

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF STAMFORD
VERMONT



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

2023

Dear Stamford Community,

After submitting our warrant for the 2024 Town Report and meeting we were informed of an error. We stated the following:

The Legal Voters of the Town School District of Stamford, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the School Hall in said Stamford at 7:30 p.m. on March 5, 2024 to vote on the Articles of the Town School District Warning. The meeting will be adjourned until Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at which time Articles I, II, III, IV, & V will be transacted by Australian Ballot between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The error is in the date of the town meeting, it should have stated 7:30 p.m. on March 4, 2024. Due to this error the school board reached out to legal counsel on how to proceed. Legal counsel has advised us that because we were less than 30 days away from the meeting date we could not amend the warrant. The only way that board can proceed is to warn an informational budget meeting on March 4th at 7:30 p.m. (this would have been the date and time of the School Board portion at the Annual Town Meeting). The Boards ballot questions, Articles I-V will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 5th. The school board then needs to have an additional meeting on March 5th at 7:30pm (as originally warned) to vote on Articles VI-VII.

Therefore to recap how the school board must proceed:

1. Informational Meeting on March 4th at 7:30pm on our budget
2. Australian Ballot questions Articles I-V to be voted on March 5th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
3. Additional meeting on March 5th at 7:30 p.m. to vote on Articles VI-VII.

The agenda for our informational meeting is on the back of this page.

The board would again like to apologize for the error and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

The Stamford School Board



Windham Southwest Supervisory Union

Trailblazers in a Changing World

Stamford School District

Informational Meeting

Monday March 4, 2024

7:30 PM

(Following town portion of town meeting)

Location:

The Stamford School
986 Main Road, Stamford, VT 05352

I. Call to Order

The Board Chair or acting chair will call the meeting to order.

II. Hearing of Visitors

The board will hear public comments from any visitors. Visitors wishing to be heard should approach the podium and state their name and address. At that point visitors will have 2 minutes to address the board regarding items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda. In the interest of time, a timekeeper will alert the speaker when they have 30 seconds remaining, and will indicate when the time has expired. We request that public comments remain professional and respectful as we model public discourse and meeting protocols for our students, keeping in mind that impressionable young ears may be within earshot either in person, or online. The board may or may not choose to address the items directly based on their need to gather additional information, etc. New topics addressed during public comment may be added to a future board agenda for board discussion.

III. Discussion

The board will engage in discussion around topics listed on the agenda. These items are for board discussion only and will not require board action.

- Budget 2024-2025 informational discussion

IV. Adjourn

A board member will make a motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by a vote for adjournment.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, March 4, 2024 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING
Monday, March 4, 2024 7:30 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING HOURS
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you have already registered to vote in Stamford, please check the posted Voter Checklist to verify that your name is on the list. The Same Day Voter Registration Law went into effect on January 1, 2017 in Vermont. Eligible residents will be able to register to vote on any day up to and including election day at the town office or during the hours when the polls are open. You can also register to vote online at: <https://olvr.vermont.gov/>.

EARLY VOTER ABSENTEE BALLOT

An early or absentee voter, family member, authorized person or health care provider can request an absentee ballot in Vermont, without providing any reason for the request, by telephone, in person or in writing until 5 p.m. on the day before the election. You do not register by party in Vermont. You do not have to tell anyone which party you favor. Ways of voting absentee are:

- Vote in town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Pick up a ballot at the town clerk's office and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before election day or to polling place before 7 p.m. on election day.
- Have ballot mailed to you and mail or take it back to the clerk's office before election day or to polling place before 7 p.m. on election day.
- If disabled or ill, have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home on the day before or the day of the election.

You can also check the status of your absentee ballot online at: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>.

TOWN OFFICE

Monday	closed
Tuesday	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Thursday	1 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Phone (802) 694-1361
Fax (802) 694-1636
townclerk@stamfordvt.net
www.stamfordvt.net

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

	Term Expires
Town Moderator	
Paul Dupuis (1 year term)	2024
School Moderator	
Paul Dupuis (1 year term)	2024
Town Clerk	
Lori A. Shepard (3 year term)	2026
Treasurer	
Lori A. Shepard (3 year term)	2026
Selectboard	
Pamela Tworig (2 year term)	2024
Marie Kelly-Whitney (3 year term)	2024
Nancy Bushika (2 year term)	2025
Michael Denault (3 year term)	2025
Kurt Gamari (3 year term)	2026
School Directors	
Elizabeth Parrington (2 year term)	2024
Kelly Holland (3 year term)	2024
Erika Bailey (2 year term)	2025
Gary Bellows (3 year term)	2025
Danielle Smith (3 year term)	2026
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	
Sally A. Bohl (1 year term)	2024
Cemetery Commissioners	
David McKay (3 year term)	2024
Sheila G. Lawrence (3 year term)	(appointed) 2025
Luke McKay (3 year term)	2026
Library Trustees	
Caroline S. Burch (3 year term)	2024
Danielle Smith (5 year term)	2025
Rebecca Gamari (5 year term)	(resigned) 2026
Tyna L. Senecal (5 year term)	2027
Linda Rodovick (5 year term)	2028

	Term Expires
Justices of the Peace	
Sally A. Bohl	January 31, 2025
Marta Miller	January 31, 2025
Debra Burchard	January 31, 2025
Natalie Yorke	January 31, 2025
Tyna L. Senecal	January 31, 2025

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Zoning Administrator		
Debra Burchard (3 year term)		2026
Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Peter Grudin (3 year term)	(resigned)	2024
Sheila Pecor	(appointed)	
David L. Saldo (3 year term)		2024
Jean Kurpiel (3 year term)		2025
Sheila G. Lawrence (3 year term)		2025
Theodore N. Dobbert (3 year term)		2026
Emergency Management Director		
William H. Levine (1 year term)		2024
Emergency Management Coordinator		
Sheila G. Lawrence (1 year term)		2024
Dog Officer		
Luke McKay (1 year term)		2024
Energy Coordinator		
Jennifer Hughs (1 year term)		2024
Septic Officer		
Maura Hawkins (1 year term)		2024
Planning Commission		
Aaron Malachuk (4 year term)		2024
Debra Burchard (4 year term)		2025
David L. Saldo (4 year term)		2025
Maura Hawkins (4 year term)		2025
Sheila G. Lawrence (4 year term)		2026
Daniel J. Potvin (4 year term)		2027
Carolyn Brooks (4 year term)		2027
Jenifer Hughs	(ex-officio)	
Kurt Gamari	(ex-officio)	

Term Expires

Conservation Commission

Kurt Gamari (4 year term)	2024
Jessica Tatro (4 year term)	2024
Martin Cristofolini (4 year term)	2025
Sheila G. Lawrence (4 year term)	2026
David L. Saldo (4 year term)	2027
Vacancy (4 year term)	2025
Vacancy (4 year term)	2028

Road Commissioner

David R. Tatro (1 year term)	2024
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Tree Warden

Bruce Richardson (1 year term)	2024
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Bennington County Regional Commission

Debra Burchard (1 year term)	2024
Daniel J. Potvin (1 year term)	2024

Green Up Day Coordinator

Susan Flash (1 year term)	(resigned)	2024
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Community Projects Committee

Vacancy (3 year term)	2024
Carolyn Brooks (3 year term)	2025
Clay Zeller-Townson (3 year term)	2026

APPOINTED BY STATE (with recommendation)

Fire Warden

Harry Klein (5 year term)	June 30, 2026
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Deputy Fire Warden

Mitchell Meranti (5 year term)	June 30, 2026
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Health Officer

Luke McKay (3 year term)	March 31, 2026
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Town meeting, 7:00 p.m.	March 4, 2024
School District meeting, 7:30 p.m.	March 4, 2024
Local, School District, and presidential primary, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.	March 5, 2024
Dogs license due date	April 1, 2024
August Statewide Primary	August 13, 2024
Recycling cards renew	November 1, 2024
General Presidential election	November 5, 2024
Property tax due date	November 21, 2024

UNITED STATES SENATE

Senator Bernard Sanders, www.sanders.senate.gov
Washington DC office: 332 Dirksen Building, Washington, DC 20510
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Burlington, VT office: 1 Church Street, 3rd Floor, Burlington, VT 05401
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BENNINGTON-1 REPRESENTATIVE

Nelson Brownell

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Phone: 802-823-5656, Email: nelsonbrownell@rocketmail.com

Selectboard Meeting

The Stamford Selectboard meets at 6 p.m. in the town office on the first and third Thursday of each month.

School Director's Meeting

The Stamford School Directors meet at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Transfer Station

Saturday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Summer – last Wednesday in April to the last Wednesday in October: 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Taxes

Taxes are due on the third Thursday of November by 8 p.m. If not received in the treasurer's office by the date due, they become delinquent and are subject to 8% penalty and interest at the rate of 1% per month for the first three months and 1.5% for each month thereafter.

Stamford Elementary School (802) 694-1379

Stamford Community Library (802) 694-1379

Email: stamlibrary@gmail.com

Website: www.stamfordlibrary.org

Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Emergency Information

Call 911 first in the event of an emergency.

Sign up to receive emergency and urgent communications concerning the town or state at:
<https://vem.vermont.gov/vtalert>.

AUDITING STATEMENT

The firm of Sullivan, Powers & Co., Certified Public Accountants, is conducting an audit for the Town of Stamford's cash receipts and disbursements for the year 2023. The financial statements, supplementary information and auditors' report will be available for inspection in the town office during regular office hours.

WARNING FOR TOWN OF STAMFORD

The Legal Voters of the Town of Stamford, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Stamford Community Room in said Stamford at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024, to vote on the Articles of the Town Warrant. The meeting will then be adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the Stamford Community Room at which time Article 1 will be transacted by ballot.

Vermont law imposes requirements to ensure that elderly and disabled persons have access to polling places and town meeting. Individuals requesting alternative accommodations should contact the town clerk's office prior to the town meeting so that arrangements can be made in advance.

Article 1: To elect the following Town Officers:

- Town Moderator - 1 year term
- School Moderator - 1 year term
- Selectboard member - 2 year term
- Selectboard member - 3 year term
- School Director - 2 year term
- School Director - 3 year term
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes - 1 year term
- Cemetery Commissioner - 3 year term
- Cemetery Commissioner - 1 year remaining on a 3 year term
- Library Trustee - 3 year term
- Library Trustee - 2 years remaining on a 5 year term

Article 2: Shall the Town of Stamford use at least twenty five (25) percent of the 2023 positive town and highway fund balances to reduce the raise and appropriate?

Article 3: Shall the Town of Stamford authorize the expenditure of \$991,398.00.00 (General Expenses of \$379,476.00 and Highway Expenses of \$611,922.00) and if so, raise and appropriate \$880,433.00 through taxes and \$110,965.00 from anticipated revenues (less Article 2 if passed)?

Article 4: Shall the Town of Stamford authorize the Selectboard to sell town owned property acquired by tax sale to any interested buyer providing the interested buyer is not a property tax exempt entity?

Article 5: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 to increase the highway equipment replacement fund?

Article 6: Shall the Town of Stamford release up to \$100,000.00 from the highway equipment replacement fund for the purchase of a loader?

Article 7: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate \$5,540.00 for the maintenance and improvement of the town cemeteries?

Article 8: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate \$31,358.00 for the operation of the Town portion of the library?

Article 9: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate \$61,425.00 for the operation of the Stamford Volunteer Fire Company?

Article 10: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 for law enforcement?

Article 11: Shall the Town of Stamford raise and appropriate up to \$15,000.00 for the purchase of two digital speed radar signs?

Article 12: Shall the Town of Stamford appropriate a total of \$1,550.00 to the following agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

\$700.00	Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging
\$500.00	BROC – COMMUNITY ACTION IN SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT (formerly Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council, Inc.
\$100.00	Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program (formerly known as Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils)
\$250.00	American Red Cross of Vermont and the New Hampshire Upper Valley Region

Article 13: Should the Town of Stamford vote not to participate in FEMA’s purchasing program allowing homes and structures residing in the flood area to be demolished and removed from the tax roll, restricting any future building development on the parcel and requiring the town to maintain thereafter for life?

Article 14: To transact any non-binding business deemed necessary and proper when met.

Dated at Stamford, Vermont this 1st day of February, 2024.

Nancy L. Bushika
Marie Kelly-Whitney
Kurt Gamari
Michael G. Denault
Pamela Tworig

SELECTBOARD

**SCHOOL WARNING
STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Legal Voters of the Town School District of Stamford, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the School Hall in said Stamford at 7:30 p.m. on March 5, 2024 to vote on the Articles of the Town School District Warning. The meeting will be adjourned until Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at which time Articles I, II, III, IV, & V will be transacted by Australian Ballot between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Article I

To elect a Moderator. (by Australian Ballot)

Article II

To elect a School Director for (2) years. (by Australian Ballot)

Article III

To elect a School Director for three (3) years. (by Australian Ballot)

Article IV

To see if the voters of the School District shall vote to appropriate \$2,132,491 necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2024. (by Australian Ballot)

Article V

To see if the Stamford School District will vote to authorize voting for the school budget via Australian Ballot unless warned and voted otherwise in ensuing years. (by Australian Ballot)

Article VI

To see if the Stamford Town School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes.

Article VII

To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Stamford Board of Directors

Erika Bailey



Betsy Parrington



Kelly Holland



Danielle Smith



Gary Bellows



Dated at Stamford, Vermont this 31st day of January 2024.

Town Revenue Report
Calendar year ending December 31, 2023

Account	2023		Over / (Under)	2024
100-6-00-01 Taxes	Budget	Income	Budget	Budget
100-6-00-01-000.015 National Forest (PILT)	32,000.00	38,413.00	6,413.00	35,000.00
100-6-00-01-000.020 State Owned Prop (PILOT)	150.00	257.00	107.00	200.00
100-6-00-01-000.021 Sale of Town Property	0.00	4,050.00	4,050.00	0.00
100-6-00-01-000.025 Use Value	10,000.00	12,026.00	2,026.00	8,000.00
100-6-00-01-000.040 Property Tax Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	42,150.00	54,746.00	12,596.00	43,200.00
100-6-00-02 Interest				
100-6-00-02-000.005 Land Sales Fund Interest	725.00	1,395.79	670.79	725.00
100-6-00-02-000.010 Money Market Interest	125.00	212.25	87.25	125.00
100-6-00-02-000.015 Checking Interest	50.00	126.76	76.76	100.00
Subtotal	900.00	1,734.80	834.80	950.00
100-6-00-04 Permit & Fees				
100-6-00-04-000.005 Local Fines	500.00	345.00	(155.00)	0.00
100-6-00-04-000.010 Beer & Wine Licenses	185.00	255.00	70.00	185.00
100-6-00-04-000.015 Driveway Permits	0.00	60.00	60.00	100.00
100-6-00-04-000.020 Fish & Game Licenses	200.00	223.50	23.50	200.00
100-6-00-04-000.025 Wildlife Reports	40.00	28.00	(12.00)	30.00
100-6-00-04-000.030 Deed Recordings	10,000.00	12,041.00	2,041.00	10,000.00
100-6-00-04-000.035 Marriage Licenses	50.00	25.00	(25.00)	50.00
100-6-00-04-000.040 Copies Vital Statistics	250.00	140.00	(110.00)	100.00
100-6-00-04-000.045 Examination of Records	100.00	161.00	61.00	150.00
100-6-00-04-000.050 Cert. & Uncert Copies	2,500.00	2,801.30	301.30	2,500.00
100-6-00-04-000.065 Record Restoration	0.00	2,168.00	2,168.00	0.00
100-6-00-04-000.075 Mun Excess Weight Permit	150.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
100-6-00-04-000.080 Technology Fund	0.00	2,168.00	2,168.00	0.00
100-6-00-04-000.090 Cannabis local filing fee	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Subtotal	13,975.00	20,765.80	6,790.80	13,665.00
100-6-05 Other Revenue				
100-6-05-05-000.001 Penalties and Interest	14,000.00	13,989.56	(10.44)	14,000.00
100-6-05-05-000.002 Delinquent Tax Revenue	0.00	95,677.73	95,677.73	0.00
100-6-05-05-000.004 Reimb Tax Sale Exp	0.00	1,623.99	1,623.99	0.00
100-6-05-05-000.005 Delinq Tax Sale Interest	0.00	142.22	142.22	0.00
100-6-07-05-000.005 Receipts-Dog License	1,500.00	1,533.00	33.00	1,500.00
100-6-07-05-000.035 Permits & Appeals-B of A	0.00	180.00	180.00	0.00
100-6-07-05-000.040 Permits & Appeals-Adm Ofc	1,500.00	625.00	(875.00)	1,500.00
100-6-10-05-000.050 Recycling Receipts-cards	12,000.00	13,258.30	1,258.30	13,000.00
100-6-10-05-000.055 Recycling Receipts-demo	1,500.00	3,424.00	1,924.00	3,000.00
100-6-10-05-000.070 Recycling Recpt-Hauler Re	75.00	100.00	25.00	75.00
100-6-15-05-000.070 Receipts-Copier	10.00	8.00	(2.00)	10.00
100-6-15-05-000.075 Receipts-Fax	50.00	82.00	32.00	50.00
100-6-15-05-000.080 DMV Renewal Fee	12.00	18.00	6.00	15.00
100-6-20-05-000.099 Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	21.70	21.70	0.00
Subtotal	30,647.00	130,683.50	100,036.50	33,150.00
TOTAL	87,672.00	207,930.10	120,258.10	90,965.00

Highway Revenue Report
 Calendar year ending December 31, 2023

Account	2023		Over / (Under)	2024
	Budget	Income	Budget	Budget
200-6-00-07-000.005 State Aid-Highways	38,000.00	58,471.20	20,471.20	20,000.00
200-6-00-07-000.010 State Aid-Flood	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
200-6-00-07-000.025 Class II Resurfacing Prog	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
200-6-00-07-000.030 Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	5,047.92	5,047.92	0.00
200-6-00-07-000.040 Structure's Program	0.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00
200-6-00-07-000.045 Better Backroads Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
200-6-00-07-000.050 PACIF Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
200-6-00-07-000.070 Clean Water Act Grant	0.00	15,121.65	15,121.65	0.00
200-6-00-07-000.075 Clean Water Equip Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	38,000.00	278,640.77	240,640.77	20,000.00

Town Expenditure Report
Calendar year ending December 31, 2023

Account	2023		Under / (Over) Budget	2024 Budget
	Budget	Expenditures		
100-7-00-00 Administrative Officer				
100-7-00-00-110.000 A.O. Salary	\$1,500.00	\$200.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,500.00
100-7-00-00-540.000 A.O. Education Fund	\$150.00	\$28.00	\$122.00	\$150.00
100-7-00-00-610.000 A.O. Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Subtotal	\$1,700.00	\$228.00	\$1,472.00	\$1,700.00
100-7-00-05 Auditors				
100-7-00-05-320.000 Audit	\$12,000.00	\$13,125.00	(\$1,125.00)	\$26,000.00
100-7-00-05-531.000 Postage	\$900.00	\$984.00	(\$84.00)	\$1,000.00
100-7-00-05-550.000 Town Reports	\$2,400.00	\$2,184.00	\$216.00	\$2,400.00
Subtotal	\$15,300.00	\$16,293.00	(\$993.00)	\$29,400.00
100-7-00-10 Board of Health				
100-7-00-10-110.000 Health Officer Salary	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
100-7-00-10-610.000 Brd of Health Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
100-7-00-13 Cemetery (BY WARRANT)				
100-7-00-13-430.000 Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-00-13-430.001 Cemetery Mowing	\$3,285.00	\$3,285.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-00-13-430.002 Cemetery Flags	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-00-13-430.005 Cemetery Stone Restoration	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
Subtotal	\$4,985.00	\$4,985.00	\$0.00	
100-7-00-20 Conservation Commission				
100-7-00-20-110.000 Conservation Comm Salary	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
100-7-00-20-610.000 Conservation Comm Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
100-7-00-25 Del Tax Collector				
100-7-00-25-110.000 Salary-Del Tax Collector	\$3,000.00	\$4,783.86	(\$1,783.86)	\$5,000.00
100-7-00-25-545.000 Delinquent Tax Sale Expense	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	\$0.00
100-7-00-25-610.000 Del Tax Office Expense	\$450.00	\$98.38	\$351.62	\$150.00
Subtotal	\$3,450.00	\$4,932.24	(\$1,482.24)	\$5,150.00
100-7-10-10 Dogs				
100-7-10-10-110.000 Dog Officer Salary	\$900.00	\$657.00	\$243.00	\$900.00
100-7-10-10-610.000 License Book & Tags	\$275.00	\$160.00	\$115.00	\$200.00
100-7-10-10-610.005 Dog Expenses	\$500.00	\$4,396.42	(\$3,896.42)	\$2,000.00
100-7-10-10-610.010 Dog Kennel/Enclosure	\$500.00	\$6,700.95	(\$6,200.95)	\$1,000.00
Subtotal	\$2,175.00	\$11,914.37	(\$9,739.37)	\$4,100.00
100-7-10-35 Elections & Town Meetings				
100-7-10-35-110.000 Ballot Clerks	\$400.00	\$246.24	\$153.76	\$1,000.00
100-7-10-35-110.005 Moderator Salary	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
100-7-10-35-320.000 Law enforcement elections	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
100-7-10-35-610.000 Ballots	\$25.00	\$22.99	\$2.01	\$100.00
100-7-10-35-610.010 Election Expenses/Supplies	\$500.00	\$44.20	\$455.80	\$100.00
Subtotal	\$1,375.00	\$363.43	\$1,011.57	\$1,750.00

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Account	2023 Budget	Expenditures	Under / (Over) Budget	2024 Budget
100-7-12-15 Emergency Management				
100-7-12-15-110.000 Emerg Mgmt Coord Salary	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
100-7-12-15-540.000 Emerg Mgmt Training	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
100-7-12-15-610.000 Emerg Mgmt Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$3,792.61	\$1,207.39	\$5,000.00
100-7-12-15-610.010 Haz Mitigation Grant Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
100-7-12-15-741.000 Generator Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$499.61	\$500.39	\$800.00
Subtotal	\$8,700.00	\$4,342.22	\$4,357.78	\$8,500.00
100-7-15-40 Employee Benefits				
100-7-15-40-210.000 Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-15-40-215.000 FICA-Town	\$0.00	\$2,630.28	(\$2,630.28)	\$0.00
100-7-15-40-220.000 Employer FICA	\$7,874.00	\$7,374.78	\$499.22	\$8,363.00
100-7-15-40-220.005 Employer Medicare	\$1,842.00	\$1,724.91	\$117.09	\$1,956.00
100-7-15-40-220.010 Child Care Contribution Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$297.00
100-7-15-40-221.000 Workmen's Compensation	\$1,520.00	\$1,519.35	\$0.65	\$1,770.00
100-7-15-40-227.000 Medical Life & Disability	\$421.00	\$319.92	\$101.08	\$445.00
100-7-15-40-228.000 Vt State Ret System Town	\$4,585.00	\$4,473.57	\$111.43	\$4,992.00
100-7-15-40-229.000 Unemployment Compensation	\$125.00	\$69.75	\$55.25	\$137.00
Subtotal	\$16,367.00	\$18,112.56	(\$1,745.56)	\$17,960.00
100-7-20-45 Energy Coordinator				
100-7-20-45-110.000 Energy Coordinator Salary	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
100-7-20-45-610.000 Energy Coord. Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
100-7-20-55 Fire Dept				
100-7-20-55-621.000 Fire Truck Replacement	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
100-7-20-55-623.000 Fire Dept Approp. (BY WARRANT)	\$58,525.00	\$58,525.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
Subtotal	\$108,525.00	\$108,525.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
100-7-20-65 Forest Fire Warden				
100-7-20-65-110.000 F Fire Warden Salary	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
100-7-20-65-610.000 F Fire Warden Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
100-7-30-55 Interest				
100-7-30-55-812.000 Int-Tax Anticipation Loan	\$3,000.00	\$8,497.22	(\$5,497.22)	\$7,000.00
Subtotal	\$3,000.00	\$8,497.22	(\$5,497.22)	\$7,000.00
100-7-35-57 Law Enforcement				
100-7-35-57-320.000 Law Enforcement-Sheriff	\$39,600.00	\$6,168.00	\$33,432.00	ARTICLE
Subtotal	\$39,600.00	\$6,168.00	\$33,432.00	\$0.00

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100-7-40-55 Library (BY WARRANT)				
100-7-40-55-110.000 Librarian Salary	\$14,858.48	\$14,368.00	\$490.48	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-110.005 Librarian, Other	\$5,000.00	\$4,131.33	\$868.67	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-110.010 Sub Librarian Salary	\$500.00	\$217.47	\$282.53	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-220.000 FICA-Library	\$1,558.00	\$1,404.50	\$153.50	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-220.010 Child Care Contribution Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-221.000 Workmen's Compensation	\$119.00	\$118.74	\$0.26	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-310.000 Return Library Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-40-55-801.000 Library Appropriation	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
Subtotal	\$30,035.48	\$28,240.04	\$1,795.44	
100-7-40-65 Listers				
100-7-40-65-110.003 Assessor Clerk	\$12,000.00	\$8,616.50	\$3,383.50	\$10,000.00
100-7-40-65-110.005 Assessors Fees	\$0.00	\$8,740.00	(\$8,740.00)	\$9,000.00
100-7-40-65-320.000 Listers Software Support	\$4,200.00	\$4,428.55	(\$228.55)	\$4,600.00
100-7-40-65-321.000 Reappraisal Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00
100-7-40-65-432.000 Listers Mileage	\$100.00	\$163.11	(\$63.11)	\$100.00
100-7-40-65-532.000 Mapping	\$0.00	\$942.66	(\$942.66)	\$0.00
100-7-40-65-540.000 Listers Education Fund	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
100-7-40-65-610.000 Listers Office Supplies	\$700.00	\$381.60	\$318.40	\$500.00
100-7-40-65-610.005 Reappraisal Expense	\$0.00	\$37,500.00	(\$37,500.00)	\$0.00
100-7-40-65-615.000 Abatements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$17,100.00	\$60,772.42	(\$43,672.42)	\$31,200.00
100-7-40-75 Planning & Development				
100-7-40-75-110.000 Planning Com Salaries	\$225.00	\$50.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
100-7-40-75-110.005 Salary - Septic Officer	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
100-7-40-75-320.005 Parcel Map Preservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-40-75-540.000 Planning Com Education	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
100-7-40-75-560.000 Bennington Cty Reg Dues	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
100-7-40-75-610.000 Planning Com Expenses	\$200.00	\$1,406.50	(\$1,206.50)	\$200.00
100-7-40-75-680.000 Grant Expenses-Plan Com.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$4,550.00	\$5,456.50	(\$906.50)	\$4,500.00
100-7-50-30 Selectboard				
100-7-50-30-110.000 Selectboard Chair Salary	\$1,000.00	\$870.00	\$130.00	\$1,000.00
100-7-50-30-110.005 Selectboard Member Salary	\$3,600.00	\$4,250.82	(\$650.82)	\$4,500.00
100-7-50-30-110.010 Admin Asst Salary	\$5,800.00	\$5,452.00	\$348.00	\$5,900.00
100-7-50-30-322.000 Liability Insurance	\$12,144.00	\$8,762.01	\$3,381.99	\$12,300.00
100-7-50-30-539.000 Legal Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	(\$200.00)	\$1,000.00
100-7-50-30-540.005 Sel Education Fund	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
100-7-50-30-560.000 VLCT Dues	\$2,232.00	\$2,232.00	\$0.00	\$2,301.00
100-7-50-30-610.000 Sel Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$408.00	(\$308.00)	\$100.00
100-7-50-30-610.005 Selectboard Expenses	\$300.00	\$1,227.66	(\$927.66)	\$300.00
100-7-50-30-610.010 Website & Email Maint.	\$638.00	\$677.35	(\$39.35)	\$700.00
100-7-50-30-655.000 Sel tax sale purchase	\$3,000.00	\$901.25	\$2,098.75	\$3,000.00
Subtotal	\$30,014.00	\$25,981.09	\$4,032.91	\$31,301.00

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	Budget	Expenditures		
100-7-55-75 Solid Waste & Recycling				
100-7-55-75-110.010 Rec Labor-Other Employee	\$2,600.00	\$2,500.00	\$100.00	\$2,600.00
100-7-55-75-110.015 Rec Labor-Op & Monitor	\$10,062.00	\$11,278.13	(\$1,216.13)	\$12,217.00
100-7-55-75-324.005 BCSW Alliance	\$5,623.00	\$6,304.18	(\$681.18)	\$5,452.00
100-7-55-75-430.000 Rec Repair And Maintenance	\$500.00	\$11,600.00	(\$11,100.00)	\$500.00
100-7-55-75-610.000 Recycling Expenses	\$47,000.00	\$47,117.27	(\$117.27)	\$50,000.00
100-7-55-75-622.000 Recycling Electricity	\$450.00	\$406.94	\$43.06	\$450.00
Subtotal	\$66,235.00	\$79,206.52	(\$12,971.52)	\$71,219.00
100-7-60-77 Taxes				
100-7-60-77-800.000 Bennington County Taxes	\$8,200.00	\$8,941.08	(\$741.08)	\$9,000.00
Subtotal	\$8,200.00	\$8,941.08	(\$741.08)	\$9,000.00
100-7-70-35 Town Office				
100-7-70-35-110.000 Pay for Unused Days	\$0.00	\$188.50	(\$188.50)	\$2,200.00
100-7-70-35-110.010 Town Clerk/Treasurer	\$60,320.00	\$60,378.00	(\$58.00)	\$64,480.00
100-7-70-35-110.020 Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	\$21,736.00	\$17,983.50	\$3,752.50	\$19,656.00
100-7-70-35-320.005 Record Restoration	\$0.00	\$761.38	(\$761.38)	\$0.00
100-7-70-35-420.000 Software Support & Maintenance	\$3,200.00	\$3,476.68	(\$276.68)	\$3,500.00
100-7-70-35-430.000 Equip Maint And Repair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-70-35-431.000 Office Equipment Purchase	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
100-7-70-35-530.000 Telephone & Internet	\$1,650.00	\$1,393.41	\$256.59	\$1,600.00
100-7-70-35-531.000 Postage	\$375.00	\$636.86	(\$261.86)	\$700.00
100-7-70-35-531.005 Tax Bills and Postage	\$1,000.00	\$985.32	\$14.68	\$1,000.00
100-7-70-35-532.000 Travel Expenses	\$500.00	\$484.70	\$15.30	\$500.00
100-7-70-35-540.000 Education & Travel Expense	\$500.00	\$117.60	\$382.40	\$200.00
100-7-70-35-541.000 T.O. Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-70-35-560.000 Dues and Memberships	\$55.00	\$70.00	(\$15.00)	\$70.00
100-7-70-35-610.000 Office Supplies	\$1,100.00	\$831.66	\$268.34	\$1,000.00
100-7-70-35-610.005 Copier Expense/Supplies	\$650.00	\$630.21	\$19.79	\$650.00
100-7-70-35-894.000 Bank & Check Charges	\$30.00	\$261.02	(\$231.02)	\$300.00
Subtotal	\$91,416.00	\$88,198.84	\$3,217.16	\$96,156.00
100-7-80-40 Town Officers Salaries				
100-7-80-40-110.005 Cemetery Comm Salaries	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
100-7-80-40-110.015 Justice of Peace Salaries	\$125.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
100-7-80-40-110.020 Library Trustees Salaries	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
100-7-80-40-110.030 Tree Warden Salary	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
100-7-80-40-110.050 Bennington Cty Com Salary	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
100-7-80-40-110.055 Green Up Day Coordinator	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Subtotal	\$425.00	\$100.00	\$325.00	\$425.00
100-7-90-50 Zoning Board of Adjust				
100-7-90-50-110.000 ZBA Salaries	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$125.00
100-7-90-50-540.000 ZBA Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-90-50-610.000 ZBA Expenses	\$100.00	\$102.80	(\$2.80)	\$100.00
100-7-90-50-611.000 ZBA Permits & Appeals	\$100.00	\$120.20	(\$20.20)	\$100.00
Subtotal	\$325.00	\$298.00	\$27.00	\$325.00

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	Budget	Expenditures	Budget	Budget
100-7-95-99 Miscellaneous				
100-7-95-99-430.000 Mowing	\$4,000.00	\$4,230.00	(\$230.00)	\$4,000.00
100-7-95-99-610.000 Building Com. Group Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,592.19	(\$1,592.19)	\$0.00
100-7-95-99-622.005 Town Lighting	\$4,600.00	\$4,598.98	\$1.02	\$4,600.00
100-7-95-99-740.000 Security Monitor	\$135.00	\$138.75	(\$3.75)	\$140.00
100-7-95-99-801.000 Red Cross (BY WARRANT)	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-95-99-801.010 BROC (BY WARRANT)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-95-99-801.035 Town Flags	\$1,200.00	\$701.12	\$498.88	\$800.00
100-7-95-99-801.038 Green Up Vermont	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-95-99-801.040 VT Rural Fire Protect. (BY WARRANT)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-95-99-801.050 SW VT Council on Aging (BY WARRANT)	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	ARTICLE
100-7-95-99-801.055 Deerfield Valley CUD	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	(\$7,500.00)	\$0.00
100-7-95-99-812.001 Schl pkg lot loan principle	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-7-95-99-812.002 Schl pkg lot loan interest	\$354.00	\$354.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$23,889.00	\$32,715.04	(\$8,826.04)	\$9,540.00
TOTAL	\$477,616.48	\$514,370.57	(\$36,754.09)	\$379,476.00

Highway Expenditure Report
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Account	2023		Under / (Over)	2024
	Budget	Expenditures	Budget	Budget
200-7-00-55-812.001 Highway LTD Principle	\$44,857.00	\$44,857.00	\$0.00	\$44,857.00
200-7-00-55-812.002 Interest on LTD	\$3,140.00	\$3,139.99	\$0.01	\$2,362.00
200-7-00-95-110.000 Labor-Highway Rd Commiss	\$68,640.00	\$68,640.00	\$0.00	\$72,800.00
200-7-00-95-110.005 Labor-Equip Op Laborer	\$58,240.00	\$58,240.00	\$0.00	\$62,400.00
200-7-00-95-110.010 Overtime	\$18,000.00	\$19,584.75	(\$1,584.75)	\$20,000.00
200-7-00-95-110.025 Compensation for Unused T	\$0.00	\$1,922.00	(\$1,922.00)	\$2,000.00
200-7-00-95-210.000 Highway Health Ins	\$67,075.00	\$67,848.34	(\$773.34)	\$76,382.00
200-7-00-95-220.000 Highway FICA	\$9,376.00	\$9,162.68	\$213.32	\$10,042.00
200-7-00-95-220.001 Highway Medicare	\$2,193.00	\$2,142.88	\$50.12	\$2,349.00
200-7-00-95-220.010 Highway Child Care Contribution tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$356.00
200-7-00-95-221.000 Highway Workmen's Comp	\$9,000.00	\$8,110.90	\$889.10	\$8,697.00
200-7-00-95-226.000 Uniforms	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
200-7-00-95-227.000 Medical Life & Disability	\$916.00	\$714.75	\$201.25	\$926.00
200-7-00-95-228.000 Highway VT State Retireme	\$10,019.00	\$9,819.65	\$199.35	\$11,135.00
200-7-00-95-229.000 Highway Unemployment Comp	\$850.00	\$395.25	\$454.75	\$776.00
200-7-00-95-320.000 Outside Services	\$2,100.00	\$2,145.00	(\$45.00)	\$2,200.00
200-7-00-95-380.000 Muni Road Permit fee	\$640.00	\$1,056.67	(\$416.67)	\$1,100.00
200-7-00-95-430.000 Highway Maintenance	\$35,000.00	\$25,500.50	\$9,499.50	\$35,000.00
200-7-00-95-430.005 Building-Maint & Repair	\$2,000.00	\$2,606.75	(\$606.75)	\$10,000.00
200-7-00-95-430.010 Equipment-Maint & Repair	\$35,000.00	\$39,012.81	(\$4,012.81)	\$40,000.00
200-7-00-95-540.000 Education	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
200-7-00-95-610.005 Tools	\$1,000.00	\$613.98	\$386.02	\$1,000.00
200-7-00-95-622.000 Utilities	\$1,700.00	\$1,667.65	\$32.35	\$1,700.00
200-7-00-95-624.000 Heat-Town Garage	\$4,800.00	\$3,490.63	\$1,309.37	\$4,800.00
200-7-00-95-626.000 Fuel-Equipment	\$21,000.00	\$18,374.85	\$2,625.15	\$21,000.00
200-7-00-95-740.000 Highway Pave & Cold Patch	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
200-7-00-95-740.005 Equip Replacement Fund	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
200-7-00-95-740.010 Highway Equip Purchase	\$1,000.00	\$2,131.00	(\$1,131.00)	\$1,000.00
200-7-00-95-740.020 2019 Frtlnr LSF loan repm	\$16,833.00	\$16,832.74	\$0.26	\$16,631.00
200-7-00-95-740.025 2020 Ram truck loan pmt	\$22,925.00	\$22,855.92	\$69.08	\$22,856.00
200-7-00-95-740.030 Lincoln Rd culvert loan	\$53,878.00	\$53,878.00	\$0.00	\$51,903.00
200-7-00-95-742.000 Highway Sand	\$35,000.00	\$33,301.89	\$1,698.11	\$35,000.00
200-7-00-95-744.000 Highway Salt-Winter	\$35,000.00	\$27,635.93	\$7,364.07	\$35,000.00
200-7-00-95-745.000 Special Projects	\$0.00	\$282.00	(\$282.00)	\$0.00
200-7-00-95-746.000 Magnesium Chloride	\$4,000.00	\$4,992.96	(\$992.96)	\$5,000.00
200-7-00-95-747.000 Road Improvements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
200-7-00-95-748.000 Culverts	\$3,000.00	\$3,452.51	(\$452.51)	\$3,500.00
200-7-00-95-749.000 Street Signs	\$600.00	\$283.06	\$316.94	\$600.00
200-7-00-95-755.000 Flood	\$0.00	\$98,349.60	(\$98,349.60)	\$0.00
200-7-00-95-756.000 Class II Resurfacing Prog	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
200-7-00-95-758.000 Better Backroads Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
200-7-00-95-760.000 Clean Water Act Grant	\$0.00	\$7,432.02	(\$7,432.02)	\$0.00
200-7-00-95-999.000 Highway Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$469.41	\$30.59	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$576,332.00	\$667,344.07	(\$91,012.07)	\$611,922.00

SELECTBOARD'S REPORT

The Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVFiber) has completed its wiring for the high-speed internet service in town and residents are now able to sign up. This very fast internet is an asset to the town and will make Stamford a more desirable place to live.

Emergency management funds were spent this year to purchase two automatic external defibrillators. One was installed in the foyer at the town office and the second one at the highway garage. Hopefully, we will never have to use them, but the Stamford Fire Department organized a CPR course which also included instruction on how to use the AEDs in the event of an emergency. Several Selectboard members and town officials were able to benefit from this training. Thank you to the Stamford Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance.

The Selectboard encourages its residents to sign up for VT-Alert, the state's free communications network. You can sign up at vtalert.gov to receive notifications and choose how to receive these notifications: by phone call, text or email. You can choose what type of alerts you would like to receive, i.e. weather, road closures, public health, etc.

The Selectboard has placed the decision of law enforcement before the voters this year. Article 10 asks the voters if they would like to raise \$50,000.00 for law enforcement which would provide approximately 13 hours per week of law enforcement minus travel time and paperwork charges, through the Bennington Sheriff's Department at the rate of \$72.50 per hour. The Selectboard asks you to consider whether you would like to support this article. They have also researched the cost of installing two digital speed radar signs at each end of the school zone in the center of town, either in addition to or in place of the cost of law enforcement. Please consider Article 11.

The town's assessor, New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC), has worked diligently this year to visit every property in town. Residences, camps and land parcels were all evaluated in accordance with the state's reappraisal order. The reappraisal should be completed this spring and a listing of the new property values will be mailed out and will take effect with the April 2024 grand list.

The Selectboard created a small hazard mitigation team to work with the Bennington County Regional Commission to update the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Results of a town-wide survey were compiled and the data is being used in this process. Having an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan will increase the town's ability to obtain FEMA reimbursement in the event of a flood or other emergency. Article 13 is a voter-signed petition and is advisory only.

Unfortunately, the town did sustain a devastating flooding event this past June. Mill Road, Boulger Road, Clough Road, Klondike Road, Brown Brook Road, and Lincoln Road were all damaged. Two roads were deemed impassable for a short period of time. The highway road crew worked for eight weeks repairing and restoring the gravel roads. Local

contractors were needed to haul gravel and stone. The out-of-pocket loss to date is \$151,412.81. FEMA will reimburse the town for 87.5% of the damages, as well as the cost of town labor and equipment. The town hopes to receive approximately \$132,400.00 in FEMA funds.

The highway department worked with the Bennington County Regional Commission to identify areas on Jepson Road and Boulger Road that needed improvement. A Clean Water Act Grant in the amount of \$15,121.00 was obtained and used to add gravel and stone-line the ditches in several areas. Our highway crew, Dave Tatro and Mike Brothers, using our own equipment, were able to complete the work on this project. We thank them for their dedication and inventive ways to save money.

The town's loader is over thirty years old its unreliability and cost to repair is showing that it has served the town well past its useful age. The Selectboard would like your approval of Article 5 to raise \$40,000.00 to increase the Equipment Replacement Fund and to spend up to \$100,000.00 toward the purchase of a loader for the town.

In response to requests several residents, the Selectboard has taken great strides to improve its website, making it more appealing and up-to-date.

The town currently owns five properties which were taken through the tax sale process. Alpenwald lots 188, 218, 270, 294 and 384. Three of these lots are in the process of being sold. The Selectboard is willing to entertain any valid offer in order to place these parcels back on the tax roll. Another tax sale is being scheduled for the spring of 2024.

The Selectboard has spent a great deal of time on the subject of building permits and has created a new list of fees for various permits. New permit application forms are being created which will include more information and be much easier to complete.

The Selectboard and Dog Officer reviewed and revised the Ordinance Regulating Dog and Wolf Hybrids. The Selectboard invested money in a new dog kennel to ensure compliance with state dog-keeping regulations.

Once again we must thank all employees and volunteers who have helped throughout the year. All have gone above and beyond to make Stamford a welcoming community and a great place to live.

Respectively submitted,

Nancy L. Bushika
Michael Denault
Kurt Gamari
Pamela Tworig
Marie Kelly-Whitney
STAMFORD SELECTBOARD

STAMFORD VITAL RECORDS

Due to privacy and identity issues, it has been recommended not to publish detailed vital statistics in the town report. However, these records are filed in the town office and are available for review during office hours:

Births	0	Deaths	2
Marriages	1	Burials	2

VT DECLARATION OF HOMESTEAD/SCHOOL TAX RATE

Filing a Declaration of Homestead annually is mandatory. If you are a Vermont resident and own and occupy a Vermont dwelling as your principal residence on April 1, 2024, you must file a Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122, by April 15, 2024 in order to receive the homestead tax rate.

SNOW

No person shall leave a motor vehicle on any town road so as to interfere with snow removal from November 1st until April 1st of each year. A motor vehicle so illegally parked may be towed at the full responsibility of the owner for both the towing and storage charges and for any damages resulting to the vehicle due to such towing (Stamford Town Highway Ordinance, Adopted May 13, 2010). In addition, according to Title 23 VSA 1126, it is illegal to plow, shovel or blow snow from private property on or across public highways. Your cooperation with highway department crew members during winter storm conditions will be greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports from the following organizations were not published in the town report. If you would like to read any of these reports, they will be posted on the bulletin board located outside of the town office as received.

American Red Cross
Bennington County Regional Commission
Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance
BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont
Green Mountain National Forest
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging
Vermont Department of Health
Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force
Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP)
Neighborhood Works of Western Vermont
DV Fiber

DOGS LICENSED IN STAMFORD

Total number of dogs licensed in 2023 was 226.

Receipts:

Regular Licenses	(220 dogs)	\$1,128.00	
2 Special License	(6 dogs)	\$ 60.00	
Pet Dealer Permit		\$ 0.00	
Farm License	(3 dogs)	\$ 15.00	
Fines		\$ 330.00	
Replacement Tags		\$ 0.00	
State Fee (rabies program)		\$ 226.00	
State Fee (spaying/neutering program)		\$ <u>879.00</u>	
Total Receipts:			\$2,638.00
Less Disbursements:			
State Fees			\$1,105.00
Total Funds Retained by Town:			\$1,533.00

Submitted by:
Lori A. Shepard, Treasurer

All dogs or wolf-hybrids more than six months old on or before April 1st are to be licensed by April 1, 2024. To obtain a license, owners must provide a current rabies certificate to show the dog or wolf-hybrid has been vaccinated. Copies of all rabies vaccination certificates for dogs and wolf-hybrids shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

Fees are as follows: \$8.00 for each male/female unneutered dog or wolf-hybrid, \$4.00 for each neutered male/female dog or wolf-hybrid. An additional \$5.00 will be charged for each license sold. This \$5.00 will be sent to the State of Vermont, \$1.00 for their rabies control program and \$4.00 for their spaying/neutering program.

All cats shall be inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. A person may use an approved vaccine to inoculate a feral feline that takes up residence in a building other than the person's home and need not use the services of a licensed veterinarian for this purpose.

It has been suggested by the Selectboard that a photo of your registered dog would be helpful when a dog is missing or found. Anyone interested in submitting a photo of their dog for the town office file may do so.

2023 STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Total Education Liability		\$1,495,210.46	
Total Town Liability		\$942,950.71	
Late Homestead Filing Penalty		\$2,235.04	
Total amount to be raised by taxes		<u>\$2,235.04</u>	<u>\$2,440,396.21</u>

Non-residential Education Grand List	\$398,203.00		
\$398,203.00 x 1.7806 (tax rate)		\$709,040.32	
Homestead Education Grand List	\$596,261.00		
\$596,261.00 x 1.3185 (tax rate)		\$786,170.14	
Highway Grand List	\$994,464.00		
\$994,464.00 x 0.5751 (tax rate)		\$571,916.39	
Municipal Grand List	\$994,464.00		
\$994,464.00 x 0.3731 (tax rate)		\$371,034.32	
Late Homestead Filing Penalty		<u>\$2,235.04</u>	
Total taxes billed			<u>\$2,440,396.21</u>

2023 TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

Taxes Collected by Town	\$2,102,416.14	
State credits on tax bills	\$222,386.42	
Taxes Abated	\$0.00	
Taxes passed on to Delinquent Tax Collector:	<u>\$115,593.65</u>	
Total taxes accounted for		<u>\$2,440,396.21</u>

Submitted by:

Lori A. Shepard, Treasurer

TOWN OF STAMFORD DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION				
Year	Balance to	tax due	delinquent	Balance to
	Collect	11/17/2023	taxes collected	Collect
	1/1/2023			1/1/2024
2019	\$ 178.30			\$ 178.30
2020	\$ 4,079.06			\$ 4,079.06
2021	\$ 16,945.93		\$ 10,924.08	\$ 6,021.85
2022	\$ 73,373.27		\$ 49,625.16	\$ 23,748.11
2023		\$ 115,593.65	\$ 35,127.90	\$ 80,465.75
total to collect	\$ 94,576.56			
collected 1/1/23 to 12/31/23			\$ 95,677.14	
town report				\$ 114,493.07
DELINQUENT TAX	LOCATION	TOTAL		
Alpenwald Village Inc	alp # 423	\$ 13.64		
Alpenwald Village Inc	alp # 172	\$ 13.64		
Andover Hills Inc	Main Road	\$ 3,427.47		
Arnold Brian R et als camp	Sumner Road	\$ 1,399.88		
Arnold Brian (land)	Sumner Road	\$ 174.02		
Bensen Bruce F et als	Brookside Drive	\$ 1,595.80		
Bergman Daniel F et als	East Road	\$ 2,953.92		
Bleau Robert J	alp #280/281	\$ 3,652.46		
Blood Ralph estate	Mill Road	\$ 182.57		
Bradley Lawrence	alp #309	\$ 139.17		
Brown Rikki Leonard	# 266	\$ 20.88		
Buccino Matthew	alp # 327	\$ 212.85		
Burdick William R illl	Sporstmen Road	\$ 1,801.01		
Connors Michael & Sara	alp # 326	\$ 388.79		
Costine Robert estate	Collins Road	\$ 1,060.99		
Deandrade Antero et als	alp # 292/293	\$ 5,708.65		
Deandrade Antero et als	alp #1,18,19	\$ 278.34		
Delmoni Arturo G	County Road	\$ 2,663.31		
Dunn Jr Nelson	Main Road	\$ 919.25		
Dunn Jr Nelson Joni	Main Road	\$ 14,969.66		
Flynn John	alp #321	\$ 324.73		
Gray Raymond	alp #182	\$ 4,992.83		
Gregg Charles	alp # 176	\$ 324.73		
Gregg Charles	alp # 264	\$ 324.73		
Gregg Charles	alp # 278	\$ 163.73		
Gregg Charles	alp # 378	\$ 191.01		
Harayda /Andrew	alp # 343	\$ 240.13		
Hitchcock Hugh Jarvis	alp #267	\$ 218.31		
Holbrook Kevin	Andrea Drive	\$ 2,865.24		
Ignatius Oliver	Main Road	\$ 4,752.40		
Joaquin Aundrez	alp # 404	\$ 174.64		
Kincaid Matthew	Main Road	\$ 1,479.01		
Mach Anthony & Veronica	County Road	\$ 1,107.89		
McConnell Daniel	alp # 277	\$ 409.26		

<u>DELINQUENT TAX</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>				
McGann Vincent	alp # 183	\$ 313.81				
McGann Vincent	alp # 387	\$ 477.55				
McGinnis Charles	alp # 127	\$ 234.68				
Milanese David & Dawn	alp # 137	\$ 8.35				
Mitchell Christine	alp #282/283	\$ 1,028.76				
Mountain Lake Properties	Main Road	\$ 3,863.98				
Noe Edgar	alp # 128	\$ 193.74				
Oneil Richard	alp # 282/283	\$ 1,437.16				
Perenick William A	Main Road	\$ 1,498.88				
Perenick William A	Main Road	\$ 1,089.63				
Pierro Anthony & Eleanor	alp #	\$ 13.64				
Plantier Bernie	Mill Road	\$ 1,195.21				
Rougeau Derek E	alp #344	\$ 18.66				
Rum Wojciech	Main Road	\$ 13,704.70				
Rum Wojciech	County Road	\$ 4,357.90				
Rypkema Jennifer L	Main Road	\$ 1,012.38				
Sadler Sharon Lyons	camp/no land	\$ 570.32				
Shafto Michelle A	Clough Road	\$ 2,374.64				
Showers Timothy	alp # 276	\$ 959.33				
Smith Benjamin & B.Fowler	alp # 121	\$ 92.78				
Sok Sonny D	alp #424	\$ 25.57				
Strange Scott B	Henry Hill	\$ 7,197.64				
Tatro Joseph	County Road	\$ 3,238.18				
Tatro Ronnie	County Road	\$ 1,072.42				
Tiburcio Melissa (Hart)	alp 179	\$ 281.06				
Tiburcio Robert G	alp # 175/177	\$ 598.53				
Tyler Aaron	alp # 308	\$ 128.26				
Tyler Aaron	alp # 401	\$ 245.59				
Verax Media LLC	alp #385	\$ 3,713.90				
Whitney Dewey	land	\$ 141.22				
Wylde Douglas estate	Main Road	\$ 3,907.64				
Yeaton T & Birdick A	Andrea Drvie	\$ 352.02				
		\$ 114,493.07				

TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND

(Established in March 2002)

Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$2,873.32	
2023 Receipts	\$300.00	
2023 Expenses (computer equipment)	\$0.00	
Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u> </u>	<u>\$3,173.32</u>

ACT 60 REAPPRAISAL FUND

(Established in March 2002)

Savings Account as of January 1, 2023	\$55,532.27	
State of VT (Reappraisal)	\$6,060.50	
State of VT (Grand List maintenance)	\$713.00	
Interest	\$1,501.69	
Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u> </u>	\$63,807.46
Reappraisal MM as of January 1, 2023	\$54,114.22	
Less Assessor fees	(\$8,740.00)	
Less mapping expenses	(\$942.66)	
Less reappraisal expenses	(\$37,500.00)	
Less bank charges	(\$5.00)	
Interest	\$516.59	
Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u> </u>	<u>\$7,443.15</u>
Total accounted for in Reappraisal Fund		<u>\$71,250.61</u>

FUTURE NEEDS FUND

(Established in March 2005)

Future Needs Fund CD as of January 1, 2023	\$31,565.12	
Interest	\$262.93	
Balance, unreserved, as of December 31, 2023	<u> </u>	<u>\$31,828.05</u>

INVESTED FUNDS (From sales of land to National Forest)

Original investments as follows:

- \$88,362.56 from sales of land to National Forest prior to 1993
- \$15,000.00 from sale of Haynes land to National Forest in 1995
- \$25,000.00 from sale of State of Vermont land to National Forest in 2004
- \$3,000.00 from sale of Patten land to National Forest in 1995
- \$34,000.00 from sale of Warner land to National Forest in 1994
- \$3,000.00 from sale of Mirante land to National Forest in 1994

Money Market

Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$144,750.63	
Freightliner, loan repayment #4	\$16,832.74	
Interest withdrawn	(\$1,273.49)	
Less bank fee	(\$5.00)	
Interest	\$1,395.79	
	<u> </u>	
Value of Invested Funds as of December 31, 2023		<u><u>\$161,700.67</u></u>

Interest in the amount of \$1,273.49 was transferred from the invested funds to the General Fund in lieu of taxes.

RECORD RESTORATION FUND

(Established in March 2000)

Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$16,617.28	
Receipts	\$2,168.00	
Books and paper	(\$761.38)	
	<u> </u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2023		<u><u>\$18,023.90</u></u>

This fund was established by town vote in 2000. \$2.00 of each recording fee is allocated to the Record Restoration Fund. Future uses of these funds would be to have the grand list books preserved starting with the oldest records from the 1800s and to have the newer land records books microfilmed.

TECHNOLOGY FUND

(Established in March 2010)

Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$20,777.00	
Receipts	\$2,168.00	
Disbursements	\$0.00	
	<u> </u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2023		<u><u>\$22,945.00</u></u>

This fund was established by town vote in 2010. \$2.00 of each recording fee is allocated to the Technology Fund. Currently there are 99 volumes of land records in the vault, the earliest of which date back to the 1700s. Future plans are to use these funds to provide the equipment necessary for additional electronic indexing, viewing, storage and backup of the land records.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Money Market account as of January 1, 2023	\$712.98	
Planning Commission secretary	(\$732.26)	
Interest	\$19.28	
Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u> </u>	<u> </u> \$0.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND

Savings account as of January 1, 2023	\$21,091.68	
Town appropriation	\$45,000.00	
Interest	\$570.35	
Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u> </u>	<u> </u> \$66,662.03

FIRE TRUCK REPLACEMENT FUND

(Established in March 2018)

Account as of January 1, 2023	\$131,536.19	
Town appropriation	\$50,000.00	
Interest	\$1,344.69	
Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u> </u>	<u> </u> \$182,880.88

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND

(Established in July 2019)

Building Community Group		
Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$2,124.59	
Sign installation costs	(\$234.76)	
Sign landscaping, flowers	(\$998.88)	
Tree replacement	(\$213.55)	
Permit fees	(\$145.00)	
Interest	\$14.12	
Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u> </u>	<u> </u> \$546.52

The Community Projects Committee was created by the Selectboard in July 2019 for the purpose of supporting community-oriented projects that are self-sufficient and promote ideas for the benefit of the town and facilitate communication between other committees and boards. The committee consists of three members appointed by the Selectboard.

Town of Stamford
Cemetery Fund
Statement of Income and Expenses
Calendar year ending December 31, 2023

	2023		Over / (Under)	2024
Revenue:	Budget	Income	Budget	Budget
Maintenance appropriation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,550.00
Stone Restoration appropriation	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Mowing appropriation	\$3,285.00	\$3,285.00	\$0.00	\$3,290.00
Cemetery flags	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Sale of burial lots	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cemetery fees received	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$118.74	\$118.74	\$0.00
Total Revenue:	\$4,985.00	\$6,003.74	\$1,018.74	\$5,540.00

	2023		Under / (Over)	2024
Expenses:	Budget	Expenses	Budget	Budget
Bank charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lot buyback	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,630.00	(\$630.00)	\$1,500.00
Stone Restoration	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Mowing	\$3,285.00	\$3,285.00	\$0.00	\$3,290.00
Burial/sexton fees	\$0.00	\$650.00	(\$650.00)	\$0.00
Cemetery flags	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Cemetery markers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies/miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$26.55	(\$26.55)	\$50.00
Total expenses:	\$4,985.00	\$5,591.55	(\$606.55)	\$5,540.00

2023 Amount under budget	\$412.19
Transfer of lot sale to reserved funds	<u>\$0.00</u>
2023 Total Profit / (Loss)	<u><u>\$412.19</u></u>

Cemetery Fund
As of December 31, 2023

Assets:

Berkshire Bank, Checking

Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$7,685.78
Sale of burial lots	\$0.00
Donations	\$250.00
Fees received	\$650.00
Interest	\$1.23
Mowing & fall cleanup expense	(\$3,285.00)
Cemetery flags	\$0.00
Maintenance and expenses	(\$2,280.00)
Supplies expense	(\$26.55)
2023 appropriation	<u>\$4,985.00</u>

Balance as of December 31, 2023 \$7,980.46

Adams Community Bank, Money Market

Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$33,667.48
Interest	<u>\$117.51</u>

Balance as of December 31, 2023 \$33,784.99

Total Assets: \$41,765.45

Liabilities: none

Capital:

Reserved funds as of January 1, 2023	\$31,560.00
Sale of cemetery lots	\$0.00
Buyback of cemetery lot	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Reserved Funds	\$31,560.00

Unreserved Funds as of January 1, 2023	\$9,793.26
Profit / (Loss) 2023	<u>\$412.19</u>
Total Unreserved Funds	<u>\$10,205.45</u>

Total: \$41,765.45

Stamford Community Library

As we moved into 2023 with some semblance of normalcy, we were excited to continue to chip away at our mini renovation. Our eagerly awaited new windows finally went in, and it is amazing the difference they make. We are so grateful for the increased light and energy efficiency they offer. With the help of money from the Mullett Family CD fund, we installed a window seat in the children's section. We completed that corner with the addition of some cozy pillows, a cushion, and a small storage closet for supplies. It is now the perfect spot to sit down and read. Stop in and make yourself comfortable!

In May, we were awarded the Winnie Belle Learned Grant. We were able to expand our easy readers and early chapter books and purchased the materials for two new shelves with the remainder of the funds. We would like to thank Mike Lefevre for donating his time and talent to build and install these amazing units. Not only do they add some much needed book storage, but they are simply gorgeous.

The library continues to work tirelessly to offer the community a variety of programs, despite our limited hours. With grant funding from the Vermont Department of Libraries, we capped off our summer reading program with a visit from Uncharted Wild, a live interactive reptile program. With over 50 attendees young and old, it was a great time for all. 2023 was the first time in recent years that we hosted a program during Town Meeting in an effort to allow more parents to attend, and by all accounts, it was a complete blast. One of our youngest guests claimed it was "the best day ever!" We hope to make this a yearly offering. We wrapped up the school year with an ice cream celebration that left our guests on a sugar high. Many thanks to Chris Wondoloski who returned to discuss his second book, "The Textile Mill Murders," and Mars Vilaubi who visited us in November and shared some fantastic photographs and facts about the amazing animals of the Galapagos Islands. We closed out the year with an adorable craft from Artsy Avenue.

We continue to offer access to a large number of online reading materials for our patrons through the Green Mountain Consortium, Overdrive, and the Libby App. Our website provides easy access to our catalog as well as links to all of our online resources. If you have not already checked it out, please do so. Anyone interested in using Libby can stop in, call, or email us to get a username and password.

Once again, we would like to thank our entire community for its unwavering support. We would like to specifically thank Mark Daigle and Mike Lefevre for all of the work that they have done here in the library this year. Thank you to our entire board and staff for their tireless efforts that allow us to continue to offer a small corner of refuge to our little community. While it is with sadness that we said goodbye to board member Rebecca Gamari, we are so thankful for the insights she offered during her time here. We look forward to the year ahead and everything it has in store for us.

With gratitude,

Caroline Burch, Linda Rodovick, Tyna Senecal and Danielle Smith

**Stamford Community Library
As of December 31, 2023**

Account Balances

Petty Cash	30.00
TD Bank Checking	8,285.55
TD Bank Money Market	6,867.12
Mullett Fund CD	0.00
Total Assets	15,182.67

	2023 Budget	2023 Receipts	Over/(Under) Budget	2024 Budget
Revenues				
Refund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Appropriation	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
Book Sales / Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Grants	0.00	800.00	800.00	0.00
Special Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising / Misc. Income	0.00	83.00	83.00	0.00
Interest Income	0.00	71.15	71.15	0.00
Total Revenues	8,000.00	8,954.15	954.15	8,000.00

	2023 Budget	2023 Expenses	Under/(Over) Budget	2024 Budget
Expenses				
Salaries and Benefits				
Librarian Salary	14,858.48	\$14,368.09	\$490.39	15,444.00
Librarian, Other	5,000.00	\$4,131.33	\$868.67	5,500.00
Sub. Librarian Salary	500.00	\$217.47	\$282.53	500.00
Social Security / Medicare	1,558.00	\$1,404.50	\$153.50	1,641.00
Child Care Contribution Tax	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	47.00
Workers Compensation	119.00	\$118.74	\$0.26	226.00
Total Salaries and Benefits	22,035.48	20,240.13	1,795.35	23,358.00

	2023 Budget	2023 Expenses	Under/(Over) Budget	2024 Budget
Operating Costs				
Library Materials	3,500.00	3,280.94	219.06	3,500.00
Continuing Ed./Prof. Dues	150.00	0.00	150.00	50.00
Technology/Phone	600.00	420.55	179.45	400.00
Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment	400.00	427.10	(27.10)	600.00
Supplies Expense	600.00	797.57	(197.57)	600.00
Miscellaneous / Lost Books	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	150.00	0.00	150.00	50.00
Programs	1,000.00	1,172.18	(172.18)	1,000.00
Subscriptions	500.00	594.99	(94.99)	600.00
Equipment Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Library Automation Support	1,100.00	1,253.62	(153.62)	1,200.00
Subtotal Operating Expenses	8,000.00	7,946.95	53.05	8,000.00

Total Expenses	30,035.48	28,187.08	1,848.40	31,358.00
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	2023 Budget	2023 Expenses	Under/(Over) Budget	2024 Budget
Expenses paid from donations, grants, fundraising, etc.				
Equipment/Equipment Replacement	0.00	4,223.52	(4,223.52)	0.00
Library Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Programs	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	55.29	(55.29)	0.00
Subtotal Expenses Paid by Others	0.00	4,578.81	(355.29)	0.00

Stamford Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

The Fire Company answered 86 calls for service in 2023. These included 3 structure fires, 14 car accidents, 10 weather related emergencies, 5 powerline calls, 37 medical emergencies, 3 chimney fires, 7 searches, 3 illegal burning, 2 alarm activations, 1 vehicle fire and 1 service call. These responses included 10 mutual aid responses to Readsboro, 3 to Clarksburg, 1 to Monroe and 1 to New Ashford. With an average of 7 members answering each call we maintained an average response time of 11 minutes.

In the fall of 2022 the Appalachian Trail group moved the Seth Warner Shelter from an area between County Road and Risky Ranch Road to an area 2 miles north of County Road. This increased our rescue time at Seth Warner Shelter from 1 ½ hours to 4 ½ hours. Because of this we partnered with the Southern Vermont SAR team out of Brattleboro to create a tiered response to these types of incidents on the AT. We also worked with National Forest to try to find alternate ways to access the new site by ATV. Due to the terrain, this was unsuccessful. Hiking the trail and carrying the patient is the only option for rescue.

At the end of last winter, when we received the 30"+ snow storm, several trees fell down on the fire station. This resulted in damage to the concrete block structure and the electrical service being ripped from the building. Repairs were made as quickly as possible and they were all covered by insurance.

Midway through the year we lost Janice Farinon. Jan was a huge supporter of the Fire Company, filling many roles over the years and was President of the Corporation at the time of her passing. She is sorely missed.

In July, during one of the many rain storms, our dry hydrant on Clough Road was damaged by flood waters. We got a permit from the Agency of Natural Resources and repairs were made in October. When the heavy rain and flood waters passed we spent the entire week, 24 hours per day, pumping 10 basements. We had two teams of people checking all the pumps twice per day for 6 days. To keep up with the pumping we had to purchase 4 additional pumps and one additional pump was donated to the Fire Company.

Our vehicles received their annual service in June and we replaced the rear tires on Engine 1. We plan to replace the two front tires on the Tanker this year. We also worked with the Selectboard to order a new fire truck. It is very similar in design as Engine 1 (1997 Freightliner). Supply chain shortages resulted in an expected delivery time of 650 days which puts us sometime in the Spring of 2025. This truck will be replacing Engine 2 (1988 Mack).

In October, we participated in the PTG fundraiser and also did the traditional Halloween detail.

In late fall our mountain top repeater at the windmill site had an antenna failure. The equipment has been up there in the elements for 10 years. A new antenna was installed in early December.

We had several members attend regional training this year. This training included pumper operation, active shooter, EV safety and one of our members, Stewart Johnson completed his EMT training.

As always, nothing we do could happen without support. We want to say thank you to the following people that made significant contributions to the Fire Company in 2023.

West Oil Company, Jim and Denise Rondeau, Dr. Paul Donovan, Deerfield Machine, Gordon's Garage, Northeast Municipal, ProCom Services, Alex Dargie, Daryl Pecor, Stamford Highway Department, Stamford Selectboard, Stamford Town Office, John and Donna Engel, Heartwellville Service Center, McClain Electric, Stamford Broadband and Shelia Lawrence.

We have a small group of 25 volunteers that keep this place running. Of those, 8 of them live in other towns. Our members are a truly awesome group of people with dedication that cannot be described. Our volunteers are out there day and night in just about every imaginable weather condition doing the work. We are so fortunate to have people like you that give of themselves. You are simply the best and because of this we recognize your commitment to Stamford, tip our hat and say thank you.

We celebrated some years of service milestones this year. These included 20 years of service for Harry Klein and 10 years of service for Kory Richardson. We also recognized Nick Mroz and CJ Vadnais for their work at a cardiac arrest call that resulted in saving a human life. In addition, Nick Mroz, CJ Vadnais and Stewart Johnson were recognized for their work at an overdose call that resulted in saving a human life.

On behalf of the men and women of the Fire Company we hope you have a safe, healthy and prosperous 2024.

Sincerely,

Paul Ethier, Fire Chief
Bill Levine, President
Cindy Lamore, Vice President
Kathy Meranti, Clerk
June Mattimore, Treasurer
Rachel Vadnais, Trustee

Stamford Volunteer Fire Company Inc.	2023 Budget	2023 Expenses	2024 Proposed
City of North Adams 911 Dispatching	\$2,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$3,000.00
Mountain Top Radio Repeater Maintenance	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Business Phone Line (694-1515)	\$800.00	\$926.19	\$800.00
Heating Oil	\$3,500.00	\$4,210.99	\$3,800.00
Electricity	\$2,300.00	\$1,830.44	\$2,500.00
VT State Firefighters Association Dues	\$450.00	\$884.00	\$450.00
Berkshire County Fire Mutual Aid Dues	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Fuel (Gas & Diesel)	\$1,800.00	\$2,225.90	\$2,300.00
Book Keeping	\$800.00	\$1,045.00	\$800.00
Insurance (liability, property, workers comp)	\$9,500.00	\$8,568.00	\$9,500.00
Postage and Office Supplies	\$250.00	\$149.00	\$250.00
Firefighter Physicals (OSHA Requirement)	\$2,600.00	\$3,205.00	\$3,000.00
Fire & EMS Training	\$1,000.00	\$341.53	\$1,000.00
Maintenance Engine 1(1997 Freightliner)	\$3,500.00	\$2,669.52	\$3,800.00
Maintenance Engine 2 (1988 Mack)	\$3,500.00	\$2,986.74	\$3,800.00
Maintenance Tanker 4 (2005 Freightliner)	\$3,500.00	\$4,707.63	\$3,800.00
Maintenance Squad 3 (2005 Ford F-350)	\$1,000.00	\$633.60	\$1,000.00
Maintenance Truck 5 (2007 Dodge 2500)	\$1,000.00	\$278.86	\$1,000.00
Maintenance of Building	\$3,500.00	\$12,371.36	\$3,500.00
Annual Carpenter Ant Spraying	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
Maintenance of Equipment	\$1,500.00	\$1,451.07	\$1,500.00
Maintenance of Pagers and Two-way Radios	\$1,300.00	\$1,294.17	\$1,300.00
Maintenance of Jaws of Life	\$650.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Maintenance of (5) Dry Hydrants	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Maintenance of Furnace	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Maintenance of Emergency Generator & Propane	\$350.00	\$228.71	\$350.00
Maintenance of SCBA	\$1,500.00	\$845.00	\$1,500.00
SCBA 15 year cylinder replacement	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Hose Testing	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Truck Tire Replacement	\$2,000.00	\$3,195.00	\$2,000.00
Replacement of Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$2,008.35	\$5,000.00
Budget Total	\$58,525.00	\$64,431.06	\$61,425.00
Checking Account Balance 12/31/23		\$3,236.86	
Submitted By:			
Bill Levine, President			
Cindy Lamore, Vice President			
Kathy Meranti, Clerk			
June Mattimore, Treasurer			
Rachel Vadnais, Trustee			
Paul Ethier, Fire Chief			

Stamford Volunteer Fire Company Inc.

Checking Account Balance 12/31/22	\$1,376.35
<u>2023 Receipts</u>	
Town Appropriation	\$58,525.00
Insurance reimbursement for building damage	\$ 7,766.57
Total Funds Available	\$67,667.92

Submitted By:

Bill Levine, President

Cindy Lamore, Vice President

Kathy Meranti, Clerk

June Mattimore, Treasurer

Rachel Vadnais, Trustee

Superintendent's Annual Report Letter 2023 - 2024

Dear WSWSU Families and Friends,

It is a privilege to be writing my sixth annual letter as your Superintendent. Over these years, we have built a strong commitment to ensuring that every student receives what they need to learn and thrive. Our Strategic Plan for Student Success, that was created with your input, outlines how we will meet this commitment and includes four core goal areas, social emotional learning, student engagement, academic achievement, and sustainability. I am proud of the work we have done this year in each of these areas.

1. Social Emotional Learning, Mental Health, and Well-Being

We prioritize our students' well being to help ensure that our students are ready to learn. Each school has an active multi-tiered systems of support team that strengthens our ability to meet the needs of every student. We have a JEDI team which provides staff and students from across our schools a forum to identify tools to promote the social emotional learning and well-being of all.

2. Student Engagement

We continue to integrate our six competencies that our stakeholders identified for student success into all that we do with students. The students in our schools practice critical thinking, communication, empathy, collaboration, responsibility and adaptability while they explore the learning pathways offered through schoolwide experiences, classroom exploration and extracurriculars. We encourage students' discovery of their passions and foster an enthusiasm for learning by growing our range of creative learning experiences.

3. Academic Achievement and Success

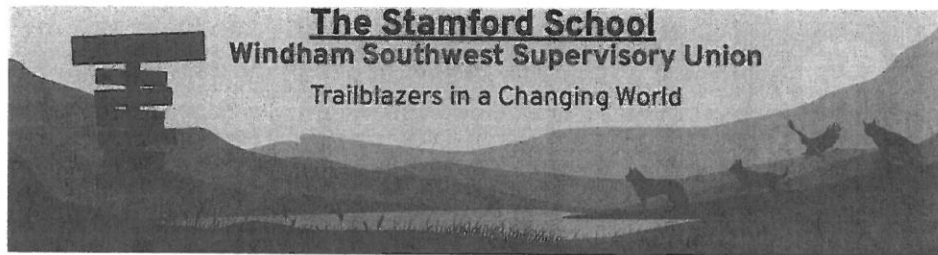
Administrators, teachers, and support staff have all been working to deepen our students' achievement and success with academic learning, including the implementation of a researched based literacy curriculum and framework, the development of an early literacy assessment, the use of data to inform instruction and the overall coordination of our curricula.

4. Sustainability

This year we expanded our efforts to attract people to fill positions and have successfully welcomed new staff members into each of our schools. The addition of these individuals has strengthened our base of excellent employees, which in turn, supports the growth of our youth.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with such a committed, caring and talented group of individuals who put children first. I am grateful to you for your continued support of our students and our schools. Together, we are helping our students learn and thrive.

Barbara Anne



January 15, 2024

Hello Stamford Community!

Your support last March for the current school year budget has made positive impacts on our students here at the Stamford School. We have been able to welcome 15 preschool students into our half-day preK, and with a dedicated teacher in preK, our Kindergarten students have been able to focus on the increased academic and social expectations of Kindergarten. Your support of the budget has also meant that we will be able to comply with the requirement to upgrade our lights throughout the building to LED lights, and we will be able to continue to expand our enrichment and field trip opportunities for our students throughout the school year.

It seems that each year, however, I have to focus more of this annual letter on the challenges that we face as a community, rather than using it to celebrate the many accomplishments and successes of our students and staff. This year is no different, as we face unprecedented financial burdens that have had major impacts on our proposed budget for 2024-25. For the school, this is one of the most challenging budget years we have experienced, which is forcing us to cut things we do not wish to cut, and delay things which we know would make our school even better. I've had experience in school improvement, with initiatives in my former schools having positive impacts on school climate and student learning as evidenced by improved test scores. Here, too, we have plans to help support our students even more as we emerge from the COVID pandemic and staffing challenges, however, we will have to delay some of those plans to take our school to the next level because of these financial challenges, outlined below. Because we strive to be trusting financial stewards of our community's school funding, we have stripped our proposed budget of any new initiatives and will be planning for a budget that allows only for level-services, or cuts. We also combed through the budget and made additional cuts in order to bring the budget down in an effort to address the areas over which we have some controls, because there are many factors impacting the budget over which we do NOT have any control:

ESSER grant

Emerging from the pandemic, we had access to federal funding through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Act. We used that funding to pay additional support staff needed to meet the needs of students, as well as to purchase programs to support students in the area of mathematics, which has been an area of persistent struggle at the school for many, many years. The final wave of the grant program (ESSER) ends this year, so any relief it provided to the local budget will also expire.

The Small Schools Grant which had previously helped schools like ours has expired, and in its place, we have Act 127 which aims to compensate for the cessation for the Small Schools Grant program, but includes other factors as well that may not work in our favor.

Vermont Act 127 which now employs a weighted model, where certain students are "weighted" more in the funding allocation model, because educating impoverished students, students who are English language learners, and students who attend rural and small schools cost more to educate. While we will be weighted additionally because of the size of our school, we do not anticipate much additional weighting because of the low free-and-reduced lunch program qualifications and low numbers of English Language Learners in our school.

Skewed CLA The Common Level of Appraisal factor is one that, in addition to Act 127, has been much discussed in the media lately. You are likely aware that the town reappraisal project is nearly complete, which should help the CLA calculator beginning next year, but currently, the calculations provided by the state for residents of Stamford do not work in our favor.

Employee Health Care Costs have been rising across the country, and we too anticipate an increase of an estimated 16%.

Employee salaries The majority of any school's budget is in the personnel who teach our children and keep the school running. The budget reflects the salaries as per the negotiated agreements with the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union Teacher Association and Windham Southwest Supervisory Union Staff Association, Vermont-NEA/NEA.

Because of these factors, even though we have made significant cuts in most areas, you are likely to experience a higher rate than anyone would like to see. The board, our WSWSU central office administrators and I have worked hard to address every factor we have control over to bring the budget down to the level where it will not trigger a state review, to cap the tax rate increase by 5% before the CLA, and deliver the lowest possible rate to our residents.

Like most schools across the country, our students have been demonstrating extraordinary needs in the areas of social emotional development as well as academics in the post-COVID era. To exacerbate this concern, we have been unable to recruit a school counselor since the resignation of our former counselor (who left for a full-time position in nearby Massachusetts). Parents and board members have advocated for expanding that position in the hopes of recruiting a qualified candidate and catering to the needs of our students, but in this challenging budget year, we were unable to include it. In fact, there are very few additions or increases, except in the salaries and benefits lines, and some modest cost-of-living increases in a few lines (supplies, etc.) to account for inflation. As stated previously, there are no new programs or initiatives resulting in any large budget additions this year in an effort to lower our budget and the tax assessment passed along to our community in light of the extenuating circumstances listed above.

In spite of the challenges, we will continue to look for new and creative cost-effective ways to meet the needs of all of our students to ensure that each day students are met where they are, and grow each and every day. We will strive to fill any gaps caused by the lasting effects of the COVID pandemic and the chronic staffing challenges of past years, while working to keep students up to current grade level expectations, or to even exceed them.

As always, we appreciate your support and partnership in this endeavor. If you have questions about our current educational program, or the proposed budget and future programming, please do not hesitate to contact me, or any members of the school board, in advance of the Town Meeting and Budget Vote. Together we will continue to make the Stamford School the very best little school in the world!

Thanks for your partnership,



Randy Lichtenwalner
Principal

Randy Lichtenwalner, Principal

The Stamford School Board of Directors

The Stamford School Board of Directors would like to thank students, staff and community members for your continued support of the Stamford Elementary School. We strive to provide a safe and inclusive learning environment for all and are working hard with administration to address new concerns as they arise. In the coming months, the board will be considering new restrictions on personal technology devices to address parent and staff concerns about student social/emotional wellness. As behavior issues continue to rise nationwide, we hope this will be one of several steps we take to address these issues head on. We value community input and would love to hear from you.

Please note that an error was made on the town warrant that was posted in early February noting the date of the town meeting as March 5th, instead of the correct date of Monday, March 4th. We apologize for this oversight.

Over the last year, several improvements have been made to our building by both necessity and state mandate. The board is pleased to report that bulbs for the full school LED light replacement mandate have been ordered and work on upgrades is slated to begin soon. We conducted a radon assessment earlier this year and due to slightly elevated results, we were required to conduct a long-term assessment of several locations throughout the building. The long-term assessment will be completed this summer, and will determine whether abatement will be required. High levels of lead were remediated in the staff room, the only location identified as needing remediation. The state has also mandated PCB testing. While some local schools have already been tested, at this time, we are unsure when we will be evaluated. Regular service to the kitchen refrigerators/freezers revealed a need to replace some seals and the dishwasher is currently being serviced. The grease trap in the kitchen continues to be an issue. Specialists came to view the area and believe there is no venting, creating the backups. We are still seeking a long-term solution. Most recently, a consultant came to look at the boilers. A report with recommendations should be available soon.

Every year, we are faced with ever-changing state laws and mandates, and this year is no exception. Like many schools across the state, it has been an extremely challenging year financially as a result of major changes in the school funding formula that resulted from the addition of Act 127. We believe an explanation on how we approached our budget would be helpful in understanding our process.

One of the major changes as a result of Act 127 is the addition of per pupil weights. As of December 2023, instead of an actual student count of 101 (including high school), we now have a weighted pupil count of 185.81. The small school grant we received annually no longer exists and is instead (theoretically) worked into the pupil count. While the intent of these new laws was to improve student equity across the state, the reality is that it has significantly hurt schools like us. For reference, last year, our budget was \$2,064,520. This year we are proposing a budget of \$2,132,491 (**an increase of only \$67,971 or 3.3%**). This is lower than the current increase in the cost of living and takes into account a huge 16.4% increase to salaries and benefits. The aforementioned salary and benefit increases are a result of union negotiations and therefore out of the board's control. Given our increased costs, inflation, and the dramatic increase to salaries and benefits we are seeing, this small increase was difficult to accomplish. The only addition to our budget was in hours for our custodian. Filling a part time custodian position with a qualified candidate proved immensely difficult, but we are confident the increase in hours will save us money long term that would otherwise be spent to hire an outside contractor for snow cleanup/removal. A huge thank you to Rich Cristofolini for continuously supporting our school and graciously stepping in to help whenever needed.

The second major change that resulted from Act 127 is the way the state looks at Ed Spending. Ed spending is calculated by subtracting our total revenue from our total budget. Last year, because of an influx in ESSER funds, we had a surplus of \$377,719, leaving our total Ed Spending at \$1,686,801. This year, we have state reimbursements and a fund balance of only \$188,500. The difference in surplus from last year significantly drives up the Ed Spending. Together, the added weighted students and decrease in revenue has forced the board to reduce the budget in many areas. The board felt it was very important not to remove any services the students were already receiving as we are already operating on a bare bones budget. We firmly believe further cuts would directly impact the quality of learning. While the proposed reductions in budget will not directly affect student learning, painting the building will need to be delayed, books and supplies will not be replenished, all sports money was reduced and many other line items were significantly cut. While our total budget growth is only \$67,971 our Ed Spending for 2024-2025 is projected to increase 15.2% over last year, to \$1,943,991, despite nearly \$400,000 in direct cuts to our budget.

Unfortunately, the current CLA (common level of appraisal) is 72.4%. While the CLA will adjust once the town reappraisal is complete, the current value has a grave impact on our tax rate. If the CLA was 100%, the tax rate would be significantly lower. As a reminder, the CLA only impacts the school tax rate, not the towns. The state also sets the yield, which directly impacts the tax rate. While they have lowered the yield once already, causing a tax rate increase, current discussion in the legislature suggests there is a good chance the yield will rise, which would bring our tax rate down somewhat. So much remains unknown at this point as legislators grapple with some major changes. We are hopeful they will make decisions in the best interest of all schools, but can only wait and see. In the meantime, we will continue to make the best decisions we can with the information we have at this time.

As always, our mission is to provide the best education possible while being as fiscally responsible as possible. We understand this potential increase in tax rate comes with a heavy burden to the taxpayer. We are frustrated with the changes the state has made and the lack of clarity that we have even now, and we believe the cuts we made are the only ones possible that will allow us to effectively provide for all students. We are so thankful to all of our staff, students, families and community members for their commitment to our school as we continue to strive to become "the best little school in the world". We would like to give a big thank you to the PTG for their continued efforts in supporting us. We are especially grateful for the addition of four new picnic tables for our playground. A special thank you to Mike Lefevre for donating his time and materials to build a new sandbox for the preschool playground and the Stamford Sportsman's Club for their donation of new backboards for our outdoor basketball court. Plans for the new preschool playground are in the works, and we are excited to see what is in store for next year!

Respectfully yours, The Stamford School Board of Directors
Erika Bailey-Chair
Kelly Holland-Vice Chair
Gary Bellows
Betsy Parrington
Danielle Smith

****Important Notice****

*There was a typo on the warrant. The annual school meeting will be on **March 4th**, with voting on March 5th.

The vote for the school budget is currently by **Australian Ballot** this may change.

The Following documents are likely to change:

1. Stamford Tax Factors
 - This document is based on information available as of 2/9/2024 and may change.

2. Three Prior Years Comparison-Format as Provided by AOE
 - This document is not accurate because the yield is too low and the 5% tax cap is no longer applicable.

All other information provided in this report is accurate.

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

As of December 31, 2023

	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ELEMENTARY:	PK	13
	K	9
	1	7
	2	10
	3*	10
	4	8
	5	6
	6	5
	7	7
	8	6
Total Elementary:		81
SECONDARY:	Drury	9
	McCann	16
	Mt. Greylock	1
	TVMHS	2
	Private	2
Total Secondary:		30
TOTAL ENROLLMENT:		111

* one third grade student attends TVES and one third grader attends Hillcrest Elementary School

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF 2023-2024

Faculty and Staff paid out of Stamford School District Budget As of December 2023

Name	Position	Degree	Experience
Deborah Ayer	20% Librarian	Masters	3 Years
Frances Busa	60% Early Childhood Educator	Bachelors	17 Years
Melissa Desjardin	Cook		
Michelle Desautels	50% PreK Paraprofessional		
Stephanie Goulette	40% PE Teacher	Masters	9 Years
Erica LeGrand	Paraprofessional		
Randal Lichtenwalner	Principal	Masters + 30	23 years
Timothy Maffei	Custodian		
Amy Maselli	K Teacher	Bachelors	12 Years
Skylar Mead	MS ELA/SS Teacher	Masters	6 Years
Maya Miller	Sr. Administrative Assistant		
David Nicol	30% Nurse	Masters +15	23 Years
Nicole Rindell	MS Math/Science Teacher	Masters	7 Years
Kamaree Saldo	20% Art Teacher	Bachelors+30	4 Years
Kristy Sherman	1 st & 2 nd Grade Teacher	Masters	28 Years
Kayla Solomon-Lane	3 rd & 4 th Grade Teacher	Bachelors+30	11 Years
Glenn Thurber	Paraprofessional		
Clayton Zeller-Townson	20% Music Teacher	Masters +15	2 Years

Faculty and Staff paid out of WSWSU Budget

Name	Position	Degree	Experience
Chelsea Brazeau	Special Ed Paraprofessional		
Kristie Henderson	Special Ed Paraprofessional		
Madeline Levy	Special Ed Teacher	Masters+30	36 years
Ashley Porter	Occupational Therapist		

The VT Agency of Education has set new standards and HQT as a stand-alone term no longer exists under ESSA new requirements. Teachers providing PK-12 instruction in Vermont's public schools need to be "appropriately licensed" under Education Quality Standards.

	Budget FY-2023	Acutal FY - 2023	Budget FY-2024	Budget FY-2025
INSTRUCTION				
NICOLE RINDELL	\$47,332	\$0	\$0	\$61,176
STEPHANIE GOULETTE .4	\$22,450	\$22,450	\$24,944	\$25,138
AMY MASELLI .5/1.0	\$28,676	\$28,676	\$57,352	\$64,516
CLAY ZELLER-TOWNSON .2	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$19,601	\$11,233
M BOUCHARD	\$47,332	\$0	\$0	\$0
KRISTY SHERMAN	\$72,380	\$72,380	\$72,380	\$79,546
KAMAREE SALDO ART .2	\$7,083	\$10,177	\$9,800	\$11,233
LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE	\$18,731	\$6,507	\$21,000	\$0
D LANCTO	\$50,671	\$0	\$0	\$0
STACIA SKWIRUT	\$0	\$47,332	\$47,332	\$0
SKYLAR MEAD	\$0	\$50,671	\$50,671	\$57,863
KAYLA SOLOMON	\$0	\$58,702	\$59,021	\$66,186
CANDILORO	\$22,089	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBSTITUTES	\$8,500	\$13,798	\$8,500	\$9,371
GLEN THURBER	\$0	\$22,614	\$22,906	\$28,744
TBH .5 PARA	\$0	\$0	\$9,884	\$0
PARAEDUCATOR INTERVENTION WAS P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,560
HOSPITALIZATION	\$62,682	\$73,009	\$128,199	\$163,900
HSA	\$0	\$10,400	\$4,000	\$4,410
GLEN THURBER FICA	\$0	\$1,526	\$1,752	\$1,932
STACIA SKWIRUT FICA	\$0	\$3,211	\$3,621	\$3,992
NICOLE RINDELL FICA	\$3,621	\$0	\$0	\$0
SKYLAR MEAD FICA	\$0	\$3,657	\$3,876	\$4,273
KAYLA SOLOMON FICA	\$0	\$3,863	\$4,515	\$4,978
GRETA FACCHETTI FICA	\$1,717	\$1,717	\$1,908	\$2,104
AMY MASELLI .5/1.0 FICA	\$2,194	\$1,978	\$4,387	\$4,837
CLAY ZELLER-TOWNSON .2 FICA	\$750	\$750	\$1,499	\$1,653
M BOUCHARD FICA	\$3,621	\$0	\$0	\$0
105-100-10-61100-220.11 KRISTY SHER	\$5,537	\$5,244	\$5,537	\$6,105
TBH .5 PARA FICA	\$0	\$0	\$756	\$0
KAMAREE SALDO ART .2 FICA	\$542	\$779	\$750	\$827
LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE FICA	\$1,433	\$498	\$1,607	\$0
D LANCTO FICA	\$3,876	\$0	\$0	\$0
CANDILORO FICA	\$1,690	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBSTITUTES FICA	\$650	\$1,055	\$650	\$717
VSTRS OPEB	\$10,281	\$7,010	\$10,060	\$11,091
VMERS	\$2,144	\$1,331	\$2,999	\$3,306
TCHRS RETIREMENT CONT	\$1,779	\$1,695	\$2,213	\$2,440
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$3,016	\$3,138	\$3,902	\$4,302
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$2,500	\$519	\$2,500	\$2,756
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	\$13,688	\$520	\$11,411	\$4,500
HRA CONTRIBUTIONS	\$12,587	\$16,907	\$18,533	\$20,844
DENTAL	\$3,512	\$3,434	\$5,956	\$6,566
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$2,147	\$1,508	\$2,793	\$3,079

HRA-FSA	\$175	\$143	\$175	\$193
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$5,000	\$4,379	\$5,000	\$0
FIELD TRIPS	\$1,500	\$1,335	\$1,500	\$1,500
SUPPLIES	\$13,000	\$9,365	\$10,000	\$10,000
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$15,873	\$16,464	\$6,500	\$5,000
EQUIPMENT	\$19,600	\$17,846	\$7,500	\$5,000
FOUR WINDS PROGRAM	\$1,400	\$1,544	\$1,400	\$1,400
CONTINGENCY	\$0	\$0	\$40,987	\$0
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$531,559	\$537,929	\$699,877	\$713,270
TECHNOLOGY				
NETWORK COORDINATOR	\$10,608	\$2,550	\$11,138	\$5,280
NETWORK COORDINATOR FICA	\$812	\$195	\$852	\$939
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$95	\$99	\$100	\$110
ERATE COORDINATOR	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$1,000	\$111	\$1,000	\$1,000
ISP/WEB	\$2,800	\$3,839	\$2,800	\$2,800
SOFTWARE/LICENCES	\$17,200	\$5,575	\$17,200	\$5,000
EQUIPMENT	\$11,000	\$8,025	\$11,000	\$6,000
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$43,715	\$20,394	\$44,290	\$21,330
STUDENT ACTIVITIES				
8TH GRADE ADVISOR	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$276
8TH GRADE ADVISOR FICA	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$21
MISC EXPENSES	\$500	\$467	\$500	\$500
TOTAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES	\$769	\$736	\$769	\$797
ATHLETICS				
POSITION MOVED TO INSTRUCTION	\$1,200	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
FICA	\$92	\$0	\$191	\$0
WORKERS COMP	\$11	\$11	\$23	\$0
SUPPLIES	\$300	\$0	\$600	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$400	\$365	\$800	\$0
DUES & FEES	\$100	\$0	\$200	\$0
TOTAL ATHLETICS	\$2,103	\$376	\$4,314	\$0
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT				
LESLIE LEFF .4/ TBH	\$30,288	\$16,454	\$30,288	\$21,130
HOSPITALIZATION	\$6,042	\$3,928	\$6,811	\$14,017
LESLIE LEFF .4 FICA	\$2,317	\$1,259	\$2,317	\$1,616
WORKERS COMP	\$273	\$284	\$289	\$319
CREDIT REIM	\$410	\$0	\$829	\$914
HRA	\$1,067	\$167	\$1,600	\$1,764
DENTAL	\$0	\$271	\$476	\$525
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$182	\$90	\$192	\$212

TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	\$40,579	\$22,453	\$42,802	\$40,497
HEALTH SERVICES				
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES .3	\$13,984	\$16,011	\$17,242	\$23,864
NURSE TRAVEL	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
SUPPLIES	\$650	\$807	\$650	\$650
SOFTWARE	\$445	\$0	\$455	\$455
DUES & FEES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$15,079	\$16,818	\$18,447	\$25,069
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$10,000	\$44	\$10,000	\$0
LIBRARY SERVICES				
Deborah Ayer .2	\$11,136	\$0	\$11,136	\$11,233
TBH .2 FICA	\$852	\$0	\$852	\$939
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$100	\$104	\$105	\$116
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	\$205	\$0	\$415	\$458
SUPPLIES	\$650	\$141	\$800	\$800
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$300	\$0	\$600	\$600
TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES	\$13,243	\$245	\$13,908	\$14,146
SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES				
SALARIES	\$1,800	\$1,170	\$1,800	\$1,800
FICA	\$138	\$90	\$138	\$138
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$1,800	\$1,912	\$1,800	\$1,800
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$3,385	\$4,049	\$4,130	\$4,130
ADVERTISING	\$800	\$399	\$800	\$800
DUES & FEES	\$1,500	\$1,174	\$1,500	\$1,500
MISC EXPENSES	\$100	\$410	\$100	\$100
TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES	\$9,523	\$9,203	\$10,268	\$10,268
SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE				
SUPERVISORY UNION ASSESSMENT	\$106,849	\$106,849	\$63,960	\$101,024
TOTAL SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE	\$106,849	\$106,849	\$63,960	\$101,024
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL				
SECRETARY SUMMER	\$291	\$0	\$305	\$336
R LICHTENWALNER	\$114,000	\$118,604	\$119,700	\$125,685
MAYA MILLER	\$31,008	\$29,359	\$32,558	\$34,240
HOSPITALIZATION	\$22,278	\$22,278	\$25,114	\$27,772
R LICHTENWALNER FICA	\$8,721	\$8,637	\$9,157	\$10,096
SECRETARY SUMMER FICA	\$22	\$0	\$23	\$25
MAYA MILLER FICA	\$2,372	\$2,246	\$2,491	\$2,746
VMERS	\$1,643	\$1,452	\$1,725	\$1,902
403b RETIREMENT	\$570	\$570	\$599	\$660
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$1,308	\$1,361	\$1,373	\$1,514
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$551

HRA CONTRIBUTIONS	\$3,200	\$0	\$3,200	\$3,528
DENTAL PROGRAM	\$915	\$915	\$952	\$1,050
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$872	\$792	\$915	\$1,009
POSTAGE	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
TELEPHONE	\$5,736	\$4,106	\$4,500	\$4,500
TRAVEL	\$300	\$208	\$300	\$300
SUPPLIES	\$400	\$235	\$400	\$400
EQUIPMENT	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
DUES & FEES	\$1,500	\$917	\$1,500	\$1,500
TOTAL OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL	\$196,386	\$192,180	\$206,062	\$218,564
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT				
GENERAL MAINTENANCE/SUB	\$1,000	\$4,662	\$1,000	\$1,103
TIMOTHY MASSEI	\$28,860	\$24,187	\$29,338	\$43,680
HOSPITALIZATION	\$11,328	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
GENERAL MAINTENANCE/SUB FICA	\$77	\$357	\$77	\$85
TIMOTHY MASSEI FICA	\$2,208	\$1,850	\$2,237	\$3,342
VMERS	\$1,515	\$1,257	\$1,535	\$2,730
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$269	\$280	\$272	\$300
HRA	\$3,520	\$0	\$0	\$3,600
DENTAL	\$915	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$3,000	\$1,706	\$3,000	\$3,000
CONTRACTED SNOW REMOVAL	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
RADON TESTING	\$0	\$547	\$0	\$0
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$6,775	\$15,619	\$6,775	\$0
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$5,225	\$3,755	\$6,025	\$6,025
LED UPGRADE	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
ASBESTOS TESTING/INSPECTI	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$5,550	\$6,116	\$6,420	\$6,805
SUPPLIES	\$5,050	\$3,574	\$5,050	\$5,050
ELECTRICITY	\$13,850	\$14,966	\$14,851	\$17,361
GAS FOR STOVE	\$1,350	\$1,884	\$1,785	\$2,186
FUEL OIL	\$16,000	\$21,552	\$25,500	\$22,000
EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$616	\$1,000	\$0
DUES AND FEES	\$1,000	\$70	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	\$110,092	\$102,997	\$127,465	\$135,865
TRANSPORTATION	\$78,724	\$77,389	\$86,055	\$85,815
RESERVE FUND MAINTENANCE	\$0	\$9,930	\$0	\$0
PRESCHOOL TUITION				
AMY MASELLI .5	\$28,676	\$28,676	\$0	\$0
TBH .5 TEACHER	\$0	\$0	\$28,676	\$31,615
MICHELLE DESAUTELS .5	\$11,045	\$8,580	\$9,884	\$14,044
HOSPITALIZATION	\$11,139	\$11,139	\$6,279	\$7,309
AMY MASELLI .5	\$2,194	\$1,978	\$0	\$0
MICHELLE DESAUTELS .5	\$845	\$656	\$756	\$833

TBH .5 TEACHER	\$0	\$0	\$2,194	\$2,419
VMERS	\$580	\$0	\$577	\$636
WORKMENS COMP	\$357	\$371	\$377	\$416
HRA CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,600	\$697	\$3,200	\$3,528
DENTAL	\$458	\$458	\$952	\$1,050
LIFE & DISABILITY	\$172	\$0	\$251	\$277
PRE-K TUITION	\$10,968	\$0	\$3,764	\$3,764
TOTAL PRESCHOOL	\$68,034	\$52,555	\$56,910	\$65,890
HIGH SCHOOL TUITION				
TUITION VT LEA'S	\$17,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TUITION OUTSIDE VT LEA'S	\$134,440	\$154,608	\$145,368	\$154,090
PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION	\$17,347	\$17,278	\$8,505	\$9,015
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITION	\$168,787	\$171,886	\$153,873	\$163,105
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION				
TUITION OUTSIDE VT LEA'S	\$457,248	\$451,306	\$329,648	\$349,427
TOTAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	\$457,248	\$451,306	\$329,648	\$349,427
PROGRAM CODE 200				
SUPPLIES	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
SU SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT				
SU SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	\$91,365	\$91,365	\$115,717	\$0
SPED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	\$198,245	\$25,485	\$63,155	\$170,425
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSESME	\$289,610	\$116,850	\$178,872	\$170,425
FOOD SERVICE SUPPORT				
FOOD SERVICE SUPPORT	\$16,800	\$7,597	\$16,800	\$16,800
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE SUPPORT	\$16,800	\$7,597	\$16,800	\$16,800
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,159,300	\$1,897,738	\$2,064,520	\$2,132,491
SURPLUS(-DEFICIT)	\$0	-\$5,380	\$0	\$0

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

	<u>2023-2024</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2024-2025</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>
<u>Elementary Costs (Grades K-8)</u>			
Elementary (including instructional, technology, student activities, guidance, health, in-service, library & principal)	1,036,155	1,033,672	(2,483)
Pre-K Tuition/Program	56,910	65,890	8,980
Elementary Athletics	4,314	-	(4,314)
Elementary Plant Operations	127,465	135,865	8,400
Elementary Special Education	200	-	(200)
Sub-Total Elementary (K-8) Costs	1,225,044	1,235,427	10,383
School Board Costs	10,268	10,268	-
WSWSU Assessment	63,960	101,024	37,064
WSWSU Special Ed Assessment	115,717	170,425	54,708
WSWSU District Assessment	63,155	-	(63,155)
Transportation	86,055	85,815	(240)
Tuition (Secondary)	483,521	512,532	29,011
Food Service Support	16,800	16,800	-
Total Budget without Special Article	2,064,520	2,132,291	67,771
Special Article: Heating Control Upgrade			-
Total Budget	2,064,520	2,132,291	67,771

Estimated Number of Students applied to Budget 24-25

Tuitions:	Students
Drury	9
Mt Greylock	1
McCann	19
Private	1
Twin Valley	1
Total	31

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT

BUDGET COMPARISON

	2023-2024	2024-2025
School Operating Budget	\$2,064,520.00	\$2,132,491.00
Total Budget	\$2,064,520.00	\$2,132,491.00
Funds To Be Applied:		
Fund Balance (surplus)	182,669.54	100,750.00
Tuition	0.00	0.00
State Small Schools Grant	107,299.00	0.00
State Vocational Tuition Reimbursement	80,000.00	80,000.00
Census Block Grant	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	250.00	250.00
Federal Forestry	7,500.00	7,500.00
Funds Applied to Budget (Revenue)	\$377,718.54	\$188,500.00
TOTAL BUDGET MINUS REVENUE	\$1,686,801.46	\$1,943,991.00

<u>Stamford Tax Factors</u>	
with Proposed New Yield based on Act 127 Changes	
2024-2025	
2024-2025 Budget	\$ 2,132,491
2024-2025 Revenue	\$ 188,500
Education Expenses	\$ 1,943,991
Equalized Pupils	\$ 185.81
Per Pupil Cost	\$ 10,462
Est. Residential Tax Rate 2024-2025	\$ 1.4792
Non-Residential Rate	\$ 1.9213
Prior Year Per Pupil Cost **	\$ 9,511
Prior year Ed Spending	\$ 1,686,801
Ed Spending change	15.2%
Prior Year Residential Tax Rate	\$ 1.3154
Prior Year Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$ 1.7720
Anticipated Residential Tax Rate Change	\$ 0.1638
Per pupil change	10.0%
Yield Per Eq Pup	\$ 9,769
Common Level of Appraisal	72.40%
VT Residential rate*	\$ 1.000
VT Non-Residential rate*	1.391

Based on FY23-24 Calculated by AOE for Comparison Purposes
 Inner recommendation, based on current information, of \$1.00/\$1.391
 Non-residential base rate and Base amount to be determined by Legislature.
 Yield per equalized pupil to be finalized by Legislature.

District: **Stamford**
 SU: **Windham Southwest**

FY25 is the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY22 - FY24. LTWADM is required to be

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 Bennington County **9,171** <--See bottom note
10,227

Property dollar equivalent yield

Homestead tax rate per \$9,171 of spending per LTWADM **1.00**

Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income

Expenditures		FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, and full technical center expenditures)	\$1,908,455	\$2,159,300	\$2,064,520	\$2,132,491
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,908,455	\$2,159,300	\$2,064,520	\$2,132,491
4.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
5.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
6.	Total Expenditures	\$1,908,455	\$2,159,300	\$2,064,520	\$2,132,491
7.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
9.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc.)	\$256,591	\$572,863	\$377,719	\$188,500
10.	Offsetting revenues	\$256,591	\$572,863	\$377,719	\$188,500
11.	Education Spending	\$1,651,864	\$1,586,437	\$1,686,801	\$1,943,991
12.	Pupils (eqpup FY22 - FY24, LTWADM FY25)	105.72	104.05	106.05	185.81
13.	Education Spending per Pupil	\$15,624.90	\$15,246.87	\$15,905.71	\$10,462.25
14.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per Pupil pupil	-	-	-	-
15.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$66,446 for an individual (per pupil)	\$102.39	\$5.25	-	-
16.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
17.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer pupils	-	-	-	-
18.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per pupil)	-	-	-	-
19.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per pupil)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per pupil)	\$88.33	\$98.81	\$94.86	-
22.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	\$88.33	\$98.81	\$94.86	-
23.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$18,789	threshold = \$19,997	threshold = \$22,204	threshold = \$23,193
24.	plus Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$18,789.00	\$19,997.00	\$22,204.00	\$23,193.00
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$15,625	\$15,247	\$15,906	\$10,462.25
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	138.066%	114.518%	102.996%	114.080%
Prorating the local tax rate					
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$10,462.25 + (\$9,171 / \$1.00))	\$1.3807	\$1.1452	\$1.0300	\$1.1408
28.	Act 127 tax cap (FY25 - FY29 eligible)				\$1.0815
29.	Percent of Stamford pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.14)	\$1.3807	\$1.1452	\$1.0300	\$1.0815
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	92.07%	92.51%	78.12%	72.40%
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.0815 / 72.40%)	\$1.4996	\$1.2379	\$1.3185	\$1.4938
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
33.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$10,462.25 + \$10,227) x 2.00%]	2.27%	2.00%	2.00%	2.05%
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.05%)	2.27%	2.00%	2.00%	2.05%
35.		-	-	-	-
36.		-	-	-	-

- Using the revised January 9th, 2024 Education Fund Outlook FY25 forecast, the FY25 education fund need results in a property yield of \$9,171 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$10,227 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.452. These figures use the estimated \$13,000,000 surplus from the Education Fund. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

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

Windham Southwest Supervisory Union Assessment

	<u>ASSESSMENT 2023-2024</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT 2024-2025</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>% INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>
HALIFAX REG ED	61,500	125,518		
HALIFAX SPECIAL ED SU	111,266	211,746		
HALIFAX SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	128,942	-		
HALIFAX TRANSPORTATION	-	65,157		
TOTAL HALIFAX	301,708	402,421	100,713	33.38%
READSBORO REG ED	41,072	93,312		
READSBORO SPECIAL ED SU	74,307	157,416		
READSBORO SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	108,917	-		
READSBORO TRANSPORTATION	-	76,529		
TOTAL READSBORO	224,296	327,257	102,961	45.90%
SEARSBURG REGULAR ED	16,801	70,031		
SEARSBURG SPECIAL ED SU	30,396	118,141		
SEARSBURG SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	121,138	-		
SEARSBURG TRANSPORTATION	-	-		
TOTAL SEARSBURG	168,335	188,172	19,837	11.78%
STAMFORD REGULAR ED	63,960	101,024		
STAMFORD SPECIAL ED SU	115,717	170,425		
STAMFORD SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	63,155	-		
STAMFORD TRANSPORTATION	-	85,815		
TOTAL STAMFORD	242,832	357,264	114,432	47.12%
TVES REGULAR ED	170,117	408,891		
TVES SPECIAL ED SU	307,773	689,791		
TVES SPECIAL ED SU DISTRICT	504,966	-		
TVES TRANSPORTATION	-	92,681		
TOTAL TVES	982,856	1,191,363	208,507	21.21%
TVMHS REGULAR ED	206,581	430,190		
TVMHS SPECIAL ED SU	373,743	725,721		
TVMHS SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	453,728	-		
TVMHS TRANSPORTATION		104,512		
TOTAL TVMHS	1,034,052	1,260,423	226,371	21.89%
TOTAL REGULAR ED	560,031	1,228,966	668,935	119.45%
TOTAL SPECIAL ED SU	1,013,202	2,073,240	1,060,038	104.62%
TOTAL SPECIAL ED SU DISTRICT	1,380,846	-	(1,380,846)	-100.00%
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	0	424,694	424,694	

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF WINDHAM SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
FUND**

GENERAL

	Actual (Budget)	Budget	Proposed
	2022-2023	2023-2024	Budget
			2024-2025
Revenues:			
Interest	500.00	500.00	5,000
Misc Income	0.00	0.00	0
Spec. Ed Services Assessments	2,070,164.00	1,380,846.00	2,073,240
Spec. Ed State Reim/Grants	815,435.00	2,224,664.00	3,174,827
Prior Year Adjust	0.00		0
Assessments - Supervisory Union	1,851,760.00	1,573,234.00	1,228,967
General Fund Revenues:	4,737,859.00	5,179,244.00	6,482,034
Fund Balance -Special Ed	224,297.00	48,693.00	0
Fund Balance WSSU	51,310.00	518,755.00	0
Total Gen Fund Revenues:	5,013,466.00	5,746,692.00	6,482,034
 Expenditures:			
Superintendent's Office	350,871.00	395,372.00	410,804
Fiscal Services	599,142.00	578,256.00	726,511
Dir. Curriculum	100,009.00	105,659.00	149,011
Special Education:			
Special Education Teachers/Staff	1,665,115.00	1,847,545.00	2,083,937
Special Education Services-District	949,643.00	1,460,197.00	1,460,197
Special Education Transportation	270,841.00	297,768.00	297,768
Speech Services	275,131.00	302,115.00	285,832
Occupational/PT Therapy Services	124,655.00	133,198.00	241,339
School Psychologist/Evaluations	66,265.00	69,802.00	0
Alternative Special Ed Program	390,483.00	298,314.00	473,314
EEE Program	95,905.00	99,364.00	157,091
Special Education Administration	125,406.00	159,102.00	196,230
PY Adj			
Total Gen Fund Expenditures:	5,013,466.00	5,746,692.00	6,482,034
Excess/(Deficiency)			

Revenue & Expense to record State of Vermont payments on behalf of teacher retirement contributins are not included in the above figures. The Windham Southwest Supervisory Union expects the financial budget for FY 2023-2024 to be as budgeted.

Assessment Breakdown by District:

Supervisory Union Assessments	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Halifax	204,059.00	61,500.00	125,518
Readsboro	151,543.00	41,072.00	93,312
Searsburg	55,552.00	63,960.00	101,024
Stamford	198,212.00	16,801.00	70,031
Twin Valley	1,242,394.00	376,698.00	839,082
	1,851,760.00	560,031.00	1,228,967
 Special Ed Assessment			
Halifax	203,162.00	240,208.00	211,746
Readsboro	156,304.00	183,224.00	157,416

Searsburg	57,799.00	178,872.00	170,425
Stamford	198,245.00	151,534.00	118,141
Twin Valley	1,454,654.00	1,640,210.00	1,415,512
Total Assessment	2,070,164.00	2,394,048.00	2,073,240

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December 20, 2023

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Stamford Town School District

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION

The financial statements of the Stamford Town School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 are being audited by Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C. of Montpelier. The financial statements will be available, with our independent auditor's reports, at the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union office once the final statements are issued.

Sincerely,

Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Mudgett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John H. Mudgett, CPA
Principal

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