

# TOWN OF BARNARD, VERMONT

## Town Meeting 2025



FY24 Annual Report  
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

## IN MEMORIAM

**To three women born and raised in Barnard, who then raised their own families in Barnard, who continue their legacies of service and community.**

### **Joan Lessard, 02/1933 – 09/2024**

Joan Hull Lessard was born in a small farmhouse on Chateauguay Road. Joan and Ralph raised their four children in Barnard, three of whom were born during the time they owned the Barnard General Store – and ran the post office – and lived in the upstairs apartment. For most of her life, Joan's children were close by, and she was able to enjoy time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Joan was active in the Barnard community as a member of the Progressive Club, Historical Society, and served as the Barnard Health Officer.



### **Joyce Edmunds, 06/1935 – 10/2024**

Joyce Campbell Edmunds was born and raised in Barnard. She gave freely of her time and energy to the community. Joyce and Bill raised their five children in Barnard, and all five have chosen to build their lives and raise their families here too. Joyce's love for Barnard has been a guide for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, ensuring that her legacy of service and community will be carried on for generations. Joyce's unwavering dedication to her family and community was evident in everything she did and her contributions to Barnard and the lives of her family and friends will be remembered fondly.



### **Sandra Manning, 12/1940 – 12/2024**

Sandra Joy Manning was born in Barnard to Harold "Bucky" and Mary-Anna (Ward) Joy. Sandra and John raised their three children in Barnard where she was one of the original members of the Barnard Fast Squad. Sandra also served as the Town of Barnard Treasurer and worked at Gifford Medical Center for over 40 years. Sandra often cared about others above herself, especially her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



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**ON THE COVER:** Photo of Silver Lake by Tiffany Haynes on June 7, 2024

On Town Meeting Day, Primary Election Day, and General Election Day, polls are open in Barnard from 10am to 7pm. The polling location is the Town Hall, at 115 North Road.

Absentee ballots are available for any election or issue that is decided by the voting residents of the town by a warned balloted vote. Request an absentee ballot on the Vermont Secretary of State's website or visit the Barnard Town Clerk.

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING TOWN OF BARNARD MARCH 4, 2025**

The legal voters of the Town of Barnard are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Barnard Town Hall, 115 North Road in Barnard, Vermont on Tuesday March 4, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business from the floor:

### **ARTICLES**

1. To elect a Town Moderator.
2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.
3. To elect the following Town Officers by ballot: one Selectboard Member for three years, one Auditor for three years, a Delinquent Tax Collector for one year, a First Constable for one year, a Second Constable for one year, a Trustee of Public Funds for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for five years, a Library Trustee for five years, and all other officers as made necessary by law.
4. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes?
5. To authorize the Treasurer to collect property taxes due for the ensuing year in two equal payments. The first payment to be due on or after August 15, 2025, with the due date being set by the Treasurer, and the second payment being due on February 17, 2026. Such payments are to be made in United States funds, to be physically received by the Town on or before the due date, or if mailed, legibly postmarked on or before the due date, with interest and

penalties to be applied to past due payments as allowed by law.

6. To authorize the Selectboard to reconcile the FY24 General Fund surplus and Highway deficit, and in the event of a surplus, the amount is to be carried forward to the next fiscal year.
7. Shall the Town lease the old Barnard Fire Department building to BarnArts Center for the Arts for a period of fifteen years with an annual rent of \$1?
8. Shall the Town raise \$62,500 for the purchase of a new breathing air compressor and filling station with storage bottles for the Barnard Volunteer Fire Department?
9. Shall the Town transfer \$160,849.09 from accumulated budget surpluses as of June 30, 2024, into the Highway Fund to reconcile the Highway Deficit?
10. To vote a FY26 Highway budget of \$1,760,947.00 of which \$1,617,056.00 shall be raised by taxes, and a FY26 General budget of \$1,039,923.00 of which \$691,508.00 shall be raised by taxes.
11. To do any other business which may come legally before this meeting.

Eligible residents can register to vote at the town clerk's office during normal business hours prior to town meeting, and at the town hall during town meeting. Early or absentee ballots are not available for votes "from the floor" at town meetings. Voters must be present to be counted.

Dated this 24th day of January 2025.

Barnard Selectboard:



Rock Webster, Chair



Richard Lancaster



Robert Edmunds

**LEASE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT**  
**Old Barnard Fire Department Building**

This Lease and Operating Agreement (the “Lease”) is made on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2025, (the “Effective Date”) by and between the Town of Barnard, Vermont (the “Town”), and BarnArts Center for the Arts Company (“BarnArts”). This Lease Agreement is entered into for operation of the Town-owned Old Barnard Fire Station Building at 6220 VT RTE 12, in Barnard, Vermont. The parties do hereby agree as follows:

A. PROPERTY. The Town hereby agrees to lease to BarnArts the 0.22-acre parcel and single-story building located at 6220 VT RTE 12, Barnard, Vermont, 05031, (“Property”).

B. TERM. The term of this AGREEMENT shall be for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2040 (“Term”), unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

C. RENT. The annual rent for the property will be One Dollar (\$1.00), payable in advance each year on the anniversary of the Effective Date. As additional consideration, BarnArts will operate the Property as a community arts facility for the benefit of Barnard residents and the general public.

D. INSURANCE. BarnArts will keep in full force and effect during the term of the agreement general liability coverage for the Old Barnard Fire Station building and the grounds on which it is located, and personal property coverage for the contents of the building stored within. BarnArts shall insure the building against fire and against loss or damage by other risks.

E. IMPROVEMENTS AND ALTERATIONS. BarnArts shall be liable to pay all costs of any improvement or alteration that BarnArts makes. The Town assumes no financial responsibility or obligation for payment of the cost of any improvements or alterations unless it specifically agrees to. No improvement or alteration shall be made to the Property without the prior written consent of the Barnard selectboard. No alteration resulting in a change of the building footprint shall be allowed. Any improvement or alteration to the Property made by BarnArts

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shall remain and become property of the Town at the end of the Term or any extension of this Agreement.

F. REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE. BarnArts will assume responsibility for the maintenance of the interior and exterior of the Property, including painting, plumbing and electric repairs, structural repairs, roofing repairs, HVAC repairs, and maintenance of the grounds of the Property including landscaping and sidewalks. The Town will plow the public parking lot.

G. UTILITIES. BarnArts will be responsible for all utility charges.

H. INDEMNIFICATION. THE TOWN AGREES, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS BARNARTS AND ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FROM ALL CLAIMS AND LIABILITY DUE TO ACTIVITIES OF ITSELF, ITS AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES, PERFORMED UNDER THIS CONTRACT AND WHICH ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULT FROM ERROR, OMISSION, OR NEGLIGENT ACT OF THE TOWN OR OF ANY PERSON EMPLOYED BY THE TOWN. THE TOWN SHALL ALSO SAVE HARMLESS BARNARTS FROM ANY AND ALL EXPENSE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEY FEES WHICH MAY BE INCURRED BY BARNARTS IN LITIGATION OR OTHERWISE RESISTING SAID CLAIM OR LIABILITIES WHICH MAY BE IMPOSED ON BARNARTS AS A RESULT OF SUCH ACTIVITIES BY THE TOWN, ITS AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES. THIS INDEMNITY SHALL NOT INCLUDE CLAIMS BASED UPON OR ARISING OUT OF THE NEGLIGENT OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF BARNARTS, ITS OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES. FURTHER, THIS INDEMNITY SHALL NOT REQUIRE PAYMENT OF A CLAIM BY BARNARTS OR ITS OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE TOWN'S RECOVERY UNDER THIS PROVISION. BARNARTS AGREES TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS THE TOWN FROM ALL CLAIMS AND LIABILITIES DUE TO ACTIVITIES OF ITSELF, ITS REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES, PERFORMED UNDER THIS CONTRACT OR

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OTHERWISE AND WHICH ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULT FROM ERROR, OMISSION, OR NEGLIGENT OR INTENTIONAL ACT OR OMISSION OF BARNARTS, ITS OFFICIALS, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, OR EMPLOYEES OR OF ANY PERSON EMPLOYED BY BARNARTS. BARNARTS SHALL ALSO SAVE HARMLESS THE TOWN FROM ANY AND ALL EXPENSE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEY FEES WHICH MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE DISTRICT AS A RESULT OF SUCH ACTIVITIES BY BARNARTS, ITS AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES. THIS INDEMNITY SHALL NOT INCLUDE CLAIMS BASED UPON OR ARISING OUT OF THE NEGLIGENT OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF THE TOWN, ITS OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES. FURTHER, THIS INDEMNITY SHALL NOT REQUIRE PAYMENT OF A CLAIM BY THE TOWN OR ITS OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE TOWN'S RECOVERY UNDER THIS PROVISION.

I. TERMINATION AND DEFAULT. If at any time during the term of this Agreement, either Party shall be in default of the performance of any of the agreements herein contained, and such default shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after notice thereof in writing has been tendered by the non-defaulting Party to the defaulting Party, it shall be lawful for the non-defaulting Party at its election at or after the expiration of said thirty (30) days to declare the Agreement terminated.

J. NOTICES. Notices given under this Agreement will be effective if forwarded to a Party by hand-delivery or deposited with the U.S. Postal Service, certified mail, postage prepaid, to the address of the Party indicated here as TOWN: Selectboard Chair, Town of Barnard, P.O. Box 274, Barnard, VT 05031. BARNARTS: Executive Director, BarnArts Center for the Arts, P.O. Box 41, Barnard, VT 05031. Either Party may designate any other person or address for notice by written notice to the other Party.

K. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLEASING. BarnArts may not assign the Agreement or sublease the Property without the written consent of the Town.

L. CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY. BarnArts has inspected the Property and accepts the Property in its present condition "AS

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IS” unless expressly provided otherwise in this Agreement. The Town has made no express or implied warranties as to the condition or permitted use of the Property.

M. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous understandings or representations, whether oral or written, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement. No promise, statement or representation that is not expressly stated in this Agreement has been made by any Party to induce execution of this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Agreement and to this end the provisions of this Agreement.

N. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE. This Agreement will be construed in accordance with Vermont law. Venue for any action arising hereunder will be in Windsor County, Vermont.

O. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is entered into for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Parties. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer or shall be construed as conferring any rights, benefits, remedies, or claims upon any other person or entity.

P. NO WAIVER OF IMMUNITIES. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any right, remedy, immunity, or legal defense available at law or in equity to either Party. Neither BarnArts nor the Town waives, modifies, or alters to any extent whatsoever the availability of the defense of governmental immunity under the laws of the State of Vermont and of the United States.

Q. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except in writing executed by both BarnArts and the Town, and authorized by their respective governing bodies.

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## **SELECTBOARD REPORT on** ***Roads, Town Plan, Town Hall, Employees, Grants***

### **Roads**

By now you've probably seen the "Welcome to Barnard" signs installed by the Town Crew, completing a creative project started years ago. Thanks to all involved from idea through design. The weather, as usual, had its way with Barnard and the softening of the roads during the winter and spring thaws was once again a major topic of discussion. After Town Meeting 2024, the Selectboard appointed resident volunteers as members of a Roads Subcommittee and their initial report is on page 31.

Class IV Road issues continue to be addressed by the Selectboard. This year, the Class IV section of Masterson Road was discontinued, new roadbed material for Old Stage Coach Road was delivered so that residents along the road could make the road bed passable, and the Cootey Farm Road was resurveyed by the Selectboard to determine the road location. With the increasing demand for access to the more remote parts of Barnard, Class IV Road issues will continue to be addressed.

### **Town Plan**

This summer, the Selectboard adopted the revised Town Plan submitted by the Planning Commission. With the new Town Plan in effect, the Planning Commission created two Subcommittees to address concerns raised at Town Meeting 2024 about Ridgeline Development and the impact of Short-Term Rentals on Barnard. Read about their work on pages 27 (Ridgeline) and 29 (STRs).

### **Town Hall**

The handrails and steps at the main doors of the Town Hall are now sturdy; the main doors are still being addressed. With the help of the Energy Committee, the Selectboard was awarded a MERP Implementation Grant that will be used for the installation of two ductless heat pumps in the basement, new thermostats throughout the Town Hall, and the replacement of

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any remaining fluorescent lighting with LEDs. Also related to the use of the Town Hall was a revision to the Town Hall Rental Policy and the implementation of the State's Open Meeting law.

## **Employees**

Barnard once again has a full Town Crew: Delmar Balch, Nick Stone (Road Foreman), Tarkin Clark, and Dylan Slack. Town Clerk & Treasurer Diane Rainey hired a second Assistant, Pattie Webster to keep up with the demands of running the Town. In the same vein, the Selectboard hired Kassie Hull to replace Rob Ramrath who retired as Town & Zoning Administrator in June. Richard Lancaster, with the help of Kyle Katz of TRORC, managed the Administration and Zoning workload until Kassie was hired in September.

## **Grants**

The Selectboard is still working with FEMA to deal with the various sites around town that suffered damage from Irene and the 2023 flooding. Due to the regulations governing the payment process, Barnard has received very little of the money that is due as reimbursement for the projects completed. In the last two years, several bridge waterways were stabilized and damaged roads restored. The East Barnard Road instability issue, the Broad Brook box culvert, The Lime Pond Road bank slide and the Lakota Road bridge projects have been completed. There is currently little money left in the budget to deal with the remaining large projects: the Mount Hunger bank slide, the Chateaugay Road bank slide, and the Lime Pond Road culvert. Thus, the Selectboard is in the uncomfortable position of asking the taxpayers to accept an increase in the tax rate for the repairs or delay the work until FEMA reimburses the Town for those projects already completed. To keep-up-to-date with all that the Selectboard is dealing with, the agenda and minutes of Selectboard meetings are available at the Town Hall and are posted on the Town website. If you wish to be notified via email when minutes and agendas are posted, you can email [Selectboard@BarnardVt.us](mailto:Selectboard@BarnardVt.us) or call 802-234-9211 x2.

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## **TOWN EQUIPMENT INVENTORY**

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1 – 21 Western Star Truck  
1 -- 99 Chipper  
1 – 15 Western Star Truck  
1 -- 3" Water Pump  
1 – 19 Western Star Truck  
1 -- Plate Compactor  
1 – 08 Roadside Mower  
5 -- Snow Plows  
1 – 23 JD60 Excavator  
4 -- Sanders  
1 – 23 Ford 550  
3 -- Trailers  
1 – 19 Ford 350  
1 -- Leaf Vacuum  
1 – 19 Cat Loader  
1 -- Lap Top Computer  
1 – Gosen Hay Blower  
1 -- Sand Screen  
1 – 08 Caterpillar Grader  
2 -- Road Rakes & 2 Blades  
9 – 2-Way Radios & 5 Portable  
1 -- Welder  
1 – Air Compressor  
1 -- Pressure Washer  
3 – Chain Saws  
Miscellaneous Garage Tools  
2 – Generators  
Miscellaneous Town Office Equipment  
1 – Poll saw

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION FY24**

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Barnard, Vermont 05031

Altitude: 1334 ft.

Acres: 311,360

Population: 958

Taxable Grand List: \$ 4,700,554.00

### **TAX RATES**

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Municipal & Highway (set by the Barnard Selectboard): \$ 0.4453

School (set by the VT Dept. of Taxes):

Homestead	\$ 1.6010	\$ 2.0463
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Non-Residential	\$ 1.3302	\$ 1.7755
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### **DEPARTMENTS & SERVICES**

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Barnard Volunteer Fire Department:

Chief Stuart Hull, 802-353-2808    IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Department:

Chief Art Lewin, 802-763-7044    IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

Fire Wardens: Scott Mills, 802-234-9073 & Rob Tracy, 802-234-9785

First Constable & Dog Warden:    Wes Hennig    234-5152

Second Constable & Dog Warden:    Edge Cole    234-3758

Town Health Officer:    Tom Morse    234-5256

Transfer Station: Saturdays 8:00am-4:00pm (with add'l summer hrs.)

Town Garage:    BarnardVTHighway@gmail.com    234-6961

Assessor's Office: Assessor@BarnardVT.us    234-9576

Selectboard:    Selectboard@BarnardVT.us    234-9211 x2

Zoning Officer:    Zoning@BarnardVT.us    234-9211 x2

Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector: Diane L. Rainey    234-9211 x1

BarnardTO@gmail.com; Office Hours Mon., Tues., 8:00am – 3:30pm

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## **TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED**

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Moderator:	(1-year)	Paul Doton	2025
Town Clerk:	(3-year)	Diane L. Rainey	2026
Selectboard:	(3-year)	Robert Edmunds	2027
		Richard Lancaster	2025
		Rock Webster	2026
Windsor Central MUUD School District Directors (3-year):			
		Heather Lawlor	2027
		Carin Park	2025
Treasurer:	(3-year)	Diane L. Rainey	2026
Current Tax Collector:		Authorized Diane L. Rainey	
Delinquent Collector:	(1-year)	Diane L. Rainey	2025
Auditors:	(3-year)	Beth Finlayson	2027
		Tom Morse	2025
		Patricia Hasson	2026
Constable, first:	(1-year)	Wes Hennig	2025
Constable, second:	(1-year)	Edwin Cole	2025
Trustees of Public Funds:	(3-year)	Dan Leavitt	2027
		Tom Morse	2025
		Diane L. Rainey	2026
Library Trustees:	(5-year)	Susan McNulty	2028
		Margaret Edwards	2026
		Berna Donlon	2025
		Judy Maynes	2027
		Susan Reynolds	2029
Cemetery Commissioners:	(5-year)	Phil Lewis	2028
		Sue Lewis	2029
		Robert Edmunds	2025
		Chris Campbell	2026
		Jerry Blakeney	2027
Justices of the Peace: (November elections for 2-year terms)			
		Elizabeth Finlayson	2025
		Ellen Miles	2025
		Paul Doton	2025
		Patricia Hasson	2025
		Tom Morse	2025
Listers:	Elimination of Office Article 3 of FY22 Town Meeting		

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Town Agent: Elimination of Office Vermont Act 84

Barnard Academy Directors: Elimination of Office Unified District

**TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED** *(1-year terms unless noted)*

Health Officer: (3-year)	Tom Morse	2025
Conservation Commission: (3-year)	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>2027</b>
	Kate Reeves	2027
	Edythe Wright	2027
	Colin Ruch	2025
	Douglas Blain	2027
	Dean Edmunds	2025
	Arlana Ruch	2026
Development Review Board: (3-year)		
	Doreen Hurley	2027
	Kurt Lessard	2025
	Edythe Wright	2027
	Ellen Miles	2026
	Teo Zagar	2025
Alternate:	Greg Boulbol	2027
Alternate:	Justin Park	2027
Alternate:	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>2027</b>
Planning Commission: (3-year term)		
	Ed Jodice	2025
	Steve Cota	2026
	Carin Ewing	2027
	Brooks Wright	2026
	Gerald Fredrickson	2025
	Greyling VanAlstyne	2027
	Kate Reeves	2027
Energy Committee:	Elizabeth Ferry	2027
	Karen Thorkilsen	2026
	<b>THREE VACANCIES</b>	<b>2025</b>
E-911-Cordinator:	Kassie Hull	2025
Fire Wardens:	Scott Mills	2025
	Rob Tracy	2025

Green up VT:	Amelia Lennon	2025
Librarian:	Margaret Edwards	2025
Emergency Mgt Director/Coordinator:	Mike Manning	2025
Ottauquechee Planning Commission:	Ed Jodice	2025
	Alternate: Steve Cota	2025
Pound Keeper:	Wes Hennig	2025
Recreation Committee:	Dean Edmunds	2025
	Lucas Coogan	2025
	Eben Farinas	2025
	Drew Reeder	2025
	Tammy Gerdes	2025
	Matt Piper	2025
	Michael Lackey	2025
	Justin Park	2025
Road Foreman:	Nick Stone	2025
East Ctr VT Telecomm. Dist. – delegate		
	Dan Leavitt	4/30/2025
Alternate:	Richard Lancaster	4/30/2025
Alternate:	Patrick Kell	4/30/2025
Solid Waste Supervisor:	Richard Lancaster	2025
Solid Waste Attendant:	Wes Hennig	2025
State Police Advisory Bd:	Mike Manning	2025
State Police Liaison:	Mike Manning	2025
Town Administrator:	Kassie Hull	2025
Town Hall Supervisor:	Kassie Hull	2025
Tree Warden:	Richard Lancaster	2025
White River Valley Ambulance:	Lynne Tracy	2025
Zoning Administrator:	Kassie Hull	2025
Alternate:	Tom Morse	2025
Transportation Advisory Comm. <b>VACANT</b>		2024
Service Officer: Position repealed by Vt Legislature -- call 211		

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# Local Health Office Annual Report: 2024

White River Junction Local Health Office | 118 Prospect Street, Suite 300 WRJ, VT 05001  
Phone 802 -295-8820 | AHS.VDHWhiteRiverJct@vermont.gov

Our twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connections with the Vermont Department of Health. The White River Junction Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to 22 towns in northern Windsor and southern Orange counties. Here are some of our highlights from the past year. For more information on our work, visit [www.HealthVermont.gov/local/white-river-junction](http://www.HealthVermont.gov/local/white-river-junction)



## Promoting Healthy Eating

In 2024, the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program celebrated its 50th Anniversary of helping pregnant people and families with children under age 5. Our WIC staff provide WIC program participants with healthy food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to community resources. To reduce transportation barriers, our office provides the most WIC program access points in the state with clinics at eight sites across the region. Learn more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction/wic-white-river-junction>



## Protecting the Community from Environmental Harm

Lead poisoning is a serious health risk, especially to young children. Our local Healthy Homes representative reports that 29% of children in our region have some detectable level of lead in their blood. No amount of lead is safe. The Lead Prevention Network brings together community and state partners from both VT and NH who are committed to seeing that all kids are screened for lead exposure and protected from the dangers of lead. To learn more, visit: <https://uvpublichealth.org/lead-poisoning/>



## Improving Access to Dental Care

Our community has identified the lack of dental services in the region as a major health concern. In February, we helped to bring together dental providers and other volunteers to host a free dental clinic at the Hartford State Office Building. Our Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist facilitates an Upper Valley Dental Health Workgroup that is working to find solutions for making dental care more affordable and accessible. To learn more, visit: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/wellness/oral-health>



# Pace & Hawley, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

VT License #092.0000709

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Select Board  
Town of Barnard, Vermont

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

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

#### Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Barnard, Vermont, as of June 30, 2023, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Unmodified Opinions on Each Major Fund and Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Barnard, Vermont, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Barnard, Vermont, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse and unmodified audit opinions.

#### Matter Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, management has not recorded capital assets in governmental activities and, accordingly, has not recorded depreciation expense on those assets. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those capital assets be capitalized and depreciated, which would increase the assets, net position, and change the expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities has not been determined.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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The Select Board  
Town of Barnard, Vermont

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

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Barnard, Vermont's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Barnard, Vermont's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information, schedule of the proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of pension contributions on pages 23 to 26 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management, and although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

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The Select Board  
Town of Barnard, Vermont

**Supplementary Information**

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

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report, dated January 22, 2025, on our consideration of the Town of Barnard, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Barnard, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Barnard, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Pace & Hawley, LLC*

Berlin, Vermont  
January 22, 2025

**Local Auditors' Report:**

To the best of our knowledge, the Town of Barnard statement of accounts and the appointed independent Auditor's statement of accounts represent the conditions of the finances of the town. The 2024 independent Auditor's report by Pace & Hawley, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, is available at the Town Clerk's office. The financial records of the school district for the year ending June 30, 2024, have been audited and a copy of the report is available from the business manager of the Mountain Views Supervisory Union upon request. – **Patty Hasson, Beth Finlayson, Tom Morse**

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**TOWN OF BARNARD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MINUTES March 5, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Paul Doton, who leads Pledge of Allegiance.

**ARTICLES**

**1. To elect a Town Moderator.** Charles Campbell nominâtes Paul Doton. **Voice vote elects Paul Doton.** Paul Doton explains procedures that will be followed for the day.

**2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.** Tom Morse makes a motion to accept the reports of the Town Officers. Wes Hennig seconds motion. No discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**

**3. To elect the following Town Officers by ballot: one Selectman for three years, one Auditor for three years, a Delinquent Tax Collector for one year, a First Constable for one year, a Second Constable for one year, a Town Clerk for three years, a Treasurer for three years and to elect all other officers as made necessary by law.** (Except as noted, all nominations were moved, and a seconding motion made that nominations cease, and the Town Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk cast one ballot for the person nominated. The first person named in parentheses nominated the person for office, the second person named moved nominations cease and the third person seconded the motion.) Diane Rainey says Town Clerk and Treasurer were both elected last year for three-year terms so not necessary for this year. **One Selectman for three years: Bob Edmunds** (Wes Hennig, Charles Campbell, Richard Lancaster) **One Auditor for three years: Beth Finlayson** (Bob Edmunds, Terry Davis, Richard Lancaster) **one Delinquent Tax Collector for one year: Diane Rainey** (Wes Hennig, Sue Lewis, Charles Campbell) **one First Constable for one year: Wes Hennig** (Phil Lewis, Sue Lewis, Richard Lancaster) **one Second Constable for one year: Edwin Cole** (Charles Campbell, Wes Hennig, Richard Lancaster) **Trustee of Public Funds for 3 years: Dan Leavitt** (Steve Cota, Sue Lewis, Dean Edmunds) **one Library Trustee for five years: Sue Reynolds**

(Judy Maynes, Sue Lewis, Terry Davis) **one Cemetery Commissioner for five years: Sue Lewis** (Bob Edmunds, Chris Campbell, Dean Edmunds) **one Cemetery Commissioner for three years** (Joe Tokarski resigned) **Jerry Blakeney** (Bob Edmunds, Chris Campbell, Richard Lancaster).

**4. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes?** Carol Mosher makes motion, second by Richard Lancaster. No discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**

**5. To authorize the Treasurer to collect property taxes for the ensuing year in two equal payments. The first payment to be due on or after August 15, 2024, with the due date being set by the Treasurer, and the second payment being due on February 15, 2025. Such payments are to be made in United States funds, to be physically received by the Town on or before the due date, or if mailed, legibly postmarked on or before the due date, with interest and penalties to be applied to past due payments as allowed by law.** Tom Morse makes motion, second by Sue Lewis. No discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**

**6. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to reconcile the FY23 General Fund and Highway surplus or deficit, and in the event of a surplus, the amount is to be carried forward to the next fiscal year.** Motion by Heather Lawler, seconded by Dan Leavitt. Discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**

**7. Shall the Town raise \$16,500 for restoration of 13 original windows on the main floor of the Danforth Library?** Motion by Judy Maynes, seconded by Susan McNulty. Discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**

**8. Shall the Town transfer \$300,000 from accumulated budget surpluses as of June 2023 into the Major Highway Projects reserve (dedicated) fund for the purposes of critical road repairs including culverts, bridges and bank slides?** Motion by Tom Morse, seconded by Mike Manning. Discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**

**9. To vote a FY25 Highway budget of \$1,497,237.00 of which \$1,367,237.00 shall be raised by taxes, and a FY25 General budget of \$875,977.65 of which \$589,462.65 shall be raised by taxes.**

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Motion by Sue Lewis, seconded by Chris Campbell. Discussion. James Lancaster makes motion to amend article: add \$120,000 for fourth road crew member. Motion seconded by Ed Jodice. Discussion. Voice vote approves amendment. As a result of Article 7 and this amendment, Article 9 is amended as follows: **To vote a FY25 Highway budget of \$1,617,237.00 of which \$1,487,237.00 shall be raised by taxes, and a FY25 General budget of \$892,477.65 of which \$605,962.65 shall be raised by taxes.** Discussion. Voice vote passes amended article.

**Representative Heather Surprenant speaks to the meeting.**

**10. To do any other business which may come legally before this meeting. Steve Cota speaks of vacancies on various Town committees and thanks Gerry Fredrickson for his work. James Lancaster makes a motion to have a resolution among the Board of Selectmen to form a committee to work with the Selectmen on road issues.**

**Motion seconded by Ed Jodice. Voice vote passes motion. Jack Dibble speaks about the need for a sound system to work in the Town Hall. Dan Leavitt agrees and says the system should include the ability for on-line participation.**

**Discussion of concerns about Post Office. Mike Manning makes motion to adjourn, seconded by Charles Campbell. Meeting adjourns at 11:58 A.M.**

**DLR: All newly elected officers were sworn in by P. Hasson.**

A true record of the March 5, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, to the best of our ability.

Attest:

Diane L. Rainey, Town Clerk,  
Paul Doton, Moderator  
Rock Webster, Selectman

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**From the Vermont League of Cities & Towns (July/August 2012) and Secretary of State Jim Condos RE: Town Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of a meeting of a public body should not attempt to be a transcript of the meeting or a complete restatement of all public discussion at the meeting.<sup>1</sup> V.S.A. §312(b) provides a list of what must be included in minutes. In summary: Record all motions whether adopted or defeated, name of the maker of the motion, number of votes on each side in a motion, names of board members present, names of active participants in the meeting. Do not record discussion or expressions of personal opinion. Do not try to capture individual statements except for motions made.....

**TOWN OF BARNARD OFFICIAL BALLOT**

WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 a.k.a. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 March 5, 2024

**ARTICLE 1** To elect a Moderator who shall assume office upon election and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified. **Vote results:** 355 cast: 13 write-in; 338 blank; 4 spoiled

**ARTICLE 2** To elect a Clerk who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified. **Vote results:** 355 cast: 290 Rayna Bishop; 2 write-in; 62 blank; 1 spoiled

**ARTICLE 3** To elect a Treasurer who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified. **Vote results:** 355 cast: 283 Callista Brennan; 1 write-in; 71 blank

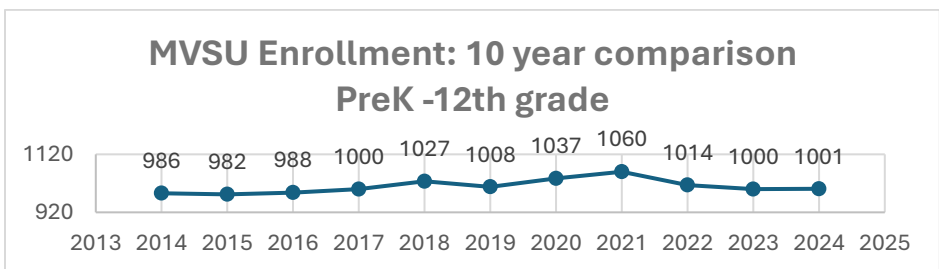
**ARTICLE 4** To fix the salary for District Treasurer in the amount of \$7,500.00 for 2024-2025. **Vote results:** 355 cast: 261 in favor; 35 opposed; 58 blank; 1 spoiled



**ARTICLE 5** The legal voters of Barnard shall elect the following: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified. **Vote results:** 355 cast; 278 Heather Lawlor; 13 write-in; 64 blank

**ARTICLE 6** Shall the voters of the Windsor Center Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, approve the school board to expend Twenty-Nine Million Seven Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$29,756,674.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,552.00 per Long Term Weighted (LTW) equalized pupil. **Vote results:** 355 cast; 216 in favor; 129 opposed; 10 blank

**ARTICLE 7** The Mountain Views School District proposed to incur bonded indebtedness for the purpose of construction of a new Union Middle/High School and to install athletic fields and related outbuildings and structures, and to demolish, remove and dispose of the existing Woodstock Union Middle/High School in Woodstock, Vermont, in an amount not to exceed \$99,000.000. **Vote results:** votes were commingled, and individual town results are not available.



## **VITAL STATISTICS**

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Processed in the Town of Barnard  
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

### **BIRTHS**

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10-16-2023	Matthew Lancaster
12-14-2023	Lucas Ramirez
12-18-2023	Ayla Szwajkowski

### **CIVIL MARRIAGES**

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07-07-2023	Elizabeth Caitlin & Paul McMurry
07-22-2023	Stuart Hull Jr. & Kassie Tibbott
08-05-2023	Nicholas Tagge & Jessica Chu
09-09-2023	Emily Billings & Maxwell Shay
10-27-2023	Katie-Jo Lao & James Johnson
06-29-2024	Brianna Townsend & Duane Coon

### **DEATHS**

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05-06-2023	Mary Sharpe
07-05-2023	Patricia Mattson
07-11-2023	Kay Rhoades
07-23-2023	Leona Webster
08-12-2023	Chester Palmer
09-08-2023	Margaret Willard
10-09-2023	Robert Tracy, Sr.
01-07-2024	Randall Harrington
01-15-2024	Shirley Garafano
03-23-2024	Karen Mills
05-14-2024	Jack French
06-13-2024	Susan Griffin

### **BURIALS & CREMATIONS**

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05-06-2023	Mary Sharpe, Methodist Extension
06-06-2023	Eleanor Billings, Silver Lake Cemetery
06-13-2023	Ronald Rhoades, Methodist Extension

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06-24-2023	Diana Martin, Silver Lake Cemetery
07-19-2023	Kay Rhoades, Methodist Extension
07-30-2023	Charlotte Croft, Ashley-Ellis Cemetery
09-08-2023	Margaret Willard, East Barnard Cemetery
10-09-2023	Robert Tracy Sr., Methodist Extension
05-22-2024	Everett Alcorn, Silver Lake Cemetery
06-18-2024	Susan Griffin, Methodist Extension
06-17-2024	John French, Methodist Extension
06-29-2024	Shirley Garafano, Methodist Extension

Due to concerns about identity theft, the State of Vermont processes and keeps records of all Vermont birth and death certificates. The Town of Barnard does not receive copies of such records. To obtain vital records copies please contact the State at 1-800-439-5008 or [secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords](https://secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords).

## **DOG LICENSE REPORT**

Per VT law, (1) a person must license each dog six months or older each calendar year on or before April 1, and (2) \$7.00 of each license fee collected is sent to the State of VT for the Rabies Control and the Spay/Neuter Programs. The cost to license is \$11 for a dog that is neutered/spayed, and \$15 for one that is unneutered/unspayed. There is a 50% late fee if purchased after April 1. You may license a dog in person at the Town Clerk’s office or by mail. Include: the dog’s current rabies certificate, the neuter/spay certificate and the fee. If you register by mail, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the dog tag and documents to be mailed back to you.

# of Tags	@	Tag \$	Collected
97	@	\$9.00	\$873.00
24	@	\$13.00	\$312.00
18	@	\$13.50	\$243.00
6	@	\$19.50	<u>\$117.00</u>
145	Dogs		\$1,545.00
Fees to the State of Vermont			
145	@	\$5.00	\$725.00

**UPDATES OF TOWN COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

The Cemetery Commission received several inquiries regarding lots in Barnard’s cemeteries. In FY24, four lots were sold, and twelve burials were held. This year, the commissioners: pinned lots at the Winward Cemetery to be designated as cremation-only lots; repaired stones, including several that were fallen in the Methodist Cemetery; removed limbs that fell from the large maple tree in the Methodist Cemetery; made a walking path through the stone wall fence between the old and new sections of the Methodist Cemetery; placed new flags on the graves of all known veterans in Barnard cemeteries; and installed a new board fence at the Winward Cemetery. Outside contractors were hired to take down a large maple in the Moore Cemetery that had declined and, if left unattended, could have damaged stones. The Commission received a bid for stone wall repair work at the Methodist Cemetery, but it was too high for the budget. They plan to receive another bid in the coming months. And finally, the commission has two hired mowers, Roni Johnson and Mike LaDoucer, who did extra work this year to eliminate overgrown brush along stone walls and cemetery edges. Thanks to them!

**Cemetery Commission Financial Report**

	<u>6/30/2022</u>	<u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>6/30/2024</u>
Beginning Balance	\$19,623.33	\$20,682.47	\$27,759.18
<b>Income</b>			
Town of Barnard	\$35,000.00	\$43,074.00	\$38,827.00
Interest	\$63.01	\$291.25	\$432.21
Sale of Lots	\$8,000.00	\$400.00	\$400.00

Cornerstones	---	\$250.00	\$250.00
Total Income	\$43,063.01	\$44,015.25	\$39,909.21
<b>Expenses</b>			
Maintenance & Upkeep Costs for all Town Cemeteries	\$42,003.87	\$36,938.54	\$43620.20
<b>Ending Checking Account Balance to Carry Over</b>	<b>\$20,682.47</b>	<b>\$27,759.18</b>	<b>\$24,339.44</b>

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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The Barnard Conservation Commission (BCC) is an advisory body re-established in 2024 to help protect and enhance Barnard's natural and cultural resources. The BCC has been visiting and researching the Barnard Town Forest and Silver Lake to learn about ways to facilitate conservation and help share the information with community members. Currently, the BCC is working in collaboration with the Barnard Silver Lake Association and other local and state conservation partners to discuss the health of Silver Lake. The work includes researching various ways that homeowners and visitors can learn how to help with both monitoring and using better practices on the shoreline.

## **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

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The 18-month Barnard Home Energy Upgrade and Barnard Bonus campaign concluded this fall. The campaign was aimed at making home weatherization and fuel-switching accessible to all interested Barnard homeowners. 27 Barnard households participated. Of the participating households: 23 received a home energy audit at an average cost of \$200, a savings of 72 percent; 4 qualified for Capstone's no-cost weatherization services; and 10 went on to do weatherization projects totaling \$105,064. (Because they received Efficiency Vermont refunds and Barnard Bonus support their average out-of-pocket cost was \$2,752.) The committee also worked with the Selectboard and TRORC to secure free Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP)

assessments of the Town Hall and the Town Garage, followed by a grant application and award of \$44,110 for improvements to the heating and lighting in the Town Offices. And finally, did you know that three electric school buses went into service in the Mountain Views Supervisory Union this year? The full cost of the buses and the bulk of charging station costs were covered by a federal grant and are valued at \$1.2MM. The buses have a 10-to-12-year lifespan and benefits include reduced environmental impact, taxpayer savings through lower maintenance costs, and an estimated \$24,000 annual fuel savings.

### **GREEN UP DAY**

In 2024, Green Up Day won a Guinness World Records® title for “The Most Pledges Received to Pick Up Trash in 24 Hours.” Vermont is the only State in the nation that can boast this achievement and the only State that offers a program like Green Up Day. **Save the date! Green Up Day 2025 is May 3rd.** Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. Green Up Day received a special flood recovery donation from Subaru of New England to rally volunteers and pay for many flood clean-up projects across the state. Support from municipalities help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

### **RIDGELINE SUBCOMMITTEE of the Planning Commission**

At a July 2023 Planning Commission meeting numerous Barnard residents expressed strong support for exploring ridgeline protections, and so the Ridgeline Subcommittee was created. Barnard currently has three overlay areas that provide additional considerations for land use and development for whatever area it covers. They are the Prosper Valley Overlay, the Silver Lake Watershed Overlay, and the Flood Hazard Overlay. This year, the Planning Commission is proposing a new Overlay called the Ridgeline Review Overlay. The purpose of the Ridgeline Review Overlay is to *protect the beauty and scenic rural character of Barnard while still allowing development on the ridgeline, by*

minimizing adverse visual impact on designated Ridgeline areas, sustaining the long-term enjoyment of these vital scenic resources for all residents. The Ridgeline Review Overlay outlines general review standards such as assessing placement of structures, forest covers, landscaping and screening, glare and lighting, and pre-application site development. Certain uses and structures are exempt from review, such as those related to agricultural and forestry activities, small accessory structures, or additions to existing structures that will not be visible from public roads. The proposal outlines application requirements including a plan of the location and size of the proposed structure, and a visibility analysis that would be reviewed by the Development Review Board prior to permitting. **To read the full proposal visit [barnardvt.us/planning](http://barnardvt.us/planning) and search in the 2024 Minutes.**

### **STR SUBCOMMITTEE of the Planning Commission**

The Short-Term Rental (STR) subcommittee wants to ensure a way for the town to have management of local STRs in ways that preserve both the traditional character of the town and the rights of Barnard property owners. The committee's goal is to create regulations that will control the effect of STRs on our community, and the primary areas of concern are community integrity; noise and activity control; occupancy levels; sanitation; safety; parking; and consideration of Silver Lake. The committee includes members who have STRs in town and those who do not. The group met every two weeks this year, held a public listening session, and investigated how STRs impact other communities in Vermont, what existing regulations there are in the local and at the state level, and what percentage of housing stock is already being used as STRs in Barnard. The number of STRs in Barnard that are registered with the state is 37 (5% of the housing stock), but it is likely that the actual number is higher, because not every STR in town is registered and pays room and meals tax to the state. The committee has heard a variety of opinions. Some people want strict controls and others want more lenient controls; however, everyone seems to agree with the idea of a registry because paramount to the issue of safety is the need for each STR to appoint someone who can promptly attend to problems. This is

particularly essential for STRs owned by out-of-state people. The committee prepared a draft ordinance and sent it to the Planning Commission, who referred it to the Selectboard, for review. If passed as written, it will: require a registry with a local contact person for each STR, create a list of guest rules to be posted in each STR, and monitor septic systems so they will not be overburdened. The draft ordinance does not cap the number of STRs in town, does not forbid STRs in certain parts of town (such as Silver Lake) and does not distinguish between residents and absentee owners in terms of who can operate an STR. **To read the draft proposal visit [barnardvt.us/planning](http://barnardvt.us/planning).**

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The Barnard Recreation Committee supports youth and adult sports and recreation and maintains the infrastructure, including the playground and the fields behind the Barnard Academy. The committee also works with the Barnard Academy to see how they can improve the recreation facilities to meet the needs of the students. Most recently, the committee replaced the bleacher boards so they're safer when the kids climb on them and installed new nets in the soccer goals. The committee is currently building a new equipment storage container to fill with racquets, balls, and other equipment to be used on the courts. Last year, the committee's community activities were: (1) resurfacing the tennis courts. With financial support from the Barnard Selectboard and Sport Court, and volunteer labor from committee members, the courts were resurfaced into a renewed and playable court, including new, adjustable basketball hoops and painted pickleball lines. (2) supporting the creation of the "Many Hearts Trail" behind Barnard Academy. A gazebo marks the gateway to the trail network and the path is available to the entire community. (3) providing games like a bouncy house, dunk tank, cake walk, and corn hole at the Barnard Street Dance. Since the COVID-19 pandemic response, the committee lost the numbers needed to have organized kids' sports in Barnard. Instead, they've funded cross-country skiing and ice-skating field trips, purchased improved equipment, and funded booster programs that Barnard kids are involved in, supporting as many activities as possible.



## Recreation Committee Financial Report

	<u>6/30/2022</u>	<u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>6/30/2024</u>
Beginning Balance	\$14,616.38	\$8,941.63	\$11,621.52
<b>Income</b>			
Town of Barnard	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Interest	\$27.13	\$119.30	\$192.47
Bottle Returns	\$1,406.35	\$1,030.95	\$1,118.70
Donations	\$400.00	---	---
Total Income	\$9,833.48	\$9,150.25	\$9,311.17
	\$42,003.87	\$36,938.54	\$43,620.20
<b>Expenses</b>			
Lawn Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Office Supplies	---	---	\$228.23
Soccer Program	\$245.00	\$270.00	--
Baseball Program	\$1,874.00	\$984.30	\$320.00
Community Events	\$5,000.00	\$1,639.50	\$2,327.89
Ice Rink	\$5,389.23	\$576.56	\$400.00
Tennis Courts	---	---	\$1,538.13
Total Expenses	\$15,508.23	\$6,470.36	\$7,814.25
<b>Ending Balance to Carry Over</b>	<b>\$8,941.63</b>	<b>\$11,621.52</b>	<b>\$13,118.44</b>

### **ROADS SUBCOMMITTEE** *of the Selectboard*

The Barnard Roads Subcommittee was formed after Town Meeting 2024 and has acted as a communication conduit for community members and the Barnard Selectboard. The committee conducted a series of public listening sessions and deployed an online community survey to hear from residents. The online survey received responses from **177 people** and results

suggested that the cost of living in Barnard is negatively impacted by the road conditions, including personal costs and adverse economic impacts. Many respondents were concerned about drainage, ditching, the quality and application of road material, and roadside maintenance. Roads of particular concern to survey respondents were the Royalton Turnpike, East Barnard Road, Stage Road, and Broad Brook Road, in that order. Some of the personal costs that survey respondents reported were vehicle damage (92), not being able to get to work or get kids to school (82), missing important events (32), not getting deliveries, including fuel (48), not seeking medical care they needed (20), and isolation (32). A majority of the 177 survey respondents supported a town highway budget increase for improved road quality (147/83%). When asked about solutions, survey respondents ranked “having a long-term Road Plan for the Town to adopt and implement” as the second most important thing, only behind “quality of material we put on our roads.” Work to synthesize and utilize the information collected from the survey is ongoing.

## TAX DOLLAR DISBURSEMENT

	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>
Barnard Central School (pre to 6)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodstock Union High Sch. (7 to 12)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Windsor Supervisory	2,701,374.00	3,135,688.00	3,916,899.00
State of Vermont (Act 46 School)	1,618,127.48	1,944,687.73	2,380,238.87
Municipal	665,211.96	552,815.00	605,962.62
Highway	<u>861,675.00</u>	<u>876,685.00</u>	<u>1,487,237.00</u>
<b>TOTAL TAXES TURNED OVER</b>	5,846,388.44	6,509,875.73	8,390,337.49

## ANNUAL TAX RATES

	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>
Municipal	0.1987	* 0.4912	0.4453
* Highway & Municipal Combined	0.3045	*	
School Tax - Residential	1.7043	1.9933	1.6010
School Tax - Non-Residential	1.6487	1.8214	1.3302
Grand List	2,830,032.00	2,910,084.00	4,700,554.00

Total Resident Tax Rate	2.2075	1.9933	2.0463
Total Non-Resident Tax Rate	2.1519	2.3126	1.7755

## TAX RATE CALCULATION

<b>GRAND LIST VALUATION</b>	<b>4,700,554.00</b>	
TAX DOLLARS TO BE RAISED		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	Budget Original	\$589,462.62
	Article #7 Library Windows	\$16,500.00
<b>Total Amended General Budget</b>		\$605,962.62
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	Budget Original	\$1,367,237.00
	Article #9 Road Crew Member	\$120,000.00
<b>Total Amended Highway Budget</b>		\$1,487,237.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$2,093,199.62</b>
NOTE: to calculate the town tax rate, take the total budget to be raised and divide it by the grand list valuation.		
	<b>Residential</b>	<b>Non-Residential</b>
<b>Town Tax Rate</b>	0.4453	0.4453
<b>State Education Tax Rate</b>	1.6010	1.3302
<b>TOTAL TAX RATES</b>	2.0463	1.7755

## LONG TERM DEBT REPORT

<b>FY24</b>		Beginning balance	Principle Paid	Interest	Ending balance
2014 Excavator	Dedicated/ Paid FY24	\$18,259.13	\$18,259.13	\$46.95	\$0.00
2019 Loader	Dedicated/ Paid FY26	\$56,125.19	\$18,020.93	\$2,209.23	\$38,104.26

Fire & Rescue Building	Mascoma Bond/ Paid FY32	\$479,900.58	\$82,377.07	\$16,653.77	\$397,523.51
Landfill Closure	Pace&Hawley Annual AJE	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$574,284.90</b>	<b>\$118,657.13</b>	<b>\$18,909.95</b>	<b>\$455,627.77</b>

## DELINQUENT REPORT

	TAXPAYER	PARCEL
*	Barber, Leon & Mary Estate	04-0030
*	Jenkins, Trust	05-0854
	Keller, Theresa	06-0380
*	Poulin, Donald	06-0595
	<b>Total due on 6/30/2024</b>	<b>\$3,974.42</b>
	<b>Total due on 12/31/2024</b>	<b>\$2,685.17</b>

*\* Denotes paid in full or in part on or before 12/31/2024*

Amounts due include all taxes, interest, penalties, and expenses. Pursuant to updated confidentiality laws, the VT Dept. of Property Valuation & Review and the VLCT strongly suggest that no individual delinquent amounts be printed in town reports.

## SURPLUS & DEFICIT REPORT

( ) denotes a negative balance

<b>MUNICIPAL</b>		<b>HIGHWAY</b>	
FY10 Surplus	304980.00	FY10 Surplus	0.00
FY11 Deficit	(79890.00)	FY11 Deficit	(30288.00)
FY12 Deficit	(16419.00)	FY12 Surplus	123291.00
FY13 Surplus	28116.00	FY13 Surplus	395452.00
FY14 Deficit	(66565.00)	FY14 Deficit	(739941.00)
FY15 Deficit	(13709.00)	FY15 Surplus	237471.00
FY16 Surplus	63822.00	FY16 Deficit	(73456.00)
FY17 Surplus	64116.00	FY17 Surplus	133145.00
FY18 Deficit	(11908.00)	FY18 Surplus	86870.00
FY19 Surplus	126906.00	FY19 Surplus	18656.00
FY20 Surplus	5211.00	FY20 Surplus	149904.00
FY21 Deficit	(118677.00)	FY21 Deficit	(61254.00)
FY22 Surplus	201264.00	FY22 Surplus	29733.00
FY23 Surplus	36218.98	FY23 Surplus	7781.91
FY24 Surplus	135091.85	FY24 Deficit	(438214.00)
<b>ACCUMULATED</b>			
Municipal Surplus/Deficit	<b>658557.83</b>	Highway Surplus/Deficit	<b>(160849.09)</b>
<b>TOTAL deficit/surplus as of end of Fiscal Year on June 30, 2024</b>			
<b>\$497,708.74</b>			

*NOTE: historically, a surplus is carried over to the next fiscal year rather than borrowing money in anticipation of taxes collected.*

## RESERVED & RESTRICTED FUNDS REPORT

( ) denotes a negative balance

<b>FY24</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Town Appropriations</b>	<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
#201 Equipment Replacement	86,691.25	250,000.00	46,510.41	107,468.95	275,732.71
#202 Emergency Highway	(26028.65)	86,000.00	720.95	0.00	60,692.30
#203 Town Forest	18,288.85	0.00	271.71	0.00	18,560.56
#300 Lister Reappraisal	41,045.40	0.00	8487.18	36,100.00	13,432.58
#320 Paving Fund	228,037.74	25,000.00	3685.72	0.00	256,723.46
#302 Record Restoration	14,442.49	0.00	4,103.37	1583.81	16,962.05
#205 HWY Major Projects	287,682.44	300,000.00	47,959.24	375,778.18	259,863.50
#306 ARPA Funds	2,584.98	0.00	188,830.98	186,162.24	5,253.72
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>652,744.50</b>	<b>661,000.00</b>	<b>300,569.56</b>	<b>707,093.18</b>	<b>907,220.88</b>
#400 Conservation Commission Fund	80,114.48	0.00	1,207.40	0.00	81,321.88

## FY SUMMARY OF GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT

	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY24</b>
General Checking Account Balance – Ending Previous Year	570,216.80	796,095.83	973,980.23
ADD: current year total credits	6,827,111.20	6,487,117.05	7,946,823.29
DEDUCT: current year total debits	6,601,232.17	6,309,232.65	8,527,970.75
FY Account Balance to be Reconciled	796,095.83	973,980.23	392,832.77
Add uncleared deposits as of end of fiscal year	2,095.00	0.00	24,636.09
Deduct uncleared checks as of end of fiscal year	3,710.59	15,327.91	49,396.82
Reconciled Bank Balance as of end of fiscal year	<b>794,480.24</b>	<b>958,652.32</b>	<b>368,072.04</b>

<b>HWY DEPT. BUDGET</b>	<b>Actual FY22</b>	<b>Actual FY23</b>	<b>Actual FY24</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>Budget FY26</b>
Highway Revenue to be Raised in Taxes	741,558.00	861,675.00	876685.00	1487237.00	1,617,056.00
SURPLUS to Lower Taxes		200,000.00			
<b>PROJECTS &amp; GRANTS</b>					
<b>REVOLVING</b>					
Grants in Aid	46,391.32	0.00	0.00	Please	Please
<b>GRANTS</b>				See	See
Shared Use Path Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	Grants	Grants
Bridge 30 Scour (BC2123)	0.00	0.00	0.00	and	and
Lime Pond Rd Structures Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	Projects	Projects
Broad Brook Culvert (BC2220)	0.00	0.00	0.00	Moved to	Moved to
Better Roads E.B. Rd Bank Slide	0.00	0.00	0.00	Reserved	Reserved
Materials Reimbursement	2,729.25	4,574.14	6.00	0.00	0.00
State Aid	149,334.10	135,665.40	139705.09	130000.00	143891.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES</b>	<b>960,912.43</b>	<b>1,209,527.04</b>	<b>1016396.09</b>	<b>1617237.00</b>	<b>1,760,947.00</b>

<b>HWY DEPT. EXPENSES</b>					
<b>EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS</b>					
Fuels	85,030.99	59,403.39	60292.89	80000.00	70000.00
Insurance	3,385.94	8,511.19	7950.03	9200.00	9000.00
Maintenance: Excavator	1,566.21	106.71	3345.66	6500.00	1500.00
Maintenance: One-Ton Trucks	8,475.98	7,376.35	11628.72	2500.00	2500.00
Maintenance: Grader	3,946.77	13,232.60	2004.82	7500.00	7500.00
Maintenance: Loader	157.14				



		756.13	4981.79	5000.00	5000.00
Maintenance: Misc. Equip.	2,971.43	1,012.19	5353.19	3000.00	2000.00
Maintenance: Dump Trucks	18,510.72	33,056.01	58061.30	30000.00	30000.00
Maintenance: Roadside Mower	0.00	0.00	147.39	6500.00	500.00
<b>TOTAL, EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>124,045.18</b>	<b>123,454.57</b>	<b>153765.79</b>	<b>150200.00</b>	<b>128000.00</b>
<b>GARAGE OPERATIONS</b>					
Insurance	2,432.44	5,439.94	7261.16	8500.00	8500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	2,824.03	11,400.34	4857.52	35000.00	5000.00
Supplies & Tools	7,949.58	5,480.36	5263.56	4500.00	4500.00
Utilities	2,232.29	2,048.16	2040.07	2500.00	2500.00
<b>TOTAL, GARAGE OPERATIONS</b>	<b>15,438.34</b>	<b>24,368.80</b>	<b>19422.31</b>	<b>50500.00</b>	<b>20500.00</b>
<b>MATERIALS</b>					
Chloride	8,080.00	8,327.05	6.49	9000.00	5000.00
Culverts	8,365.80	10,176.97	969.98	10000.00	5000.00
Gravel & Hardpack	64,892.35	51,775.72	187670.27	95000.00	95000.00
Guardrails & Signs	3,432.97	2,336.34	1782.69	5000.00	5000.00
Heavy stone	3,866.00	441.00	0.00	4000.00	2500.00
Misc. supplies	981.99	174.90	1100.14	500.00	1000.00
Patch paving/ Resurfacing	0.00	183.30	987.50	3000.00	1000.00
Salt	17,238.54	25,149.17	28605.42	35000.00	35000.00
Sand	35,339.77	8,316.00	16999.00	25000.00	25000.00
<b>TOTAL, MATERIALS</b>	<b>142,197.42</b>	<b>106,880.45</b>	<b>238121.49</b>	<b>186500.00</b>	<b>174500.00</b>

<b>PROJECTS AND GRANTS*</b>	<b>Actual FY22</b>	<b>Actual FY23</b>	<b>Actual FY24</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>Budget FY26</b>
Class IV Road Maintenance	653.60	0.00	2894.00	0.00	
Grants In Aid	14,875.75	211.10	5670.00	0.00	Please
Mun.Rd.Gen.Perm.	1,350.00	1,765.00	1350.00	2000.00	See
Engineering Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Grants
Better Roads E.B. Rd Bank Slide	0.00	0.00	0.00	Please	and
Broad Brook Culvert (BC2220)	0.00	0.00	43.50	See	Projects
Bridge 30 Scour (BC2123)	0.00	0.00	0.00	Grants	Moved to
Lime Pond Rd Structures Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	and	Reserved
Shared Use Path Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	Projects	
<b>TOTAL, PROJECTS &amp; GRANTS</b>	<b>36,257.90</b>	<b>7,817.00</b>	<b>9957.50</b>	<b>2000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>ROAD CREW</b>					
Health//HRA Benefits	102,758.74	96,258.64	108369.31	153600.00	144851.00
Disability Insurance	1,436.52	1,463.27	1122.87	1600.00	2496.00
Insurance - Unemploy & Work.Comp.	6,161.67	17,149.74	13199.35	17000.00	17500.00
Retirement Funding	12,823.88	12,263.44	14183.94	18060.00	22500.00
Social Security Taxes	15,696.36	14,433.14	15813.77	21277.00	23100.00
Uniforms	9,761.67	8,989.02	8322.33	8500.00	10000.00
Training			0.00	0.00	2500.00
Wages: Crew	133,079.81	149,836.00	123869.63	180000.00	200000.00
Wages: Crew Overtime	10,998.41	22,330.88	12877.20	11000.00	15000.00
Wages: Foreman	54,080.06	15,786.18	61506.30	60000.00	72000.00
Wages: Foreman Overtime	7,020.00	714.00	13078.32	7000.00	8000.00
Wages: Extra Help	0.00	0.00	0.00	5000.00	5000.00
			0.00	120000.00	0.00

Art. 9 3/24 4th Road Crew Member					
<b>TOTAL ROAD CREW</b>	353,817.12	339,224.31	372343.02	483037.00	522947.00
<b>SUB-CONTRACTED SERVICES</b>					
Equipment Rental	3,943.20	0.00	0.00	5000.00	5000.00
Tree Removal	3,480.00	0.00	0.00	10000.00	10000.00
<b>TOTAL, SUB-CONTR. SERV.</b>	7,423.20	0.00	0.00	15000.00	15000.00
<b>UNBUDGETED</b>					
<b>TOTAL, UNBUDGETED</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSFERS TO RESERVED FUND</b>					
Equipment Replacement Fund	75,000.00	100,000.00	250000.00	250000.00	250000.00
Emergency Highway Repair	0.00	0.00	86000.00	20000.00	20000.00
Projects & Grants	100,000.00	225,000.00	300000.00	300000.00	600000.00
Class IV Road Repair	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	15000.00	5000.00
Paving	75,000.00	75,000.00	25000.00	25000.00	25000.00
<b>TOTAL, HIGHWAY TRANSFERS</b>	252,000.00	400,000.00	661000.00	610000.00	900000.00
<b><u>TOTAL HIGHWAY SPENDING</u></b>	<b><u>931,179.16</u></b>	<b><u>1,001,745.13</u></b>	<b><u>1454610.11</u></b>	<b><u>1497237.00</u></b>	<b><u>1760947.00</u></b>

<b>MUNICIPAL BUDGET</b>	<b>Actual FY22</b>	<b>Actual FY23</b>	<b>Actual FY24</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>Budget FY26</b>
Municipal Revenue to be Raised	614,216.35	532,943.95	405992.71	589462.65	746,508.00
Delinquent Prop. Taxes to be Collected	37,203.25	7,847.06	202052.94	0.00	0.00
Interest	21,209.93	16,979.14	29059.22	12500.00	9000.00
Penalties	23,499.92	16,297.05	7372.94	5000.00	5000.00
Tax Collection Expenses Reimbursed	100.00	225.00	18394.05	100.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL, MUNICIPAL TAXES</b>	<b>696,229.45</b>	<b>574,292.20</b>	<b>662871.86</b>	<b>607062.65</b>	<b>705508.00</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
Bank Interest	4,412.37	18,031.06	26800.71	15000.00	20000.00
Miscellaneous	529.19	494.61	886.60	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL, MISC. REVENUE</b>	<b>9,103.99</b>	<b>18,525.67</b>	<b>27687.31</b>	<b>15000.00</b>	<b>20000.00</b>
<b>STATE OF VERMONT &amp; FEDERAL</b>					
Current Use Reimbursement	143,172.50	140,411.00	149701.00	140000.00	150000.00
Judicial Fines	10,686.01	7,215.24	9128.14	10000.00	7000.00
PILOT Prog/ Lease Land	24,597.80	25,230.46	25453.46	25000.00	23000.00
State Municipal Grants	0.00	0.00	4000.00	0.00	0.00
Zoning/Planning Grants	0.00	0.00	9923.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL, STATE OF VT</b>	<b>178,456.31</b>	<b>172,856.70</b>	<b>198205.60</b>	<b>175000.00</b>	<b>180000.00</b>

**TOWN OFFICE**

Town Office Fees	16,918.75	5,490.75	3783.00	10000.00	4000.00
Liquor Licenses//Cannabis	715.00	1,130.00	815.00	915.00	915.00
Recording Fees	0.00	14,583.00	8601.00	9000.00	7500.00
Town Hall Rental	4,550.00	3,625.00	5700.00	3500.00	3500.00
Zoning Permits	2,895.00	2,530.00	1765.00	1500.00	1500.00
<b>TOTAL, TOWN OFFICE</b>	<b>25,078.75</b>	<b>27,358.75</b>	<b>20664.00</b>	<b>24915.00</b>	<b>17415.00</b>
<b>TRANSFER STATION FEES</b>					
Recyclables	3,098.92	1,872.93	2305.66	0.00	2000.00
Transfer Ticket Sales	46,872.21	49,171.00	53500.00	54000.00	60000.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSFER STATION</b>	<b>50,279.13</b>	<b>51,043.93</b>	<b>55805.66</b>	<b>54000.00</b>	<b>62000.00</b>
<b><u>TOTAL MUNICIPAL REVENUES</u></b>	<b><u>959,147.63</u></b>	<b><u>844,077.25</u></b>	<b><u>965234.43</u></b>	<b><u>875977.65</u></b>	<b><u>984923.00</u></b>

**MUNICIPAL EXPENSES**

<b>NON-PETITIONED APPROPRIATIONS:</b>					
Barnard Cemetery Comm.	35,000.00	43,074.00	38827.00	44473.00	47164.00
Barnard Historical Society	3,000.00	3,000.00	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
Barnard Vol. Fire Dept.	62,000.00	62,000.00	62000.00	65000.00	65000.00
Broad Brook Vol. Fire Dept.	15,000.00	15,000.00	15000.00	15000.00	15000.00
Conservation Commission Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Danforth Library	9,000.00	9,000.00	12000.00	12400.00	12400.00

	<b>Actual FY22</b>	<b>Actual FY23</b>	<b>Actual FY24</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>Budget FY26</b>
Recreation Committee	8,000.00	8,000.00	8000.00	8000.00	5000.00
<b>PETITIONED APPROPRIATIONS:</b>					
Health Care & Rehab. Serv. SE VT	975.00	975.00	975.00	975.00	0.00
Ottauquechee Health Foundation	1,500.00	1,500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
Spectrum Teen Center	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
The Thompson Center	3,000.00	3,000.00	3000.00	4000.00	4000.00
Visiting Nurses Assoc.	3,700.00	3,700.00	3700.00	0.00	0.00
Windsor County Mentors	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
WISE	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00
Bethel Area Food Shelf	0.00	0.00	0.00	2000.00	2000.00
<b>TOTAL, APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>203,504.17</b>	<b>234,435.65</b>	<b>149252.00</b>	<b>157998.00</b>	<b>156314.00</b>
<b>AUDITORS' OFFICE</b>					
Auditor's Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Auditor's Soc. Sec. Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	0.00	12.00	10.00	50.00	50.00
External Audit	7,500.00	7,850.00	8150.00	8500.00	8500.00
Town Reports	3,356.48	4,709.70	5078.32	5000.00	2000.00
<b>TOTAL, AUDITORS' OFFICE</b>	<b>10,856.48</b>	<b>12,571.70</b>	<b>13238.32</b>	<b>13550.00</b>	<b>10550.00</b>
<b>BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY</b>	<b>1,633.61</b>	<b>3,539.57</b>	<b>1652.36</b>	<b>6000.00</b>	<b>3000.00</b>
<b>COUNTY TAXES</b>					
Courthouse Bond	6,337.00	6,425.12	6531.39	Pd in Full	0.00
County Taxes	13,515.00	14,348.00	15872.49	20683.26	21896.00
<b>TOTAL, COUNTY TAXES</b>	<b>19,852.00</b>	<b>20,773.12</b>	<b>22403.88</b>	<b>20683.26</b>	<b>21896.00</b>

<b>CURRENT TAX COLLECTION</b>					
Collector's Salary	10,367.24	10,990.20	12300.08	12300.00	15000.00
Expenses	2,221.83	2,887.99	3301.59	2000.00	2000.00
Social Security Taxes	<u>793.00</u>	<u>840.32</u>	<u>941.20</u>	<u>996.00</u>	<u>1155.00</u>
TOTAL, CURRENT TAX COLLECTION	13,382.07	14,718.51	16542.87	15296.00	18155.00
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>					
Collector's Salary	10,367.24	10,990.20	12300.08	12300.00	15000.00
Expenses	2,249.45	2,320.97	20295.95	2000.00	2000.00
Social Security Taxes	793.00	840.32	941.20	996.00	1155.00
TOTAL, DELINQ. TAX COLL.	13,409.69	14,151.49	33537.23	15296.00	18155.00
<b>DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD</b>					
Clerical Wages	1,920.00	2,694.90	1222.50	2520.00	2520.00
Expenses & Notices	1,081.44	750.38	255.00	700.00	700.00
Social Security Taxes	146.92	206.20	93.54	204.00	194.00
TOTAL, DEV. REV. BD.	3,148.36	3,651.48	1571.04	3424.00	3414.00
<b>FIRE &amp; RESCUE BUILDING</b>					
Insurance	1,523.48	5,134.73	4822.02	5800.00	6000.00
Maintenance & Repair	923.48	4,566.00	1776.00	2000.00	3000.00
Solar System - Maint. & Repair	256.15	266.51	317.30	250.00	3500.00
Utilities - Electricity	551.41	454.22	809.28	400.00	1000.00
Utilities - Heat	3,955.60	1,962.56	3323.86	4500.00	4500.00
Loan repayment - principle	82,377.07	82,377.07	82377.07	82377.07	82377.00
Loan repayment - interest	18,997.34	16,653.77	14130.43	11727.00	8000.00
TOTAL, EMERG. SERV. BLDG	108,584.53	111,414.86	107555.96	107054.07	108377.00

	<b>Actual FY22</b>	<b>Actual FY23</b>	<b>Actual FY24</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>Budget FY26</b>
Insurance					
Maintenance & Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	292.72	296.51	292.92	200.00	200.00
<b>TOTAL, OLD FIRE STATION</b>	<b>537.12</b>	<b>540.91</b>	<b>292.92</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>450.00</b>
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>					
Clerical Wages	990.00	1,125.00	802.50	1080.00	750.00
Consulting	3,457.36	7,459.97	2761.79	6000.00	0.00
Expenses & Notices	13.00	20.00	153.39	300.00	300.00
Social Security Taxes	75.77	86.09	61.42	88.00	58.00
Energy Committee	0.00	179.88	0.00	200.00	200.00
<b>TOTAL, PLANNING COMM.</b>	<b>4,536.13</b>	<b>8,870.94</b>	<b>3779.10</b>	<b>7668.00</b>	<b>1308.00</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Constables' Office	297.63	813.56	783.07	820.00	1450.00
Windsor County Sheriffs	27,280.80	39,573.60	50004.00	50000.00	50000.00
White River Valley Ambulance	Moved from	Appropriations	66551.87	78368.00	86304.00
911 Expenses	0.00	0.00	38.10	0.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL, PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>27,578.43</b>	<b>40,387.16</b>	<b>117377.04</b>	<b>129188.00</b>	<b>137804.00</b>
<b>SELECTMEN'S OFFICE</b>					
Administrative Officer Wages	16,323.98	18,727.50	23534.10	20000.00	50000.00
Admin: Health//HRA Benefits		0.00	0.00	0.00	35101.00
Admin: Retirement Funding		0.00	0.00	0.00	3750.00
Contingency Expense	9,396.08	8,324.20	154.80	3000.00	2000.00
Expenses & Supplies	1,989.30	1,840.92	3616.59	2000.00	2000.00
Insurance: General Liability	857.76	2,604.72	3212.24	4300.00	4700.00
Insurance: Public Officials	574.94	1,916.69	1516.96	1800.00	1800.00



Insurance: Work. Comp//Unemployment	743.16	1,158.38	1062.99	1200.00	4500.00
Legal Fees	4,485.38	3,810.00	1688.21	10000.00	15000.00
Library Mowing/Plowing	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Selectmen's Wages	4,244.03	5,164.15	7401.32	9000.00	15000.00
Social Security Taxes	1,582.48	1,827.54	2719.61	2350.00	5005.00
Streetlights	1,671.10	1,704.40	1771.28	2000.00	2000.00
VT League Cities & Towns	0.00	2,702.00	2404.00	2479.00	2534.00
Green Up	Moved from	Appropriations	100.00	50.00	100.00
Two-Rivers Ott. Plan. Comm.	Moved from	Appropriations	1617.00	1667.00	1717.00
Woodstock Library	Moved from	Appropriations	0.00	200.00	210.00
Website Maintenance	1,805.45	1,680.62	1563.68	3500.00	2000.00
Town Operations IT	5,134.51	8,605.00	7653.23	7824.00	7500.00
<b>ASSESSOR'S OFFICE</b>					
Contract	35,550.00	38,100.00	40800.00	43200.00	46440.00
Mapping/GIS	5,450.00	3,000.00	4575.00	4000.00	5000.00
Expense/supplies	3,522.67	4,161.41	9505.68	5750.00	6000.00
Equipment	104.94	152.90	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL, SELECTMEN'S OFFICE</b>	<b>93,550.78</b>	<b>105,480.43</b>	<b>115396.69</b>	<b>124820.00</b>	<b>212857.00</b>
<b>SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT</b>					
Alliance Fees	11,287.94	12,431.07	12431.07	12431.07	12500.00
Hauling & Disposal	49,028.05	51,636.01	62789.14	60000.00	60000.00
Landfill Monitoring	4,260.00	6,555.00	2185.00	5000.00	3000.00
Operating Maintenance & Repair	1,044.70	2,550.87	202.90	5000.00	2500.00
Social Security Taxes	777.24	758.89	768.07	1011.25	963.00
Utilities	704.49	2,284.81	500.89	1000.00	1000.00

	<b>Actual FY22</b>	<b>Actual FY23</b>	<b>Actual FY24</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>Budget FY26</b>
VT Franchise Tax	958.45	886.41	689.42	1200.00	1000.00
Wages	10,160.00	9,920.00	10040.00	12500.00	12500.00
Workman's Comp//Unemployment. Ins.	672.69	1,524.64	1068.69	1225.00	2000.00
<b>TOTAL, SOLID WASTE MGT.</b>	<b>78,893.56</b>	<b>88,547.70</b>	<b>90675.18</b>	<b>99367.32</b>	<b>95463.00</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE</b>					
Assistant's Wages	10,031.45	11,739.21	15809.22	11360.00	15600.00
Clerk's Salary	25,712.44	25,712.44	27030.12	27030.00	30000.00
Continuing Education	87.50	27.50	17.50	100.00	50.00
Equipment	2,194.94	246.54	849.43	1000.00	500.00
Expenses & Supplies	4,287.75	5,869.39	2727.66	3000.00	3500.00
Clerk: OnLine Records Monthly Expenses	5,479.50	8,462.72	7200.00	6300.00	6350.00
Health//HRA Benefits	11,985.47	10,490.05	14723.85	14400.00	17051.00
Record Restoration	15,686.60	1,318.50	1834.55	500.00	500.00
Retirement Funding	4,329.00	4,672.20	5416.84	5079.00	6750.00
Social Security Taxes	2,763.61	2,865.18	3277.40	4025.00	3512.00
Telephone & Internet	482.98	509.00	567.76	500.00	500.00
<b>TOTAL, TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE</b>	<b>83,041.24</b>	<b>71,912.73</b>	<b>79454.33</b>	<b>73294.00</b>	<b>84313.00</b>
<b>TOWN HALL</b>					
Social Security Taxes	0.00	0.00	294.37	162.00	385.00
Cleaning - Wages	0.00	0.00	3848.00	2000.00	5000.00
Insurance	2,319.56	7,222.31	5238.99	5800.00	6000.00
Maintenance and Repair	6,911.46	5,095.82	4829.74	35000.00	5000.00
Rental Refunds	400.00	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00

Utilities	5,586.52	5,544.65	4505.84	7000.00	6000.00
<b>TOTAL, TOWN HALL</b>	<b>36,919.84</b>	<b>17,937.78</b>	<b>18791.94</b>	<b>49962.00</b>	<b>22385.00</b>
<b>TREASURER'S OFFICE</b>					
Assistant's Wages	14,455.50	15,346.73	19043.47	15600.00	31200.00
Continuing Education	27.50	97.50	367.50	100.00	50.00
Equipment	1,817.94	352.51	249.43	500.00	500.00
Expenses & Supplies	2,879.90	3,549.92	6603.63	2500.00	2500.00
Social Security Taxes	2,697.61	2,862.45	3483.73	3405.00	4712.00
Treasurer's Salary	20,815.60	22,065.16	26500.24	26500.00	30000.00
<b>TOTAL, TREASURER'S OFFICE</b>	<b>42,694.05</b>	<b>44,274.27</b>	<b>56248.00</b>	<b>48605.00</b>	<b>68962.00</b>
<b>ZONING ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Expenses	1,304.80	838.90	879.64	500.00	250.00
Social Security Taxes	217.18	153.27	101.58	212.00	270.00
Wages	2,838.75	2,002.80	1327.50	2610.00	3500.00
Zoning Permit refunds	0.00	0.00	65.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL, ZONING ADMIN.</b>	<b>4,360.73</b>	<b>2,994.97</b>	<b>2373.72</b>	<b>3322.00</b>	<b>4020.00</b>
<b>TOTAL UNBUDGETED</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Energy Coordinator -3/20 art. 9	10,489.50	11,655.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Library Windows - 3/24 Art 7</u>		0.00	0.00	16500.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL, SPEC. VOTED ART.</b>	<b>10,489.50</b>	<b>11,655.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TRANSFERS TO RESERVED FUNDS</b>					
Town Building Improvements		0.00	0.00	0.00	72500.00
<b><u>TOTAL MUNICIPAL SPENDING</u></b>	<b><u>757,883.51</u></b>	<b><u>807,858.27</u></b>	<b><u>830,142.58</u></b>	<b><u>892,477.65</u></b>	<b><u>1,039,923.00</u></b>

**UPDATES OF ORGANIZATIONS  
THAT RECEIVE TOWN APPROPRIATIONS**

**BARNARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Barnard Historical Society is rebuilding the organization. In 2020, the society had a successful Go Fund Me campaign for a new roof and may consider a similar campaign for necessary repairs to the Village Schoolhouse building. At present the society does not have sufficient membership to hold a fundraiser but they are investigating grant resources. If you are interested in helping rebuild the Barnard Historical Society, please reach out to them! In 2024 the Historical Society held two programs: the sign at the site of the first settlement of Barnard was installed and, there was a celebration of the donation by Joe LaDouceur of the shotgun used to hunt the last panther killed in Vermont – the Barnard Panther. In addition, George Keller of the Barnard Spirit has been drawing on the Barnard Historical Society books and artifacts to promote the history of Barnard in his publication. The Historical Society looks forward to a visit on June 28, 2025, mid-day, by a Marquis de LaFayette interpreter as they recognize the 200-year anniversary of LaFayette’s stop at the Akins Stand on his tour as a distinguished guest of the United States. Stay tuned for more information on the listserv about this event.

**Barnard Historical Society Financial Report**

	<u>6/30/2022</u>	<u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>6/30/2024</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Checking	\$3,236.02	\$ 136.71	\$1,495.14
Savings	\$1,112.96	\$4,115.27	\$1,117.78
CD	\$3,105.22	\$3,105.22	\$3,182.52
Total Assets	\$7,454.20	\$7,357.20	\$5,795.44
<b>Income</b>			

Town of Barnard	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Donations	\$ 350.00	---	\$ 270.00
Interest	\$ 0.11	\$ 2.31	\$ 79.81
Total Income	\$3,350.11	\$3,002.31	\$3,349.81
<b>Expenses</b>			
Electric	\$ 270.86	\$ 258.57	\$ 309.12
PO BOX Rent	\$ 84.00	\$ 96.00	---
Lawn Care	\$ 750.00	---	\$1,050.00
Book Purchases	---	\$ 875.00	---
Supplies	\$ 84.26	---	---
Insurance	\$2,134.50	\$1,869.74	\$3,552.45
Dues	\$ 50.00	---	---
Total Expenses	\$3,373.62	\$3,099.31	\$4,911.57

### **BETHEL AREA FOOD SHELF**

The Bethel Area Food Shelf serves Barnard, Bethel, Pittsfield, and Stockbridge. The hours are Mondays from 12pm-1pm and Thursdays from 5pm-7pm. In FY24, the Bethel Area Food Shelf helped 270 unique families for a total of 700+ individuals in the region. Of this number, 10 of the families were from Barnard, for a total of 34 individuals. From 2020 to 2024, 6% of the people served by the Bethel Area Food Shelf lived in Barnard. The food shelf is operated by volunteers and no person is paid for their work or time. The food shelf is supplied with fresh produce, bread, and dairy products by regional gleaning nonprofit Willing Hands, and new this year is a partnership with Shaw's Supermarket in Randolph, which accounts for approx. 20% of monthly inventory. The food shelf is a Network Partner of the Vermont Foodbank, meaning that there is access to free and reduced-price food and eligibility for grant opportunities to support fundraising efforts.

## **BARNARD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE**

From July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, Barnard Volunteer Fire & Rescue (BVFD) responded to 67 calls. The calls were for fire, first response, mutual aid to neighboring towns, motor vehicle accidents, assorted alarms, odor investigations, and power lines down. There are currently 26 volunteers on the roster and 11 of them respond to both firefighter and first responder calls. Training this year included the new Vermont Emergency First Responder Course (VEFR), two live fire trainings, and scenario training with the Vermont State Police. The BVFD also hosted Fire Safety Day at Barnard Academy in October; activities and presentations were led by Amanda Hull, and all hope that she will continue to be the organizer of this annual event!

At the 2024 business meeting, Mike Manning stepped down as Captain and Mike Johnson stepped down as Lieutenant. Both remain active in the department and continue to respond to calls. Current BVFD leadership is: Chief Stuart Hull Jr., Assistant Chief Brodie Webster, Captain Steve Johnson, Captain Jake Rhoades, Lieutenant John Hull, and Lieutenant Jeff Tracy. As always, you can find them at the firehouse on Tuesdays at 7PM.

### **Barnard Volunteer Fire & Rescue Financial Report**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b><u>7/1/2021</u></b>	<b><u>7/1/2022</u></b>	<b><u>7/1/2023</u></b>
	\$43,580.71	\$47,082.49	\$65,030.11
<b>Income</b>			
Town of Barnard	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$65,000.00
Fundraisers	\$20,399.39	\$19,824.70	\$18,388.31
Other Donations	\$9,364.00	\$13,354.87	\$11,025.00
Refunds, Interest	\$1,248.71	\$884.80	\$643.22
Total Income	\$93,012.10	\$96,064.37	\$95,056.53
<b>Expenses</b>			
Insurance	\$13,682.00	\$13,636.00	\$13,843.50

MSB Loan Pmt (vehicles)	\$27,887.88	\$27,912.88	\$27,725.80
Radio Communications System	\$3,451.84	\$728.34	\$5,530.73
Fundraisers	\$7,764.61	\$7,494.15	\$9,531.27
Equipment purchases, repairs	\$12,224.68	\$5,929.62	\$44,004.74
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>			
Fire Truck	\$12,078.60	\$1,637.50	\$3,204.57
Rescue Truck	---	\$2,544.27	\$5,797.50
Ranger ATV	\$321.07	---	\$1,727.01
Structural Firefighting Gear (ONE SET)	\$3,787.20	---	\$3,786.45
Misc: gas, phone, internet, building, administration	\$8,312.45	\$9,233.99	\$10,861.65
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$89,510.33</b>	<b>\$78,116.75</b>	<b>\$126,013.22</b>
<b>Carry Over Balance</b>	<b>\$47,082.49</b>	<b>\$65,030.11</b>	<b>\$31,949.40</b>

### **BROAD BROOK VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION**

The Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Association (BBVFA) is in its 70<sup>th</sup> year. Officers of the firefighting crew are Art Lewin, Fire Chief and Fred Schlabach, Deputy Chief. The BBVFA had 1 call this year. (They reported 10 in 2024, 9 in 2023, and 8 in 2022.)

In July the BBVFA held their annual Firemen's Fun Day to gather community and raise funds. The BBVFA modernized their communications platform this year by enrolling in eDispatches, which allows for calls to come in on members' cell phones as both SMS and an in-app alert (app is also used for logistics). The BBVFA also plans to replace their heating system and have a

subcommittee exploring alternatives such as heat pumps or switching to propane. (The existing fuel tank is not in compliance with Vermont State Regulations.) Finally, after witnessing the Barnard Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department's UTV equipment play a crucial role in attacking the perimeter of two wildfires, the BBVFA is investigating options to purchase or lease their own UTV with a fire/rescue skid. As for their tanker, it is still in good working condition but needs to be upgraded to a 4x4 chassis or replaced altogether, which will be investigated followed by a recommendation to the trustees and/or the Barnard Selectboard.

### **Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Association Financial Report**

	<b><u>6/30/2022</u></b>	<b><u>6/30/2023</u></b>	<b><u>6/30/2024</u></b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Checking	\$26,303.10	\$33,319.14	\$29,478.69
Money Market	\$50,006.04	\$ 4,115.27	\$ 1,117.78
Total Assets	\$76,309.14	\$83,343.24	\$79,486.23
<b>Income</b>			
Town of Barnard	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Donations	\$1,600.00	\$100.00	\$400.00
Interest	\$18.06	\$18.07	\$18.07
Fall Fundraiser	---	---	\$718.00
Fun Day	\$2946.00	\$2,240.00	\$2,189.00
EBCC ECFiber Split	\$280.00	\$701.72	\$709.30
VT ANR 50/50	---	---	\$1,162.47
Total Income	\$19,844.06	\$18,059.79	\$19,304.37
<b>Expenses</b>			
Insurance	\$5,815.00	\$5,909.00	\$5951.00



Equipment & Supplies	\$2,908.48	\$5,236.34	\$1,808.19
Utilities	\$2,989.03	\$3,004.53	\$3,129.28
Building Maintenance	\$750.00	\$908.32	\$480.00
Equipment Maintenance	---	---	\$499.09
Vehicle Maintenance	\$116.75	\$451.31	\$280.19
Training	--	\$210.00	\$600.00
Fall Fundraiser	--	--	\$297.64
Fun Day	\$1,451.87	\$1,535.02	\$1,586.81
Hall Use Donation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$15,031.13	\$18,254.52	\$15,632.20
<b>Carry Over Balance</b>	<b>\$81,122.07</b>	<b>\$83,148.51</b>	<b>\$82,888.40</b>

### **SPECTRUM TEEN CENTER**

The Spectrum Teen Center offers free events for students in grades 7 – 12 of the Mountain Views Supervisory Union. In 2024, the Center provided over 15 free (and fun!) events for teens, including outdoor pizza nights, art events at Artistree, mini golfing, local hikes, and movie nights at Pentangle with up to sixty teenagers in attendance. The Center’s annual revenue is \$6,000 and 12.5% of the funding is from the Town of Barnard.

### **CHARLES B. DANFORTH LIBRARY**

For FY24 the library was staffed by the five town-elected trustees and volunteer Cindy Long. The library had 344 visits where a total of 211 adult books and 129 children’s books were borrowed. The library was also the meeting place for 10 community groups and 61 people attended public events and programs. The trustees hosted three public events during FY24. In October 2023, Geza

Tatrallyay read from his most recent thrillers, *Arctic Meltdown & Arctic Inferno*. In April 2024, the trustees hosted a group reading by local poets Danny Dover, Jim Reiman, and Geza Tatrallyay, and in June 2024, Sara Widness read from her recent memoir, *Girl on the Prow*. In addition, Trustee Margaret Edwards continued to write a monthly column called A VERMONT WRITER for *The Barnard Bulletin*.

The library's fiction and non-fiction collections remain current through regular book purchases and periodic book donations. The trustees devoted many volunteer hours to weeding out the library's collection and donating books to Better World Books or to the Norman Williams Public Library in Woodstock for its annual book sale. The library welcomes new volunteers at any time to help with one-time or ongoing library needs. FY24 library building improvements included installing an entrance ramp and railings; painting the exterior of the building; repairing and painting the storage closet walls and ceiling; creating a library sign for the building, plus an *Open Hours* sign for the door; and buying a colorful rug for the Children's Corner. At Town Meeting 2024, residents approved \$16,500 to restore the library's original windows, and work will be completed by Michael S. Cotroneo of Cabinetmaking & Millwork in Morrisville. Library membership is free for full- and part-time residents of Barnard and East Barnard communities. The library's funding sources are CD interest, private donations, town appropriations, and stock dividends that are restricted to use for the purchase of books only. The library did not host fundraisers or apply for grants; however, the trustees had the library deemed eligible for listing in the state's register of historic places in anticipation of applying for a Historic Preservation Grant that would reimburse some of the cost of replacing the roof.

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## Charles B. Danforth Library Financial Report

	<u>6/30/2022</u>	<u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>6/30/2024</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Perry Trust Fund Total Stock Holdings Value (Restricted)	\$26,847.56	\$28,160.43	\$30,649.98
Checking (Restricted)	\$3,438.46	\$3,347.87	\$3,205.93
Checking	\$8,352.96	\$18,361.35	\$8,863.35
CD	\$6,563.79	\$0.00	\$12,136.48
Total Assets	\$18,355.21	\$21,709.22	\$24,205.76
<b>Income</b>			
Town of Barnard	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$12,000.00
Donations	\$2,300	\$888.00	\$1,260.00
Restricted Funds for Books	\$5.77	\$0.00	\$0.00
CD Interest	\$9.88	\$136.48	\$69.97
Stock Dividends	\$736.04	\$792.20	\$834.08
Total Income	\$12,051.69	\$10,816.68	\$14,164.05
<b>Expenses</b>			
Books/Media	\$1985.58	\$1871.44	\$2,327.64
Insurance	\$1,091.10	\$1,789.45	\$1,898.39
Electricity	\$582.00	\$616.27	\$718.43
Phone/Internet	\$1,242.69	\$1,249.32	\$1,343.43
Propane	\$1,146.69	\$995.82	\$1,373.95
Expenses, Supplies	\$635.85	\$907.77	\$862.21
Building Maintenance	\$1,963.77	\$890.07	\$2,762.34
Misc.	\$50.00	---	---
Total Expenses	\$ 8,697.68	\$ 8,320.14	\$11,286.39
<b>Carry Over Balance</b>	\$21,709.22	\$24,205.76	\$27,083.42

### SENIOR SOLUTIONS

Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc.) promotes the well-being and dignity of older adults. The vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice,

with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community. Senior Solutions financially supports local meal providers by administering federal and state funds to help them operate, but Senior Solutions does not use town funding to support senior meals and does not benefit from any funds the towns provide directly to meal sites. Senior Solutions also supports transportation services, mental health services, exercise programs, and many other services, often in partnership with other organizations. In FY24, Barnard residents received one or more of these services: Information & Assistance (7 calls or office visits), Medicare assistance (2 calls), Caregiver support and respite assistance, Grant Assistance, In-home Case Management/support (3 clients received 15.5 hours of service), and more than 1,200 meals in collaboration with The Thompson.

### **THE OTTAUQUECHEE HEALTH FOUNDATION (OHF)**

The Ottauquechee Health Foundation strives to improve the health and well-being of people who live in our community through grants, community partnerships, educational opportunities, and the support of wellness initiatives. The Good Neighbor Grant program gives financial support to families and individuals who are unable to pay for their health and wellness needs that are not covered by health insurance. Financial assistance is based on need, and as of the end of October 2024, OHF provided 28 grants to Barnard residents, totaling nearly \$18,000, which equates to approximately 9% of their overall granting budget. The most sought-after service from Barnard residents is for the provision of care for oral, mental, vision and hearing needs, as well as for safe home care. The total revenue budgeted for OHF for 2024 was \$550,000. Funding was provided through bi-annual appeal donations, town appropriations, grants, donor cultivation, and a draw from their investments.

### **THE THOMPSON CENTER**

This year The Thompson broke ground on their building expansion project, responded to community needs through their Aging at Home support program, enjoyed many delicious meals,

and “had a lot of fun!” In FY24 The Thompson served 1,810 older adults, reaching more than 50% of the adults in Barnard age 65 and older. With the population in our region projected to more than double in the 70–85 age group over the next decade, The Thompson is making strides to enhance their facilities and programs to better serve the community. The Thompson served more than 25,000 meals last year; daily, home-delivered Meals on Wheels continue to the far reaches of Barnard. Other services provided to Barnard residents were transportation, free tax preparation, Medicare and insurance counseling, foot care clinics, medical equipment, handyman services for small, odd jobs, grocery shopping and delivery, caregiver support, and many social engagement opportunities.

### **WINDSOR COUNTY MENTORS**

Windsor County Mentors creates and nurtures intensive community- and school-based mentoring partnerships, free of charge, to any Windsor County child between 5 and 18 years who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship with an adult in their community. Approx. 25% of the Barnard population is under the age of 18 and eligible for mentoring services. According to Mentor VT, youth with mentors have increased high school graduation rates, including higher college enrollment rates; enhanced self-esteem and self-confidence; improved behavior, both at home and at school; stronger relationships with parents, teachers, and peers; and decreased likelihood of initiating drug and alcohol use. In addition to funding from towns in Windsor County, Windsor County Mentors receives funds from private grantmaking organizations, individual donors, and Mentor VT. Their FY24 revenue was \$157,292.

### **WISE**

WISE provides trauma-informed advocacy and support for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking within 23 Upper Valley communities. WISE supports people through a confidential and free 24-hour crisis line, on-site emergency housing and housing advocacy, legal services, safety planning, groups, and in-person advocacy at the WISE Program

Center, police stations, courthouses, hospitals, social service agencies, and at Dartmouth College. In FY24, WISE provided services to 1,355 people. Among the advocacy responses sought from WISE, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and accompaniments were the most common. WISE did not hold any fundraisers last year but did apply for 14 grants. Their total revenue was approximately \$2M and funds were received from NH, VT, from municipalities, private contributions, special events, United Way, and private foundations. *All Barnard residents have access to the 24/7 crisis line in addition to all other services. Call: 866-348-WISE if you are ever in need of assistance.*

## UPDATES OF AREA SERVICE PROVIDERS

### **EC FIBER**

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The East Central Vermont Telecommunications District is Vermont's first communications union district (CUD). The CUD owns and operates the Internet Service Provider (ISP) ECFiber, which provides Internet connectivity for all thirty-one member towns. Barnard is one of the founding member towns. In November, the District's Series 2023A municipal revenue bond received a "BB" rating from Standard & Poor's Global Credit arm. This was a historic moment for the US financial industry, as this was the first municipal revenue bond not backed by taxes, and not for a regulated utility, or for an exclusive service territory, to receive a "BB" rating. This rating was also extended to six bonds that had been previously issued.

ECFiber added over 900 new customers in 2024, and now serves nearly 9,500 customers, via 1,800 miles of network. When completed, the ECFiber network will be available to about 32,000 premises, stretching over more than 2,000 miles network.

Construction in 2024 included: mainline underground work in the White River Junction, Wilder, and Quechee villages in the Town of Hartford; work completed in Fairlee and Bradford, except for the Bloodbrook/Wild Hill area in West Fairlee, where GMP is putting everything underground; work started on the interconnection of the central hub in Newbury, with the first customers coming online this winter; and make-ready work finished in Topsham, cabling being started. ECFiber hopes to have make-ready work completed by spring in Corinth and Washington, with cabling starting immediately afterward. Windsor will also see the northwest section of the town built out. At this point, all “unserved” or “underserved” locations in the thirty-one member towns will have multi-gigabit fiber service available on the nearest utility pole, and ECFiber on its own will have resolved 20% of Vermont’s rural broadband crisis, with only a fraction of its funding – about 15% -- coming from grants.

## **TRORC**

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

TRORC assisted the Town of Barnard with zoning administration and the development of ridgeline standards for zoning. They worked on the Town Plan adoption and updating the Village Center Designation. TRORC helped the town update their Local Emergency Management Plan. They inventoried road erosion as well as managed ditching projects at the Royalton Turnpike and

Lime Pond, East Barnard, North Perry, Bowman, and Stage Roads. They provided guidance for managing federal grant funds, as well as helped with an energy audit and securing funding to upgrade the energy efficiency of the town hall and garage.

### **WHITE RIVER SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE**

The Town of Barnard is a member of the White River Alliance. The Alliance oversees the proper disposal of certain materials, drafts and renews the state-required Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP), and provides general administration of the program. As a member town of the Alliance, Barnard property owners may use the Transfer Station located in Royalton. Public Hours are Tues., Wed., Fri. 7AM-1PM and Sat. 7AM-2PM. Facility staff are onsite on Thursdays (closed to the public) from 7AM-1PM for operations and maintenance. Information may be obtained during those hours by calling 802-763-2232.

The Transfer Station in Royalton just renewed their 10-year recertification and is certified until March 2034. To obtain the new certification, they had to replace the leachate tank, which collects the liquids from the tipping floor. They also upgraded from a 500-gallon tank to a 1,000-gallon tank. In FY24, 3,312.33 tons of solid waste and 267.97 tons of recycling were collected at their location; solid waste material was loaded into trailers for shipment to an in-state lined landfill, and recycling was directed to various facilities for processing. Other waste accepted in Royalton includes paint, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid batteries and electronic waste. Fees vary. **There will be two collection events for Household Hazardous Waste in 2025: one at the Royalton Transfer Station in April and one in Rochester at the Town Hall parking lot in September.** The events are open to all member towns at no cost for up to 10 pounds or 10 gallons of materials.

### **WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE (WRVA)**

WRVA celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2024. WRVA is a non-profit, professional emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree,



Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge, an area of over 500 square miles. WRVA is designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensed skill level that the state recognizes. With 14 full-time staff and several part-time staff, the organization maintains two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year.

From January 1, 2024, through November 15, 2024, White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,650 emergency calls and transfers. This includes Advanced Life Support transfer between medical facilities. WRVA is also a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont and issued 442 AHA certifications as of October 2024. WRVA also provides advanced practice training to emergency response professionals and volunteers throughout the state and held 4 Vermont First Responder (VFR) courses, certifying nearly 50 community members. Funding for WRVA comes from billed insurance and budget allocations from the towns they serve. Every town pays the same amount per capita. In 2025, the per capita amount increased from \$79.00 to \$87.00.

## UPDATES OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### **BARN ARTS**

The BarnArts 2024 season was packed with magic (Shakespeare's *Macbeth*), teamwork (Disney's *High School Musical*), wit (Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* & Mel Brooks' *Young Frankenstein*) and music from just down the road and far, far away (Mexico, Egypt, Bolivia)! 2025 promises more classic theater staged with originality and packed with local talent (Anne Carson's translation of *Antigone* & Rogers & Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*) and more music from all corners of VT and the world (Inuit Alaska, Colombia, & Pakistan). We look forward to seeing you at Masquerade on

March 1, Race Around the Lake on May 18, and the Barnard Street Dance on August 23. Thanks for your support of BarnArts' ability to Build Community through Art – by participating, donating, and most importantly: showing up to see what we do!

### **BARNARD BEES**

The BEES reinstated annual events for Barnard Academy and the wider community that were paused during the pandemic, including Pancake Breakfasts (open to the community & coming up soon!), Thanksgiving Luncheon (for school and guests) and Holiday Workshop (for students to create gifts for their loved ones during the holiday season). They also added a Back to School BBQ and funded school-wide trips to Vermont State Parks where kids enjoyed team building events, swimming, kayaking and pedal boating. The BEES continue to advance STEAM programs through funding of the robotics team, and this year through the purchase of a new weather station, funding the sugaring operation, and helping to purchase supplies to furnish the yurt for outdoor education. The BEES also provides a monthly gesture of appreciation to Barnard Academy's staff and holds a larger staff appreciation event at the end of the school year. The BEES thank you for helping create a warm school environment!

### **BARNARD COMMUNITY TRUST**

The Barnard Community Trust (BCT) works to assist the Town of Barnard to maintain and enhance the rural quality of life in a positive and sustainable way. The BCT maintains the building that houses the Barnard General Store and the surrounding property adjacent to Silver Lake and are currently raising funds to ensure ADA accessibility, perform structural work in the cellar to abate ongoing moisture problems, and repair the lakeside porch. The BCT was awarded a grant from the Preservation Trust of VT to hire an architect to begin to explore these projects.

### **BARNARD EDUCATION FUND**

The Barnard Education Fund (BEF) is a private, volunteer-run organization dedicated to providing enriching experiences to Barnard Academy students beyond the scope of what is covered

in the school budget. During the 2023-2024 school year they funded a number of experiences for Barnard Academy students including a trip to Washington DC for the 5th and 6th grade, an overnight trip with Nature's Classroom in Great Barrington, MA, three trips to Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park, an all-school Nordic and snowshoeing day at the Woodstock Nordic Center, and a week-long artist-in-residency with Troy Wunderle's Big Top Circus culminating in a school-wide performance. The BEF is run by volunteers and is completely funded by private donations. The money donated by community members stays in the community and provides wonderful learning opportunities that Barnard students would otherwise not have access to. We are so appreciative of the overwhelming support of our generous donors and community who make these incredible experiences possible for our young students.

### **BARNARD HELPING HANDS**

Barnard Helping Hands is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization that supports Barnard neighbors in physical, emotional, or financial need. Barnard Helping Hands is enabled by the generosity of volunteers who provide time, expertise, and donations, and works closely with the HUB in Woodstock who helps the organization find broader resources when helping people solve a problem and fill a need.

### **BARNARD MOUNTAIN VIEWERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

The Barnard Mountain Viewers Snowmobile Club is one of 127 snowmobile clubs in the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) trail system, which maintains and grooms over 5,000 miles of trails statewide. During the riding season, their volunteers groom the 60 miles of trails through Barnard and Bridgewater 4-6 times per week, depending on snow coverage. This includes the trail through Silver Lake State Park, although it is not a VAST trail. In the off season they fix equipment, organize events, work to expand the trail system, build bridges, install fences, and work with landowners to keep their property maintained and respected. The Club has earned many VAST

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awards over the years and received a 2024 award for Best Groomed Trails.

## **BARNARD SILVER LAKE ASSOCIATION**

On August 24, 2024, the Barnard Silver Lake Association (BSLA) partnered with Silver Lake State Park and held a fun-packed afternoon of boat races. There were over 50 participants in four different race categories, and the association plans to continue this as an annual event. Thanks to all participants!

As always, the mission of the Barnard Silver Lake Association (BSLA) is to protect Silver Lake from degradation; to preserve its beauty and environmental integrity; and to encourage its safe and responsible enjoyment. In 2024, we enjoyed beautiful weather for all water activities with warm, dry weather for much of the summer until heavy rains in July caused runoff to enter the lake. There was also extreme heat that raised the lake temperature to nearly 80 degrees Fahrenheit. This combination contributed to another round of Cyanobacteria blooms, and the association continues to search for ideas to help with the situation.

There are multiple new structures being built on the lakefront that the association will continue to monitor with the help of the town and the state. It will be important to get the owners involved in the Lakewise Program. This spring, the association will be hosting a public meeting with members of the State Lakewise Program and invasive plant species division as guest speakers. The topic is "what homeowners can do to their property for a healthy lake." With the help of the Barnard Conservation Committee, we hope to spread the word of this meeting for strong involvement. In the meantime, please don't use any fertilizer near the lake and have your septic system serviced regularly.

## **BARNARD SPIRIT**

Launched in 2020, the Barnard Spirit e-Newspaper is a convenient, quick-to-ready, fun way for Barnard folks to get to know their neighbors and build community. No politics, no issues,

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and no long articles. Visit [www.barnardspirit.com](http://www.barnardspirit.com) to subscribe, read past issues, or submit a block to share with neighbors!

## **EAST BARNARD CHURCH**

The East Barnard Church building was built in 1834. It remains in good repair but is always in need of improvements and upkeep; a roof panel was fixed in the fall, the interior needs to be painted, and the windows need to be restored and protected. This year's programmatic offerings included visits from neighbors to share their interests, passions, and spiritual life with the congregation. Some highlights were listening to John Leavitt and Joe Ladouceur share stories of growing up here in the Valley, listening to Mollie McHugh's reflection of her weeks-long journey on the Camino de Santiago, and listening to Sophia Stone talk about indigenous healers of the Amazon. The congregation also learned about past resident Josephine Miller, her artwork of the valley, and hung a gift of one of her circa 1930's paintings in the foyer of the church. In September the church was transformed into an art gallery to exhibit Flax Art created by artists for the East Barnard Linen Fair; in November, the All-Souls service drew many from the area; in December, the church hosted a traditional Christmas Eve service with readings and carols, followed by hot cider and a bonfire under the stars.

## **EAST BARNARD COMMUNITY CLUB**

The East Barnard Community Club is a non-profit organization that promotes the social life of the East Barnard community and provides for the care and maintenance of the Community Hall at the center of the village. In 2024, club members and local tradespeople came together to repair and renovate the porch of the Community Hall. This included replacing the roofing, rebuilding the roof support system, upgrading the lighting on the porch and foyer, and painting the ceiling, benches, stairs, and floorboards of the porch. The Hall is used regularly for community and private events, including the popular Fun Day fundraiser for the Broad Brook Fire Department in July. Other fundraisers have included a popular East Barnard map drawn by Bart Arnold and limited-edition T-shirts featuring the art of Sabra Field.

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**WARNING, NOTICE, and AGENDA FOR THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

**WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL  
DISTRICT a.k.a. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL  
DISTRICT PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING**

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby **WARNED** and **NOTIFIED** that an **INFORMATIONAL HEARING** will be held at the **Woodstock Union Middle and High School library, located in the Town of Woodstock, Vermont, on Thursday February 27, 2025, commencing at 6:30PM** to discuss the Australian ballot articles of the 2025 Annual Unified Union District Meeting Warning. Additionally, the Public Informational Hearing will be accessible through electronic means (online meeting). Information on how to access the remote hearing: Topic: WCUUSD/MVSD Informational Hearing // Time: February 27, 2025, 06:30 PM Eastern Time // Meeting ID: 861 3007 6068 & Passcode: 316883

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

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## AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025

- 6:30PM: Call to Order
- 6:35PM: Additions or deletions to the agenda
  - Public comment
- 6:40PM: To hear the reports of the School District Board of Directors
  - Public comment
- 6:45PM Review and Discuss: **Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, approve the school board to expend \$30,773,078, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in a Long Term Weighted (LTW) per pupil education spending of \$17,230, which is 1.03% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.
  - Public comment
- 7:30PM: Discussion of other non-binding business (if applicable)
- 7:35PM: Entertain motion to adjourn hearing.

### WARNING & NOTICE FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

**WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT a.k.a. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING**

The legal voters of Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby **WARNED** and **NOTIFIED** to **VOTE** by **AUSTRALIAN BALLOT** either via mail as provided by their respective Town Clerk or at their respective Town polling places hereinafter

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named for the above-referenced towns on **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**, during the polling hours noted below.

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

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

## **ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

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

**Barnard:** one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

**Bridgewater:** one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

**Plymouth:** one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

**Reading:** one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

**Woodstock:** two school directors to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

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**Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, approve the school board to expend \$30,773,078, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in a Long Term Weighted (LTW) per pupil education spending of \$17,230, which is 1.03% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

Upon closing of the polls, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §741(b)(2), the ballots will be counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock. The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

<b>ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING – MARCH 4, 2025</b>
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The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, are further **WARNED** and **NOTIFIED** to **VOTE** at the Woodstock High School/Middle School Teagle Library, located in Woodstock, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. for business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

**Article 3:** To elect a Moderator who shall assume office upon election and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 4:** To elect a Clerk who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 5:** To elect a Treasurer who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve

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a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 6:** To fix the salary for District Treasurer in the amount of \$7,500.00 for 2025-2026.

**Article 7:** Shall the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, vote on all public questions by Australian ballot?

Mountain Views Supervisory Union  
Windsor Central Unified Union School District  
(a.k.a. Mountain Views School District)

<https://mtnviews.org>

**FY26 BUDGET:**

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

**AUDIT STATEMENT:**

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

Not on the listserv?  
Don't always check the bulletin boards?

**There's an email service for that!**

Notifications are limited to official town business such as agendas and minutes, transfer station updates, road closures, town meeting information, emergency information, etc.

The email is a one-way notification service, is not a discussion group or listserv, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

**To sign up for the official Town of Barnard email list.**  
scan the QR code below or visit

<http://eepurl.com/hoKIFL>

