

Town of Shrewsbury, Vermont



2020 Annual Report

The 2020 Shrewsbury Annual Report is dedicated to Sally Deinzer and Mark Goodwin in recognition of the substantial contributions they made to our community this past year and their significant roles in the life of the community for over a decade.

Sally Deinzer



This past spring, when the Covid-19 virus first hit Vermont, Pierce's Store transformed itself so that Shrewsbury residents could order groceries online with a front porch pickup. This made the store seem a safer and easier alternative to the uncertainties of traveling out of town to larger, more crowded and perhaps riskier places. The dedicated workers and volunteers at Pierce's Store met a real community need as evidenced by a dramatic increase in sales.

Instrumental to this change was store manager Sally Deinzer who moved to Shrewsbury in 2001 from Clarendon where she had served on the selectboard. She soon became active in town life by volunteering at the Shrewsbury Library and editing the Times of Shrewsbury for four years through 2010.

While working on the Times in 2008, Sally saw an article submitted by the Preservation Trust of Vermont (PTV). There was to be an open house at Pierce's Store for anyone who might be interested in responding to PTV's request for proposals to reopen the store. Marjorie and Glendon Pierce had closed the store in 1993 at the ages of 90 and 80 respectively. After Glendon died and before her death in 2001, Marjorie had bequeathed the store property with an endowment to the PTV with the stipulation that the building be reopened as a country store.

PTV's open house led to the formation of a community group which first met on February 17, 2008. With Sally playing a major role, the group's proposal was eventually accepted by the PTV. This led directly to the reopening of the store in August 2009 as the Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store (SCPS) with a volunteer board which elected Sally as its first president.

Sally's organizing abilities, leadership and, in her words, "naïve optimism" led the SCPS through the complex tasks of renovating the store space, obtaining necessary licenses and permits, creating a board governance structure, purchasing equipment, selecting store inventory, pricing goods, budgeting and actual store operation. It is extraordinarily rare for any business to be operated by volunteers but this is what the SCPS board managed to do with Sally leading the way.

After serving as board president for the critical first four years of the store's operation, Sally worked as store manager until July 1, 2020 when Elana Levin succeeded her. Until then Sally had been one constant in the store's development. It is likely that without her leadership, the store's reopening and sustained operation as a community organization involving many dedicated Shrewsbury volunteers may never have happened. Her leadership and commitment enabled Marjorie Pierce's vision to become a reality.

Mark Goodwin

This past August, and again in November, in response to Covid-19, Shrewsbury voters participated in voting days unlike any other in the history of the town. In August we voted outdoors and the ballots were tabulated, not by volunteers, but by a machine. In November a record number of ballots were cast with roughly two-thirds received before election day and all again counted by machine. Shrewsbury Town Clerk Mark Goodwin, with assistance from the Shrewsbury Board of Civil Authority, organized these unprecedented events which proceeded smoothly and without a hitch. Mark's leadership was essential to the continued integrity of the election process despite the challenges caused by Covid-19.



For twelve years Shrewsbury has come to depend on Mark's knowledge, organization and diligent attention to the many legal and procedural details required of Vermont town clerks. So it was a cause for some apprehension when Mark announced in October that he would not seek another term of office on Town Meeting Day 2021.

Mark became town clerk as a result of the untimely death of Anne Haley. He had to learn on the job. With each year, the Vermont town clerk's job has become ever more complex as new reporting mandates emanate from Montpelier. The original core function of the job was to be the receiver and recorder of the town's land records and vital statistics and the presiding officer for elections. A newer responsibility is to insure that all town boards and commissions are in compliance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law. Mark also accepted the task of taking minutes at selectboard meetings as well as writing Board of Civil Authority decisions in response to property appraisal grievances. The internet age has introduced town websites and Mark maintains Shrewsbury's. The website is not a required function of the job but Mark has been diligent in keeping Shrewsbury's up-to-date and highly informative including the posting of each month's edition of *The Times of Shrewsbury*.

In addition to routine tasks, Mark helped the town navigate through the upset caused by Tropical Storm Irene in August of 2011. He kept the town office open for long hours allowing it to function as an information clearing house between town officers, employees, volunteers, state and federal officials, and residents during the onset and recovery from the storm. This greatly facilitated the town's response to the storm in the days immediately after it hit.

These are some, but not all, of the various jobs of the town clerk. In all aspects of his position, Mark has been conscientious and diligent. Additionally, he has been a reliable and accurate source of information about a multiplicity of town issues and procedures for town office visitors or those who call by phone. One way to gauge Mark's value is that the selectboard is planning a new town administrator position that would cover some of the work Mark has done by himself. Shrewsbury has significantly benefited from his service and his retirement is well-earned.

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Town of Shrewsbury
2020 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS as of December 31, 2020

Elected Office	Term	Elected officer(s)	Term Expires
MODERATOR	1 Year	Eldred French	2021
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Mark Goodwin	2021
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Linda McGuire	2021
SELECTBOARD	3 Years	Aaron Korzun Steven Nicholson Francis Wyatt	2021 2022 2023
AUDITORS	3 Years	Sanford Bragg Lee Wilson Rich Biziak	2021 2022 2023
LISTERS	3 Years	Vacant Sue Kennedy Sharon Winnicki	2021 2022 2023
MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS	3 Years	Andy Richards-Peelle Adrienne Raymond	2021 2022
TOWN GRAND JUROR	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2021
TOWN AGENT	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2021
1 ST CONSTABLE	1 Year	Vacant	2021
2 ND CONSTABLE	1 Year	Vacant	2021
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	3 Years	Ed Hemmer	2021
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years	Larry Carrara Vacant Vacant	2021 2022 2023

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION

Justices of the Peace are elected for two-year terms every other year. Current justices were elected November 6 2018 to serve from February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2021. For Justices of the Peace whose term begins February 1, 2021 please see the Justice of the Peace report elsewhere in the Annual Report.		John Berryhill	2021
		Larry Carrara	2021
		Barry Griffith	2021
		Betsy Jesser	2021
		Trish Norton	2021
		Adrienne Raymond	2021
		Lee Wilson	2021

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽¹⁾

ACT 64 coordinator		Aaron Korzun	2021
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Vacant	2021
CLERK OF THE SELECTBOARD	1 Year	Vacant	2021
COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES ⁽²⁾	3 Years	Liesbeth van der Heijden Annette Parish Mark Youngstrom	2021 2022 2023

Town of Shrewsbury 2020 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽¹⁾ (continued)			
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	4 Years	Christina Clarke Cynthia Thornton Pam Darrow Louise Duda Peter Grace Connie Youngstrom Grace Brigham	2021 2021 2022 2022 2023 2023 2024
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	3 Years ⁽³⁾	Bruce Bullock Mark Youngstrom Alan Shelvey Dany Cote Greg McGown	2021 2021 2022 2023 2023
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR ⁽⁴⁾		Aaron Korzun	2021
EMERGENCY MGMT. COORDINATOR		Steven Nicholson	2021
ENERGY COORDINATOR		Davis Terrell	2021
FENCE VIEWERS		Steven Nicholson Bert Potter Mike Stewart	2021 2021 2021
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR		Connie Youngstrom	2021
HEALTH OFFICER		Kathy Felder	2023
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD		John Wood	2021
LIBRARY BOARD		Debbie Blecich	2022
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 Years ⁽³⁾	Vacant Melissa Reichert Laura Black Hunter Berryhill Vacant	2021 2021 2022 2023 2023
POUND KEEPER		Gillian Gaines	2021
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		Gerry Martin	2021
ROAD COMMISSIONER		Jamie Carrara	2021
RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL		Adrienne Raymond	2021
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		Aaron Korzun	6/30/21
SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES		Bert Potter	4/15/21
STATE LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE ⁽⁵⁾		Debbie Blecich	2022
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN ⁽⁵⁾		Kevin Brown	6/30/23
DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDEN		Alan Ridlon Jr.	6/30/23
TRANSFER STATION ADMINISTRATOR		Bert Potter	2021
TREE WARDEN		Gary Salmon	2021
WEIGHER OF COAL		John Wood	2021
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2021

OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES			
TOWN ROAD CREW (apointed by Road Commissioner)		Dan Cavoto, Matthew Yrsha	2021
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS (hired by Selectboard)		Paul Young, Jeremiah St.Pierre	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (Appointed by town clerk for the town clerk's term unless changed by the town clerk.		Betsy Jesser	2021
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER (Appointed by treasurer for the treasurer's term unless changed by the treasurer.)		Christina Clarke	2021

- (1) All appointments expire on date of Town Meeting in March of year shown unless otherwise indicated.
- (2) Three of seven positions appointed by selectboard.
- (3) Term of office determined by selectboard.
- (4) Selectboard chair serves if vacant.
- (5) State Appointment



A Shrewsbury first – drive in voting (August 2020). Town Clerk Mark Goodwin checking in a voter.

Town of Shrewsbury
WARNING for 240th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Rutland are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	1-year term
One Selectboard Member	3-year term
One Auditor	3-year term
One Lister	3-year term
One Town Clerk	3-year term
One 1st Constable	1-year term
One 2nd Constable	1 year term
One Town Treasurer	3-year term
One Cemetery Commissioner	1-year term
One Cemetery Commissioner	2-year term
One Cemetery Commissioner	3- year term
One Delinquent Tax Collector	3-year term
One Mill River Unified Union	3-year term
School Director	
2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of **\$1,117,027** of which **\$592,689** shall be raised by taxes and **\$524,338** by non-property tax revenues and surplus funds, reserve funds and surplus funds?
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$50,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$15,500** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,500** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,526** to help support VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?
15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?

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WARNING for 240th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021

18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support New Story (formally the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)?
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROOC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$300** to help support the Rutland County Parent Child Center?
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Vermont Family Network?
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Humane Society?
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the American Red Cross of NH/VT?
27. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 7:00 P.M., **Friday, October 8, 2021**

Dated: **January 11, 2021**

Shrewsbury Selectboard

/ss/

Aaron Korzun, Chair

Steven Nicholson

Francis Wyatt

/s/

Attest: Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

The informational meeting for the annual Shrewsbury Town Meeting will be held at the **Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road and via GoToMeeting 11:00 AM, Saturday, February 27, 2021.**

Early / Absentee Ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk at the Shrewsbury Town Office - 492-3511 or shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net or [My Voter Page - Vermont](#)

Editor's Note:

Please note that the Informational Meeting will be VIRTUAL ONLY. The meeting will start at 11 AM; however, participants can start logging in at 10:30 AM to test the link

The GoToMeeting link for digital devices is: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/121590885>
or dial in by phone: 646-749-3122, Access Code: 121-590-885

Town of Shrewsbury
239th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Monday March 2, 2020 Informational Meeting

The informational meeting for the Town was called to order at 6.00 pm. March 2nd, 2020 by Moderator Eldred French, present were Selectboard members Bert Potter, Steven Nicholson and Aaron Korzun. Also present were approximately 35 voters at the commencement of the meeting.

Eldred French introduced Logan Nicoll, Shrewsbury's Representative for Rutland-Windsor 2. Logan summarized the then-current activity of the Legislature particularly the minimum wage bill and the "cross-over" process. Logan also mentioned efforts regarding a bill that was under consideration for a regulated cannabis market. Specifically, Logan described efforts to protect the local craft industry from larger corporate dominance, similar to how the craft brewery markets have developed especially in Vermont.

As a courtesy, the Selectboard ceded the floor to representatives of MRUUSD, Andy Richards-Peele and Adriene Raymond; Shrewsbury Directors on the MRUUSD Board. The representatives summarized the budget and recent MRUUSD Annual Meeting, held on February 27th at Mill River Union High School at which it was reported that six members of the public participated.

In response to a question from the floor, Andy Richards-Peele outlined the complicated matrix for measuring "performance evaluation". Andy Richards-Peele explained that the data has not been fully consolidated for the District in order to make that evaluation. Andy did report that MRUUSD did not obtain the grant for an electric school bus. Adrienne made note of a question about electric vehicle charging in the school parking lot, promising to bring it to the appropriate sub-committee of the School District. It was stated that there has been no particular discussion regarding the move of the SMS sixth grade to Mill River. The Mill River Unified Union School District Information segment of the meeting concluded at 6:20 PM

The Town Informational Meeting commenced at 6:45 PM with Moderator Eldred French conducting a review of the Shrewsbury Town Warning beginning with Article 2.

Eldred recognized Randy Page for his consistent participation at these meetings, and that he would be missed for his insights and comments. Steven Nicholson was recognized for his efforts collecting reimbursements for those projects that had been awaiting final payments from the state and federal agencies involved with the FEMA response to Tropical Storm Irene. Bert Potter was recognized for his service, this being the last year of his term as a Selectboard member.

In response to a question regarding the Town initiating any solar installations on Town property, the Selectboard will take that under advisement.

In response to Article 11, Mark Youngstrom reminded the audience that the Shrewsbury Library is the only entirely volunteer library fully accredited in Vermont.

As Moderator French systematically called for any questions concerning the warning, discussion ensued regarding the merits of keeping the articles separate and or lumped together

The meeting recessed at 8:40 pm. Voting by Australian ballot was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 beginning at 10 am.

Minutes approved by: Barry Griffith – Justice of the Peace
Betsy Jesser - Justice of the Peace

Attest: Mark Goodwin, Town_Clerk

Date: 3/10/2020

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS for 239th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2020

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	Eldred French
One Selectboard Member	Francis Wyatt
One Auditor	Richard Biziak
One Lister	1 Yr Term Ronaele Bowers
One Lister	3-Yr Term Sharon Winnicki
One Grand Juror	Barry Griffith
One Town Agent	Barry Griffith
One 1st Constable	No one write-in with the requisite number of votes
One 2nd Constable	No one write-in with the requisite number of votes
One Cemetery Commissioner	1 Yr Term Larry Carrara
One Cemetery Commissioner	2 Yr Term No one write-in with the requisite number of votes
One Cemetery Commissioner	3 Yr Term No one write-in with the requisite number of votes
2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of **\$1,127,244**, of which **\$299,763** shall be raised by taxes and **\$827,481** by non-property tax revenues and surplus funds?
YES – 298 No - 63
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?
YES – 307 No - 55
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?
YES – 315 No - 48
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?
YES 312 No - 52
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$50,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?
YES – 316 No - 47
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
YES – 290 No - 72
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?
YES – 300 No - 62
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$14,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?
YES – 296 No - 69
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?
YES – 324 No - 50
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?
YES – 308 No - 57
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,500** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?
YES – 288 No - 74
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$4,224** for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?
YES 332 No - 33
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
YES – 293 No - 71

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS for 239th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2020

15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$2,526** to help support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?
YES – 321 No - 44
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?
YES – 310 No - 55
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
YES – 301 No - 52
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
YES – 282 No - 70
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
YES 287 No - 66
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support New Story (formally the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)?
YES – 301 No - 53
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
YES – 276 No - 78
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center?
YES – 279 No - 75
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?
YES - 273 No - 79
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
YES – 275 No - 76
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Humane Society?
YES – 304 No - 50
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?
YES – 282 No - 70
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the American Red Cross of NH/VT?
YES – 283 No - 69
28. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 7:00 P.M., **Friday, October 9, 2020**?
YES – 331 No - 26

<p style="text-align: center;">Town of Shrewsbury 2020 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT</p>
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The Board of Auditors is pleased to present this Annual Report as required by Vermont statutes. We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Shrewsbury for the year ended December 31, 2020 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the town officers and organizations submitting the reports. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Based on the records available to us, in our opinion the financial statements included in this report present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Shrewsbury and the organizations it supports financially as of December 31, 2020, as well as the results of their operations for the year.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A 1681-1684, which, among other things, requires that we examine and adjust the accounts of all town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the town treasurer. Our objectives were to 1) validate the correctness of the town accounts, 2) detect errors or fraud in these accounts and 3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the town as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020. Town auditors are also expected to review the internal controls practiced by the Town.

To accomplish these objectives, we examined the town's financial records on a quarterly basis to verify that expenditures were supported by invoices that were approved on selectboard and road commissioner orders and documented on bank statements. For each quarter including year end, we tracked tax payments, reconciled monthly bank statements for the town's general fund and performed proof of cash to tie bank statements back to the town's general ledger.

We also reviewed the town's year-end financial statements, including the budget prepared by the selectboard, as well as the financial statements of town organizations which appear in this report, the transfer station punch card revenues and the grand list. On a quarterly basis as well as for year-end financial reports we used established sampling techniques to verify the accuracy of the statements.

We are proposing that the town adopt a policy of engaging an independent auditor to review the town financials periodically, perhaps every five or seven years, based on guidance from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

We appreciate the cooperation of everyone who submitted reports this year and also for providing well organized financial records for review. We also thank Mark Goodwin for his assistance over the years. The cooperation and assistance of the selectboard and the Board of Listers throughout the year was also very helpful. We especially wish to thank Treasurer Linda McGuire for her assistance during the quarterly audits and review of the year-end financial statements and also Selectman Steven Nicholson, who worked closely with us on the selectboard budget.

Like other town organizations, the Covid-19 pandemic has changed how we meet. The Board of Auditors has been meeting, and will continue to meet, remotely via an online meeting platform until further notice. The meetings are open to the public; the warned agendas for our meetings will provide the link to the meeting site.

Richard Biziak

Sanford Bragg

Lee Wilson

Town of Shrewsbury 2020 TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

The Town Treasurer is elected for a three-year term. Taxes are due once a year in Shrewsbury, the voters set the date by Australian ballot. Payment must be received by the date due; U. S. Postal Service postmark is accepted. If the payment is not received timely, a warrant is issued to the collector of delinquent taxes and an eight percent penalty is charged on the unpaid balance. Current tax payments are accepted at any time before the due date and may be mailed to Town of Shrewsbury, Treasurer's Office, 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

As required by the Government Accounting Standards Board our Town is using the modified accrual system for accounting procedures. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements.

The Homestead Declaration is to be filed **annually** with the State of Vermont in order to receive the Homestead tax rate. Please review the Vermont State Income Tax package for the Homestead Declaration or on-line filing is available at www.state.vt.us/tax. Property Tax Adjustment Claim forms must be filed each year in order to receive a tax adjustment. For questions please call the State of Vermont 1-866-828-2865 or home page www.state.vt.us/tax.

As always, it is my pleasure to be your treasurer and I look forward to serving you.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGuire



Mountain School students Nathaniel McKenna and Jenea Page holding a heart they made with the words "Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." In the background are Everett Smith and Ella Courcelle.

Town of Shrewsbury
Balance Sheet
For The Year Ended December 31, 2020

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds ⁽⁹⁾	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash ⁽²⁾	225,646	544,826	770,472
Prepaid Expenses	14,149		14,149
Receivables ⁽³⁾			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	32,326		32,326
Other Receivables	1,103		1,103
Capital Assets ⁽⁶⁾			
Land and Buildings	710,463		710,463
Machinery and Equipment	457,315		457,315
Infrastructure	3,454,903		3,454,903
Total Assets	4,895,905	544,826	5,440,731
Current Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond ⁽¹²⁾	20,000		20,000
Accounts Payable ⁽⁴⁾	30,335		30,335
Other Current Liabilities	11,556		11,556
Long-Term Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond	120,000		120,000
Equity			
Restricted Funds		544,826	544,826
Unrestricted Equity	5,048,589		5,048,589
Excess Revenue	(334,574)		(334,574)
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	4,895,905	544,826	5,440,731

Town of Shrewsbury					
2020 RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS ⁽⁹⁾					
Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Transferred from General	Disbursed	Interest	Ending Balance
Conservation Commission Reserve	\$128	\$1,586	\$400	\$4	\$1,318
Brown Bridge Grant	\$3,051	\$0	\$0	\$8	\$3,060
Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	\$66,463	\$6,707	\$0	\$202	\$73,372
Cemetery Reserve Fund	\$1,313	\$0	\$0	\$4	\$1,317
Energy Grant	\$1,119	\$0	\$0	\$3	\$1,122
Garage Reserve Fund	\$18,294	\$1,500	\$0	\$55	\$19,848
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	\$73,502	\$54,000	\$35,000	\$256	\$92,758
Records Restoration Fund	\$18,956	\$6,670	\$0	\$71	\$25,697
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	\$258,580	\$35,000	\$0	\$812	\$294,392
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	\$4,387	\$0	\$0	\$12	\$4,399
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	\$6,445	\$1,000	\$0	\$21	\$7,466
Town Office Reserve Fund	\$18,522	\$1,500	\$0	\$55	\$20,077
TOTALS	\$470,760	\$107,963	\$35,400	\$1,503	\$544,826

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2020

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Receipts

Taxes: Education Current	\$ 2,103,756.38	
Taxes: Town Current	372,561.45	
School Reconciliation Taxes	41,550.10	
Delinquent Tax	<u>87,110.98</u>	
Total Property Tax Receipts		\$ 2,604,978.91

Other Tax Receipts

Land Use	49,546.00	
State in Lieu of Tax	36,136.80	
Federal in Lieu of Tax	12,262.00	
Railroad Tax	<u>480.16</u>	
Total Other Tax Receipts		98,424.96

Road Commission Receipts

Grants	2,454.83	
Proceeds from Sale	4,500.00	
Services Rendered	2,637.74	
State Aid	172,425.79	
Weight Permits	<u>280.00</u>	
Total Road Commission Receipts		182,298.36

Other Receipts

Act 60 Funds	6,707.00	
Conservation Commission	1,586.28	
DRB Hearing Fee	900.00	
Dog Licenses	290.00	
Fines	4.17	
House Signs	83.46	
Interest	2,942.84	
Liquor License	255.00	
Miscellaneous	180.65	
Recycling	145.20	
Restoration Fees	5,670.00	
Transfer Station Card Income	18,276.54	
Zoning Permits	<u>1,101.90</u>	
Total Other Receipts		<u>38,143.04</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$ 2,923,845.27**

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2020

DISBURSEMENTS:

School Account	\$ 2,135,304.74
Selectboard's Orders (Net)	224,576.96
Road Commissioners Orders (Net)	748,515.00
Depreciation ⁽⁷⁾	303,776.18
Capitalized Improvements ⁽⁶⁾ & Liability ⁽¹²⁾	(314,795.70)

Warned Items

American Red Cross	\$ 500.00	
Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council	600.00	
Child First Advocacy Center	400.00	
Garage Reserve Fund	1,500.00	
Green Up	150.00	
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	130.00	
Road Equipment Sinking Fund	50,000.00	
Rutland County Humane Society	150.00	
Rutland Mental Health	1,192.00	
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice	2,526.00	
New Story	150.00	
Rutland Natural Resources Conservation	250.00	
Rutland Parent/Child Center	400.00	
Rutland Regional Ambulance	4,224.00	
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House	14,000.00	
Shrewsbury Historical Society	2,500.00	
Shrewsbury Town Library	7,500.00	
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	35,000.00	
SVFD-Equipment Reserve Sinking Fund	35,000.00	
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	700.00	
Town Office Sinking Fund	1,500.00	
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	1,000.00	
Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund	1,000.00	
Vermont Adult Learning	500.00	
Vermont Center for Independent Living	170.00	
Total Warned Items	<u>161,042.00</u>	
		<u>161,042.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ <u>3,258,419.18</u>
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ <u><u>(334,573.91)</u></u>
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Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES

<u>Department</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Selectboard Salaries	\$	3,000.00
Town Officers Salaries & Fees**		66,876.47
Delinquent Tax Collection Salary**		3,474.19
Zoning and DRB Salary		1,800.00
Transfer Station Attendant and Administration Salaries		19,440.43
Lister Salary		17,020.66
Road Salaries		137,399.62
Total Salaries and Fees		<u>249,011.37</u>
Social Security/Medicare Matching Expense		<u>19,049.37</u>
Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year	\$	<u>268,060.74</u>

** Based on fees collected



Donation bucket at Covid-19 Concert Series at the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House

TOWN OF SHREWSBURY - Treasurer's Report
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Year Ending December 31, 2020

GRAND LIST

Real Estate and Equipment	\$ 167,086,300
Less Exemptions	<u>12,506,300</u>

TOTAL GRAND LIST

\$ 154,580,000

TAXES BILLED

Municipal Grand List	1,545,800	
Tax Rate	<u>0.2981</u>	
Municipal Taxes Billed		460,803.42
Education Grand List-Non-Resident	684,294	
Tax Rate-Statewide Share	<u>1.5922</u>	
Education Non-Resident Taxes Billed		1,089,532.95
Education Grand List-Homestead	868,720	
Tax Rate-Local Share	<u>1.5755</u>	
Education Resident Taxes Billed		1,368,668.45
Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,545,800	
Local Agreement Tax Share	<u>0.0009</u>	
Local Agreement Taxes Billed		1,391.16

TOTAL TAXES BILLED

2,920,395.98

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

Taxes Collected	2,886,205.92
Delinquent Taxes	87,013.98
Adjustments/Changes	537.91
Refunds/Overpayments	<u>(53,361.83)</u>

TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED

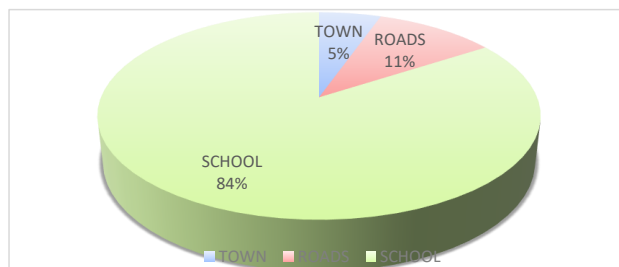
2,920,395.98

TAX RATE PERCENTAGES

The 2020 Tax Rate as follows:

General Town	0.2981	460,803.42
Local Agreement Rate	0.0009	1,391.16
Schools Residential	1.5755	1,368,668.45
Schools Non-Residential	1.5922	<u>1,089,532.95</u>
		<u>2,920,395.98</u>

Resident	1.8745
Non-Resident	1.8912



Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report
2020 TAX COMPARISON

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRAND LIST</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAXES BILLED</u>
2020	1,670,863	Residential	1.8745	2,920,395.98
		Non-Residential	1.8912	
2019	1,664,196	Residential	1.914	2,969,470.13
		Non-Residential	1.9311	
2018	1,657,498	Residential	1.9366	3,013,766.55
		Non-Residential	1.9878	
2017	1,655,868	Residential	1.9122	2,956,890.04
		Non-Residential	1.9428	
2016	1,625,801	Residential	1.7791	2,739,762.47
		Non-Residential	1.8793	
2015	1,618,198	Residential	1.7589	2,725,958.43
		Non-Residential	1.9266	
2014	1,621,270	Residential	1.8063	2,766,744.03
		Non-Residential	1.9372	
2013	1,612,213	Residential	1.7351	2,588,722.90
		Non-Residential	1.773	
2012	1,597,952	Residential	1.6178	2,401,380.98
		Non-Residential	1.6636	
2011	1,461,693	Residential	1.84	2,607,387.99
		Non-Residential	1.74	

Reappraisal complete in 2010.

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2020 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Accounting. In 1999 the Government Accounting Standards Board issued Statement 34, introducing revised financial reporting. The new reporting required for a clean audit could impact bonds and federal grants and will provide improved accountability and comparability across municipalities.

Our town is incorporating expenditures for capital assets in excess of the \$2,500 value limit and infrastructure and has begun reporting using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. In addition, land, buildings, machinery and equipment have been valued for the balance sheet, as well as depreciation.

2. Cash. At year-end the Town’s bank balance was \$225,646, which is covered by federal depository insurance, or was collateralized with securities held by the financial institution’s agent in the Town’s name. No values were unsecured and uncollateralized.

3. Accounts Receivable. Amounts receivable at year-end, as reported in the Balance Sheet are as follows:

Accounts Receivable	
Delinquent tax receivable	\$ 32,326
Other Receivables	<u>1,103</u>
Total Receivables	\$ 33,429

4. Accounts Payable. Amounts payable at year-end as reported in the Balance Sheet:

Accrued Payroll	\$ 6,518
State of Vermont-School District	5,263
Miscellaneous Vendors	<u>18,554</u>
Total Payables	\$ 30,335

5. Fixed Assets. Capital acquisitions are reflected in the related assets account group. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical costs where no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report
2020 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Capital Assets. Capital asset activity for year-end was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Ending Balance
Capital Assets not being depreciated:			
Land	271,223	0.00	271,223
Capital Assets not being depreciated:	271,223	0.00	271,223
Capital Assets being depreciated:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	1,072,954	0	1,072,954
Vehicles and Equipment	1,329,483	128,152	1,457,634
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	5,059,527	166,643	5,226,171
Totals	7,461,964	294,796	7,756,759
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	612,384	21,329	633,714
Vehicles and Equipment	924,155	76,165	1,000,319
Roads, Bridges and Culverts	1,564,986	206,282	1,771,268
Totals	3,101,525	303,776	3,405,301
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	4,360,439	-8,981	4,351,458
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	4,631,662	-8,981	4,622,681

7. Depreciation. Depreciation was applied as follows to the corresponding Capital Assets:

Buildings	\$ 21,329
Vehicles and Equipment	76,165
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	206,282
Total Depreciation	\$303,776

8. Risk Management. The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage, destruction of assets, errors and omission, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The Town maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. The Selectboard believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses.

The Shrewsbury Meeting House maintains insurance coverage independently. The Meeting House Committee annually provides a copy to the town of the insurance policy covering the meeting house.

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2020 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. Restricted/Designated Funds.

Brown Bridge Grant	Funds received from the Preservation Trust to be used for the Brown Bridge.
Cemetery Reserve Fund	Funds designated for town cemetery maintenance.
Conservation Commission Fund	Funds to be reserved for conservation projects.
Energy Grant	Funds from NeighborWorks of Western Vermont designated by agreement of March 21, 2013 for specific use.
Garage Reserve Fund	Funds designated for Town Garage.
Records Restoration Fund	Fees collected (\$5 per page for recorded documents) at Town office for restoration of Town documents.
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of road equipment.
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds designated for Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire trucks.
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	Funds designated for costs associated with a review of the Smith Brook culvert on Town Highway #4.
Town Office Equipment Fund	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of town office equipment.
Town Office Reserve Fund	Funds designated for improvements/repairs to the town office.
Town-wide Reappraisal Fund	Includes funds to be used for reappraisal costs and funds designated for the purpose of maintaining and updating our equalized grand list.

10. Transfer Station Costs. As an additional cost of operating the transfer station, it is estimated that 50 hours of road crew wages were spent working at the transfer station, or approximately \$996 of additional expenses are directly attributed to the transfer station.

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2020 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11. Meeting House. The meeting house building is a town asset; the meeting house committee is a separate corporate entity.

12. Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. The town applied for a bond of \$410,000 for the new garage and borrowed \$550,000 in a bond anticipation note. The following is the remaining payment schedule for the 20-year bond, at net interest cost of 4.51 percent.

	Principal	Interest	Debt Service
2021	20,000	6,479	26,479
2022	20,000	5,536	25,536
2023	20,000	4,625	24,625
2024	20,000	3,708	23,708
2025	20,000	2,787	22,787
2026	20,000	1,862	21,862
2027	20,000	933	20,933
	<u>\$140,000</u>	<u>\$25,930</u>	<u>\$165,930</u>

13. Pension Funds. Town employees eligible for the Vermont Municipal Employees’ Retirement System are required to pay 3.00% of wages and the Town contributes 4.50% which are expenses in the financial statements. These rates will increase in July of 2021 to 3.25% for employee contributions, and the town contribution will be 4.75%. The town currently has four members. Vesting occurs upon reaching 5 years of creditable service. Additional information is available at the Vermont State Treasurer’s website.

14. Lease Purchase. The town has entered a Lease Purchase Agreement on November 16, 2020, for a John Deere loader, payments will be \$47,446.94 per year for 3 years due each July 16. Total will be \$142,341 including interest. These payments will be a transfer from the Road Equipment Sinking Fund.

15. Land Purchase. A \$1,000 deposit has been advanced for the purchase of land from the Shrewsbury Community Church.

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2020

Delinquent Tax Collections and Balance

Balance Outstanding December 31, 2019	\$	28,139.29
Warrant to Collect, October 23, 2020	\$	89,903.74
1st Amendment to Warrant	\$	(2,931.00)
2nd Amendment to Warrant	\$	41.24
Total Taxes delinquent	\$	115,153.27
Less delinquent taxes collected in 2020	\$	(82,827.73)
Balance outstanding December 31, 2020	\$	32,325.54
Delinquent Taxes collected January 1 - 20, 2021	\$	5,551.20

Delinquent Taxes due as of 1/20/2021 (8 accounts)

Tax year	Name	Tax Balance	Notes
2020	Brown, Anne	\$ 658.14	Deceased
2020	Peer, Christopher M	\$ 55.61	
2020	Raia, John	\$ 2,687.40	
2020	Sheldon, Gary D	\$ 726.22	
2020	Vermont Property Ventures, Inc	\$ 10,528.31	
2017-18	Frydel, Irene (Trustee)	\$ 2,960.61	On payment plan
2019-20	Paul, Hilary Adams	\$ 4,653.21	On payment plan
2020	Plouffe, William & Vivian Life Estate	\$ 4,504.84	Will be paid after 10/19/21
	Balance of Taxes in Arrears	\$ 26,774.34	

On 10/19/20 we held a succesful Tax Sale on the Plouffe property. 2018 and 2019 taxes were paid. 2020 and 2021 taxes will be paid when new owner comes into full ownership on 10/19/21.

During 2020, taxes were collected by three people; Randy Page thru early Feb, Linda Mc Guire until late March, and then myself thru the end of the year.

	2020 Taxes Collected	2020 Fees Collected
Randy Page	\$ 6,187.65	\$ 495.01
Linda Mcguire	\$ 1,548.04	\$ 123.85
Edmund Hemmer	\$ 75,092.04	\$ 6,007.32
Totals for 2020	\$ 82,827.73	\$ 6,626.18

Reimbursements for postage received in 2020 \$ 92.20

Edmund Hemmer
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

2020 was a year unlike any other in our lifetime. So much has changed in how we operate our lives, professionally and privately. We were fortunate that we had completed our site visits before we all had to socially distance from each other. Our grievance hearings, however, were a different matter. Per state recommendation we could not hold face to face hearings and therefore we had to create a new way of holding them. Fortunately we had only seven and our wonderful Shrewsbury residents were willing to talk on the phone or appeal in writing or to speak through our window. Only one grievance was appealed to the Board of Civil Authority, which upheld our values. Also, due to the pandemic, our tax appeal is still on hold due to court backups. The procedure for site visits in 2021 will (by state advice) be remote.

We received our new Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) on December 31. Our new CLA is 98.83% and our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 10.3%. While the CLA is below 100%, it is statistically as close to 100% appraisal value as one can achieve. We have had more sales than typical, but unlike the news reports that are saying that people are buying sight unseen for massive amounts above appraised values, that is not the story in Shrewsbury. That could still change but only time will tell. We are still looking ahead to a time when we will reappraise, but it won't be this coming year. That is really a good thing for the town as the new statewide grand list program is expected to roll out later in 2021 and it makes sense to put all the new information directly into the new program. The listers would like to remind our fellow residents to file your HS-122 forms with the state in a timely manner. Also, if you need to update your current use plans, sooner is better than later. We had current use changes show up in December this year.

Unfortunately, Ronnie Bowers submitted her resignation over the summer. It was a loss for us as her steady support in dealing with the site visits and all the piles of paperwork was critical. She is missed. Stay safe and be well.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Winnicki and Susan Kennedy



November 2020 General Election – A Voter's ballot meets the tabulator under the watchful eyes of Town Clerk Mark Goodwin and JP's Trish Norton, Barry Griffith and Lee Wilson.

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 SELECTBOARD REPORT

On March 13, the Governor of the State of Vermont declared a state of emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic. The Town Office was closed to the walk-in traffic but open by appointment.

In May we had two fatal traffic accidents on Route 103 in Cuttingsville. Personnel from the Rutland County Sheriff's Department and the Vermont State Police brought in temporary speed signs, and VTrans did a traffic study. Speeding in town continues to be a problem. The sheriff's department will patrol in 2021. The Shrewsbury Selectboard urges people to slow down, be attentive and safe.

In July we had an environmental event reported on the Gaynor Road. Green Mountain Power and the Town worked with the Agency of Natural Resources and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) to resolve this issue. Class 4 roads are not maintained in Shrewsbury. Permission from the road commissioner and selectboard are required to work on town roads.

With the RRPC we have updated the Local Hazard Management Plan in 2020.

The town is purchasing 23.6 acres adjacent to the Transfer Station from the church for emergency access use for the Shrewsbury Mountain School and Town Garage/Transfer Station.

Numerous maintenance projects at the Town Office and Town Garage are in the works and should be completed in 2021.

The selectboard would like to thank Mark Goodwin for his 12 years of service as Shrewsbury Town Clerk. Good luck on your future endeavors.

Thanks to Betsy Jesser and 'Shrewsbury News' for keeping the community informed and helping with lost/found pets this year.

A town administrative assistant position will be created in 2021. The town administrative assistant will maintain the town website, attend and take minutes at selectboard meetings, and follow-up on Town business, maintenance, and projects, as directed by the selectboard.

The selectboard appreciates the patience of the community in dealing with the changes/challenges due to the pandemic.

The selectboard thanks all that have served in town offices in 2020, without the community stepping up to help in our municipal government, taxes would go up to fill requirements for the state.

Respectfully submitted,
Aaron Korzun
Steven Nicholson
Francis Wyatt

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF REVENUES-GENERAL AND ROADS
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2020

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2021*</u>
REVENUES				
TAXES				
Current Property Taxes	554,860		372,561	
Delinquent Tax	104,688		87,111	
Property Tax Receipts-Other	462			
Less: Warned Items	(158,542)		(161,042)	
Current Property Taxes for General & Roads	501,469	299,763	298,630	592,689
Federal in Lieu of Taxes	12,002	12,002	12,262	12,262
State In Lieu of Taxes	34,637	34,637	36,137	36,137
Land Use Taxes	62,057	61,755	49,546	49,546
Railroad Tax	480	480	480	480
Total Other Tax Receipts	109,175	108,874	98,425	98,425
ROADS				
Paving Grant	-	-	-	-
FEMA/State Reimbursement, T.S. Irene	291,834			
Cold River Rd. Relocation Premitigation Grant	373,160		1,125	
Lottery Rd. Culvert Grant	129,272			
Better Roads Grant: Road Inventory	3,989		1,330	
Better Roads Grant: Cold River Road		40,000	-	
Mitchell Rd. Flooding, Grant in Aid	13,600			
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	-		4,500	
State Aid to Roads	132,998	132,998	136,921	136,921
State Aid to Roads Supplement			35,505	
Services Rendered - Roads	-		2,638	
Weight Permits	265		280	280
Total Road Receipts	945,118	172,998	182,298	137,201
OTHER RECEIPTS (Continued next page)				
Act 60 Funds	6,745		6,707	
Conservation Commission			1,586	
Dog Licenses	401	400	290	290
Interest Income	4,575	1,400	2,943	1,000
Leased Land	30	30	-	-
Lister Education Grant	450			
Liquor Licenses	485	400	255	255
Misc. income, Misc. fees	131	125	268	200
Recycling	163	150	145	150
Restoration Fees	4,316		5,670	
School Tax Reconciliation-previous year	16,385		41,550	
Transfer Station Punch Cards	16,562	17,000	18,277	17,000
Zoning Permits/DRB Hearing Fees/Subdivision Permits	2,311	1,600	2,002	

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF REVENUES-GENERAL AND ROADS
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2020

	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021*
OTHER RECEIPTS (Continued)				
Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant		7,613	-	7,597
Total Other Receipts	52,554	28,718	79,693	26,492
TOTAL REVENUE	1,608,316	610,353	659,047	854,807
Cash Beginning Balance	122,563	520,974	520,974	225,646
Available Receivables less Payables		(4,082)		(18,423)
Transfers from Reserve Funds		-	35,000	54,997
Cash Available for Expenses	1,730,879	1,127,244	1,215,021	1,117,027

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2020

	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>				
TRANSFER STATION				
Tipping Fees	8,839	10,000	9,473	10,500
Hauling	6,350	7,000	6,832	7,000
Salary-Transfer Station Attendants	19,609	20,009	17,145	23,660
Salary- Transfer Station Administrator	903	921	3,201	4,348
Payroll Expenses	1,600	1,632	1,556	2,143
Maintenance	36	3,000	960	3,000
Solid Waste Dues	4,753	4,800	4,763	4,763
Equipment/Facilities	450	1,000	825	1,000
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	884	1,000	748	1,000
Supplies	477	500	607	600
Workers Compensation	3,357	2,334	2,332	2,530
Solid Waste Closing Implementation Plan	-	2,000	-	2,000
Electricity	1,220	1,200	1,051	1,200
Phone	204	720	553	720
Composting			750	2,400
Electronics Recycling	1,458	1,500	615	1,500
Total Transfer Station	50,140	57,616	51,411	68,363

TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE (Continued next page)

Planning Commission Expense	-	1,000	64	550
Emergency Management	306	10,000	6,094	5,503
Building/Property Insurance	3,025	3,258	3,256	3,258
Public Officials Liability Insurance	1,563	1,134	1,136	1,377
Emp. Practices Liability Insurance	1,276	1,319	1,320	1,320
Workers Compensation	371	258	240	213

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2020

	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021
TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE (Continued)				
Office Heat/Electric	3,840	4,500	4,439	4,500
Training/Education	900	900	75	900
Postage	1,400	1,750	2,257	1,800
Supplies & Equipment	4,016	4,000	5,590	4,000
Elections	234	700	1,187	800
Software	2,109	1,800	2,638	2,500
Selectboard Salary	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Other Town Officers Salary	58,905	71,630	56,733	64,100
Payroll Expenses	6,331	7,610	5,951	6,668
Retirement	1,602	1,602	1,692	282
Office Communications	3,174	3,200	3,152	3,200
Mileage Reimbursement	399	100	-	100
Building Maintenance/Repair	2,198	17,980	4,278	10,000
Warnings	239	500	479	500
Town Report	2,013	2,455	1,891	2,310
Total Town Officers Expense	96,903	138,696	105,469	116,880
LISTERS				
Lister Salaries	18,463	24,000	16,797	24,000
Payroll Expenses	1,412	1,836	1,277	1,836
Supplies	224	1,900	719	2,500
Upgrade Parcel Mapping	1,275	1,275	1,350	1,350
Tax Appeal Legal/Consulting Fees	523	6,000	3,242	6,500
Training & Training Mileage	854	550	90	500
Total Listers Expense	22,752	35,561	23,475	36,686
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS				
Animal Damage and Control	128	500	257	500
Conservation Commission	1,246	1,250	760	1,250
County Court Tax	11,606	13,165	12,787	11,188
Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment	26,813	27,410	25,968	25,500
Land purchase: emergency access to town garage & school			1,000	20,000
Law Enforcement	-	1,000	-	5,740
Legal Fees	-	2,000	181	2,000
Regional Ambulance Service			-	4,224
Rutland Regional Planning Commission Dues	975	975	975	975
Town Events	290	500	113	500
Vermont League of Cities & Towns Dues	2,287	2,287	2,480	2,380
Miscellaneous	119	-	-	
Total Other Disbursements	43,464	49,087	44,522	74,257
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	213,258	280,960	224,877	296,187

Town of Shrewsbury
ROAD EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2020

	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021
ROAD EXPENSES				
ROADS				
Chloride	163	8,400	4,267	4,500
Flood Expenses	188		-	
Pre-Mitigation, Cold River Rd. Relocation	490,031		1,500	
Lottery Rd. Culvert	143,636		800	
Cold River Rd.		48,000	-	
Road Inventory	5,319			
Gravel	48,044	45,000	45,937	48,000
Salt	32,855	35,000	32,449	35,000
Winter Sand	64,812	70,000	50,600	65,000
Erosion Control	415	500	375	500
Stormwater Municipal Rds. General Permit	1,350	1,350	1,590	1,590
Culverts & Bridges	6,887	7,500	7,482	42,500
Tree Removal	-	3,000	3,750	3,000
Paving	135,738	160,000	159,160	160,000
Equipment Rental	2,424	4,000	5,885	4,000
Salaries	150,153	160,000	137,759	185,000
Payroll Expenses	11,458	12,240	10,606	13,200
VT State Retirement	6,054	6,756	5,957	6,000
VLCT Workmen's Compensation	11,531	11,531	11,107	10,690
Health Insurance/Dental Insurance	46,135	53,719	53,041	60,841
VLCT Unemployment	172	272	207	272
Training	45	100	-	100
Other	61		110	100
Total Roads	1,157,467	627,368	532,581	640,293
TOWN EQUIPMENT				
Parts & Repairs	32,260	30,000	26,829	30,000
Tires & Repairs	5,902	7,000	4,775	7,000
Fuels & Lubricants	46,023	50,000	33,472	50,000
Lease payment			-	47,447
New Equipment	13,560	94,700	128,192	5,000
Misc. Supplies	261	500	553	500
Signs	74	800	1,664	1,500
Safety Equipment	30	500	272	300
Total Town Equipment	98,110	183,500	195,756	141,747
TOWN GARAGES (Continued next page)				
Equipment	1,418	1,550	706	1,550
Heating Fuel	2,230	3,000	-	4,000
Maintenance & Supplies	617	1,000	1,566	1,000
Electricity	1,956	2,005	1,677	2,500
Communications	3,816	3,800	3,624	3,000

Town of Shrewsbury
ROAD EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2020

	<u>ACTUAL 2019</u>	<u>BUDGET 2020</u>	<u>ACTUAL 2020</u>	<u>BUDGET 2021</u>
TOWN GARAGES (Continued)				
Buildings & Repair	158	13,000	880	15,250
Property & Casualty Insurance	11,707	11,061	11,725	11,500
Total Town Garages	<u>21,902</u>	<u>35,416</u>	<u>20,176</u>	<u>38,800</u>
TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES	<u>1,277,479</u>	<u>846,284</u>	<u>748,514</u>	<u>820,840</u>
TOTAL GENERAL & ROADS EXPENSES	<u>1,490,737</u>	<u>1,127,244</u>	<u>973,391</u>	<u>1,117,027</u>

*Due to time constraints for ballot preparation the budget was prepared before the final Treasurer's Report.



Winter scene from Sanderson Road

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Due to Covid-19 there were no paving or structure grants for 2020. Town Hill Road and part of Northam Road were paved. The ditches on Town Hill Road were stone lined to meet the state clean water regulations. This work was done with our normal operating budget.

Hopefully things will get back to normal in 2021! Thank you for your support.

Normal road maintenance continued the rest of the year and included:

- a. Shim and overlay of 2.2 miles of town highway #2
- b. 5357 tons of gravel were used on various roads.
- c. 5340 tons of sand were stockpiled for winter use.
- d. 6 culverts were installed.

James Carrara
Road Commissioner

2020 Inventory of Town Equipment
Estimated Value

2020 International HV 613 with plow and sander	\$190,000
2017 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$130,000
2015 Caterpillar 12 M 3 Grader	\$285,000
2015 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$80,000
2014 Ford F-550 with plow and sander	\$25,000
2010 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$20,000
2009 John Deere 5065E tractor with mower, broom	\$23,000
2005 Caterpillar 307C Excavator	\$25,000
2020 Cam Trailer	\$18,000
2019 John Deere 544L Loader	\$160,000
2013 Caterpillar 430F Backhoe	\$50,000
1995 Woodchuck Brush Chipper	\$4,000
Chloride tank with spray bar	\$4,000
Miscellaneous Tools	\$8,000
Goosen Bale Chopper	\$5,000
Total	\$1,027,000

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The town clerk is elected for a three-year term and is essentially the town archivist and is required by statute to be the receiver and recorder of the Town's Land Records. Other statutory responsibilities include: voter registration and maintaining the voter checklist in conjunction with the Board of Civil Authority, as well as being the presiding officer for all elections. The town clerk is the clerk of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) in matters related to appeals of lister grievances. The town clerk records town proceedings and maintains the agenda and minutes of various town boards and commissions pursuant to the Open Meeting Law as matters of public record. The town clerk maintains Vermont Department of Health vital records: births, deaths and civil marriages, and issues civil marriage licenses and certified copies of other vital records. The clerk issues and maintains a record of animal licenses for the Department of Public Safety. Town clerks are asked to disseminate information from various state agencies to local constituencies.

In Shrewsbury, the clerk issues and maintains transfer station vehicle permits and punch cards. The Town website www.shrewsburyvt.org is currently maintained by the town clerk. Shrewsbury strives to be in compliance with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law mandating the posting of agendas and minutes for all municipal meetings on the town website.

In 2020 Shrewsbury had three elections: the annual Town Meeting, the August state primary and the November general election. COVID-19 and the Governor's executive orders in 2020 brought complexities to Shrewsbury elections, primarily the counting and certification of votes. In Shrewsbury we have been a "hand-count" town, meaning the vote tallies and counts were done by volunteer poll workers who hand tabulated ballots in pairs. With COVID-19, that process had to be reevaluated in order to maintain compliance with Vermont Executive Order 01-20 and subsequent guidance to maintain safety and health. On May 4th, the BCA, pursuant to V.S.A. 17 §2491, met to authorize the use of a tabulator to count ballots for the 2020 state primary and general election and any other election that may take place during the duration of the Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order of 3/14/2020. The BCA also met on June 30th to determine the method by which the primary election would be held and approved using a drive-thru voting procedure to maintain safety guidelines.

I am appreciative of the BCA members for attending to and supporting alternative solutions which allowed voters to exercise their right and duty to vote, while still maintaining a healthy and safe election during a time of pandemic.

The BCA met in August 2020 for one lister grievance appeal which was heard and acted upon with a required site visit and written findings. The appellant took no further action after the BCA decision.

As town clerk, I was summoned for a civil court action in December, along with eight other town/city clerks and their respective towns and cities in Vermont by Connecticut Attorneys Title Insurance Company in respect to apparent restrictions to land and zoning records. The Shrewsbury Selectboard approved retaining legal representation in the matter on December 11, 2020. It appears that the towns/cities and their respective clerks were chosen at random, with the emphasis of the complaint on restrictive measures due to COVID-19 taken by clerks in utilizing the records in our respective custody. As of this writing, there is a motion by defendants to dismiss the suit that is scheduled to be heard on January 28, 2021.

This report being my last, I would like to first thank the residents of Shrewsbury, who over the past twelve plus years have given me the confidence to engage in the task of town clerk. It is my sincere hope that I have met some of your expectations. Working with the diverse personalities and interests

2020 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT continued

of the citizenry of Shrewsbury has been a humbling and grateful experience. There are a vast number of creative problem solvers who reside in Shrewsbury and their combined talents and energy give cause to the sentiment that Shrewsbury is a great place to live.

I would like to explicitly thank Betsy Jesser for being assistant town clerk during my tenure. She has assisted in numerous ways and taught me an extraordinary amount. Also, she sat in while I was at training or on vacation. Thank you to Barry Griffith as town agent and his counsel, which he has given both to myself over the years in support of the practices and actions of the town clerk but also to the Town itself, and John Berryhill for his deliberative focus as chair of the Board of Civil Authority. And, thank you to the BCA as a whole for their attention to actions taken in respect to grievance appeals and elections, along with the town officers and to all the volunteers who participate in the municipal functions of the Town, it has been an honor and fun to work with all of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 VITAL STATISTICS

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
BIRTHS	6	6	10	4	7	8	6	13	5
DEATHS	12	9	9	9	9	8	7	14	20
CIVIL MARRIAGES	6	9	5	6	6	10	5	8	9

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 ANIMAL LICENSE REPORT

QUANTITY	TYPE	FEE	COLLECTED
59	Spayed Female	\$9.00 Each	\$531.00
46	Neutered Male	\$9.00 Each	\$414.00
3	Unspayed Female	\$13.00 Each	\$39.00
5	Un-Neutered Males	\$13.00 Each	\$65.00
0	Special Permit	\$30.00 Each	\$0.00
0	Pet Dealer License	\$25.00 Each	\$0.00
Total: 113			
23	Late Fees	\$4.00 Each	\$44.00
		Total Fees Collected	\$1,093.00
Fees Retained by Town of Shrewsbury			\$302.00
Fees Retained by Shrewsbury Clerk			\$226.00
Fees Submitted to the State Spay/Neuter Program			\$339.00
Fees Submitted to the State for Mandatory Assessment			\$226.00
TOTAL			\$1,093.00

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 TOWN HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Chapter 15 of the “Town Health Officer Manual” is titled “Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response”. It has two pages describing the role of the town health officer (THO) before, during and after an emergency. To better understand my duties, I read the online training available from FEMA: ICS-100 Introduction to Incident Command Systems and IS-520 Introduction to Continuity of Operations Planning for Pandemic Influenzas.

THO’s are enrolled in Vermont’s Health Alert Network to receive important health information and are responsible for keeping up to date with the network’s bulletins and directives. This system has assisted me in working with the Shrewsbury Selectboard and the local state health district office to assess town health needs and resources. I strive to keep up to date with the information from the Vermont State Health Department, while at the same time being available to Shrewsbury residents to answer questions and direct individuals to resources.

Many thanks to the selectboard, Shrewsbury’s emergency management team, and the residents of Shrewsbury for working together in ways big and small, as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to challenge us. It will be a year from last year’s town report that Covid-19 altered our lives. Most health data expect almost another year before 80% of the individuals in the United States will be vaccinated, thus reaching a level of protection against this virus. Surely, we can continue to help keep everyone as healthy as possible.

Other THO business in 2020 included one dog bite. Both human and dog were fine after 10 days. The dog was up to date with rabies vaccine. I attended three live online trainings about mosquito and tick-borne disease, mold, cyanobacteria and recreational waters. The highly anticipated in-person training on bed bugs was canceled and hopefully will be scheduled in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Felder, APRN retired, Town Health Officer

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

It was a relatively busy year. Fifteen building permits were issued, notification was received and reviewed for one planned agricultural building, and two boundary line adjustments were administratively approved. There were two new home starts and then the usual variety of decks, additions, sheds, and garages.

As always, I am interested in hearing any questions you have regarding the Shrewsbury Zoning and Subdivision Regulation. I appreciate everyone who calls to ask whether they need a permit for something **before** they start. Thank you all for your politeness and consideration with the permit process which, I realize, does not always please especially when it interferes with your plans. Remember, I welcome all calls to check on what is and what is not allowed for your specific property.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Raymond, Zoning Administrator

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 SHREWSBURY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Shrewsbury Development Review Board (DRB) reviews applications for subdivision of land, variances from the town's zoning regulations, conditional uses, development in overlay zones and appeals from decisions of the zoning administrator.

The DRB meets as required, based on the applications received. All hearings are publicly warned and open to the public. In addition, we notify all adjacent landowners of applications in accordance with state statute. All records of applications, hearings and decisions by the DRB are retained at the town office and are a public record.

Applications to the DRB may be obtained from the zoning administrator, who will inform the applicant about the information needed by the board to conduct a hearing. The DRB's decisions are made in accordance with the town's duly adopted unified zoning and subdivision ordinances.

During 2020, the DRB held nine hearings, which consisted of: two conditional use applications, one subdivision, three waivers from setback dimensions, two boundary line adjustments and one historical district review.

Applicants are reminded to review the town's zoning and subdivision regulations in preparation for an application to the board. In addition, applicants are reminded that there are strict state regulations regarding development near wetlands and flood-prone areas, as well as requirements for design of wastewater disposal systems. Questions can be addressed to the zoning administrator.

Town of Shrewsbury, VT
2020 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

The responsibility of the Shrewsbury Cemetery Commission is to oversee and maintain the small family cemeteries that were created during the settlement of the Town in the late 1700's and early 1800's. Normally two or three families living near each other would select a piece of property that they would share for the burial of family members. Therefore, these cemeteries are important historically because they reflect the early settlement patterns and families in the town. Now, in 2021, these cemeteries are almost all located on private property. Since 2001 two family cemeteries have been added: the Mitchell Family Cemetery and the Haley Family Cemetery.

The Shrewsbury Cemetery Commission is very grateful to the property owners and neighbors who care for these cemeteries. We thank the Tabor family for maintaining the Colburn Cemetery in East Shrewsbury, Leonard Page and his son Leonard Jr. at the Plumley-Page Cemetery on the Upper Cold Road, Red and Judy Landon at the First Cuttingsville Cemetery, Donna Smith and son Jeff at the Shrewsbury Center Cemetery and the Mitchell and Haley families.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Carrara

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE REPORT

The Shrewsbury Justices of the Peace have been steady in fulfilling their responsibilities as elected officials. Here is what we oversee:

1. Elections- Justices are members of the Shrewsbury Board of Civil Authority (BCA). Members of the BCA serve at Town elections by Australian ballot and also for statewide elections. We also are responsible for delivering absentee ballots to those who cannot vote in person.
2. Tax Abatement and Appeals- Justices are members of the Shrewsbury Board for Abatement of Taxes to determine whether a taxpayer's obligation should be forgiven under certain circumstances. They also serve an important role in the Town's tax appeal process. As members of the Board of Civil Authority, justices sit to hear and decide appeals when citizens do not agree with the final decision of the listers.
3. Marriages- Justices may also solemnize marriage in Vermont.
4. Oaths and Notary- Justices may administer oaths in all cases where an oath is required, unless a specific law makes a different provision. A justice is a notary public ex officio and has all the acknowledgment powers of a notary public.
5. Magistrate- Justices of the peace may also serve as a magistrate when so commissioned by the Supreme Court.

I would like to acknowledge the hard and dedicated work that Adrienne Raymond has contributed over the years. Adrienne has always made herself available and the board appreciated her efforts. She will be missed!!

The town bought a new tabulator that we put into action for both the primary election and the presidential election. This rather nifty machine allows us to take mailed in ballots, feed them into the tabulator so we can quickly and accurately count the total vote. It also allows our poll workers to minimize contact with the public so we remain somewhat safer during the pandemic. We spent a significant amount of time being educated on its use and we hope to continue learning more this year.

Effective February 1, 2021, your justices are Barry Griffith, Larry Carrara, Lee Wilson, Trish Norton, Taffy Maynard, Betsy Jesser and John Berryhill (Chair).

Respectfully Submitted
John Berryhill, Chair, Board of Civil Authority

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 SHREWSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The duties of the Planning Commission are varied and include the following:

- Prepare a town plan and amendments to the town plan for consideration by the legislative body (selectboard);
- Prepare and present land use regulations;
- Undertake capacity studies and make recommendations on matters of land development, historic and scenic preservation, etc.;
- Hold public meetings that relate to the work of the planning commission with other departments of the municipality;
- Participate in a regional planning program.

The Shrewsbury Planning Commission (SPC) has been developing an updated Flood Hazard Area Bylaw. A Flood Hazard Area Bylaw protects river corridors and property from erosion and from damage during flood events, allows property owners access to federal flood insurance, and makes state and federal funding available to Shrewsbury for infrastructure repairs due to flood damage. The update will allow additional Emergency Relief & Assistance Fund resources for the town. Our draft of the bylaw is currently under review by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

The SPC is also working on amendments to the Unified Zoning & Subdivision Regulations to address recent state legislation, to clarify and enhance some development regulations, and correct some mapping discrepancies. Public hearings are required before bylaws may be adopted by the selectboard. We will look to guidance from the State of Vermont and the Shrewsbury Selectboard on how to plan such hearings safely.

We sadly accepted the resignation of commissioner Brian Jelentsis, who moved out of the area, as well as that of Francis “Jolly” Wyatt who stepped down to accept his elected position on the selectboard. Thank you Brian and Jolly for all your hard work during your tenure! Brian served on the Shrewsbury Local Hazard Mitigation Committee, as a representative of the SPC. The Planning commission now has only three members of a maximum five member body.

Like many town officers and organizations, the Covid-19 pandemic has changed how we meet. The SPC has been meeting, and will continue to meet, remotely via an online meeting platform until further notice. The meetings are open to the public; the posted agenda provides the link to the meeting site.

The PC meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of every month. We welcome input and dialogue from everyone in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Black, Chair

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Unlike for most, 2020 was a very satisfying year for the SCC. In 2019 we were fortunate to complete most of the leg work and fundraising involved in conserving 527 acres of a high priority wildlife habitat corridor at the end of Lottery Road. This gave us the satisfaction this year of celebrating the creation and state ownership of the Town Farm Wildlife Management Area – the 100th WMA conserved by Vermont Fish and Wildlife on their 100th anniversary. Thanks to so many people who contributed funds and/or elbow grease to make this conservation effort happen. VT Fish and Wildlife will soon be soliciting feedback on the parking area and trail management. The area is open to hunters, trappers, hikers, bird watchers, berry pickers, and cross country skiers.

Many of the planned SCC Walks and Talks and other events had to be cancelled this year due to the virus but modifications led to several opportunities. Green Up Day was delayed minus the usual breakfast send off, but volunteers came anyway and all roads were cleared of litter, at least until it began showing up again. We encourage town road walkers to carry along a bag to pick up litter throughout the year, as many of you already do. The Stout/Rice family held a masked hike sharing the forestry and sugar management of their farm. In January, just before the pandemic hit, 80+ people filled the Mountain School multipurpose room to view a wildlife slide presentation by naturalist Susan Morse and hear about the importance of wildlife corridors. The SCC worked with the planning commission and selectboard to resolve erosion problems on Gaynor Road. One outcome is to look at other Class 4 roads and determine their future classification and maintenance requirements to avoid costs to taxpayers and keep trails available for non-motorized use.

And lastly, the SCC continued working to control a variety of harmful invasive plants, most notably garlic mustard, wild parsnip, chervil, and purple loosestrife. Over 250 socially distanced and masked volunteer hours contributed to this effort! Thank you to our many hard working volunteers!

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Duda,
Chairperson Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 TRANSFER STATION ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

First, I want to thank everyone for all your efforts to comply with all the new and ever changing rules at the transfer station. Now some recycling numbers:

- Plastic - \$75/ton (full 40 cubic yard dumpster). Pulled approximately every 2 – 3 months.
- Cardboard - Brought to Hubbard's by the road crew by the bale.
- Food Scraps - Brought to Hubbard's once a week (state requirement) at \$40/trip. Scraps cost \$25 a "tote". We have approximately 2 to 3 "totes" every week on average.
- Electronics - Approximately 9100 pounds were recycled at a cost of \$1,500.

We will continue to sell punch cards at the transfer station until the Covid emergency is lifted by the state. Also, thanks to all who have donated food to the "pest control workers" (much appreciated by the cats). If you have any questions about the above information or any other transfer station questions please call me at 773-2272. Please remember to wear your mask at the transfer station.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Potter, Administrator Shrewsbury Transfer Station

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

It is not often that the sedate life of a tree warden is interrupted by a large event but three in the same year is even more unusual. All had dramatic impacts.

The corona virus had the first impact with the elimination of any large scale tree meetings. By June all tree-related meetings (Insect and Disease Meeting, Urban and Community Forestry Annual Tree Meeting, and New England Society of American Foresters Meeting) had been cancelled. Then the world of "Zoom" or its equivalent came to the forefront. Small gatherings via computer and the sharing of most tree-related information became the norm. It is hard enough to just see a person on a computer screen without trying to see an entire tree and what is wrong with it. I was again one of the UVM Extension Master Gardener "tree people" answering tree related questions from all over Vermont via computer and, although fewer in number, also visited several homeowner sites in Shrewsbury with everyone except the trees wearing masks.

Then came fall and another surprise for Shrewsbury. Although the emerald ash borer has been slowly expanding its range in Vermont since 2018, the importance of making inventories and plans varied depending on how far away the nearest infestation was. Most seemed to be several towns away until September when an infestation was discovered in West Rutland. Because this town is west of Shrewsbury and less than five miles away, we became a "high risk" town since prevailing winds from the west make Shrewsbury a likely ash borer site within the next couple of years. So awareness and looking harder for beetle evidence will be greater in 2021. The inventory of all ash trees within the town right-of-way became a much higher priority as well and was given to the selectboard and road commissioner for analysis knowing that most ash trees will die once it is in an area unless steps are taken to preserve them via inoculation. Remember, EAB infestation is a slow process and will not consume a given town in one growing season. Proper planning will certainly guide our actions in 2021 and beyond.

2020 Shrewsbury Town Road Right-of-Way EAB Ash Survey Summary

Tree Diameter				Risk			
8"-11"	12"-16"	17"+	Total	Low	Medium	High	Total
799	933	246	1978	222	573	1183	1978

On October 8, Governor Scott signed into law H673 which made sweeping changes to the tree warden statutes. It became law on November 1st and perhaps its most important change is the way a shade tree is now defined. Existing town right-of-ways have been the focus of tree warden duties for nearly a century and from, via trees along the roads, the character of town roads throughout rural Vermont towns. **Shade tree** is now defined as "those trees that have been planted by a municipality or that are otherwise designated by the municipality through the development of a **shade tree preservation plan**." The shade tree preservation plan is now the mechanism for documenting a community's tree program, the jurisdiction of the tree warden, and any municipality-specific processes for shade tree removal. Ironically, the creation of a shade tree preservation plan uses one of the legal terms, **may**, rather than **shall**, in directing a towns' interest (or not) in managing its newly defined shade trees. Since the enactment of this law several Shrewsburyites, along with the planning commission, and conservation commission have expressed interest in helping develop a shade tree preservation plan for Shrewsbury. And so went 2020 which leads us into a busy 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Salmon, Tree Warden

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE REPORT

The Trustees of the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House are responsible for the management and maintenance of our treasured and historic Town Hall, constructed in 1852. The Meeting House is used by the community and church, as originally intended, for town meetings, voting, dances, hearings, church services, committee meetings, receptions and parties, concerts, weddings, funerals, food divides, quilting classes, exercise classes and other community functions. It is truly one the most important buildings in town and the centerpiece of Shrewsbury Center. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Meeting House was used a lot less this year.

The Shrewsbury Meeting House Trustee Board is comprised of seven trustees, with three trustees appointed by the selectboard, three appointed by the Shrewsbury Community Church, and one member appointed by the trustees. The building is available for any town or church function, general community or civic group gathering, and it can be reserved for private functions by town residents. For private functions or events that are not free and open to the entire community, a reasonable usage fee is required and rental can be arranged through Julianne Sharrow. Appropriate use of the sanctuary must be arranged through the Shrewsbury Community Church (Karen Lorentz) and trustees (Julanne Sharrow), since generally only one gathering in the building is desired at the same time. Our policy is to allow use of the building by only Shrewsbury residents since the Meeting House is such a historic, fragile and important building to our community.

With the recent installation of an automatic emergency generator, this year saw the completion of planned capital improvements projects that have spanned over 10 years. From the rebuilding of the bell support framing, new roofing, painting, new bathrooms, new LED lighting, sound deadening in the main hall, refurbishment of the entire downstairs and 2 new furnaces, the building is in very good condition. There are several smaller repair projects planned for 2021 but nothing major.

All this necessary work could not have been done without annual assessments to the town and church and without the generous \$100,000 Russell Smith bequest received several years ago. This gift to the community helped preserve a treasured asset for the town. Now the Meeting House can also serve as an emergency shelter during an Irene-like event or other regional disaster. Similar gifts will assure this historic building will continue to serve our community for generations to come.

We offer a sincere thank you to those who regularly care for the building and to all who leave the building in good condition after use. Please contact the Meeting House Trustees with any suggestions for improvements or if you are interested in helping us preserve this wonderful building.

Sincerely,
The 2020 Shrewsbury Meeting House Trustees

Appointed by Town
Mark Youngstrom
Annette Parrish
Liesbeth van de Heijden

Appointed by Church
Donna Smith
Julanne Sharrow
Karen Lorentz

Appointed by Committee
Ed Ryan

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2020

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2020 **\$20,533**

RECEIPTS

Town of Shrewsbury	\$17,000	
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,600	
Hall Rental	\$0	
Interest	\$7	
Donations	\$1,010	
Other		
Total Receipts		\$22,617

EXPENDITURES

Electricity	\$1,089	
Propane	\$4,468	
Telephone	\$1,448	
Custodial	\$2,500	
Maintenance	\$3,108	
Insurance	\$6,421	
Supplies	\$26	
Capital Improvements	\$20,897	
Total Disbursements		\$39,957

ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2020 **\$3,193**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS

	<u>2019</u> ACTUAL	<u>2020</u> BUDGET	<u>2020</u> ACTUAL	<u>2021</u> BUDGET
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,000	\$14,000	\$17,000	\$15,500
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,250	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$5,500
Hall Rental	\$450	\$800	\$0	\$200
Interest	\$12	\$20	\$6	\$10
Donations	\$2,234	\$500	\$1,010	\$500
From Russell Smith Capital Fund	\$5,912	\$0	\$0	\$0
From Cash Reserves	\$11,153	\$1,036	\$17,341	\$0
Total Receipts	\$36,011	\$20,956	\$39,957	\$21,710
EXPENDITURES				
Electricity	\$967	\$1,200	\$1,089	\$1,200
Propane	\$4,607	\$4,500	\$4,468	\$3,500
Telephone	\$1,377	\$1,200	\$1,448	\$1,500
Custodial	\$2,520	\$2,550	\$2,500	\$2,500
Maintenance	\$3,774	\$2,500	\$3,108	\$4,500
Insurance	\$6,304	\$6,406	\$6,421	\$6,500
Supplies	\$48	\$100	\$26	\$100
Capital Improvements	\$16,415	\$2,500	\$20,897	\$1,910
Total Disbursements	\$36,012	\$20,956	\$39,957	\$21,710

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

In January, 2020, the Library began its 45th year as an all-volunteer library providing free services to the town. Any celebration was put on hold in March, as we pivoted to safely continue operations during the pandemic. Thanks to our trustees, we developed a plan for on-line ordering, parking-lot pick-ups, and home deliveries on request. When State guidelines for public buildings eased in May, we opened for limited hours with limited occupancy, masking, and hand-sanitizing. Current library hours are: Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon; Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Trustees' Meetings are held the usual second Tuesdays of every month, now via Zoom.

Dedicated trustees and volunteers from the community have been able to staff those hours, while others have needed to protect their health. Unlimited thanks are due to: Donna Swartz, Lisa Sharrow, Gail Hartigan, Chuck Finberg, Elijah LaChance, Carrie Clancy, Breanna Davis, and Sally Deinzer.

While our circulation and attendance numbers are obviously low for the year, we were pleased to see an increased use of ListenUp! Vermont, which provides e-books and audio-books to borrowers through their library cards. Print books and DVDs continued to give reading and watching pleasure in a difficult time. The Children's Committee kept a container of take-away puzzles and games filled on the library porch for borrowers. In-person gatherings, like the "Haunted Library," and the public presentations were put on hold, but the Famous Books Book Club and the Science Book Club continued via Zoom.

Fund-raising events, like the Haystack Dinner and Street Dance, the Bake Sale part of the Book Sale, and the Holiday Silent Auction and Cookie Share, all had to be postponed for the year, and the Book Sale became a weeks-long, honor-system event. The loss of expected revenue was countered by a strong response to our fund-raising letter that more than made up for the budgeted amount. Many thanks to our donors!

For the coming year, we are asking for level funding at \$7,500 as we have since 2005, to cover basic operating costs: heat, electricity, telephone/internet service, and insurance. We fund-raise for everything else, such as books, DVDs, repairs, maintenance, and supplies. While no one can predict how 2021 will unfold, we have budgeted basically the same amount of revenue and expenses: \$22,450. We expect that some line items will be lower and some higher; we will use carry-overs from last year to cover any shortfalls.

We hope that the coming year will allow the library to become the gathering place and community resource it has been in the past, and that we will be able to celebrate our 45 years with thanks to your help.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Aleshire & Lisa Sharrow, Co-Presidents

Donna Swartz, VT Librarian

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2020 \$ 76,870

RECEIPTS:

Operating	23,520	
Capital Fund	1,600	
Restricted	3,105	
Total Receipts	28,225	28,225

EXPENDITURES:

Operating	15,320	
Capital Fund	4,920	
Restricted	1,124	
Total Expenditures	(21,364)	(21,364)

ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2020 \$ 83,731

Capital Fund - Beginning January 1, 2020 \$ 21,681

Receipts	1,600	
Board designation of funds	-	
Expenditures	(4,920)	

Capital Fund - Ending December 31, 2020 \$ 18,361

Restricted Revenue and Expense:

	Beginning Balances	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balances
Ben Perry Fund	\$ 611	\$ 1,709	\$ 468	\$ 1,852
E. Jeffords Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
Freeman Grant	40	-	-	40
Claire Hooper	683	-	-	683
Lorna MacDougal-Cohen Fund	130	-	85	45
Joyce Wilson Memorial Fund	26	563	114	475
Allan YA Book Fund	-	250	44	206
Large Print Book Fund	100	-	-	100
Viola Parker Fund	324	50	101	273
Mitch Spencer Fund	-	533	312	221
	\$ 5,414	\$ 3,105	\$ 1,124	\$ 7,395

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT
COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT

	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<u>Operating Revenue:</u>				
Town	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Donations & Unrestricted Grants	9,997	6,500	12,354	6,500
Fundraising	7,646	6,885	2,970	5,000
Interest Earned	83	75	80	60
Other income	735	600	616	-
Total Operating Revenue	<u>25,961</u>	<u>21,560</u>	<u>23,520</u>	<u>19,060</u>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>				
Advertising	225	225	225	225
Materials: Adults	3,731	3,960	2,614	4,010
Materials: Children & YA	12	800	29	700
Children's Program Expense	500	600	340	600
Equipment & Repairs	630	500	211	500
Electricity	1,444	1,450	1,013	1,400
Fuel	1,853	1,800	1,412	1,850
Fundraising & events expense	1,196	1,200	1,283	1,300
Insurance	1,609	1,675	1,651	1,750
Librarian Expense	-	100	-	100
Maintenance	4,901	2,150	1,456	2,765
Miscellaneous	107	150	106	150
Septic	600	1,250	1,800	1,400
Postage	22	100	16	100
Postage-Interlibrary loan	573	750	292	750
Program Expense	2,523	2,600	1,070	2,600
Supplies	577	650	395	650
Telephone	1,528	1,600	1,407	1,600
Total Operating Expense	<u>22,031</u>	<u>21,560</u>	<u>15,320</u>	<u>22,450</u>
Operating revenue over/(under) operating expenses	<u>\$ 3,930</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,200</u>	<u>\$ (3,390)</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The last meeting of the SHS was held in October, 2019. John Elwert had been treasurer for 19 years and retired from that position but will continue as chair of the House Committee. Catherine Carrara is now our treasurer. We thank Paul Stewart for keeping the lawns cut and Ann Ridlon for her gardening skills.

On January 25, 2020 the Society co-sponsored Snow Day at the Mountain School. In March of 2020 we were shut down due to the coronavirus pandemic. The museum was closed until further notice and no meetings were held. A notice from SHS to all members went out about the closure. The calendar and annual *Past Times* for 2020 were not published this year.

In June, the nine graduating students of the Mountain School were presented with their own copy of our town's history book, *Shrewsbury, Vermont – Our Town As It Was*, written by Dawn Hance, plus a map of Shrewsbury and a special book plate. On graduation day, the families arrived one by one in their car and the student jumped out and met with a teacher and accepted their diploma and gifts from the SHS. They were: Iris Brigham, Wilder Brooks, Riley Collins, Conner Myhre, Jennafyr Patterson, Madison Paul, Grady Ran, Claire Ward and Trenton Webster.

Though the museum is closed on the outside, the inside is kept busy with the copy work of various news clippings for our Current History album, easing up the pressure of many file folders, requests seeking information on families, and the sorting of donated artifacts to be put on display for the opening day of a new season. The sale of history books are ongoing, as is our column in the monthly *Times of Shrewsbury*.

Sadly, our Society was notified of the passing of two members: Lois Butler, who was instrumental in the design of our museum exhibits and Douglas Ponton, son of Marguerite and Maurice Ponton.

The Society receives notices from the Vermont Historical Society and they requested the 150 town historical societies in Vermont to send them any story about how their towns are coping with the pandemic. We sent the article and photo of Victoria Arthur's outside concerts held in the fall. The VT Historical Society has added this to their digital files and can be located on <https://covid-19.digitalvermont.org/items/show/534>.

This fall the Society was asked by two VT TV programs to come visit John P. Bowman's mansion. The first was a 30 minute presentation shown on PBS: <https://ournewenglandlegends.com/haunted-halloween-haunts/>. Starting in the museum, co-presidents Brian Winkler and Grace Brigham were interviewed, along with Paul Stewart and Barry Griffith, and special guest, author Joe Citro. Next came VT Champlain Valley channels 22 and 44 with a weekly feature called This Place in History. Again Grace Brigham and Barry Griffith showed them around the museum and then introduced them to Donna Smith at the Smith Maple Crest Farm, to Sally Deinzer at Pierce's Store and met Barry Griffith at Laurel Hall and the mausoleum. These three 3-minute segments can be viewed at: <https://vermonthistory.org/this-place-in-history>. As Barry says, "We know what a special place Shrewsbury is. Thanks to the airing of these programs, many others now know it as well."

Respectfully submitted,
Co-Presidents - Grace Brigham and Brian Winkler

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2020

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account Balance	\$ 4,089	
Money Market Acct	10,633	
Certificates of Deposit	25,322	
CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2020		\$ 40,044

Total Receipts	\$ 5,217	
Total Disbursements	2,463	
Excess Receipts Over Expenditures		3,254

ENDING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account Balance	\$ 6,842	
Money Market Acct	10,657	
Certificates of Deposit	25,797	
ENDING CASH BALANCE December 31, 2020		\$ 43,297

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS

	Actual 2019	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Membership dues	500	500	365	500
Fund Raising	1,129	3,000	252	2,000
Contributions	2,255	1,000	2,120	1,000
Interest on CD's and MM	389	200	480	350
Total Receipts	\$ 6,773	\$ 6,350	\$ 5,717	\$ 6,350
OPERATING EXPENDITURES				
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 424	\$ 4,000
Insurance	1,076	1,100	1,122	1,100
Electricity	374	475	386	475
Heating Fuel	214	50	29	50
Archival Supplies	206	150	36	150
Supplies and misc	2,055	200	359	200
Postage	142	375	27	375
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 4,067	\$ 6,350	\$ 2,463	\$ 6,350
Excess Receipts Over Expenditures	\$ 2,706	\$ -	\$ 3,254	\$ -

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

We would prefer to forget 2020. It was a particularly rough year for the members of your volunteer fire department. Long established routines were upended beginning in March with the arrival of Covid. Our typical weekly meetings were sharply curtailed. We managed to keep ourselves healthy, to keep our equipment maintained and to respond when needed.

We answered 26 emergency calls in 2020. A deadly head-on collision on Route 103 in June was the worst. Aided by a second extrication team from the Rutland City Fire Department, our members labored for hours to recover the victim from his vehicle. That traumatic call was followed days later by a second fatal accident just a mile or so down the road. Fire Chief Phil Severy convened a debriefing with professionals from the Vermont State Firefighters Association. Safety Officer Bob Snarski met with the selectboard and helped arrange for temporary flashing speed limit signs and a state survey of Route 103 traffic. Perhaps this will lead to a reduction of the speed limit on Route 103 through Cuttingsville in 2021.

Members also responded to a serious ATV crash in Jeffords State Forest as well as a fatal tractor accident. We said goodbye to Duane Carrara, a former SVFD deputy chief and father of current member Russ Carrara. We also lost Karen Carrara, wife of longtime member Herb Carrara and mother of current member Jamie Carrara. As we said, it was not an easy year for our members.

On a more positive note, Chief Phil arranged for a number of helpful "hands on" training sessions, both "in house" and working with neighboring fire departments. Most notable were a "live burn" drill in Clarendon and an extrication drill in Northam. Renovations to the Cuttingsville Fire Station meeting room were completed. We acquired a washer for turnout gear with mailer donations and installed it in Northam Station. We welcomed new member Jeff Dayton to our ranks. Our wonderful Auxiliary presented us with handsome coats.

The annual ham supper, fire safety program at the Mountain School and Shrewsbury Day parade were all Covid casualties in 2020. We did hold our annual meeting in October, with all officers elected to serve another year. Jamie Carrara and Al Ridlon, Sr. received well deserved awards for outstanding service.

Our funding requests on the 2021 warning are unchanged. We are hoping for a better year. As always -- **be smart and stay safe.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Perry, President Phil Severy, Fire Chief Jon Lees, Secretary Barry Griffith, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury
2020 FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

This year we did not have any brush fires. Keep up the good work! Again, we would like to remind you that if you are going to burn, burn only natural wood and call for a PERMIT from Al Ridlon Jr. or Kevin Brown. Thank you, and be fire safe!

Kevin Brown	Al Ridlon Jr.
775-6194 (H)	492-3722 (H)
775-5518 (W)	282-3642 (C)
345-8668 (C)	

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2020

	Actual 2019	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Raised by SVFD	\$530	\$15,000	\$26,832	\$15,000
Total Operating Income	\$35,530	\$50,000	\$61,832	\$50,000

EXPENSES

New Equipment	\$5,256	\$10,000	\$10,182	\$10,000
Operating	\$5,729	\$5,000	\$2,932	\$5,000
Maintenance	\$3,450	\$5,000	\$4,834	\$6,000
Stations	\$3,286	\$9,000	\$25,939	\$9,000
Insurance	\$8,084	\$8,500	\$8,216	\$8,500
Communications	\$1,871	\$3,000	\$2,046	\$2,600
Heating	\$3,615	\$3,800	\$1,945	\$3,500
Electric	\$2,011	\$2,500	\$1,888	\$2,000
Dues/Training	\$550	\$1,500	\$1,870	\$1,500
Fundraising	\$1,526	\$1,500	\$1,107	\$1,700
Miscellaneous	\$99	\$100	\$100	\$100
Bank Charges	\$101	\$100	\$60	\$100
Total Operating Expenses	\$35,578	\$50,000	\$61,118	\$50,000

GENERAL FUND	Beginning Balance January 1, 2020	\$33,735
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Receipts

Town of Shrewsbury	\$35,000	
Fundraising	\$26,000	
General Donations/Refunds	\$785	
Interest Income	\$47	
Total General Fund Receipts		\$61,832

Expenditures

GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2020	\$34,449
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Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Special Accounts for the Year Ending December 31, 2020

Replacement Fund*

Opening Balance 1/1/20	\$92,590	
Mailer Donations	\$10,134	
Break Open Ticket Proceeds	\$11,235	
Firefighter Fund Donations	\$100	
Memorial Expenses	-\$200	
Transfer from Race Pool	\$10,911	
Transfer to Operating Account	-\$26,000	
Interest Income	\$430	
Ending Balance 12/31/20	<u> </u>	\$99,200

* Includes Tim Stewart Memorial Fund & Firefighters Fund

Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund

Opening Balance 1/1/20	\$293,055	
Change in Investment Value	\$21,270	
Paid Investment Advisor Fees	-\$2,829	
Ending Balance 12/31/20	<u> </u>	\$311,496

Race Pool Account

Opening Balance 1/1/20	\$17,204	
Donations (unclaimed prizes)	\$100	
Prizes and Expenses Paid	-\$6,393	
Transfer to Replacement Fund	-\$10,911	
Ending Balance 12/31/20	<u> </u>	\$0

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS Ending Balance December 31, 2020	<u><u>\$410,696</u></u>
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Funded in town budget

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. It serves a population of approximately 14,000 people. These towns work cooperatively to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner.

In 2020, SWAC successfully complied with the Interim Year Act 148 / ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. SWAC received approval of its new SWIP in November 2020. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and outlines how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the SWAC towns for a five-year period. All towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP, and the requirements are extensive.

SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues such as legislation and rule changes, SWIP requirements, and product stewardship. SWAC is a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Institute.. These groups have been instrumental in getting Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation passed in Vermont. The EPR legislation requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for collection of their product(s).

HAZARDOUS WASTE: SWAC contracted with ENPRO Services of Vermont to hold three household hazardous waste (HHW) events. Almost 5 tons of hazardous waste was collected. These events are an expensive undertaking for your towns. Consider alternative products, use the product for its intended purpose and try to use it up. Leftovers? Consider giving it to a friend, neighbor, relative or charitable organization to use. Visit the SWAC website, www.rutlandcountyswac.org (What Do I Do With page) for locations where electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil are accepted for **free**. Don't wait for the hazardous waste events. To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember the 4 Rs – Reduce Reuse, Recycle, and Repurpose.

2021 Hazardous Waste Schedule: May 15, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; October 19, Fair Haven Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue. All event times are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Date yet to be determined: Pawlet at Dorset School. The SWAC website provides additional information as it becomes available. All events are free to all SWAC residents. Any SWAC resident can attend any of the events.

Between events: Residents of SWAC towns may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and provides drop-off of household hazardous waste at no charge, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scale house or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station, or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for sale on weekends at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

2020 has been an unprecedentedly difficult year. Special thanks to town staff and transfer station attendants who kept operations going despite the difficulties involved. Also many thanks to the SWAC representatives and many of your town clerks. They spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and effectively.

Shrewsbury was represented by: Bert Potter

2020 RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Funded in town budget

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.

The RRPC and the Town of Shrewsbury continued working together in 2020 on many community development initiatives. Some highlights include:

- **Provided traffic safety technical support for VT-103 in Cuttingsville and coordinated VTrans engineering study.**
- **Provided conference call support and hosted meetings for town boards at start of Covid 19.**
- **Worked with planning team to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.**
- **Conducted traffic counts on Spring Lake Rd.**
- **Provided technical assistance to town officials on Town Road and Bridge Standards.**
- **Worked with Shrewsbury Planning Commission to update its floodplain regulations to include river corridor protections.**
- **Worked with the Town on applying for FY21 Grants in Aid funding for stormwater best practice projects and for funding for purchase of a plate compactor.**

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning, want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community, or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call - we'd love to hear from you!



Shrewsbury Mountain School students showing they're not a afraid of a little snow!!!
(left to right) Jack Allard, Ellie McDevitt, Theo Bennette, and Aiden Fillmore.

2020 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

Funded in town budget

We are pleased to present our 37th annual report to the citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-seven years. From 1983 to the end of the fiscal year, RAS has responded to 230,369 ambulance calls. This past fiscal year, ending June 30, 2020, the service responded to a total of 8,943 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 195 “Medic One” paramedic intercept calls. **RAS responded to 90 ambulance calls in Shrewsbury.** We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing to serve the public.

This past year, COVID-19 has and will continue to dominate activities at RAS. The safety of our patients and staff remains our number one priority. We diligently follow CDC and State Guidelines. We are doing everything we can to promote a safe and secure environment for your safety. We are grateful for our dedicated employees. The RAS staff have been and will be there to meet the community needs during these difficult times.

We thank everyone from the communities we serve, our co-workers, our fellow emergency service workers and everyone in the community who have been so gracious with their support, kindness and generosity.

With the continued support of citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have successfully level funded or lowered the assessment rate for the past 36 years. Since 1990 the assessment rate has decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

Our motto, “Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism” is demonstrated by our employees’ commitment to continuing EMS training. Each year our employees have specialized training in Critical Care Paramedicine, Best Practices in Decontamination/Disinfectant, ALS, BLS, Prehospital Advanced Trauma and Medical Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborne Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at RAS. Last year, through the RAS American Heart Association Training Center, 1,695 people were trained in CPR. Facility tours, lectures, démonstrations and CPR classes are available for the general public. Child car seat inspections are Wednesdays at the our building by appointment. We completed 80 child car seat inspections this past year.

When Covid-19 is past and our facility is again open, you are invited to visit and talk to our employees at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact Jim Finger, Chief Executive Administrator, or your representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Kulig, President R.A.S. Board of Directors

Gerry Martin, Treasurer
Town of Shrewsbury Board Representative

Funding Request: \$250

As in previous years, the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) is asking Shrewsbury to support our many conservation programs/projects. We are a non-profit organization serving the Upper Otter Creek watershed, dedicated to providing on-the-ground conservation assistance as well as promoting public awareness and appreciation for the value, responsible use, development and conservation of our natural resources. Shown below are samples of the activities the District was involved in during 2019/2020:

Education: Conservation Field Day/Science at the Hatchery – The District organizes this event at the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery in Chittenden for local elementary schools. Topics that students learn about include: stream ecology, forests and tree identification, fish shocking and identification, soils and the different fish species raised at the hatchery and their life cycles.

Organization: Local Work Group - District Supervisors participate in Local Work Group meetings to assist USDA in setting local priorities for Cost Share Programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Programs: Land Treatment Planning - The District works with a Land Treatment Planner providing technical assistance to farmers for the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans.

Portable Skidder Bridges - Two portable skidder bridges are available for rent to loggers and foresters. These bridges reduce stream disturbance, minimizing the potential for erosion and sedimentation.

Outreach: Website – Please visit our website: <https://www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/rutland> for more information about District projects and programs.

Watershed Planning for the Otter Creek and its Tributaries:

With funding through grant sources, the District:

- Will work with the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department to implement Stormwater BMP's designed by Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC at Rotary Park. This will include rehabilitating and expanding an existing infiltration trench to provide extra capacity for stormwater runoff and install a new bioretention facility.
- Worked with Watershed Consulting Associates and the City of Rutland to complete the Stormwater Master Planning process for the Moon Brook in the City of Rutland.
- Is continuing to work with the VT DEC on a floodplain restoration project on the Cold River in the Town of Clarendon.
- Participated in the development of the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan. A copy of this plan is available on the Districts website.
- Continued Water Quality Monitoring during the Summer of 2019 at eleven sites. Nine sites in the City of Rutland, one site in the Town of Pittsford and one site in the Town of Chittenden.
- Hired an Engineering Consultant to complete a 100% final design to implement the removal of the Youngs Brook Dam located in the Town of West Rutland, which will serve to restore the floodplain and wetlands and remediate adverse stream impacts, reduce erosion and sedimentation and improve water quality.

Respectfully submitted,
Nanci J. McGuire, RNRCD Manager

2020 VNA & HOSPICE OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION REPORT

Funding Request: \$2,526

The VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, formerly known as Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, respectfully requests town funds to assist in providing much needed home care and hospice services to all those in need.

Our nurses, therapists, home health aides and social workers provide medical care, assessments, assistance with activities of daily living, and education to assist people in maintaining their independence. Many of our patients are elderly, disabled or individuals with terminal illness who might otherwise not be able to manage their illnesses at home. We also serve mothers experiencing high risk pregnancy as well as infants and children with special needs.

In 2020, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, location of residence, or complexity of health issues. This is especially important during the current pandemic as people self-isolate due to COVID-19. Having the benefit of care in the home is even more crucial.

Most of our patients have either Medicare or Medicaid that often does not cover the cost of providing their needed care. Town funds and charitable contributions help close the gap between reimbursement for services provided and costs of those services. With adequate town funding, an affordable option for home healthcare is available to all in need.

We also offer many services at no charge, such as: bereavement support groups for adults and children, flu clinics, Tree of Hope Memorial service and community education on end of life issues.

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

In 2020, VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 141,507 visits to 3,212 patients. **In the Town of Shrewsbury, we provided 907 visits to 29 individuals.**

VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region is an essential piece of the community healthcare system. Without the services we provide, there would be a significant gap in the community's continuum of care. In order to continue meeting these needs, we urge you to consider the importance and cost-effectiveness of the work that VNAHSR does to ensure the health and well-being of the community.

We are very grateful to the Town of Shrewsbury for many years of support to help us meet our mission to serve our community. Thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services. Please do not hesitate to contact 802-775-0568 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Cioffi, Chief Executive Officer

2020 BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION REPORT

Funding Request: \$600

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

Over the past year, BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION assisted 21 residents of the Town of Shrewsbury. Whether they need food at the BROCCOMMUNITY Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referral, we are here.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. Donahue, CEO

2020 GREEN UP VERMONT REPORT

Funding request: \$150

Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to Covid-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride and engagement. Support from municipalities is essential to our program. Funds help pay for administration, supplies (including 65,000 Green Up trash bags), promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, poster and writing contests, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Early awareness initiatives for Green Up Day tripled the number of submissions to our annual poster art and writing contests and produced 184 applicants for our first scholarship. We were able to offer "Greener" bags made with 70% post-consumer waste; add a Green Scuba team to clean in Lake Champlain; and had over 100 editorial stories in the news as well as a national mention in the *Washington Post*.

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org. Visit our website and follow us on Facebook (@greenupvermont) and Instagram (greenupvermont). Join us on Green Up Day, May 1, 2021

Funding request: \$130

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

RSVP also offers several free "Signature Programs" that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 25,000 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 47 partner agencies and an estimated 1,200 children. We also partner with AARP to provide income tax return services to low income residents of Rutland County. Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 711 volunteers. From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 124,606 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,389,276.

Services Provided to Shrewsbury Residents

In FY'20, Shrewsbury residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our free Bone Builders osteoporosis prevention exercise classes. Shrewsbury RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: Mountain View Center, Lorreto Home, Osher, Godnick Center, One-2-One, RSVP Bone Builders, and RSVP Operation Dolls & More.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our organization. Our volunteers are continuing to support the communities through the pandemic; we have added new initiatives such as mask making for local agencies and wellness calls to isolated seniors. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer center will continue to respond to this need.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Shrewsbury for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 775-8220.

Respectfully submitted,
Alix O'Meara, Director

2020 SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

Funding request: \$700

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Shrewsbury in 2020:

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 1,158 meals that were delivered to the homes of 6 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. In addition, 3 Shrewsbury elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 9 meals were provided. Additionally, SVCOA provided 1 hour of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 1 resident of Shrewsbury.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 6 elders in your community for a total of 56.5 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1) “Senior Helpline” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 5) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 6) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. 7) Transportation assistance; 8) Caregiver support, 9) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services.

2020 RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY REPORT

Funding request: \$150

The Rutland County Humane Society provides shelter and care to companion animals while finding loving families for those at risk or homeless. We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues. The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than one thousand animals in 2020. Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 6 animals from the Town of Shrewsbury in the past year.

Please call us at 483-9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

2020 NewStory CENTER REPORT

Funding request: \$150

For 41 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY20, NewStory Center served 734 women, men, and children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, all NewStory Center services such as emergency shelter, the 24/7 crisis line, medical and legal advocacy remained available although they looked a little different. Staff provided care packages that included food, personal care items, and household supplies for survivors who requested them.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Shrewsbury for their support of our agency. Thanks to you, we are able to continue to provide comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault from your town.

We are very thankful for the help that the people of Shrewsbury have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

2020 RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH REPORT

Funding Request: \$1,192

Rutland Mental Health Services is requesting support from the Town of Shrewsbury for the coming fiscal year. We appreciate the Town of Shrewsbury's generosity in the past and hope for a favorable decision on this year's request.

In 2020, 28 Rutland County towns supported the work of Rutland Mental Health services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The support of towns such as Shrewsbury assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include both individual and family counseling, substance abuse treatment, emergency/crisis services, and developmental disability services.

During fiscal year 2020, RMHS provided 1,395 hours of services to 15 Shrewsbury residents. We value our partnership with Shrewsbury in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Courcelle, Chief Executive Officer

2020 VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING REPORT

Funding request: \$170

For over 40 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (90% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

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

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

During FY'20, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP)

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meleady, Development Coordinator

2020 RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER REPORT

Funding request: \$300

The Rutland County Parent Child Center (RCPCC) is a private, community based, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC's mission is "to remove barriers that perpetuate poverty for children and families throughout Rutland County." RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of childcare, which is minimal for lower income families.

We provide early childhood education services at childcare centers in Brandon and Rutland City. Additionally, the RCPCC provides family centered services to families and children birth to five years, such as:

- Early Intervention programs for children birth to three years old with developmental delays
- A food security program currently servicing up to 250 households per week throughout the county
- A teen parent program that enables young parents to complete their high school education
- Support for young families on public assistance to become independent
- Parent education classes and referral services
- Literacy based afterschool programming and playgroups

Some of these programs serve families of all socio-economic levels but, as a priority, RCPCC seeks out those in need to bring these services into their homes and communities. The Rutland County Parent Child Center is requesting funds from Shrewsbury in order to continue RCPCC's efforts to support families and young children in your community. This past year has seen dramatically increased need for our food security program and our costs have risen accordingly. Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for considering our request.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Feldman, Executive Director



Town Farm Celebration - Vermont Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter presenting to Louise Duda, Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Chair, a framed print in appreciation of the Town's and SCC's work to conserve the new Town Farm Wildlife Management Area.

2020 VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK REPORT

Funding request: \$250

The mission of the Vermont Family Network is to empower and support all Vermont families of children with special needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center and Parent to Parent of Vermont merged, Vermont Family Network has collectively served the families of Vermont for more than 30 years. It is a virtual “one stop shop” for families of children with special needs and the providers who serve them.

We ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Shrewsbury and throughout the state. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like Shrewsbury where we have served many families in need of help. We serve over 1,400 families through family support consultants in Williston, Newport and Rutland.

We are also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team who teach children and parents all around the state about important topics like bullying prevention, child abuse prevention and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership and communication. Each year almost 10,000 school children benefit from one of these educational programs.

Thank you for your consideration. Your help will go a long way to ensuring our ability to provide needed services to families statewide. Contact me at Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org. 802-376-5315.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Giroux-Williams, Development and Communications Manager

2020 CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER REPORT

Funding request: \$400

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC is a fully accredited member of the *National Children’s Alliance (NCA)* in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our communities. CFAC is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We provide a safe environment for forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

In 2020, as of November 1, the Child First Advocacy Center provided services to 190 clients and 138 of their family members. **We were able to provide wrap around services and support to at least seven Shrewsbury families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma.**

We also offer community education at no cost to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school district’s ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative also known as Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Training for Educators, Community Members and Student’s grades K-12. Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Loomis, Executive Director

2020 AMERICAN RED CROSS RUTLAND COUNTY REPORT

Funding request: \$500

Our mission at the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Established in 1881, the American Red Cross serves under the core principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality. These principles ground us and inspire us as we carry out our mission across the country, and right here at home.

As we carry on through the pandemic, the American Red Cross remains committed to safely providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Shrewsbury. The funds you provide will be used right here in our region so that we can continue to serve your friends and neighbors during these unprecedented times.

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross responded to 24 disaster cases, assisting 68 residents of Rutland County. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross Workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during hours of greatest need.

Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Rutland County to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We installed 18 free smoke alarms in homes and helped families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted 49 of Rutland County's Service Members, veterans and their families by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Blood Drives

During the last fiscal year, we collected 2,734 pints of blood in Rutland County.

Training Services

Last year, 948 Rutland residents were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as first aid, CPR, babysitting skills and water safety.

Rutland County is home to 20 American Red Cross Volunteers. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Impact Sheet for Rutland County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Zellem, Development Specialist



Pictured above are the Plumb Bobs left to right Jonathan Czar, Aaron Schneider, Mary Barron and Marcos Levy providing outdoor musical entertainment in early fall 2020 adjacent to the Shrewsbury Meeting House. This was one of a series of much appreciated and enjoyed concerts organized by Vicky Arthur during the Covid-19 pandemic in an effort to support local musicians while providing the community with a safe way to enjoy a concert.

Acknowledgement: The cover page, which initially appeared on the May 2020 edition of the Times of Shrewsbury, was drawn by Grace Brigham to commemorate the great effort expended by the management, employees, and volunteers of the Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store to keep the doors open during the Covid-19 pandemic. This invaluable community support provided a nearby venue where groceries could be obtained first by a "call in your order and pick it up on the porch" arrangement followed by capacity-controlled in-store shopping with an option for porch pickup. Their effort provided local farmers and food producers with a market for their products during the economic downturn and helped keep our community's pantries stocked.

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