

# Town of CHELSEA, VERMONT Annual Report



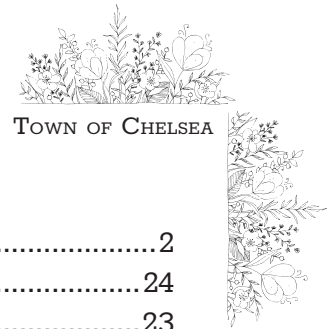
For The Year Ending December 31, 2023



**RICHARD "RICH" KENNETH BUTTON, SR.  
1940 - 2023**

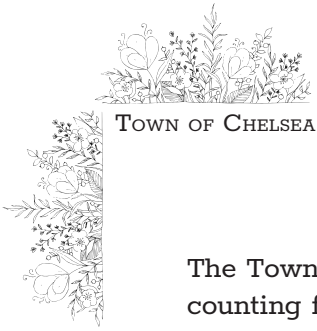
The town of Chelsea would like to recognize Rich Button for his 62 years of service to the Chelsea Volunteer Fire Department, and to his overall commitment to the community. Rich lived his life in Chelsea, served in the United States Army, and was active in many of the town's local clubs and organizations. He was also an avid supporter of Chelsea's youth, and could often be found at sporting events throughout his years. Rich and his infectious laugh will be missed.

**On the Cover:** The Chelsea Community Barn Quilt Project was started by Carrie Caouette-DeLallo and her daughter, Sarah, in 2018 as an inclusive community arts project. To date, there are approximately 150 Barn Quilts adorning houses and outbuildings throughout Chelsea and surrounding communities. The Barn Quilt on the cover was created by Tanya Libby and has been exhibited throughout the state of Vermont.



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## AUDITORS REPORT AVAILABILITY

The Town of Chelsea has contracted with Batchelder Associates, PC a certified public accounting firm, to provide an audit of the accounts and records of the Town Officers.

The fiscal year for the Town of Chelsea ended December 31, 2023.

Previous to 2018, auditors were elected in the Town of Chelsea. At the Annual Town meeting, March 6, 2018, the voters authorized the elimination of the Town Auditor position, with future audits to be provided by a public accountant licensed by the State of Vermont.

In 2018 there was no audit. For 2019, an audit by Batchelder Associates was completed on April 6, 2020. For 2020, an audit by Batchelder Associates was completed on March 8, 2021. For 2021 an audit by Batchelder Associates was completed on April 21, 2022. For 2022, an audit by Batchelder Associates was completed on March 31, 2023.

For 2023 an audit by Batchelder Associates is expected to be completed by April 1, 2024.

The complete Auditors Report by Batchelder Associates will be available for public viewing on the Town of Chelsea website. [www.chelseavt.org](http://www.chelseavt.org)

Respectfully Submitted, Town of Chelsea Treasurer

## INFORMATIONAL MEETING PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Chelsea Town Hall**

Informational Meeting to discuss Articles 1 and 2

Public comments

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - 9AM – 7PM**

Australian Ballot Vote Articles 1 and 2

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - 10 AM – Adjournment

Floor Vote on Articles 3-6



## TOWN OF CHELSEA - WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Chelsea are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Chelsea Town Hall in Chelsea on March 5, 2024 from 9 am to 7 pm to vote by Australian ballot on the following article:

Art 1. To elect the following officers:

- a. Town Moderator - one (1) year term;
- b. Delinquent Tax Collector - one (1) year term;
- c. Selectboard - three (3) year term;
- d. Selectboard - two (2) year term;
- e. Lister - three (3) year term;
- f. Cemetery Commissioner - five (5) year term;
- g. Trustee of Public Funds - three (3) year term;
- h. Trustee of the Public Library- three (3) year of a (5) year term;
- i. Trustee of the Public Library- five (5) year term;
- j. Trustee of the Public Library - five (5) year term;

Art 2. Shall the Town of Chelsea (pursuant to 32 VSA § 3840) vote to exempt all property taxation including educational and municipal tax liability for five (5) years, commencing in 2024, on the current Chelsea Grange No. 362 located at 260 VT Route 110 on a .11 acre of land and valued at \$39,600.

The legal voters of the Town of Chelsea are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Chelsea Town Hall in Chelsea on March 5, 2024 at 10 am to transact the following business from the floor:

Art 3. Shall the Town voters authorize the expenditures for the not-for-profit service agencies as recommended by the appointed Selectboard in the amount of \$15,640.00 as shown in the 2024 Budget?

<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Request Amount</b>
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	1,000.
Central Vermont Council on Aging	1,250.
Chelsea Farmer’s Market	1,000.
Chelsea Historical Society	1,500.
Chelsea Senior Center	3 000.
Clara Martin Center	2,040.
Everybody Wins Vermont	500.
Green Up Vermont	100.
Orange County Restorative Justice	350.
Orange County Parent Child Center	1,500.
Safeline	1,000.
Tri Valley Transit	1,600.
The Arts Bus	800.

# TOWN OF CHELSEA - WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 5, 2024

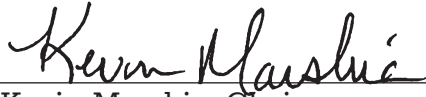
Art. 4. To see if the voters shall approve the total general fund expenditures of \$ 1,662,234 of which \$ 1,057,760 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 604,474 by non-tax revenue.

Art. 5 To see if voters shall place its tax bills in the hands of the Town Treasurer for collection.

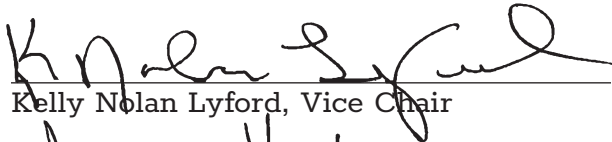
Art. 6. To see if the voters shall establish a due date of November 1, 2024 for payment of Town and State Education taxes, establish a penalty of 8% for taxes not paid for or postmarked by the due date, establish a monthly interest charge of 1% for taxes unpaid after the due date.

Dated this 23, day of January, 2024

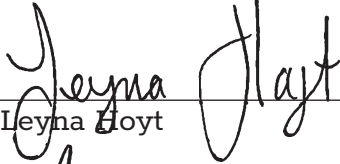
By the Selectboard members of the Town of Chelsea:



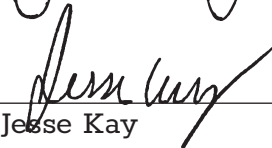
Kevin Marshia, Chair



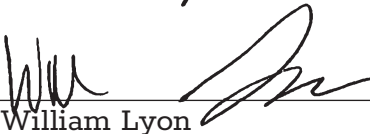
Kelly Nolan Lyford, Vice Chair



Leyna Hoyt



Jesse Kay

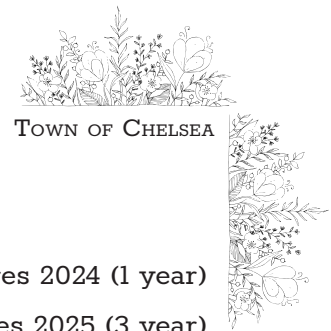


William Lyon

Received for recording this 25 day of January, 2024

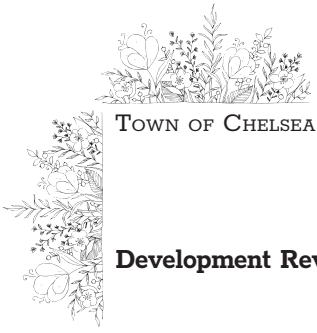


Karen I. Lathrop, Town Clerk



## TOWN OFFICERS - 2023

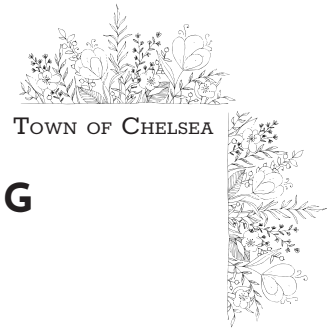
<b>Moderator</b>	Emily Marshia	Term expires 2024 (1 year)
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Karen Lathrop	Term expires 2025 (3 year)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gayle Durkee	Term expires 2025 (3 year)
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b>	Jane Cushman	Term expires 2024 (1 year)
<b>Road Foreman</b>	Rick Ackerman	
<b>Selectboard</b>	Kelly Lyford	Term expires 2026 (3 year)
	Jesse Kay	Term expires 2025 (2 year)
	Leyna Hoyt	Term expires 2025 (3 year)
	William Lyon	Term expires 2024 (3 year)
	Kevin Marshia	Term expires 2024 (2 year)
<b>Listers</b>	Phyllis Hayward	Term expires 2025 (3 year)
	Susan Elder	Term expires 2026 (3 year)
	Tim Courts	Term expires 2024 (3 year)
<b>Trustees of the Public Library</b>	Kezia Frayjo	Term expires 2024 (5 year)
	Nick DeFriez	Term expires 2024 (5 year)
	Suzanne Turner	Term expires 2026 (5 year)
	Jessica Anderson	Term expires 2026 (5 year)
	Chintana Herrin	Term expires 2028 (5 year)
	Brian Anderson	(appointed) Term expires 2029 (5 year)
<b>Trustees of Public Funds</b>	David Bradshaw	Term expires 2025 (3 year)
	Terry Libby	Term expires 2024 (3 year)
	Edwin Coburn	Term expires 2026 (3 year)
<b>Cemetery Commissioners</b>	Frank Keene	Term expires 2026 (5 year)
	Terry Carty	Term expires 2024 (5 year)
	Karen Lathrop	Term expires 2025 (5 year)
	Steve Knudsen	Term expires 2026 (5 year)
	Shannon Doyle	Term expires 2027 (5 year)
<b>Town Grand Juror - Appointed</b>	Ernest Kennedy	Term expires 2024 (1 year)
<b>Zoning Administrator</b>	Mary Ellen Parkman	
<b>Town Fire Warden - Appointed</b>	John Upham	Term expires 2025 (5 year)
<b>Animal Control Officer - Appointed</b>	Cindi McElhaney	
<b>Pound Keeper - Appointed</b>	Sam Punchar	
<b>First Constable</b>	Vacant	
<b>Health Officer - Appointed</b>	Geoffrey Clayton	Term expires 2024 (3 year)



## TOWN OFFICERS - 2023

<b>Development Review Board</b>	Johanna Welch, Chair Ed Kuban, Vice-Chair Lawrence Allen Phillip Mulligan Jeremy Hook Steven Thomas, Alternate 1 Vacant, Alternate 2	Term expires 2023 (3 year) Term expires 2024 (2 year) Term expires 2023 (2 year) Term expires 2023 (3 year) Term expires 2024 (3 year) Term expires 2023 (1 year) Term expires 2023 (1 year)
<b>Planning Commission- Appointed</b>	Gregg Herrin Ed Kuban Shenia Lyford Robert Brannon Neil Kennedy Susan Hardin Kate Thomas	Appointed 2023 - Term Unspecified Term expires 2024 (2 year) Appointed 2023 - Term Unspecified Term expires 2026 (3 year) Term expires 2024 (2 year) Term expires 2024 (3 year) Term expires 2025 (3 year)
<b>Recreation Committee - Appointed</b>	Ally Allen Hook, Chair Samantha Bonasera Allen, Sec. John Parker Ashley Grote Neil Kennedy, Treasurer Vacant	Term expires 2024 (1 year) Term expires 2024 (1 year) Term expires 2024 (1 year) Term expires 2024 (1 year) Term expires 2024 (1 year) Term expires 2024 (1 year)
<b>Justice of the Peace - Elected</b>	David Bradshaw Susan Allen Kay Joseph Spinella Rachel Lathrop Ed Kuban Tracy Simon Emily Newman	Term expires 2024 (2 year) Term expires 2024 (2 year) Term expires 2024 (2 year) Term expires 2024 (2 year) Term expires 2024 (2 year) Term expires 2024 (2 year) Term expires 2024 (2 year)
<b>TRORC Commissioner – Appointed</b>	Carl Pepperman	
<b>Chelsea EC Fiber Rep – Appointed</b>	Jonathan Maier	
<b>Transportation Advisory Com. -TRORC</b>	Vacant	Term expires 2024 (1 year)
<b>CVSWMD Representative - Appointed</b>	Vacant	Term expires 2024 (1 year)
<b>Fence Viewers (3) - Appointed</b>	Vacant	Term expires 2024 (1 year)
<b>Inspector of Lumber/Shingles/Wood - Appointed</b>	Vacant	Term expires 2024 (1 year)
<b>Weigher of Coal - Appointed</b>	Vacant	Term expires 2024 (1 year)
<b>Tree Warden - Appointed</b>	Mark Lembke	Term expires 2024 (1 year)
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>	Tracy Simon	Appointed





## SUMMARY OF THE CHELSEA ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 7, 2023 • 9AM TO 7 PM

### ART. 1 – Officers

- |  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| a. Moderator – ( 1 yr )                  | Emily Marshia   |
| b. Delinquent Tax Collector ( 1 yr )     | Jane Cushman    |
| c. Selectboard (3 yr )                   | Kelly Lyford    |
| d. Selectboard (2 yr )                   | Jesse Kay       |
| e. Selectboard ( 1 yr of a 3 yr )        | William Lyon    |
| f. Lister (3 yr )                        | Susan Elder     |
| g. Cemetery Commissioner ( 5 yr )        | Frank Keene     |
| h. Trustee of the Public Funds ( 3 yr )  | Edwin Coburn    |
| i. Trustee of the Public Library (5 yr ) | Chintana Herrin |

**ART. 2** – Voted to raise the sum of \$2000.00 for the support of the Chelsea Spotlight Newspaper

**ART. 3** – Voted to authorize the expenditures for not-for-profit agencies in the amount of \$14,240.00

**ART. 4** – Voted to approve the total General Fund expenditures \$1,495,976 of which \$1,000,205 raised by taxes and \$495,591 by non-tax revenue

**ART. 5** – Voted to place the tax bills in the hands of the Town Treasurer for collection.

**ART. 6** – Voted to to establish a due date of November 1,2023 for payment of Town and State Education Taxes, establish a penalty of 8% for taxes not paid for or postmarked by the due date, establish a monthly interest charge of 1% for taxes unpaid after the due date.



## SUMMARY OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JANUARY 3, 2023 • 9AM - 7 PM

### ART. 1 - OFFICERS

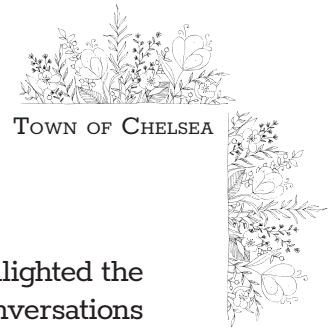
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| Selectboard ( 2 months of 3 yr term)   | Kelly Nolan Lyford |
| Selectboard ( 2 months of a 2 yr term) | William Lyon       |
| Selectboard ( 1 yr of a 2 yr term)     | Kevin Marshia      |
| Selectboard ( 2 yr of a 3 year term)   | Leyna Hoyt         |

## SELECTBOARD'S REPORT

As we look back on 2023, as members of the Selectboard, we are thankful. This past year has been a year of learning, transition, reaction, and growth. In January of 2023, four of five board members were new, and then in March, you elected a fifth new member. From the first days in our new positions, and every day since, one thing has been both obvious and consistent: Chelsea is extremely fortunate to have the dedicated Town employees and volunteers that we do. We could write pages and pages, listing examples of what our Town employees have done to step up, fill gaps, and go the extra mile, not just in the past year, but for many past years. We would like to encourage every resident of Chelsea, that when you see one of our town employees, someone who serves on a committee, or a person who volunteers their time, please, thank them. They are the heartbeat of our community; they care, and they invest themselves, for all of us. The selectboard is grateful for their efforts.

Some highlights from 2023:

- **Water/wastewater operator position:** The board reviewed many options for how to fill this position. We have contracted with a Chelsea resident to fill this role and have been very pleased with the results.
- **Town employee salaries:** After significant research of surrounding Towns, regionally and statewide, we decided to adjust our Town employee salaries so that we were at least competitive with what other similar Towns were offering.
- **Planning Commission:** In the spring we recognized that our Town Commission was not active and that we were statutorily required to draft a new Town Plan by November. A mix of existing and new Planning Commission stepped up and worked with the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission to meet this requirement. They did so in a very short amount of time!
- **Transfer Station:** Recognizing that our transfer station had been operating at a deficit and that it was time for upgrades to the payment process, the Board explored options to improve the system at the transfer station. On January 1 of this year, we began a new system of punch cards for payment and window stickers for recycling. In just a few weeks, this system appears to be working well.
- **July Flood:** This flood caused widespread damage throughout the Town. To roads, culverts, slopes, and private property. Our village and its residents were significantly impacted. Amongst the damage and emotion of so much loss, our community pulled together. Whether it was the immediate response from our first responders to pump basements, close roads, and evacuate residents; the local contractors that showed up immediately to help open roads, our volunteer Emergency Director who worked tirelessly for weeks to coordinate our response and recovery, our Town employees that dropped everything for days and weeks to lend a hand, or teams of volunteers (both local and from afar) that joined together to help residents impacted clean debris from their properties.....one thing was clear, the spirit of our small community is alive and well. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to so many who stepped up to help during a difficult time for so many of our residents.



## SELECTBOARD'S REPORT

- **Law enforcement:** An unfortunate increase in crime in our community highlighted the need for security and law enforcement presence. We have productive conversations with several law enforcement Agencies, had several meetings with great attendance, and are exploring options for security cameras at town-owned facilities. Early in 2024, we plan to sign contracts for increased law enforcement and continue pursuing security systems at several of our buildings.
- **Forest and Parks Commission:** This commission has been established to make recommendations on uses and improvements to our Town Forest, the Commons, and other town -owned properties. Several volunteers have joined together, and we look forward to working with them.

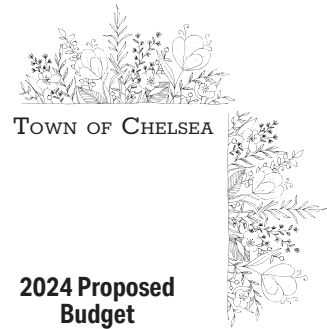
As we turn the page to 2024, we look to work with you to create a vision for the future of our Town. Whether that vision is for roads, bridges, or sidewalks, support of the arts community, a plan for our Town forest, rehabilitation of our aging water and sewer infrastructure, how to address and plan for mud season, security systems at town properties or purchasing highway equipment, one thing is first and foremost- we need your input. Our goal is to be transparent with the information that we are considering and to engage you in the conversation. These conversations are important both for day-to- day operations and for the future of our beautiful, small Town.

We encourage you to reach out to us, attend meetings, explore our website at <https://www.chelseavt.org/>, or follow our meetings on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@ChelseaVTSelectboardOfficial/streams>

Respectfully, Kevin Marshia Kelly Lyford Leyna Hoyt William Lyon Jesse Kay

## SELECTBOARD'S BUDGET & COMPARISON

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	Variance	2024 Proposed Budget
<b>11-6-01-0 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE</b>				
11-6-01-0-001.00 Current Property Taxes	440,434	385,729	54,705	310,128
11-6-01-0-001.01 Delinquent Property Taxes	0	40,044	(40,044)	0
11-6-01-0-002.00 Interest on Property Taxes	4,000	4,511	(511)	4,000
11-6-01-0-003.00 Delinquent Tax Penalty	10,000	10,658	(658)	6,000
11-6-01-0-010.00 School Tax Billing Fee	4,000	4,300	(300)	4,000
<b>Total PROPERTY TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>458,434</b>	<b>445,242</b>	<b>13,192</b>	<b>324,128</b>
<b>11-6-02 STATE OF VT REVENUE</b>				
11-6-02-0-001.00 Current Use	95,000	110,840	15,840	110,840
11-6-02-0-002.00 PILOT	60	64	(4)	60
11-6-02-0-003.00 Civil Fines	150	191	(41)	150
11-6-02-0-006.00 ARPA Funds	0	0	0	0
11-6-02-0-007.00 Cannabis-Local Fees	0	300	(300)	300
<b>Total STATE OF VT REVENUE</b>	<b>95,210</b>	<b>111,395</b>	<b>(16,185)</b>	<b>111,350</b>
<b>11-6-04-0 SERVICE FEES-REVENUE</b>				
11-6-04-0-001.00 Recording/Vault	9,000	11,205	(2,205)	9,000
11-6-04-0-001.05 Copies & Misc TC Income	2,500	2,048	452	2,500
11-6-04-0-003.00 Liquor Licenses	300	510	(210)	300
11-6-04-0-004.00 Dog Licenses	1,700	2,076	(376)	1,700
11-6-04-0-005.00 Marriage Licenses	250	550	(300)	250
11-6-04-0-006.00 Rental Income	350	390	(40)	350
11-6-04-0-009.00 Zoning & Planning DRB App	100	50	50	100
11-6-04-0-010.00 Zoning & Planning Permits	500	710	(210)	500
<b>Total SERVICE FEES-REVENUE</b>	<b>14,700</b>	<b>17,539</b>	<b>(2,839)</b>	<b>14,700</b>
<b>11-6-05 SOLID WASTE</b>				
11-6-05-0-001.00 Solid Waste Fees	80,000	85,325	(5,325)	0
11-6-05-0-001.05 Punch Tickets	0	0	0	85,000
11-6-05-0-001.10 Recycle Stickers	0	40	(40)	20,000
11-6-05-0-002.00 Solid Waste Grant	0	400	(400)	400
11-6-05-0-003.00 Metal Revenue	175	667	(492)	300
<b>Total SOLID WASTE</b>	<b>80,175</b>	<b>86,433</b>	<b>(6,258)</b>	<b>105,700</b>
<b>11-6-07 OTHER REVENUE</b>				
11-6-07-0-001.00 Hilas Roberts Trust	500	420	80	500
11-6-07-0-001.05 ARPA Funds	0	0	0	53,100
11-6-07-0-002.00 Income from Borrowing	0	0	0	0
11-6-07-0-008.00 Reimb from Recreation	2,500	2,750	(250)	3,200
<b>Total OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,170</b>	<b>(170)</b>	<b>56,800</b>
<b>11-6-09-0 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>				
11-6-09-0-001.00 Interest on Investment	2,500	17,537	(15,037)	12,000
11-6-09-0-999.00 Misc Income	0	2,268	(2,268)	0
11-6-09-0-999.05 Transfer In	0	0	0	0
11-6-09-0-999.10 Prior Year Surplus	60,000	0	60,000	100,000
11-6-22-0-431.00 Robert Gould Mowing	1,600	1,500	100	1,500
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>	<b>64,100</b>	<b>21,305</b>	<b>42,795</b>	<b>113,500</b>
<b>Total REVENUE</b>	<b>715,619</b>	<b>685,084</b>	<b>30,535</b>	<b>726,178</b>

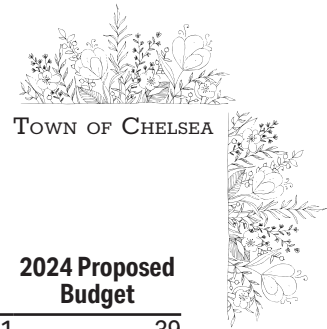


## SELECTBOARD'S BUDGET & COMPARISON

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	Variance	2024 Proposed Budget	
<b>11-7 GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
<b>11-7-01 SELECTBOARD</b>					
11-7-01-1-110.01	Selectmen's Stipend	7,500	7,500	0	7,500
11-7-01-1-220.00	Selectmen's FICA/Medi	574	574	0	574
11-7-01-1-220.05	SB Child Care Tax	0	0	0	17
11-7-01-1-340.00	Selectboard Technology	500	413	87	500
11-7-01-1-531.00	Selectboard Postage	300	0	300	300
11-7-01-1-540.00	Selectboard Advertising	3,000	438	2,562	2,200
11-7-01-1-585.00	Selectboard Meetings/Travel	500	134	366	500
11-7-01-1-610.00	Selectboard Supplies	250	92	158	250
<b>Total SELECTBOARD</b>		<b>12,624</b>	<b>9,151</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>11,841</b>
<b>11-7-10 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b>					
11-7-10-1-110.01	Administrative Assistant	30,000	21,467	8,533	50,000
11-7-10-1-220.00	AA FICA/Medi	2,295	1,642	653	3,825
11-7-10-1-220.05	AA Child Care Tax	0	0	0	110
11-7-10-1-230.00	AA Retirement VMERS	900	82	818	2,687
11-7-10-1-340.00	AA Technology	1,200	1,802	(602)	600
11-7-10-1-345.00	AA Office Equipment	300	162	138	150
11-7-10-1-440.00	AA Rent	4,350	4,350	0	4,375
11-7-10-1-450.00	AA Training	300	59	241	300
11-7-10-1-530.00	AA Telephone/Internet	800	767	33	760
11-7-10-1-550.00	AA Copier	1,500	1,693	(193)	1,900
11-7-10-1-610.00	AA Supplies	500	217	283	400
<b>Total ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b>		<b>42,145</b>	<b>32,241</b>	<b>9,904</b>	<b>65,107</b>
<b>11-7-11 TOWN CLERK</b>					
11-7-11-1-110.00	Town Clerk Salary	33,000	33,000	(0)	33,990
11-7-11-1-110.01	Asst Town Clerk Salary	2,500	1,535	965	2,500
11-7-11-1-220.00	TC FICA/ Medi	2,525	2,524	1	2,600
11-7-11-1-220.01	Asst TC FICA/Medi	192	117	75	192
11-7-11-1-220.05	TC Child Care Tax	0	0	0	75
11-7-11-1-220.10	Asst TC Child Care Tax	0	0	0	6
11-7-11-1-230.00	TC Retirement	990	990	0	1,020
11-7-11-1-340.00	TC Technology	600	440	160	800
11-7-11-1-345.00	TC Office Equipment	1,150	823	327	4,385
11-7-11-1-346.00	Monthly Digitization Fee	0	0	0	4,200
11-7-11-1-450.00	TC Training	300	245	55	300
11-7-11-1-530.00	Telephone/Internet	1,000	767	233	760
11-7-11-1-610.00	TC Supplies	2,200	2,156	44	2,500
11-7-11-1-990.05	Recording Reimbursements	0	0	0	0
11-7-11-1-990.10	State License Returns	1,200	1,396	(196)	1,200
<b>Total TOWN CLERK</b>		<b>45,657</b>	<b>43,993</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>54,527</b>
<b>11-7-12 TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR</b>					
11-7-12-1-110.00	Treasurer/Tax Collector Salary	33,000	33,000	(1,000)	33,990
11-7-12-1-110.01	Asst Treasurer Salary	2,000	821	1,179	2,000
11-7-12-1-220.00	Treasurer FICA/Medi	2,525	2,525	(76)	2,600
11-7-12-1-220.01	Asst Treas FICA/Medi	153	63	90	153
11-7-12-1-220.05	Treasurer Child Care Tax	0	0	0	75
11-7-12-1-220.10	Asst Treasurer Child Care Tax	0	0	0	4
11-7-12-1-230.00	Treasurer Retirement	990	990	0	1,020

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		2023 Budget	2023 Actual	Variance	2024 Proposed Budget
11-7-12-1-340.00	Treasurer Technology	600	429	172	600
11-7-12-1-345.00	Treasurer Office Equipment	200	0	200	150
11-7-12-1-440.00	Treasurer Rent	4,350	4,350	0	4,375
11-7-12-1-450.00	Treasurer Training	350	422	(72)	350
11-7-12-1-530.00	Treasurer Telephone/Internet	825	767	58	760
11-7-12-1-610.00	Treasurer Supplies	2,000	1,912	88	2,000
<b>Total TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR</b>		<b>46,993</b>	<b>45,279</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>48,077</b>
<b>11-7-13 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>					
11-7-13-1-110.00	Delinquent Tax Collector Fee	10,000	10,657	(657)	6,000
11-7-13-1-220.00	Del Tax Coll FICA/Medi	765	815	(50)	459
11-7-13-1-220.05	Del Tax Coll Child Care Tax	0	0	0	13
11-7-13-1-340.00	Deltx Technology	0	0	0	50
11-7-13-1-460.00	Misc Expense- Delinq Tax	0	0	0	0
<b>Total DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>		<b>10,765</b>	<b>11,472</b>	<b>(707)</b>	<b>6,522</b>
<b>11-7-14 LISTERS</b>					
11-7-14-1-110.00	Listers Salary	10,000	8,161	1,839	10,300
11-7-14-1-220.00	Listers FICA/Medi	765	624	141	788
11-7-14-1-220.05	Listers Child Care Tax	0	0	0	23
11-7-14-1-330.00	Listers Licenses/Fees	1,500	586	914	800
11-7-14-1-340.00	Listers Technology	600	254	347	400
11-7-14-1-345.00	Listers Office Equipment	1,150	973	177	1,150
11-7-14-1-450.00	Listers Training/Seminars	400	640	(240)	500
11-7-14-1-530.00	Listers Telephone/Internet	800	767	33	760
11-7-14-1-610.00	Listers Supplies	500	355	145	500
<b>Total LISTERS</b>		<b>15,715</b>	<b>12,360</b>	<b>3,355</b>	<b>15,221</b>
11-7-15-1-330.10	External Auditor	10,500	10,500	0	12,500
<b>Total AUDITOR</b>		<b>10,500</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,500</b>
<b>11-7-17 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD</b>					
11-7-17-1-110.00	Zoning Admin Salary	6,200	5,940	260	6,386
11-7-17-1-220.00	Zoning Admin FICA/Medi	474	454	20	489
11-7-17-1-220.05	Zoning Admin Child Care Tax	0	0	0	14
11-7-17-1-333.00	DRB Legal Expenses	3,000	0	3,000	500
11-7-17-1-340.00	DRB Technology	250	273	(23)	300
11-7-17-1-342.00	DRB Computer	100	0	100	100
11-7-17-1-450.00	DRB Training	200	0	200	200
11-7-17-1-530.00	DRB Telephone	800	767	33	760
11-7-17-1-540.00	DRB Notice/Publication	500	0	500	500
11-7-17-1-610.00	DRB Expenses/Supplies	200	125	75	200
11-7-17-1-610.10	DRB Postage	100	20	80	100
<b>Total DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD</b>		<b>11,824</b>	<b>7,580</b>	<b>4,244</b>	<b>9,549</b>
<b>11-7-18 PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
11-7-18-1-110.00	Health Officer Stipend	500	500	0	500
11-7-18-1-110.01	Animal Control Stipend	500	500	0	500
11-7-18-1-220.00	Health Officer FICA/Medi	78	38	40	39



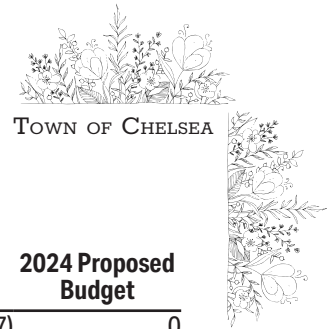
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		2023 Budget	2023 Actual	Variance	2024 Proposed Budget
11-7-18-1-220.01	Animal Control FICA/Medi	39	38	1	39
11-7-18-1-220.05	Health Officer Child Care Tax	0	0	0	1
11-7-18-1-220.10	Child Care Tax	0	0	0	1
11-7-18-1-310.05	Animal Boarding Expenses	150	0	150	150
11-7-18-1-310.10	Health Officer Expenses	300	0	300	0
11-7-18-1-310.15	Animal Control Expenses	300	0	300	0
11-7-18-1-340.00	EMD -Technology	100	283	(183)	300
11-7-18-1-355.00	Law Enforcement Expense	12,500	13,221	(721)	46,500
11-7-18-1-360.00	LHMP Grant	0	0	0	0
<b>Total PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		<b>14,467</b>	<b>14,580</b>	<b>(113)</b>	<b>48,030</b>
<b>11-7-19 TOWN HALL</b>					
11-7-19-1-110.00	Custodian Salary	4,500	2,745	1,756	3,500
11-7-19-1-220.00	Custodian FICA/Medi	345	210	135	268
11-7-19-1-220.05	Custodian Child Care Tax	0	0	0	8
11-7-19-1-411.00	Town Hall Sewer/Water Fee	820	818	2	820
11-7-19-1-110.05	TH Mowing Salary	1,600	0	1,600	0
11-7-19-1-210.00	Health Insurance	350	0	350	0
11-7-19-1-220.05	TH Mowing FICA/Medi	125	0	125	0
11-7-19-1-431.00	Maintenance	5,000	3,411	1,589	5,000
11-7-19-1-431.05	Pellet Boiler Maintenance	610	0	610	1,000
11-7-19-1-431.10	Mowing TH Commons TC Fema	0	6,950	(6,950)	7,000
11-7-19-1-610.00	Supplies	2,500	2,106	394	2,500
11-7-19-1-622.00	Town Hall Electricity	2,000	2,830	(830)	2,600
11-7-19-1-623.00	Town Hall Fuel Oil	0	731	(731)	0
11-7-19-1-623.05	Pellets	2,200	6,169	(3,969)	6,000
11-7-19-1-950.00	Town Hall Fund	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
<b>Total TOWN HALL</b>		<b>30,050</b>	<b>35,969</b>	<b>(5,919)</b>	<b>38,696</b>
<b>11-7-20 SOLID WASTE</b>					
11-7-20-1-110.00	Solid Waste Salary	12,000	12,399	(399)	12,360
11-7-20-1-220.00	SW FICA/Medi	918	949	(31)	946
11-7-20-1-220.05	SW Child Care Tax	0	0	0	27
11-7-20-1-330.00	SW Dues	1,242	1,233	9	1,242
11-7-20-1-431.00	SW Maintenance	5,000	583	4,417	6,000
11-7-20-1-431.10	Mowing Transfer Station	0	880	(880)	1,000
11-7-20-1-530.00	Telephone	650	683	(33)	700
11-7-20-1-610.00	SW Operating Expenses	2,200	1,999	201	2,500
11-7-20-1-610.05	Construction and Demolition	7,200	9,023	(1,823)	7,200
11-7-20-1-610.10	Metals	0	0	0	0
11-7-20-1-610.15	Municipal Solid Waste	33,000	43,076	(10,076)	38,000
11-7-20-1-610.20	Container Rental	5,088	5,145	(57)	5,200
11-7-20-1-610.30	Recycling	28,000	27,258	743	28,000
11-7-20-1-610.35	Tires	4,300	4,665	(365)	5,000
11-7-20-1-610.40	Waste Oil	1,200	0	1,200	1,200
11-7-20-1-610.45	Compost-Scraps	2,400	2,311	89	2,400
11-7-20-1-622.00	TS Electricity	1,100	1,055	45	1,100
11-7-20-1-950.00	Transfer Station Fund	2,500	2,500	0	2,500
<b>Total SOLID WASTE</b>		<b>106,798</b>	<b>113,759</b>	<b>(6,961)</b>	<b>115,375</b>

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		2023 Budget	2023 Actual	Variance	2024 Proposed Budget
<b>11-7-21 RECREATION COMMITTEE</b>					
11-7-21-1-110.00	Rec Mowing Salary	2,500	0	2,500	0
11-7-21-1-210.00	Health Insurance	270	0	270	0
11-7-21-1-220.00	Rec Mowing FICA/Medi	192	0	192	0
11-7-21-1-431.10	Skating Rink	360	350	10	370
11-7-21-1-431.15	Mowing Rec Field	0	2,750	(2,750)	3,200
<b>Total RECREATION COMMITTEE</b>		<b>3,322</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>3,570</b>
<b>11-7-22 GENERAL EXPENSES</b>					
11-7-22-1-001.00	Bond Payment	99,000	97,546	1,454	40,805
11-7-22-1-003.00	Transfer to other funds	0	1,127	(1,127)	0
11-7-22-1-004.00	Bank Fees	0	2	(2)	0
11-7-22-1-330.00	Accounting Services	4,000	2,614	1,386	3,500
11-7-22-1-330.05	Elections	3,000	1,626	1,374	5,160
11-7-22-1-333.00	NEMRC	5,700	3,922	1,778	3,500
11-7-22-1-333.05	Legal Fees	3,000	1,361	1,639	3,000
11-7-22-1-340.00	Website	700	295	405	295
11-7-22-1-431.00	Robert Gould Mowing	1,600	1,500	100	1,500
11-7-22-1-460.05	Misc Expense	0	689	(689)	0
11-7-22-1-490.00	County Tax	34,000	37,214	(3,214)	38,000
11-7-22-1-520.00	Insurance	42,000	30,412	11,588	16,024
11-7-22-1-550.00	Town Report	3,000	2,563	437	3,000
11-7-22-1-560.00	VLCT Dues	2,723	2,723	0	2,807
11-7-22-1-622.00	Street Lights	6,900	6,989	(89)	6,900
11-7-22-1-624.00	Security	0	0	0	12,000
11-7-22-1-999.05	Fema Expenses	0	24,881	(24,881)	0
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>205,623</b>	<b>215,463</b>	<b>(9,840)</b>	<b>136,491</b>
<b>11-7-23 APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
11-7-23-1-950.00	Cemetery Commission	22,500	22,500	0	23,000
11-7-23-1-950.05	First Branch Ambulance	51,786	51,786	0	51,786
11-7-23-1-950.10	Library Fund	65,000	65,000	0	65,000
11-7-23-1-950.15	Care of Commons	0	1,575	(1,575)	1,575
11-7-23-1-950.20	Two Rivers-Ottaquechee	2,010	2,010	0	2,071
11-7-23-1-950.25	Petitioned Requests	16,240	16,240	0	15,640
11-7-23-1-950.30	West Hill Cemetery	1,600	1,600	0	1,600
<b>Total APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>159,136</b>	<b>160,711</b>	<b>(1,575)</b>	<b>160,672</b>
<b>Total GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>715,619</b>	<b>716,158</b>	<b>(539)</b>	<b>726,178</b>
<b>Total EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>715,619</b>	<b>716,158</b>	<b>(539)</b>	<b>726,178</b>
<b>Total GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>-31,074</b>	<b>31,074</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>12-6 HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>					
12-6-01-0-001.00	Property Taxes	561,771	561,771	0	747,632
12-6-02-0-001.00	State Aid to Highways	81,824	128,543	(46,719)	47,042
12-6-02-0-001.05	State Aid Class 2	37,432	58,829	(21,397)	21,532
12-6-02-0-003.00	FEMA	0	0	0	0
12-6-02-0-003.05	State Grant-Grants In Aid	28,400	0	28,400	28,400



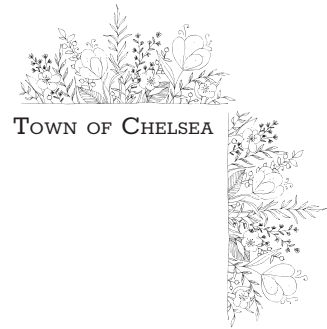


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		2023 Budget	2023 Actual	Variance	2024 Proposed Budget
12-6-02-0-003.15	State Grant - Sidewalk	28,200	40,587	(12,387)	0
12-6-03-0-003.00	Other Grants	0	0	0	0
12-6-04-0-001.00	Equipment Use Reimbursement	3,000	0	3,000	5,000
12-6-04-0-001.05	Fuel Reimbursement	10,000	10,221	(221)	10,000
12-6-04-0-001.10	Sand/Gravel Reimbursement	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
12-6-04-0-001.15	Equipment Fund Reimbursement	0	0	0	0
12-6-04-0-001.20	Hwy Supplies Reimbursement	0	0	0	0
12-6-04-0-001.25	Matching Fund Transfer In	28,200	27,756	444	0
12-6-05-0-001.00	Overload Permit	350	430	(80)	450
12-6-07-0-001.05	ARPA Funds	0	0	0	8,000
12-06-09-0-999.10	Prior Year Surplus	0	0	0	65,000
<b>Total HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>		<b>782,177</b>	<b>828,136</b>	<b>(45,959)</b>	<b>936,056</b>
<b>12-7-10 HIGHWAY PERSONNEL</b>					
12-7-10-1-110.00	Highway Salaries	155,000	125,663	29,337	159,650
12-7-10-1-110.05	Overtime	16,000	20,401	(4,401)	15,000
12-7-10-1-110.50	Insurance Opt Out	2,500	2,500	0	2,500
12-7-10-1-210.00	Health Insurance	24,750	16,996	7,754	22,335
12-7-10-1-220.00	Highway FICA/Medi	13,273	11,163	2,110	13,361
12-7-10-1-220.05	Highway Child Care Tax	0	0	0	384
12-7-10-1-230.05	VMERS Retirement	8,764	5,680	3,085	7,271
12-7-10-1-300.00	Clothing Stipend	1,500	357	1,143	1,500
12-7-10-1-450.00	Admin/Training	100	0	100	100
12-7-10-1-540.00	Advertising	0	779	(779)	200
<b>Total HIGHWAY PERSONNEL</b>		<b>221,887</b>	<b>183,539</b>	<b>38,348</b>	<b>222,301</b>
<b>12-7-20 GARAGE</b>					
12-7-20-1-340.00	Garage Technology	500	173	327	300
12-7-20-1-432.00	Garage Repairs	1,000	3,195	(2,195)	1,500
12-7-20-1-530.00	Telephone/Internet	2,700	2,767	(67)	2,700
12-7-20-1-610.00	Supplies	5,000	3,706	1,294	4,000
12-7-20-1-622.00	Electricity	2,500	1,848	652	2,200
12-7-20-1-623.00	Heating Fuel	4,500	6,096	(1,596)	5,000
12-7-20-1-624.00	Security	0	0	0	8,000
<b>Total GARAGE</b>		<b>16,200</b>	<b>17,785</b>	<b>(1,585)</b>	<b>23,700</b>
<b>12-7-25-1 TOWN EQUIPMENT</b>					
12-7-25-1-330.00	Equipment Rental	5,000	5,880	(880)	10,000
12-7-25-1-432.00	Equipment Repairs	45,000	189	44,811	50,000
12-7-25-1-432.01	12 International - Truck1	0	1,894	(1,894)	0
12-7-25-1-432.02	16 International - Truck5	0	23,213	(23,213)	0
12-7-25-1-432.03	15 International - Truck4	0	15,280	(15,280)	0
12-7-25-1-432.04	Backhoe-420F	0	1,881	(1,881)	0
12-7-25-1-432.05	Contingency Emergency	0	0	0	0
12-7-25-1-432.06	Chipper	0	0	0	0
12-7-25-1-432.07	F350 - Truck 3	0	2,261	(2,261)	0
12-7-25-1-432.08	L8000 - Truck 2	0	40	(40)	0
12-7-25-1-432.09	Grader JD 672D	0	4,438	(4,438)	0
12-7-25-1-432.10	Loader 924G	0	21,385	(21,385)	0
12-7-25-1-432.11	Rake	0	12	(12)	0

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		2023 Budget	2023 Actual	Variance	2024 Proposed Budget
12-7-25-1-432.12	Trailer for Mower	0	0	0	0
12-7-25-1-432.13	John Deere Mower	0	361	(361)	0
12-7-25-1-432.14	2022 -Truck 6	0	1,278	(1,278)	0
12-7-25-1-432.15	Leaf Blower	0	0	0	0
12-7-25-1-610.00	Operating Expense	11,000	11,433	(433)	11,000
<b>Total TOWN EQUIPMENT</b>		<b>61,000</b>	<b>89,545</b>	<b>(28,545)</b>	<b>71,000</b>
<b>12-7-30-1 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE</b>					
12-7-30-1-627.00	Diesel Fuel	75,000	62,274	12,726	65,000
12-7-30-1-650.01	Salt	18,000	14,921	3,079	18,000
12-7-30-1-650.02	Sand	45,000	44,693	308	50,000
12-7-30-1-650.04	Guardrails	3,500	5,031	(1,531)	3,500
12-7-30-1-650.05	Chloride	6,000	3,450	2,550	6,000
12-7-30-1-650.06	Gravel	95,000	101,211	(6,211)	100,000
12-7-30-1-730.01	Resurfacing	0	0	0	0
12-7-30-1-730.05	Ditching	0	0	0	0
12-7-30-1-990.00	Signage	1,000	961	39	2,000
12-7-30-1-990.05	Federally Compliant Signage	1,000	808	192	0
<b>Total HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE</b>		<b>244,500</b>	<b>233,349</b>	<b>11,151</b>	<b>244,500</b>
<b>12-7-30-2 CONSTRUCTION/PROJECTS</b>					
12-7-30-2-460.05	MRGP	1,350	1,765	(415)	1,800
12-7-30-2-460.25	Fema Repairs	0	260,101	(260,101)	0
12-7-30-2-460.30	Grants In Aid	35,500	0	35,500	28,400
12-7-30-2-460.35	State Grants	0	0	0	0
12-7-30-2-460.40	State Grant-Sidewalk	56,400	68,343	(11,943)	0
12-7-30-2-460.45	Storm Expense	0	4,173	(4,173)	0
12-7-30-2-760.00	Bridges & Culverts	6,000	6,578	(578)	6,000
<b>Total CONSTRUCTION/PROJECTS</b>		<b>99,250</b>	<b>340,959</b>	<b>(241,709)</b>	<b>36,200</b>
<b>12-7-90 DEBT &amp; CAPITAL FUNDING</b>					
12-7-90-1-810.00	Equipment Payments	9,340	9,340	(0)	9,341
12-7-90-1-810.05	Equipment Fund	70,000	70,000	0	100,000
12-7-90-1-810.10	Resurfacing Fund	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
12-7-90-1-810.15	Hwy Matching Fund	10,000	10,000	0	100,000
12-7-90-1-810.20	Garage Bond Payment	0	0	0	56,015
12-7-90-1-810.25	Insurance	0	0	0	22,999
<b>Total DEBT &amp; CAPITAL FUNDING</b>		<b>139,340</b>	<b>139,340</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>338,355</b>
<b>Total HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>782,177</b>	<b>1,004,517</b>	<b>(222,340)</b>	<b>936,056</b>
<b>Total HIGHWAY FUND</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>-176,380</b>	<b>176,380</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Total RAISED BY TAXES</b>		<b>1,002,205</b>			<b>1,057,760</b>
<b>Total BUDGET EXCLUDING WATER &amp; SEWER</b>		<b>1,497,796</b>			<b>1,662,234</b>



## TREASURER'S REPORT

	General Fund	Highway Fund
Balance January 1, 2023	493,784	38,049
Receipts (Please see Selectboard Budget & Comparison)	685,084	828,136
Disbursements (Please see Selectboard Budget & Comparison)	(716,158)	(1,004,516)
Balance December 31, 2023	462,710	(138,331)

GF balance above includes monies owed from the School District and other small reconciling items

General Fund Cash Account - Mascoma	1,068,982
Other Funds' money sitting in the General Fund	(612,696)
Net General Fund Cash	456,286
Owed From Highway Fund	138,331
Owed from Water Fund	102,120
Owed from Restoration Fund	2,880
Owed from Town Hall Fund	11,700
Owed from Water Sinking Fund	(229,771)
Owed (TO) ARPA Fund	(376,854)
Owed (TO) Highway Matching Fund	(17,244)
Owed (TO) Reappraisal Fund	(75,000)
Owed (TO) Equipment Fund	(105,000)
Owed (TO) Transfer Station Fund	(5,000)
Owed (TO) FEMA Donation Fund	(700)
Owed (TO) Trust Funds	(58,158)
General Fund Money Due to or Owed From Other Funds	(612,696)

### TOWN OF CHELSEA CASH ASSETS/LIABILITIES

Account	Balance 1/1/23	Income	Disb.	Balance 12/31/23	9 month CD
Re-Appraisal & Education Grand List Fund	69,189.51	9,822.67	75,000.00	4,012.18	75,000.00
Roberts Poor Fund	89,136.36	5,523.59	53,012.48	41,647.47	50,000.00
Equipment Fund	130,222.23	73,709.35	105,000.00	98,931.58	105,000.00
Resurfacing Fund	202,205.41	51,704.91	215,096.55	38,813.77	
Town Hall Renovation Fund	49,477.45	11,388.27	20,000.00	40,865.72	20,000.00
Record Restoration Fund	13,180.63	7,365.29	0.00	20,545.92	
Keyser Park Fund	18,780.15	375.95	302.00	18,854.10	300.00
Sons of Union Veterans & Auxiliary Memorial Day Fund	7,850.93	28.86	802.00	7,077.79	800.00
Sons of Union Veterans & Auxiliary Scholarship Fund	9,882.23	265.45	2,100.00	8,047.68	2,100.00
Chelsea Planning Commission Fund	4,990.54	4.49	4,500.00	495.03	4,500.00
Chelsea Old Home Day Fund	1,451.12	21.93	0.00	1,473.05	
Harry Goodwin Award Fund	1,035.54	21.62	0.00	1,057.16	
Board of Trade Fund	640.39	0.64	0.00	641.03	
Chelsea Recreation Committee Fund	4,704.91	6,180.07	6,997.08	3,887.90	
<b>Total Assets</b>				286,350.38	257,700.00

\*\*See further in the reports for Assets related to the Water/Sewer Funds & Cemetery Funds

## TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

### HEATH FIELD PERPETUAL CARE FUND (VT Community Foundation)

Beginning Value	166,881.63
Contributions	0.00
Foundation Supporting Fees	(1,028.19)
Distributions	0.00
Interest & Dividends	1,362.62
Realized Gains (Losses)	759.40
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	6,979.37
Investment Related Expenses	<u>(1,346.04)</u>
Ending Value	173,608.79

The money in the Perpetual Care Fund is to be used for the maintenance and care of the recreation facility. Monies may be requested each year, otherwise the earnings remain in the account. The funds are in the control of the VCFT, the principal cannot be used by the Rec Committee, unless extenuating circumstances and then needs approval of the VCFT board. The funds used will be based on an average earnings determined by the VCFT, this will insure the principal of the perpetual care fund will not be depleted.

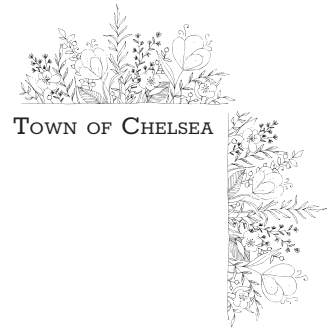
#### Liabilities: (principle only)

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Series 2011-5 (Refunded to Series 2016-2)WS Improvements	269,108.00
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Series 2016-1 (Garage)	765,900.00
Caterpillar Financial Services Corp. (Backhoe)	9,160.00
ARRA - Brookhaven Well	62,461.00
Water System Improvement Note	<u>20,940.00</u>
Total Liabilities	1,127,569.00

Net Assets/(Liabilities) (841,218.62)

### 2023 SCHEDULE OF MATURITIES

	Interest Rate	Date of Maturity
Caterpillar Financial Services Corp. ( Backhoe)	2.000%	May 2024
People's United Bank Note(M&T Bank)	3.000%	Dec. 2030
ARRA Loan (Brookhaven Well)	3.000%	Dec. 2030
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Series 2016-2 (Refunded Series 2011-5)	3.930%	Nov. 2037
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Series 2016-1 (Garage)	2.997%	Nov. 2046



## STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED - 2023

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED - 2023**  
**Grand List Used for Setting 2023 Tax Rate - \$1,289,256.00**  
**Errors & Omissions - (\$691.00)**  
**Municipal Grand List for Tax Collection - \$1,289,947.00**

Taxable Parcels	789		
Acres	24,712.29		
	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Residential
REAL	144,291,000	66,937,400	77,353,600
Non-Approved Contracts			476,400
Equipment	49,496		49,496
<b>EXEMPTIONS:</b>			
Veterans	440,000	440,000	0
Current Use	14,222,100	4,567,800	9,654,300
Contracts	683,696	0	634,200
Special Exemptions		0	159,387
Grand List	1,289,947.00	619,296	674,316.09
Homestead	106,797,900		
Housesite	85,957,100		
Non-Tax Count	29		
Non-Tax Value	16,125,300		
Late Homestead Declaration Penalty is Waived			0
Rate Name	Tax Rate	x	Grand List = Total Raised
Non-Residential Ed	1.789		669,552.09 1,197,561.01
Homestead Ed	1.609		616,296.00 996,261.51
Fire District	0.077		1,289,947.00 98,939.21
Veterans Exemption	0.004		1,289,947.00 5,288.82
Health Center Contract	0.007		1,289,947.00 9,030.07
Highway	0.436		1,289,947.00 562,417.08
Town Operating	0.342		1,289,947.00 441,160.95
Municipal Credits on Tax Bills			31,297.88
Current Use			110,840.00
Total Tax			3,452,796.53
Small Credit/Abatement Adjustments			(2.16)
Credit Carried forward for 2023			0.00
			3,452,794.37
<b>LEDGER RECONCILIATION TO TAX BOOK</b>			
Ledger Balance		3,149,982.78	
PILOT		(63.81)	
Taxpayer Reimbursements		(13,267.36)	
State Education Payments		260,490.68	
Town Delinquent Taxes		55,652.08	
Fire District Delinquent Taxes		0.00	
		3,452,794.37	

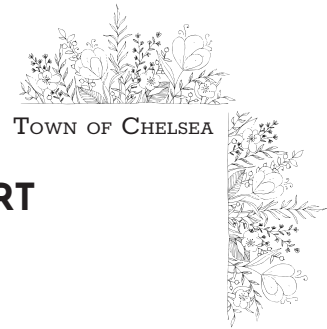
## 2023 TOWN DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

	1/1/2023	Added 11/2/2023	Paid	Int	Balance 12/31/2023
2018	280.81		0.00	0.00	280.81
2019	948.34		668.86	248.54	279.48
2020	1,996.34		43.20	16.46	1,953.14
2021	9,146.23		4,353.57	942.71	4,792.66
2022	45,262.01		33,669.38	2,062.36	11,592.63
2023		159,172.04	103,519.96	1,111.45	55,652.08
	57,633.73	159,172.04	142,254.97	4,381.52	74,550.80

Baer, Darlene Life Estate	2,318.74	Slavich, Jeffrey	2,808.36
Beauvais, Roberta	477.79	Sprague, Dawn	7,999.01
Blondin, William	3,569.98	Stridsberg, Lora	2,719.76
Chelsea Grange	3,251.82	Virga, Christine	3,357.82
Christie, Debra	508.60	Walbridge, Carol	1,010.56
Clement, Dennis	4,539.03		<u>74,550.80</u>
DeFrancis, Paco	422.56		
DesJardins, Eve	2,108.38		
Duprey, Darrell Jr	1,994.40		
Gallo, Richard	360.97		
Hallstrom IV, Louis	2,009.71		
Hayward, Andrew P	1,688.54		
* Hayward, David	162.09		
Heritage Chelsea	1,984.14		
* Herrin, Gregg	14.85 **		
Hook, Betty	696.57		
Hook, Jason	1,313.18		
Hook, Wayne	2,795.09		
Hugg Revocable	1,836.84		
Johnson, Charles	770.51		
Kraemer, Hans	3,405.59		
Linares, Cheryl	398.16		
Phelps, Hugh	5,923.37		
Pierpont, Bonnie	363.54		
Pokraka, Joseph	1,915.19		
Rhayne, Kym	6,177.27		
Rosa, Frederick	1,179.21		
Shaw, Amy	3,330.68		
Silvia, James	1,138.49		

\* -- Result of Homestead or  
or Current Use changes

\*\* -- Paid since 1/1/24



## CHELSEA WATER DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

**Mascoma Savings Bank Checking Account**

Balance January 1,		
2023		73,685.38
Receipts:		
Sewer Fees	109,021.07	
Water Fees	61,428.30	
On/Off Fees	75.00	
Sinking Funds	30,003.06	
Water Sewer Checking Interest	772.83	201,300.26
<b>Total Operating Funds</b>		<b>274,985.64</b>
Disbursements:		
Sewer Orders Drawn	188,562.31	
Water Orders Drawn	69,685.31	(258,247.62)
Balance December 31, 2023		16,738.02

**WATER DEPARTMENT FUNDS**

	Balance 1/1/23	Income	Disb	Balance 12/31/23	9 Month CD
Sewer Sinking Fund	161,632.60	7,028.04	123,009.58	45,651.06	100,000.00
Water Sinking Fund	195,563.21	10,587.00	106,993.48	99,156.73	100,000.00
Total				144,807.79	

**DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER BILLS**

	Water	Sewer	TOTAL
Antonville, Travis	82.76	121.74	204.50
Avery, Polly	413.80	608.70	1,022.50
Carnahan, Cody	81.76	121.74	203.50
Chambers, Rita	82.76	121.74	204.50
Champney, John	331.04	486.96	818.00
Chase, Andy	0.00	365.22	365.22
Chelsea Grange	915.04	1,348.14	2,263.18
Desjardins, Eve	331.09	486.96	818.05
Hardin, Susan	0.00	243.48	243.48
Heritage Chelsea	0.00	243.48	243.48
Heritage Chelsea	0.00	4,382.64	4,382.64
Heslop, Helen	82.76	121.74	204.50
Huckabay, Joanne	82.76	121.74	204.50
Jackson, Wanda	496.56	730.44	1,227.00
Lonergan, Jacqueline	70.44	121.74	192.18
Martin, Vida	82.76	121.74	204.50
Pearce, Terry	165.65	243.48	409.13
Penney, Scott**	82.76	121.74	204.50
Phelps, Hugh	579.32	852.18	1,431.50
Potter, Justin	0.00	486.96	486.96
Rick, Caleb	165.52	243.48	409.00
Rosa, Fred	212.30	243.48	455.78
Slavich, Jeffrey	165.52	243.48	409.00
Smith, Sheilagh	82.76	121.74	204.50
Snyder, Karen**	82.76	121.74	204.50
Trombley, Jason	0.00	63.50	63.50
Younshousky-Swenson	165.52	243.48	409.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,755.64	12,733.46	17,489.10

\*\* - Paid since Dec 31-2023

**SUMMARY OF CHELSEA WATER DEPARTMENT**

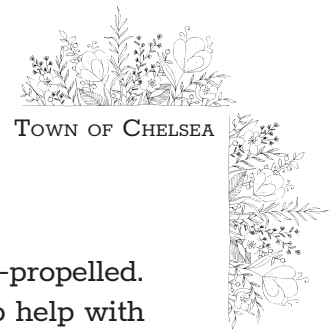
Assets:	
Checking Account	17,625.57
Sinking Funds	144,807.79
Delinquent Fees	17,489.10
Total Assets	<u>179,922.46</u>

**WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET COMPARISON**

<b>Sewer</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>2024 Proposed</b>
Gross Pay	72,200.00	17,273.24	54,926.76	0
Overtime	0.00	2,986.69	(2,986.69)	6669
Insurance Opt Out	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	0
Insurance	7,424.00	418.69	7,005.31	418
FICA	5,523.00	1,541.46	3,981.54	510.18
IRA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
VMERS	3,700.00	0.00	0.00	358.47
Clothing Stipend	500.00	0.00	500.00	0
Operating Expense	15,000.00	8,668.56	6,331.44	20000
Contracted Services	0.00	90,542.87	(90,542.87)	100096.92
Mowing Sewer Plant	0.00	1,100.00	(1,100.00)	1100
Repairs	2,500.00	13,079.67	(10,579.67)	3500
Training	2,000.00	255.50	1,744.50	500
Telephone/Internet	1,200.00	1,011.47	188.53	1200
Workers Comp	3,200.00	3,406.48	(206.48)	3200
Mileage	800.00	0.00	800.00	0
Office Supplies	1,200.00	1,141.17	0.00	500
Electricity	9,000.00	9,190.70	(190.70)	9000
Sludge Management	24,000.00	32,900.00	(8,900.00)	30000
Sinking Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
FEMA Exp Sewer	0.00	2,545.81	(2,545.81)	2,500.00
	<u>151,997.00</u>	<u>188,562.31</u>	<u>(36,565.31)</u>	<u>179,552.57</u>

<b>Water</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>2024 Proposed</b>
Gross Pay	24,200.00	6,615.00	17,585.00	0.00
Overtime	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance Opt Out	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	0.00
Insurance	2,475.00	0.00	2,475.00	0.00
FICA	1,913.00	506.03	1,406.97	0.00
IRA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VMERS	1,281.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothing Stipend	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Operating Expense	5,500.00	12,311.69	(6,811.69)	6,000.00
Contracted Services	0.00	28,466.13	(28,466.13)	29,899.08
Mowing Pump Houses	0.00	2,420.00	(2,420.00)	2,500.00
Repairs	4,000.00	1,781.02	2,218.98	4,000.00
Training	1,500.00	255.50	1,244.50	500.00
Telephone/Internet	1,200.00	1,085.32	114.68	1,100.00
Workers Comp	1,300.00	1,017.52	282.48	1,000.00
Mileage	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	0.00
Office Supplies	500.00	1,134.56	0.00	500.00
Electricity	8,500.00	8,332.10	167.90	8,500.00
Meter Replacement Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Sinking Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEMA Exp Water	0.00	760.44	(760.44)	0.00
	<u>61,719.00</u>	<u>69,685.31</u>	<u>(7,966.31)</u>	<u>58,999.08</u>





## 2023 CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

We have lots to report from the summer of 2023. First, we sold our small self-propelled lawn mower which we don't use. Secondly, we had donations from people to help with our budget. Thank you, Sandy Doyle, Randy and Nancy Brown, Bill and Jo Schuessler for your help. It all helps us to keep our working budget as low as possible.

There was damage at the old part of Riverside Cemetery due to the flood in July. We straightened and repaired four monuments that had been damaged. We also want to thank Levar Cole and family for donating their time to clean up debris brought there by the flood.

We were able to replace the fence at Highland and Lincoln Cemeteries with split rail fences. They look very nice. The fence at Highland was paid for by a donation from T. Scott Edwards. This we appreciated very much. We installed a 160 ft split rail fence at Laird Cemetery on Jenkins Brook Road with help from someone that wishes to remain nameless. This person has spent countless hours making Laird Cemetery something to be proud of. We can't thank him enough for all he has done. Equipment, fuel and labor, all done with no cost to the town. Thank you, thank you so very much. Thanks also, Steve and Roy for their help with the fence.

We sold one lot this year in Riverside and more monuments are being installed. We had 11 cremations and 1 full burial this summer.

Once again, a big thank you to Will Gilman, Shannon Doyle and Company for all their help trimming around the cemeteries. I personally want to thank Terry Carty, Shannon Doyle and Steve Knudsen for their help this summer. Also, Karen Lathrup for all the research and paperwork. We have a great team keeping our cemeteries beautiful. Big thanks to Brian Farnham and Company for Riverside, Lincoln, and Allen and Joel Carminati, son, and Gary for Highland. We very much appreciate Eric Anderson and the Middle School children for raking leaves at Highland as a donation. Thank you so much!

Once again thank you to the taxpayers for all their help and support!

Frank Keene, Chair  
Terry Carty  
Steve Knudsen  
Karen Lathrup  
Shannon Doyle

## 2023 CEMETERY ACCOUNTS HIGHLAND CEMETERY

Balance January 1, 2023	17,179.99
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Town of Chelsea Appropriation	22,500.00
Interest Earned on Account	1.00
Sale of Lots	650.00
Donations	2,630.00
Sale of Equip	0.00
	25,781.00
Total Operating Funds	42,960.99
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Contracting Expense	23,762.68
Checks	0.00
Supplies & Maintenance	1,773.52
	(25,536.20)
Balance December 31, 2023	17,424.79

### CEMETERY FUNDS

	Balance 1/1/23	Income	Disb.	Balance 12/31/23
Ada Jackson Fund	497.34	0.10	0.00	497.44
Hilas Roberts Cemetery Fund	691.16	0.70	0.00	691.86
Perpetual Care Fund (98038.35 Trust Funds)	101,775.35	2,465.77	0.00	104,241.12
Townsend Fund	1,546.19	1.55	0.00	1,547.74
Wilson Cemetery Fund	5,000.00	12.55	0.00	5,012.55
Putnam Fund	77.44	14.32	0.00	91.76
				112,082.47

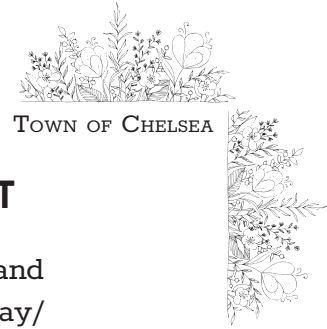
### WEST HILL CEMETERY ACCOUNT

<b>Savings Account</b>	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance January 1, 2023	0.00	0.00	8,628.13
Paid to Penelope Roux for Mowing	0.00	(1,600.00)	7,028.13
Lots sold	600.00	0.00	7,628.13
Interest from Fund	0.00	0.00	7,628.13
Donation	0.00	0.00	7,628.13
Donation in Memory Joyce Giles	1,750.00	0.00	9,378.13
Town of Chelsea Appropriation	1,600.00	0.00	9,228.13
Interest Credit for Year	9.62	0.00	9,237.75
Balance December 31, 2023	3,959.62	(1,600.00)	10,987.75

<b>Trust Account CD</b>	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance January 1, 2023	0.00	0.00	10,489.64
Interest Withdrawal	0.00	0.00	10,489.64
Interest Accrued	15.74	0.00	10,505.38
Balance December 31, 2023	15.74	0.00	10,505.38

<b>Operating Account CD</b>	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance January 1, 2023	0.00	0.00	9,171.46
Interest Accrued	72.47	0.00	9,243.93
Balance December 31, 2023	72.47	0.00	9,243.93

Total Funds Balance	30,737.06
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## CHELSEA DOG & WOLF HYBRID LICENSE REPORT

All dogs and wolf hybrids must be licensed within 30 days of acquiring and animal, when it reaches 6 months of age, or by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Spay/neuter certificates and Rabies Certificates, issued by a **Licensed Veterinarian** in accordance with Section 3581 of Title 20, must be filed at the time of licensing.

For the purpose of licensing a dog or wolf hybrid, a current vaccination against rabies means:

- 1) dog or wolf hybrid of less than 1 year of age has to be vaccinated.
- 2) dog or wolf hybrid of 1 or more years of age but less than 2 years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding 12 months.
- 3) dog or wolf hybrid of 2 or more years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding 24 months.

### License Fees

**Neutered dog or Wolf Hybrid - \$9.00 by mail add \$1.00 Unneutered Dog or Wolf Hybrid - \$13.00 by mail add \$1.00**

**There is a 50% PENALTY FOR LATE REGISTRATION.**

**New dogs, puppies, and wolf hybrid registered after Oct. 1 pay ½ the yearly fee.**

The above fees includes a \$5.00 assessment on each license. These monies will be forwarded to the State Treasurer’s Office on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, September, and January of each year and will be used for Rabies Control and Neutering and Spaying Program.

### **Chelsea Animal License Report 2023**

#### **Dog Totals**

212 dogs	Fees	965.00
	Late Fees	96.00
	State *	<u>1,055.00</u>
		\$2,126.00

\*Sent to State for rabies control and Neutering and Spaying.

**RABIES CLINIC - TOWN HALL  
MARCH 9, 2024 - 9 AM- 11:30AM  
Cost \$20.00**

## TIME TO SPAY & NEUTER CATS & DOGS AND LICENSE!

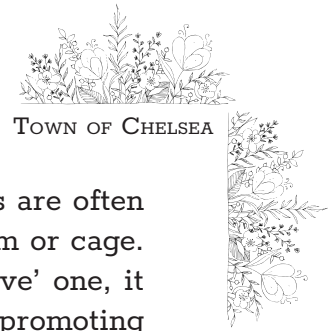
The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VVSA). Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, resources are limited by the number of dogs licensed as required by law by 6 months of age. A rabies vaccination is required to license. The first vaccination can be given at 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a vet office, Community Animal Aid (free to those on public assistance: 734-0259 at the E. Barre Fire Station) & Tractor Supply host monthly clinics. After vaccinating, contact your Town Clerk to license your dog. By statute, unlicensed dogs can be seized.

Rabies is in Vermont and it is deadly.

Licensing identifies your dog and is proof the dog is protected in the event bitten by an animal, but would still need immediate medical attention. Vaccinations and licensing protect if they bite another animal or person, which could result in the quarantine of the animal or euthanized. If not proven by being licensed to be currently vaccinated, testing for rabies requires the brain to be examined.

For an Application for VSNIP send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if it is for a cat, dog, or both. To print out, go to: [VSNIP.Vermont.Gov](http://VSNIP.Vermont.Gov). VSNIP helps income challenged Vermonters with neutering and vaccinations. If approved, you'll receive a Voucher and instructions. If not, a list of low-cost resources will be sent. Several humane societies host spay neuter clinics open to the public. Your cost for a VSNIP surgery is \$27.00, if without complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with their \$4.00 fee collected at licensing. **Veterinarians and their staff are the backbone of this important program. Thanks to their generosity and altruistic vision, Vermont no longer uses routine euthanasia as a means of population control. Sincerely thank your veterinarian for their participation in VSNIP. If not currently a participating office, please ask them to join and help make a difference in your community. They are very needed.**

**Facts:** Female cats as young as 4 months can become pregnant. The "mom" cat can/will become pregnant when nursing is finished. Males travel for miles to find a female in heat, often not returning. Cats and dogs (naturally) mark their territory if not neutered. Resolve Carpet Cleaner and a single moth ball in its place will help deter from repeat markings. (Do not use moth balls with young children in the house.) 70% of cats and 15% of dogs using VSNIP are reported as strays or abandoned, which is cruel and illegal. Please do promote VSNIP, helping those that cannot afford to neuter, that will otherwise reproduce over and over. Repeat litters can cause uterine infection, mammary tumors, kidney failure, etc., leading to death. "Farm" cats are especially at risk. Be wary of any seller of animals that won't allow you to see how



they are kept before acquiring and want to meet in a parking lot. Animals are often used as a means of making money, and their life may be the inside a room or cage. Please be the voice for those that cannot speak. Purchasing does not 'save' one, it 'enables' those to continue to misuse animals for money. Thank you for promoting this time proven program.

Thanks to now retired Lynn Murrell, DVM, who first agreed to extend reduced rates for animals in need, and all the Veterinarians and Clinics that served for the last forty years plus. A sincere thank you to Bernard "Snook" Downing for helping support many animals in need over the years with his hard work, contributions, and the donors we are unable to thank in print – but you know who you are!

Together We Truly Do Make a Difference!      800 HI VSNIP (1-800-448-7647)

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator: VSNIP      Executive Director: VVSA

## 2023 LISTERS REPORT

Warren Lathrop, a lister for the Town, has retired and his work has been greatly appreciated. He fulfilled many positions in town government for many years.

Susan Elder was elected as a new lister on Town Meeting Day 2023. She is currently in the office several hours a week on Wednesdays. The Town website will reflect the new hours after Town Meeting Day. Susan has taken several training courses offered by the Department of Taxes, Property Valuation and Review Division. She also has taken a class with IAAO (International Association of Assessing Officers), which is the beginning of the process of working toward the Vermont Property Assessor Certification Program. Currently, Phyllis Hayward, who has been a lister for 10 years, has earned Level III in the Vermont Certification Program. Our third Lister, Tim Courts, came on the Board last year and has also obtained training courses offered by the Property Valuation and Review Division of the State of Vermont.

The primary job of your listers is to maintain the "Grand List". The Grand List is the total assessment of all the 900 plus properties in Chelsea. The Grand List is used to determine your municipal tax rate. In addition, the appraisal of these properties is used in calculating our CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) and COD (Coefficient of Dispersion).

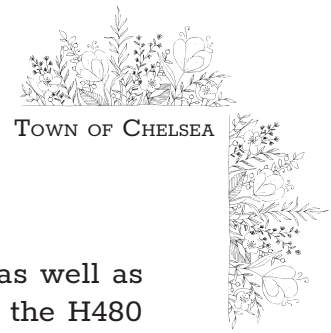
Home values in Vermont rose by 47.69% in the last 5 years. As many predicted, these trends have affected our CLA and COD. We reported last year a CLA of 77.77% and a COD of

18.91. At that time a CLA below 85% or a COD over 20 would trigger a state mandate to reappraise. However, the state had over 160 towns that met this criterion. The Legislature passed a Bill that would require only those with a COD over 20 to be mandated for reappraisal. Approximately 60 of these went out last July. At this time, there are over 150 towns in the reappraisal process. I talked with one town that was mandated. They got one response to a RFP and the work will not be started for another three years.

This year our CLA has further dropped to 69.96 and our COD is 26.73. The Sales Study is based on a three-year average. The State Mandate currently requires a reappraisal if your COD is more than 20. In July, we will receive a mandate from the State to conduct a reappraisal.

Over 100 towns will receive this mandate this year. We will be beginning the process which requires the Town to file a detailed compliance plan. Since there are a limited number of Appraisal companies, it will take several years to have this done. Our town-wide reappraisals are always conducted by an independent appraisal company.

The Chelsea Listers is a member of VALA (Vermont Association of Listers and Assessors).



This organization provides a voice to the Vermont Legislative Process as well as offering educational opportunities. This organization also gave input on the H480 bill passed by legislature last year. The Bill was passed, and a summary follows:

“This bill would remove municipalities from the property reappraisal process for the purposes of property taxation and would require that the Division of Property Value and Review (PVR) conduct reappraisals for all municipalities in the State. The bill repeals the \$8.50 State per parcel fee paid by the State to municipalities for reappraisals and doubles the State per parcel fee paid to municipalities for assistance with the State equalization study from \$1 to \$2. The bill also would require that the Department of Taxes prepare a written plan and progress report on the implementation of a new statewide system of reappraisals and recommend new categories of property for the grand list.”<sup>1</sup>

That report has been done by the Property Valuation Review Division and can be found here [Reports | Department of Taxes \(vermont.gov\)](#).

Once again, the Listers would like to thank all of Chelsea residents for their continued support. Remember we are happy to discuss any questions or concerns that you have any time throughout the year, please call 685-4488. Some Reminders for 2024:

- \* Don't forget to file your Vermont Homestead Declaration (HS122), even if you don't file an income tax return
- \* If you are unhappy about your tax bill, please remember you can grieve the assessed value every year in June

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<sup>1</sup> Richter, Julia (2023. March 29). H.480 — An act relating to property valuation and reappraisals. [ljo.vermont.gov](http://ljo.vermont.gov).

## CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2023

“This year was one of highs and lows for our beloved Chelsea Public Library. We were overjoyed to see so many smiling faces return after the hardships of the pandemic - your enthusiasm energized us! Yet we also faced great challenges, like the devastating flood that damaged parts of our town. And we mournfully said goodbye to our dear trustee Mark Lembke, whose compassionate spirit guided our library for so many years.

But it’s the hard times that remind us how important our little library is to our community. As more and more spaces become commercialized, requiring payment or purchase, libraries stand out as one of the few places left that are truly open to all. Unlike restaurants, stores, or private buildings, libraries do not demand money or obligation from visitors. Their doors are open to anyone seeking knowledge, entertainment, or simply a quiet place to exist. Within the walls of the local library, people from all walks of life are welcome to come and go, stay as long as they like, and access a wealth of resources. Libraries provide an inclusive space offering information and opportunity without judgment.

You can support our library by advocating for adequate funding, donating books or other resources, volunteering for programs and activities, and spreading the word about everything the library offers. We all have a role to play in ensuring our small town library continues to thrive as a pillar of our community for generations to come. Our small town is stronger when we stand together.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at the library.  
The Chelsea Public Library Board of Trustees

### IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

- 5,100 visits by patrons & community members to the library.
- 8,300+ items in circulation.
- 800+ inter-library loan transactions.
- 380 new items added to the collection via fundraising.
- 10+ Community focused programming events.
- FREE High speed internet available for anyone to use.
- FREE Use of desktop computers and chromebooks.
- FREE Meeting space for any members of the community.”



*Raptors: Inspiring Conservation  
Children’s Summer Reading  
Program*



*Vermont Landscapes by  
Linda Schneider Part of the  
rotating art exhibit*

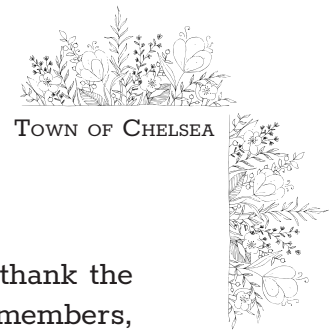


*Library offering the community  
assistance with flood relief efforts*



*New community curated display  
where anyone can come and setup  
a collection*





## FIRST BRANCH AMBULANCE REPORT

The First Branch Ambulance Board of Directors and crew would like to thank the townspeople. We have received continued support from the community members, and we would like to recognize the generous support. The donations and support are greatly appreciated by the service.

First Branch is a 501c3 non-profit transporting ambulance service for the towns of Chelsea, Tunbridge, & Washington, VT since 1984. First Branch answered over 400 emergency Calls with another 800+ Home visits in 2023. We strive to provide the highest quality care and service for our communities.

In 2023 we ordered a new 2024 Ford F-350 4x4 ambulance to be delivered in 2025 with a price tag of \$300,000 a \$100,000 increase from our 2019 truck. We welcomed two new members this Year Emma Colby of Chelsea, VT and David Poulin of Washington, VT.

First Branch continues to face new challenges every year from staffing, funding, or worldwide pandemics. 2023 has been no different, the cost of business has increased dramatically from staff pay to equipment prices. Ambulance services are required to carry state of the art equipment for all emergencies when needed no matter the size of the ambulance service. We carry over \$150,000 worth of equipment on a \$300,000 truck. These costs and others not listed here mean we need your help with town funding and fund raising more than ever before to help. Insurance payments only cover some of the expenses of the modern-day ambulance service. We are prepared for any emergency at any time as a paramedic level ambulance we carry 36 different medications for all emergencies. We carry other equipment like intubation equipment with the ability to use multiple different airway treatments. We carry a Cardiac monitor that has multiple purposes including EKG, AED, PACING, and blood pressure ability. We can start IVs, draw labs, treat trauma and are expert patient movers with multiple tools.

First Branch Ambulance service is always looking for community members to join. With a two-year commitment, the service will pay for an individual to take a class. We meet monthly for training as well as attending local and state training courses. Please contact a member or call the station if you are interested in this opportunity.

We would like to thank all members of the First Branch Ambulance service for their continued dedication to our communities. Without our members we would not have the service that we have; one that our communities always rely on.

We look forward to continuing to provide this service to our communities in 2024 and beyond and we're grateful for the continued support.

Sincerely,

Chase Ackerman, Director

First Branch Ambulance

## CHELSEA FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

While 2023 was a relatively quiet year with regards to the number fire calls. Our response to the unprecedented flooding in July made it a busy year. Members committed hundreds of hours of time in response to the flood and we had several inactive members who took time off work to aid in our response. Just as the flooding was unprecedented, so was the response of our department and community in providing aid. This event tested all aspects of our emergency response plan and has allowed us to be better prepared for the future.

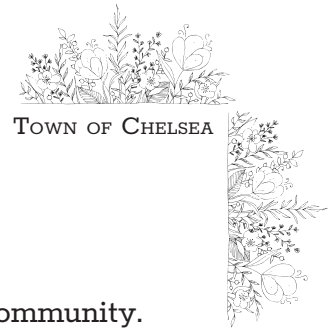
We completed two major projects this year. The first was our partnership with AT&T to remove our radio tower on Beacon Hill and replace it with the new cellular phone tower. The Fire Department has long supported improving cell coverage in our area. This project has already paid great dividends in a recent accident two days before Christmas. I can definitely say this project saved the lives of three young woman who were trapped in a vehicle and were able to call for help. The second project was the repaving of the front of the fire station. This has been a project long in need and we were able to partner with a sidewalk grant the town received to make this needed project happen.

I would like to thank the members of the department for their dedication, they are our greatest asset. As I have stated in past years, the biggest challenge the department faces is in membership. Our membership has dropped by nearly 50% of what it was 15 years ago, while the average age of our firefighters has gone up by around 10 yrs. This is a problem we see statewide, and if this trend cannot be reversed with an increase in volunteers there will need to be major changes to how the fire service in our area operates. While being a firefighter is a serious time commitment, we are in need of people willing to make a long-term commitment to the fire department.

We continue to be mindful of our aging fleet of trucks and are saving for future truck replacements. However, since 2019 the cost of new trucks has increased around 75%, with basic fire engines now selling for between 6-8 hundred thousand dollars, with up to 2-year delivery times. Our oldest trunk that is due for replacement, 1992 Engine One, still serves us well, so we hope to get a few more years out of it and hope the prices and deliveries will stabilize in that time. We have also considered reducing our fleet from 4 trucks to 3 in the future, which would mean a slightly different configuration for the truck.

I would like to thank the community for their continued support of the department.

Alan Ackerman, Chief



## **CHELSEA FIRE DEPARTMENT PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Without a doubt, this was another unprecedented year for all of us in our community. The Prudential Committee would like to acknowledge every member of our Fire Department for serving our community through the challenges of the flooding in July. Regardless of the time of day or reason for the call, this group of individuals is willing to unselfishly answer the call to keep our community safe.

This past year was uneventful from a financial standpoint. We took the opportunity to pave the driveway while the town was redoing the sidewalk. This saved us some money because the companies were already on site.

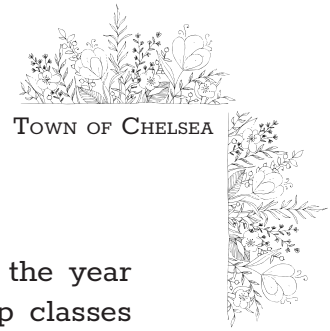
We have asked for the amount of \$30,000 to be added to the capital equipment fund which makes us better prepared for equipment replacement when needed.

Thank you for your continued support of our Town's Fire Department.

Respectfully, Jeff Eastman Kevin Marshia

## CHELSEA FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: 2023 & 2024 BUDGET

Income	2023		2024
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Ambulance Rental	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 8,400.00
Delinquent Taxes	\$ 1,498.62	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Tax	\$ 98,886.19	\$ 78,550.00	\$ 80,750.00
Interest Income	\$ 225.82	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Misc. Reimbursement	\$ 2,343.93	\$ -	\$ -
Radio Beacon Hill Repeater	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
uncategorized Income	\$ 2,277.12	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 113,031.68</b>	<b>\$ 86,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 90,050.00</b>
Expenses			
Apparatus			
Fuel	\$ 683.05	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Maintenance	\$ 8,357.55	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
<b>Total Apparatus</b>	<b>\$ 9,040.60</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>
Building Utilities			
Electricity	\$ 5,571.77	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Heat	\$ 4,837.26	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Maintenance	\$ 5,901.80	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Water	\$ 331.04	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
<b>Total Building Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 16,641.87</b>	<b>\$ 16,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,600.00</b>
Clerk/Treasurer Reimbursement	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Communications			
685-3112 station non-emergency	\$ 2,992.33	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,000.00
Beacon Hill Lease & Power	\$ 1,786.76	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Dept. Public Safety-Dispatch Fees	\$ 207.34	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Dispatch Services	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Radio Equipment	\$ 3,028.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Total Communications</b>	<b>\$ 8,014.43</b>	<b>\$ 11,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,700.00</b>
Equipment- (Hose, Tool, gear)			
New	\$ 2,450.91	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Repair-Refurb-Refill	\$ 1,257.40	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Total Equipment- (Hose, Tool, gear)</b>	<b>\$ 3,708.31</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>
Firefighter Reimbursement	\$ 11,990.24	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Insurance	\$ 19,474.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
Operating Expenses			
Dry Hydrants Project	\$ 11.96	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 514.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies	\$ 686.99	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Tax Collector Fee	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,062.95</b>	<b>\$ 3,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,350.00</b>
Public Relations/ Fire Prevention	\$ 266.98	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Training Schools	\$ 620.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 74,319.38</b>	<b>\$ 86,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 90,050.00</b>
Surplus	\$ 12,130.62		
Capital Expenditures			
Paving	\$ 18,604.60		



## CHELSEA RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Chelsea Recreation Department organized many great events for the year 2023. They started the year by providing free Zumba and Boot Camp classes taught by Christine Spinella. These classes brought many people within Chelsea and the surrounding towns together to move their bodies, dance, and work on strength training. In May and November of 2023, the annual Mother's Day 5k Run/1 Mile Walk and Judy Reed 5k Run/1 Mile Walk Turkey Trot occurred, bringing over thirty people to both events. These events honored all the types of mothers within our community and surrounding town, as well as Judy Reed, a long-time member of the Chelsea Recreation Department! The races consisted of running through our beautiful town of Chelsea. We provided snacks and prizes to those who attended the race. The Little League Baseball teams worked on reconfiguring the baseball field at the Heath Field this spring. They expanded the field to fit new regulations for the baseball league. This was done by many volunteers from the family members involved in the baseball league. We thank them for all the time and work they put into making the field meet the regulations necessary to continue using it for their league.

Many were affected by the flood in July 2023, including the Heath Field. The high water damaged the fence, washed away picnic tables, gravel, and telephone poles for the border of the parking lot, damaged items in the shed, and washed up soot and dirt onto the main part of the Heath Field. With many volunteers and support, the Heath Field was put back together to be used for spring and summer activities. We value all who participated in this spring clean-up and are extremely grateful for their support and time. In the Fall, the ice rink volunteers worked on the Heath Field's parking lot to prepare it for the winter of 2023-2024. Many volunteers helped regrade the parking lot, adding new gravel and replacing the telephone poles lost in the spring flood. We appreciate all who donated their time, materials, and equipment to help make this process happen.

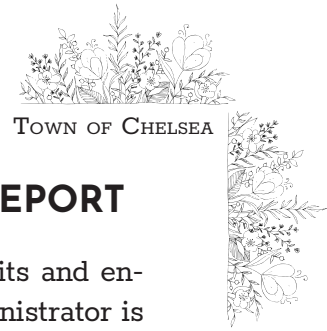
The Heath Field is used for many events and activities. Most of those events consist of sporting activities. The Heath Field was used by the Middle School soccer teams to host their practices and games. The Baseball Leagues used the Heath Field to hold their practices and games, as well as the Women and Men Softball Leagues. As well as the holding of the Adult Soccer League games as well. The Chelsea Town Garage Road Crew helped maintain the field with clean up from the summer activities. We respect them for their time and support as well.

## CHELSEA RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Amber family and the rest of the hockey crew utilize the parking lot to create a beautiful, smooth, and well-used rink for many people to enjoy fun winter activities. The ice rink is open for public skating and pickup games throughout the winter. The rink may be closed at times due to warmer weather. You will know the rink is closed when the hockey goals are placed in the driveway to the rink. Every winter, Dave Mascoveta leads the hockey group to hold the Amber Cup Tournament. This tournament brings many local community members and others from surrounding towns to compete in a fun and exciting tournament. This tournament happens the second weekend in February, (depending on weather.) Spectators and new players are always welcome to join in the fun tournament! A potluck is organized after the event to celebrate the tournament and hockey season.

Every September, the Chelsea Rec hosts an 8v8 soccer tournament for teams all over Central Vermont. The teams consist of 8-12 players competing for the tournament title. Between four to eight teams participate in this tournament. Rudi Randell and Jordan Soncrant helped organize this tournament by notifying the teams playing, organizing the day's structure, and lining the fields. This tournament has been going on for more than fifteen years. It is a great tournament to celebrate the soccer season's ending, with all the local teams playing against each other throughout the summer.

The Chelsea Recreation Department is a nonprofit organization. We run our activities through donations or grant money and many volunteer hours. These activities and field maintenance are done without financial assistance from the town. If you want to use the field or have ideas for the Recreation committee, please contact [ChelseaRecCom@gmail.com](mailto:ChelseaRecCom@gmail.com).



# CHELSEA 2023 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR SUMMARY REPORT

The Town of Chelsea has a part time Zoning Administrator who issues Permits and enforces the Zoning Bylaw and Flood Hazard Area Regulations. The Zoning Administrator is Chelsea Resident Mary Ellen Parkman. She can be reached at her home phone number at (802) 685- 4764 or by email at za@chelseavt.us. You can pick up forms or drop off applications at the Town Clerk’s Office.

The DRB is a Quasi-Judicial board that makes conditional use determinations and conducts hearings where the Zoning Bylaw and Flood Hazard Area Regulations require the Board’s decision. The Zoning Administrator is also the Secretary to the DRB and prepares and posts the warnings, takes minutes and prepares the decisions.

The zoning administrator processed 15 applications in 2023. Applications received can be characterized as follows:

### Zoning Applications

#### New Dwellings

Permanent/seasonal houses/camps.....	4
Accessory dwellings/apartments.....	1
Mobile homes.....	0

#### Renovations/additions

Major Additions (occupiable living space).....	0
Minor Additions (external additions, porches, decks, etc.).....	3
Accessory outbuildings.....	7
Exempt agricultural outbuildings.....	0
Exempt Home Occupation.....	0
Ponds, dams, other land development.....	0
Temporary uses.....	0
Signs.....	0
Permit renewals.....	0
Change of Use.....	0

### Development Review Board - Inactive

**Currently the Town of Chelsea has 2 active DRB members to serve on a five person board. A minimum of one more member is required to have a quorum and to hold a DRB hearing. Please reach out to the Selectboard or myself if you are interested in serving on the DRB.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ellen Parkman Zoning Administrator

## REPORTS/REQUESTS OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

### CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

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

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

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

CVABE provides outreach to the town and education services to an average of 4 Chelsea residents annually.

“CVABE provided free instruction to 446 people last year in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$3,726 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Nearly all students are low income. Over 70 community volunteers work with CVABE’s professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We deeply appreciate Chelsea’s voter-approved past support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life. For more information, call CVABE at (802) 476-4588, or visit [www.cvabe.org](http://www.cvabe.org)”



### CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

**Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. CVCOA services are available to those age 60 and up, caregivers, and families. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible. CVCOA serves 54 towns throughout the Central Vermont region.**

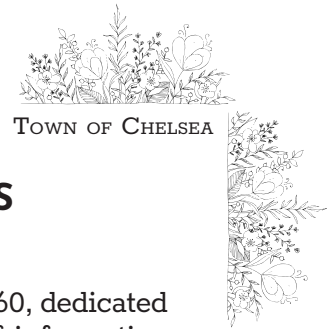
CVCOA makes a difference in the lives of older Vermonters by connecting them to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive, free of charge. CVCOA utilizes town funding to provide individualized support to Chelsea residents through case management, information and assistance, options counseling, resource and benefit enrollment (nutrition, transportation, mental health counseling, legal services, etc), long-term care planning, health insurance counseling, family caregiver support, connection to wellness and social activities, and more.

**CVCOA supported 83 residents of Chelsea. CVCOA Case Manager Karen Eddy was designated to serve older adults in Chelsea.**

CVCOA served 4,040 unduplicated clients from 07/01/2022 through 06/30/2023. CVCOA mobilized 497 volunteers through our AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP and general volunteer programs. These volunteers served over 40,000 hours, providing direct service, delivering meals on wheels, supporting nutrition sites, leading wellness classes, offering companionship and creative encouragement, and more.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Chelsea **for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Chelsea community.**”





## REPORTS/REQUESTS OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

### CHELSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

The Chelsea Historical Society Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization formed in 1960, dedicated to the pursuit of historical knowledge, and to the collection and preservation of information and artifacts connected to the history of our town. The society purchased its museum building in 1965, which is located at 330 VT RT 110, two doors north of the Chelsea Fire Station. We encourage local research in the space; in addition, group or individual tours are available upon request by contacting a board member (chelseavthistoricalsociety@gmail.com). Our volunteer board maintains the building and its collections. A \$1,500 town appropriation helps with ongoing expenses, in particular the facility needs of the museum, also known as the Lewis house.

The Chelsea Historical Society Board of Directors,

Wendy Forbes, Joe Spinella, Larena Pickett, Sandy Doyle, Debi Jones & Emily Marshia

<p><b>2023 Chelsea Historical Society accomplishments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care of collection/ Upkeep of building &amp; grounds</li> <li>• Tours upon request</li> <li>• Seasonal floral wreath-making workshop</li> <li>• July 4th Open House &amp; displays in Will’s Store</li> <li>• Open House &amp; Dedication of Kennedy bench</li> <li>• Veterans Day display in Town Hall</li> <li>• Digitizing info &amp; photos of collection</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hopes for 2024:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual community meeting - April</li> <li>• Local history projects with students</li> <li>• Regular open houses &amp; volunteer weekends</li> <li>• Rotating exhibits in community locations</li> <li>• Fall community day</li> <li>• Roof repair / replacement</li> <li>• Interior repairs &amp; exterior paint</li> </ul>
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### CHELSEA AREA SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER INC.

Our Meal programs includes Meals on Wheels, Grab & go and Dine in meals. We served a grand total of 9,356 meals in the last year.

·we have been active fundraising to help support these programs. Sharon Rest Area bake sales, Holiday Chance booth, Quilt Raffles, Flea Market info. booth staffing and dinner raffles are our major fundraisers.

Other senior activities include croquet, card parties, trips, music, and exercise classes.

We work in collaboration with the local Chelsea Health Center, all local hospitals, Central Vermont Council on Aging and Vermont Center for independent Living to properly provide our services to our senior community.

We receive a significate number of donations from individuals, organizations, corporations, towns and managing partners to help fund our operation. These donations are a major source of income enabling our continuity and growth. We would like to thank all the above donors.

Our volunteers and staff work as a team to provide these services in a timely and professional manner.

We would like to thank the United Church of Chelsea for supporting our mission.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan H. Pirie, Executive Director

## REPORTS/REQUESTS OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

### ORANGE COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER (OCRJC)

Orange County Restorative Justice Center (OCRJC) is a community-based restorative justice agency, offering cost-effective alternatives to the Family, Criminal, and Civil Courts and the State Corrections system. We remain committed to our mission and vision—building and advocating for just communities by providing restorative programs to address legal issues, wrongdoing, conflict and the needs of harmed parties; and connecting participants to services that improve the health, well-being and positive behavior of individuals and the community. We want the everyday life in Orange County communities to be safe, just and provide opportunities for all people to thrive.

We offer 11 programs to Orange County residents: Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA), Community Restorative Practices training, Court Diversion, Driver’s License Reinstatement, Pre-Trial Services, Reparative Panels, Restorative Re-entry after Incarceration, Safe Driver Education, Transitional Housing, Victim Assistance and the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, 289 people were referred to us for services. Local volunteers provided 1,203 hours of their time to support 272 Restorative Meetings. We served 62 harmed parties (victims) and distributed \$9,107 in restitution to those who experienced losses due to crime. OCRJC helped: 53 people connect with counseling services, 17 people access our emergency support fund, and 22 people reinstate their driver’s license. We secured 4 apartments for transitional housing and had 70 people in our Safe Driver program.

In FY23, OCRJC worked with 22 people who live in or whose incidents took place in Chelsea. For each incident referred to OCRJC, the person responsible and the individuals impacted by the crime are offered services.

OCRJC’s FY23 operating budget was \$534,247. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. The Town of Chelsea appropriated \$350 for FY23 to support our work. OCRJC requests \$350 in 2024 to support ongoing programs.

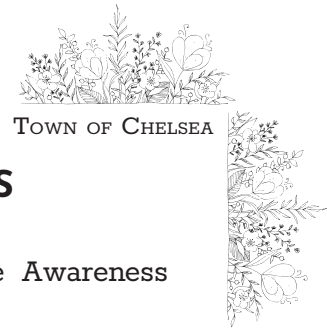
Thank you for your support! For additional information, find our website at <https://ocrjvt.org> or contact Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, at 802-685-3172 or [info@ocrjvt.org](mailto:info@ocrjvt.org).



### ORANGE COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER

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## REPORTS/REQUESTS OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

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### SAFELINE

Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit charitable organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, Safeline provided 2,325 services for 262 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse.

328 services were provided for 18 victims who identified themselves as residents of Chelsea. The statistics could be understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their safety.

Safeline provided free confidential services, including: 45 crisis interventions; 52 emotional support; 27 safety planning; 47 case management; 40 information and referral; 20 legal advocacy for protection orders. These services were for 14 females and 4 males who experienced domestic violence (12); sexual violence (1); Child sexual assault (1); child physical abuse (3); special investigations (2); Stalking (1); and family violence (1). We also provided hotline (24) and plus material assistance both cash (7); and noncash (10); along with other services.

In addition to our direct services, Safeline provided an information table at the Chelsea Flea Market, the Chelsea Farmers Market, and at the Senior Center. In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource to the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence in our society.

We thank the voters for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Chelsea.”

## REPORTS/REQUESTS OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

### TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT SERVICES

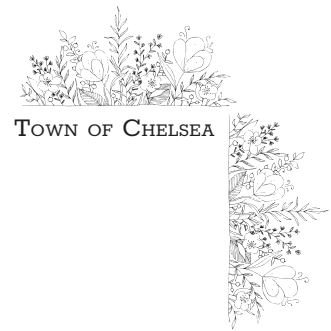
Thank you for the Town of Chelsea's generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped us provide an annual average of **880 free Dial-A-Ride trips for Chelsea residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles.** An additional **363 riders boarded public buses at Chelsea bus stops.** *TVT's Dial-A-Ride and Public Bus Systems provided a total of 180,335 rides for the year.* All of TVT's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment, and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services."

**Dial-A-Ride Programs** – Focus on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to: medical treatments, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, radiation & dialysis, substance abuse treatment, and other destinations that enhance riders' quality of life."



**Bus System** – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. Chelsea residents can access the 89'er – Chelsea Extension route to Lebanon, Hanover, and White River Jct., or more nearby destination like Sharon and South Royalton.

"The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise up to 20% "local match" dollars. TVT's requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the match requirement.



## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS WRVSU REPORT

To the Constituents of Chelsea:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the First Branch Unified District (FBUD) to provide the constituents of Chelsea with updates specific to the unified school district; while reminding everyone that we will also be providing an annual school district report in February prior to our annual school district meeting and budget vote in Tunbridge on Monday, March 4th.

It is my pleasure to report that the students of FBUD continue to make steady gains in academic and social/emotional achievement. To this end, we are realizing increased academic achievement as measured by our supervisory union benchmark assessments. This is the result of the faculty and staff's systematic approach to ensuring that our students are receiving high-quality universal instruction and interventions across both our unified elementary and middle schools. I can't praise Principal Cash and her faculty/staff enough for their continued efforts in making certain all students receive the highest quality instruction and supports available to help support students reach their greatest potential.

We have once again built the FBUD Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY 25) budget from the approach and philosophy of zero-based budgeting. It's important to note that we anticipate announced tuition from many of our secondary receiving schools to be up as high as 10% for the FY 25 school year, while also navigating health insurance premiums that are also up 16.4%. Therefore, we are going to work on preparing a budget for FBUD that is fiscally responsible, while prioritizing the support needed to continue our progress towards increasing student outcomes. That isn't an easy task this budget season, but I encourage you to visit our website to review our budget process and to learn more about the current state of the FY 25 FBUD budget.

In addition, Education funding has once again fundamentally changed in the State of Vermont due to Act 127. Therefore, I strongly urge everyone to visit the WRVSU website ([wrvsu.org](http://wrvsu.org)) to review the Act 127 fact sheet that we've provided. I also encourage you to contact either Business Manager, Tara Weatherell, or me directly with questions and concerns. The bottom line for WRVSU is that we have gained tax capacity in most of our districts, but we anticipate a significant Ed Fund shortfall in the state this upcoming fiscal year. Therefore, we expect the Yield to drop significantly, which will result in an increase in property taxes and probably impact all or most of the tax capacity gained through Act 127. The Act 127 fact sheet explains what is in our control locally, and what isn't in our control due to the ramification of the state-wide Ed Fund.

Finally, I would like to highlight that we were able to complete significant capital improvements at First Branch Schools this summer through the leveraging of federal grants and performance contracting through Energy Efficient Investments. This resulted in new lighting at both schools, a new walkway to the Chelsea gymnasium, and a newly installed wood pellet boiler and propane backup (to create redundancy) at the Tunbridge Central School. This was all completed without needing to approach the citizens of Chelsea and Tunbridge about a bond. I'm incredibly proud that we have addressed these deferred maintenance issues at both of our schools. We will also be rolling out a preventative maintenance and capital facilities plan for the district this spring to provide a proactive road map for our infrastructure over the next five to ten years.

With great enthusiasm and optimism, Jamie Kinnarney,  
Superintendent of Schools, WRVSU

## TOWN OF CHELSEA VITAL STATISTICS

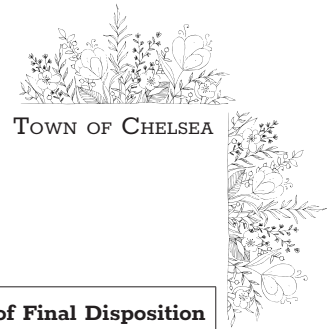
### 2023 Births

Name	Sex	Date of Birth	Residence	Place of Birth	Mother	Father
Paisley Rayne Marshall	F	February 8, 2023	Chelsea	Berlin	LeeAnn Sweet	
Tatum June Phelps	F	April 16,2023	Chelsea	Randolph	Sierra Lafayette	Cameron Phelps
Shepard Rhor Foster	M	April 30,2023	Chelsea	Randolph	Gwendolyn Mugford	Rhor Foster
Linley Amor Knapp	F	May 17, 2023	Chelsea	Berlin	Nikole Fowler	Dustin Knapp
Paislee-Ann Marie Kalnins	F	July 15, 2023	Chelsea	Randolph	Alexia Russell	Anthony Kalnins
Simon James Coburn	M	July 26, 2023	Chelsea	Randolph	Kierstin Coburn	Austin Coburn
Elliott Alan Lyford	M	October 2, 2023	Chelsea	Lebanon NH	Taylor Wilson	Jordan Lyford
Mirabell von Loeper-Boehm	F	October 6, 2023	Chelsea	Chelsea	Ulrike von Loeper	Richard Boehm
Emma Nicklole Laurendeau	F	November 9,2023	Chelsea	Randolph	Dessirae Rice	
Lawson Leonard Hook	M	December 12,2023	Chelsea	Randolph	Heidi Hook	Damian Hook
Soltice Rivers Barnhart	F	December 21, 2023	Chelsea	Chelsea	Audrey Nass	Richard Barnhart

Please note out of state births are not reported to this office

### 2023 Marriages

Date	Spouse	Residence	Spouse	Residence	Place of Marriage
May 13, 2023	Travin Chester Baxter	Bethel	Meghan Sean Smith	Chelsea	Royalton
July 24, 2023	Thomas Allen Zona	Bloomington IL	Susan Marie Kim	Bloomington IL	Chelsea
September 16, 2023	Caleb Christopher Bump	Chelsea	Sarah Ann Rouleau	Chelsea	Barre
October 21, 2023	Megan Elizabeth Bookless	Chelsea	Kyle Ronald Deschamps	Chelsea	Chelsea
October 25, 2023	Victoria Mara Bryan	Chelsea	Dylan C. Welcome	Chelsea	Barre
October 31, 2023	John Eric Boardman Jr.	Tunbridge	Jennifer S. Snelling	Tunbridge	Tunbridge
November 18, 2023	Samantha Anne LeBaigue	Northfield	Steven Joseph Walters	Chelsea	Chelsea
December 18, 2023	Rebecca Lynn Harley	Chelsea	Jacob Mathew Benedini	Chelsea	Chelsea



## TOWN OF CHELSEA VITAL STATISTICS

### 2023 Deaths

Deceased	Age	Date of Death	Place of Death	Place of Burial	Place of Final Disposition
Rita Edwards	95	February 22, 2023	Chelsea	Highland Cemetery	
Richard K. Button Sr.	82	March 5, 2023	Springfield	Riverside Cemetery	
Brian D. Hastings	46	March 12, 2023	Chelsea		Valley Crematory
Virginia A. Button	83	April 13, 2023	Randolph	Highland Cemetery	
Patricia Holcomb	88	April 19, 2023	Berlin		Green Mountain Crematory
Elsie N. Burbank	87	April 20, 2023	Shelburne	Highland Cemetery	
Phyllis M. O'Brien	76	May 6, 2023	Chelsea		Valley Crematory
Mark L. Lembke	68	July 20, 2023	Chelsea		Valley Crematory
Brenda J. Doyle	62	July 29, 2023	Chelsea		Valley Crematory
Richard H. Campbell	94	August 1, 2023	White River Jct.		
Alan G. Puchar	87	August 5, 2023	Chelsea		Valley Crematory
Arthur J. Sanford	49	August 8, 2023	Berlin		Valley Crematory
Brody R. Burke Jr.	38	October 12, 2023	Chelsea	Eaton Cemetery	
Clinton B. Fisher	56	October 15, 2023	Berlin		Green Mountain Crematory
Lynette M. Knapp	60	December 13, 2023	Chelsea		Green Mountain Crematory
Brian A. Button	82	December 15, 2023	Randolph	Highland Cemetery	
Mark G. Durkee Sr.	87	December 25, 2023	Berlin	West Hill Cemetery	
Charles M. Crocker Sr	80	December 29, 2023	Chelsea		Valley Crematory
<b>Brought Here for Burial</b>					
Roberta L. Taylor	75	December 29, 1942	Mufreesboro TN	Highland Cemetery	
Charlotte N. Knighton		October 24, 2022		West Hill Cemetery	
Theodore R. Taylor Jr.		May 10, 2019	Daytona Beach FL		
Joyce S. Giles	90	November 10, 2023	Randolph	West Hill Cemetery	
John A. Saunders		November 29, 2022	Amesbury MA	West Hill Cemetery	
Geraldine B. Allen	95	June 7, 2023	Danvers MA	Highland Cemetery	
Natalie K. Niles	96	November 29, 2023	Concord MA	Highland Cemetery	
Clifton H. Mattoon	99	June 24, 2023	St. Louis Park MN	Highland Cemetery	
Loretta E. Mattoon		May 21, 2014	Ocala FL	Highland Cemetery	

## TRORC 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission. We are governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work to make the area better today, and to articulate a vision for a thriving regional economy that enhances the Region's outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work in 2023.

### **Technical Assistance on Planning Issues**

Our staff support your local officials by being a wealth of information on many subjects, enabling them to serve you better. We provide advice on zoning, capital budgeting, and preventing flood damage; review solar and cell tower projects; stay abreast of state and federal initiatives so that local government can take advantage of these; and have worked hard to address the region's housing crisis. The Municipal Technical Assistance Program has supported eligible towns in identifying project opportunities and funding sources to undertake those projects. TRORC staff have also assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies."

### **Economy and Public Health**

This year, TRORC supported the Region's talented artists, food producers, and other parts of the creative economy sector through training and networking events. We also were able to provide many small businesses with grant funds to weather Covid-19, as well as guidance to towns on using their federal recovery funds. TRORC also helps identify and clean contaminated parcels of land for reuse.

### **Emergency Management and Preparedness**

TRORC staff continued to serve as liaisons between Vermont Emergency Management and local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials on emergency planning. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, helping to reduce future damages from disasters and enable greater state and federal funding when they do happen. When disasters happen, we actively become part of the state and local long-term recovery process and have done so most recently with the July floods.

### **Energy/Climate Change**

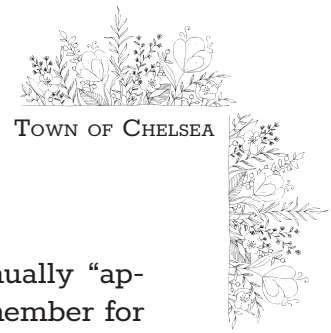
TRORC assisted towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goal of meeting 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support member towns through assessing town buildings for energy conservation upgrades. We also work on state-level climate policy and local adaptation measures.

### **Transportation**

TRORC also worked with towns to get funding to implement road improvement projects. We also work to support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and help towns with traffic counts and speed studies.

Specifically in Chelsea this past year, TRORC assisted the town with updating its Local Emergency Management Plan. TRORC worked with the town to develop a grant application to update the zoning bylaws, and assisted with updating the Town Plan, which was adopted by the Selectboard in November 2023. Staff assisted the town with applying for and being awarded energy assessment grants for the Town Garage and Town Hall.





## ECFIBER 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Vermont's Communications Union Districts (CUDs) are obligated to annually "approve and cause to be distributed to the legislative body of each district member for review and comment an annual report of [the district's] activities, together with a financial statement, a proposed district budget for the next fiscal year, and a forecast presenting anticipated year-end results."

Your town is one of 31 members of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, which owns the business operated under the trade name ECFiber, and this document is provided to the Selectboards of the district's member towns in conformance with the law. We are also providing a template your municipality can follow to post notice of the public hearing which the district governing board will conduct on the district's proposed budget on Tuesday, November 14, 2022, at 7pm.

### **Report of Activities October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023**

During the past year ECFiber added over 800 new customers and now serves about 8,200 premises in 23 towns via 1,800 miles of fiber-optic cable. Taken together, there are about 31,500 premises in the district located on almost 2,000 miles of roads.

The main goal of the district today is to execute our three year, nine-stage, \$30 million network completion plan. In August of 2023, the District won a \$13 million construction grant from the Vermont Community Broadband Fund, and this, combined with a \$7.5 million bond we will offer in late 2023 will fund work through 2024, at which point we will have secured more funding via grants or additional borrowing. Stage I work in the Fairlees and Bradford has been underway since last spring and we hope to connect our first customers in those towns during the coming months.

On June 27th this year, ECFiber celebrated the completion of its original mission, to build out a fiber-based broadband network in the 23 towns that created the business in 2008. WRJAM, the CATV operator in White River Junction, documented the exciting one-hour "Golden Patch Cord" event that featured Senator Welch (one of our customers!) and a dozen other speakers who held the audience spellbound as they recounted the creation of ECFiber. Enjoy it on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/ECFiberCelebration>.

The global pandemic has, of course, proven beyond any doubt that rural Vermonters need access to world-class broadband, but Vermont needs to find its own way forward because the market has conclusively shown it cannot, even with construction subsidy, serve every home and business on the grid in the state. ECFiber has demonstrated that this can be accomplished in a cost-effective manner without putting any burden on taxpayers. Until 2021, the district was funded almost entirely by customer revenues, which in turn backed tax-free municipal revenue bonds issued by the District to raise capital to build our infrastructure. This model is now the state's strategy for solving the rural broadband crisis and nine CUDs like ECFiber are working hard to get going.

## LOCAL HEALTH REPORT FOR CHELSEA

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The White River Junction Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Northern Windsor and Southern Orange counties. Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit [HealthVermont.gov/local/white-river-junction](https://HealthVermont.gov/local/white-river-junction)

### **COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS**

The White River Junction (WRJ) staff works with over 30 diverse health care and social service organizations in the Greater Upper Valley Integrated Services Team (GUVIST). GUVIST is making services and support for community members of all ages more efficient, effective, responsive and appropriate to the desires of those in need. To learn more about this initiative, visit [uvpublichealth.org/guvist/](https://uvpublichealth.org/guvist/)

### **ADDRESSING HEALTH EQUITY**

Our Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program helps pregnant people and families with children under age 5. We provide healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and referrals to community resources. Our office understands that not having transportation can make it difficult to get services. Our office has the most access points in the state with our nutritionists hosting clinics at seven satellite sites. If you would like to learn more visit [www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction/wic-white-river-junction](https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction/wic-white-river-junction)"

### **PLANNING FOR AND RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES**

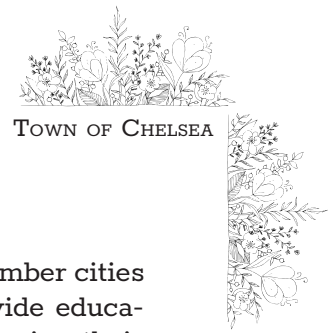
Our Emergency Preparedness Specialist, Immunization Nurse, Epidemiologist and other staff have worked with the Upper Valley Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to help our communities. They have spent hundreds of hours conducting COVID testing, administering COVID and Mpox vaccinations, investigating over 210 infectious disease cases and collecting kits for water testing during flood recovery. Learn more about the MRC at [uvpublichealth.org/featured-partner-upper-valley-medical-reserve-corps/](https://uvpublichealth.org/featured-partner-upper-valley-medical-reserve-corps/)

#### **White River Junction Local Health Office**

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## CVSWMD FY 2023 REPORT FOR CHELSEA

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents. CVSWMD's mission is to provide education, advocacy, and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates, and providing information and resources to our member communities. The per capita assessment has been established at \$1.00 for fiscal year 2025.

Chelsea currently does not have an appointed representative to CVSWMD's Board of Supervisors. Please contact [administration@cvswmd.org](mailto:administration@cvswmd.org) for more information."

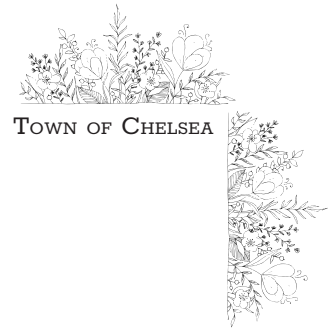
"CVSWMD continues to provide valuable programs and services to its residents, including:

- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** The ARCC is located in Barre City, Vermont. We work with the State of Vermont to recycle TVs, computers and computer peripherals, architectural paint, household batteries, mercury bulbs and thermostats for free for Vermont residents. We also accept dozens of hard-to-recycle items that cannot be recycled in curbside recycling. In FY23, 352,978 lbs. of materials were collected and diverted from the landfill. ARCC operations came to an abrupt halt on July 10 when the Stevens Branch of the Winooski River surged through the facility, destroying most of our equipment and leaving up to three feet of mud in its wake. While simultaneously conducting emergency operations for our member towns, CVSWMD staff, with aid from FEMA and the State, began what would become a 5-month cleanup and refitting of the ARCC with a reopening on November 27.
- **Grants:** CVSWMD continues to offer several grant programs: the Organizational Waste Reduction and Reuse Program (OWRRP); the Municipal Services Program (MSP); the Emergency Municipal Solid Waste Response Program (EMSWRP); and the School Zero Waste (SZW) program. In FY23, CVSWMD awarded \$23,312 in grant funding to towns, businesses, organizations and schools in our District. Green-Up Day grants totaling \$5,964 were also distributed. Through the Municipal Services Program, the town of Chelsea received \$2,764 for solid waste management projects.
- **Outreach and Education:** CVSWMD maintains its website with useful information on what can (and can't) be recycled, what is landfill banned (and how to dispose of those), what can be recycled at our Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC), what can be composted, how to safely store and dispose of household hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste disposal, and an A-Z Guide providing guidance to dispose of all types of waste. CVSWMD provides monthly newsletters and is active on social media, communicating waste management information and program updates to residents. Our knowledgeable staff provides guidance to residents and local businesses regarding all their waste management questions and concerns. CVSWMD's Outreach program continues to offer Waste Warrior trainings and composting workshops to District residents and event organizers."

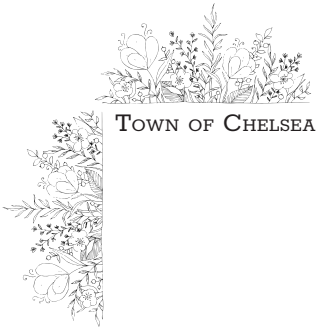
## CVSWMD FY 2023 REPORT FOR CHELSEA

- **Household Hazardous Waste:** In FY23, CVSWMD held five one-day collections throughout the District and helped 533 resident households dispose of 43,593 lbs. of hazardous waste. CVSWMD is currently working to open a year-round collection facility in Berlin that will collect wastes that are labeled for and sold for home use. The District has reached a host-town agreement with the Town of Berlin for siting our “Eco-Depot,” and is in the process of acquiring permitting and purchasing the property with a goal of opening in January 2025. Vermont’s Department of Environmental Conservation has provided a generous grant to facilitate the project. In time, CVSWMD hopes to consolidate all its operations on the 5.2-acre site.
- **School Program:** In FY23 the CVSWMD School Zero Waste Program reached 4600 students, grades K-12, through 165 classroom/schoolyard programs, cafeteria visits, etc. Topics presented and initiatives supported included living more sustainably, engaging in the “Rs” (recycling, repurposing, reusing, etc.), utilizing food scraps as a natural resource, classroom worm composting, special recycling initiatives, etc. Support was also provided to school food services departments in reducing cafeteria waste, and school custodial in proper disposal of books, batteries, mercury-containing bulbs, and electronic waste through the CVSWMD ARCC, as well as the management and proper disposal of school-generated hazardous waste, including via District collection events.
- **Compost and Zero Waste:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins, recycling bins, and kitchen compost buckets to District residents at discounted rates. We will also continue to offer our Event Kit and Bin Loan programs on a first-come, first-serve basis to help reduce and manage waste at events held within the District. These programs have been put on hold due to our inventory being destroyed by the July flooding, but we plan to re-establish them as soon as possible.
- **Emergency Operations:** In the aftermath of the July flood, CVSWMD teams cruised the streets of Montpelier and Barre, pulling paint cans, fluorescents, motor oil, batteries and a slew of other items that had been mixed with regular trash, in order to prevent their transport to the landfill. The District also called all member towns to offer organized collection events. These were provided in Barre City and Barre Town (who generously accepted drop-offs from neighboring Williamstown, Orange and Washington), where we partnered with Department of Environmental Conservation staff to ensure that collected items were handled and packaged correctly. Additionally, CVSWMD played a major role in connecting towns with vital State and Federal subsidized debris remediation programs.

CVSWMD posts useful information on what can (and can’t) be recycled, what items are banned from the landfill (and how to dispose of those), what items can be recycled at our Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC), what can be composted, how to safely store and dispose of household hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste disposal, Act 148, details about our special collections, and an A to- Z Guide listing disposal options for many materials. For specific questions, call (802) 229-9383.



**NOTES**



## NOTES

# CONTACT INFORMATION

**Town Clerk:** Karen Lathrop ..... 802-685-4460

**Assistant Town Clerk:** Phyllis Hayward  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8-12 & 1-4

**Town Treasurer:** Gayle Durkee.....802-685-7801

**Assistant Town Treasurer:** Carolyn Mesh  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:30 – 12 & 1-4

**Selectboard Administrative Assistant:** Kasey Peterson (Interim) ..... 802-625-2023  
By appointment

**Emergency – Fire, Ambulance, & Rescue ..... 911**

Chelsea Public School ..... 802-685-4551

White River Valley Supervisory Union ..... 802-763-8840

Chelsea Public Library (Mon-Fri 1-6, Saturday 9-2)..... 802-685-2188

Town Garage – Rick Ackerman – Road Foreman ..... 802-685-4302

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New Hampshire Poison Info. Center ..... 802-562-8236

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