

TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

AUDIT REPORT

JUNE 30, 2022

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Independent Auditor's Report

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bolton, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Bolton, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bolton, Vermont, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, as described in Note I.D.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Bolton, Vermont, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note I.D. to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note I, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and "Government Auditing Standards" will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and "Government Auditing Standards", we:

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

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

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Bolton, Vermont's basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison information on Schedule 1 and combining fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by "Government Auditing Standards"

In accordance with "Government Auditing Standards", we have also issued our report dated January 11, 2023 on our consideration of the Town of Bolton, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Bolton, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" in considering the Town of Bolton, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Sullivan, Powers & Co.

January 11, 2023
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TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2022

| | Governmental Activities |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | |
| Cash | \$ 1,280,125 |
| Investments | 8,391 |
| Total Assets | 1,288,516 |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | |
| Withholdings Payable | 216 |
| Total Liabilities | 216 |
| <u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u> | |
| Prepaid Property Taxes | 24 |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | 24 |
| <u>NET POSITION</u> | |
| Restricted: | |
| Eligible ARPA Expenses | 175,240 |
| Other | 63,700 |
| Unrestricted | 1,049,336 |
| Total Net Position | \$ 1,288,276 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT
 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | Program Cash Receipts | | | | Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| | Cash Disbursements | Charges for Services | Operating Grants and Contributions | Capital Grants/Loans and Contributions | Governmental Activities |
| Functions/Programs: | | | | | |
| Governmental Activities: | | | | | |
| General Government | \$ 274,666 | \$ 46,771 | \$ 2,240 | \$ 0 | \$ (225,655) |
| Public Safety | 118,183 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (118,183) |
| Highways and Streets | 1,089,009 | 815 | 359,658 | 54,750 | (673,786) |
| Culture and Recreation | 15,000 | 0 | 816 | 0 | (14,184) |
| Community Development | 155,833 | 0 | 157,708 | 0 | 1,875 |
| Debt Service | 92,743 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (92,743) |
| Total Governmental Activities | \$ 1,745,434 | \$ 47,586 | \$ 520,422 | \$ 54,750 | (1,122,676) |
| General Receipts: | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | | | | | 904,289 |
| Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes | | | | | 5,853 |
| General State Grants | | | | | 141,334 |
| Proceeds from Sale of Equipment | | | | | 1,565 |
| Insurance Proceeds | | | | | 10,352 |
| ARPA Funds | | | | | 176,388 |
| Unrestricted Investment Earnings | | | | | 2,819 |
| Other | | | | | 2,385 |
| Total General Receipts | | | | | 1,244,985 |
| Change in Net Position | | | | | 122,309 |
| Net Position - July 1, 2021 | | | | | 1,165,967 |
| Net Position - June 30, 2022 | | | | | \$ 1,288,276 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022

| | General Fund | FEMA Fund | CDBG Fund | ARPA Fund | Non-Major Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 1,278,173 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 1,952 | \$ 1,280,125 |
| Investments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,391 | 8,391 |
| Due from Other Funds | 0 | 0 | 3,336 | 175,240 | 0 | 178,576 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 1,278,173</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 3,336</u> | <u>\$ 175,240</u> | <u>\$ 10,343</u> | <u>\$ 1,467,092</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | | | | | |
| Withholdings Payable | 216 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 216 |
| Due to Other Funds | 50,771 | 127,765 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 178,576 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>50,987</u> | <u>127,765</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>40</u> | <u>178,792</u> |
| <u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u> | | | | | | |
| Prepaid Property Taxes | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | <u>24</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>24</u> |
| <u>FUND BALANCES</u> | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 30,811 | 20,000 | 3,336 | 175,240 | 9,553 | 238,940 |
| Committed | 617,837 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 | 618,587 |
| Assigned | 280 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 280 |
| Unassigned/(Deficit) | 578,234 | (147,765) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 430,469 |
| Total Fund Balances | <u>1,227,162</u> | <u>(127,765)</u> | <u>3,336</u> | <u>175,240</u> | <u>10,303</u> | <u>1,288,276</u> |
| Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances | <u>\$ 1,278,173</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 3,336</u> | <u>\$ 175,240</u> | <u>\$ 10,343</u> | <u>\$ 1,467,092</u> |

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TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | General Fund | FEMA Fund | CDBG Fund | ARPA Fund | Non-Major Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Cash Receipts: | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 904,289 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 904,289 |
| Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes | 5,853 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,853 |
| Intergovernmental | 359,291 | 141,701 | 157,708 | 176,388 | 0 | 835,088 |
| Charges for Services | 1,492 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,492 |
| Permits, Licenses and Fees | 46,094 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46,094 |
| Fines and Forfeits | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment Income | 2,818 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2,819 |
| Donations | 2,240 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 816 | 3,056 |
| Other | 2,385 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,385 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 1,324,462 | 141,701 | 157,708 | 176,388 | 817 | 1,801,076 |
| Cash Disbursements: | | | | | | |
| General Government | 272,255 | 0 | 0 | 1,148 | 1,263 | 274,666 |
| Public Safety | 118,183 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 118,183 |
| Highways and Streets | 540,516 | 284,392 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 824,908 |
| Culture and Recreation | 15,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15,000 |
| Community Development | 0 | 0 | 155,833 | 0 | 0 | 155,833 |
| Capital Outlay: | | | | | | |
| Highways and Streets | 264,101 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 264,101 |
| Debt Service: | | | | | | |
| Principal | 80,331 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80,331 |
| Interest | 12,412 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,412 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 1,302,798 | 284,392 | 155,833 | 1,148 | 1,263 | 1,745,434 |
| Excess/(Deficiency) of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements | 21,664 | (142,691) | 1,875 | 175,240 | (446) | 55,642 |
| Other Financing Sources/(Uses): | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from Long-term Debt | 54,750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54,750 |
| Proceeds from Sale of Equipment | 1,565 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,565 |
| Insurance Proceeds | 10,352 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,352 |
| Transfer From Other Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 | 750 |
| Transfer To Other Funds | (750) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (750) |
| Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses) | 65,917 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 | 66,667 |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | 87,581 | (142,691) | 1,875 | 175,240 | 304 | 122,309 |
| Fund Balances - July 1, 2021 | 1,139,581 | 14,926 | 1,461 | 0 | 9,999 | 1,165,967 |
| Fund Balances/(Deficit) - June 30, 2022 | \$ 1,227,162 | \$ (127,765) | \$ 3,336 | \$ 175,240 | \$ 10,303 | \$ 1,288,276 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT
 STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY MODIFIED CASH BASIS NET POSITION
 FIDUCIARY FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2022

| | Custodial Fund Education Tax Fund |
|---------------------|---|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | |
| Cash | \$ <u> 0</u> |
| Total Assets | <u> 0</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | |
| Liabilities | <u> 0</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u> 0</u> |
| <u>NET POSITION</u> | |
| Total Net Position | \$ <u><u> 0</u></u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | Custodial Fund Education Tax Fund |
|--|---|
| <u>ADDITIONS</u> | |
| Education Taxes Collected for Other Governments | \$ <u>1,931,663</u> |
| Total Additions | <u>1,931,663</u> |
| <u>DEDUCTIONS</u> | |
| Education Taxes Distributed to Other Governments | <u>1,931,663</u> |
| Total Deductions | <u>1,931,663</u> |
| Change in Net Position | 0 |
| Net Position - July 1, 2021 | <u>0</u> |
| Net Position - June 30, 2022 | \$ <u><u>0</u></u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2022

The Town of Bolton, Vermont, (herein the "Town") operates under a Selectboard form of government and provides the following services as authorized by State statutes: public safety, highways and streets, cemetery, health and social services, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As discussed further in Note I.D., these financial statements are presented on the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies employed in the preparation of these financial statements.

A. The Financial Reporting Entity

This report includes all of the activity of the Town of Bolton, Vermont. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government; organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that their exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. The primary government is financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government regardless of whether the organization has a separately elected governing board; a governing board appointed by a higher level of government; or a jointly appointed board. Based on these criteria, there are no other entities that should be combined with the financial statements of the Town.

B. Basis of Presentation

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

The basic financial statements of the Town include both government-wide statements and fund financial statements. The focus of the government-wide statements is on reporting the operating results and financial position of the Town as a whole. The focus of the fund financial statements is on reporting on the operating results and financial position of the most significant funds of the Town.

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Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, the Town. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of activities between funds. Governmental activities generally are financed through property taxes, intergovernmental receipts, and other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct disbursements and program receipts for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular program or function. Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Receipts that are not classified as program receipts, including all property taxes, are presented as general receipts.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by general revenues.

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

The Town reports on the following major governmental funds:

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

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fund – This fund accounts for the grant activity related to FEMA projects.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund – This fund accounts for the grant activity related to CDBG projects.

ARPA Fund - This fund accounts for the resources from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program used to support the Town's response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Additionally, the Town reports the following fund type:

Custodial Funds – These funds account for resources held by the Town in a purely custodial capacity for other governments, private organizations or individuals.

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JUNE 30, 2022

C. Measurement Focus

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting. Equity (i.e., modified cash basis net position) is segregated into restricted and unrestricted net position. Operating statements present increases (i.e., receipts) and decreases (i.e., disbursements) in modified cash basis net position.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting. Their reported fund balances (modified cash basis fund balances) are considered a measure of available spendable resources and are segregated into nonspendable; restricted; committed; assigned and unassigned amounts. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., receipts and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., disbursements and other financing uses) in modified cash basis fund balances.

D. Basis of Accounting

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

The Town's policy is to prepare its financial statements generally on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements; consequently, certain revenue and related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenditures and related liabilities are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. The exceptions to this are that the Town records investments at cost as assets, payroll withholdings payable as liabilities and property taxes paid in advance as deferred inflows of resources.

General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures. Proceeds of general long-term debt and financed purchases are reported as other financing sources.

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Equity

1. Cash

Cash balances of Town funds are deposited with and invested by the Town Treasurer. The Town considers all short-term investments of ninety (90) days or less to be cash equivalents.

Excess cash of individual funds are shown as due from other funds and excess cash withdrawals are shown as due to other funds.

2. Investments

The Town invests in investments as allowed by State Statute. Investments are reported at cost.

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3. Fund Equity

Fund equity is classified based upon any restrictions that have been placed on those balances or any tentative plans management may have made for those balances. Restrictions of net position in government-wide financial statements represent amounts that cannot be appropriated or are legally restricted for a specific purpose by a grant, contract, or other binding agreement. Fund balances in governmental fund financial statements are classified as nonspendable (not in spendable form or legally required to remain intact); restricted (constraints on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, or donors, or imposed by law through enabling legislation); committed (constraints on the use of resources are imposed by formal action of the voters); assigned (reflecting the Selectboard's intended use of the resources); and unassigned.

4. Interfund Receivables/Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements that are outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "advances to/from other funds". All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due from/to other funds."

5. Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, "deferred inflows of resources" represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the future periods to which the inflows are related.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

The expenditure budget for the General Fund is approved at the annual Town Meeting in March. Any budget changes require voter approval. There were no budget changes during the year. The budget presented and approved by the voters only includes expenditures. The Selectboard approves the estimated revenue budget when they approve the tax rate. The budget presented herein is for the Town's "General Fund" only and does not include the transfers to reserve accounts.

B. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2022, expenditures in the General Fund exceeded appropriations by \$287,823. These over-expenditures were funded by excess revenues and available fund balance.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2022

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Cash and Investments

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2022 consist of the following:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Cash: | | |
| Deposits with Financial Institutions | \$1,280,125 | |
| Investments: | | |
| Certificate of Deposit | <u>8,391</u> | |
| Total Cash and Investments | | <u>\$1,288,516</u> |

The Town has one (1) certificate of deposit in the amount of \$8,391 with an interest rate of 0.25%. The certificate of deposit will mature during fiscal year 2023.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counter-party (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of another party. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to custodial credit risk. The following table shows the custodial credit risk of the Town's cash and certificate of deposit.

| | <u>Book Balance</u> | <u>Bank Balance</u> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| FDIC Insured | \$ 508,391 | \$ 508,391 |
| Uninsured, Collateralized by U.S. Government Agencies Securities Held by the Pledging Financial Institution's Agent | 329,100 | 347,715 |
| Uninsured, Collateralized by Irrevocable Stand-by Letter of Credit by the Bank of New York Mellon. | <u>451,025</u> | <u>451,025</u> |
| Total | <u>\$1,288,516</u> | <u>\$1,307,131</u> |

The difference between the book and the bank balance is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks.

TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2022

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to interest rate risk. The Town’s certificate of deposit is not subject to interest rate risk disclosure.

Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk that is the risk an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to credit risk. The Town’s certificate of deposit is not subject to credit risk disclosure.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk that a large percentage of the Town’s investments are held within one security. The Town does not have any limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. The Town’s certificate of deposit is not subject to concentration of credit risk disclosure.

B. Interfund Balances and Activity

Interfund balances as of June 30, 2022 are as follows:

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Due from Other Funds</u> | <u>Due to Other Funds</u> |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| General Fund | \$ 0 | \$ 50,771 |
| FEMA Fund | 0 | 127,765 |
| CDBG Fund | 3,336 | 0 |
| ARPA Fund | 175,240 | 0 |
| Non-Major Governmental Fund – Cemetery Fund | <u>0</u> | <u>40</u> |
| Total | <u>\$178,576</u> | <u>\$178,576</u> |

Interfund transfers during the year ended June 30, 2022 were as follows:

| <u>Transfer From</u> | <u>Transfer To</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Purpose</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| General Fund | Senior Meals Fund | \$750 | Fund Senior Meals |

C. Fund Balances

GASB Statement No. 34, as amended by GASB Statement No. 54, requires fund balances reported on the governmental fund balance sheet to be classified using a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

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Governmental fund balances are to be classified as: nonspendable (not in spendable form or legally required to remain intact); restricted (constraints on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors or donors, or imposed by law through enabling legislation); committed (constraints on the use of resources are imposed by formal action of the voters); assigned (reflecting the Selectboard's intended use of the resources); and unassigned.

Special revenue funds are created only to report a revenue source (or sources) that is restricted or committed to a specified purpose, and that the revenue source should constitute a substantial portion of the resources reported in that fund. Special revenue funds cannot be used to accumulate funds that are not restricted or committed. These amounts will have to be reflected in the General Fund.

Amounts constrained to stabilization (rainy-day funds) will be reported as restricted or committed fund balance in the General Fund if they meet the other criteria for those classifications. However, stabilization is regarded as a specified purpose only if the circumstances or conditions that signal the need for stabilization (a) are identified in sufficient detail and (b) are not expected to occur routinely. The Town does not have any stabilization arrangements.

Some governments create stabilization-like arrangements by establishing formal minimum fund balance policies. It is the goal of the Select Board to maintain an unassigned fund balance in the Town's General Fund of not less than 15% of annual budgeted operating expenditures as a contingency reserve. If the unassigned fund balance at fiscal year-end falls below this goal, the Board shall develop a three year restoration plan to achieve and maintain the minimum contingency fund balance. The unassigned fund balance in excess of 20% of budgeted appropriations will be transferred to capital reserve funds, subject to voter approval.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, it is the Town's policy to first consider restricted amounts to have been spent, followed by committed, assigned, and finally unassigned amounts.

The purpose for each major special revenue fund, including which specific revenues and other resources are authorized to be reported in each, are described in the following section.

The fund balances in the following funds are restricted as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Restricted for Road Cutting Expenditures by Ordinance (Source of Revenue is Road Cut Charges) | \$ 2,000 |
| Restricted for Records Restoration by Statute (Source of Revenue is Restoration Fees) | <u>28,811</u> |
| Total General Fund | <u>30,811</u> |

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| | |
|---|------------------|
| FEMA Fund: | |
| Restricted for Buyout of Property by Donation (Source of Revenue is Grants and Donations) | \$ <u>20,000</u> |
| CDBG Fund: | |
| Restricted for CDBG Eligible Expenses by Grant Agreement (Source of Revenue is Grants) | <u>3,336</u> |
| ARPA Fund: | |
| Restricted for Eligible Uses of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding by Grant Agreement (Source of Revenue is Grant Revenue) | <u>175,240</u> |
| <u>Non-Major Funds</u> | |
| Permanent Fund: | |
| Restricted for Cemetery Expenses by Donations (Source of Revenue is Donations) | <u>8,351</u> |
| Special Revenue Fund: | |
| Restricted for Senior Meals by Donations (Source of Revenue is Donations) | <u>1,202</u> |
| Total Restricted Fund Balances | <u>\$238,940</u> |

The fund balances in the following funds are committed as follows:

Major Fund

| | |
|--|------------------|
| General Fund: | |
| Committed for Fire Department Equipment by the Voters | \$111,680 |
| Committed for Fire Department Buildings by the Voters | 22,601 |
| Committed for Fire Department Hoses by the Voters | 1,515 |
| Committed for Land Conservation by the Voters | 19,602 |
| Committed for Planning Expenses by the Voters | 22,544 |
| Committed for Town Office Expenses by the Voters | 13,500 |
| Committed for Highway Equipment Expenditures by the Voters | 159,468 |
| Committed for Highway Project Expenditures by the Voters | 202,127 |
| Committed for Highway Buildings by the Voters | <u>64,800</u> |
| Total General Fund | <u>617,837</u> |
| Special Revenue Fund: | |
| Committed for Senior Meals by the Voters | <u>750</u> |
| Total Committed Fund Balances | <u>\$618,587</u> |

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The fund balance in the following fund is assigned as follows:

Major Fund

General Fund:

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Assigned for Preston Pond Conservation Area | \$ <u>280</u> |
|---|---------------|

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Assigned Fund Balances | \$ <u>280</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------|

The unassigned deficit in the FEMA Fund of \$147,765 will be funded by the collection of future grant revenue.

D. Restricted Net Position

The restricted net position in the governmental activities includes the restricted fund balances of \$238,940.

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Pension Plan

Defined Benefit Plan

Plan Description

The Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that is administered by the State Treasurer and its Board of Trustees. It is designed for municipal and school district employees that work on a regular basis and also includes employees of museums and libraries if at least half of that institution's operating expenses are met by municipal funds. An employee of any employer that becomes affiliated with the system may join at that time or at any time thereafter. Any employee hired subsequent to the effective participation date of their employer who meets the minimum hourly requirements is required to join the system. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the retirement system consisted of 353 participating employers.

The plan was established effective July 1, 1975, and is governed by Title 24, V.S.A. Chapter 125.

The general administration and responsibility for formulating administrative policy and procedures of the retirement system for its members and their beneficiaries is vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of five members. They are the State Treasurer, two employee representatives elected by the membership of the system, and two employer representatives-one elected by the governing bodies of participating employers of the system, and one selected by the Governor from a list of four nominees. The list of four nominees is jointly submitted by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Vermont School Boards Association.

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

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Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

As of June 30, 2021, the measurement date selected by the State of Vermont, VMERS was funded at 86.29% and had a plan fiduciary net position of \$926,034,330 and a total pension liability of \$1,073,218,528 resulting in a net position liability of \$147,184,198. As of June 30, 2022, the Town's proportionate share of this was 0.0578% resulting in a net pension liability of \$85,017. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating municipalities, actuarially determined. The Town's proportion of 0.0578% was an increase of 0.00563 from its proportion measured as of the prior year.

Summary of System Provisions

Membership – Full time employees of participating municipalities. Municipalities can elect coverage under Groups A, B, C or D provisions. The Town elected coverage under Groups B and C.

Creditable Service – Service as a member plus purchased service.

Average Final Compensation (AFC) – Group A – Average annual compensation during highest five (5) consecutive years. Groups B and C – Average annual compensation during highest three (3) consecutive years. Group D – Average annual compensation during highest two (2) consecutive years.

Service Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility – Group A – The earlier of age 65 with five (5) years of service or age 55 with thirty-five (35) years of service. Group B – The earlier of age 62 with five (5) years of service or age 55 with thirty (30) years of service. Groups C and D – Age 55 with five (5) years of service.

Amount – Group A – 1.4% of AFC times service. Group B – 1.7% of AFC times service as a Group B member plus percentage earned as a Group A member times AFC. Group C – 2.5% of AFC times service as a Group C member plus percentage earned as a Group A or B member times AFC. Group D – 2.5% of AFC times service as a Group D member plus percentage earned as a Group A, B or C member times AFC.

Maximum benefit is 60% of AFC for Groups A and B and 50% of AFC for Groups C and D. The previous amounts include the portion of the allowance provided by member contributions.

Early Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility – Age 55 with five (5) years of service for Groups A and B. Age 50 with twenty (20) years of service for Group D.

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Amount – Normal allowance based on service and AFC at early retirement, reduced by 6% for each year commencement precedes normal retirement age for Groups A and B members, and payable without reduction to Group D members.

Vested Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility – Five (5) years of service.

Amount – Allowance beginning at normal retirement age based on AFC and service at termination. The AFC is to be adjusted annually by one-half of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, subject to the limits on “Post-Retirement Adjustments”.

Disability Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility – Five (5) years of service and disability as determined by Retirement Board.

Amount – Immediate allowance based on AFC and service to date of disability; children’s benefit of 10% of AFC payable to up to three minor children (or children up to age 23 if enrolled in full-time studies) of a disabled Group D member.

Death Benefit:

Eligibility – Death after five (5) years of service.

Amount – For Groups A, B and C, reduced early retirement allowance under 100% survivor option commencing immediately or, if greater, survivor(s) benefit under disability annuity computed as of date of death. For Group D, 70% of the unreduced accrued benefit plus children’s benefit.

Optional Benefit and Death after Retirement – For Groups A, B and C, lifetime allowance or actuarially equivalent 50% or 100% joint and survivor allowance with refund of contribution guarantee. For Group D, lifetime allowance or 70% contingent annuitant option with no reduction.

Refund of Contribution – Upon termination, if the member so elects or if no other benefit is payable, the member’s accumulated contributions are refunded.

Post-Retirement Adjustments – Allowance in payment for at least one year increased on each January 1 by one-half of the percentage increase in Consumer Price Index but not more than 2% for Group A and 3% for Groups B, C and D.

Member Contributions – Group A – 3.00%. Group B – 5.375%. Group C – 10.50%. Group D – 11.85%.

Employer Contributions – Group A – 4.50%. Group B – 6.00%. Group C – 7.75%. Group D – 10.35%.

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Retirement Stipend – \$25 per month payable at the option of the Board of Trustees.

Significant Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

Investment Rate of Return: 7.00%, net of pension plan investment expenses, including inflation, a decrease from 7.50% in the prior year.

Salary increases: Varying service-based rates from 0-10 years of service, then a single rate of 4.50% (includes assumed inflation rate of 2.30%) for all subsequent years.

Mortality:

Pre-Retirement: Groups A, B and C – 40% PubG-2010 General Employee below-median and 60% of PubG-2010 General Employee, with generational projection using scale MP-2019. Group D – PubG-2010 General Employee above-median, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Healthy Post-retirement – Retirees: Groups A, B and C – 104% of 40% PubG-2010 General Healthy Retiree below-median and 60% of PubG-2010 General Healthy Retiree, with generational projection using scale MP-2019. Group D – PubG-2010 General Healthy Retiree, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Healthy Post-retirement – Beneficiaries: Groups A, B and C – 70% Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor below-median and 30% of Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor, with generational projection using scale MP-2019. Group D – Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled Post-retirement: All Groups – PubNS-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Spouse’s Age: Females three years younger than males.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments: 1.10% for Group A members and 1.20% for Groups B, C and D members. The January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021 COLAs are 0.80% and 0.40%, respectively, for all groups.

Actuarial Cost Method: Entry age actuarial cost method. Entry age is the age at date of employment or, if date is unknown, current age minus years of service. Normal cost and actuarial accrued liability are calculated on an individual basis and are allocated by salary, with normal cost determined using the plan of benefits applicable to each participant.

Assets: The valuation is based on the market value of assets as of the valuation date, as provided by the System. The System uses an “actuarial value of assets” that differs from market value to gradually reflect year-to-year changes in the market value of assets in determine the contribution requirements.

Inflation: 2.30%

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Long-term Expected Rate of Return:

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

| <u>Asset Class</u> | <u>Target Allocation</u> | <u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Passive Global Equity | 24% | 5.05% |
| Active Global Equity | 5% | 5.05% |
| US Equity – Large Cap | 4% | 4.00% |
| US Equity – Small/Mid Cap | 3% | 4.50% |
| Non-US Developed Market Equities | 7% | 5.50% |
| Private Equity | 10% | 6.75% |
| Emerging Markets Debt | 4% | 3.00% |
| Private & Alternate Credit | 10% | 4.75% |
| Non-Core Real Estate | 4% | 5.75% |
| Core Fixed Income | 19% | 0.00% |
| Core Real Estate | 4% | 3.75% |
| US TIPS | 3% | (0.50)% |
| Infrastructure/Farmland | 3% | 4.25% |

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%.

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member and employer contributions will be made at rates set by the Board (employers) and statute (members) with scheduled increases through July 1, 2022. Further, based upon Board resolution, projected contributions beginning July 1, 2022, and each subsequent July 1, through 2025 include additional total contribution increases of 0.50% per year. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, the pension plans' Fiduciary Net Position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members as of June 30, 2021. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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

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| | | |
|--|-----------|----------------------------|
| <u>1% Decrease (6.00%) Discount Rate (7.00%)</u> | | <u>1% Increase (8.00%)</u> |
| \$168,041 | \$ 85,017 | \$ 16,747 |

Additional Information

Additional information regarding the State of Vermont Municipal Employees’ Retirement System, including the details of the Fiduciary Net Position, is available upon request from the State of Vermont.

B. Property Taxes

The Town is responsible for assessing and collecting its own property taxes, as well as education property taxes for the State of Vermont. Property taxes are assessed based on property valuations as of April 1, the voter approved budgets and the State education property tax liability. Property taxes are collected four (4) times per year. During the tax year ended June 30, 2022, taxes became due and payable on September 15, 2021, November 16, 2021, February 15, 2022 and May 17, 2022. The Town assesses an 8% penalty on delinquent taxes and interest is assessed at 1% per month. Unpaid taxes become an enforceable lien on the property and such properties are subject to tax sale. The tax rates for 2022 were as follows:

| | <u>Homestead</u> | <u>Non-Homestead</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Town | .6778 | .6778 |
| Land Conservation | .0025 | .0025 |
| Education – Local Share | <u>1.6498</u> | <u>1.7989</u> |
| Total | <u>2.3301</u> | <u>2.4792</u> |

C. Risk Management

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

The Town is also a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Employment Resource and Benefits Trust. The Trust is a nonprofit corporation formed to provide unemployment coverage and other employment benefits for Vermont municipalities and is owned by the participating members. The agreement does not permit the Trust to make additional assessments to its members. The Town has only elected unemployment coverage with the Trust.

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D. Contingent Liabilities

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

E. Long-Term Debt

The Town issues general obligation bonds to provide resources for the acquisition and construction of major capital projects and to refund prior issues. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the Town. New bonds generally are issued as 10 to 20 year bonds.

The Town has notes payable to finance capital projects and vehicles through a local bank.

The Town enters into lease agreements as the lessee for the purpose of financing the acquisition of major pieces of equipment. These lease agreements qualify as financed purchases for accounting purposes (even though they may include clauses that allow for cancellation of the lease in the event the Town does not appropriate funds in future years) and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the inception date of the leases.

Long-term debt activity during the year ended June 30, 2022 was as follows:

| | <u>Beginning Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deletions</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Note Payable, Community Bank, N.A, Fire Station Renovation, Principal Payments of \$14,286 Plus Interest Payable October 31 Annually, Interest at 2.917%, Due October, 2031 | \$157,142 | \$ 0 | \$ 14,286 | \$142,856 |
| Note Payable, Community Bank, N.A., 2017 International Truck, Principal Payments of \$14,000 Plus Interest Payable July 2 Annually, Interest at 2.1% Due and Paid March 21, 2022 | 28,000 | 0 | 28,000 | 0 |
| Note Payable, Community Bank, N.A., 2018 Mini Pumper, Principal Payments of \$10,693 Plus Interest Payable Annually Beginning on September 5, 2019, Interest at 3.35%, Due September, 2028 | 85,544 | 0 | 10,693 | 74,851 |

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| | <u>Beginning Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deletions</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Note Payable, Community Bank, N.A., Bucket Loader, Principal Payments of \$6,233 Plus Interest Payable Annually Beginning November 14, 2019, Interest at 3.55%, Due November 2028 | \$ 49,859 | \$ 0 | \$ 6,233 | \$ 43,626 |
| Note Payable, Community Bank, N.A., 2020 International, Principal Payments of \$6,549 Plus Interest Payable Annually Beginning April 18, 2021, Interest at 3.00%, Due April, 2025 | 26,198 | 0 | 6,549 | 19,649 |
| Note Payable, Community Bank, N.A., 2021 International Tandem, Principal Payments of \$14,570 Plus Interest Payable Annually, Beginning June 27, 2022, Interest at 2.3%, Due June 27, 2026 | 72,850 | 0 | 14,570 | 58,280 |
| Financed Purchase, Caterpillar Financial Services, 2021 Caterpillar Grader, Principal and Interest Payments of \$31,321 Payable Annually, Beginning July 2, 2021, Interest at 2.99%, Due July, 2030. | 0 | 274,900* | 31,321* | 243,579 |
| Note Payable, Community Bank, N.A., 2022 Excavator, Principal Payments of \$5,475 Plus Interest Payable Annually, Beginning May, 2023, Interest at 3.19%, Due May 25, 2032 | <u>0</u> | <u>54,750</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>54,750</u> |
| Total | <u>\$419,593</u> | <u>\$329,650</u> | <u>\$111,652</u> | <u>\$637,591</u> |

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Maturities are estimated to be as follows:

| <u>Year Ending June 30, 2022</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2023 | \$ 81,145 | \$ 19,875 |
| 2024 | 82,450 | 16,880 |
| 2025 | 83,196 | 14,431 |
| 2026 | 77,418 | 11,953 |
| 2027 | 63,639 | 9,653 |
| 2028-2032 | <u>249,743</u> | <u>19,807</u> |
| Total | <u>\$637,591</u> | <u>\$ 92,599</u> |

*This is a financed purchase entered into in fiscal year 2021, however, the Town did not take possession of the equipment until July 2, 2021. This was a prepayment made in fiscal year 2021.

F. Subsequent Events

Subsequent to year-end, the Town will receive the second half of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program funds in the amount of \$176,388.

On August 3, 2022, the Town entered into a capital improvement note with Community Bank in the amount of \$74,543 to finance the purchase an emergency rescue van with a total purchase price of \$155,632. The Town made a down payment on the emergency rescue van in the amount of \$62,162 in fiscal year 2022.

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | Budget | Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| Cash Receipts: | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 898,174 | \$ 904,289 | \$ 6,115 |
| Interest on Delinquent Taxes | 0 | 5,853 | 5,853 |
| Penalty on Delinquent Taxes | 0 | 6,049 | 6,049 |
| Current Use | 51,474 | 55,178 | 3,704 |
| Railroad Tax | 3,214 | 1,607 | (1,607) |
| Recording Fees | 18,000 | 19,835 | 1,835 |
| Restoration Fees | 0 | 7,100 | 7,100 |
| Dog Licenses | 0 | 1,392 | 1,392 |
| Insurance Reimbursement | 0 | 10,352 | 10,352 |
| Liquor Licenses | 0 | 830 | 830 |
| Marriage/Civil Union Fees | 0 | 690 | 690 |
| Vault Fees | 0 | 2,638 | 2,638 |
| Zoning Fees | 7,000 | 11,288 | 4,288 |
| Equalization | 0 | 776 | 776 |
| Donations | 0 | 2,240 | 2,240 |
| Investment Income | 0 | 2,818 | 2,818 |
| SOV Appraisal Allowance | 0 | 6,596 | 6,596 |
| Cemetery Plots | 0 | 100 | 100 |
| CB Loan 2022 Excavator | 0 | 54,750 | 54,750 |
| Sale of Vehicle | 0 | 1,565 | 1,565 |
| PILOT | 77,179 | 77,177 | (2) |
| Reimbursement/Other | 0 | 2,196 | 2,196 |
| Reimbursement/Legal Fees | 0 | 1,898 | 1,898 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 0 | 189 | 189 |
| Fireworks Permits | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Highway Weight Permits | 0 | 775 | 775 |
| Highway Admin Fees | 0 | 40 | 40 |
| SOV/Regular Aid Program | 55,733 | 55,733 | 0 |
| SOV/Suppl. Aid | 0 | 6,168 | 6,168 |
| SOV/Grant Program Funds | 0 | 139,176 | 139,176 |
| Grant in Aid Program | 0 | 16,880 | 16,880 |
| | <u>1,110,774</u> | <u>1,397,178</u> | <u>286,404</u> |
| Total Cash Receipts | | | |
| Cash Disbursements: | | | |
| Town Administration: | | | |
| Personnel: | | | |
| Clerk/Treasurer Wages | 87,168 | 88,741 | (1,573) |
| Zoning Officer Wages | 23,587 | 19,209 | 4,378 |
| Assessor Assistant Wages | 570 | 0 | 570 |
| Board Clerk | 1,750 | 1,281 | 469 |
| Social Security | 10,265 | 9,914 | 351 |
| Retirement | 5,701 | 6,185 | (484) |
| Health Insurance | 10,000 | 10,002 | (2) |
| Dental Coverage | 1,416 | 1,266 | 150 |
| Worker's Comp Insurance | 900 | 730 | 170 |
| Unemployment Insurance | 428 | 532 | (104) |
| Disability Insurance | 345 | 267 | 78 |
| Training | 500 | 432 | 68 |
| Selectboard Stipends | 3,900 | 4,350 | (450) |

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | Budget | Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| Personnel/(Cont.): | | | |
| Constable Stipend | \$ 250 | \$ 250 | \$ 0 |
| BCA Stipend | 650 | 470 | 180 |
| Animal Control Stipend | 500 | 700 | (200) |
| PTO Payout | 3,619 | 2,841 | 778 |
| Health Officer Stipend | 250 | 250 | 0 |
| Board Stipends DRB & PC | 2,040 | 1,400 | 640 |
| Delinquent Tax Collector | 0 | 6,095 | (6,095) |
| Total Personnel | 153,839 | 154,915 | (1,076) |
| Town Office: | | | |
| Heating Fuel | 1,000 | 561 | 439 |
| Electricity | 1,700 | 1,299 | 401 |
| Trash Removal | 575 | 2,325 | (1,750) |
| Building Maintenance/Repairs | 2,500 | 3,020 | (520) |
| Office Operating Expenses | 6,900 | 6,803 | 97 |
| Telephone/Fax/Internet | 3,900 | 3,670 | 230 |
| Copier Lease & Images | 3,200 | 2,770 | 430 |
| Meeting Expenses | 300 | 200 | 100 |
| Bolton Gazette | 350 | 321 | 29 |
| Postage | 3,500 | 3,498 | 2 |
| Printing/Advertising | 4,300 | 3,350 | 950 |
| Land Record Archiving | 3,000 | 834 | 2,166 |
| Property Maintenance | 2,000 | 430 | 1,570 |
| Property & Casualty Insurance | 6,488 | 4,956 | 1,532 |
| Cemetery Care | 3,500 | 2,892 | 608 |
| Office/Computer Equipment | 2,000 | 3,777 | (1,777) |
| Tech Support | 8,000 | 10,837 | (2,837) |
| NEMRC | 5,875 | 5,779 | 96 |
| Web Page Expenses | 250 | 0 | 250 |
| Election Expenses | 1,600 | 892 | 708 |
| Constable Expenses | 200 | 0 | 200 |
| Assessor Expenses | 500 | 558 | (58) |
| Zoning/Health Officer Expenses | 200 | 106 | 94 |
| Conservation Commission | 700 | 261 | 439 |
| Planning Commission | 3,000 | 3,995 | (995) |
| Development Review Board | 200 | 0 | 200 |
| Recreation Fund | 500 | 0 | 500 |
| Conservation Fund Expense | 0 | 5,750 | (5,750) |
| Senior Christmas | 0 | 1,421 | (1,421) |
| Total Town Office | 66,238 | 70,305 | (4,067) |
| Taxes, Fees: | | | |
| Membership Fees | 4,130 | 4,092 | 38 |
| County Tax | 6,122 | 5,932 | 190 |
| Fees (Bank & State) | 1,250 | 1,181 | 69 |
| Total Taxes, Fees | 11,502 | 11,205 | 297 |
| Contracted Services: | | | |
| Legal Services | 20,000 | 6,178 | 13,822 |
| Bookkeeping/Auditing Services | 14,900 | 14,900 | 0 |

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | Budget | Actual | Variance (Unfavorable) |
|---|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Contracted Services/(Cont.): | | | |
| Property Tax Maps | \$ 1,850 | \$ 0 | \$ 1,850 |
| Assessor Services | 25,350 | 17,776 | 7,574 |
| Richmond Rescue | 19,996 | 19,996 | 0 |
| Total Contracted Services | 82,096 | 58,850 | 23,246 |
| Service Organization Allocations: | | | |
| Chittenden Unit Special Investigations | 2,204 | 2,204 | 0 |
| Visiting Nurses Association | 750 | 750 | 0 |
| Committee on Temporary Shelter | 250 | 250 | 0 |
| Our Community Cares | 500 | 500 | 0 |
| Front Porch Forum | 50 | 50 | 0 |
| Steps to End Domestic Violence | 500 | 500 | 0 |
| Vermont Family Network | 250 | 250 | 0 |
| Age Well | 200 | 200 | 0 |
| Bolton's Senior Meals | 750 | 750 | 0 |
| Waterbury Senior Center | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| Conservation Fund | 0 | 15,000 | (15,000) |
| Library Card Reimbursement | 800 | 725 | 75 |
| Total Service Organization Allocations | 7,254 | 22,179 | (14,925) |
| Total Town Administration | 320,929 | 317,454 | 3,475 |
| Highway Department: | | | |
| Personnel: | | | |
| Wages/Full Time | 143,790 | 139,920 | 3,870 |
| Wages/Over Time | 18,666 | 26,022 | (7,356) |
| Wages/Part Time | 5,424 | 3,918 | 1,506 |
| PTO Payout | 4,237 | 1,516 | 2,721 |
| Worker's Comp Insurance | 10,448 | 9,716 | 732 |
| Unemployment Insurance | 608 | 552 | 56 |
| Disability Insurance | 530 | 408 | 122 |
| Social Security | 13,549 | 14,042 | (493) |
| Retirement | 9,050 | 9,229 | (179) |
| Health Insurance | 43,326 | 24,447 | 18,879 |
| Dental Insurance | 1,729 | 1,014 | 715 |
| Uniforms | 2,000 | 5,385 | (3,385) |
| Training Fees and Mileage | 600 | 574 | 26 |
| Contracted Services | 14,000 | 27,165 | (13,165) |
| Total Personnel | 267,957 | 263,908 | 4,049 |
| Town Garage: | | | |
| Garage Operating Expenses | 9,000 | 8,469 | 531 |
| Telephone | 3,000 | 4,000 | (1,000) |
| Heating Fuel | 3,500 | 2,600 | 900 |
| Electricity | 2,100 | 2,341 | (241) |
| Building Maintenance | 4,000 | 7,256 | (3,256) |
| Property and Casualty Insurance | 7,324 | 7,494 | (170) |
| Better Back Roads | 0 | 15,182 | (15,182) |
| Grant in Aid Program Expenses | 0 | 8,966 | (8,966) |
| MRGP | 740 | 500 | 240 |
| Total Town Garage | 29,664 | 56,808 | (27,144) |

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AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | Budget | Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| Equipment: | | | |
| Equipment Rentals | \$ 2,500 | \$ 10,993 | \$ (8,493) |
| Equipment Repair | 1,000 | 3,339 | (2,339) |
| Small Equipment Purchase | 4,000 | 5,023 | (1,023) |
| Safety Equipment | 800 | 1,157 | (357) |
| Tools | 1,200 | 7,192 | (5,992) |
| Tree Removal | 1,000 | 2,200 | (1,200) |
| | <u>10,500</u> | <u>29,904</u> | <u>(19,404)</u> |
| Total Equipment | | | |
| Materials: | | | |
| Gravel | 20,000 | 20,032 | (32) |
| Sand | 11,000 | 5,604 | 5,396 |
| Resurfacing | 80,000 | 201,939 | (121,939) |
| Cold Patch | 1,000 | 239 | 761 |
| Erosion Control | 1,000 | 338 | 662 |
| Stone Lining | 8,000 | 0 | 8,000 |
| Culverts | 5,000 | 29,612 | (24,612) |
| Road Signs | 2,500 | 650 | 1,850 |
| Chloride | 1,000 | 1,001 | (1) |
| Salt | 55,000 | 52,087 | 2,913 |
| | <u>184,500</u> | <u>311,502</u> | <u>(127,002)</u> |
| Total Materials | | | |
| Vehicles: | | | |
| 2018 Loader | 800 | 3,497 | (2,697) |
| 1999 Grader | 5,000 | 0 | 5,000 |
| 2020 International #1 Tan | 0 | 15,159 | (15,159) |
| 2017 International #1 | 3,500 | 0 | 3,500 |
| 2017 International #2 | 3,500 | 10,852 | (7,352) |
| 2020 International #3 Lan | 1,000 | 3,353 | (2,353) |
| 2021 Milton Cat Grader | 0 | 1,947 | (1,947) |
| Fuel | 25,000 | 27,057 | (2,057) |
| Oil/Lube | 2,500 | 4,404 | (1,904) |
| Tires | 4,000 | 7,820 | (3,820) |
| Cutting Edges | 6,000 | 6,244 | (244) |
| | <u>51,300</u> | <u>80,333</u> | <u>(29,033)</u> |
| Total Vehicles | | | |
| Total Highway Department | <u>543,921</u> | <u>742,455</u> | <u>(198,534)</u> |
| Fire Department: | | | |
| Personnel: | | | |
| Fire Chief Stipend | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0 |
| Volunteer Training Stipends | 9,000 | 9,000 | 0 |
| Training Fees and Mileage | 1,500 | 1,235 | 265 |
| Social Security | 880 | 880 | 0 |
| Turnout Gear | 5,000 | 5,441 | (441) |
| | <u>18,880</u> | <u>19,056</u> | <u>(176)</u> |
| Total Personnel | | | |

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AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | Budget | Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|--|---------------|----------------|---|
| General Operations: | | | |
| General Operations | \$ 7,500 | \$ 8,894 | \$ (1,394) |
| Property and Casualty Insurance | 14,350 | 13,868 | 482 |
| Worker's Comp Insurance | 1,600 | 1,527 | 73 |
| Telephone/Internet | 3,500 | 3,458 | 42 |
| Mutual Aid Dues | 300 | 250 | 50 |
| Dispatch Services | 4,000 | 3,938 | 62 |
| Total General Operations | <u>31,250</u> | <u>31,935</u> | <u>(685)</u> |
| Fire Station: | | | |
| Building Maintenance/Repair | 3,000 | 3,433 | (433) |
| Heating Fuel | 5,500 | 4,327 | 1,173 |
| Electricity | 2,200 | 3,085 | (885) |
| Total Fire Station | <u>10,700</u> | <u>10,845</u> | <u>(145)</u> |
| Equipment: | | | |
| Communications/Radio Equipment | 1,500 | 4,547 | (3,047) |
| Small Equipment/Tools | 6,500 | 6,816 | (316) |
| Thermal Camera | 0 | 8,235 | (8,235) |
| Equipment Repair | 1,000 | 943 | 57 |
| SCBA Testing | 3,000 | 668 | 2,332 |
| Total Equipment | <u>12,000</u> | <u>21,209</u> | <u>(9,209)</u> |
| Vehicles: | | | |
| Vehicle Maintenance/Repair | 7,000 | 11,577 | (4,577) |
| Vehicle Operation | 500 | 161 | 339 |
| Total Vehicles | <u>7,500</u> | <u>11,738</u> | <u>(4,238)</u> |
| Total Fire Department | <u>80,330</u> | <u>94,783</u> | <u>(14,453)</u> |
| Debt Service Payments: | | | |
| Fire Truck Principal | 10,693 | 10,693 | 0 |
| Fire Truck Interest | 2,866 | 2,835 | 31 |
| Fire Rescue Van Down Payment | 0 | 62,162 | (62,162) |
| Fire Station Renovations - Principal | 14,286 | 14,286 | 0 |
| Fire Station Renovations - Interest | 4,584 | 4,561 | 23 |
| 2017 International Truck B - Principal | 28,000 | 28,000 | 0 |
| 2017 International Truck B - Interest | 825 | 825 | 0 |
| 2020 International C Principal | 6,550 | 6,549 | 1 |
| 2020 International C Interest | 786 | 771 | 15 |
| 2021 International C Principal | 0 | 14,570 | (14,570) |
| 2021 International C Interest | 0 | 1,662 | (1,662) |
| 2018 Bucket Loader - Principal | 6,233 | 6,233 | 0 |
| 2018 Bucket Loader - Interest | 1,771 | 1,758 | 13 |
| Total Debt Service Payments | <u>76,594</u> | <u>154,905</u> | <u>(78,311)</u> |

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AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | Budget | Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|-----------|--------------|---|
| Reserve Fund Contributions: | | | |
| Town Office Reserve | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 0 |
| Planning Project Reserve | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 |
| Highway Equipment Reserve | 29,000 | 29,000 | 0 |
| Highway Road Reconstruction | 25,000 | 25,000 | 0 |
| Fire Station Reserve | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0 |
| Fire Equipment Reserve | 23,500 | 23,500 | 0 |
| Total Reserve Fund Contributions | 89,000 | 89,000 | 0 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 1,110,774 | 1,398,597 | (287,823) |
| Excess/(Deficiency) of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements | \$ 0 | (1,419) | \$ (1,419) |
| Adjustment to Reconcile from the Budgetary Basis of Accounting to the Modified Cash Basis of Accounting: | | | |
| Transfer to Town Office Reserve | | 5,000 | |
| Transfer to Planning Project Reserve | | 4,000 | |
| Transfer to Highway Equipment Reserve | | 29,000 | |
| Transfer to Highway Guardrails Reserve | | 25,000 | |
| Transfer to Fire Station Reserve | | 2,500 | |
| Transfer to Fire Equipment Reserve | | 23,500 | |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | | 87,581 | |
| Fund Balance - July 1, 2021 | | 1,139,581 | |
| Fund Balance - June 30, 2022 | | \$ 1,227,162 | |

The reconciling items are due to budgeted transfers to reserve accounts within the General Fund.

TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS,
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2022

| | <u>Permanent Fund</u> | <u>Special Revenue Fund</u> | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| | <u>Cemetery Fund</u> | <u>Senior Meals Fund</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | | |
| Cash | \$ 0 | \$ 1,952 | \$ 1,952 |
| Investments | <u>8,391</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>8,391</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 8,391</u> | <u>\$ 1,952</u> | <u>\$ 10,343</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u> | | | |
| Due to Other Funds | \$ <u>40</u> | \$ <u>0</u> | \$ <u>40</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>40</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>40</u> |
| Fund Balances: | | | |
| Restricted | 8,351 | 1,202 | 9,553 |
| Committed | <u>0</u> | <u>750</u> | <u>750</u> |
| Total Fund Balances | <u>8,351</u> | <u>1,952</u> | <u>10,303</u> |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | <u>\$ 8,391</u> | <u>\$ 1,952</u> | <u>\$ 10,343</u> |

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TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND
 CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | Permanent Fund | Special Revenue Fund | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | Cemetery Fund | Senior Meals Fund | Total |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Cash Receipts: | | | |
| Investment Income | \$ 0 | \$ 1 | \$ 1 |
| Donations | <u>0</u> | <u>816</u> | <u>816</u> |
| Total Cash Receipts | <u>0</u> | <u>817</u> | <u>817</u> |
| Cash Disbursements: | | | |
| General Government | <u>0</u> | <u>1,263</u> | <u>1,263</u> |
| Total Cash Disbursements | <u>0</u> | <u>1,263</u> | <u>1,263</u> |
| Excess/(Deficiency) of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements | <u>0</u> | <u>(446)</u> | <u>(446)</u> |
| Other Financing Sources: | | | |
| Transfer From Other Funds | <u>0</u> | <u>750</u> | <u>750</u> |
| Total Other Financing Sources | <u>0</u> | <u>750</u> | <u>750</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | 0 | 304 | 304 |
| Fund Balances - July 1, 2021 | <u>8,351</u> | <u>1,648</u> | <u>9,999</u> |
| Fund Balances - June 30, 2022 | <u>\$ 8,351</u> | <u>\$ 1,952</u> | <u>\$ 10,303</u> |

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with "Government Auditing Standards"

Selectboard
Town of Bolton, Vermont
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton, Vermont 05676

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bolton, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Bolton, Vermont's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 11, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Sullivan, Powers & Co.

January 11, 2023
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