

**TOWN OF
ATHENS, VERMONT**

2020

TOWN AND SCHOOL

REPORTS





TOWN OF ATHENS
POPULATION 2010 CENSUS
442
REGISTERED VOTERS
291
800-3312
800-3107
811
800-2500
800-2405
800-3208

In Memory of Eleanor Bemis

1927-2020

Wanda Ann
Cherie Alving
Gordon Pugh

Town Clerk Hours: Monday 9-1 or by appointment
Select Board Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm

On November 11, we lost Eleanor Kingsley Bemis.

She became a resident of Athens in 1957 when she married Robert Bemis. Eleanor was a hard working and dedicated individual, she spent numerous years serving the community as an active member of the school board, Justice of the Peace, library and meeting house committees, the Campbell Fund to name a few. Eleanor will be remembered most for her kind spirit, generosity and willingness to help others.

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261

Town Garage	869-3312
Constable	869-3207
Fire and Rescue	911
Ambulance	911
State Police	1-802-875-2112
Windham County Sheriff's Department	1-802-365-4942
Town Clerk Office	869-3370
Home Number	869-2553
Athens Elementary School	869-2633
Grafton School	843-2495
Emergency Management Director	869-3268
Athens Volunteer Emergency Committee	
Donald Capponcelli	869-2590
Tim Stevenson & Sherry Maher	869-2141
Lynn Morgan	869-2227
Tina White	869-3478
Wichie Artu	869-3669
Cheree Alsvig	(802) 428-3016
Gordon Pugh	869-3456

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Town office mailing address

c/o 56 Brookline Rd., Athens, VT 05143

Email

townofathens@hotmail.com

School Board Meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in Grafton /

Westminster alternating between the two. Contact Lynn Morgan or school to find out where for the meeting you may want to attend

Notice

The Brattleboro Reformer is the paper used for official town publishing

Residents in need of emergency shelter or other basic necessities, such as heat, food, or water due to a weather related emergency can contact a member of the Athens Volunteer Emergency Committee

Property Taxes are due on the 10th of September

TOWN OF ATHENS

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**REPORT
OF
THE TOWN AND SCHOOL
FINANCIAL RECORDS
TOWN OF ATHENS
VERMONT**

We the auditors, have examined and verified the financial records of the

Town and School for year ending
Town - December 31, 2020
School - June 30, 2020

Michael Bates Janet Perry Linda Tripoldi

David Bond
Janet Perry
Dennis Randall

WARNING

ANNUAL TOWN OF ATHENS TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Athens are hereby notified and warned to act on the following articles and elect Town Officers required by law. All voting will be by Australian Ballot on the 2nd of March AD 2021. Polls will be open between 10:00 am until 7:00 pm at the Athens Town Office.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the town elect a road commissioner?

ARTICLE 2: Shall the town authorize the Select board to borrow money if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes?

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to collect taxes on the 10th of September, 2021?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to publish a list of Delinquent tax payers in the Town Report?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town use the \$32,000.00 approved at the 2020 Town Meeting for the construction of a bathroom at the Town garage to reduce taxes and transfer the monies to the 2021 general fund?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town approve \$562,747.05 with \$420,347.05 to be raised by taxes to defray Town expenses?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Athens voters change its trash/recycle schedule from weekly trash/biweekly recycle to biweekly trash/biweekly recycle with trash and recycling have alternating weeks starting April 1, 2021?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$356.00 to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. to help support outpatient mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. in accordance with 24 VSA Section 2691?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Athens vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to support Women's Freedom Center to provide quality advocacy and support to the women and children of Athens?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town of Athens will vote to appropriate the sum of \$330.00 to support Youth Services to serve the needs of youth and families in and around Windham County?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town of Athens raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Athens in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Bellows Falls Senior Center?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1350.00 to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patient's homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Athens raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to assist Grafton Cares in providing a variety of assistance to the people of Athens?

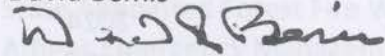
ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to assist Senior Solutions?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to set the time of future Town Meetings?

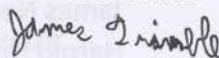
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Athens Board of Selectmen

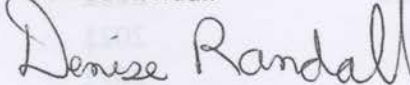
David Bemis



James Trimble



Denise Randall



TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires:
Moderator:	David Bemis 2021
Town Clerk:	Darlene Wyman 2021
Town Treasurer:	Darlene Wyman 2021
Road Commissioner:	Matthew Perry 2021
Selectmen:	James Trimble 2021
	David Bemis 2022
	Denise Randall 2023
Listers:	Carol Bingham 2021
	Amber Stevens 2022
	Sandra Capponcelli 2023
Auditors:	Linda Tripoldi 2021
	Michael Bates 2022
	Janet Perry 2023
Campbell Fund Trustee:	Katherine Woodbury 2021
	Eleanor Bemis 2022
	Carol Bingham 2023
Meetinghouse Committee	Pamela Russo 2021
	Candace Damon 2022
	Janet Perry 2023
	Sherry Maher 2024
	Ginger Maciejowski 2025
Cemetery Commission:	Stephen W. Oakes 2021
	Donald Capponcelli 2022
	David Bemis 2023
Constable:	James Neathawk 2024
	Harold Noyes 2025
	Stephen W. Oakes 2022
Collector of Delinquent Taxes:	Darlene Wyman 2021
Town Grand Juror:	Stephen Fine 2021
U.H.S.D. #27 Representative:	Stephen Fine 2022
Town Agent:	Stephen Fine 2021

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Fence viewers:

Donald Capponcelli
Robert Anderson
Adrian Tenney

Housing Grant Committee:

Stephen Fine
Darlene Wyman
David Bemis
James Trimble
Denise Randall

Term Expires

Planning Commission:

Janet Perry 2021
Timothy Stevenson 2022
Ivor Stevens 2023

Ex Officio

Select Board

Sexton, Athens Valley & West Cemetery
Surveyor, Wood & Coal
Health Officer
Tree Warden
Town Service Officer
Windham Regional Commission

Cemetery Commission
Donald Capponcelli
Stephen W. Oakes
Robert Anderson
Lynn Morgan
Andrew Toepfer
Robert Anderson

State Appointed Forest Fire Warden
Athens Emergency Management Director
Budget Committee

David Bemis
David Bemis
Janet Perry 2021
Amber Stevens 2021
Hannah Regier 2022
Michael Bates 2023
Denise Randall 2023

Southern Windsor/Windham Solid Waste
Management Representative

David Bemis

Elected Justices of the Peace

David Bemis
Kate Bova
Sandra Capponcelli
Stephen W. Oakes
Janet Perry

TOWN OFFICERS

Town Real Estate (VLCT Insurance Replacement Values) 2021 (do not confuse with market values)

Athens Town Office	\$ 240,805.00
Athens Town Office contents	10,500.00
Athens Town Garage	450,708.00
Athens Brick Meeting House	618,584.00
Town Acquired School Building	442,730.00
Town Acquired School Building contents	10,000.00
Silk Picture	3,000.00
Athens Valley Cemetery	
Athens West Cemetery	
Total	\$ 1,776,328.00

Town Garage - Vehicles, Equipment and Tools

2012 Freightliner Dump Truck	\$ 40,048.00
2019 Ford F 550	72,725.00
Sander	2,000.00
2017 Caterpillar Backhoe	123,500.00
2004 caterpillar Grader	108,000.00
Emergency Trailer and Equipment	3,570.00
Plows Henke 11'	7,921.00
Housatonic 10'	4,200.00
Everest 12'	1,300.00
Bush Bandit 150XP Chipper	7,000.00
York Rake	6,000.00
Total	\$ 376,264.00

Equipment

1K Gallon Fuel Tank	1,000.00
Chloride Tank	600.00
2 Safety Fuel Cans	100.00
2 Service Jacks	300.00
2 Grease Guns	400.00
Battery Charger	125.00
Water Pump	400.00
Fill Rite Pump	300.00
Steam Cleaner	2,500.00
Generac	951.00
Air Compressor	600.00
Chain Saw	450.00
2 Weed Trimmers	300.00
Sweeper	275.00
Pole Saw	300.00
Lawn Mower	240.00
Snatch Block	63.00
Total	\$8,904.00

Tools

Grinder 4"		50.00
3"		50.00
Power Drill		60.00
Wrenches		
Gear 1/4" to 1"		75.00
Neiko 1 3/8" to 2"		150.00
Chine 1 1/4" to 2"		175.00
2 air ratchets 1/2" and 3/4"		300.00

Impact

Chrome Vanadium 3/4"		49.00
Wisdom 1/2"		60.00
Job Smart 1/2"		50.00
Crowfoot 1/2" to 3/8"		99.00
	3/8" to 3/4"	99.00

Pipe (2)		100.00
Metric 7 to 20mm		150.00
Adjustable 8" to 15"		100.00
Screwdriver Set		21.99

Tool Chest 1,200.00

Tools 3,000.00

Hand Truck 59.99

Chains ! - 20' and 3- 8' 300.00

Chain Binders 4 400.00

Traffic Cones 30 1,200.00

Road Signs 2,400.00

Drop Lights 2 80.00

Radio System

 2 Mobile 1,750.00

 4 Hand Held 1,300.00

Items added 2020

Torch Set and Cart 600.00

Ratchet extensions 1/2" 40.00

Air Chisel 60.00

Air Ratchet 60.00

Air Disc Grinder 40.00

Air Lift Bottle Jack 20 Ton 220.00

Leaf Blower 599.00

Computer 630.00

Printer 89.00

Total \$15,616.98

Town Office

 Computer 1,800.00

 Laptop 971.00

 Furniture 5,500.00

 Generator 7,500.00

Total \$15,771.00

2020 STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Rate Name	Tax Rate	x	Grandlist	
Municipal	1.22		\$ 365,779.69	<u>\$ 446,251.22</u>
			Total Municipal	<u>\$ 446,251.22</u>
Education				
Non-residential	1.4551	x	149,209.73	217,115.10
Homestead	1.5656	x	216,569.96	<u>339,061.97</u>
			Total Education	\$ 556,177.07
Total Taxes Raised				\$ 1,002,428.29
Total				<u>\$ 1,002,428.29</u>
Accounted for as follows				
Collection				
By Treasurer			Town	\$338,908.04
			School	435,789.02
			State Payments	<u>172,081.94</u>
				\$946,779.00
By Delinquent Tax Collector				<u>21,398.37</u>
				\$968,177.37
Uncollected				
Credits				\$35,833.48
				(1,410.45)
Revised bills subtracted				(348.67)
Revised bills added				<u>176.56</u>
Total				<u>\$1,002,428.29</u>

Comparative Budget Report and 2021 Proposed Town Budget

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TOWN TAXES IN 2021: \$420,347.05

	Budget 2019	Actual 2019	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
REVENUES					
Tax Related					
Current Taxes	\$465,656.83	\$397,875.22	\$445,532.40	\$387,782.05	\$420,347.05
Delinquent Taxes	\$0.00	-\$216.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$0.00	\$2,800.36	\$0.00	\$4,177.01	\$3,000.00
Tax Collector Fee	\$0.00	\$4,301.03	\$0.00	\$4,578.53	\$0.00
Tax Sale Fees	\$0.00	\$0.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property redemptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Municipal Tax Adjustment	\$0.00	\$46,636.00	\$0.00	\$51,683.00	\$0.00
PILOT State Payment	\$0.00	\$4,020.60	\$4,000.00	\$4,020.60	\$4,000.00
Current Use State Payment	\$22,500.00	\$29,438.00	\$29,000.00	\$30,933.00	\$30,000.00
School Tax Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,411.90	\$0.00
Budget adjustment for Previous Year Surplus/Deficit	\$1,064.17	\$0.00	\$56,947.85	\$0.00	\$45,000.00
Total Tax Related Revenue	\$489,221.00	\$484,854.57	\$535,480.25	\$491,586.09	\$502,347.05
Grants/Other Governments					
State Aid to Highways	\$45,000.00	\$45,015.37	\$45,000.00	\$46,778.35	\$45,000.00
Vt State Civil Fines	\$2,000.00	\$2,376.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,868.00	\$2,000.00
State Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,186.81	\$0.00
Federal Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. State Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,016.78	\$0.00
Total Grant/Governmental Revenue	\$47,000.00	\$47,391.37	\$47,000.00	\$63,849.94	\$47,000.00
Clerks Office					
Clerk Fees	\$0.00	\$2,681.00	\$0.00	\$3,727.00	\$0.00
Animal License	\$0.00	-\$52.93	\$0.00	\$77.51	\$0.00
Copies	\$400.00	\$312.25	\$200.00	\$683.95	\$300.00
Clerk Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Clerks Office Revenue	\$400.00	\$2,940.32	\$200.00	\$4,488.46	\$300.00
Service Fee	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$150.00	\$1,164.00	\$400.00
Service Fee (Trash Bags)	\$12,500.00	\$14,280.00	\$15,000.00	\$12,657.50	\$12,500.00
Public Works/Highway	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$110.00	\$50.00
Interest on Investments	\$0.00	\$192.49	\$150.00	\$149.72	\$150.00
Micellaneous	\$0.00	\$26,265.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$549,121.00	\$576,493.75	\$598,030.25	\$574,020.71	\$562,747.05

	Budget 2019	Actual 2019	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries & Benefits					
Selectboard	\$1,750.00	\$1,590.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,770.00	\$1,750.00
Clerk	\$3,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,360.00	\$3,000.00
Assistant Clerk	\$500.00	\$170.63	\$250.00	\$20.00	\$250.00
Treasurer	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Assistant Treasurer	\$1,750.00	\$1,217.82	\$1,250.00	\$1,099.69	\$1,200.00
Constable	\$500.00	\$258.75	\$500.00	\$303.75	\$520.00
Health Officer	\$500.00	\$360.00	\$500.00	\$382.50	\$520.00
Moderator	\$50.00	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$15.00	\$45.00
Elections	\$250.00	\$202.52	\$750.00	\$511.92	\$225.00
BCA/BOA	\$100.00	\$56.00	\$100.00	\$16.00	\$100.00
Listers	\$2,500.00	\$1,490.65	\$3,000.00	\$1,020.97	\$2,500.00
Auditors	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Del Tax Collector	\$0.00	\$3,482.69	\$0.00	\$3,466.04	\$0.00
Clerk Fees	\$0.00	\$2,650.00	\$0.00	\$3,678.00	\$0.00
Social Security	\$950.00	\$1,282.06	\$950.00	\$1,979.33	\$1,400.00
Workers Comp Ins	\$75.00	\$96.00	\$100.00	\$98.00	\$100.00
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$13,125.00	\$17,072.12	\$13,945.00	\$18,721.20	\$12,610.00
Town Office Expenditures					
Office Supplies	\$1,125.00	\$945.31	\$750.00	\$851.72	\$1,325.00
Postage	\$500.00	\$495.00	\$500.00	\$992.90	\$1,000.00
Training	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Office Equipment Purchase	\$200.00	\$29.90	\$1,000.00	\$64.00	\$1,000.00
Office Equipment Service	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$325.00
Printing /Advertizing	\$500.00	\$137.06	\$500.00	\$315.30	\$500.00
Town Report	\$300.00	\$315.35	\$325.00	\$291.00	\$325.00
Computer Related	\$2,000.00	\$2,217.42	\$2,250.00	\$940.21	\$3,710.00
Electricity	\$570.00	\$493.38	\$550.00	\$508.70	\$550.00
Telephone	\$930.00	\$915.73	\$910.00	\$958.33	\$910.00
Heating Oil	\$1,050.00	\$342.10	\$850.00	\$678.63	\$1,050.00
Propane	\$150.00	\$217.18	\$150.00	\$436.81	\$200.00
Building Maintenance	\$500.00	\$175.00	\$500.00	\$328.00	\$250.00
Generator Maintenance	\$315.00	\$329.00	\$350.00	\$329.00	\$350.00
Miscellaneous	\$250.00	\$3.21	\$0.00	\$21.00	\$0.00
Total Town Office Expenses	\$9,215.00	\$6,940.64	\$9,210.00	\$6,715.60	\$11,745.00
General Expenses					
Trash/Recycling Removal	\$32,000.00	\$35,702.02	\$36,000.00	\$37,452.28	\$44,000.00
Supplies (Trash Bags)	\$2,000.00	\$2,112.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
VLCT Dues	\$1,525.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,613.00	\$1,700.00
Windham Regional Dues	\$1,000.00	\$1,029.30	\$1,045.00	\$1,045.00	\$1,050.00
Northeast Resource Recove	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
County Tax	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,879.00	\$3,000.00
Legal Services	\$5,000.00	\$4,679.40	\$3,000.00	\$5,760.31	\$5,000.00
Tax Sale Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property redemptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Professional Svcs	\$1,000.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
VLCT Insurance	\$8,000.00	\$3,333.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,407.00	\$3,407.00
Tax Abatements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Micellaneous	\$0.00	\$589.41	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Total General Expenses	\$53,125.00	\$50,545.63	\$49,195.00	\$52,206.59	\$59,257.00

	Budget 2019	Actual 2019	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
Public Safety					
Saxtons River Fire Dept.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
SWNH Fire Mutual Aid	\$7,250.00	\$7,409.00	\$7,250.00	\$7,631.00	\$7,500.00
Windham County Sheriff	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.04	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.04	\$5,000.00
Golden Cross Ambulance	\$4,600.00	\$4,644.00	\$4,600.00	\$4,644.00	\$4,600.00
Animal Quarantine			\$350.00	\$350.00	\$500.00
Total Public Safety Expenses	\$21,850.00	\$22,053.04	\$22,200.00	\$22,625.04	\$22,600.00
Athens Elementary Sch. Building					
School Bldg. Electricity		\$299.31	\$1,300.00	\$811.11	\$1,000.00
School Bldg. Telephone		\$793.69	\$1,800.00	\$1,670.65	\$1,700.00
School Bldg. Heating Oil		\$435.83	\$2,000.00	\$1,901.33	\$1,390.00
School Bldg. Insurance		\$2,147.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,478.00	\$1,478.00
School Building Maintenan		\$789.80	\$1,750.00	\$7,043.95	\$2,000.00
School Grounds Maintenanc		\$600.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$800.00
Total Elementary Sch. Building		\$5,065.63	\$9,150.00	\$13,805.04	\$8,368.00
Highway Payroll					
Highway Foremen	\$51,320.00	\$40,898.33	\$50,641.40	\$48,318.44	\$50,176.80
Highway Labor	\$41,850.00	\$41,676.40	\$39,588.80	\$39,452.80	\$41,385.60
Highway Flagger	\$1,500.00	\$72.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,017.00	\$1,500.00
Social Security	\$7,150.00	\$6,292.61	\$6,902.61	\$6,874.21	\$7,004.53
Retirement	\$5,200.00	\$4,712.83	\$5,188.24	\$5,240.65	\$5,493.74
Health Insurance	\$27,000.00	\$26,800.11	\$32,923.20	\$33,044.64	\$34,380.38
Unemployment	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$142.00	\$266.00
Workers Comp Insurance	\$7,000.00	\$8,189.00	\$7,500.00	\$6,468.00	\$6,307.00
Total Highway Payroll Expenses	\$141,270.00	\$128,741.28	\$144,344.25	\$140,557.74	\$146,514.05
Highway Garage					
General Supplies	\$500.00	\$493.88	\$1,600.00	\$4,177.17	\$4,400.00
Electricity	\$600.00	\$722.98	\$600.00	\$779.86	\$825.00
Telephone	\$650.00	\$619.74	\$1,465.00	\$1,194.17	\$1,200.00
Heating Oil	\$5,250.00	\$632.76	\$4,250.00	\$4,090.07	\$3,130.00
Trash Removal	\$2,000.00	\$1,116.10	\$2,000.00	\$633.85	\$1,400.00
Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$5,047.74	\$1,000.00	\$135.13	\$1,000.00
New Construction			\$32,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Highway Dept. Training					\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous				\$1,131.83	\$0.00
Total Highway Garage Expenses	\$14,000.00	\$8,633.20	\$42,915.00	\$12,142.08	\$12,955.00
Highway Equipment					
VLCT Insurance	\$2,800.00	\$3,977.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,895.00	\$3,895.00
Special Tools/Equip	\$2,500.00	\$4,443.11	\$2,000.00	\$885.59	\$3,500.00
Radio Maintenance	\$100.00	\$203.85	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
General Repair Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$3,911.50	\$4,000.00	\$1,785.57	\$4,000.00
R&M 2012 Frieghtliner	\$9,000.00	\$11,265.76	\$9,000.00	\$22,916.33	\$12,500.00
R&M Ford 550	\$5,000.00	\$4,147.36	\$3,000.00	\$2,795.66	\$1,500.00
R&M Grader	\$1,500.00	\$577.01	\$7,800.00	\$1,845.95	\$9,300.00
R&M 2017 Cat420F2 Backhoe	\$3,000.00	\$3,202.01	\$3,000.00	\$255.31	\$1,500.00
Gasoline	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Diesel Fuel	\$9,500.00	\$8,676.91	\$8,000.00	\$7,915.54	\$7,618.00
Total Highway Equipment Expenses	\$34,450.00	\$40,404.51	\$41,350.00	\$42,294.95	\$44,363.00

	Budget 2019	Actual 2019	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
Road Maintenance					
Highway Equip Rental	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$50.00	\$500.00
Gravel	\$20,000.00	\$19,073.86	\$25,000.00	\$21,163.40	\$25,000.00
Salt	\$44,000.00	\$47,536.92	\$36,000.00	\$20,949.84	\$32,000.00
Sand	\$15,000.00	\$17,331.00	\$15,000.00	\$14,056.00	\$15,000.00
Chloride	\$3,800.00	\$4,485.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,325.00	\$3,200.00
Cold Patch	\$500.00	\$791.13	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Contracted Services	\$8,000.00	\$7,100.00	\$20,000.00	\$12,100.00	\$9,200.00
Road Resealing	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,800.00	\$0.00	\$8,800.00
Bridge Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Small culverts	\$2,000.00	\$1,295.00	\$2,860.00	\$0.00	\$2,860.00
Stormwater permit / program				\$0.00	\$500.00
Underdrains				\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous Highway	\$1,500.00	\$690.94	\$1,000.00	\$4,877.83	\$1,000.00
Total Highway Maintenance	\$104,300.00	\$102,303.85	\$113,660.00	\$75,522.07	\$100,060.00
Voted Appropriations					
SEVCA	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Bellows Falls Senior Ctr	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Visiting Nurses	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	
Women's Freedom Ctr	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Senior Solutions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	
Youth Services	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	
Grafton Cares	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
HCRS	\$356.00	\$356.00	\$356.00	\$356.00	
Total Voted Appropriations	\$4,536.00	\$4,536.00	\$4,786.00	\$4,836.00	
Transfers to Other Funds					
Town Office Renovation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Athens Brick Mtg House	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Athens Cemetery Comm.	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00
Long Term Highway Projects	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$9,500.00
Paving Fund	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Equipment Fund	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$37,900.00	\$37,900.00	\$37,900.00
Emergency Preparedness	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Planning Commission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equip Fund (Cat 420F2ST)	\$25,750.00	\$25,750.00	\$25,875.00	\$25,875.00	\$25,875.00
Emergency Reserve Fund	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Transfers to Other Funds	\$153,250.00	\$153,250.00	\$147,275.00	\$147,275.00	\$144,275.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$549,121.00	\$539,545.90	\$598,030.25	\$536,701.31	\$562,747.05

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DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

	Charged to Collector	Total Tax Collected	Collected Interest	Tax Balance Due as of
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>		<u>12/31/2020</u>
Year				
2015	\$1,644.48	\$ 447.67	\$ 266.52	\$ 1,196.81
2016	1,925.64	0.00	0.00	1,925.64
2017	3,293.82	1,266.06	354.48	2,027.76
2018	4,488.61	1,830.71	350.37	2,657.90
2019	24,915.72	17,726.55	1,118.04	7,189.47
2020	<u>57,231.85</u>	<u>21,398.37</u>	<u>246.60</u>	<u>35,833.48</u>
Totals	\$93,500.12	\$ 42,669.36	\$ 2,336.01	\$ 50,831.06

DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

2015 Paul and Judith Bemis	2020 Paul and Judith Bemis
2016 Paul and Judith Bemis	Don and Jayne Elliott
2017 Paul and Judith Bemis	Diane P. Shepard et al
2018 Paul and Judith Bemis	Jason and Diane Taylor
Diane P. Shepard et al	Amy Jo Aldrich
2019 Louis A. Santini, Jr.	Paul Desruisseaux
Paul and Judith Bemis	Matthew Tenney
Diane P. Shepard et al	Bruce Tenny Jr.
Stephen and Carol Oakes	Andrew MacIntyre
Emily Garrow	Stephen and Carol Oakes
Stephens W. Oakes	Jeffrey C. Grindlay
2020 Louis A. Santini, Jr.	Richard Leary
Patricia Lentz	Emily Garrow
Stephen McAllister	Elaine and Carrie Kies
Dominic M. Pulitano	Stephen W. Oakes

DOG LICENSE REPORT

RECEIPTS

40 Spayed/Neutered Dogs @	\$9.00	\$360.00
16 Unspayed/Unneutered Dogs @	13.00	208.00

LATE FEES:

3 Spayed/Neutered Dogs @	11.00	33.00
1 Unspayed/Unneutered Dogs @	17.00	<u>17.00</u>

60 Dogs Total

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$618.00

EXPENDITURES

State of Vermont:

60 Dogs @	5.00	\$ 300.00
Clerk Fees:		
60 Dogs @	2.00	120.00
Town of Athens:		
40 Dogs @	2.00	80.00
3 Dogs @	4.00	12.00
16 Dogs @	6.00	96.00
1 Dog @	10.00	<u>10.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 618.00

RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 6, 2021

10:30 am-12:00pm

ATHENS TOWN OFFICE

\$10.00 Per Animal

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2020 Fund Balances

General / Highway Fund

Jan 1, 2020 Starting Balances

Checking Account	\$3,228.37
Savings Account	\$490,778.90
Due to Other Funds	-\$306,880.29
Del Tax Receivable	\$36,268.27
Current Tax Receivable	\$600.00
Tax Interest & Penalty	\$6,486.92
Total Assets	\$230,482.17

Jan 1, 2020 Liabilities (Outstanding bills, delinquent tax principle, advance payments on taxes)

Total Liabilities	\$55,669.52
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Jan 1, 2020 Assets minus Liabilities	\$174,812.65
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2020 Annual Revenues (See budget page for revenue breakdowns)

Total Revenues	\$574,020.71
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2020 Annual Expenses (See budget page for expense breakdowns)

Total Expenses	\$536,701.31
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Dec 31, 2020 Ending Balances

Checking Account	\$7,208.42
Savings Account	\$457,135.39
Due to Other Funds	-\$255,999.24
Del Tax Receivable	\$51,409.88
Current Tax Receivable	\$534.53
Tax Interest & Penalty	\$9,492.95
Total Assets	\$269,781.93

Dec 31, 2020 Liabilities (Outstanding bills, deferred tax principal, & advance payments on taxes)

Total Liabilities	\$57,649.88
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Dec 31, 2020 Assets minus Liabilities	\$212,132.05
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Athens Brick Meetinghouse Fund

2020 Starting Balance

Meetinghouse Fund	\$26,777.78
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$26,777.78</u>

2020 Revenues

Grants	\$1,140.00
Transfer from GF	\$2,500.00
Donations	\$0.00
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$3,640.00</u>

2020 Expenses

Contracted Svcs	\$500.00
Other Professional Svcs	\$1,883.75
Building Maintenance	\$15,597.16
Loan payment to Housing Rehab	\$0.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$17,980.91</u>

2020 Ending Balance

Meetinghouse Fund	\$12,436.87
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$12,436.87</u>

Due to Housing Rehab Fund \$15,000.00

Campbell Fund

2020 Starting Balances

Cert of Deposit	\$35,207.52
Savings	\$2,666.87
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$37,874.39</u>

2020 Revenues

Interest	374.67
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$374.67</u>

2020 Expenses

<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
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2020 Ending Balances

Cert of Deposit	\$35,578.90
Savings	\$2,670.16
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$38,249.06</u>

Saturday, March 6, 2021
10:30 am-12:00pm
ATHENS TOWN OFFICE
\$10.00 Per Animal

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Town Office Renovation Fund

2020 Starting Balances

Town Office Renovation Fund	\$28,941.71
Total Assets	\$28,941.71

2020 Revenues

Grant Revenue	
Transfer In From GF	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$0.00

2020 Expenses

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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2020 Ending Balances

Town Office Renovation Fund	\$28,941.71
Total Assets	\$28,941.71

Cemetery Commission Fund

2020 Starting Balances

Cemetery Fund	\$21,365.26
Total Assets	\$21,365.26

2020 Revenues

Plot sales	\$0.00
Grant revenue	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00
Transfer In from GF	\$4,000.00
Total Revenues	\$4,000.00

2020 Expenses

Materials	\$31.34
Contracted Services	\$2,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$348.19
Total Expenses	\$2,879.53

2020 Ending Balances

Cemetery Fund	\$22,485.73
Total Assets	\$22,485.73

Cemetery Trust Fund

2020 Starting Balances

Stella Holden Savings	\$357.38
Charles Colton Savings	\$488.41
Total Assets	\$845.79

2020 Revenues

Grant Revenue	\$194.11
Interest Income	\$2.62
Total Revenues	\$196.73

2020 Expenses

Miscellaneous	\$40.00
Total Expenses	\$40.00

2020 Ending Balances

Stella Holden CD	501.26
Charles Colton CD	501.26
Total Assets	\$1,002.52

Equipment Fund

2020 Starting Balances

Reserved for Small Truck Replacement	-\$23,510.00
Reserved for Large Truck Replacement	\$24,304.75
Reserved for Backhoe Replacement	\$20,000.00
Reserved for Grader Replacement	\$15,000.00
Reserved for Small Equipment Purchase	\$634.00
Reserved for Cat 420F25ST Payment	-\$247.49
Total Assets	\$36,181.26

2020 Revenues

Transfer In From GF	\$63,775.00
Total Revenues	\$63,775.00

2020 Expenses

Capital Equipment	\$599.90
Payments for Cat 420F25T	\$25,873.74
Total Expenses	\$26,473.64

2020 Ending Balances

Reserved for Small Truck Replacement	-\$11,110.00
Reserved for Large Truck Replacement	\$32,804.75
Reserved for Backhoe Replacement	\$30,000.00
Reserved for Grader Replacement	\$20,000.00
Reserved for Small Equipment Purchase	\$2,034.10
Reserved for Cat 420F25ST Payment	-\$246.23
Total Assets	\$73,482.62

Housing Rehabilitation Fund

2020 Starting Balances	
Housing Rehabilitation Fund	<u>\$11,839.61</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$11,839.61</u>

2020 Revenues	
Payment from Meetinghouse	\$0.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$0.00</u>

2020 Expenses	
Total Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>

2020 Ending Balances	
Housing Rehabilitation Fund	<u>\$11,839.61</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$11,839.61</u>

Due from Meetinghouse Fund \$15,000.00

Paving Fund

2020 Starting Balances	
Paving Fund	<u>\$126,401.27</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$126,401.27</u>

2020 Revenues	
Transfer In From GF	\$60,000.00
Grants	\$0.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$60,000.00</u>

2020 Expenses	
Contracted Services	\$154,170.67
Total Expenses	<u>\$154,170.67</u>

2020 Ending Balances	
Paving Fund	<u>\$32,230.60</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$32,230.60</u>

Reappraisal Fund

2020 Starting Balances	
Reappraisal Fund	\$21,833.74
Total Assets	\$21,833.74
2020 Revenues	
Grant Revenue Per Parcel	\$2,498.50
Grant Listers Education	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$2,498.50
2020 Expenses	
Training	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$0.00
Contracted Services	\$289.80
Total Expenses	\$289.80
2020 Ending Balances	
Reappraisal Fund	\$24,042.44
Total Assets	\$24,042.44

Emergency Preparedness Fund

2020 Starting Balances	
Checking Account	\$1,754.45
Total Assets	\$1,754.45
2020 Revenues	
Transfer in from GF	\$500.00
Total Revenues	\$500.00
2020 Expenses	
Total Expenses	\$0.00
2020 Ending Balances	
Emergency Preparedness Fund	\$2,254.45
Total Assets	\$2,254.45

Reappraisal for Small Truck Reg Agreement	\$11,130.00
Reappraisal for Large Truck Reg Agreement	\$11,804.75
Reappraisal for Truck Stop Reg Agreement	\$25,000.00
Reappraisal for Dealer Reg Agreement	\$20,000.00
Reappraisal for Small Equipment Purchase	\$4,500.00
Reappraisal for Car Wash/Detail Purchase	\$4,500.00
Total Assets	\$77,035.75

Long Term Highway Projects Fund

2020 Starting Balances

Reserved for Guardrails	\$1,449.00
Reserved for Culverts	\$19,736.20
Total Assets	\$21,185.20

2020 Revenues

Transfer In From GF	\$11,500.00
Total Revenues	\$11,500.00

2020 Expenses

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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2020 Ending Balances

Reserved for Guardrails	\$8,449.00
Reserved for Culverts	\$24,236.20
Total Assets	\$32,685.20

Planning Commission Fund

2020 Starting Balances

Planning Commission Fund	\$1,227.59
Total Assets	\$1,227.59

2020 Revenues

Total Revenues	\$0.00
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2020 Expenses

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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2020 Ending Balances

Planning Commission Fund	\$1,227.59
Total Assets	\$1,227.59

Emergency Reserve Fund

2020 Starting Balances

Emergency Reserve Fund		\$10,000.00
Total Assets		\$10,000.00

2020 Revenues

Transfer in from GF	\$5,000.00	
Total Revenues	\$5,000.00	

2020 Expenses

Total Expenses	\$0.00	
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2020 Ending Balances

Emergency Reserve Fund		\$15,000.00
Total Assets		\$15,000.00

2020 Ending Balances

Balance All Funds		\$508,010.45
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Emergency Preparedness Fund

2020 Starting Balances

Transfer in from GF		\$3,754.45
Total Assets		\$3,754.45

2020 Revenues

Transfer in from GF	\$400.00	
Total Revenues	\$400.00	

2020 Expenses

Total Expenses	\$0.00	
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2020 Ending Balances

Emergency Preparedness Fund		\$4,154.45
Total Assets		\$4,154.45

Town of Athens, Vermont
Selectboard

Report of the Selectboard, Town of Athens

Because of the State of Emergency in the State of Vermont and the limits on the size or gathering, the Selectboard voted to have the March 2021 Town Meeting by Australian Ballot. There will be an informational meeting to discuss the articles on the warning prior to Voting. The informational meeting will be held on the Towns Website.

In 2020 the Town as well as the people of Athens have been dealing with the circumstances of Covid 19. The Town Office was closed during the Spring of 2020 and Selectboard Meetings were held remotely over the Towns new website.

<https://www.athensvt.com/>

We would like to thank Hanna Reiger for setting up and building the website. Not only Selectboard meetings can be viewed on the website but other boards and committees of the Town use the site for meetings. People will be able to review minutes from meetings on the website within 5 days of the meeting.

The State of Vermont along with Microsoft offered grants for Wi-Fi hotspots in rural communities around the state. 20 Wi-Fi hotspots were available. Athens was lucky to have received the grant and the Wi-Fi was installed at the Town Office for use by people in their vehicles. Anyone needing an internet connection can park in the parking lot and use the free service.

The Town received a grant to assist in lining ditches on Cemetery Road which was completed this fall.

Town of Athens, Vermont
Selectboard

The Town was presented with a petition to add Taylor Hill as a town highway. 2 hearings have been held and the matter hopefully will be resolved early in 2021.

At the March 2020 Town Meeting an article requesting funds for construction of a bathroom using voluntary labor and Town equipment was approved with a budget of \$32,000.00. An amendment to the article required bids be solicited for the construction of the project. While the amendment was added with the intention of securing the best price for the project, it prevented the Town from proceeding as planned. The cost of contracting the project was considerably more than what was voted, and the project did not proceed. This year the Selectboard has added an article to use the \$32,000.00 for the 2021 budget and reduce taxes raised by that amount. If in the future, we are required to install a bathroom at the Town Garage a new proposal will be brought before the voters.

There is an article on the Warning concerning trash pickup. The cost of trucking of trash and recyclables has increased and the article, if passed, would have trash pickup every other week as we now do recycling.

The cost of the bags purchased at the Town Office have increased to \$3.50 a bag starting January 2020. The cost of the bags does not cover the solid waste removal and the town continues to supplement the trash pickup with money raised in taxes.

While always aware of the property tax burden everyone in Athens and all of Vermont is under, the Selectboard strives to keep taxes as low as possible while providing the services the town needs and we are required to provide.

Selectboard meetings are held on the Third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Athens Brick Meetinghouse Committee
Town Report 2020

We are pleased to report that the final piece of critical stabilization work - securing the roof trusses - was completed just before Thanksgiving. It was a long process to get across this finish line, and we would not have done it without the luck of finding Annette Dey, a structural engineer from Walpole, NH with tremendous experience on timber frame structures. But Annette's expertise aside, it really was Don Capponcelli's determination to find a reasonable plan, and his willingness to share his time, knowledge and a good bit of sweat equity as well in reaching this solution. We can't thank you enough, Don!

In general, the year 2020 was challenging for us as it was for everyone. Aside from a very successful Plant Sale in late May, all plans for activities were put on hold until next year. The one exception being the lighting of a Christmas tree on Dec 6th, donated by Jay and Ginger Maciejowski. Hopefully when the 2021 holiday season comes around, we can gather in a large group, sing carols together and drink hot cider while we collectively add decorations to a tree.

We are especially pleased to have a beautiful new historic marker in place thanks to a grant from the William Pomeroy Foundation along with the help of Matt and Eugene to install the new sign.

Looking ahead, we hope to tend to window repair and/or restoration in the coming year, as well as getting the exterior painted. It is questionable how many of the windows can be rebuilt with new wood and how many are beyond repair and need to be replaced with new double hung sashes. We are in the process of seeking out grant opportunities to fund a major portion of this work.

We are grateful to the people of Athens, residents, taxpayers, and friends of the building in towns near and far for supporting us in our efforts to maintain this beautiful piece of Athens history.

Again, we thank the four Stevens Grounds Maintenance crew for their years of dedicated service in the mowing and essential work in both cemeteries. We also thank Matt Perry for his continued work in maintaining the area around Memorial Park.

Regular meeting times for the Athens Cemetery Commission are on the first Wednesday of the months of April, June, September and December at the Athens Town Office (or other locations as warranted). Meetings are posted at bulletin boards located at the Athens Town Garage, the Athens Town Office and the Athens Brick Meeting House, and are posted on the Town of Athens website. The Commission continues to face a backlog of work with regard to monument & tablet repairs and leveling as well as map & records updating. Volunteer help is always needed and deeply appreciated, as well as private donations in any amount. For more information please contact chairman Don Capponcelli at 309-2592.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Capponcelli

The Budget Committee

The committee worked diligently on the 2021 budget to reduce costs wherever possible this year. We worked on a LGER Grant which reimbursed the Town \$3,100 for Covid related expense, we also received several quotes on heating oil and diesel fuel, and with the provided quotes we were able to secure savings over last year's costs. With the Select board's approval the operating surplus of \$45,000.00 will be put towards 2021 budget.

As a committee we are always seeking ways of lowering the operating cost of the Town as much as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Perry, Chair

Hannah Regier, Clerk

Mike Bates

Denise Randall

Amber Stevens

Cemetery Commission Report

The Athens Cemetery Commission began the year remembering Richard Sippel's years of caretaking service in both of the Town cemeteries from the 1970s until he retired from the West Cemetery in 2014 at the age of 89. Richard died on Christmas Day, 2019.

This past year our thanks goes to Lynn Morgan, who helped with the June 20'th volunteer work day at the Athens Valley Cemetery, Matt Perry and Eugene Bills, who rebuilt a section of the East wall of the Valley Cemetery as well as providing tree cutting at Memorial Rock, and Sandi Capponcelli for her ongoing work researching the veterans in both cemeteries.

The year 2020 ended with a town ledger fund balance for cemeteries in the amount of \$22,485.73. The Commission allots this fund balance into the following categories:

Operating budget balance	\$ 2,083.63	
Valley Cemetery major repairs	\$16,182.08	
Valley Cemetery ground levelling	\$ 216.76	
West Cemetery major repairs	\$ 1,300.00	
West Cemetery construction	<u>\$ 2,703.26</u>	
TOTAL fund balance	\$ 22,485.73	town ledger fund balance
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Loan to Colton Trust Fund	\$ 31.53	
Loan to Holden Trust Fund	<u>\$ 162.58</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 22,679.84	

. The \$16,182.08 dedicated to Valley Cemetery major repairs is currently what remains of the liquid assets (checking account balance, stocks & CDs) transferred from the Athens Valley Cemetery Association to the Town of Athens in 2006, plus plot sales since that time.

. The loans to the Colton and Holden trust funds were needed to bring those funds to a balance of \$500.00 each, thereby avoiding newly-imposed monthly bank fees applied to smaller account balances.

Again, we thank the Ivor Stevens Grounds Maintenance crew for their years of dedicated service in the mowing and seasonal work in both cemeteries. We also thank Matt Perry for his continued work in maintaining the area around Memorial Rock.

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Respectfully submitted,
Don Capponcelli

Road Foreman Report

This year has been a very busy year considering the pandemic has played a significant role in our community. We are proud of the fact that we were able to redo the pavement on the remaining section of Route 35 that had become very deteriorated. We did this at a significant savings due to taking advantage of the low cost of asphalt this summer. We were also able to remove the ledge on the top of Bemis Hill by the upper end of Reed Road, bordering Townshend. Bemis Hill also had the two major damaged culverts replaced and we ditched and stone lined Cemetery Hill on Valley Cemetery Road. This ditching project was financed primarily by grants and other aid from Windham Regional Commission.

Dennis Mirante, Sandi Capponcelli and I have been working diligently on applying for grants to fix "Hedge Hog" on the Brookline Road. This will allow us to remove ledge and widen the road. We are working together tirelessly to investigate and exhaust all possible funding sources such as grants to assist the Town in being able to finance future projects and offset maintenance costs.

Our department is working with the budget committee and the Select board. We are reviewing all projects and the costs associated with those projects to see where we can cut any expenses to save the Town money. We are further reviewing the operational costs of the department to see where there can be any potential savings. As part of our funds conservation efforts, our department has been able to manage a reduction in the amount of road salt being used per storm by approximately 75%. We have been able to facilitate this reduction due to instilling different practices while still providing the same timely response and quality that the Town has become accustomed to. Another cost reduction has been due to the Town crew taking on a majority of the minor mechanical work in hopes to curb expenses such as oil changes and other routine maintenance.

Thank you for supporting Eugene and I in this transitional period. As always, please feel free to stop by with any suggestions, concerns or questions that I may be able to assist you with.

Respectfully submitted

Matthew Perry

Road Foreman

Respectfully submitted,
Don Capponcelli

2020 Athens Emergency Committee Report

The Athens Emergency Committee is very fortunate to welcome two wonderful people to our volunteer ranks: Tina White and Richie Artu.

Tina is of course the daughter of Tom and Linda Taylor, and a longtime resident of Athens; Wichie, on the other hand, recently moved to our town and bought Carol Bingham's former home on Brookline Road. We feel most happy to have these two people as a part of our Committee.

Although fortunately we have not had a weather emergency to deal with during 2020, the Committee has met several times to refine and update our protocols. This included updating the Zones of Responsibility Assigned to each member of the committee. See who covers your area below should you or a neighbor need assistance during a weather emergency.

Don Capponcelli (869-2590): Reed Road

Cheree Alsvig (802-428-3016): Ernst, McCusker, Walker & Herring Roads

Tim Stevenson & Sherry Maher (869-2141): Rte 35 from Townshend town line to junction of Brookline & Rte 35; upper Mill Hill; Meeting House Road

Tina White (869-3478): Rte 35 from junction of 35 & Brookline Rd. to Cambridgeport town line; Taylor Hill, Ober Hill, Grout & Miller Rds., and lower Mill Hill

Lynn Morgan (869-2227): Brookline Rd. from Valley Cemetery Rd to Brookline town line; Sam Far and Whitney Rds

Richie Artu (869-3669): from junction of Rte 35/Brookline Rods to Valley Cemetery Rd. and Valley Cemetery Rd.

We are also pleased to announce that once again we have a working relationship with the American Red Cross. Specifically, while we will open the Athens Community Church as an emergency shelter if is needed, and provide food, cot, and blankets for folks who need such care, the Red Cross will take over and run the shelter when they can get to us.

In a weather-related emergency, we will use the town office as our base of operations. We now have an emergency radio that connect us the town road crew and the outside world if necessary.

The Emergency Management Coordinator is David Bemis, and his assistance is Don Capponcelli. I serve as the coordinator of the committee and welcome any inquires or comments you may have (bereal@vermontel.net or 869-2141).

Respectfully submitted for the Committee
Tim Stevenson

VITAL RECORDS

FILED WITH TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

IN 2020

DEATHS

February 03, 2020	James Williams Wimberly
August 20, 2020	Bernice R. Woodard
September 14, 2020	May Rose Hopkins
December 11, 2020	Bonnie Mae Kunesch

BIRTHS

August 09, 2020	Elizabeth Riley Noyes Rebecca Emily Winot and Corey Daniel Noyes
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MARRIAGES

February 29, 2020	Seamus Shark Dunphy to Emily Katherine Turner
November 06, 2020	Leonard Howard Derby III to Jennifer Karen Smith

CERTIFICATE OF CREAMATION

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ATHENS

MARCH 3, 2020

The Town Meeting was held at the Athens Elementary School in Athens, Vermont. Selectman David Bemis called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

The moderator read the warning and asked that all issues be directed to the moderator. He stated the meeting would follow Roberts Rule of Order. The moderator then asked for a pledge to the flag.

The clerk took a roll call of the checklist. A total of 59 registered voters answered the roll call of 259 on the checklist.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator.

Denise Randall nominated David Bemis, seconded by Stephen Oakes. Don Capponcelli moved the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for David Bemis, seconded by Carol Bingham. Put to a vote. David Bemis was elected Moderator.

The moderator called for a break in the meeting to allow Mark Trieber to speak. Mark stated that he had resigned as representative and Carolyn Patridge would try to attend the meeting later.

ARTICLE 2: To act on Town Report.

Don Capponcelli made the motion to accept the Town Report. Lynn Morgan seconded. Don commended Dick Sippel for all the years he served the Town. The motion was put to a vote. The motion carried.

Article 3: To see if the Town will elect a road commissioner.

Stephen Oakes made the motion to elect a Road commissioner, seconded by Denise Randall. After discussion the motion was put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 4: To elect all Town Officers required by law.

TOWN CLERK: Stephen Oakes nominated Darlene Wyman, seconded by Denise Randall. Lynn Morgan moved the nominations cease and the moderator cast one ballot for Darlene Wyman, seconded by Denise Randall. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Darlene Wyman elected Town Clerk for a one-year term.

TREASURER: Denise Randall nominated Darlene Wyman, seconded by Dolly F H Stevens. Lynn Morgan moved the nominations cease and the moderator cast one ballot for Darlene Wyman, seconded by Dolly F H Stevens. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Darlene Wyman elected Treasurer for a one-year term.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Stephen Oakes nominated Matt Perry, seconded by Denise Randall. Lynn Morgan moved the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Matt Perry, seconded by Carol Bingham. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Matt Perry elected Road Commissioner.

SELECTMAN: Sandi Capponcelli nominated Denise Randall, seconded by Carol Bingham. Don Capponcelli move the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Denise Randall, seconded by Carol Bingham. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Denise Randall elected Selectman for a three-year term.

Sandi Capponcelli nominated James Trimble, seconded by Dolly F H Stevens. Raymond Hitchcock nominated Dennis Mirante, seconded by Dolly F H Stevens. Hannah Regier nominated Janet Perry, seconded by Carol Bingham. Janet Perry declined. The motion was put to paper ballot. The results of the vote were James Trimble 31, Dennis Mirante 20. James Trimble was elected Selectman for a one-year term.

LISTER: Denise Randall nominated Sandi Capponcelli, seconded by Lynn Morgan. Lynn Morgan moved the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Sandi Capponcelli, seconded by Denise Randall. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Sandi Capponcell elected Lister for a three-year term.

AUDITOR: Stephen Oakes nominated Janet Perry, seconded by Lynn Morgan. Don Capponcelli moved the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Janet Perry, seconded by Carol Bingham. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Janet Perry elected Auditor for a three-year term.

Hannah Regier nominated Linda Tripoldi, seconded by Carol Bingham. Don Capponcelli moved the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Linda Tripoldi, seconded by Carol Bingham. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Linda Tripoldi elected Auditor for a one-year term.

CAMPBELL FUND TRUSTEE: Stephen Oakes nominated Carol Bingham, seconded by Denise Randall. Don Capponcelli moved the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Carol Bingham, seconded by Denise Randall. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Carol Bingham elected Campbell Fund Trustee for a three-year term.

MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE: Sheryl Maher nominated Ginger Maciejowski, seconded by Tim Stevenson. Sheryl thanked Jon Lindblad for his years of service on the committee. Don Capponcelli moved the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Ginger Maciejowski, seconded by Carol Bingham. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Ginger Maciejowski elected to the Meetinghouse Committee for a five-year term.

CEMETERY COMMISSION: Stephen Oakes nominated Harold Noyes, seconded by Don Capponcelli. Lynn Morgan moved the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Harold Noyes, seconded by Carol Bingham. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Harold Noyes elected to the Cemetery Commission for a five-year term.

CONSTABLE: Denise Randall nominated Stephen Oakes, seconded by Bud Randall. Lynn Morgan moved the nominations cease and the clerk cast one vote for Stephen Oakes, seconded by Carol Bingham. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Stephen Oakes elected Constable for a two-year term.

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR: Denise Randall nominated Darlene Wyman, seconded by Amanda Alsvig. Lynn Morgan moved the nominations cease and the Moderator cast one vote for Darlene Wyman, seconded by Dolly F H Stevens. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Darlene Wyman elected Delinquent Tax Collector for a one-year term.

TOWN GRAND JUROR: Denise Randall nominated Stephen Fine, seconded by Carol Bingham. Lois Sippel moved the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Stephen Fine, seconded by Carol Bingham. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Stephen Fine elected Town Grand Juror.

TOWN AGENT: Denise Randall nominated Stephen Fine, seconded by Amanda Alsvig. Lynn Morgan moved the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Stephen Fine, seconded by Carol Bingham. Put to a vote. The motion carried. Stephen Fine elected Town Agent.

ARTICLE 5: To authorize the Select board to borrow money, respectively, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes.

Denise Randall made the motion to authorize the Select board to borrow money, respectively, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes, seconded by Stephen Oakes. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes on the 10th of September, 2020.

Denise Randall made the motion to collect taxes on the 10th of September, 2020, seconded by Amanda Alsvig. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to publish a list of Delinquent taxpayers in the Town Report.

Denise Randall made the motion to publish a list of Delinquent taxpayers in the Town Report, seconded by Carol Bingham. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters of the Town of Athens will approve formation of an Athens School Advisory Commission consisting of 3 members to be appointed by the Athens Select board to be called the Athens Advisory Commission to advise the WNESUSD on budget, facilities and other matters of interest.

Lynn Morgan made the motion the Town of Athens approve formation of an Athens School Advisory Commission consisting of 3 members to be appointed by the Athens Select board to be called the Athens Advisory Commission to advise the WNESUSD on budget, facilities and other matters of interest, seconded by Charles Chase, Jr. Discussion followed. Anyone interested in being on the commission, please contact the Select board. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Athens approve the construction of a septic system and bathroom at the Town garage at a cost of \$32,000.00.

Sandi Capponcelli made the motion the voters of the Town of Athens approve the construction of a septic system and bathroom at the Town garage at a cost of \$32,000.00, seconded by Charles Chase, Jr. Discussion followed. Ellice Amana made the motion to amend the motion to read the Select board put the project out to bid and select the lowest bid, seconded by Carol Bingham. Tom Taylor moved to vote on the article, seconded by Tina White. The amended motion was put to a vote. The motion carried. The motion as amended was put to a vote. A paper ballot was called. The results of the vote were 40 yes, 14 no. The motion as amended carried.

ARTICLE 10: To see how many dollars the Town will vote to raise to defray Town expenses.

Denise Randall made the motion \$408,746.00 be raised by taxes for a total budget expenditure of \$561,244.00, seconded by Hannah Regier. Discussion followed. The motion was put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$356.00 to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services Inc. to help support outpatient mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. in accordance with 24 VSA Section 2691.

Denise Randall made the motion the Town appropriate the sum of \$356.00 to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc to help support outpatient mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation services, Inc in accordance with 24VSA Section 2691, seconded by Carol Bingham. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town of Athens will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to support Women's Freedom Center to provide quality advocacy and support to women and children of Athens.

Denise Randall made the motion the Town of Athens vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to support Women's Freedom Center to provide quality advocacy and support to women and children of Athens, seconded by Sheryl Maher. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town of Athens will vote to appropriate the sum of \$330.00 to support Youth Services to serve the needs of youth and families in and around Windham County.

Denise Randall made the motion the Town of Athens vote to appropriate the sum of \$330.00 to support Youth Services to serve the needs of youth and families in and around Windham County, seconded by Bob Anderson. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town of Athens will raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Athens in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services.

Denise Randall made the motion the Town of Athens raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Athens in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services, seconded by Bob Anderson. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Bellows Falls Senior Center.

Denise Randall made the motion the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Bellows Falls Senior Center, seconded by Carol Bingham. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,350.00 to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in the patient's homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH.

Denise Randall made the motion the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,350.00 to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in the patient's homes and in community setting by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH, seconded by Sheryl Maher. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town of Athens will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to assist Grafton Cares in providing a variety of assistance to the people of Athens.

Denise Randall made the motion the Town of Athens raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to assist Grafton Cares in providing a variety of assistance to the people of Athens, seconded by Amanda Alsvig. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to assist Senior Solutions.

Denise Randall made the motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to assist Senior Solutions, seconded by Sheryl Maher. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 19: To set the time of future Town Meetings.

Stephen Oakes made the motion that future Town Meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in March at 10:00am, seconded by Denise Randall. Discussion about holding the meeting on Saturday followed. Put to a vote. The meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in March at 10:00am.

ARTICLE 20: To transact any further business proper to come before said meeting.

Carol Bingham announced the Chili cookoff sponsored by the PTG of Athens/Grafton.

Lynn Morgan reported the school meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Bellows Falls Union High School.

Sheryl Maher mentioned the annual plant and bake sale at the Meetinghouse is scheduled for May 23, 2020 and the quilt show is scheduled for June 20, 2020. The committee is also looking to schedule concerts throughout the summer and a BBQ in September.

Ellice Amana wished to thank all the volunteers and workers who help setting up for Town Meeting.

Kate Bova asked why the Brattleboro Reformer is the Town's paper of record. It is because it is a daily paper.

Darlene Wyman reminded everyone about the rabies clinic to be held March 7, 2020 at the Town office from 10:30am to 12:00pm.

The Select board will be forming a committee to look into the possibilities for the use of the Elementary school.

There being no further business, Crystal Trimble moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Sandi Capponcelli. Put to a vote. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:07pm.

Approved this day of March, 2020.

Athens Board of Selectmen

David Bemis

Denise Randall

James Trimble