

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VERMONT**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager of  
Town of Williamstown, Vermont

### **Opinions**

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

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

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

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS we:

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

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

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and schedules of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Town's Contributions – Pensions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

## **Supplementary Information**

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

## **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 9, 2025 on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VERMONT  
MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)  
JUNE 30, 2024

Within this section of the Town of Williamstown, Vermont's (the "Town") annual financial report, the Town's management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Town's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section. Additional information is available in the auditor's opinion letter, which precedes the management's discussion and analysis.

### ***Financial Highlights***

- **Government-Wide Highlights**

*Net Position* – The assets and deferred outflows of the Town exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows on June 30, 2024 by \$6,657,196 (net position). Of this amount, \$2,417,515 (unrestricted net position) may be used by the various funds of the Town to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors, and \$3,714,042 was invested in capital assets, net of related long-term debt. The remainder, \$335,564, is restricted for special purpose revenue funds and capital project reserves.

*Changes in Net Position* - The Town's total net position decreased by \$433,096. Of this amount, net position attributable to governmental activities decreased by \$374,618. Net position attributable to business-type activities decreased by \$58,478.

- **Fund Highlights**

*Government Funds* – Governmental funds include general, special revenue, and capital projects. As of June 30, 2024, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$2,323,104, a decrease of \$258,177.

*Water Fund* – The Town's Water Fund reported a total net position of \$1,006,912 as of June 30, 2024, a decrease of \$6,000. \$482,227 represents the *unrestricted balance* available for future expenses, and \$395,237 is the amount invested in capital assets, net of related debt.

*Sewer Fund* – The Town's Sewer Fund reported a total net position of \$893,239 as of June 30, 2024, a decrease of \$52,478. \$151,700 represents the *unrestricted deficit balance*. \$674,912 is the amount invested in capital assets, net of related debt.

### ***Overview of the Town's Financial Statements***

Management's discussion and analysis introduces the Town's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the basic financial statements.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements.** The Town's annual report includes two government-wide financial statements which provide both long- term and short-term information about the Town's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities. They are comprised of the *statement of net position* and *statement of activities*.

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The first of these government-wide statements is the Statement of Net Position (Exhibit A). This is a government-wide statement of position presenting information that includes all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the overall financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating. In addition to the financial information provided in this report, evaluation of the overall health of the Town would extend to other non-financial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base, the continued financial support of the state and federal governments, and the condition of the Town's infrastructure.

The second government-wide statement is the Statement of Activities (Exhibit B). This statement reports how the Town's net position changed during the current fiscal year. All current revenues and expenditures are included regardless of when cash is received or paid. An important purpose for the design of the Statement of Activities is to show the financial reliance of the Town's activities or functions on revenues provided by the Town's taxpayers.

Both of the above government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Town that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Town include general government, public safety, highways and streets, health and social services, and culture and recreation. The business-type activities of the Town include the water and sewer departments.

The government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 11 and 12 of this report.

**Fund Financial Statements.** A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, propriety funds, and fiduciary funds.

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about each of the Town's most significant funds, called *major funds*. The concept of major funds, and the determination of which are major funds, was established by GASB 34 and replaces the concept of combining alike funds and presenting them in total. Instead, each *major fund* is presented individually, with all *non-major funds* summarized and presented in a single column.

**Governmental Funds** are reported in the fund financial statements and encompass essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide statements, the governmental fund statements focus on the near-term inflows and outflows of resources available for spending. These statements illustrate short-term fiscal accountability in the use of such resources and the balances of such resources at the end of the fiscal year. They are useful in evaluating annual financial requirements of governmental programs and the commitment of such resources for the near-term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. The Governmental Funds Balance Sheet (Exhibit C-1) and the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance (Exhibit C-3) have been reconciled to the Statement of Net Position (Exhibit A) Statement of Activities (Exhibit B) in the Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund

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Balances to the Statement of Net Position – Governmental Activities (Exhibit C-2) and Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities (Exhibit C-4) to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

Budgetary Comparison Schedules are included in the financial statements for the General Fund (Schedule D-1) and highway fund (Schedule D-2). These schedules demonstrate regulatory compliance with the Town's adopted and final revised budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements are presented on pages 13 through 16 of this report.

The Town has three major governmental funds. Each major fund is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the Town.

**Proprietary Funds** are used by the Town to report functions of business-type activities in the government-wide statements. The Town maintains two propriety funds that are enterprise funds. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The Town uses enterprise funds to account for the Town's water and sewer departments.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

In addition to the statements above, the report also contains the following fund financial statements.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position - Proprietary Funds shows the operating revenue and operating expenses for the fiscal year along with any non-operating revenue and expenses. The results of operations are the change in net position. This added to the prior year net position and is the new net position shown on both this statement and the Statement of Net Position.

The Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds outlines the cash flow resulting from operations, investments, and the financing activities of the enterprise funds of the Town.

**Fiduciary Funds** are used to account for assets held by the Town as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and other governments. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve the measurement of results of operations.

**Notes to Financial Statements.** The notes provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin on page 24 of this report.

**Other Information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain supplementary information to provide additional financial information not included in the basic financial statements.

The following condensed and reformatted financial information is a condensed version of the government-wide financial statements presented in this report.



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***Government-wide Financial Analysis***  
**Summary of Net Position**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 2,933,117	\$ 824,756	\$ 3,757,873
Non-current assets	4,970,250	1,838,337	6,808,587
Total assets	<u>7,903,367</u>	<u>2,663,093</u>	<u>10,566,460</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>145,844</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,844</u>
Current liabilities	711,869	37,472	749,341
Long-term liabilities	2,549,073	731,470	3,280,543
Total liabilities	<u>3,260,942</u>	<u>768,942</u>	<u>4,029,884</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>25,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,224</u>
Net position			
Net investment in capital assets	2,643,893	1,070,149	3,714,042
Restricted	335,564	190,075	525,639
Unrestricted	1,783,588	633,927	2,417,515
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,763,045</u>	<u>\$ 1,894,151</u>	<u>\$ 6,657,196</u>

The largest portion of the Town's net position, \$3,712,042, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings and improvements, infrastructure, and furniture and equipment), less any related debt (general obligation bonds payable) used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to the Town; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Net position of the general fund is not restricted by state law and is available for spending at the Town's discretion.

The following table provides a summary of government-wide revenues, expenses, and net position for the year ended June 30, 2024:

**Summary of Changes in Net Position**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues			
Program revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 318,724	\$ 389,302	\$ 708,826
Operating grants and contributions	2,776,902	-	2,776,902
Licenses and permits	20,176	-	20,176
Other	37,001	-	37,001

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General Revenues			
Property taxes	1,637,675	-	1,637,675
Interest and penalties—property taxes	30,016	-	30,016
Earnings on investments	86,696	-	86,696
Total revenues	4,907,190	389,302	5,296,492
Expenses			
Governmental Activities:			
General government	863,686	-	863,686
Public safety	1,041,141	-	1,041,141
Highways and streets	2,919,104	-	2,919,104
Culture and recreation	207,971	-	207,971
Interest on long-term debt	86,621	-	86,621
Capital outlay	163,286	-	163,286
Business-Type Activities:			
Water	-	185,507	185,507
Sewer	-	262,273	262,273
Total expenses	5,281,809	447,780	5,729,589
Change in net position	(374,618)	(58,478)	(433,097)
Net position, beginning of year	5,137,664	1,952,629	7,090,293
Net position, end of year	\$ 4,763,045	\$ 1,894,151	\$ 6,657,196

### Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

As discussed, the Town's governmental funds are reported in the fund statements with a modified accrual basis that focuses on the short-term inflow and outflow of resources available for spending. This information is useful in assessing resources available at the end of the year in comparison with upcoming financial requirements.

#### Governmental Activities

**Program Revenues.** In accordance with GASB 34, program revenues are derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the reporting government's taxpayers or citizenry. They reduce the net cost of the function to be financed from the government's general revenues.

Total program revenues from governmental activities were \$1,657,851 in fiscal year 2024 compared to \$1,819,629 in the prior year. Governmental program revenues come from *charges for services*, which include licenses and permits, planning fees, developer fees, forfeitures, and several other revenues and *operating grants and contributions*, which include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants.

**General Revenues.** All other revenues not categorized as program revenues, and include all taxes, as well as unrestricted grants, contributions and investment earnings. Total general revenues from governmental activities were \$1,754,387 in fiscal year 2024 compared to \$1,905,148, in the prior year. Taxes and related revenue of \$1,667,691 comprised approximately 95% of the Town's general revenues for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

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**Governmental Expenses.** Total government activity expenses were \$5,281,809 in fiscal year 2024 compared to \$3,015,306 in fiscal year 2023, an increase of approximately 75%. The largest expenses were incurred for general government, public safety, and highways and streets. The Town sustained significant storm damage to its highway and street infrastructure in July and December of 2023. The Town was awarded Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster relief grants which covered a substantial portion of the storm damage redevelopment costs incurred by the Town during the fiscal year.

Business-Type Activities

Net position for business-type activities (Water and Sewer Departments) was \$1,894,151 as of June 30, 2024, a decrease of \$58,478 from the prior year. Total water and sewer revenues for the June 30, 2024 fiscal year were \$389,302, a decrease of 14% compared to the prior fiscal year. Total water and sewer operating expenses for the 2024 fiscal year were \$433,937, an increase of 16% compared to the prior year. The increase resulted primarily from sludge removal and collection system maintenance.

**Financial Analysis of Individual Funds**

As noted earlier, the Town used fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town’s governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,323,104. The fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2024 was \$885,862, a decrease of \$304,994 from the prior year.

In summary, (as indicated in the balance sheet on page 13) the fund balance committed in the governmental funds total \$267,712. The fund balance has been principally earmarked for the following purposes:

Reappraisal fund	\$	180,409
Records restoration fund		87,303
Total	\$	267,712

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual – General Fund beginning on page 16 compares the actual results for fiscal year 2024 to the approved budget for the General Fund. Differences between budgeted amounts and actual amounts are briefly summarized below. The most significant variances were as follows:

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues			
Property taxes	\$ 885,359	\$ 719,410	\$ (165,948)
Fire Department	282,923	306,409	23,486
Ambulance	361,782	303,235	(58,547)
General income	13,100	92,133	79,033
Expenses			
General operating budget	\$ 263,552	\$ 161,895	\$ 101,657
Listers	12,759	4,087	8,672

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Other operating expenditures	29,600	427,329	(397,729)
Ambulance	361,783	302,499	(9,134)

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

Capital Assets

The Town's government activities investment in capital assets, (net of accumulated depreciation) as of June 30, 2024, was \$4,970,250, which represents a decrease of \$294,396 as compared to the prior year. Investment in capital assets includes land, land improvements, machinery and equipment, buildings, and infrastructure. Infrastructure assets are items that are normally immovable and of value to the Town such as roads, bridges, streets, drainage systems, lighting systems and similar items. During the year ended June 30, 2024, generators were put into service. Depreciation expense for the 2024 fiscal year totaled \$393,796.

The Town's investment in capital assets for the Water and Sewer Departments, (net of accumulated depreciation) as of June 30, 2024, was \$1,838,337 as of June 30, 2024, a decrease of \$112,295. There were no new additions to water or sewer fund capital assets during the fiscal year.

Depreciation expense on buildings, vehicles, and equipment in service for the year ended June 30, 2024 amounted to \$27,586 and \$84,710, respectively, for the Water and Sewer Funds.

Long-Term Debt

At the end of the year, the Town's Governmental funds had debt outstanding totaling \$2,264,230. The Sewer Fund had total debt outstanding of \$768,188.

These amounts owed are backed by the full faith and credit of the Town with voter approved property taxes and user fees used to pay the obligations. These proceeds are being used to fund the addition and alterations of the capital assets.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

The Town's elected and appointed officials consider many factors when setting the fiscal year 2023 budget, tax rates, and fees. When adopting the budget for the 2023-2024 year, the Select Board considered operational and capital needs of the Town, and the impact of spending on the tax rate.

The Town budgeted no change in fund balance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 after allocating \$142,968 from the tax rate stabilization reserve fund during the fiscal year. For the fiscal year ended 2024, the Town budgeted for a zero increase in fund balance.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all of its citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors. Questions concerning any of the information provided in the report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWN OFFICES**  
**2470 Vermont Route 14**  
**Williamstown, VT 05679**

**EXHIBIT A**  
**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2024**

	<b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,553,683	\$ -	\$ 2,553,683
Accounts receivable, net	1,052,886	72,101	1,124,987
Delinquent taxes receivable, net	78,130	-	78,130
Prepaid expenses	-	1,073	1,073
Intergovernmental, net	(751,582)	751,582	-
Capital assets:			
Not depreciable - land	210,354	32,679	243,033
Depreciable:			
Buildings and improvements	2,765,277	490,998	3,256,275
Equipment and vehicles	5,024,735	-	5,024,735
Infrastructure	2,338,379	-	2,338,379
Water/sewer system and improvements	-	2,915,256	2,915,256
Less accumulated depreciation	(5,368,495)	(1,600,596)	(6,969,091)
Total assets	<u>7,903,367</u>	<u>2,663,093</u>	<u>10,566,460</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred outflows related to pension	145,844	-	145,844
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>145,844</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,844</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	166,915	754	167,669
Property tax sale escrow	50,984	-	50,984
Unearned revenue	260,500	-	260,500
Bonds and notes payable due within one year	233,470	36,718	270,188
Net pension liability	456,186	-	456,186
Bonds and notes payable due after one year	2,092,887	731,470	2,824,357
Total liabilities	<u>3,260,942</u>	<u>768,942</u>	<u>4,029,884</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred inflows related to pension	25,224	-	25,224
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>25,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,224</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	2,643,893	1,070,149	3,714,042
Restricted	335,564	190,075	525,639
Unrestricted	1,783,588	633,927	2,417,515
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,763,045</u>	<u>\$ 1,894,151</u>	<u>\$ 6,657,196</u>

See Independent Auditors' Report and Accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements

**EXHIBIT B**  
**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VT**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the year ending June 30, 2024**

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>		
				<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Functions/Programs:</b>						
Governmental Activities:						
General government	\$ 863,686	\$ 28,268	\$ 1,581,808	\$ 746,390	\$ -	\$ 746,390
Public safety	1,041,141	290,456	-	(750,685)	-	(750,685)
Highways and streets	2,919,104	-	170,077	(2,749,027)	-	(2,749,027)
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	207,971	-	1,016,877	808,906	-	808,906
Interest on long-term debt	86,621	-	-	(86,621)	-	(86,621)
Capital outlay	163,286	-	-	(163,286)	-	(163,286)
Total governmental activities	<u>5,281,809</u>	<u>318,724</u>	<u>2,768,762</u>	<u>(2,194,323)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,194,323)</u>
Business-Type Activities:						
Water	185,507	179,507	-	-	(6,000)	(6,000)
Sewer	262,273	209,795	-	-	(52,478)	(52,478)
Total business-type activities	<u>447,780</u>	<u>389,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(58,478)</u>	<u>(58,478)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,729,589</u>	<u>\$ 708,026</u>	<u>\$ 2,768,762</u>	<u>(2,194,323)</u>	<u>(58,478)</u>	<u>(2,252,801)</u>
General Revenues:						
Property taxes				1,637,675	-	1,637,675
Interest and penalties				30,016	-	30,016
Licenses and permits				20,176	-	20,176
Earnings on investments				86,696	-	86,696
Grants and contributions nonprogram specific				8,140	-	8,140
Other				37,001	-	37,001
Total general revenues and transfers				<u>1,819,704</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,819,704</u>
Change in net position				(374,619)	(58,478)	(433,097)
Net position - beginning of year				<u>5,137,664</u>	<u>1,952,629</u>	<u>7,090,293</u>
Net position - end of year				<u>\$ 4,763,045</u>	<u>\$ 1,894,151</u>	<u>\$ 6,657,196</u>

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**EXHIBIT C-1  
TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VT  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
June 30, 2024**

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Highway Reserve Fund	FEMA Disaster Recovery	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Government Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash	\$ 2,398,109	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155,574	\$ 2,553,683
Accounts receivable, net	98,514	-	-	954,373	-	1,052,887
Delinquent taxes receivable	78,130	-	-	-	-	78,130
Due from other funds	579,192	216,056	553,847	-	834,568	2,183,663
Total assets	<u>3,153,945</u>	<u>216,056</u>	<u>553,847</u>	<u>954,373</u>	<u>990,142</u>	<u>5,868,363</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable	166,915	-	-	-	-	166,915
Tax sale proceeds in escrow	50,984	-	-	-	-	50,984
Unearned revenue	260,500	-	-	-	-	260,500
FEMA bond payable	-	-	62,127	-	-	62,127
Accrued salaries and benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	1,720,196	-	76,968	954,373	183,708	2,935,245
Total liabilities	<u>2,198,595</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,095</u>	<u>954,373</u>	<u>183,708</u>	<u>3,475,771</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Unavailable property tax revenue	69,488	-	-	-	-	69,488
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>69,488</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,488</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>						
Restricted	-	-	-	-	335,564	335,564
Committed	-	-	-	-	267,712	267,712
Assigned	-	-	414,752	-	203,158	617,910
Unassigned	885,862	216,056	-	-	-	1,101,918
Total fund balances	<u>885,862</u>	<u>216,056</u>	<u>414,752</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>806,434</u>	<u>2,323,104</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,153,945</u>	<u>\$ 216,056</u>	<u>\$ 553,847</u>	<u>\$ 954,373</u>	<u>\$ 990,142</u>	<u>\$ 5,868,363</u>

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**EXHIBIT C-2**  
**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VT**  
**RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO THE**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**  
**June 30, 2024**

**Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-1)** \$ 2,323,104

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not considered financial resources for fund perspective reporting and, therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds.

Cost	10,338,745	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,368,495)</u>	4,970,250

Pension related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds as follows:

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	145,844
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(25,224)

Revenues that will be collected after year-end and are not available to pay for the current period's expenditures are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the funds	69,487
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Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and are therefore not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:

Net pension liability	(456,186)	
General obligation bonds and other debt payable	<u>(2,264,230)</u>	<u>(2,720,416)</u>

**Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit A)** \$ 4,763,045



**EXHIBIT C-3**  
**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the year ending June 30, 2024**

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Highway Reserve Fund	FEMA Disaster Recovery	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Government Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Property taxes	\$ 566,995	\$ 1,015,514	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,582,509
Property taxes - interest and penalties	30,016	-	-	-	-	30,016
Intergovernmental	557,343	339,913	-	1,539,160	319,201	2,755,617
Charges for services	62,930	-	-	-	250,913	313,843
Licenses and permits	9,278	10,898	-	-	-	20,176
Investment income	86,696	-	-	-	-	86,696
Miscellaneous	30,779	1,972	-	-	30,416	63,167
Total revenues	<u>1,344,037</u>	<u>1,368,297</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,539,160</u>	<u>600,530</u>	<u>4,852,024</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
General government	920,924	-	-	-	-	920,924
Public safety	603,792	-	-	-	247,486	851,278
Highways and streets	-	1,173,051	-	1,539,160	-	2,712,211
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	203,370	203,370
Capital outlay	-	-	6,600	-	175,716	182,316
Debt service:						
Principal	96,934	-	56,547	-	-	153,481
Interest	65,349	-	21,272	-	-	86,621
Total expenditures	<u>1,686,999</u>	<u>1,173,051</u>	<u>84,419</u>	<u>1,539,160</u>	<u>626,572</u>	<u>5,110,201</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(342,962)	195,246	(84,419)	-	(26,042)	(258,177)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>						
Transfers in	188,040	-	250,000	-	205,000	643,040
Transfers out	(150,072)	(350,000)	-	-	(142,968)	(643,040)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>37,968</u>	<u>(350,000)</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,032</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	(304,994)	(154,754)	165,581	-	35,990	(258,177)
<b>FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, 2023</b>	<u>1,190,856</u>	<u>370,810</u>	<u>249,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>770,444</u>	<u>2,581,281</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30, 2024</b>	<u>\$ 885,862</u>	<u>\$ 216,056</u>	<u>\$ 414,752</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 806,434</u>	<u>\$ 2,323,104</u>

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**EXHIBIT C-4**  
**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VT**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT**  
**OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the year ending June 30, 2024**

**Net change in fund balances of governmental fund (Exhibit C-3)** \$ (258,177)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:

Capital asset purchases	99,400	
Depreciation	(393,796)	
		(294,396)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Principal repayment of bonds and notes payable

Long-term borrowings		
Principal repayments of debt	173,802	
		173,802

Revenue in the statement of activities that does not provide current financial resources is not reported in the governmental funds

Unavailable revenue - property taxes		55,164
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

Change in net pension liability	(14,861)	
Change in pension related deferred outflows	(41,234)	
Change in pension related deferred inflows	5,084	
		(51,011)

**Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit B)** \$ (374,618)

**EXHIBIT D-1**  
**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**For the year ending June 30, 2024**

	<u>Original and Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes	\$ 885,359	\$ 719,410	\$ (165,948)
Delinquent taxes	24,000	31,663	7,663
Cemetery	-	3	3
Administration fees	7,600	7,600	-
Listers	400	-	(400)
Town clerk/treasurer	26,370	22,351	(4,019)
Animal control	4,100	4,202	102
Ambulance	361,782	303,235	(58,547)
Fire department	282,923	306,409	23,486
General income	13,100	92,133	79,033
Special appropriation revenue	45,072	45,072	-
Total revenues	<u>1,650,706</u>	<u>1,532,078</u>	<u>(118,627)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Selectboard	5,806	7,443	(1,637)
Planning commission	13,970	6,411	7,559
Auditors	5,300	5,978	(678)
Listers	12,759	4,087	8,672
Board of civil authority	2,403	156	2,247
Elections	4,815	2,277	2,538
Manager's office	174,419	181,443	(7,024)
Clerk/Treasurer	135,931	125,410	10,521
General operating budget	263,552	161,895	101,657
Other operating expenditures	29,600	427,329	(397,729)
Public safety	90,330	86,109	4,221
Animal control	14,000	5,673	8,327
Ambulance	361,783	302,499	59,284
Public safety building	203,243	206,560	(3,317)
Fire	282,923	263,967	18,956
Storm Water	4,800	4,763	37
Special articles	45,072	45,072	-
Total expenditures	<u>1,650,706</u>	<u>1,837,072</u>	<u>(186,366)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(304,994)</u>	<u>\$ (304,994)</u>
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2023		<u>1,190,856</u>	
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2024		<u>\$ 885,862</u>	

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**EXHIBIT D-2**  
**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)**  
**HIGHWAY FUND**  
**For the year ending June 30, 2024**

	<b>Original and Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 1,015,514	\$ 1,015,514	\$ -
State/Federal aid	180,000	339,913	159,913
Highway reserve accounts	169,836	-	(169,836)
Other	-	12,870	12,870
Total revenues	1,365,350	1,368,297	2,947
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Highway operations	291,750	248,320	43,430
Highway equipment	170,700	245,770	(75,070)
Highway reserve accounts	350,000	350,000	-
Highway salary and employee benefits	530,150	470,345	59,805
Garage expenditures	22,750	19,613	3,137
Flood damage	-	189,004	(189,004)
Total expenditures	1,365,350	1,523,052	31,302
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ -	(154,755)	\$ (154,755)
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2022		370,810	
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2023		\$ 216,055	

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**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**June 30, 2024**

	<b>WATER</b>	<b>SEWER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 24,257	\$ 47,844	\$ 72,101
Prepaid expenses	1,073	-	1,073
Due from other funds	581,069	170,513	751,582
Non-depreciable:			
Land	32,500	179	32,679
Buildings and improvements	-	490,998	490,998
Water/sewer system and improvements	862,636	2,052,620	2,915,256
Accumulated depreciation	(499,899)	(1,100,697)	(1,600,596)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,001,636</b>	<b>1,661,457</b>	<b>2,663,093</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable	724	30	754
Bonds payable due within one year	-	36,718	36,718
Bonds payable due after one year	-	731,470	731,470
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>768,218</b>	<b>768,942</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	395,237	674,912	1,070,149
Restricted	123,448	66,627	190,075
Unrestricted	482,227	151,700	633,927
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,912</b>	<b>\$ 893,239</b>	<b>\$ 1,894,151</b>

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**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND**  
**CHANGES IN NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**For the year ending June 30, 2024**

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>			
Charges for services	\$ 179,507	\$ 209,795	\$ 389,302
Total operating revenue	<u>179,507</u>	<u>209,795</u>	<u>389,302</u>
 <b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Administration	3,800	3,800	7,600
Supplies	28,927	20,561	49,488
Outside services	55,958	80,148	136,106
Insurance	2,340	2,320	4,660
Maintenance and repairs	37,571	20,803	58,374
Building and grounds	29,325	36,088	65,413
Depreciation expense	27,586	84,710	112,296
Total operating expenses	<u>185,507</u>	<u>248,430</u>	<u>433,937</u>
 Income from operations	<u>(6,000)</u>	<u>(38,635)</u>	<u>(44,635)</u>
 <b>NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)</b>			
Interest expense	-	(13,843)	(13,843)
Total non-operating revenues (expense)	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,843)</u>	<u>(13,843)</u>
 Change in net position	(6,000)	(52,478)	(58,478)
 Net position, beginning of year	<u>1,006,912</u>	<u>945,717</u>	<u>1,952,629</u>
 Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 1,000,912</u>	<u>\$ 893,239</u>	<u>\$ 1,894,151</u>

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**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VT**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**For the year ending June 30, 2024**

	<b>WATER</b>	<b>SEWER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Cash received from customers	\$ 171,784	\$ 204,265	\$ 376,049
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	<u>(157,921)</u>	<u>(163,720)</u>	<u>(321,641)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>13,863</u>	<u>40,545</u>	<u>54,408</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS TO NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Interfund repayments from/(advances to)	<u>(13,863)</u>	<u>11,897</u>	<u>(1,966)</u>
Net cash used in non-capital financing activities	<u>(13,863)</u>	<u>11,897</u>	<u>(1,966)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM (TO) CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Interest paid on notes and bonds, net of rebate	-	(15,474)	(15,474)
Principal payments on notes and bonds	<u>-</u>	<u>(36,968)</u>	<u>(36,968)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>(52,442)</u>	<u>(52,442)</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	-	-	-
CASH BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY(USED IN) FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (6,000)	\$ (38,635)	\$ (44,635)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities			
Depreciation expense	27,586	84,710	112,296
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	<u>(7,723)</u>	<u>(5,530)</u>	<u>(13,253)</u>
<i>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</i>	<u><u>\$ 13,863</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 40,545</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 54,408</u></u>

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**EXHIBIT F**  
**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VERMONT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**FIDUCIARY FUNDS**  
**June 30, 2024**

	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Playground</u>	<u>Jr. High</u>	<u>Overseer</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,111	\$ 103	\$ 829.00	\$ 9,285	\$ 22,328
Investments	<u>402,878</u>	<u>25,883</u>	<u>3,155</u>	<u>43,502</u>	<u>475,418</u>
Total assets	<u>414,989</u>	<u>25,986</u>	<u>3,984</u>	<u>52,787</u>	<u>497,746</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Intergovernmental payables	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>					
Restricted	<u>\$ 414,989</u>	<u>\$ 25,986</u>	<u>\$ 3,984</u>	<u>\$ 52,787</u>	<u>\$ 497,746</u>

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**EXHIBIT G**  
**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VERMONT**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**FIDUCIARY FUNDS**  
**For the year ending June 30, 2024**

	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Playground</u>	<u>Jr. High</u>	<u>Overseer</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>					
New funds	\$ 11,375	\$ -	\$ 857	\$ 555	\$ 12,787
Investment income	13,931	-	46	-	13,977
Transfers between funds	(4,937)	(103)	(6,363)	11,403	-
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	<u>28,134</u>	<u>2,564</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>(430)</u>	<u>30,391</u>
Total revenue	<u>48,503</u>	<u>2,461</u>	<u>(5,337)</u>	<u>11,528</u>	<u>57,155</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>					
Trust distributions	<u>-</u>	<u>980</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net position	48,503	1,481	(5,482)	11,453	55,955
NET POSITION, beginning of year	<u>366,486</u>	<u>24,505</u>	<u>9,466</u>	<u>41,334</u>	<u>441,791</u>
NET POSITION, end of year	<u>\$ 414,989</u>	<u>\$ 25,986</u>	<u>\$ 3,984</u>	<u>\$ 52,787</u>	<u>\$ 497,746</u>

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TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VERMONT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2024

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Town of Williamstown, Vermont, (the “Town”) was granted a charter under the provisions of the State of Vermont and operates under a trustee-treasurer form of government and provides services to Town residents as authorized by the charter.

The Town has adopted the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"), the accepted standard setting body for establishing accounting and financial reporting principals for government units, except for the omission from its financial statements of the financial position and results of operations of the Electric Light Department.

The Board of Trustees of the Town adopted the following policies which are consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

Reporting Entity

This report includes all of the funds of the Town. The reporting entity consists of the primary government; organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that their exclusion would cause the reporting entity’s financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization’s governing body and it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or burdens on the primary government. The primary government may be financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on the primary government. Based on these criteria, the Williamstown Electric Department should be combined with the financial statements of the Town but has been omitted from these financial statements. The Electric Light Department operates separately, reporting on a calendar year basis, and is audited separately. A copy of that audit is available upon request.

Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Town are organized and operated on the basis of fund accounting. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The basic financial statements of the Town include both government-wide statements and fund financial statements. The focus of the government-wide statements is on reporting the operating results and financial position of the Town as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Town’s finances. The focus of the fund financial statements is on reporting on the operating results and financial position of the most significant funds of the Town and present a shorter-term view of how operations were financed and what remains available for future spending.

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements: The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the primary government, the Town. These statements report financial information of the Town's non-fiduciary activities as a whole. Individual funds are not displayed but the statements distinguish governmental activities, generally supported by taxes, state aid, grants, and Town general revenues, from business-type activities, generally financed in whole or in part with fees charged to external customers.

The Statement of Activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges for services which report fees, fines, and forfeitures, and other charges to users of the Town's services; (2) operating grants and contributions which finance annual operating activities, including restricted investment income; and (3) capital grants and contributions which fund the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of capital assets and include fees to developers. These revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions to these program uses. Taxes and other revenue sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Net position (the amount by which assets and deferred outflows exceed liabilities and deferred inflows) are reported on the Statement of Net Position in three components:

- (1) Net investment in capital assets – total amount of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances of bonds and other debt that are related to the acquisition or construction of those assets, including related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources;
- (2) Restricted – for amounts when constraints placed on the net position are either externally imposed or are imposed by constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- (3) Unrestricted – the total net position which do not fit the two preceding categories. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, generally it is the Town's policy to use restricted assets first with unrestricted resources utilized as needed.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental, proprietary and fiduciary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

The Town reports on the following major governmental funds:

*General Fund* – This is the Town's main operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government except those accounted for in another fund.

*Highway Fund* – This is the Town's fund that accounts for all financial resources relating to maintenance, repair and replacement of the Town's highway and street infrastructure.

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

*Highway Reserve Fund* – This is the Town’s fund that accounts for capital project funds reserved for use in maintaining and replacing the Town’s highway and street infrastructure assets and related equipment.

All other funds are non-major governmental funds and are combined in a single column in each of the respective fund financial statements.

Proprietary Funds

The focus of proprietary funds measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. Operating revenue and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund’s principal ongoing operations. All revenue and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenue and expense. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable to these funds are similar to those applied to businesses in the private sector. The Town reports on the following major enterprise funds:

*Sewer Fund* – This fund is used to account for the operations of the Sewer Department.

*Water Fund* – This fund is used to account for the operations of the Water Department.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the Town as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and other governments. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve the measurement of results of operations.

Measurement Focus

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. This means that all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds (whether current or noncurrent) are included on the balance sheet (or statement of net position). Equity (i.e., net position) is segregated into invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. Operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally reported on Governmental fund balance sheets. Governmental fund financial statements reported fund balances (net current position) are considered a measure of available spendable resources and are segregated into non-spendable; restricted; committed; assigned and unassigned amounts. The operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current position. Accordingly, such statements are said to present a summary of sources and uses of available spendable resources during a period.

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time the liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flow takes place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and “available” means the amount is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Town considers all revenues reported in governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty (60) days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, certain compensated absences and other long-term liabilities which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated or are funded with expendable available financial resources.

General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted assets available to finance the program. It is the Town’s policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by general revenues. Expenditure driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and other grant requirements have been met.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Receivables

Receivables in the government-wide financial statements represent amounts due to the Town at June 30 that will be collected at some time in the future. They consist primarily of accrued taxes and related interest and penalties and are reported net of allowance for uncollectible accounts. Receivables reported in the governmental funds financial statements consist primarily of accrued taxes and related interest and penalties. Other receivables include primarily fees, fines, and expenditure reimbursements due to various Town programs and activities. Revenues accrued in the governmental funds' financial statements consist primarily of accrued taxes and related interest and penalties that will be collected by the Town within 60 days after year-end. Amounts estimated to be collected after the 60-day revenue recognition period are recorded as unavailable revenues (deferred inflows of resources).

Internal Balances

Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements that are outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "Advances to/from Other Funds". Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances". Cash balances deposited and invested by the Treasurer in a combined cash account are reported as "Due to/from Other Funds".

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund reserve account (non-spendable fund balance) in the applicable funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

Capital Assets

The Town's property, plant, equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the government-wide financial statements. The Town maintains infrastructure asset records consistent with all other capital assets. The Town has elected under the requirements of GASB Statement No. 34 not to capitalize infrastructure costs prior to January 1, 2004. Proprietary capital assets are also reported in their respective fund financial statements. Donated assets are stated at fair value on the date donated.

Capital assets reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are depreciated in order that the cost of these assets will be charged to expenses over their estimated service lives, generally using the straight-line method of calculating depreciation.

The Town generally capitalizes assets with cost of \$5,000 or more as purchase and construction outlays occur. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method. When capital assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations.

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follows:

Buildings and improvements	10 - 50
Equipment and Vehicles	5 - 20
Utility systems	8 - 50
Infrastructure	8 - 20

Capital assets are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital outlays in these funds are recorded as expenditures in the year they are acquired.

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, “deferred outflows of resources”, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditures) until then. The Town has no items which arise under the accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, “deferred inflows of resources”, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town has one type of transaction which arises under the modified accrual basis of accounting and one type which arises under the accrual basis of accounting that qualify for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, “unavailable revenue”, is reported in the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds balance sheet reports unavailable revenues from one source; unavailable property taxes, which are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

Accrued Compensated Absences

Employees may carry forward five days of vacation from one calendar year to the next. Upon termination, employees will be paid for these carryforward days plus days earned up to the date of termination. Sick time cannot be carried forward and will not be paid upon termination. Certain employees with ten years of service at the time that the policy was last modified to its current state, were allowed to carry forward additional sick time credits. These employees will be compensated for these credits upon retirement. Accrued compensated absences are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Compensated absences in these funds are recorded as expenditures in the year they are paid. As of June 30, 2024, there were no accrued compensated absences.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

*Deferred outflows of resources*, a separate financial statement element, represents a consumption of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and thus will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then.

*Deferred inflows of resources*, a separate financial statement element, represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s), and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Although certain revenues are measurable, they are not available.

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Available means collected within the current year or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. Deferred inflows of resources in the governmental fund financial statements represent the amount of assets that have been recognized, but the related revenue has not been recognized since the assets are not collected within the current year or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year.

Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities include bonds, notes and capital leases payable and other obligations such as compensated absences and the Town's proportionate share of net pension liability. Long-term liabilities are reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. Governmental fund financial statements do not include any long-term liabilities as those funds use the current financial resources measurement focus and only include current liabilities on their balance sheets.

Budgetary Accounting: General governmental revenues and expenditures accounted for in budgetary funds are controlled by a formal integrated budgetary system in accordance with various legal requirements which govern the Town's operations. The Town's department heads and Town manager submit an annual budget to the Town's Trustees for review. A public hearing is held prior to the Town meeting to review the budget. The Town approves the budget at the annual Town meeting and the tax rate is determined by the Trustees based on the budget and grand list. Formal budgetary accounting is employed as a management control device in the General Fund.

Fund Balances

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. The non-spendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form -prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds. Non-major funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB 34 and 37 set forth minimum criteria for the determination of major funds. The General Fund is shown as the major governmental fund. All other governmental funds are non-major and are combined in a single column in each of the respective fund financial statements.

Restricted fund balance: This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance: These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the Board, which is the Town's highest level of decision-making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes voter approved reservations and contractual obligations to the extent that the existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.



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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Assigned fund balance: This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the Board's "intent" to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The Board has the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as non-spendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned fund balance: This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances on other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted funds first, then unrestricted funds. Furthermore, committed fund balances are reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

**Note 2. Deposits**

*Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits.* The Treasurer works with the Board to limit custodial credit risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it.

The table below reflects the custodial credit risk of the Town's Deposits.

Insured by FDIC	\$	500,000
Insured by SPIC		-
Uninsured - collateralized		<u>2,604,247</u>
Total bank balances	\$	<u>3,104,247</u>

**Note 3. Due to/From Other Funds**

The Town has combined some of the cash resources of its governmental and proprietary funds for accounting and reporting purposes. That portion of the pooled cash balance is reported in the specific fund as an inter-fund balance. Inter-fund balances at June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Due from Other Funds</u>	<u>Due to Other Funds</u>
Governmental Funds		
General Fund	\$ 579,192	\$ 1,720,196
Highway fund	216,056	-
Highway reserve fund	553,847	76,968
FEMA grant fund	-	954,373
Non-major Funds	834,568	183,708
Proprietary Funds		
Water Fund	581,069	-
Sewer Fund	170,513	-
Totals	\$ <u>2,935,245</u>	\$ <u>2,935,245</u>

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**Note 4. Capital Assets Activity**

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 210,354	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210,354
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>210,354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>210,354</u>
Capital Assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	2,765,277	-	-	2,765,277
Equipment and vehicles	4,925,335	99,400	-	5,024,735
Infrastructure	2,338,379	-	-	2,338,379
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>10,028,991</u>	<u>99,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,128,391</u>
Accumulated depreciation			-	
Buildings and improvements	(683,077)	(68,856)	-	(751,933)
Equipment and vehicles	(3,208,902)	(254,096)	-	(3,462,998)
Infrastructure	(1,082,720)	(70,844)	-	(1,153,564)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,974,699)</u>	<u>(393,796)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,368,495)</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 5,264,646</u>	<u>\$ (294,396)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,970,250</u>

Governmental Activities capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General government	\$ 26,191
Public safety	188,180
Highways and streets	179,425
	<u>\$ 393,796</u>

Proprietary funds capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 32,679	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,679
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	490,998	-	-	490,998
Water/sewer system and improvements	2,915,256	-	-	2,915,256
Totals	<u>3,406,254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,406,254</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	(483,248)	(1,000)	-	(484,248)
Water/sewer system and improvements	(1,005,053)	(111,295)	-	(1,116,348)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,488,301)</u>	<u>(112,295)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,600,596)</u>
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 1,950,632</u>	<u>\$ (112,295)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,838,337</u>

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**Note 5. Long-Term Liabilities**

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Reductions	Total June 30, 2024	Due Within One Year
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
Bonds and notes payable	\$ 2,438,032	\$ -	\$ (173,802)	\$ 2,264,230	\$ 233,470
Net pension liability	441,325	14,861	-	456,186	-
Total governmental activities long-term liabilities	\$ 2,879,357	\$ 226,130	\$ (159,435)	\$ 2,879,357	\$ 181,694

Long-term notes and bonds payable consist of the following at June 30, 2024:

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Payments	Balance June 30, 2024	Amount Due Within One Year
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
Bond payable (public safety building), Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, annual payments of \$20,322, plus interest at a rate of minus 3 percent (-3%). Bond matures February 1, 2039.	\$ 325,144	\$ -	\$ (20,322)	\$ 304,822	\$ 20,322
Note payable (fire truck), People's United Bank, with interest at 2.25% and annual payments of \$20,000 due through September 30, 2023. Loan was refinanced on September 15, 2020.	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-
Note payable, Kansas State Bank, annual payments of \$25,139, with interest at 3.36%. Lease matures May 2028.	115,227	-	(21,717)	93,510	22,361
Note payable, Kansas State Bank, annual payments of \$25,139, with interest at 3.36%. Lease matures May 2028.	115,227	-	(21,717)	93,510	22,361
Bond payable (fire station), Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, annual principal payments of \$76,966, with interest at 3.88%. Bond matures November 2044.	1,692,535	-	(76,933)	1,615,602	76,933
Capital lease payable, Caterpillar Financial Services, annual principal and interest payments of \$29,902, with interest at 5.44%. Note matures June 2029.	169,900	-	(13,114)	156,786	29,366
Total governmental activities	\$ 2,438,033	\$ -	\$ (173,803)	\$ 2,264,230	\$ 171,343

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**Note 5. Long-Term Liabilities (continued)**

Business-Type Activities:

*Sewer Fund:*

Rural development loan (sewer improvement), USDA, annual payments of \$22,195, plus interest at a rate of 1.88%. Note matures March 1, 2047.

\$ 805,156    \$ -    \$ (36,968)    \$ 768,188    \$ 36,718

Scheduled maturities of notes and bonds payable are as follows as of June 30, 2024:

Year Ending June 30,	Governmental Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 171,343	\$ 77,694	\$ 249,037
2026	166,102	72,123	238,225
2027	168,739	66,444	235,183
2028	171,492	60,654	232,146
2029	124,081	54,747	178,828
Thereafter	<u>1,462,473</u>	<u>415,058</u>	<u>1,877,531</u>
	\$ <u>2,264,230</u>	\$ <u>746,720</u>	\$ <u>3,010,950</u>

Year Ending June 30,	Business-Type Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 37,238	\$ 13,573	\$ 50,811
2026	37,717	13,094	50,811
2027	38,206	12,605	50,811
2028	38,669	12,142	50,811
2029	27,067	11,601	38,668
Thereafter	<u>589,291</u>	<u>110,152</u>	<u>699,443</u>
	\$ <u>768,188</u>	\$ <u>173,166</u>	\$ <u>941,354</u>

**Note 6. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

Deferred outflows of resources are as follows:

	Entity-Wide Basis		Governmental Funds	
		Government Activities		General
Governmental Activities:				
Deferred amounts related to pension	\$	<u>145,844</u>	\$	<u>-</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$	<u>145,844</u>	\$	<u>-</u>

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**Note 6. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (continued)**

Deferred inflows of resources are as follows:

	Entity-Wide Basis		Governmental Funds
	Government Activities		General
Governmental Activities:			
Unavailable revenue – property taxes	-		69,488
Deferred amounts related to pension	\$ 25,224	\$	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$ 25,224	\$	69,488

**7. Pension Plan**

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

*Pensions*

For purposes of measuring the Net Pension Liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Vermont Municipal Employees’ Retirement System (VMERS), and additions to/deductions from VMERSs’ fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by VMERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

General Information about the Pension Plan

*Plan Description*

The Vermont Municipal Employees’ Retirement System is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that is administered by the State Treasurer and its Board of Trustees. It is designed for school districts and other municipal employees that work on a regular basis and also includes employees of museums and libraries if at least half of that institution’s operating expenses are met by municipal funds. An employee of any employer that becomes affiliated with the system may join at that time or at any time thereafter. Any employee hired subsequent to the effective participation date of their employer who meets the minimum hourly requirements is required to join the system.

During the plan year ended June 30, 2024, the retirement system consisted of 402 participating employers. The plan was established effective July 1, 1975, and is governed by Title 24, V.S.A. Chapter 125.

The general administration and responsibility for formulating administrative policy and procedures of the retirement system for its members and their beneficiaries is vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of five members.

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**Note 7. Pension Plan (continued)**

They are the State Treasurer, two employee representatives elected by the membership of the system, and two employer representatives-one elected by the governing bodies of participating employers of the system, and one selected by the Governor from a list of four nominees. The list of four nominees is jointly submitted by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Vermont School Boards Association.

All assets are held in a single trust and are available to pay retirement benefits to all members. Benefits available to each group are based on average final compensation (AFC) and years of creditable service.

**Summary of System Provisions**

Membership	Full-time employees of participating municipalities. Municipality elects coverage under Groups A, B, C or D provisions.
Creditable service	Service as a member plus purchased service
Average Final Compensation (AFC)	Group A – average annual compensation during the highest 5 consecutive years. Group B and C – average annual compensation during highest 3 consecutive years. Group D – average annual compensation during highest 2 consecutive years.
Service Retirement Allowance Eligibility	Group A – the earlier of age 65 with 5 years of service or age 55 with 35 years of service. Group B – the earlier of age 62 with 5 years of service or age 55 with 30 years of service. Groups C and D – age 55 with 5 years of service.
Amount	Group A – 1.4% of AFC x service Group B – 1.7% of AFC x service as Group B member plus percentage earned as Group A member x AFC. Group C – 2.5% of AFC x service as a Group C member plus percentage earned as a Group A or B member x AFC. Group D – 2.5% of AFC x service as a Group D member plus percentage earned as a Group A, B, or C member x AFC Maximum benefit is 60% of AFC for Groups A and B and 50% of AFC for Groups C and D. The above includes the portion of the allowance provided by member contributions.
Early Retirement Allowance Eligibility	Age 55 with 5 years of service for Groups A and B; age 50 with 20 years of service for Group D.
Amount	Normal allowance based on service and AFC at early retirement, reduced by 6% for each year commencement proceeds Normal Retirement Age for Group A and B members, and payable without reduction to Group D members.
Vested Retirement Allowance Eligibility	5 years of service.

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**Note 7. Pension Plan (continued)**

Amount	Allowance beginning at normal retirement age based on AFC and service at termination. The AFC is to be adjusted annually by one-half of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, subject to the limits on “Post-Retirement Adjustments” described below.
Disability Retirement Allowance Eligibility	5 years of service and disability as determined by Retirement Board.
Amount	Immediate allowance based on AFC and service to date of disability; children’s benefit of 10% of AFC payable to up to three minor children (or children up to age 23 if enrolled in full-time studies) of a disabled Group D member.
Death Benefit Eligibility	Death after 5 years of service.
Amount	For Groups A, B, C, reduced early retirement allowance under 100% survivor option commencing immediately or, if greater, survivor’s benefits under disability annuity computed as of date of death. For Group D, 70% of the unreduced accrued benefit plus children’s benefit.
Optional Benefit and Death after Retirement	For Groups A, B, C, lifetime allowance or actuarially equivalent 50% or 100% joint and survivor allowance with refund of contribution guarantee. For Group D, lifetime allowance or 70% contingent annuitant option with no reduction.
Refund of Contribution	Upon termination, if the member so elects or if no other benefit is payable, the member’s accumulated contributions are refunded.
Post-Retirement Adjustments	Allowance in payment for at least one year increased on each January 1 by one-half of the percentage increase in consumer price index but not more than 2% for Group A and 3% for Groups B, C and D.
Member Contributions	Group A – 3.750% effective July 1, 2023 Group B – 6.125% effective July 1, 2023 Group C – 11.25% effective July 1, 2023 Group D – 12.60% effective July 1, 2023
Employer Contributions	Group A – 5.25% effective July 1, 2023 Group B – 6.75% effective July 1, 2023 Group C – 8.50% effective July 1, 2023 Group D – 11.10% effective July 1, 2023
Retirement Stipend	\$25 per month payable at the option of the Board of Retirees.

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

At June 30, 2024, the Town reported a liability of \$456,186 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability.

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**Note 7. Pension Plan (continued)**

The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and was determined based upon the results of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, adjusted forward using standard actuarial techniques. The Town’s proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the Town’s long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2024, the Town’s proportion was 0.14%, which did not change materially from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Town recognized pension expense of \$92,706.

At June 30, 2024, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 28,610	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	51,900	-
Change in assumptions	14,869	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions	8,768	25,224
Town’s employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	41,697	-
Total	\$ 145,844	\$ 25,224

The deferred outflows of resources resulting from the Town’s required employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date in the amount of \$41,697 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:	
2025	\$ 2,603
2026	45,736
2027	(1,074)



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**Note 7. Pension Plan (continued)**

**Significant Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

**Interest Rate:** A select-and-ultimate interest rate set, specified below. The interest rate set is restarted every year:

Year 1:	6.50%
Year 2:	5.75%
Year 3:	5.25%
Year 4:	5.00%
Year 5:	4.75%
Year 6:	4.75%
Year 7:	4.75%
Year 8:	4.75%
Year 9:	4.75%
Year 10+:	4.50%

**Salary Increases:** 4.5% per year.

**Deaths:**

Active Participants – 50% of the probabilities in the 1995 Buck Mortality Tables for males and females.

Non-disabled retirees and terminated vested participants – the 1995 Buck Mortality Tables with no set-back for males and one-year set-back for females.

Disabled retirees – RP-2000 Disabled Life Tables.

Beneficiaries – 1995 Buck Mortality Tables for males and females.

**Spouse's Age:** Husbands are assumed to be three years older than their wives.

**Cost-of-living Adjustments to Benefits Terminated Vested and Retired Participants:** Assumed to occur at the rate of 1.5% per annum for Group A members and 1.8% per annum for members of Groups B, C and D.

**Actuarial Cost Method:** Entry Age Normal – Level Percentage of Pay.

**Asset Valuation Method:** Invested assets are reported at fair value.

Note – for funding purposes – a smoothing method is used, under which the value of assets for actuarial purposes equals market value less a five-year phase-in of the differences between actual and assumed investment return. The value of assets for actuarial purposes may not differ from the market value of assets by more than 20%.

**Inflation:** The separately stated assumptions for investment return, salary increases and cost of living adjustments are consistent with an expected annual inflation rate of 2.30% per year.

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**Note 7. Pension Plan (continued)**

The long-term expected rate of return on System investments was determined using best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) developed for each major asset class using an econometric model that forecasts a variety of economic environments and then calculates asset class returns based on functional relationships between the economic variable and the asset classes. These best estimate ranges were combined to produce forecasts of the short, intermediate, and longer-term horizons by weighting the expected future nominal rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The various time horizons in the forecast are intended to capture more recent economic and capital market conditions as well as other plausible environments that could develop in the future over economic cycles. To reflect this in the rate-of-return assumption, a Select and Ultimate assumption setting approach, which is cited in Section 3.8.4 of Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 27 as an alternative to a single assumed rate of return, is employed.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global Equities	44.00%	5.35%
Private Equity	10.00%	6.50%
Emerging Market Debt	2.00%	5.00%
Private and Alternative Credit	10.00%	5.50%
Non-Core Real Estate	4.00%	5.50%
Core Fixed Income	19.00%	1.50%
Core Real Estate	4.00%	3.25%
US TIPS	2.00%	1.50%
Infrastructure/Farmland	5.00%	4.25%
	100.00%	

**Discount rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will continue to be made in accordance with the current funding policy. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current System members. The assumed discount rate has been determined in accordance with the method prescribed by GASB 68.

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**Note 7. Pension Plan (continued)**

***Sensitivity of the Employer’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate***

The following presents the entity's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the proportionate share would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percent lower (6.00%) or one percent higher (8.00%):

	<b>1% Decrease (6.00%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (8.00%)</b>
Town’s combined proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 686,631	\$ 456,186	\$ 266,770

***Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position***

Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available as a part of the State of Vermont’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR can be viewed on the State’s Department of Finance & Management website at:

[http://finance.vermont.gov/reports\\_and\\_publications/CAFR](http://finance.vermont.gov/reports_and_publications/CAFR)

**Note 8. Risk Management**

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains insurance coverage through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc. covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The Town must remain a member for a minimum of one year and may withdraw from the Fund after that time by giving sixty-days notice. Fund underwriting and rate setting policies have been established after consultation with actuaries. Fund members are subject to a supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the Fund’s liabilities.

**Note 9. Contingent Liabilities**

The Town participates in a number of federally assisted and state grant programs that are subject to audits by the grantors or their representatives. Accordingly, compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at some future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

**Note 10. Property Taxes**

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of April 1, annually. Property taxes are due in a single installment on November 16<sup>th</sup>. All late payments are subject to an 8% penalty and interest is calculated at 1% per month.

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**Note 10. Property Taxes (continued)**

Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the period for which they are levied, which is the fiscal year during which tax payments are due, provided the taxes are received within sixty (60) days after year-end. The remaining receivables are reported as unearned revenue, a deferred inflow of resources.

The Town tax rate for fiscal year 2024 were as follows:

	Residential	Non-Residential
General fund	\$ 0.1848	\$ 0.1848
Highway fund	0.2897	0.2897
Fire department	0.0848	0.0848
Ambulance	0.0552	0.0552
Cemetery	0.0121	0.0121
Library	0.0287	0.0287
Special articles	0.0093	0.0093
Local agreement	0.0046	0.0046
State education tax	1.3768	1.6210
	<u>\$ 2.0460</u>	<u>\$ 2.2902</u>

**Note 11. Net Position**

Governmental and business-type activities net position reported on the government-wide Statement of Net Position at June 30, 2024 includes the following:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Net investment in capital assets:			
Net capital assets	\$ 4,970,250	\$ 1,838,337	\$ 6,808,587
General obligation bonds/notes payable	(2,326,357)	(768,188)	(3,094,545)
Total net investment in capital assets	<u>2,643,893</u>	<u>1,070,149</u>	<u>3,714,042</u>
Restricted:			
Veteran's Memorial Park	4,187	-	4,187
Parade fund	3,413	-	3,413
Cemetery funds	(858)	-	(858)
Henry Baker fund	4,170	-	4,170
Tax rate stabilization fund	104,281	-	104,281
Ambulance fund	217,546	-	217,546
Library fund	(10,735)	-	(10,735)
Other funds	13,560	-	13,560
Water and sewer reserve funds	-	190,075	190,075
Total restricted	<u>335,564</u>	<u>190,075</u>	<u>525,639</u>
Unrestricted:			
Total unrestricted	<u>1,783,588</u>	<u>633,927</u>	<u>2,417,515</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,763,045</u>	<u>\$ 1,894,151</u>	<u>\$ 6,657,196</u>

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**Note 12. Governmental Fund Balances**

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<b>Restricted:</b>			
Veteran’s Memorial Park	\$ -	\$ 4,187	\$ 4,187
Parade fund	-	3,413	3,413
Cemetery funds	-	(858)	(858)
Henry Baker fund	-	4,170	4,170
Tax rate stabilization reserve fund	-	104,281	104,281
Ambulance funds	-	217,546	217,546
Library fund	-	(10,735)	(10,735)
Other funds	-	13,560	13,560
Total restricted	-	335,564	335,564
<b>Committed:</b>			
Reappraisal fund	-	180,409	180,409
Records restoration fund	-	87,303	87,303
Total committed	-	267,712	267,712
 <b>Assigned:</b>			
Cemetery reserve funds	-	11,061	11,061
Highway reserve fund	-	414,752	414,752
Fire department funds	-	104,098	104,098
Fire truck fund	-	61,996	61,996
Road rehab fund	-	16,926	16,926
Library reserve funds	-	7,647	7,647
Public safety building fund	-	1,000	1,000
Town hall renovation fund	-	430	430
Total assigned	-	617,910	617,910
<b>Unassigned:</b>			
Unassigned fund	885,862	216,056	1,101,918
Total governmental fund balances	\$ 885,862	\$ 1,437,242	\$ 2,323,104

**Note 13. Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through January 9, 2025, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

**EXHIBIT H**  
**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VERMONT**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY**  
**VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM COST SHARING**  
**MULTIPLE EMPLOYER DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN**  
**For the year ending June 30, 2024**

	June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Town's proportion of the net pension liability	0.16%	0.17%	0.16%	0.14%	0.13%	0.13%	0.17%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 14,676	\$ 129,380	\$ 200,305	\$ 171,039	\$ 188,311	\$ 246,182	\$ 441,180	\$ 215,195	\$ 441,325	\$ 456,186
Town's covered payroll	\$ 436,433	\$ 430,092	\$ 419,176	\$ 426,304	\$ 515,692	\$ 598,270	\$ 794,202	\$ 582,354	\$ 625,468	\$ 613,198
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	3.36%	30.08%	47.79%	40.12%	36.52%	41.15%	55.55%	36.95%	70.56%	74.39%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	98.32%	87.42%	80.95%	83.64%	82.60%	80.35%	74.52%	86.29%	73.60%	74.01%

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**EXHIBIT I**  
**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VERMONT**  
**SCHEDULE OF TOWN CONTRIBUTIONS - PENSIONS**  
**VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM COST SHARING**  
**MULTIPLE EMPLOYER DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN**  
**For the year ending June 30, 2024**

	June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Contractually required contribution	\$ 23,458	\$ 23,655	\$ 23,055	\$ 23,447	\$ 29,130	\$ 27,264	\$ 36,145	\$ 32,507	\$ 40,597	\$ 40,597
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contributions	<u>23,458</u>	<u>23,655</u>	<u>23,055</u>	<u>23,447</u>	<u>29,130</u>	<u>27,264</u>	<u>36,145</u>	<u>32,507</u>	<u>40,597</u>	<u>40,597</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Town's covered payroll	\$ 436,433	\$ 430,092	\$ 419,176	\$ 426,304	\$ 515,692	\$ 598,270	\$ 794,202	\$ 582,354	\$ 625,468	\$ 613,198
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	6.12%	6.10%	6.42%	6.38%	6.63%	6.76%	6.81%	5.58%	6.49%	6.62%

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**SCHEDULE 1  
TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VERMONT  
BALANCE SHEET  
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
June 30, 2024**

	Special Revenue Funds									Capital Projects Funds								Total	
	Reappraisal Fund	Records Restoration Fund	Parade Fund	Tax Rate Stabilization Fund	Veterans Memorial Fund	Cemetery Funds	Library Fund	Henry Baker Fund	Ambulance Funds	Other Funds	Ambulance Reserve Funds	Library Reserve Fund	Cemetery Reserve Funds	Fire Truck Fund	Road Rehab Fund	Fire Department Funds	Public Safety Building Fund		Town Hall Renovation Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>																			
Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 151,404	\$ 4,170	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due from other funds	180,409	87,303	3,413	104,281	4,187	5,476	-	-	217,546	13,560	-	7,647	11,061	61,996	16,926	119,333	1,000	430	
Total assets	<u>180,409</u>	<u>87,303</u>	<u>3,413</u>	<u>104,281</u>	<u>4,187</u>	<u>5,476</u>	<u>151,404</u>	<u>4,170</u>	<u>217,546</u>	<u>13,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,647</u>	<u>11,061</u>	<u>61,996</u>	<u>16,926</u>	<u>119,333</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>990,142</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>																			
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	6,334	162,139	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,235	-	-	-	
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,334</u>	<u>162,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>183,708</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>																			
Restricted	-	-	3,413	104,281	4,187	(858)	(10,735)	4,170	217,546	13,560	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Committed	180,409	87,303	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,647	11,061	61,996	16,926	104,098	1,000	430	
Total fund balances	<u>180,409</u>	<u>87,303</u>	<u>3,413</u>	<u>104,281</u>	<u>4,187</u>	<u>(858)</u>	<u>(10,735)</u>	<u>4,170</u>	<u>217,546</u>	<u>13,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,647</u>	<u>11,061</u>	<u>61,996</u>	<u>16,926</u>	<u>104,098</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>806,434</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 180,409</u>	<u>\$ 87,303</u>	<u>\$ 3,413</u>	<u>\$ 104,281</u>	<u>\$ 4,187</u>	<u>\$ 5,476</u>	<u>\$ 151,404</u>	<u>\$ 4,170</u>	<u>\$ 217,546</u>	<u>\$ 13,560</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,647</u>	<u>\$ 11,061</u>	<u>\$ 61,996</u>	<u>\$ 16,926</u>	<u>\$ 119,333</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 430</u>	<u>\$ 990,142</u>



**SCHEDULE 2  
TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
June 30, 2024**

	Special Revenue Funds									Capital Projects Funds								Total	
	Reappraisal Fund	Records Restoration Fund	Parade Fund	Tax Rate Stabilization Fund	Veterans Memorial Fund	Cemetery Funds	Library Fund	Henry Baker Fund	Ambulance Funds	Other Funds	Ambulance Reserve Funds	Library Reserve Fund	Cemetery Reserve Funds	Fire Truck Fund	Road Rehab Fund	Fire Department Funds	Public Safety Building Fund		Town Hall Renovation Fund
<b>REVENUES</b>																			
Intergovernmental	\$ 14,067	\$ -	\$ 5,620	\$ 137,078	\$ -	\$ 46,500	111,055	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,881	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 319,201
Charges for services	-	6,402	-	-	-	6,600	-	-	237,911	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250,913
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	615	21,671	-	1,047	5,243	-	-	-	-	-	1,840	-	-	30,416
Total revenues	<u>14,067</u>	<u>6,402</u>	<u>5,620</u>	<u>137,078</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,715</u>	<u>132,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>238,958</u>	<u>5,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600,530</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>																			
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,582	-	193,369	-	-	-	-	23,535	-	-	247,486
Culture and recreation	-	-	2,407	-	383	53,031	144,506	-	-	1,843	-	-	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	203,370
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,819	153,897	-	-	-	-	175,716
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>383</u>	<u>53,031</u>	<u>144,506</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,582</u>	<u>1,843</u>	<u>193,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>21,819</u>	<u>153,897</u>	<u>23,535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>626,572</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	14,067	6,402	3,213	137,078	(383)	684	(11,780)	-	208,376	3,400	(193,369)	-	(1,200)	(21,819)	(153,897)	(16,814)	-	-	(26,042)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>																			
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,000	100,000	35,000	-	-	205,000
Transfers out	-	-	-	(142,968)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(142,968)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(142,968)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,032</u>
Net change in fund balances	14,067	6,402	3,213	(5,890)	(383)	684	(11,780)	-	208,376	3,400	(193,369)	-	(1,200)	48,181	(53,897)	18,186	-	-	35,990
Fund Balance, beginning of year	166,342	80,901	200	110,171	4,570	(1,542)	1,045	4,170	9,170	10,160	193,369	7,647	12,261	13,815	70,823	85,912	1,000	430	770,444
Fund Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 180,409</u>	<u>\$ 87,303</u>	<u>\$ 3,413</u>	<u>\$ 104,281</u>	<u>\$ 4,187</u>	<u>\$ (858)</u>	<u>\$ (10,735)</u>	<u>\$ 4,170</u>	<u>\$ 217,546</u>	<u>\$ 13,560</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,647</u>	<u>\$ 11,061</u>	<u>\$ 61,996</u>	<u>\$ 16,926</u>	<u>\$ 104,098</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 430</u>	<u>\$ 806,434</u>



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLAINE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Williamstown, Vermont

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Williamstown, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Williamstown, Vermont's, basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 9, 2025.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Williamstown, Vermont's, internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Williamstown, Vermont's, internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Williamstown, Vermont's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Town's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Williamstown, Vermont's, financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions, of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under "Government Auditing Standards."

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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