	\$3,910
Interest	\$107
Balance in fund as of 6/30/24	\$4,017
Grant Proposal Fund*	
Balance as of 7/1/24	\$11,025
Interest	\$311
Balance in fund as of 6/30/24	\$11,336
Construction Fund*	
Balance as of 7/1/24	\$24,678
Interest	\$685
Balance in fund as of 6/30/24	\$25,363



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Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Balance in Checking (7/1/23)	\$15,345
Receipts:	
Plot Donation	\$400
Interest	\$397
Expenditures	-\$2,590
Balance in Checking (6/30/24)	\$13,552
Cemetery CD Balance: 7/1/23	\$13,083
Plot Donations	\$800
Interest	\$349
Cemetery CD Balance: 6/30/24	\$14,232

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomberg Cemetery CD
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Balance in bank (7/1/23)	\$10,485
Interest	\$314
Balance in bank (6/30/24)	\$10,799

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund
July 1, 2024- December 31, 2024

Balance in Checking (7/1/24)	\$13,552
Interest	\$107
Plot Donation	\$400
Expenditures	-\$9,925
Balance Checking (12/31/24)	\$4,134
Cemetery CD Balance: 7/1/24	\$14,232
Interest	\$284
CD Balance: 12/31/24, matures on 7/10/25	\$14,516

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomberg Cemetery CD
July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Balance in bank (7/1/2024)	\$10,799
CD Matures on 6/14/25	\$216
Balance in bank (12/31/2024)	\$11,015

**TREASURER'S REPORT
SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY23-24 Actual Budget**

Bank Balance – 7/1/23	\$233,436
Revenues FY23/24	\$1,353,767
Expenditures FY23/24	-\$1,446,679
Interest	\$1,954
Total Funds Available – 6/30/24	\$142,478
FY24/24 Budget 7/1/24 – 12/31/24	
Actual Balance – 7/1/24	\$142,478
Revenue	\$1,345,853
Expenditures	-\$274,820
Interest	\$3,067
Fund Balance – 12/31/24	\$1,216,579
Bus Reserve Fund 7/1/23 – 6/30/24	
Beginning Balance – 7/1/23	\$75,397
Interest	\$2,243
Balance – 6/30/24	\$77,641
Bus Reserve Fund 7/1/24 – 12/31/24	
Beginning Balance – 7/1/24	\$77,641
Interest	\$1,054
Balance – 12/31/24	\$78,695
Tuition and Special Ed Reserve Fund	
Bank Balance -7/1/23	\$200,910
Interest	\$854
Bank Balance - 6/30/24	\$201,764
Bank Balance -7/1/24	\$201,764
Interest	\$591
Bank Balance - 12/31/24	\$202,355

Total All School District Funds 12/31/24 - \$1,497,628

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

as of December 31, 2024

Total Grand List	789,469
Total Taxes Billed: Due 10/01/23	1,661,890.01
Taxes Received in Good Time	1,549,991.83
Delinquent Taxes before penalty and interest as of 10/02/24	111,898.18
Total Taxes Accounted for	\$1,661,890.01

HOLD HARMLESS FUNDS

as of December 31, 2024

Highway Portion	\$72,598.50	75%
Town Portion	\$24,199.50	25%
Total	\$96,798	

HIGHWAY STATE AID

as of December 31, 2024

24 July	\$16,896.06
24 July	\$16,896.06
24 August	\$16,896.06
24 October	\$16,896.00
Total	\$67,584.18

CASH ON HAND - 07/01/2024

The cash on hand is kept as surplus (Rainy Day Fund), to spend on any unexpected expenses through the next budget year. As stated in voted Article 3.

The General Fund and Highway Fund bank balance reflect the surplus money, the day the fiscal year starts.

TAX RATE FOR 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

MUNICIPAL BUDGET		
GENERAL FUND		
Admin. Expenses	\$59,230	
Maintenance	\$24,500	
General Services	\$65,400	
Appropriations	\$18,732	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$167,862
Hold Harmless Portion (25%)	-24,200	
Education Fund Overpayment Return	-21746.73	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND TO BE RAISED		\$121,915
HIGHWAY		
Total Highway Budget	\$522,055	
Hold Harmless Portion (75%)	-72,598	
Highway State Aid	-\$63,000	
TOTAL HIGHWAY TO BE RAISED		\$386,457
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED		\$508,372
Grand List: Total Municipality	\$789,469	
General Fund Tax Rate (per 100)	0.154427	
Highway Tax Rate (per 100)	0.489515	
TOTAL MUNICIPALITY RATE (per 100)	0.643942	
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE WILL RAISE		\$508,372
SCHOOL BUDGET		
Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.4421	
Non Residential Tax Rate	\$1.4678	
Grand List: Homesteads	\$255,943	
Non-Residential	\$531,262	
Total Raised: Homesteads	\$369,095.40	
Total Raised: Non Residential	\$779,786.36	
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET TAXES TO RAISE		\$1,148,882
LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX RATE		
Local Agreement Tax Rate	\$0.0029	
Municipal Grand List	\$789,469	
TOTAL LOCAL AGREEMENT TAXES TO BE RAISED		\$2,029
TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED		\$1,659,283
Homestead Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.6439	
Homestead Tax Rate, School	\$1.4421	
Homestead Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0029	
TOTAL HOMESTEAD RATE		\$2.0890 (per thousand)
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.6439	
Non-Residential Tax Rate, School	\$1.4678	
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0029	
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE		\$2.1147 (per thousand)

2024/25 LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE		
Homestead Education Rate	1.4421	Set by State
Veterans Exemptions	\$160,000.00	*The local agreement rate is found by dividing the forgone revenue by the total grand list.
Foregone Revenue	\$2,327.92	
Total Grand List	\$789,469	
Local Agreement Rate	0.0029	

MAIN DRIVERS OF TAX CHANGES VERSUS LAST YEAR

	Municipal Grand List	
	2023/2024	2024/2025
Grand List	\$787,195	\$789,469

	2023-2024 RATE		2024-2025 RATE	
	Homestead	Non-residential	Homestead	Non-residential
Municipal	0.7797	0.7797	Municipal	0.6439
School	1.3587	1.4230	School	1.4421
Local Agreement	0.0028	0.0028	Local Agreement	0.0029
Total	2.1413	2.2056	Total	2.0890

DIFFERENCE FROM LAST YEAR	HOMESTEAD	NON-RESIDENTIAL
Municipal	-0.1358	-0.1358
School	0.0834	0.0448
Local Agreement	0.0001	0.0001
Total	-0.0523	-0.0909

GRAND LIST

FY 24/25 Grand List is \$2,274 **higher** than last year.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET

FY 24/25 rate is 0.1358 **lower** than last year.

Total GF budget to be raised is \$35,440 **lower** than last year.

Total HW budget to be raised is \$72,984 **lower** than last year.

The decreases are due to adding the Hold Harmless and State Class HW Funds to total amount to raise.

SCHOOL BUDGET

Homestead Rate for FY 24/25 is 0.0834 **higher** than last year.

Non-Residential Rate for FY 24/25 is 0.0448 **higher** than last year.

LOCAL AGREEMENT

The Local Agreement is .0001 **higher** than last year.

ASSETS & COMPENSATION

COMPENSATION 7/1/24 - 6/30/25

Auditors	Min wage
Board of Civil Authority	Min wage
Constable	1,315/year
Health Officer	250/year
Listers	Min wage
Lister Reappraisal Years	15/hour
Road Foreman	30/hour
Road Worker	29.25/hour
School Board Salaries	3,090/year
Select Board Chair	1,327/year
Select Board Member	637/year
Select Board Secretary	20/hour
Town Clerk	11,941/year
Assistant Town Clerk	3,262/year
Treasurer	14,328/year
Assistant Treasurer	3,262/year
Webmaster	500/year
Zoning Administrator	25/hour

FIXED ASSETS

Cemetery Equipment
Constable Safety Items
Fire Pumps & Related Equip.
Office Equipment
Vault
2009 Freightliner Dump Truck
2018 International Dump Truck
2014 Mack Tandem Axle Dump Truck
2019 Ford F350 ¾-ton pickup w/plow & sander
2014 John Deere 670G Grader
2016 John Deere 6120E tractor/mower
2019 John Deere 310SL Backhoe
2019 Doosan DX140 Excavator
3 Sanders
2 Stone Rakes
Ditch Leaf Blower
2015 2500 gal. Chloride Tank
2015 525 gal. Chloride Tank
2015 Pump for Chloride
Cemeteries, Town Garage, Town Hall/Office
Earth Compactor

INDEBTEDNESS

The Sandgate General, Highway & School Funds have no indebtedness.



Treasurer's Report
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

FUND	General	Highway	Equipment	Pavement	Bridge & Culvert	Materials & Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/23	\$142,889	\$46,208	\$10,896	\$25	\$117,907	\$21,603
Revenues	\$1,687,971	\$674,080	\$50,475	\$1	\$3,311	\$607
Total Funds Available	\$1,830,860	\$720,288	\$61,371		\$121,218	\$22,210
Expenditures	\$1,683,623	\$618,902	\$53,065			
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$147,237	\$101,386	\$8,306	\$26	\$121,218	\$22,210
Available Funds: 6/30/2024	\$147,237	\$101,385	\$8,306	\$26	\$121,218	\$22,210

GF Account Balances 6/30/24 - Computer Grant: \$841; Emergency Management: \$1,380; Holiday party: \$818; Independent Audit: \$6,503; Legal & Professional: \$23,664; Misc. Fund: \$12,841; Office Equip: \$1,136; Planning/Zoning: \$417; Property Reappraisal: \$20,632; Records Restoration/Town Hall Fund: \$10,000; School House: \$5,978; Tax Stabilization: \$19,122; Wuerslin Stueklin Scholarship: \$5,238

HW Misc. Fund: \$4,017; Grand Proposal Fund: \$11,336; Construction Account: \$25,363

*Recovery Fund (ARPA) Balance 6/30/24- \$4,137

Total All Town Funds 6/30/24- \$553,805

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS
July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

FUND	General	Highway	Equipment	Pavement	Bridge & Culvert	Materials & Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/24	\$147,237	\$101,385	\$8,306	\$26	\$121,218	\$22,210
Revenues	\$1,598,986	\$441,974	\$112		\$1,646	\$301
Total Funds Available	\$1,746,223	\$543,359	\$8,418	\$26	\$122,864	\$22,511
Expenditures	\$1,191,518	\$247,625				
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$554,705	\$295,734	\$8,418	\$26	\$122,864	\$22,511
Checking Balance: 12/31/24	\$554,704	\$295,739	\$8,418	\$26	\$122,864	\$22,511

GF Account Balances 12/31/24 - Computer Grant: \$847; Emergency Management: \$1,392; Holiday Party: \$825; Independent Audit: \$6,680; Legal & Professional: \$23,933; Misc.Fund: \$12,841; Office Equipment: \$1,149; Planning/Zoning: \$423; Property Reappraisal: \$20,634; School House: \$6,059;

Tax Stabilization: \$19,074; Town Hall/Records Restoration: \$9,866; Wuerslin Stueklin Scholarship: \$6,274

HW Misc: \$4,051; Grant Proposals: \$11,470; Construction Account: \$25,659

*Recovery Fund (ARPA) Balance 12/31/24- \$4137

Total All Town Funds 12/31/24- \$1,159,576

PROPOSED 2025-2026 SANDGATE BUDGET- GENERAL

	FY23/24 Budget	FY23/24 Actual	FY24/25 Budget	FY24/25 as of 12/31/24	FY25/26 Budget to Vote	% change	\$ Change
SALARY & EXPENSES							
Assistant Town Clerk	\$3,169	\$3,169	\$3,262	\$1,020	\$3,360	\$0	\$95
Assistant Treasurer	\$3,169	\$3,169	\$3,264	\$1,700	\$3,360	\$0	\$96
Auditor's Salaries	\$1,545	\$690	\$1,545	\$217	\$1,545		
Constable Salary	\$1,277	\$1,311	\$1,315	\$675	\$1,354	\$0	\$39
Health Officer Expenses	\$250		\$250		\$250		
Health Officer Salary	\$250	\$250	\$250		\$250		
Listers Salaries & Expenses	\$4,240	\$222	\$4,240	\$3,233	\$6,000	\$0	\$1,760
Office Training	\$500	\$20	\$500		\$500		
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$5,000	\$4,749	\$5,150	\$2,483	\$5,305	\$0	\$155
Child Care Contrib.				\$455			
Salaries (Selectmen)	\$5,519	\$4,120	\$5,685	\$231	\$5,856	\$0	\$171
Selectmen's Expenses			\$2,500		\$2,500		
Town Clerk Salary	\$11,593	\$11,783	\$11,941	\$5,969	\$12,299	\$0	\$358
Treasurer Salary	\$13,911	\$13,709	\$14,328	\$7,010	\$14,758	\$0	\$430
Website Management	\$500		\$500	\$500	\$500		
Zoning Admin Expenses	\$1,000	\$346	\$1,000	\$172	\$1,000		
Zoning Admin Salary	\$3,000	\$3,989	\$3,500		\$3,500		
TOTAL SALARIES/EXPENSES	\$54,923	\$47,526	\$59,230	\$23,665	\$62,337	\$0	\$3,104
MAINTENANCE & SUPPLIES							
*Independent Audit	\$1,000		\$1,000		\$1,000		
*Legal & Professional Fees	\$1,000	\$104	\$1,000		\$1,000		
*Town Hall Major Repairs	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$410	\$1,000		
Computer Software & IT	\$3,000	\$10,064	\$5,000	\$7,774	\$8,000	\$1	\$3,000
Office Equip. Main.	\$3,000	\$1,467	\$3,000	\$410	\$3,000		
Office Supplies	\$2,000	\$2,663	\$2,000	\$487	\$2,000		
Postage	\$700	\$550	\$700	\$295	\$700		
Schoolhouse Utilities	\$300		\$300		\$300		
Town Hall Maint/Repairs	\$4,000	\$4,280	\$4,000	\$2,225	\$5,000	\$0	\$1,000
Town Hall Utilities	\$4,500	\$6,584	\$4,500	\$2,410	\$5,000	\$0	\$500
Town Report Expense	\$2,000	\$1,137	\$2,000	\$544	\$2,000		
TOTAL MAIN. & SUPPLIES	\$22,500	\$26,848	\$24,500	\$14,555	\$29,000	\$0	\$4,500
TOTAL EXPENSES							
	\$77,423	\$74,375	\$83,730	\$38,220	\$91,337	\$0	\$7,604
Animal Control	\$400		\$400		\$400		
BCA Mtgs / Poll Workers	\$500	\$492	\$500	\$601	\$500		
BCRC	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		

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BCSWA	\$2,100	\$2,406	\$2,100	\$1,728	\$2,500		\$400
Traffic Control	\$6,000		\$6,000		\$6,000		
Cemetery Commission	\$6,000		\$8,000		\$8,000		
County Tax	\$5,600	\$2,826	\$5,600	\$6,025	\$6,200	\$0	\$600
Fire Protection	\$25,500		\$27,700		\$28,000	\$0	\$300
Insurance & Bonding	\$6,500	\$7,555	\$6,500	\$25,933	\$8,000	\$0	\$1,500
ISWAP	\$4,000	\$4,420	\$4,000	\$1,030	\$4,000		
Open		\$3,677					
VLCT Dues	\$1,600	\$1,606	\$1,600	\$1,656	\$1,600		
TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES	\$61,200	\$25,982	\$65,400	\$39,973	\$68,200	\$0	\$2,800
TOTAL G.F TO BE VOTED	\$138,623	\$100,357	\$149,130	\$78,193	\$159,537	\$0	\$10,407
APPROPRIATIONS							
Arlington Area Childcare	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750		
Arlington Community House	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100		
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200		
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$9,500	\$0	\$2,000
Benn. Co. Child Advocacy	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200		
BCCD	\$300	\$300	\$300		\$300		
BROC	\$137	\$137	\$137	\$137	\$137		
Burdett Commons	\$75						
VCIL	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95		
CRJ	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250		
Green-Up Day	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50		
Wuerslin Scholarship	\$350	\$350	\$350		\$350		
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$4,180	\$0	\$380
PAVE	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100		
Council on Aging	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$800	\$600		
Tutorial Center	\$200	\$200	\$200		\$200		
VACD	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100		
Appropriations to be voted	\$18,807	\$18,732	\$18,732	\$18,082	\$21,112	\$0	\$2,380
Total GF & Appropriations	\$157,430	\$119,089	\$167,862	\$96,275	\$180,649	\$0	\$12,787

PROPOSED 2025-2026 SANDGATE BUDGET - HIGHWAY

	FY23/24 Budget	FY23/24 Actual	FY24/25 Budget	FY24/25 as of 12/31/24	FY25/26 Budget to Vote	Proposed % change	\$ Change
Salaries/Wages/Expenses							
Drug Testing	\$250		\$250		\$250		
Health Insurance	\$15,000		\$15,000		\$15,000		
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$9,000	\$10,086	\$9,000	\$5,444	\$9,000		
Retirement Contribution	\$8,000	\$6,975	\$8,000	\$3,867	\$8,000		
Road Foreman Overtime	\$9,600	\$5,411	\$9,600	\$2,814	\$9,600		
Road Foreman Salary	\$60,287	\$62,038	\$62,096	\$32,629	\$63,959	\$0	\$1,863
Road Worker Salary	\$59,087	\$58,838	\$60,860	\$32,427	\$62,686	\$0	\$1,826
Road Worker Overtime	\$9,500	\$5,556	\$9,500	\$3,291	\$9,500		
Training/Mileage	\$400		\$400		\$400		
Unemployment Insurance	\$650	\$144	\$650		\$650		
Uniforms/Shop Towels	\$3,000	\$1,600	\$3,000	\$800	\$3,000		
Workers' Comp Insurance	\$15,000	\$3,963	\$15,000		\$15,000		
Total Salaries/Wages/Exp.	\$189,774	\$154,611	\$193,355	\$81,272	\$197,045	\$0	\$3,689
Garage Equipment and Maintenance							
Electric	\$1,200	\$1,242	\$1,200	\$479	\$1,200		
Equip Maint/Parts/Repairs	\$20,000	\$22,941	\$20,000	\$9,552	\$20,000		
Fuel & Oil (Trucks & Equip)	\$35,000	\$29,346	\$35,000	\$12,657	\$35,000		
Garage Maintenance	\$2,500	\$804	\$2,500		\$2,500		
Heating Oil	\$5,000		\$5,000		\$5,000		
Ins & Liability (Garage/Vehicle)	\$8,000	\$1,390	\$8,000		\$8,000		
Oil & Lube (fuel oil)	\$4,000	\$1,233	\$4,000	\$715	\$4,000		
Phone/Internet/Radios	\$5,000	\$3,477	\$5,000	\$2,686	\$5,000		
Tires & Chains	\$4,000	\$3,477	\$4,000	\$4,930	\$4,000		
Tools & Supplies	\$3,500	\$11,320	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$3,500		
Total Equip. and Maint.	\$88,200	\$75,230	\$88,200	\$35,019	\$88,200		
Materials & Hauling							
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$9,000		\$9,000	\$2,600	\$9,000		
Road/Ditch Materials & Hauling	\$50,000	\$41,460	\$50,000	\$10,053	\$50,000		
Salt (delivered)	\$25,000	\$21,478	\$25,000	\$4,216	\$25,000		
Sand (delivered)	\$29,000	\$22,034	\$29,000	\$5,096	\$29,000		
Total Materials & Hauling *	\$113,000	\$84,971	\$113,000	\$21,965	\$113,000		
Projects							
Bridge/Culvert Program *	\$20,000	\$12,207	\$20,000	\$4,430	\$20,000		
Contracted/Equip Rental	\$20,000	\$48,275	\$20,000	\$10,607	\$20,000		
Guard Rails /Signs	\$2,000	\$86	\$2,000		\$2,000		
Pavement Maintenance *	\$30,000	\$1,359	\$30,000		\$30,000		
Dry Hydrant					\$2,500		
Tree & Brush Removal	\$4,000		\$4,000		\$4,000		
Total Projects	\$76,000	\$61,927	\$76,000	\$15,037	\$78,500		
Other							

PROPOSED 2025-2026 SANDGATE BUDGET - HIGHWAY

Equip Reserve Fund Appropriation	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$28,882	\$50,000		
Misc. Expenses *	\$1,000	\$1,953	\$1,500	\$538	\$1,500		
Grant Funding		\$153,539		\$71,360			
Total Other	\$51,000	\$205,492	\$51,500	\$100,780	\$51,500		
TOTAL H.W. EXPENSES	\$517,974	\$582,231	\$522,055	\$254,072	\$528,245	\$0	\$3,689
Less Anticipated State Aid	\$65,611	\$65,611					
SUBTOTAL	\$452,363	\$516,620	\$522,055	\$254,072	\$528,245	\$0	\$6,189



2024 PROPERTY TRANSFERS

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

1. Edward A. Willette of Bennington, VT to Edward A. Willette of Bennington, VT
2. Eric J. Boberg of Sandgate, VT to Ashley A. Coones of Sandgate, VT
3. Donald J. Park of Newtown Square, PA to Michael Giacompassi of Redding, CT
4. Michaud C. Veretta of Stratford, CT to Christopher D. Iannucci of Shelton, CT
5. Estate of Robert Fillis of Greenwich, CT to Virginia M. Paige of Jersey City, NJ
6. Life is Gold at the GRI, LLC of Saratoga Springs, NY to 3402 Sandgate Rd, LLC of Fort Worth, TX
7. Claire S. Merritt of Sandgate, VT to Claire S. Merritt, Trustee of Sandgate, VT
8. Forter Family Trust of long Beach, CA to John P. Larrabee of Salt Springs, FL
9. Margaretha Pero to Sandgate, VT to Margaretha Pero Trustee of Sandgate, VT
10. Margaretha Pero Trustee of Sandgate, VT to Margaretha Pero of Sandgate, VT
11. Robert Billing of Norwell, MA to Matthew Risi of Oxford, CT
12. Michael Valldejuli of Memphis TN to Timothy Wood of Granville, NY
13. Golub M. Burton of New Port Richey, FL to Avanti, LLC of New Port Richey, FL
14. Thomas J. Monahan or New Canaan, CT to Cynthia R. Monahan Rev Trust of New Canaan, CT
15. Lillian Pacher-King of Hobe Sound, FL to Jason E. Cavagnaro of Sandgate, VT
16. Harold R. Sendra of Danby, VT to Pamela M. Skaarup of Troy, NY
17. Charlotte Keenan of Doylestown, PA to Todd M. Johnson of Belvidere, NY
18. Joanne Farrington of Bennington, CT to Scott A. Farrington of Bennington, VT
19. Scott A. Farrington of Bennington, VT to Abby Farrington of Bennington, VT
20. Alexander Filipp of Glenmont, NY to Mark Staudinger of Sandgate, VT
21. Estate of David Sirman of W. Simsbury, CT to Elise H Sirman, Trustee of the David E. W. Simsbury, CT
22. Conservation Fund of Arlington, VA to Ronald Steves of Granville, NY

DOG LICENSES

Sandy Reidy, Town Clerk

In 2024 there were 55 dogs licensed in the Town of Sandgate. I would like to thank all the people who cooperated with the licensing process.

If your dog has passed away, please contact the office, otherwise we need to see a current Rabies certificate and you need to license your dog.

Please don't forget to license your dogs. Licenses are ready by the first of January each year for your convenience. All dogs must be licensed by April 1st of each year. There are late fees if animals are not licensed by that date.



Lost or found animals should be reported to Erin McDermott (small animals), 375-2201 or Suzanne dePeyster (large animals), 375-6005. You should also call Second Chance Animal Shelter at 802-375-2898 because they run a hotline for lost or found animals.

SCHEDULE OF DOG LICENSES AND FEES

	Before April 1 st
Neutered/spayed dogs etc.	\$11.00
Unaltered dogs etc.	\$16.00

NOTE: If you become an owner/keeper of a dog that is over six months old after April 1st, you have 30 days to license that animal. All unlicensed dogs should be reported to the Town Clerk. Sandgate has an Animal Control Ordinance.

A PERSON WHO FAILS TO LICENSE A DOG OR WOLF-HYBRID IN THE REQUIRED MANNER SHALL BE FINED UP TO \$500 (20 V.S.A. § 3550). The Rabies Control Hotline number is 1-800-4-Rabies.

RABIES VACCINATION LAW

All dogs or wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. Initial vaccination is valid for 12 months. Within 9-12 months the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All subsequent vaccinations are valid for 36 months. (20 V.S.A. § 3581)

SANDGATE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Legal voters of the Town of Sandgate School District of Sandgate, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Sandgate Town Hall on **Tuesday, March 4, 2025** or remotely via the Zoom computer application/program utilizing meeting ID: 835 9724 9941 with Passcode: 839163 (a direct link is available on the SVSU website www.svsu.org which also lists numbers to access by phone) to transact the following business:

- Article 1 To hear and act on the report of the School District Officers.
- Article 2 To authorize the School Board to borrow money by issue of notes not to excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- Article 3 To elect one School Board Director for a three-year term by Australian ballot March 4, 2025.
- Article 4 Shall the legal voters of Sandgate School District approve the school board to expend \$1,325,555, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$9,771, which is 27.73% lower than per pupil spending for the current year.
- Article 5 Shall the legal voters of Sandgate School District authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer part of the audited fund balance existing on June 30, 2024, estimated to be \$126,092, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to the existing Sandgate School District Tuition Reserve Fund?
- Article 6 Shall the legal voters of Sandgate School District authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer part of the audited fund balance existing on June 30, 2024, estimated to be \$126,092, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to the existing Sandgate School District Bus Reserve Fund?
- Article 7 To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Absentee voting is permitted on all matters to be voted by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 10:00a.m. until 7:00p.m. on March 4, 2025.

Dated this 28 day of January, 2025

Sandgate Board of School Directors:



Celeste Keel, *Chairperson*

Eric Weissleder, *Vice Chairperson*



Allan Tschorn, *Clerk*

SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Annual Officers Report

Report on 2024-2025 (FY2025)

Celeste Keel (Chair), Allan Tschorn (Clerk), Eric Weissleder

The Sandgate School District currently has 62 students receiving tuition at 7 schools. Pre-K students are enrolled in Fisher Elementary. Elementary schools attended by Sandgate students include: Fisher Elementary, Grace Christian, Hiland Hall, Manchester Elementary (MEMS), and Maple Street. Secondary Schools receiving Sandgate students include Arlington Memorial High School, Burr & Burton, Hiland Hall Middle School, and Maple Street Middle School.

In the 2023-2024 School Year (FY 24) there was a change in how the Ed spending per student is calculated. The number of students for a period of 20 days beginning the 11th day of the school year was a number called the Average Daily Membership (ADM). Using that number and “weighting” students with regard to early education needs, elementary or secondary enrollment, students with English as a second language and students living in poverty were all used to calculate a “weighted” student count called the “equalized pupil”. In FY24 a sparsity rating was added to weight students in the most rural areas of the state, and a new number emerged known as the Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTW ADM). In FY 24 our equalized pupil count or rating of 63.4 became a LTW ADM rating of 108.09. In FY 25 the LTW ADM was 111.8 and in FY 26 that number is projected to be 126.4. Despite the fact that we are anticipating a slight decrease of actual students for the FY 26 year, the LTW ADM is increasing which would be indicative of more students with the forementioned qualities that effect the weighting. Ed spending is the amount needed from the Vermont Education Fund, and the Ed spending per LTW ADM is what actually determines the Education Homestead Tax Rate.

The Sandgate School District pays the prevailing tuition rate to public schools and up to the announced State average to approved private or independent schools. Currently, the State announced average for elementary tuition is \$18,465; the State announced average for 7th through 12th grade is \$19,263. It is important to note the State averages are only among larger union schools and do not average in the higher tuition rates common to smaller non-union schools. The announced tuitions to Arlington schools this year (FY25) is \$20,000 for elementary school and \$21,000 for grades 7 - 12. For the purpose of building the budget, an estimated 5% increase in State average tuitions (allowable tuition to private or independent schools) was used making the anticipated tuition to elementary schools an estimated maximum of \$19,263 and tuition to secondary schools an estimated maximum of \$20,763. For the purpose of building the budget and estimated tuition for FY26 at Arlington is \$20,000 for elementary and \$21,000 for grades 7- 12.

The total budgeted expenditures for FY25 as approved at the annual meeting were \$1,496,866 with an offsetting revenue of \$14,737 brings our total Education Spending for FY25 to \$1,511,603. A simplified historical account of school district funds would be:

FY23 Year End Audited Fund Balance: -\$15,572
Plus, FY24 Revenues: \$1,301,116
Plus, FY24 Interest Income: \$15,973
Less FY24 Actual Expenses: \$1,175,425
Gives us a FY24 Year-End Fund Balance of \$126,092

For FY26, the board has proposed a spending budget of \$1,325,555, which represents an anticipated decrease of 11.44% is reflective of anticipated decrease in expenses due to fewer students in the district. The FY25 homestead educational tax rate for the current year is \$1.4421. Based upon several factors, including State aid to education and a projected increase in the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), the anticipated homestead tax rate for FY26 is estimated to be \$1.0286 – a decrease of \$0.4135 or about a 33% reduction in comparative tax rates.

Article 4 on the Warning is asking the voters to approve an expenditure budget of \$1,325,555 for the 2025 – 2026 (FY26) academic year. As stated in the warning, this represents a per pupil spending \$9,771 which is 27.73% lower than the per pupil spending for the current year. At a quick glance, one would wonder how it is possible to have a per pupil spending of almost half the prevailing tuition rates. The answer lies in the fact that the number used to determine the per pupil spending is the LTW ADM and not the actual head count of students that the districts provide tuition payments for.

Article 5 on the Warning asks the voters to authorize the board to transfer part of the audited fund balance from June 30, 2024 – estimated to be \$126,092 – in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to the existing reserve fund for unanticipated tuition expenses. The current value of that fund is \$201,847.

Article 6 on the Warning asks the voters to authorize the board to transfer part of the audited fund balance from June 30, 2024 – estimated to be \$126,092 – in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to the existing Bus Sinking Fund. The current balance of that fund is \$84,131.

After applying \$25,000 to the reserve tuition fund and \$25,000 to the bus sinking fund that would leave \$76,092 as a carry-over in the current year. Adding in an estimated \$4,000 in interest income, there is a figure of \$80,092 applied as offsetting revenue which reduces our Education Spending for FY26 to \$1,245,463.

In October, the Board accepted a grant from the EPA offering funds to cover the acquisition and establish the necessary infrastructure for an electric bus. Since this grant covers 100% of the e-bus, it leaves our current bus sinking fund intact. By the guidelines of the grant, we must keep and operate the e-bus for a period of five years. Currently we do not have

sufficient funds to cover the replacement of either a conventional diesel bus or a replacement e-bus when the time comes, so the board has suggested to continue funding our bus sinking fund with current surpluses in the budget.

There are some very significant changes in our state education system currently being proposed which would effectively create five school districts within the State – representing a huge drop from the current 119 functioning boards. The five districts would have paid or salaried boards with local boards serving in an advisory capacity to the larger professional boards. The current plan as being reviewed would require significant rulemaking in the coming years and a shift of roles and policy making between the Agency of Education and the Department of Education. The position on small independents schools and school choice has not yet been revealed.

To be sure tuition payments are not delayed, we ask that parents notify the School District via the office of the Superintendent of tuition requests or changes in receiving schools as soon as possible. The district uses a verification of residency form for all new tuition requests. Our meeting schedule has been a bit more periodic and we have met on an as-needed-basis with a physical location at the SVSU office in Bennington and via a zoom link. Please let us know if you would be interested in joining one of our virtual meetings and we will be sure the proper links are provided.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Tschorn, Clerk

Celeste Keel, Chair & Eric Weissleder

Sandgate School District

February 4, 2024

Sandgate School District EXPENDITURES

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Budget FY25	Budget FY26	Variance	% Var
Sandgate Borrowing Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
Board Salaries	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ -	0.00%
Board Fica/Medicare/CCC	\$ 168	\$ 168	\$ 168	\$ 178	\$ 178	\$ -	0.00%
Legal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
Advertising/Printing/Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	0.00%
Board Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ -	0.00%
Board Dues/Memberships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL BOARD OF ED	\$ 2,368	\$ 2,368	\$ 2,368	\$ 4,088	\$ 4,088	\$ -	0.00%
Audit Assessment	\$ 5,375	\$ 5,570	\$ 4,400	\$ 3,850	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,650	42.86%
TOTAL AUDIT	\$ 5,375	\$ 5,570	\$ 4,400	\$ 3,850	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,650	42.86%
Transportation Assessment	\$ 15,387	\$ 12,084	\$ 26,639	\$ 9,850	\$ 30,851	\$ 21,001	213.21%
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 15,387	\$ 12,084	\$ 26,639	\$ 9,850	\$ 30,851	\$ 21,001	213.21%
PreSchool Tuition - Public	\$ 10,608	\$ 25,592	\$ 15,056	\$ 11,652	\$ 11,946	\$ 294	2.52%
PreSchool Tuition - Private / Independent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
TOTAL PRE-K	\$ 10,608	\$ 25,592	\$ 15,056	\$ 11,652	\$ 11,946	\$ 294	2.52%
Early Childhood SpEd Assessment	\$ 6,829	\$ -	\$ 64,043	\$ 125,388	\$ -	\$ (125,388)	-100.00%
TOTAL EARLY CHILDHOOD (EEE)	\$ 6,829	\$ -	\$ 64,043	\$ 125,388	\$ -	\$ (125,388)	-100.00%
Elem Tuition - Public VT LEA	\$ 286,889	\$ 321,371	\$ 339,188	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
Elem Tuition - Sunderland	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,240	\$ 19,800	\$ 560	2.91%
Elem Tuition - Manchester	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,720	\$ 59,400	\$ 1,680	2.91%
Elem Tuition - Fisher Elem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000	\$ -	0.00%
Elem Tuition - Flood Brook	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,240	\$ 39,600	\$ 20,360	105.82%
Elem Tuition - Private VT LEA	\$ 141,235	\$ 145,105	\$ 98,108	\$ -	\$ 19,263	\$ 19,263	--
Elem Tuition - Maple St Sci	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,852	\$ -	\$ (34,852)	-100.00%
Elem Tuition - Hiland Hall	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,353	\$ 32,363	\$ 12,010	59.01%
Elem Tuition - Grace Christian	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,048	\$ 58,905	\$ 49,857	551.03%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TUITION	\$ 428,125	\$ 466,476	\$ 437,296	\$ 440,453	\$ 509,331	\$ 68,878	15.64%
SU Sped Assessment - Elem	\$ 11,084	\$ 25,093	\$ 17,890	\$ 117,246	\$ 2,404	\$ (114,842)	-97.95%
TOTAL ELEM RESOURCE RM	\$ 11,084	\$ 25,093	\$ 17,890	\$ 117,246	\$ 2,404	\$ (114,842)	-97.95%

Sandgate School District EXPENDITURES

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Budget FY25	Budget FY26	Variance	% Var
Sec Tuition - Public VT LEA	\$ 255,277	\$ 233,831	\$ 228,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
Sec Tuition - Arlington	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 354,000	\$ 397,000	\$ 43,000	12.15%
Sec Tuition - Private VT LEA	\$ 136,894	\$ 202,135	\$ 275,294	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
Sec Tuition - Burr & Burton	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 246,956	\$ 207,627	\$ (39,329)	-15.93%
Sec Tuition - Manchester	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,240	\$ 19,800	\$ 560	2.91%
Sec Tuition - Maple St Schl	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,993	\$ 20,763	\$ (17,231)	-45.35%
Sec Tuition - Hilland Hall	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,529	\$ 21,575	\$ (8,954)	-29.33%
On Behalf Tech Center Payment	\$ 3,219	\$ 5,381	\$ 11,529	\$ 14,888	\$ 11,462	\$ (3,426)	-23.01%
Tech Center Tuition - Local	\$ 3,294	\$ 5,698	\$ 9,772	\$ 14,329	\$ 14,731	\$ 402	2.81%
TOTAL SECONDARY TUITION	\$ 398,684	\$ 447,046	\$ 524,595	\$ 717,936	\$ 692,958	\$ (24,978)	-3.48%
S.U. Office Assessment - Administration	\$ 37,715	\$ 37,374	\$ 23,778	\$ 18,361	\$ 34,610	\$ 16,249	88.50%
TOTAL ASSESSMENT - SU Administration	\$ 37,715	\$ 37,374	\$ 23,778	\$ 18,361	\$ 34,610	\$ 16,249	88.50%
S.U. Office Assessment - Business Office	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,854	\$ 7,229	\$ 14,030	\$ 6,801	94.08%
TOTAL SU ASSESSMENT - FISCAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,854	\$ 7,229	\$ 14,030	\$ 6,801	94.08%
S.U. Office Assessment - HR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 960	\$ 799	\$ 1,474	\$ 675	84.48%
TOTAL ASSESSMENT - SU Human Resources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 960	\$ 799	\$ 1,474	\$ 675	84.48%
S.U. Office Assessment - Tech Admin	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,663	\$ 7,668	\$ 9,854	\$ 2,186	28.51%
TOTAL ASSESSMENT - SU Tech Admin	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,663	\$ 7,668	\$ 9,854	\$ 2,186	28.51%
S.U. Office Assessment - Operations/Maint	\$ 2,073	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
TOTAL ASSESSMENT - SU Operations/Maint	\$ 2,073	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
S.U. Sped Assessment- Secondary SpEd	\$ 14,604	\$ 21,693	\$ 32,348	\$ 29,311	\$ 3,606	\$ (25,705)	-87.70%
TOTAL SECONDARY SPED ASSESSMENT	\$ 14,604	\$ 21,693	\$ 32,348	\$ 29,311	\$ 3,606	\$ (25,705)	-87.70%
S.U. Sped Admin Assessment	\$ 3,642	\$ 3,858	\$ 4,535	\$ 2,535	\$ 4,402	\$ 1,867	73.65%
TOTAL SPED ADMIN ASSESSMENT	\$ 3,642	\$ 3,858	\$ 4,535	\$ 2,535	\$ 4,402	\$ 1,867	73.65%
TOTAL SANDGATE BUDGET	\$ 936,494	\$ 1,047,154	\$ 1,175,425	\$ 1,496,866	\$ 1,325,555	\$ (171,311)	-11.44%

Sandgate School District

REVENUE

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Budget FY25	Budget FY26	Variance	% Var
General Interest	\$ 506	\$ 4,101	\$ 15,973	\$ 800	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,200	400.00%
Misc	\$ 4,430	\$ -	\$ 776	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
General State Aid	\$ 853,110	\$ 1,023,887	\$ 1,288,811	\$ 1,511,603	\$ 1,245,463	\$ (266,140)	-17.61%
Tech Center Tuition	\$ -	\$ 5,381	\$ 11,529	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (15,537)	\$ 76,092	\$ 91,629	-589.75%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 858,046	\$ 1,033,369	\$ 1,317,089	\$ 1,496,866	\$ 1,325,555	\$ (171,311)	-11.44%

District: **Sandgate**
 SU: **Southwest Vermont**

FY25 was the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY23 & FY24. LTWADM are the new

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 Bennington County **8,553** <--See bottom note

Property dollar equivalent yield

12,260

Homestead tax rate per \$8,553 of spending per LTWADM **1.00**

Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income

Expenditures		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, and full technical center expenditures)	\$1,020,065	\$1,301,140	\$1,512,403	\$1,325,555
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,020,065	\$1,301,140	\$1,512,403	\$1,325,555
4.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
5.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
6.	Total Expenditures	\$1,020,065	\$1,301,140	\$1,512,403	\$1,325,555
7.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	\$106,731
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
9.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc.)	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$80,092
10.	Offsetting revenues	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$80,092
11.	Education Spending	\$1,019,265	\$1,300,340	\$1,511,603	\$1,245,463
12.	Pupils (eqpup FY23 - FY24, LTWADM FY25 - FY26)	55.41	63.40	111.80	127.46
13.	Education Spending per Pupil	\$18,394.96	\$20,510.09	\$13,520.60	\$9,771.40
14.	minus Principal and interest payments for all voter approved bonds prior to July 1, 2024	na	na	na	na
15.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$66,446 for an individual (per pupil)	-	-	-	based on \$67,638
16.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is FULLY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	na
17.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer pupils	-	-	-	na
18.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per pupil)	-	-	-	na
19.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)	-	-	-	na
20.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per pupil)	-	-	-	na
21.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members or Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per pupil)	-	-	-	na
22.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	na
23.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$19,997 na	threshold = \$22,204 na	threshold = \$23,193 na	threshold = \$15,926 \$15,926.00
24.	plus Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	Suspended thru FY23 \$18,395	Suspended thru FY29 \$20,510	Suspended thru FY29 \$13,521	-
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$18,395	\$20,510	\$13,521	\$9,771.40
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	138.163% based on yield \$13,314	132.812% based on yield \$15,443	136.668% based on \$9,785	114.245% based on \$8,553
Prorating the local tax rate					
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$9,771.40 ÷ (\$8,553 / \$1.00)]	\$1.3816 based on \$1.00	\$1.3281 based on \$1.00	\$1.3667 based on \$1.00	\$1.1425 based on \$1.00
28.	Tax rate "cent discount" (FY25-FY29) adjusted by statewide adjuster of 72.36%				-
29.	Cent discount adjusted anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate				\$1.1425
30.	Percent of Sandgate pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.14)	\$1.3816	\$1.3281	\$1.3667	\$1.1425
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	109.68%	97.75%	94.77%	111.07%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.1425 / 111.07%)	\$1.2597 based on \$1.00	\$1.3587 based on \$1.00	\$1.4421 based on \$1.00	\$1.0286 based on \$1.00
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$9,771.40 ÷ \$12,260) x 2.00%]	2.31% based on 2.00%	2.34% based on 2.00%	2.67% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.00%)	2.31% based on 2.00%	2.34% based on 2.00%	2.67% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 2.00%
36.		-	-	-	-
37.		-	-	-	-

- Using the revised December 1, 2024 Education Fund Outlook FY26 forecast, the FY26 education fund need results in a property yield of \$8,553 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$12,260 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.791. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

2025 TOWN MEETING REPORT: Reps. Kathleen James and Rob Hunter

The Vermont General Assembly's 2025 legislative session kicked off on January 8. During the first week, House members took the oath of office, elected Rep. Jill Krowinski as Speaker, attended a joint assembly to hear Governor Scott's inaugural address, and received committee assignments for the 2025-2026 biennium.

Rep. James was named chair of the newly created House Energy and Digital Infrastructure Committee. This panel considers matters relating to energy, utilities, telecommunications, broadband, information technology, cybersecurity, and other similar policies. Rep. Hunter will serve on the House Education Committee. This panel covers education, libraries, and literary and scientific subjects.

The legislature meets in person at the State House in Montpelier every Tuesday through Friday during the five-month session, January through May. At the General Assembly website (legislature.vermont.gov), you can see legislator bios (including voting records), follow committee agendas, read bills and testimony, and watch all committee hearings and floor debate (both live and recorded).

Reps. James and Hunter will hold regular constituent coffee hours during the session. These informal get-togethers are open to all residents of the Bennington-4 district, which includes Arlington, Manchester, Sandgate and northwest Sunderland. Coffee hours are held on Saturday mornings from 9 to 10:30 am following the schedule below. We also attend town and school meetings in the communities we represent.

January 11: Charlie's Coffee House (Manchester)
January 25: Corner Market (East Arlington)
February 8: Wayside Country Store (West Arlington)
February 22: Charlie's Coffee House (Manchester)
March 1: Corner Market (East Arlington)
March 15: Wayside Country Store (West Arlington)

March 29: Charlie's Coffee House (Manchester)
April 12: Corner Market (East Arlington)
April 26: Wayside Country Store (West Arlington)
May 10: Charlie's Coffee House (Manchester)
May 24: Corner Market (East Arlington)
June 7: Wayside Country Store (West Arlington)

We see shared and urgent priorities for the upcoming two years, most of which are directly related to affordability and building a stronger, more vibrant state. Education funding — supporting high-quality schools that deliver an excellent education at an affordable, sustainable cost — has been and remains at the top of the list. We need to build a new funding system that's fair, transparent and that more clearly connects local spending decisions to tax rates.

The challenges facing Vermont — education, healthcare, housing, climate resiliency — are complicated and hard to solve. We're ready to develop and vote on specific proposals that we think will move the needle — policies that will make life better and more affordable for all of us, and legislation that will move Vermont forward. These times call for collaborative leadership, and we welcome your ideas.

To receive regular legislative updates, please join Kath and Rob's shared mailing list (sign up at kathjamesforstaterep.com). We're also easy to reach:

Rep. Kathleen James: KJames@leg.state.vt.us, 802.733.1435, kathjamesforstaterep.com

Rep. Rob Hunter: RHunter@leg.state.vt.us, 802.683.8945, hunterforrep.com

SANDGATE ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

As of December 31, 2024

Town & School Moderator	Sheila Kearns
Town Clerk	Sandra Reidy
Assistant Town Clerk	Eleanor LaCross (appointed by Town Clerk)
Assistant Town Clerk	Katie Kenny (appointed by Town Clerk)
Treasurer	Sandra Reidy
Assistant Treasurer	Eleanor LaCross (appointed by Treasurer)
Selectboard (Chair)	Joe Nolan
Selectboard	Linda Schmidt
Selectboard	John Phelps
Selectboard	Charlie Pike
Selectboard	Karen Tendrup
State Officer & Constable	Richard Dahm
Delinquent Tax Collector	Eleanor Lacross
Auditor	Sheila Kearns
Auditor	Valerie dePeyster
Auditor	Peter Markalunas
Lister	Valerie dePeyster
Lister	Jeanne Zoppel
Town Agent	Jean Eisenhart
Town Grand Juror	Jean Eisenhart
Cemetery Commission	Julie Robertson
Cemetery Commission	Kathleen Hill
Cemetery Commission	Ann Hammerle
School Director	Celeste Keel
School Director	Allan Tschorn
School Director	Eric Weissleder
Justices of the Peace	Valerie dePeyster, Margaret Phelps, Julie Robertson, Joyce Trachte, Nancy Tschorn

SANDGATE APPOINTED OFFICERS

as of December 31, 2024

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jim Henderson (Chair), Jean Eisenhart, Harry Rich, Dottie Sundquist, Rob Viglas

PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD

Richard Zoppel (Chair), James Aschmann, Brad Kessler, Rob Viglas, Jean Eisenhart, Alternate

911 ADDRESSES

Road Foreman, Town Clerk

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Sheila Kearns

FIRE WARDEN

Lynn Fielding (State appointed)

POUND KEEPER

Erin McDermott - Small Animals

Suzanne dePeyster - Large Animals

TOWN SERVICE OFFICER

Karen Tendrup

EMERGENCY FUEL COORDINATOR

Selectboard

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Selectboard

BCRC REPRESENTATIVES

Sheila Kearns; Richard Zoppel, Alternate

BCSWA/ISWAP REPRESENTATIVE

Selectboard

INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES & WOOD

Dona McAdams

GREENUP DAY COORDINATORS

Karen Tendrup, Sandy Reidy

FENCE VIEWERS

Suzanne dePeyster, Joe Nolan

TREE WARDEN

Joe Nolan

Selectboard

ARTS GRANT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Jean Eisenhart, Pat Hall, Dona McAdams, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel

APPROPRIATIONS

ARLINGTON AREA CHILDCARE

Our mission is to provide children (birth to school age) and their families with a safe, nurturing environment to allow them to meet their full potential. Children will learn through play based, meaningful experiences based on individual development in a consistent continuum across the ages. Happy Days' program will continue to grow through professional development and partnerships with families and community.

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY HOUSE

The Canfield House has served the towns of Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland as a community resource since 1947. Some of the groups that use the space are Burdett Commons, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, The Lions Club, Arlington Public Health Nursing Services, Park and Recreation Board, Battenkill Runners, Al Anon, Arlington Garden Club and the Senior Citizens Group.

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE, INC.

The foundation's mission is to improve the health of the citizens of Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland, Vermont through scholarship awards to residents seeking to further their education in nursing or other health related fields, and by providing visiting nursing care services to the community.

ARLINGTON RECREATION PARK

The public is invited to use park facilities, without charge (exception: a \$5 donation for golf is requested), on a non-reserved basis. Park facilities can be reserved for private functions and special events. Applications are available at the park office. Basketball, baseball, canoeing, cookouts, fishing, fitness circuit, 9-hole golf (\$5 fee), nature trail, playground, putting green, soccer, swimming, tennis, tubing, volleyball.

ARLINGTON RESCUE SQUAD

Our coverage area includes the towns of Arlington, Sunderland, Sandgate, Glazenbury and North Shaftsbury. We cover over 50 square miles of terrain, and average around 550 calls per year. Our mission is to be part of the community, and provide the best possible care to the people we serve.

BENNINGTON COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY (CAC)

Our primary purpose at CAC is to help victims of sexual abuse, regardless of age. We also work with children who are victims of egregious physical abuse. We strive to reduce the stress and trauma that a survivor and their family may be feeling and assist them in getting whatever support they need as they heal. The CAC is available to provide support from disclosure to disposition, and beyond.

BENNINGTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (BCCD)

Through education, advocacy, and implementation we promote the conservation of natural resources and rural livelihoods in Bennington County.

BROC COMMUNITY ACTION

BROC assists low-income Vermonters with basic needs, as well as helping them develop skills and resources for self-sufficiency through employment opportunities. Services include providing crisis fuel and utility assistance, weatherization, economic and workforce development and nutrition education.

CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE (CRJ)

The Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) is a non-profit community justice agency that provides a full continuum of restorative justice programming and services helping both young people and adults take an active role in becoming positive, contributing members of their community. CRJ's program continuum begins with prevention and intervention work in the schools through reentry work helping people returning to the community from incarceration.

MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY

Board books for toddlers, large print books for seniors, the latest best sellers, classics, fiction, non-fiction, study tables, computers, video-conferencing, audio books, movies, games and puzzles, a community meeting room, art gallery, programs of current interest, historical reference collection — it's all here, it's all free. Come and enjoy!

PAVE

Pave provides a full range of services to victims of domestic and sexual violence including a 24-hour hotline, advocacy programs, emergency assistance and housing, prevention & outreach.

SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

A community force in creating and sustaining opportunities for elders and caregivers in our region to help assure that elders are able to maintain maximum independence and quality of life.

THE TUTORIAL CENTER (MANCHESTER & BENNINGTON)

TTC is a non-profit organization that provides essential, quality educational support to individuals and families in southern Vermont and upper New York State. TTC's fundamental mission is to enhance literacy, work readiness, and other basic skills of adults and children in order to help individuals and youth succeed, strengthen community assets, and support workforce needs of employers.

VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (VACD)

The mission of the VACD-RFP is to improve the safety and welfare of Vermont communities by assisting local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources. Funding supports dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems.

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (VCIL)

VCIL believes that individuals with disabilities have the right to live with dignity and with appropriate support in their own homes, fully participate in their communities and to control and make decisions about their lives.

PHONE DIRECTORY

Emergency Calls (Ambulance, Fire & Police) - 911

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Large Animals	Suzanne dePeyster	375-6005
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Small Animals	Erin McDermott	375-2201
ARLINGTON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL		375-2589
ARLINGTON POST OFFICE		375-6904
ARLINGTON TOWN CLERK		375-2332
BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION		442-0713
CASELLA LANDFILL Transfer Station: 4561 Sunderland Hill Road, Arlington, VT 05250 Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 7:30-2:00; Sat, 7:30-11:30; Closed Wed, Sun & Holidays		802-362-4082
CEMETERY COMMISSION	Kathleen Hill	802-375-6543
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	Eleanor LaCross	802- 375-2801
FIRE DEPARTMENT (Other than emergency)		802-375-2323
FIRE WARDEN - Burning Permit	Lynn Fielding	802-375-2211
FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		802-375-6409
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Town Garage	802-375-8358
ROAD LIAISON	Selectboard	802-375-9075
LISTERS		802-375-9270
MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY	Kyrra Howard	802-375-6153
PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD	Richard Zoppel	802-375-9270
POUND KEEPER, RUPERT	Kelli Raymond	802-379-3004
RESCUE SQUAD (Other than emergency)		802-375-6589
RUPERT TOWN CLERK	Andrea Lenhardt	802-394-7728
SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SHELTER		802-375-2898
SELECTBOARD		802-375-9075
STATE POLICE (Other than emergency)		802-442-5421
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS		802-375-9744
BENNINGTON SHERIFF'S OFFICE		802-442-4900
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	Sandra Reidy	802-375-9075
TREASURER'S OFFICE	Sandra Reidy	802-375-9075
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Sheila Kearns	802-379-9961

FIRE WARNING

A permit is required from the Fire Warden for any outdoor burning except when there is snow on the ground at the scene of the fire.

For brush and forest fires burning out of control or threatening buildings, call 911.

For a permit call Lynn Fielding at 375-2211.

**PLEASE HELP US AVOID FIRES
REPORT ANY UNATTENDED FIRES**

NO SMOKING IN THE TOWN HALL

FOR EMERGENCIES (POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE) CALL 911

For non-emergencies:

Police Department: 442-5421

Fire Department: 375-2323

Rescue Squad: 375-6589

ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIRE MINUTES

The open meeting law requires minutes to be kept of all public meetings (1 V.S.A. § 312). The purpose of this rule is to make it easy for the public to know, within five days of the meeting, who was present, what was discussed, and what was decided at the meeting. Minutes do not have to be taken of executive sessions, although the vote to go into executive session, including mentions of the subjects to be discussed should be reflected in the minutes of the meeting (1 V.S.A. § 313). No minutes need to be taken of deliberative sessions of a board since this meeting is not a public meeting under law (1 V.S.A. § 310).

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