



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Town Report, 2020 - Alburgh

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2020 ALBURGH TOWN PROJECTS

- Wrote and managed several grants to complete planning and pre-development work related to the development of a new child care facility at the Alburgh Community Education Center. Provided project management assistance to the local non-profit Alburgh Family Clubhouse.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association.
- Provided administrative support for the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Alburgh is a member.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to Islands in the Sun and Saint Amadeus Food Shelf weekly from July through November. Staff and volunteers delivered produce, Farmers to Families Food Boxes, and ShiftMeals/Everyone Eats frozen meals to these sites and the Alburgh Community Education Center. HRC also gleaned at one farm in Alburgh.

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Healthy Roots Collaborative

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail

Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.

Alburgh Town Regional Commissioners - Alton Brusco & Terry Tatro

Transportation Advisory Committee - Alton Brusco

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association.
- Provided technical assistance to the Water and Sewer Superintendent with filing State Hazmat Tier 2 Report.
- Provided maps to assist with public safety communications coverage.
- Compiled updates for the Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the Village be prepared future disasters.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Village with the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to Islands in the Sun and Saint Amadeus Food Shelf weekly from July through November. Staff and volunteers delivered produce, Farmers to Families Food Boxes, and ShiftMeals/Everyone Eats frozen meals to these sites and the Alburgh Community Education Center at different times during the year. HRC also gleaned at one farm in Alburgh.

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Alburgh Village Regional Commissioners - Terry Tatro & Vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Jason Beaulac

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2020 BAKERSFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in planning and zoning.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads construction projects.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and should be pursued for implementation.
- Completed a FEMA approved and locally adopted Community Hazard Mitigation Plan which identified ways to reduce future disaster risks and makes the Town eligible for additional grants and reduced match requirements.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.

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Bakersfield Town Regional Commissioners - William Irwin & Vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Gary Denton

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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2020 BERKSHIRE TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in planning and zoning.
- Compiled updates for the Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the Town be prepared for disasters.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- In coordination with the Planning Commission, drafted amendments and assisted with adoption of the 2020 Berkshire Town Plan. The 2020 Town Plan incorporates an Enhanced Energy Element that is compliant with the requirements by the Vermont Department of Public Service standards.
- Provided administrative support for the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Berkshire is a member.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and could be constructed with grant funds.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.

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Northern Vermont Economic Development District

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Berkshire Town Regional Commissioners - Claude Charron & Vincent Hickey

Transportation Advisory Committee - Anthony Lussier

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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2010 ENOSBURG FALLS VILLAGE PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance for zoning and development review.
- Completed an update of the Local Emergency Management Plan (with Enosburgh Town) which helps the Village be prepared for disasters.
- Served on the project management team for the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian grant to complete a scoping study for wayfinding and streetscape improvements, implementing the Vital Village plan.
- Provided a map with parcel and zoning information for use by municipal staff.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and could be constructed with grant funds.
- Completed a catch basin outlet inventory, a requirement under the Municipal Roads General Permit.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Village with the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Enosburgh Food Shelf weekly from July through November. Staff and volunteers also delivered produce, Farmers to Families Food Boxes, and/or ShiftMeals/Everyone Eats frozen meals to the food shelf and the Enosburgh NOTCH clinic at different times throughout the year.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided technical assistance to a Enosburg Falls farm to help develop a plan for a new CSA and future farm transition.

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Enosburg Falls Regional Commissioners - Sean Kio & Vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Gary Denton

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Cindi Miner

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2020 ENOSBURGH TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance for planning and zoning.
- Provided a map with parcel and zoning information for use by municipal staff.
- Completed an update of the Local Emergency Management Plan (with Enosburgh Falls Village) which was locally adopted and helps the Town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served as project manager for the salt shed design and construction project.
- Drafted and submitted a grant application for first response equipment.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided administrative support for the Northwest Communications Union District; Enosburgh is a founding member.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and could be constructed with grants.
- Provided funding and technical assistance for a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment as the Town considers purchasing the Enosburgh Armory for use as Municipal Offices.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the FEMA Public Assistance Funds and Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.

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Enosburgh Town Regional Commissioners - Sean Kio & Vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Joey Clark

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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2020 FAIRFAX TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the Local Emergency Management Plan along with documented and submitted Tier 2 Hazardous Materials reports for the Highway Department and Water and Sewer Departments.
- Provided technical assistance for planning and zoning including a review of proposed amendments to the development regulations.
- Provided technical support for the Emergency Management Coordinator to recoup costs from the 2017 wind storm disaster declaration.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided administrative assistance with the Northern Borders Regional Commission grant for a sewer/water line extension.
- Provided administrative support for the Northwest Communications Union District; Fairfax is a founding member.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and should be pursued for implementation.
- Coordinated a Road Safety Audit Review with the Vermont Agency of Transportation for the intersection of VT Route 104/VT Route 128/McNall Road.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Fairfax Community Food Shelf and Fairfax NOTCH clinic periodically during 2020 and brought Farmers to Families produce boxes to the Fairfax NOTCH clinic in the summer. Staff and volunteers also gleaned produce regularly at one farm in Fairfax.

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Fairfax Town Regional Commissioners - Brad Docheff & Colleen Steen

Transportation Advisory Committee - Colleen Steen

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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2020 FAIRFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the Fairfield Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the Town be prepared for future disasters.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Worked with the Planning Commission to update the Fairfield Town Plan, including developing a new vision statement, re-organizing the plan's goals and policies around the new vision, adding an enhanced energy plan, adding new language around forest fragmentation, and adding an implementation table.
- Provided administrative support for the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Fairfield is a member.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and could be constructed with grant funds.
- Provided technical assistance to the East Fairfield Fire District #4 in accessing funding for required improvements to their infrastructure.
- Worked with Town officials to complete a Hazard Mitigation Plan, which helps to reduce the impact of future disasters and makes the Town eligible for additional grants.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Fairfield Community Center Food Shelf weekly from July through November. Staff and volunteers also delivered produce, Farmers to Families Food Boxes, and/or ShiftMeals/Everyone Eats frozen meals to the community center at different times throughout the year.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided technical assistance to a Fairfield business to develop a distribution plan for a new product.
- Provided funds to purchase coolers & equipment for the Fairfield Food Shelf through a US Economic Development Association grant.

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Fairfield Town Regional Commissioners - Brian Dubie & Alisha Larocque

Transportation Advisory Committee - Maurice Jettie, (Alt. - Jonathan DeLaBruere)

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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2020 FLETCHER TOWN PROJECTS

- Successfully worked with the Town Emergency Management Coordinator in updating and adopting the Local Emergency Management Plan which will help the Town be prepared for future disasters.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Completed additional data updates and revisions to the Fletcher Town Plan which is under review by the Selectboard and Planning Commission.
- Drafted a local Hazard Mitigation Plan that identifies measures the Town can take to reduce the impact of future disasters.
- Initiated grant administration assistance for the Town's Northern Border Regional Commission Grant to extend broadband infrastructure throughout the Town.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.

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Fletcher Town Regional Commissioners - Lynn Douglas & Lori Ruple

Transportation Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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2020 FRANKLIN TOWN PROJECTS

- Successfully updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the Town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served on the Lake Carmi TMDL Implementation Team and provided technical assistance to the Franklin Watershed Committee.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Served as project manager for a VTrans Transportation Alternatives grant to replace a culvert on Pidgeon Hill Road.
- Coordinated a road erosion inventory project for private roads in the Lake Carmi watershed.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and should be pursued for implementation.
- Initiated an engineering evaluation for the intersection of VT Route 120/VT Route 235/Middle Road.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.

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Franklin Town Regional Commissioners - Yvon Dandurand & Wesley Kempton

Transportation Advisory Committee - Peter Magnant

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Yvon Dandurand

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2020 GEORGIA TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided guidance to the Town Emergency Management Director to update and adopt the Local Emergency Management Plan which will help the Town be prepared for future disasters.
- Coordinated substantial revisions to the Georgia Development Regulations in cooperation with the Planning Commission. The changes will be considered for adoption in 2021.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Completed an update of the locally adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan which identifies measures the Town can take to reduce risks from future disasters.
- Provided administrative support for the Northwest Communications Union District; Georgia is a member.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and should be pursued for implementation.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.
- Provided funds to purchase coolers & equipment for the Georgia Food Shelf through a US Economic Development Association grant.

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Healthy Roots Collaborative

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail

Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.

Georgia Town Regional Commissioners - Kirk Waite & Scott St. Onge

Transportation Advisory Committee - Steve Lamos

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Kent Henderson

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NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Town Report, 2020 - Grand Isle

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2020 GRAND ISLE TOWN PROJECTS

- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association.
- Assisted with the adoption of the Local Emergency Management Plan which will help the Town be prepared for future disasters.
- Created maps for Fire Department for evacuation zones around facilities that store extremely hazardous substances.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the FEMA Public Assistance Funds and Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Champlain Islands Food Shelf weekly from July through November. Staff and volunteers delivered produce, Farmers to Families Food Boxes, and/or ShiftMeals/Everyone Eats frozen meals to the food shelf at different times throughout the year. HRC gleaned produce weekly at one farm in Grand Isle.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided technical assistance to one Grand Isle business and connected them to statewide distribution for their product.

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Grand Isle Town Regional Commissioners - Howard Demars & Barclay Morris

Transportation Advisory Committee - Barclay Morris

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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2020 HIGHGATE TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the Town respond to future disasters and completed the locally adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan which identifies measures to reduce the impact of future disasters. Provided hazard mitigation support to the Town for addressing landslide risks at the transfer station.
- Provided technical assistance to the Selectboard and Village Core Steering Committee and contracted with the Town to provide support services to the Village Wastewater and Water Feasibility Assessment.
- Provided technical assistance for the redevelopment of the former Young Landfill. Funded an Environmental Assessment, and coordinated funding for a Phase 2 Environmental Assessment from the State of Vermont and NRPC, which will continue in 2021.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Coordinated the installation of a sub-surface stormwater treatment system in the parking lot of the Highgate Elementary School campus to mitigate offsite water quality concerns. This project was a grant-funded cooperative effort with School and District staff that aligned with the scheduled parking lot reconstruction.
- Participated in the feasibility study to extend water and waste water to the Franklin County Airport and surrounding area.
- Provided administrative support for the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Highgate is a member.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce and Farmers to Families food boxes to the Highgate Food Shelf several times during the year.

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Highgate Town Regional Commissioners - Richard Noel & Vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Richard Noel

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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2020 ISLE LA MOTTE TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the Town respond to future disasters.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association.
- Completed a local Hazard Mitigation Plan which identifies measures to reduce the impacts of future disasters and makes the Town eligible for additional grants.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned produce/fruit at two farms in Isle la Motte. Gleaned produce was provided to charitable food sites in the Islands and Franklin County.

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Healthy Roots Collaborative

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

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Isle La Motte Town Regional Commissioners - Paul Hinman & Sylvia Jensen

Transportation Advisory Committee - Paul Hinman

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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Town Report, 2020 - Montgomery

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2020 MONTGOMERY TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Compiled updates for the Local Emergency Management Plan that will help the Town respond to future disasters.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Conducted spot speed studies at several locations to support the installation of radar speed feedback signs.
- Provided grant writing assistance for a Municipal Planning Grant application to conduct a town-wide Natural Resources Inventory.
- Served as project manager for a VTrans Transportation Alternatives grant to do bank stabilization work along Longley Bridge Road.
- Provided administrative support for the Northwest Communications Union District; Montgomery is a founding member.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and could be pursued for implementation.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the FEMA Public Assistance Funds and Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.

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Healthy Roots Collaborative

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

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Montgomery Town Regional Commissioners - Charlie Hancock & Vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Mark Brouillette

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Town Report, 2020 - North Hero

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2020 NORTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association. Provided maps to the Mutual Aid Association to assist with public safety communications coverage.
- Updated the Local Emergency Management plan with input from local officials. Guided the development of a local VT Alert notification group.
- Drafted updates to the Town Plan and assisted with the adoption process. Regionally approved the Municipal Plan and confirmed the municipality's planning process.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Contracted with the Town to complete a Village Master Plan. Facilitated the Village Master Plan Steering Committee meetings, coordinated with VHB landscape architects on materials needed for community outreach, executed a virtual community open house held at the end of July and drafted an action plan to implement the vision.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.

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North Hero Town Regional Commissioners - Andy Alling & Vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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2020 RICHFORD TOWN PROJECTS

- Completed an update to the Local Emergency Management Plan which will help the Town respond to future disasters.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Coordinated with local partners and the State of Vermont on funding a draft brownfields clean-up/corrective action plan for the Missisquoi Overlook and Richford Riverwalk area.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Completed a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan which identifies ways the Town can reduce damage from future disasters and makes the Town eligible for additional grant programs.
- Served as project manager for the Town's shared use path project and coordinated with adjacent property owners.
- Facilitated minor construction adjustments to the 2019 Combs Road culvert replacement project to improve aquatic organism passage using US Fish & Wildlife funding.
- Provided technical assistance on village revitalization initiatives.
- Drafted a successful grant application funding a part-time Economic Development Coordinator. Provided support on the job description and hiring strategy.
- Provided administrative support for the Northwest Communications Union District; Richford is a member.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and could be pursued for implementation.
- Facilitated the design of stormwater treatment practices along the Elementary School Road and along Maple Street; both projects are funded with state grants.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the FEMA Public Assistance Funds and Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Berma Food Shelf and the Richford NOTCH pharmacy weekly from July through November. Staff and volunteers also delivered produce, Farmers to Families Food Boxes, and/or ShiftMeals/Everyone Eats frozen meals to the food shelf and the NOTCH at different times throughout the year.

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Richford Town Regional Commissioners - Rowena Brown & Vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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City Report, 2020 - Saint Albans

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2020 SAINT ALBANS CITY PROJECTS

- Provided Grant Management services for planning and implementation work to support the future expansion of a child care center funded through Vermont Community Development Program Planning and Implementation Grants.
- Coordinated education and outreach for the Regional MS4 stormwater permit program. The focus of 2020 included the development of new content and redesign of the Franklin County Stormwater Collaborative website (www.fcsvt.org).
- Administered funding for the environmental cleanup costs associated with the Maiden Lane Housing Redevelopment.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan in consultation with City EM Committee, which will help the City respond to future disasters. Served as member of the City Emergency Management Committee.
- Served on a Steering Committee for the St. Albans Walk and Bike Committee.
- Coordinated grant funding to design stormwater treatments along the SASH/Nason Street connector and Lemnah Drive. These two projects will aid the City in meeting permit requirements.
- Approved brownfields phase 2 assessment funding on behalf of the City of St. Albans at 64 Lower Weldon, former GMP cooling ponds, which will be developed as part of a stormwater treatment solution.
- Funded a brownfields environmental assessment at Colony Square Apartments on behalf of a prospective purchaser.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the City with the FEMA Public Assistance Funds and Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to Northwest Family Foods and Martha's Kitchen weekly from July through November. Staff and volunteers also delivered produce, Farmers to Families Food Boxes, and/or ShiftMeals/Everyone Eats frozen meals to both locations at different times throughout the year. HRC receives donated produce from one farm in St. Albans.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided technical assistance to a St. Albans business to help explore various transportation/distribution options for their products. Healthy Roots also worked with a St. Albans City restaurant to enroll in the Everyone Eats program.

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Saint Albans City Regional Commissioners - Martin Manahan & Lazarus Scangas

Transportation Advisory Committee - Rep. Mike McCarthy

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Chip Sawyer

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2020 SAINT ALBANS TOWN PROJECTS

- Coordinated education and outreach for the Regional MS4 Stormwater Permit Program. The focus of 2020 included the development of new content and redesign of the Franklin County Stormwater Collaborative website (www.fcsvt.org).
- Submitted road erosion inventory data to Vermont Department of Conservation, a requirement of the Town's MS4 permit.
- Worked with local officials to update the Town's locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Served on a Steering Committee for the St. Albans Walk and Bike Committee.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Provided supporting materials, including a Village Center Designation map, for a successful application to receive state village center designation for St. Albans Bay.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and could be pursued for implementation.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town in applying for FEMA Public Assistance Funds and Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided technical assistance to one St. Albans Town farm to find and connect the farm to different markets throughout Vermont and New Hampshire.

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Saint Albans Town Regional Commissioners - Sarah Hadd & Albin Voegelé

Transportation Advisory Committee - Alan Mashtare

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Alan Mashtare

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2020 SHELDON TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which helps the Town respond to future disasters.
- Created fire ground maps for Fire Department planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance and environmental assessment funding to the historical society for the 200 Bridge Street redevelopment. This site is managed by the historical society with plans to restore it as a museum and office space.
- Provided the Sheldon Historical Society with a display showing the history of the Town's post offices. Created a display of historic bridge photos for the Town.
- Began developing a Village Asset Plan with the Planning Commission to enhance walkability and access to outdoor recreational opportunities in the village areas. This project will continue in 2021.
- Conducted several speed surveys to support potential road speed limit changes.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Sheldon Methodist Church Food Shelf most weeks from July through November. Staff and volunteers also delivered produce, Farmers to Families Food Boxes, and/or ShiftMeals/Everyone Eats frozen meals to the food shelf at different times throughout the year.
- Provided funds to purchase coolers & equipment for the Sheldon Methodist Church Food Shelf through a US Economic Development Association grant.

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Sheldon Town Regional Commissioners - Jeff Kane & Vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Seth Hungerford

Clean Water Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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2020 SOUTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association.
- Provided maps to the Mutual Aid Association to assist with public safety communications coverage.
- Worked with the Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission to review and update the draft South Hero Development Regulations and maps. Provided general planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Updated the locally adopted Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the town respond to future disasters.
- Provided updated Village Designation maps.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided grant writing assistance for a successful Vermont Community Development Program Planning Grant for planning work related to restoring the Old White Meeting House.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program for costs related to continuity of government operations.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the C.I.D.E.R senior meals program and Food for Thought summer meals program regularly during 2020. Staff and volunteers also delivered produce, Farmers to Families Food Boxes, and/or ShiftMeals/Everyone Eats frozen meals to these locations at different times throughout the year.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided technical assistance to one South Hero farm connecting them to distribution in Vermont and the Boston area. HRC also worked with one South Hero business, helping them to enroll in the Everyone Eats program.

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South Hero Town Regional Commissioners - Bob Buermann & Vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Bob Buermann

Clean Water Advisory Committee - James Brightwell (Alt. - Bob Buermann)

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2020 SWANTON TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan for the Town and Village, which helps in disaster response efforts.
- Coordinated delivery of Incident Command System (IC402 Training) for local emergency management officials.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and could be pursued for implementation.
- Provided technical assistance to implement the environmental clean-up plan at the Ace Hardware Brownfields Redevelopment (1-3-5 Canada Street and Municipal Lot at Merchants Row).
- Provided technical assistance on the purchase of the old Rivierre Hotel, 6 South River Street.
- Served as the project manager for the MVU sidewalk design and construction project along US Route 78.
- Completed a catch basin outlet inventory, a requirement under the Municipal Roads General Permit.
- COVID-19: Provided technical assistance for the Town with the Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program as well as Continuity of Operations planning.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to Abenaki Self-Help Association Food Shelf weekly from July through November. Staff and volunteers also delivered produce, Farmers to Families Food Boxes, and/or ShiftMeals/Everyone Eats frozen meals to the Abenaki Food Shelf at different times throughout the year.
- Provided funds to purchase coolers & equipment for the Swanton Community Food Shelf through a US Economic Development Association grant.

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2020 SWANTON VILLAGE PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan for the Town and Village.
- Provided technical assistance to implement the environmental clean-up plan at the Ace Hardware Brownfields Redevelopment (1-3-5 Canada Street and Municipal Lot at Merchants Row).
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and could be pursued for implementation.
- Completed the resource mapping and documentation required by VTrans for the First Street sidewalk construction project.
- Provided technical assistance on the purchase of the old Rivierre Hotel, 6 South River Street.
- Served as the project manager for the MVU sidewalk design and construction project along US Route 78.
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Transportation Advisory Committee - Elisabeth Nance

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