

ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Zoning Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:30AM to 12:30PM, Wednesdays from 2-4:30, and the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, by appointment, prior to Selectboard meetings. I am available during office hours, by appointment, for your convenience outside of office hours, by email at zoning@southherovt.org, or by phone at 372-4841 to answer questions, assist you in the permit and/or review process, or to report potential zoning violations. *A review of the current and past fiscal years' zoning application approvals by the Administrative Officer and the Development Review Board is provided below.*

Respectfully submitted,
 Martha Taylor-Varney
 Zoning Administrator

FISCAL YEAR	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Single-Family Residence	6(2 ^{**})	8	9	3	5
2/Multi-Family Dwelling (Accessory dwelling units)	0	0	1 ^{****} 30 Units	0	0
Additions	15	12	16	23	7
Wastewater Systems	22	16	9	8	7
Camps	2 ^{**}	1	0	3	3
Camp Additions	0	0	0	1	1
Accessory Structures	19	17	14	15	10
Accessory Dwellings	3	1	0	1	1
Additions to Accessory Structures	0	0	2	2	0
Subdivisions (total lots created)	7(16)	4(9)	5(18)	3(9)	13
Seasonal Conversions	0	0	1	1	0
Lake Access Structures	0	0	0	2	1
Reconstructions ^{**}	0	0	1	0	0
Permit Renewals	1	2	1	1	2
Agricultural Exempt	0	2	1	0	1
Commercial/Municipal Development	0	1	1	8 ^{***}	3
Boundary Adjustment	2	2	3	1	3
Fence	0	1	1	1	1
Signs	5	3	1	3	5
Stabilization Project in Floodplain	0	1	1	2	0
Conditional Use Approvals by DRB	3	2	2	9	4
Site Plan Approvals by DRB	5	3	6	15 ^{***}	4
Variance/ Setback Waiver Approvals by DRB	7	5	4	4	4
TOTAL SUBMITTED ZONING APPLICATIONS	97	80	79	106	76

*Includes amended permits

Replacement *Includes mobile vendors ****Bayview Crossing #ADU's

Grand List Comparison

	Properties 2022-23	Appraisal Value	Properties 2023-24	Appraisal Value
Res. Homes/under 6 acres	544	233,885,600	550	237,313,900
Res.Homes/over 6 acres	177	103,910,300	177	103,750,000
Mobile Homes/no land	148	4,944,100	153	4,644,000
Mobile Homes/with land	34	6,176,100	33	6,132,800
Vacation/under 6 acres	174	74,415,800	174	75,458,900
Vacation/over 6 acres	24	26,954,900	24	26,954,900
Commercial	42	24,599,300	42	24,737,200
Commercial Apartment	3	1,413,000	2	2,705,400
Industrial	0	0	0	0
Utilities, Electric	2	15,257,000	2	13,546,800
Utilities, Other	0	0	0	0
Farm	16	15,274,700	16	15,274,700
Other PP	0	0	0	0
Woodland	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	71	12,707,400	70	12,496,800
P. P. Cable	1	1,202,747	1	1,291,808
Total Real Property	1,236	520,740,947	1244	524,307,208
			Exemptions	(\$25,059,600)
			divided by 100	499,247,608
Municipal Grand List			\$	4,992,476.08

**TOWN OF SOUTH HERO
SETTING THE TAX RATE
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

	School Tax Rate	Grandlist	Taxes Raised
HOMESTEAD	1.7440	\$2,420,406.00	\$4,221,188.06
NON-HOMESTEAD	1.7425	\$2,572,070.08	\$4,481,832.11
Sub-Total for School		<u>\$4,992,476.08</u>	<u>\$8,703,020.18</u>

	Town Tax Rate		Taxes Raised
Highway Tax Voted	0.1779	\$	888,263.00
Library Tax Voted	0.0240	\$	119,720.00
Cemetery	0.0020	\$	10,000.00
Local Agreement Vet Exempt	0.0020	\$	9,984.00
General Town Tax Voted	0.2156	\$	1,076,308.50
Discount	0.0381	\$	190,000.00
Fire Truck	0.0289	\$	144,317.00
Sub-Total for Town	<u>0.4885</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,438,592.50</u>

Municipal Tax Rate	0.4885	\$ 4,992,476.08	\$	2,438,592.50
Homestead Education Tax Rate	1.7440	\$ 2,420,406.00	\$	4,221,188.06
Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.7425	\$ 2,572,070.08	\$	4,481,832.11
			\$	<u>11,141,612.68</u>
Total Tax for Res=	2.2325			
Total Tax Non-Res=	2.231			
Municipal Grandlist as of 7/12/2023			\$	4,992,476.08

TOWN OF SOUTH HERO, VERMONT
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY MODIFIED CASH BASIS NET POSITION
 FIDUCIARY FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Custodial Fund Education Tax Fund
<u>ADDITIONS</u>	
Education Taxes Collected for Other Governments	\$ <u>8,000,877</u>
Total Additions	<u>8,000,877</u>
<u>DEDUCTIONS</u>	
Education Taxes Distributed to Other Governments	<u>8,000,877</u>
Total Deductions	<u>8,000,877</u>
Change in Net Position	0
Net Position - July 1, 2023	<u>0</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2024	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>

Reappraisal Fund
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Balance on Hand July 1, 2023		\$	66,790.42
Reappraisal Revenue		\$	12,046.00
Expenses	\$	6,774.21	
Balance on Hand June 30, 2024		\$	72,062.21

Town Restoration/Digitize
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Balance on Hand July 1, 2023		\$	17,058.22
Restoration Revenue		\$	5,836.00
Expenses	\$	3,838.97	
Balance on Hand June 30, 2024		\$	19,055.25

ARPA Funds
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Balance on Hand July 1, 2023			\$440,672.35
Expenses			
New Town Park	\$0.00		
Salt Shed	\$150,000.00		
SH Meeting House	\$0.00		
White's Beach Improvement	\$14,769.22		
Weekend in the Islands	\$500.00		
Town Office Tech Upgrades	\$2,405.14		
Rescue Expenses	\$7,808.66		
Total ARPA spent FY24			(\$175,483.02)
Transfer to Meeting House Fund	\$100,000.00	\$	(100,000.00)
Transfer to General Fund	\$165,189.33	\$	(165,189.33)
Balance on Hand June 30, 2024			\$0.00

**Town of South Hero Tax Administration
Delinquent Tax Report
As of 01/01/2025**

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total
2021-22	\$323.19	\$61.41	\$25.86	\$410.46
2022-23	\$24,317.90	\$1,702.12	\$792.31	\$26,812.33
TOTALS	\$24,641.09	\$1,763.53	\$818.17	\$27,222.79

**Town of South Hero Tax Administration
Delinquent Tax Report
As of 06/30/2024**

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total
2021-22	\$1,215.47	\$303.75	\$97.23	\$ 1,616.45
2022-23	\$11,442.95	\$1,487.46	\$915.43	\$ 13,845.84
2023-24	\$96,440.47	\$962.24	\$6,544.80	\$ 103,947.51
TOTALS	\$109,098.89	\$2,753.45	\$7,557.46	\$ 119,409.80

We have been working to get the delinquent taxes up to date. We average 75 properties delinquent in May and work to get them paid as quickly as possible. Currently, we have 5 properties that are still overdue. They are expected to be taken care of this spring. Thanks to all of you that pay early or on time. Jonathan Shaw, Delinquent Tax Collector

BALANCE SHEET

TOWN OF SOUTH HERO, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND
FUND BALANCES AS OF
JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Highway Fund	ARPA Fund	Fire Department Equipment Replacement Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 1,542,890	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 57,640	\$ 1,600,530
Investments	0	0	0	0	17,891	17,891
Due from Other Funds	0	643,941	1,052	98,563	829,298	1,572,854
Due from Others	361	0	0	0	0	361
Total Assets	\$ 1,543,251	\$ 643,941	\$ 1,052	\$ 98,563	\$ 904,829	\$ 3,191,636
LIABILITIES						
Cash Overdraft	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,801	\$ 5,801
Due to State of Vermont	395	0	0	0	0	395
Due to Other Funds	1,559,494	0	0	0	13,360	1,572,854
Total Liabilities	1,559,889	0	0	0	19,161	1,579,050
FUND BALANCES/(DEFICIT)						
Nonspendable	0	0	0	0	19,210	19,210
Restricted	0	0	1,052	0	87,319	88,371
Committed	0	643,941	0	98,563	459,127	1,201,631
Assigned	0	0	0	0	337,231	337,231
Unassigned/(Deficit)	(16,638)	0	0	0	(17,219)	(33,857)
Total Fund Balances/(Deficit)	(16,638)	643,941	1,052	98,563	885,668	1,612,586
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 1,543,251	\$ 643,941	\$ 1,052	\$ 98,563	\$ 904,829	\$ 3,191,636

SCHEDULE OF TOWN & SCHOOL INDEBTEDNESS

BOND PAYABLE	DATE OF ISSUE	MATURITY DATE	OUTSTANDING 7/1/2023	REDUCTION	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2024
VERMONT MUNICIPAL BOND BANK	8/2/2017	11/1/2027	\$650,000.00	(\$130,000.00)	\$520,000.00

**General Town Account
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Budget FY23/24	Actual FY23/24	Adopted FY24/25	Proposed FY25/26
Revenues				
Net General Town Tax & Articles	\$1,076,308.50	\$1,076,308.50	\$1,257,156.00	\$1,622,194.00
Recording	25,000.00	16,052.00	25,000.00	22,000.00
Misc Town Clerk Fees	1,000.00	382.00	1,000.00	500.00
Certified Copies	400.00	627.00	500.00	750.00
Delinquent tax interest	10,000.00	12,441.48	10,000.00	10,000.00
Search Copies	3,000.00	1,734.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Delinquent taxes	100,000.00	315,574.95	0.00	0.00
Search Time	500.00	250.00	600.00	400.00
Restoration Town Records	12,000.00	24,689.03	10,000.00	15,000.00
F&W Land Postings	100.00	125.00	100.00	100.00
Sub Division Permits	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Green Mountain Passport	100.00	62.00	100.00	75.00
Legal ads reimbursement	1,500.00	600.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Maps	150.00	54.00	150.00	100.00
Liquor/Beer/Cannibus licenses	1,200.00	1,450.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Dog licenses	2,000.00	877.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous refunds	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Copies	150.00	74.89	150.00	50.00
Insurance Refund/Claim	500.00	315.00	500.00	500.00
State -Current Use/HH	95,000.00	115,826.00	110,000.00	115,000.00
State of vt Highway Fines	5,000.00	4,326.46	5,000.00	5,000.00
State Taxes/Pilot Program	10,000.00	9,715.33	10,000.00	10,000.00
Building Permits	18,000.00	13,666.40	18,000.00	18,000.00
Vendor License	60.00	50.00	60.00	60.00
Hearing and ZA Fees	1,200.00	1,985.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Interest	15,000.00	93,820.89	50,000.00	50,000.00
Other Grants	0.00	600.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Transfer from Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation Revenue	0.00	3,738.00	0.00	0.00
Education Billing Fee Retained	0.00	18,509.02	18,000.00	22,000.00
Lib Sal/wh/Prop Ins/WC re	86,341.00	78,271.56	90,132.00	92,742.00
Municipal Tax Adjustment	25,000.00	32,731.52	30,000.00	600.00
329 Route 2	4,500.00	5,100.20	4,500.00	5,000.00
Discounts Taken	-190,000.00	-208,854.66	-200,000.00	-250,000.00
Good Neighbor Agreement	15,000.00	15,243.13	15,000.00	15,000.00
Parking Sticker - IN Town	2,750.00	2,790.00	3,000.00	2,800.00
Parking Sticker-Out/town	2,700.00	4,420.00	3,500.00	4,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,000.00	6.42	1,000.00	1,000.00
	250,401.00	567,253.62	217,542.00	151,927.00
Transfer from ARPA into Capitol Fund	0.00	265,169.33		
Town & Article Income	10,707,473.81	10,094,044.91	11,865,620.00	2,579,982.00
Total Revenues	10,957,874.81	10,926,467.86	12,083,162.00	2,731,909.00

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Receipts and Disbursements, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budget FY23/24	Actual FY23/24	Adopted FY24/25	Proposed FY25/26
Town Officers Salaries				
Select Board	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,615.00	6,814.00
Town Clerk & Treasurer	101,000.00	100,999.86	106,050.00	109,232.00
Assistant Town Clerk	37,400.00	43,268.30	40,000.00	41,150.00
Listers	17,930.00	8,582.06	18,826.00	19,000.00
Zoning Administrator	60,500.00	60,499.92	63,525.00	65,431.00
Town Administrator	45,000.00	45,000.02	47,250.00	48,668.00
Boards' Secretary	2,860.00	2,983.20	3,003.00	3,093.00
Animal Control Officer	1,000.00	0.00	1,050.00	1,075.00
DRB Board Secretary	1,440.00	0.00	1,440.00	0.00
Zoning Assistant	0.00	313.50	0.00	0.00
Total Town Officers Salaries	273,430.00	267,946.86	287,759.00	294,463.00
Library Salaries/SS/ER Retirement	80,935.00	72,297.08	83,848.00	86,417.00
General Town Expense				
Town Mowing Expense	3,000.00	3,260.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Social Security Tax	20,917.00	21,918.22	22,014.00	22,526.00
Workman's Comp Gen'l Town	1,400.00	2,392.25	2,586.00	2,625.00
Unemployment Compensation	800.00	860.00	920.00	1,037.00
Retirement	9,600.00	13,485.16	15,000.00	16,191.00
Election Expenses	2,000.00	2,801.76	3,000.00	3,000.00
Legal Advertising	2,000.00	2,440.60	3,000.00	3,000.00
Legal Fees/Tax App	2,000.00	7,449.90	3,000.00	5,000.00
Postage	3,000.00	4,337.02	3,000.00	3,000.00
Supplies	5,000.00	6,688.23	5,000.00	5,000.00
Trash Removal	1,000.00	1,156.17	1,000.00	1,000.00
NW Solid Waste Payment	2,009.00	2,008.80	2,176.00	2,404.00
Dog Tags and Expense	150.00	121.21	150.00	150.00
VLCT Dues	3,305.00	3,305.00	3,500.00	3,482.00
Northwest Reg. Pl. & Dev.	1,942.00	1,942.00	2,000.00	2,060.00
Bank Service Fees	200.00	294.39	300.00	300.00
Conservation Commission	500.00	306.60	2,750.00	1,500.00
Island Arts Activities	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
V N A - UVM	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
Economic Development	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Green-Up Vermont	1,200.00	565.66	1,000.00	1,100.00
Librart Expenses	500.00	936.48	500.00	1,000.00
Printing/Dupli/Copier	4,769.00	4,581.32	5,000.00	4,500.00
Town Report	2,500.00	3,238.80	2,832.00	3,200.00
School Building Use	110,000.00	110,000.00	110,000.00	110,000.00
State Education Payments	3,600,000.00	3,700,015.12	3,900,000.00	0.00
County Tax	166,934.00	168,316.85	189,475.00	188,550.00
Office Furniture & Equip	5,000.00	1,201.33	5,000.00	2,500.00
Telephone & Internet	6,500.00	7,401.37	7,000.00	7,500.00
Website	2,000.00	2,236.90	2,000.00	2,500.00
GIC Emer Comm/Pagers	25,000.00	25,295.22	30,000.00	30,000.00
I-Car Fire Works	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

	Budget FY 23-24	Actual FY23-24	Adopted FY24-25	Proposed FY25-26
General Town (con't)				
Sheriffs Dept. Contract	164,268.00	169,876.13	196,560.00	200,492.00
Computer IT & Maintenance	10,000.00	9,279.90	12,000.00	12,000.00
Mapping/Lister's Computer	5,000.00	5,454.76	5,000.00	5,500.00
Paydata Expenses	2,500.00	2,675.11	2,500.00	2,600.00
C.A.R.I.N.G.	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	13,028.00	10,144.25	10,000.00	10,500.00
VLCT Library P & C Insurance	4,705.00	5,038.00	5,149.00	5,161.00
Health & Dental Insurance	40,400.00	41,896.50	43,382.00	48,476.00
Life Insurance	750.00	623.27	750.00	750.00
NEMRC	7,000.00	6,683.24	7,000.00	7,000.00
Generators Maint	2,000.00	2,536.82	3,200.00	2,500.00
Sm. Gift/Recognition	1,000.00	350.83	600.00	1,000.00
Other Town Buildings	5,000.00	5,399.69	5,000.00	24,088.00
Bicentennial Mem Bldg E	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Town Audit	17,000.00	20,137.75	19,500.00	21,000.00
C.I.D.E.R	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Champlain Isl Parent/Chld	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Grant Expense	10,500.00	11,822.54	11,500.00	25,000.00
Northwestern Counseling	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Age Well	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Island Food Shelf	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Local Motion	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Tax Deficit	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Unbudgeted Miscellaneous	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	4,298,127.00	4,419,225.15	4,682,644.00	851,992.00
Town Office Building				
OWMH Transfer	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00
Other Capital Transfer	0.00	165,169.33	0.00	0.00
Maint. & Contracted Svcs	10,000.00	6,493.81	10,000.00	7,000.00
Electricity	5,000.00	6,130.30	5,000.00	6,000.00
Repairs & Supplies	10,000.00	6,495.62	10,000.00	8,000.00
Water Rent	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Total Office Bldg	25,600.00	284,889.06	25,600.00	21,600.00
Town Officers Expense				
Health Officer	500.00	0.00	500.00	300.00
Animal Control Expense	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Planning Commission	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Development Review Board	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
Meeting/Workshops	2,000.00	1,121.89	2,500.00	2,500.00
Mileage and Sustenance	1,500.00	587.64	1,500.00	1,500.00
Dues	200.00	125.00	250.00	500.00
Total Officers Exp	8,900.00	5,334.53	9,450.00	9,300.00
Administrator Expense				
Computer Service	500.00	1,890.79	500.00	1,000.00
Equipment	3,000.00	2,158.00	3,000.00	1,500.00
Total Admin Exp	3,500.00	4,048.79	3,500.00	2,500.00

General Town (con't)	Budget FY23/24	Actual FY23/24	Adopted FY24/25	Proposed FY25/26
Recreation Program				
Rec Paths/Trails	1,500.00	2,096.06	2,000.00	2,000.00
White's Beach	4,000.00	2,259.29	1,750.00	7,000.00
Community Programs	15,700.00	12,004.04	18,300.00	14,100.00
Recreation Scholarships	1,000.00	150.00	1,250.00	1,000.00
Beach Attendant	6,800.00	8,983.59	6,700.00	6,800.00
Total Recreation Program	29,000.00	25,492.98	30,000.00	30,900.00
Fire Dept Expenses				
Workman's Comp	1,600.00	1,217.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Training	4,500.00	3,124.95	4,500.00	4,500.00
Supplies Repairs	5,000.00	18,286.96	7,000.00	7,000.00
Administrative/Software	1,500.00	1,560.83	1,600.00	1,600.00
Vehicle Fuel	3,600.00	3,267.19	4,000.00	4,000.00
Insurance Equipment	5,000.00	7,208.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Insurance Auto	3,800.00	5,402.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Truck Repair/Maintenance	7,000.00	4,866.83	7,000.00	7,000.00
Dry Hydrant Prog Donation	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Equip Repl Fund	80,000.00	80,000.00	90,000.00	100,000.00
Equipment	20,000.00	20,201.17	25,000.00	25,000.00
FD Personnel	25,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total Fire Dept	157,100.00	145,134.93	171,800.00	181,800.00
Fire/Rescue Bldg				
Fuel	4,500.00	1,790.78	5,000.00	5,500.00
Electricity	5,500.00	5,799.56	5,000.00	5,500.00
VLCT Insurance - Building	3,584.00	3,855.50	3,500.00	3,500.00
Bond Payment	130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00
Bond Interest	16,334.50	16,334.50	13,039.00	9,549.00
Condo Fees	10,000.00	9,163.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Telephone/Internet	6,500.00	7,127.88	7,000.00	7,000.00
Supplies/Maintenance	7,000.00	4,811.18	7,000.00	7,000.00
Water Rent	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Total Fire/Res Bldg	184,018.50	179,482.40	181,139.00	178,649.00
Rescue Expenses				
Rescue Personnel	90,000.00	65,702.25	90,000.00	90,000.00
Equip Replacement Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total Rescue	115,000.00	90,702.25	115,000.00	115,000.00
Tax Abatements	1,500.00	1,362.10	1,500.00	1,500.00
Tax \$\$ Transfers				
Cemetery Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00
School Tax	4,573,464.31	4,300,862.00	5,371,316.00	0.00
Library Tax	119,720.00	119,720.00	125,960.00	125,960.00
Highway Fund	888,263.00	888,263.00	908,646.00	791,828.00
Landfill Fund	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
FD Truck Tax	144,317.00	144,317.00	0.00	0.00
EAB Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Reappraisal Transfer	0.00		30,000.00	0.00
Total Tax \$ Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
	5,780,764.31	5,508,162.00	6,490,922.00	957,788.00
Total Disbursements	10,957,874.81	11,004,078.13	12,083,162.00	2,731,909.00

**EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUNDS TD BANK
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Balance on Hand July 1, 2023 -\$60,177.35

TAX RECEIPTS	\$	80,000.00
INTEREST	\$	412.53
ARTICLE 6 (FY22) balance	\$	43,866.01
AUDITOR ENTRY #2 (to reconcile)	\$	100,450.99

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE \$ 65,989.18

Balance on Hand June 30, 2024 \$98,563.00

RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Balance on Hand July 1, 2023 \$207,318.97

TAX RECEIPTS	\$	25,000.00
INTEREST	\$	3,467.74

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE \$0.00

Balance on Hand June 30, 2024 \$235,786.71

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Balance on Hand July 1, 2023 \$15,924.75

TAX RECEIPTS	\$	60,000.00
INTEREST	\$	534.40

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE \$0.00

Balance on Hand June 30, 2024 \$76,459.15

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BROADBAND GRANT FUND ACCOUNT

Receipts and Disbursements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Balance on Hand July 1, 2023		\$1,500.00
Receipts		\$0.00
Transfer to General Fund	\$1,500.00	
Balance on Hand June 30, 2024		\$0.00

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Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Balance on Hand July 1, 2023		\$1,241.24
Receipts - Interest		\$0.00
Transfer to General Fund	\$1,241.24	
Balance on Hand June 30, 2024		\$0.00

EMERALD ASH BORER FUND

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Balance on Hand July 1, 2023		\$10,884.01
Receipts		
Tax Revenue		\$10,000.00
Disbursements	\$4,050.00	
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2024		\$16,834.01

LANDFILL ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Balance on Hand July 1, 2023		\$34,780.73
RECEIPTS		
Tax Dollars	\$35,000.00	

DISBURSEMENTS

Well Testing	\$9,737.74	
PFOA Monitoring	\$7,465.43	
Total Disbursements	\$17,203.17	
Balance on hand June 30, 2024		\$52,577.56



agewellvt.org
 Helpline: 1-800-642-5119
 P 802-865-0360
 F 802-865-0363
 875 Roosevelt Hwy, Ste. 210
 Colchester, VT 05446

TOWN OF SOUTH HERO REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2024 (10/1/2023 - 9/30/2024)

Last year, Age Well served 53 individuals from South Hero, services included:



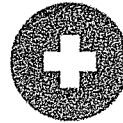
59 calls to the Helpline



78 hours of Case Management



302 Meals on Wheels delivered
 13 Congregate Meals served
 6 Grab & Go Meals served



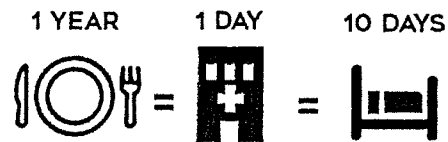
4 hours of Options Counseling

3 South Hero residents volunteered 54 hours

COST BREAKDOWN OF OUR SERVICES

Age Well services are provided at no cost, but we want to emphasize the value we provide to your community. In FY24, we delivered services valued at \$15,589 to South Hero residents.

- State Health Insurance Program: \$78.86 per hour
- Case Management: \$122.41 per hour
- Options Counseling: \$101.56 per hour
- Information & Assistance: \$25.33 per hour
- Meals on Wheels: \$10.29 per meal
- Congregate Meals: \$12.81 per meal
- Grab and Go Meals: \$10.50 per meal
- Volunteers: \$15.33 per hour



MEALS ON WHEELS CAN SERVE A PERSON FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR FOR ABOUT THE SAME COST AS JUST 1 DAY IN A HOSPITAL OR 10 DAYS IN A NURSING HOME

ABOUT AGE WELL

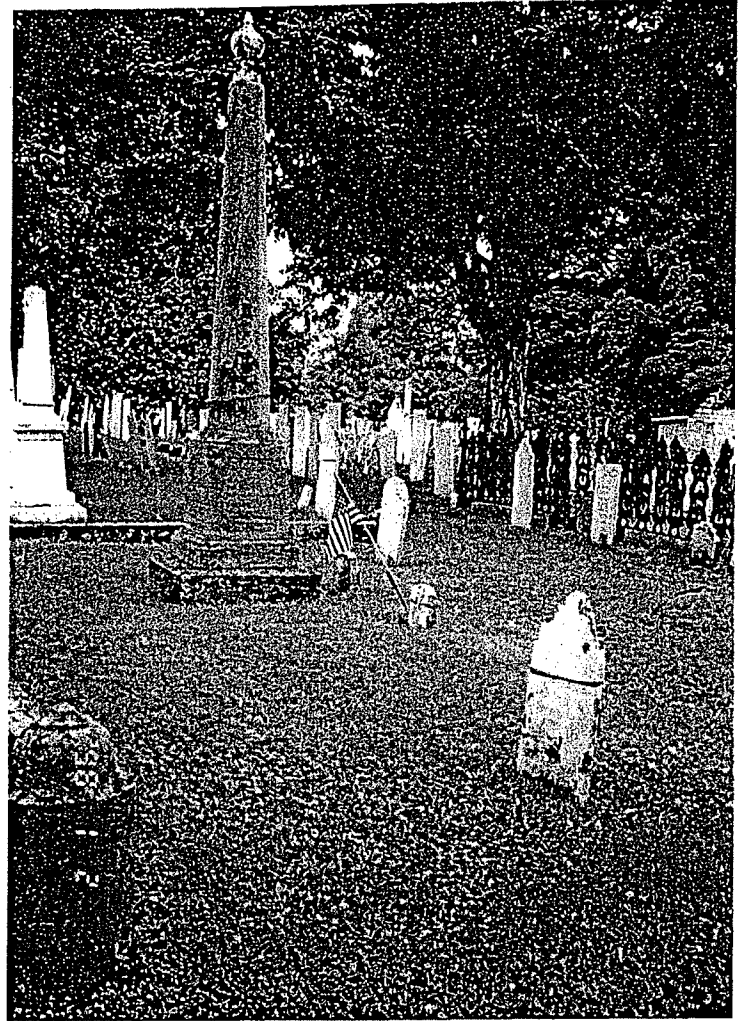
Since 1974, Age Well has provided Vermonters with the necessary support to manage their daily living needs, with the goal of keeping them active, healthy, and independent. As the leading experts and advocates for the aging population, we believe that health happens at home and focuses on lifestyle, happiness, and wellness—not on age.

Committed to helping individuals age well, we reduce barriers by providing access to healthy meals, in-home care, expertise on Medicare and insurance, long-term and short-term care options, transportation to medical appointments, translations services, a Helpline, and many more community resources in Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle Counties.

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, we do not charge for our services. We rely on donations and encourage clients to contribute if they are able to do so.

**MISSION: TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE THAT INSPIRES
 OUR COMMUNITY TO EMBRACE AGING WITH CONFIDENCE.**

C.A.R.I.N.G -Community Association for the Restoration of Its Neglected Gravestones.



C.A.R.I.N.G - The Community Association for the Restoration of its Neglected Gravestones is a non-profit organization dedicated to restoring gravestones in the "old" part of the South Hero Cemetery on South Street. The restoration work is funded by contributions from the Town of South Hero and personal donations from the community.

As we walk through our cemetery, we see South Hero's history recorded on the gravestones there. We are fortunate to live in a town that understands the obligation to care for and respect our early settlers, giving us glimpses into the history written on each monument.

We wish to thank Neal and Rob Hazen for their tireless work this past summer repairing and cleaning the old stones.

We also thank John Wells for keeping the flags flying on our veteran's monuments every year.

Please remember, you can search your family history from South Hero by visiting our website: www.usgwtombsyones.org/vermont/grandisle.html

Respectfully,
Sue & Ron Phelps
Alice & John Wells
C.A.R.I.N.G Committee

CHAMPLAIN ISLANDS FOOD SHELF

The Champlain Islands Food Shelf was established in 2002. It is located at 185 US Rt. 2 in the basement of St. Joseph's Church and serves Alburgh, Isle LaMotte, North Hero, Grand Island and South Hero. CIFS is run by market manager Whitney Doremus, nine board members, and more than 40 volunteers.

In 2024, the food shelf served 153 households (between 65-90 a month) representing more than 300 individuals and over 1500. Sixty-nine Thanksgiving Baskets were distributed. In the last year, there has been significant growth in the number of Grand Isle County residents who utilize the food shelf.

We have found our space to be a good fit for our needs this year and have been able to update our processes through adding software designed for food shelves to help us better track data, we have also increased our ability to provide deliveries, and we have increased our volunteer support to help meet the growing needs of our customer base. Fresh produce is provided, in part, by local farmers. We source our eggs and milk from Vermont farmers and Vermont Foodbank greatly supports us. Generous donations by schools, businesses, churches and individuals also help us fill the shelves.

In addition to providing food, the CIFS collaborates with other organizations like Vermont Fuel Assistance Program, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunities, and C.I.D.E.R. to provide customers with information about helpful resources.



Annual Report to the towns of Grand Isle County

The mission of the Champlain Islands Parent Child Center is to partner with families in offering a safe, nurturing and rich learning environment where children feel confident to explore their surroundings through play and to guide each child in reaching his/her full potential as citizens of our world. CIPCC is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization that is governed by an elected Board of Directors.



For fiscal year 2023-2024, CIPCC continues to collaborate with Building Bright Futures and NCSS to advocate for children and families and increase accessibility for versatile support programs throughout Grand Isle County. Through continued partnership with GISU where we enable inclusive special education services for those enrolled and a space on site for individual services to take place. CIPCC continues to partner with the Child and Adult Care Food Program, offering free home cooked nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack every day to all enrolled children. We have expanded this program to provide formula and homemade baby food for all our enrolled infants. Through incredible donations from the Grand Isle Food Shelf, we have been able to sustain our food program and provide steady support for families who can utilize their donations to feed their family.

CIPCC was able to begin our school year in August 2023 fully staffed and enrolled seventeen new children since the start of the school year. We are now serving forty-six families and are so grateful to be moving back toward what our enrollment was prior to covid. We recognize the importance of high-quality early childhood education and are honored to support the children and their families in our community.

We hosted our second Calcutta event at the Snowfarm Vineyard and Winery on September 29th 2023. We are humbled by the incredible support from the community to make this school such a success. We rely heavily on fundraising and support from community partners to support our mission to build strong children and confident families. We

We are so proud to be a part of the Champlain Islands community and are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katie B".

Katie Brown
Executive Director

C.I.D.E.R.

CHAMPLAIN ISLANDERS DEVELOPING ESSENTIAL RESOURCES, INC.

Serving the People of Grand Isle County

CHAMPLAIN ISLANDERS DEVELOPING ESSENTIAL RESOURCES, INC. ANNUAL REPORT TO SOUTH HERO

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

The mission of C.I.D.E.R. is to develop and foster resources that enable the people of Grand Isle County to live in their community with dignity. C.I.D.E.R. accomplishes this by providing direct services and collaborating with other individuals and groups. C.I.D.E.R. feels a special responsibility to older adults and persons with disabilities. The values that guide C.I.D.E.R. are to be: Caring, Creative, Client Centered, Community Based, and Cost Effective. C.I.D.E.R. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit membership organization governed by an elected Board of Directors representing each of the five towns in Grand Isle County. Membership is not required to receive any services or participate in any activities or programs.

Most individual ride requests are for medical appointments or grocery shopping. During FY'24 C.I.D.E.R. provided 9, 867 (a 202% increase!) trips in our staff operated vehicles driving 174,778 miles. C.I.D.E.R. volunteer drivers provided an additional 2,119 (an additional 23% increase!), driving 46,441 miles and donating 1,736 hours of their time. 327 Islanders received rides during this period.

C.I.D.E.R. (senior) Neighbor Meals program located at the Congregational Church in South Hero has expanded to weekly congregante meals and twice weekly meal deliveries. During FY24 we served 575 meals to approximately 112 older adults and persons with disabilities. We also delivered 7,327 meals to 82 individuals. C.I.D.E.R. began partnering with Champlain Islands Food Shelf to provide items for their household bags, donating over \$3,000 in goods, serving over 40 households each month.

During FY'24, 40 older adults participated in the C.I.D.E.R. "Living Strong" strength and balance training class. This program remains a hybrid of virtual and in person. 15 individuals participated in tai chi classes which continue in-person, usually outdoors. New this year was a balance class attended by 14 participants and held once a week at Bayview Crossing. C.I.D.E.R. designed and built 33 wheelchair ramps (a record) or other similar home accessibility projects and the special needs equipment closet loaned 214 wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, shower chairs, and other items to 134 individuals and families. The C.I.D.E.R. PRESS newsletter reaches 1,450 (mostly) Grand Isle County households each month and mailed 18,636 copies in FY24.

The planned 30-unit affordable independent senior housing project "Bayview Crossing" on Carter Lane in South Hero successfully opened in October of 2022 and the C.I.D.E.R. office is now at 12 Carter Lane.

C.I.D.E.R. sincerely appreciates and depends on the large number of Grand Isle County residents who support us as volunteers, Members, and donors. CIDER is incredibly grateful for our neighbors and takes pride in the #NeighborsHelpingNeighbors spirit that continues to exist in our mighty communities

Respectfully Submitted,



Jordan Posner, Executive Director



Friends of Northern Lake Champlain Town Report 2024

www.friendsofnorthernlakechamplain.org

The Friends of Northern Lake Champlain (FNLC) is a non-profit organization that acts to clean the waters of northern Lake Champlain and its watershed by collaborating with citizens, businesses, farmers, and government in order to reduce land-use pollution. We thank you for your continued support of our work in your community!

Michele Gammal represents South Hero on the FNLC Board of Directors.

Water Quality Projects

FNLC presented at a selectboard meeting this summer about our services and work in the islands. We look forward in 2025 to working with the town and our partners, the South Hero Land Trust and Grand Isle County Natural Resource Conservation District, to explore options for improving the shoreline at Whites Beach, providing free Lake Wise shoreline assessments to landowners, and exploring other opportunities for water quality projects.

Basin Water Quality Councils (BWQC)

FNLC has a seat on the Northern Direct Lake BWQC which serves South Hero. The function of the BWQC is to prioritize and approve water quality improvement projects using State Clean Water Investment funds. As always, we invite more project suggestions from community members.

Fundraising Events

Many thanks to the community for participating in and supporting our annual fundraiser Bike for the Lake which takes place in the islands, as well as the return of our Annual Gathering at the Tyler Place. This year's annual gathering featured our state climatologist, Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux who talked about the intersection between water quality and climate resiliency.



Grand Isle County MENTORING PROGRAM

Grand Isle County Mentoring is a school-based mentoring program that matches children with adult mentors who share similar interests. Mentors and mentees meet once a week at local schools, building trusting, lasting relationships. The activities they engage in are simple yet meaningful: sharing conversation, reading, playing games, going for walks, doing crafts, and even cooking. These interactions provide not only guidance but also the support and encouragement many children need to thrive.

In addition to the weekly meetings, and the mentor training opportunities, the program typically hosts other events throughout the school year. We kick off the season with a social gathering for current and potential new mentors in October, we host Game Night in January with games and dinner for our mentoring pairs and take our annual trip to Echo Science Center in March. The end of the year is marked by a family dinner and celebration in June.



Over the past 16 years, nearly 180 adults from Grand Isle County have volunteered their time and built lasting connections through our mentoring program. Today, we have active mentoring pairs in all four island schools, and the program continues to grow thanks to the unwavering support of our board, local schools, community members and our dedicated volunteers. We also receive funding from local and statewide grants, including those from The United Way and Mentor Vermont, which help ensure we follow best practices and remain sustainable.



If you've ever considered becoming a mentor, now is the perfect time to get involved. Visit our website at gic-mentoring.org or email Program Coordinator, Bonnie Codey at bcodey.gicmentoring@gmail.com to learn more about the program.



We are thankful to all our partnerships, mentors, school staff and community members that make this program possible.

Grand Isle County Mentoring Program
P.O. Box 31
South Hero, VT 06486
GIC-Mentoring.org



GRAND ISLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Ray Allen 10 Island Circle, Grand Isle, VT 05458 Office: 802-372-4482
 Fax: 802-372-5771

I respectfully submit the following data of law enforcement services provided by the Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department in Fiscal Year 2024. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for the residents and guests of Grand Isle County by providing community service while upholding the laws of the State of Vermont and the statutory responsibilities of the Office of Sheriff. We make every effort to build upon the trust and support the residents of Grand Isle County have placed upon us by building sincere networks in our community while offering high-quality, cost-effective law enforcement services.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the Sheriff's Department responded to 1368 calls for service. These incidents are broken down into the eight (8) categories below along with the percentage of calls for service in each group by fiscal year.

FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21	FY20	INCIDENT CATEGORIES
37%	32%	32%	33%	32%	Agency Assists, Citizen Assists, Welfare Checks, VIN Inspections
29%	37%	35%	34%	30%	Suspicious Activity, Motor Vehicle Complaints, Directed Patrols, Alarms, Property Checks, Unsecure Premise, Search Warrants, Public Speaking
10%	8%	12%	12%	14%	Citizen Dispute, Trespassing, Threatening, Noise Disturbance, Animal Problem, Firework Complaints
10%	7%	8%	8%	9%	Alcohol, Crashes, DUI, Drugs, C&N, Traffic Hazard, Driving License Suspended
8%	9%	7%	6%	9%	Assaults, Domestic Disputes, Sex Offenses, Restraining Order Violations, Juvenile Problems, Disorderly Conduct, Stalking
2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	Fraud, Embezzlement, Forgery, Theft, Burglary, Larceny, Bad Checks
2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	911 Hang-ups, Missing Persons, Marine Incidents
2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	Littering (needles), Lost/Found Property, Recovery of Stolen Property

The most visible role of the Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department is the patrol division. Pro-active patrol is the first step for countless investigations involving illegal activity. Deputies not answering calls for service are pro-actively enforcing motor vehicle laws to intercept criminal activity while deterring serious traffic crashes through the enforcement of laws involving impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding and passenger safety laws. Deputies are also active within the community and in the schools teaching awareness of current public safety issues within our county. In FY2024, the Sheriff's Departments pro-active approach to law enforcement documented 1406 traffic stops.

FY2024 has been a challenging year due to the shortage of law enforcement nationwide to include the GICSD. Efforts to hire and retain high quality recruits and officers remain priority. The GICSD remains dedicated to the recruitment and retainment of quality officers for our community.

Please contact me directly with any comments, concerns, questions, or suggestions related to Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department.

Ray C. Allen
 Sheriff



GRAND ISLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Ray Allon 10 Island Circle, Grand Isle, VT 05458 Office: 802-372-4482
 Fax: 802-372-5771

INCIDENTS 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024	SOUTH HERO
911 Hangup Call	2
Agency Assist	48
Alarm	11
Animal Problem	11
Assault-Aggravated	1
Boating Incident	1
Bomb Threat	1
Citizen Assist	33
Citizen Dispute	8
Condition of Release Violation	1
Custodial Dispute	1
Crash-Injury	3
Crash-Property	27
Death Investigation	2
Death Message	1
Directed Patrol	26
Disabled Vehicle	4
DLS	3
Family Fight/Domestic	1
Found Property	2
Juvenile Problem	3
Lockout	5
Lost or Found Property	3
Missing Person	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	25
Parking Problem	1
Property Damage, Non Vandalism	5
Property/ Home Watch	4
Public Speaking	3
Restraining Order	3
Service APO	2
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	25
Theft	3
Threatening	1
Traffic Hazard	11
Traffic Stop	910
Trespassing	4
Unsecure Premises	1
VIN Inspection	3
Wanted Person	1
Welfare/Suicide Check	3
Total Incidents	1204

21% of all County calls for service FY2024



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Success on
Green Up Day
May 4, 2024

TOGETHER
we successfully achieved a Guinness World Records Title

15,813 TIRES!
Collected on GUD, 1.5%
+10,000 collected at other
tire collection events

30,176 VOLUNTEERS!
↑30% from 2023

20 ADDITIONAL EVENTS
Classrooms presentations
clean ups, awareness,
& flood recovery.

404 TONS!
(1,329,697 lbs.)
Litter collected in 2024

Thank You!
TOGETHER WE MAKE VERMONT BEAUTIFUL

Green Up Day, saw a 30% growth in volunteers over 2023, picked up over four tons of litter and 15,813 tires. In flood clean-up projects we took care of an additional 10,000 tires. We also attempted a Guinness World Records® title and succeeded! The record is: "The Most Pledges Received to Pick Up Trash in 24 Hours." Vermont is the only State in the nation that can boast this achievement and the only State that offers a program like Green Up Day. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We received a special flood recovery donation from Subaru of New England and have been able to rally volunteers and pay for many flood clean-up projects across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2025.

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play.

Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on **Line 23** of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or at www.greenupvermont.org.

2025 Green Up Day is May 3rd.

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.



Island Arts 2024 Report to Our County Residents

Island Arts serves and resides in Grand Isle County. We encourage the arts and creativity, providing music, dance, theater, classes, and fine arts right here in our towns. GIC students benefit from the Island Arts “ArtsBoost” program.

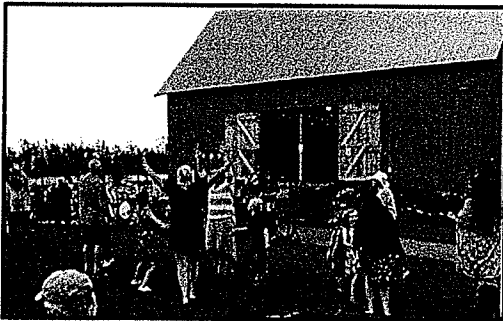
In 2024, celebrating our 40th Anniversary season, Island Arts:



- Underwrote the Grand Isle County Music Festival and funded instrument rentals so every child could try instruments to play in band.
- Offered financial support to help youth study music, dance, and art.
- Awarded an arts scholarship of \$2,000 to a Grand Isle County resident.
- Offered a film-making workshop for youth, in partnership with LCATV.

Offered a **Summer Series of 17 events for everyone**. These events:

- Were always free for age 22 and younger. 5 concerts and 3 other events were free for everybody.



- Presented local & internationally renowned musicians.
- Offered something for everyone to enjoy— barn dance, contemporary pop, jazz, African drumming & dance, brass band, bluegrass, classical, choral, youth Broadway-opera, star-gazing, and book sales by donation.

- Many events were outside with picnic. Everyone could move freely to the music. Some were inside the beautiful Island Arts Center barn with intimate seating and a concert grand piano. Some featured cabaret-style tables for a casual, fun vibe.



- Free classes were offered from spring into fall in Tai-Chi/ Qigong, Yoga, and Folk Dance. Other classes included Bird-watching, Singing, Cardmaking, and Meditation.

Island Arts also provided:

- A free **Art Gallery** in South Hero’s Community Bank.
- Two **Book Sales By Donation**—over 5,000 books free by donation.
- Children’s books donated to local libraries.
- **Farm Bureau partnership**, working to aid GIC’s 4-H program.
- Ad income to the *Islander* and an advertising outlet for local businesses.



Island Arts is your own not-for-profit organization, staffed entirely by local volunteers. Thank you for supporting our small appropriation, unchanged in 5 years. Your support helps Island Arts to continue to present and foster the arts here in our County.

Island Arts, PO Box 108, 1127 US Rt 2, North Hero 05474 | islandarts.org | info@islandarts.org | 802.372.8889
Champlain Celebration of the Arts, Inc., DBA Island Arts. Incorporated as a non-profit in 1988. EIN # 03-0313918

Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Corporation

Prepared for the towns of Grand Isle County

LCIEDC Overview for FY 2023

October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024

The Lake Champlain Island Economic Development Corporation is a non-profit entity focused on supporting business, economic growth, and community vitality in Grand Isle County.

As one of twelve Regional Development Corporations in the state of Vermont, we collaborate with various partners and organizations to serve as a central resource for community and business needs in our region. Our current areas of focus include:

- **Improving Housing Stock** by supporting infrastructure, investment, housing initiatives, and promoting collaboration between partners.
- **Facilitating the growth and retention of existing businesses** through business visitation, the Champlain Islands Resource Guide, regional marketing campaigns, online event calendar, and our mini-grant program.
- **Encouraging outside investment in the region** by assisting municipalities in obtaining grant funding, connecting businesses to available funding, providing technical support, and familiarizing potential funders with local projects.

Highlights from the past fiscal year at the LCIEDC include:

- Over forty site visits to new and established businesses.
- Production of a television ad campaign promoting the region, aired on WCAX, WYCI, and Mountain Channel Group.
- Support for NBRC awards for North Hero Water Improvement Project and South Hero Meeting House.
- Investment in staff training to support large-scale business lending and entrepreneurship.
- Hosting two legislative forums and conducting two county-wide tours of potential projects for Vermont's Federal delegation, Vermont Legislators, and state officials.
- Expansion of our business membership program to include 59 members.
- Continued administration of a grant from the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Collaborative to improve cycling routes in South Hero.

Andy Julow
Executive Director



NORTHWEST FIBERWORX

2024

Annual

Report

Introduction

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 3075, the Northwest Vermont Communications Union District (NWCUD) is pleased to present its annual report and budget for your review. The NWCUD was officially formed on August 3, 2020. The NWCUD is a municipal body consisting of representatives from Northwest Vermont municipalities for the purposes of building communication infrastructure. As of October 09, 2024, the NWCUD represents 22 Northwest municipalities: Alburgh, Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburgh, Fairfield, Franklin, Fairfax, Georgia, Grand Isle, Highgate, Isle la Motte, Milton, Montgomery, North Hero, Richford, Saint Albans Town, Sheldon, South Hero, Swanton, Village of Alburgh, Village of Enosburg Falls and Village of Swanton.

The mission of the NWCUD, as adopted by the Board of Representatives, is:

"Leverage partnerships and procure funding to connect Northwestern Vermont via Open Access Fiber to ensure opportunity for all homes and businesses in our region."

Activities of Northwest Vermont Communications Union District

ARPA Grant

This year, the NWCUD received a \$20.2 million grant that will support the construction of our fiber internet network.

Fiber Acquisition

We doubled our fiber optic cable supply by taking advantage of a unique opportunity from a neighboring CUD. This came at no cost to NWCUD and further prepared us for materials needed for Phase 1 of construction.

Model & Design Refinement

In preparation for Phase 1 of construction and being awarded a VCBB Construction Grant, joint efforts with GWI are underway to prepare us for our next steps. With High-Level Design complete and the Detailed Design on its way, we will be on track for breaking ground in 2025!

	FY2024 Budget	FY2024 Projected Actuals	FY2025 Budget
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 17,980,700	\$ 2,703,341	\$ 26,196,191
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 17,980,700	\$ 2,703,341	\$ 26,196,191
* Subtotal Capital	\$ 17,546,000	\$ 2,424,164	\$ 8,739,616
Subtotal Operational	\$ 134,908	\$ 80,548	\$ 202,319
Subtotal Staff	\$ 390,892	\$ 375,831	\$ 327,800
Subtotal Technology	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,849	\$ 8,000
Totals			
TOTAL CAPEX	\$ 17,546,000	\$ 2,424,164	\$ 8,739,616
TOTAL OPEX	\$ 531,300	\$ 458,229	\$ 538,119
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 18,077,300	\$ 2,882,393	\$ 9,277,735
Deferred Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,918,456
Net Income	\$ (96,600)	\$ (179,052)	\$ -

*FY 2023 Financial Statements are available as part of the FY 2023 Audit

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30 V.S.A. § 3075 - The district's fiscal year shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31.

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NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SOUTH HERO TOWN REPORT - 2024

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a multi-purpose governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners.

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NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting
- Brownfields site assessments, cleanups and redevelopment plans
- Transportation planning and project management
- Bike and pedestrian planning and project management
- Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience
- Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects
- Water quality planning, grants and project management
- Regional plans for growth and development
- Geographic Information System maps and data
- Downtown and village revitalization and community development

ASSOCIATED PROJECTS MANAGED BY NRPC

- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
- Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
- Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi & Lamoille River Basins

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Bob Buermann & Peter Zamore

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bob Buermann

2024 SOUTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided general local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided grant management services for a Vermont Community Development Program Planning Grant for work related to restoring the South Hero Meeting House.
- Participated in Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event with Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and local officials.
- Provided business assistance to two South Hero farms.
- Granted regional approval to the South Hero Town Plan.
- Provided technical assistance on streetscape and sidewalk planning in the village area.
- Provided project management and coordination support to the South Hero Wastewater Committee in securing funding and conducting feasibility analysis for a village wastewater system.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas secured speakers and trainings, updated bylaws and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee.
- Updated the locally adopted Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the town respond to future disasters.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the C.I.D.E.R senior meals program and Food for Thought summer meals program on a regular basis.
- A South Hero orchard donated apples to the HRC gleaning program that were then delivered to food sites throughout the two counties.
- Healthy Roots, in collaboration with South Hero Land Trust and the Worthen Library, co-run a Winter Wednesdays series highlighting nature and food.
- Healthy Roots provided business assistance to 1 farm.
- Assisted with applications for mini grant funds, energy assessments for the Bicentennial Museum and Town Garage, and construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Working with a South Hero Committee to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Served as project manager for a VTrans grant to study safety issues at the intersection of US 2 and Featherbed Lane.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with maximizing local, state and federal infrastructure funds, water quality project implementation, Municipal Roads General Permit compliance, local energy and climate planning, zoning bylaw modernization, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. NRPC will help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails, assist the Northwest Communications Union District in expanding broadband access in the region, update its Land Use Plan to support housing development and coordinate Housing For All, a three-year housing development campaign. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for NRPC is greatly appreciated. We are your resource - please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, mapping or other needs

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

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2024 SUPERVISORS REPORT

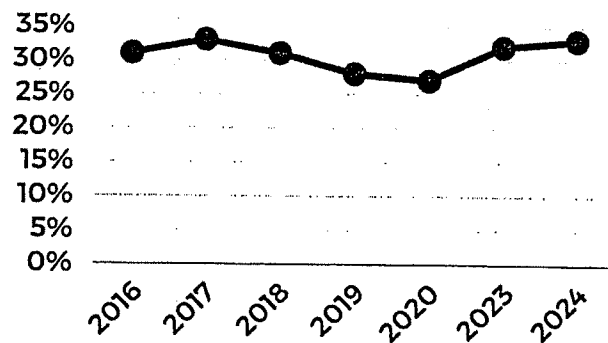
NWSWD is a legislatively chartered Municipal Corporation charged with planning, implementing, and regulating waste management strategies for our 19 member communities. The District's mission is to provide for the efficient, economical, and environmentally-sound reduction, reuse, recycling, and disposal of solid waste. Some of our 2024 highlights include:

- Services used over 54,000 times
- Increased diversion rate to 33%
- Composted 750+ tons of food scraps
- Collected 46 tons of HHW material from 2,967 residents & 55 businesses
- Expanded online presence to reach over 50,000 people on social media
- Provided outreach to more than 50 businesses and 10 schools



NWSWD updated all facility signage this year, including at the Alburgh Transfer Station, which is under NWSWD management as of December. We also began the long-awaited construction project at our Georgia Recycling Facility. These updates and expansions will improve public drop-off to make it more efficient and safe!

District Diversion Rate, 2016-2024



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858 TONS
LANDFILLED



1,807 TONS
RECYCLED





**NORTHWESTERN
COUNSELING**
& SUPPORT SERVICES



Our mission is to ensure that the residents of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties have access to high quality services, which promote healthy living and emotional well-being.

As we celebrate our 66th anniversary it's clear that the number of people seeking assistance for their mental health has never been greater. Although stigma remains a barrier for most as many continue to experience disruptions in all facets of their lives this has presented numerous challenges but also opportunities for NCSS to continue delivering quality services. Through the hardships faced because of workforce shortages, we've learned how to overcome, and as an organization we are stronger now having endured these experiences.

Although the past year challenged us, we adapted, maintained safety, and ensured that our community had access to the care they needed. In FY24, NCSS served 4,387 people in our offices, in the local schools, via telephonic and videoconferencing platforms, in the community, in their homes and in their places of work. NCSS offers services from birth to death within our 20 locations plus, within our community partners' locations across the region.

Many of our staff within community partner locations are embedded in such a way that people are unaware they work for NCSS. Counselors, behavioral interventionists, social workers, wellness counselors, and crisis workers all support members of our community where they are needed. Our agency is one you may never have heard of or maybe you're unsure about the breadth of services we provide. Do you know a young person that is depressed, struggling with anxiety or substance abuse, who has encountered bullying or cyber-bullying, or has struggled with contemplating suicide or shows signs of non-suicidal self-injury? Youth Mental Health First Aid was implemented to increase early intervention, awareness of available services, and reduction of stigma for individuals living with mental health challenges. This past year we trained 196 community members within Franklin and Grand Isle counties. Since the inception of the training in 2014 NCSS has trained 1,400 community members as Youth Mental Health First Aiders, creating a ratio of 1 Youth Mental Health First Aider for every 5 adolescents in Franklin and Grand Isle counties. Raising awareness of Youth Mental Health First Aid has increased NCSS' presence in the community through outreach, education, and increasing knowledge of services available to youth. The Youth Mental Health First Aid results are one example of the nearly 100 programs and services which NCSS offers, all of which we are tremendously proud to provide our community.

We are committed to improving the lives of the residents of South Hero. A contribution from your town would mean a great deal to us, and we would most certainly not take it for granted. Our modest request of \$1000 will mean that NCSS can continue to provide specialized and personal services to residents of your town, young and old.

Sincerely,

Todd P. Bauman, Executive Director

South Hero Bicentennial Museum Report

The museum is a vibrant community space here in town and both locals and tourists enjoy the rotating exhibits and the old standbys. The building is being taken care of lovingly. The artifacts have been cleaned and labeled and preserved according to museum standards. We appreciate being able to take care of this town treasure and we thank the Selectboard and the townsfolk for their continued support.

During the past year we received the prestigious "Award of Excellence" by the Vermont League of Local Historical Societies and Museums for our first published book called South Hero in the Centennial Year 1876: A Photo Journey Through South Hero by Alice Wells.

We were able to publish the second book in the series called South Hero Revisited: 1906--A New Century: A New Generation. This book takes us over some of the same roads we traveled in 1876 with the biggest changes being caused by the railroad. We revisit families we met in the first book and meet many more. These books are available to view and purchase at the museum and at the Town Clerk's office.

Other updates: A waterline was installed and a Rinnai heater added to the basement. Humidity levels can be maintained and the basement is now open all winter for visitors and ongoing reorganizing work.

The "Honeymoon Cabin" was opened to visitors 4 weekends with new artifacts and stories. Maintenance included replacing porch boards and repainting weathered areas.

Please stop by Wed. and Sat. 10-1 or email us for a special appointment. You can find our website easily by googling South Hero Bicentennial Museum.

Committee members: Pres: Teresa Robinson, Vice-Pres: Ron Phelps, Treasurer: Cathie Merrihew, Secretary: Marty Sherman, Librarian and Tech Specialist: Alice Wells, Officers: Colleen Bushway, Pamela Surprenant, Michael Carroll, and Adam Forguites.

SOUTH HERO FOUNDATION

The **South Hero Foundation** was created to raise private funds to restore & rejuvenate the Old White Meeting House. Once this objective is completed, the Foundation will be available to work on other similar projects within our historic Town and possibly surrounding communities.

From July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, the Foundation maintained the website and solicited funds totaling \$23,486 from community members. This, when added to funds raised in previous years, and funds raised through December 2024, totals almost \$119,000. These gifts are earmarked for Restoration of the Old White Meeting House and to pay Foundation expenses. All Foundation Board members are volunteers and receive no stipends. The Foundation contracts with a professional Grant Writer. To raise these funds, the Foundation has utilized the USPS, email, one-to-one informational sessions, and tabling at the Champlain Islands Farmers' Market through paid sponsorship at the Community Sponsor level.

The Foundation is an IRS designated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Foundation also investigates private grants that might not be available to the Town. All members of the Foundation board sit on the Town's Old White Meeting House Committee.

If you would like to make a donation to the Restoration & Rejuvenation of the 1816 Old White Meeting House, please make your check payable to the **South Hero Foundation** and mail it to **PO Box 441, South Hero, VT**. You may also make a gift online through the website, www.southheromeetinghouse.org.

For more information about the Meeting House project, please visit the website above or contact Michael Carroll-President at 802-233-2030; Sandy Gregg-Secretary at 802-372-4565 or by email: frogrock37@gmail.com.

Annual Report July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024



South Hero Land Trust is a nonprofit organization founded in 1997 to protect South Hero's natural, agricultural and recreational resources. SHLT has conserved over 1,740 acres of farmland and natural areas in South Hero. In addition to land conservation, we have a number of programs that support farm viability, food security, clean water, forest stewardship, recreation, education, and more.

Farm Viability: We helped locals and visitors find locally grown or locally produced food through the 20th edition of the Champlain Islands Grown Guide to Agriculture and the "Northwest Grown" website. As part of the Healthy Roots Collaborative, we supported gleaning in the Islands, and continued to provide farmers with 1:1 technical assistance for marketing, enterprise development, and succession planning.

Food Security: We continued to maintain the South Hero Gleaning Garden at Pigasus Meats and the Learning Garden at Folsom School, where we work with volunteers to grow for Food for Thought, the Champlain Islands Food Shelf, Bridges to Health, and the Healthy Roots Collaborative's regional gleaning program.

Water Quality: SHLT, in partnership with the Grand Isle County Natural Resources Conservation District, released the Keeler Bay Action Plan, a multi-phase effort to identify opportunities and action steps to improve water quality in Keeler Bay. The report includes a list of potential water quality projects and partial designs of the top projects. Two top priority projects are now in the pipeline, with funding reserved for design work and permitting. We also continued to work with the Conservation District to host a series of educational Water Quality "Block Parties" held in each town in the county between summer 2023 - winter 2024.

Forest Stewardship: In partnership with the South Hero Congregational Church, we continue to work with students and community volunteers on the ecological restoration project at the South Hero Recreation Park, planting 200 trees in the spring of 2024. We continue to maintain two long-term ash survival monitoring plots, one of which is at Tracy Woods. We also continued to remove invasive species at Round Pond State Park, the South Hero Rec Park, Tracy Woods, and the Landon Community Trail, with the help of volunteers.

Education: We continued to maintain and grow the Learning Garden at Folsom School, using it as a home base for our afterschool clubs, classroom visits, and summer camps, as well as a resource for teachers and students to support the learning environment at Folsom. We also engaged with Folsom in helping design and implement their "Community Groups" program, a year-long, whole school learning journey centered around appreciating diversity and fostering a safe and supportive environment for all. Students helped grow food for the Food For Thought summer meal program, as well as for the School kitchen. With grant funding and volunteer help from Ben & Jerrys, and others, we constructed a new greenhouse and new benches at the garden.

Outdoor Recreation: SHLT continues to maintain trails at Landon, Round Pond, South Hero Recreation Park, Roy Marsh Trail, and Tracy Woods. This year, we built and updated signage, mowed trails, moved boardwalks, cleared drainage ditches, and decommissioned social trails at Round Pond. We continued our series of inclusive guided naturalist paddles in partnership with Cathy Webster from Northeast Disabled Athletic Association and North Branch Nature Center.

Community: SHLT helps people connect with and care for the land through a number of events and activities, including volunteer work parties, nature walks, farm tours, the Winter Wednesdays speakers series (a partnership with the Healthy Roots Collaborative and the Worthen Library), and more.

In addition to all of this, we worked with 5 landowners on conservation project development, and provided stewardship support to landowners of already conserved lands. Many thanks to our board, volunteers, donors, and community partners for making this work possible!

Emily Alger, Executive Director; Guy Maguire, Programs Director; Jenna O'Donnell, Director of Egnagement

Dedicated to protecting the farmland, woodland, natural and recreational areas, and open spaces which help give South Hero its distinctive quality of life

SOUTH HERO RESCUE

During the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, South Hero Rescue responded to 254 calls for emergency medical assistance, a 16% increase to our call volume in the prior Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023. A dedicated core of volunteers and per diem employees enables South Hero Rescue to serve our community 24 hours every day. Through an established mutual aid system, we also respond as needed to rescue calls in Milton, Grand Isle and North Hero; Milton Rescue provides reciprocal coverage to South Hero when occasionally needed.

South Hero taxpayers fund the per diem Rescue employees who provide essential coverage during the regular weekdays when our volunteer EMTs and AEMTs are often committed to their jobs. We are grateful to our town taxpayers for the per diem funding, and also for the annual allotment to the ambulance replacement budget. We ordered the new ambulance in 2023 and expect delivery in 2026, a common timeline for emergency vehicles. *Thank you for your continued support.*

South Hero Rescue also tremendously appreciates our volunteer Treasurer, Cyndi Reynolds, who graciously acknowledges every single donation we receive from community members and meticulously manages the operational budget, pays our bills, compiles necessary financial reports, and ensures our compliance with tax filing and insurance requirements. South Hero Rescue is grateful for our wonderful treasurer.

On a somber note, in the fall of 2024 we bid a final farewell to Ray Allen, Sr, a founding member of South Hero Rescue in 1973 and a volunteer for over 40 years who served as Chief for many years. While two other longtime volunteers, Sam Hilliker and Anne Zolotas, said farewell to Rescue duty, they continue serving South Hero in other ways.

This year, we continued our strong collaboration with South Hero Fire Department First Response, and we welcomed two new Rescue volunteers! If you are interested in training to volunteer with South Hero Rescue, email southherorescue1@gmail.com and we will arrange a time for you to meet with members and learn about the opportunities.

Respectfully submitted by South Hero Rescue Chief Jenny Schulz, on behalf of all South Hero Rescue officers and members.