#### TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2024 AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS

#### TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT

#### **JUNE 30, 2024**

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Selectboard Town of Sharon, Vermont

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

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

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) 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 Sharon, 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.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS 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 a

substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

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

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

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and schedules 3 and 4 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedules 1 and 2 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional

procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying schedules 1 and 2 are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 14, 2024 on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting; on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and on other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Montpelier, Vermont November 14, 2024

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#### TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2024

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction of the Town of Sharon's (the Town) basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements include three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

#### Financial Statements:

The accompanying financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024 include two separate presentations of financial statements. Government-wide financial statements (the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) present the financial picture of the Town from the "economic resources" measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. The Statement of Net Position includes the Town's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating. The Statement of Activities focuses on the programs of the Town and presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the year.

The government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Town that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities).

Fund financial statements include statements that present activities by fund. A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The funds of the Town can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, governmental funds primarily focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources and their balance at the end of the fiscal year. The Town reports six major governmental funds: General Fund, Highway Fund, ARPA Grant Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Town Equipment Fund, FEMA Fund and Chester Downer Trust Fund. The Town's eleven remaining governmental funds (Sharon Conservation Committee Fund, Honor Roll Fund, James Judson Memorial Fund, Steenken Lease Land Fund, Recreation Fund, Legal Reserve Fund, Reappraisal Fund, Records Preservation Fund, Solar Decommissioning Fund, Baxter Memorial Library Fund and Other Grants Fund) are consolidated and reported as Other Governmental Funds in the fund financial statements.

The proprietary fund of the Town is an enterprise fund; it reports the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Town uses the Old School House Fund as an enterprise fund to account for the resources and operation of the old school rental.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of other parties. Fiduciary activity is not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. The Town's fiduciary funds are the Trustees of Public Funds Fund and Ashley Community Forest Fund.

#### **Government-wide Financial Analysis:**

The Statement of Net Position shows total assets of the Town as of June 30, 2024 are \$8,786,296; total assets as of June 30, 2023 were \$8,648,191. Of these totals, \$2,632,474 and \$2,459,396 represent current assets. Noncurrent assets are the net capital assets including construction in progress, land, art, buildings and improvements, equipment and furniture, vehicles and infrastructure. Noncurrent assets of the Town totaled \$6,153,822 and \$6,188,795 as of June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 respectively.

The deferred outflows of resources at June 30, 2024 are \$89,057, compared to the prior year balance of \$119,938.

The liabilities of the Town at June 30, 2024 totaled \$1,513,624 and included \$1,057,113 in long-term debt, \$141,421 in payables, \$33,697 in accrued compensated absences, and \$281,393 in net pension liability. Liabilities as of June 30, 202, totaled \$1,593,534 and included \$1,126,113 in long-term debt, \$151,946 in payables, \$26,878 in accrued compensated absences, and \$288,597 in net pension liability.

The deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2024 of \$118,329 include \$7,568 in taxes collected in advance, \$14,581 in deferred grant revenue, \$82,080 in deferred inflows related to lease receivable and \$14,100 of deferred pension credits. Deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2023 of \$503,616 include \$6,820 in taxes collected in advance, \$382,713 in deferred grant revenue, \$109,439 in deferred inflows related to lease receivable and \$4,644 of deferred pension credits.

Table 1
Net Position

	Governme	enta	l Activities	Business-t	ype	Activities	Totals								
	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>					
Current assets Capital assets Total assets	2,477,098 6,017,137 8,494,235		2,278,913 6,042,123 8,321,036	\$ 155,376 136,685 292,061	\$	180,483 146,672 327,155	\$	2,632,474 6,153,822 8,786,296	\$	2,459,396 6,188,795 8,648,191					
Deferred outflows of resources Current liabilities	89,057 342,910		119,938 335,874	2,511		5,072		89,057 345,421		119,938 340,946					
Long-term liabilities  Total liabilities	1,168,203 1,511,113		1,252,588 1,588,462	2,511		5,072		1,168,203 1,513,624		1,252,588 1,593,534					
Deferred inflows of resources	36,249		394,177	82,080		109,439		118,329		503,616					
Net investment in capital assets	4,960,024		4,916,010	136,685		146,672		5,096,709		5,062,682					
Restricted Unrestricted	1,437,084		1,193,125 349,200	70,785		65,972		1,437,084 709,607		1,193,125 415,172					
Total net position \$	7,035,930	\$	6,458,335	\$ 207,470	\$	212,644	\$	7,243,400	\$	6,670,979					

#### Capital Assets:

The Town's governmental activities had \$6,017,137 and \$6,042,123 invested in capital assets, net of depreciation, on June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 respectively. Governmental capital assets decreased in FY 2024 by \$24,986, with capital asset additions of \$363,212, dispositions of \$158,948 in vehicles with \$91,352 in accumulated depreciation, and current year depreciation of \$310,352.

The Town's business-type activities (Old School House Fund) had \$136,685 and \$146,672 invested in capital assets, net of depreciation, on June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 respectively. Business-type assets decreased in FY 2024 by \$9,987, with no capital asset additions and current year depreciation of \$9,987.

Table 2
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)

	Governme	vernmental Activities <u>Business-type Activities</u>													
	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>				
Land	\$ 442,810	\$	442,810	\$	-	\$	-	\$	442,810	\$	442,810				
Art	3,700		3,700		-		-		3,700		3,700				
Construction in															
progress	-		10,250		-		-		-		10,250				
Buildings and															
improvements	361,284		372,068		136,685		146,672		497,969		518,740				
Equipment and															
furniture	60,715		60,960		-		-		60,715		60,960				
Vehicles	766,265		793,957		-		-		766,265		793,957				
Infrastructure	4,382,363		4,358,378						4,382,363		4,358,378				
Totals	\$ 6,017,137	\$	6,042,123	\$	136,685	\$	146,672	\$	6,153,822	\$	6,188,795				

#### Long-term obligations:

During FY 2020, the Town obtained a \$80,000 long-term note payable to finance the purchase of a 2020 highway truck. The balance of this note was \$16,000 at June 30, 2024; \$16,000 of which is due by June 30, 2025 and is considered a current liability.

During FY 2020, the Town obtained a \$1,100,000 general obligation note to finance highway infrastructure repairs. The balance of this note was \$770,000 at June 30, 2024; \$110,000 of which is due by June 30, 2025 and is considered a current liability.

During FY 2022, the Town obtained a \$120,000 long-term note payable to finance the purchase of a 2022 highway truck. The balance of this note was \$61,113 at June 30, 2024; \$24,000 of which is due by June 30, 2025 and is considered a current liability.

During FY 2022, the Town obtained a \$150,000 long-term note payable to finance the purchase of a 2023 highway truck. The balance of this note was \$90,000 at June 30, 2024; \$30,000 of which is due by June 30, 2025 and is considered a current liability.

During FY 2024, the Town obtained a \$120,000 long-term note payable to finance the purchase of a 2024 highway loader. The balance of this note was \$120,000 at June 30, 2024; \$24,000 of which is due by June 30, 2025 and is considered a current liability.

A long-term obligation of \$33,697 is reported as the Town's liability for compensated absences which employees have earned but not used. These vested benefits will be paid at some time in the future, either as they are used or upon termination of employment.

The Town's proportionate share of net pension liability for the VMERS of \$281,393 was calculated by the State of Vermont and has been included with other long-term obligations.

#### Operating activities:

The Statement of Activities reports total operating expenses for FY 2024 of \$2,118,553; total expenses for FY 2023 were \$1,798,698. These accrual basis totals include all fund expenditures plus depreciation of capital assets but exclude capital asset purchases. Certain revenues (labeled Program Revenues) offset expenses as they relate to specific programs, such as state and federal grants or fees charged for specific services.

Table 3
Statement of Activities

				2024					2023		
	(	Governmenta	1 B	usiness-type	•		Governmenta	1 B	Susiness-type	e	
		Activities	_	Activities	-	<u>Totals</u>	Activities	_	Activities	_	<u>Totals</u>
REVENUES											
Program revenues:											
Grants and contributions	\$	921,661	\$	- 5	\$	921,661	\$ 263,274	\$	-	\$	263,274
Charges for services		47,847		28,284		76,131	49,004		27,360		76,364
Other		35,961		-		35,961	12,667		-		12,667
General revenues:											
Property taxes		1,583,618		-		1,583,618	1,500,580		-		1,500,580
Insurance reimbursements		-		-		-	5,783		-		5,783
Interest income		67,541		6,062		73,603	(3,238)		4,691		1,453
Total revenues		2,656,628		34,346		2,690,974	1,828,070		32,051		1,860,121
PROGRAM EXPENSES											
General government		502,074		-		502,074	444,482		-		444,482
Highways and streets		1,253,537		-		1,253,537	1,001,209		-		1,001,209
Public safety		224,080		-		224,080	219,789		-		219,789
Culture and recreation		60,732		-		60,732	65,866		-		65,866
Solid waste		19,918		-		19,918	21,712		-		21,712
Debt service - interest		18,692		-		18,692	20,395		-		20,395
Old School House		-		39,520		39,520	-		25,245		25,245
Total program expenses		2,079,033		39,520		2,118,553	1,773,453		25,245		1,798,698
Change in Net Position		577,595		(5,174)		572,421	54,617		6,806		61,423
Net Position - July 1		6,458,335		212,644		6,670,979	6,403,718		205,838		6,609,556
Net Position - June 30	\$	7,035,930	\$	207,470	\$	7,243,400	\$ 6,458,335	\$	212,644	\$	6,670,979

#### **Governmental Funds**:

At June 30, 2024 the Town's General Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$552,181, an increase of \$173,810 from the balance of the previous year. At June 30, 2023 the Town's General Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$378,371, a decrease of \$3,996 from the balance of the previous year.

Year-end assets of the General Fund were \$1,878,529 and \$1,816,546 for FY 2024 and FY 2023 respectively; liabilities were \$1,185,222 and \$1,316,440 at June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 respectively. Deferred inflows of resources of the General Fund were \$141,126 and \$121,735 at June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 respectively.

Assets and liabilities of the major funds (General Fund, Highway Fund, ARPA Grant Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Town Equipment Fund, FHWA/FEMA Grant Fund and Chester Downer Trust Fund) are reported on the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds; nonmajor funds, reported as Other Governmental Funds, are shown as individual funds in the supplemental schedules.

Revenues and expenditures of the governmental funds are presented in a similar manner with the General Fund and other major funds reported individually on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund

Balances - Governmental Funds while the other governmental funds are shown individually in the supplemental schedules with their combined total carried forward to the primary statement.

General Fund revenues of \$739,025 are primarily property taxes. The largest portion of General Fund expenditures is \$429,727 for providing services for general government administration. Other amounts were expended for public safety, culture and recreation services, and solid waste disposal.

Of the June 30, 2024 General Fund fund balance of \$552,181, \$230,886 constitutes unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the Town's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is nonspendable related to prepaid expenditures (\$20,526) assigned to the FY25 budget (\$88,030) and assigned to future building improvements and repairs, and community projects (\$212,739).

The budgetary detail of revenues and expenditures for the General Fund is presented in the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual - General Fund. General Fund expenditures and transfers exceeded revenues by \$173,810. The individual line items of budgeted revenues and expenditures are shown in the statement. Actual revenues were more than budgeted amounts by \$5,509. Actual expenditures were more than budgeted amounts by \$7,393.

Highway Fund revenues of \$1,085,210 are primarily property taxes. Highway Fund expenditures of \$755,837 provided highway and street maintenance. Other financing sources and uses consisted of net transfers out totaling \$159,399.

Of the June 30, 2024 Highway Fund fund balance of \$418,544, \$223,777 constitutes committed fund balance. The remainder of fund balance is nonspendable related to prepaid expenditures (\$7,103) assigned to the FY25 budget (\$45,838) and assigned to future building improvements and repairs and infrastructure projects (\$141,826).

The budgetary detail of revenues and expenditures for the Highway Fund is presented in the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual - Highway Fund. The individual line items of budgeted revenues and expenditures are shown in the statement. Actual revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by \$17,510. Actual expenditures were less than budgeted amounts by \$78,961.

#### Proprietary Fund:

Net position of the Old School House Fund at June 30, 2024 was \$207,470, a decrease of \$5,174 from the prior year net position of \$212,644. The largest portion of the fund's net position, \$136,685, reflects its investment in capital assets. The remaining balance of \$70,785 is unrestricted.

Fund assets were \$292,061 at June 30, 2024 and \$327,155 at June 30, 2023. Liabilities of the fund were \$2,511 and \$5,072 at June 30, 2024 and 2023 respectively. Deferred inflows of resources of the fund were \$82,080 and \$109,439 at June 30, 2024 and 2023 respectively.

#### **Fiduciary Fund:**

The Town reports two fiduciary funds. Total net position of the Trustees of Public Funds Fund as of June 30, 2024 was \$42,018, a decrease of \$290 from the previous fiscal year. The Ashley Community Forest Fund reported total assets of \$17,954, and total liabilities of \$17,954, which represents 50% of the joint activity with the Town of Strafford.

#### Requests for Information:

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all of its citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors. Questions concerning any of the information provided in the report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Town of Sharon, P.O. Box 250, Sharon, Vermont 05065.

## TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2024

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ASSETS:	-	Governmental Activities		isiness-type Activities		<u>Totals</u>
Current assets -	\$	1 751 701	\$	69,185	\$	1 920 006
Cash and cash equivalents Investments	Э	1,751,721 328,833	Þ	09,183	Э	1,820,906 328,833
		·		-		328,833 196,109
Property taxes receivable Accounts receivable		196,109 172,806		-		172,806
Lease receivable		172,000		85,050		85,050
Prepaid expenses		27,629		1,141		28,770
• •						
Total current assets		2,477,098		155,376		2,632,474
Noncurrent assets -						
Capital assets		8,988,633		541,891		9,530,524
less - accumulated depreciation		(2,971,496)		(405,206)		(3,376,702)
Total noncurrent assets		6,017,137		136,685		6,153,822
Total assets		8,494,235		292,061		8,786,296
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:						
Deferred pension expense		89,057				89,057
LIABILITIES:						
Current liabilities -						
Accounts payable		70,283		-		70,283
Accrued expenses		26,956		-		26,956
Decommission escrow		41,671		-		41,671
Deposit payable		-		2,511		2,511
Current portion of long-term debt		204,000				204,000
Total current liabilities		342,910		2,511		345,421
Noncurrent liabilities -						
Accrued compensated absences		33,697		-		33,697
Long-term debt		853,113		-		853,113
Net pension liability		281,393		<u>-</u> _		281,393
Total noncurrent liabilities		1,168,203		_		1,168,203
Total liabilities		1,511,113		2,511		1,513,624

## TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2024

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	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Totals
	Activities	Activities	<u>10tais</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>			
Taxes collected in advance	7,568	-	7,568
Deferred grant revenue	14,581	-	14,581
Deferred inflows - lease receivable	-	82,080	82,080
Deferred pension credits	14,100		14,100
Total deferred inflows of resources	36,249	82,080	118,329
NET POSITION:			
Net investment in capital assets	4,960,024	136,685	5,096,709
Restricted	1,437,084	-	1,437,084
Unrestricted	638,822	70,785	709,607
Total net position	\$ 7,035,930	\$ 207,470	7,243,400

#### TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

										Net (E	xpen	se) Reven	ue a	and
			_		Prog	ram Reve	nues	<u> </u>	-	Char	nges	in Net Pos	sitio	<u>n</u>
			(	Grants and	C	harges fo	r		(	Governmental	Bu	isiness-typ	e	
		<b>Expenses</b>	<u>C</u>	ontributions on tributions on tributions of the contributions of the contribution of the con	_	Services	_	<u>Other</u>	-	Activities		Activities	_	<u>Totals</u>
<b>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS:</b>														
Governmental activities -														
General government	\$	502,074	\$	413,152	\$	28,403	\$	28,660	\$	(31,859)	\$	-	\$	(31,859)
Highways and streets		1,253,537		489,399		385		7,254		(756,499)		-		(756,499)
Public safety		224,080		-		7,382		-		(216,698)		-		(216,698)
Culture and recreation		60,732		19,110		6,280		47		(35,295)		-		(35,295)
Solid waste		19,918		-		5,397		-		(14,521)		-		(14,521)
Debt service - Interest		18,692								(18,692)				(18,692)
Total governmental activities		2,079,033		921,661		47,847		35,961		(1,073,564)				(1,073,564)
Business-type activities -														
Old School House		39,520				28,284						(11,236)		(11,236)
	\$	2,118,553	\$	921,661	\$	76,131	\$	35,961		(1,073,564)		(11,236)		(1,084,800)
G	ENE	RAL REVE	NUES	- PROPERT	ΥT	AXES				1,583,618		-		1,583,618
				- INVESTM	ENT	EARNI	NGS			67,541		6,062		73,603
										1,651,159		6,062		1,657,221
Cl	HAN	GE IN NET	POSITI	ON						577,595		(5,174)		572,421
N	ET P	OSITION, Ju	ıly 1, 20	23						6,458,335		212,644		6,670,979
N	ET P	OSITION, Ju	ane 30, 2	2024					\$	7,035,930	\$	207,470	\$	7,243,400

#### TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

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ASSETS	Gene <u>Fur</u>		Highway <u>Fund</u>	ARPA Grant Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Town Equipment <u>Fund</u>	FI _	HWA/FEM Grant Fund	A -	Chester Downer Trust Fund	G _	Other overnmenta Funds	1 (	Totals Governmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,646	284	\$ _	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	_	\$	66,880	\$	38,557	\$	1,751,721
Investments		-	-	-	-	-		-		192,551		136,282		328,833
Property taxes receivable	196	109	-	-	-	-		-		-		-		196,109
Accounts receivable	15	610	21,000	-	-	-		136,061		-		135		172,806
Due from other funds		-	433,872	-	583,554	109,927		-		-		160,272		1,287,625
Prepaid expenditures	20	526	7,103											27,629
Total assets	\$ 1,878	529	\$ 461,975	\$ 	\$ 583,554	\$ 109,927	\$	136,061	\$	259,431	\$	335,246	\$	3,764,723
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND EQUITY														
LIABILITIES:														
Accounts payable	\$ 23	756	\$ 32,242	\$ -	\$ 6,692	\$ 6,600	\$	-	\$	-	\$	993	\$	70,283
Accrued expenditures	9	902	11,189	-	2,149	2,324		-		-		1,392		26,956
Decommission escrow		-	-	-	-	-		-		-		41,671		41,671
Due to other funds	1,151	564						136,061						1,287,625
Total liabilities	1,185	222	43,431		8,841	8,924		136,061				44,056		1,426,535
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:														
Deferred property taxes	132	007	-	-	-	-		-		-		-		132,007
Deferred grant revenue	1	551	-	-	-	-		-		-		13,030		14,581
Taxes collected in advance	7	568						-						7,568
Total deferred inflows of resources	141	126										13,030		154,156

# TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

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							Chester		
			ARPA	Capital	Town	FHWA/FEMA	Downer	Other	Totals
	General	Highway	Grant	Reserve	Equipment	Grant	Trust	Governmenta	Governmental
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
FUND EQUITY:									
Fund balances -									
Nonspendable	20,526	7,103	-	-	-	-	237,651	3,250	268,530
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,780	274,910	296,690
Committed	-	223,777	-	574,713	101,003	-	-	-	899,493
Assigned	300,769	187,664	-	-	-	-	-	-	488,433
Unassigned	230,886								230,886
Total fund balances	552,181	418,544		574,713	101,003		259,431	278,160	2,184,032
Total liabilities, deferred inflows									
of resources and fund equity	\$ <u>1,878,529</u> \$	461,975	\$	\$ 583,554	\$ 109,927	\$ 136,061 \$	259,431	\$ 335,246	\$ 3,764,723

#### TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

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## RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION:

Amount reported on Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds - total fund balances	\$	2,184,032
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Government-wide Statement of Net Position are different because -		
Capital assets used in governmental funds are not financial resources and are therefore not reported in the funds.		
Capital assets		8,988,633
Accumulated depreciation	1	(2,971,496)
Liabilities not due and payable are not reported in governmental funds.		
Compensated absences		(33,697)
Long-term debt	,	(1,057,113)
Deferred property taxes are reported in the governmental funds to offset uncollected		
taxes which are not available financial resources.		132,007
Balances related to net pension asset or liability and related deferred outflows/inflows		
of resources are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Deferred pension expense		89,057
Deferred pension credits		(14,100)
Net pension liability		(281,393)
Net position of governmental activities - Government-wide Statement of Net Position	\$	7,035,930

#### TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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										Chester				
				ARPA	Capital	Town	FH	IWA/FEMA	A	Downer		Other		Totals
	General	Highway		Grant	Reserve	Equipment		Grant		Trust	Go	overnmental	(	Governmental
	Fund	Fund		Fund	Fund	Fund	_	Fund	_	Fund	_	Funds		Funds
REVENUES:														
Property taxes	\$ 645,826	\$ 920,700	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,566,526
Fees, licenses, permits	41,183	385		-	-	-		-		-		-		41,568
Intergovernmental - State	33,809	121,228		-	132,455	-		18,073		-		7,667		313,232
- Federal	-	-		371,679	-	-		195,443		-		-		567,122
Contributions	-	22,200		-	27,460	-		-		-		19,110		68,770
Investment income	17,007	13,447		-	14,497	3,416		-		4,919		14,255		67,541
Charges for services	-	-		-	-	-		-		-		6,327		6,327
Other income	1,200	7,250									-			8,450
Total revenues	739,025	1,085,210		371,679	174,412	3,416		213,516		4,919	_	47,359		2,639,536
EXPENDITURES:														
Current - General government	429,727	-		17,114	6,692	-		-		1,112		2,124		456,769
- Highways and streets	-	755,837		-	-	-		209,036		-		-		964,873
- Public safety	215,149	-		-	-	-		-		-		-		215,149
- Culture and recreation	4,863	-		-	-	-		-		-		55,869		60,732
- Solid waste	19,918	-		-	-	-		-		-		-		19,918
Capital outlay	-	-		-	147,062	130,900		-		-		-		277,962
Debt service - Principal	-	-		-	110,000	79,000		-		-		-		189,000
- Interest				-	11,466	7,226					_			18,692
Total expenditures	669,657	755,837	•	17,114	275,220	217,126		209,036		1,112	-	57,993		2,203,095
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR														
(EXPENDITURES)	69,368	329,373		354,565	(100,808)	(213,710)		4,480	•	3,807	-	(10,634)		436,441

# TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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									#			Chester				
				ARPA		Capital		Town	FF	IWA/FEMA	4	Downer		Other		Totals
	Gene	ral	Highway	Grant		Reserve	I	Equipment	#	Grant		Trust	G	overnmental	. (	Governmental
	Fun	<u>d</u>	Fund	Fund		Fund		Fund	_	Fund	_	Fund	_	Funds		Funds
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):																
Loan proceeds		-	-	-		-		120,000		-		-		-		120,000
Operating transfers in (out), net	104,	442	(159,399)	(354,565)	_	244,000	_	135,200		(4,480)				34,802		
Total other financing sources (uses)	104,	442	(159,399)	(354,565)	_	244,000	-	255,200		(4,480)				34,802		120,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	173,	810	169,974	-		143,192		41,490		-		3,807		24,168		556,441
FUND BALANCES, July 1, 2023	378.	371	248,570		_	431,521	-	59,513			-	255,624	-	253,992		1,627,591
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2024	\$ 552,	181 \$	418,544	\$	\$	574,713	\$	101,003	\$	-	\$	259,431	\$	278,160	\$	2,184,032

#### TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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### RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds	\$	556,441
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Government-wide Statement of Activities are different because -		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.  Additions to capital assets, net of dispositions  Depreciation		285,366 (310,352)
Property tax revenue in governmental funds includes deferred property taxes of the prior year but excludes deferred property taxes of the current year as taxes uncollected within 60 days are unavailable at year end.  Prior year - Deferred property taxes		(114,915)
Current year - Deferred property taxes		132,007
The issuance of long-term debt (bonds, leases, etc.) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position.  Proceeds from long-term debt		(120,000)
Debt service - Principal		189,000
Changes in accrued compensated absences accumulated by employees will increase or decrease the liability reported in the government-wide statements, but are only recorded as an expenditure when paid in the governmental funds.  Increase in compensated absences		(6,819)
Changes in net pension asset or liability and related deferred outflows/inflows of resources will increase or decrease the amounts reported in the government-wide statements, but are only recorded as an expenditure when paid in the governmental funds.		
Net (increase) decrease in net pension obligation	•	(33,133)
Change in net position of governmental activities - Government-wide Statement of Activities	\$	577,595

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	Original and Final	Actual (Budgetary	Variance Over
	Budget	Basis)	(Under)
REVENUES:	-		
Tax revenues -			
Property taxes	\$ 486,595	\$ 472,329	\$ (14,266)
Current land use payments	105,000	110,102	5,102
State pilot/land taxes	34,000	35,713	1,713
Interest on delinquent taxes	18,000	17,424	(576)
Interest on late taxes	2,500	3,713	1,213
Penalty on delinquent taxes	12,000	6,545	(5,455)
Total tax revenues	658,095	645,826	(12,269)
Fees revenue -			
Alcohol and tobacco licenses	185	300	115
Recording and land records	18,000	10,495	(7,505)
Vault fees	500	308	(192)
Certified copies	500	420	(80)
Dog license fees	2,400	1,964	(436)
DMV registration fees	150	81	(69)
Marriage license fees	900	640	(260)
Land record preservation fees	6,544	3,830	(2,714)
Green Mountain Pass fee	20	14	(6)
Ordinance fees	50	475	425
GUVSW coupon sales	5,500	3,657	(1,843)
GUVSW sticker sales	2,500	1,740	(760)
COTTS revenue	710	382	(328)
Fish & Game fees	100	55	(45)
Land use change assessment fee	4,650	6,657	2,007
Planning Commission subdivision fees	1,600	1,383	(217)
Copy machine and other fees	100	183	83
Land record copy fees	1,200	482	(718)
Total fees revenue	45,609	33,066	(12,543)
Other revenues -			
Grant revenue	7,500	29,797	22,297
Fines, law enforcement	16,500	6,945	(9,555)
Green Up Day	-	284	284
Investment income	800	17,007	16,207
Net metering credit	1,000	1,172	172
Railroad	4,012	4,012	-
Other income		916	916
Total other income	29,812	60,133	30,321
Total revenues	733,516	739,025	5,509

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	Original and Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Over (Under)
EXPENDITURES:			
Selectboard -			
Selectboard stipend	4,500	4,500	-
Administrative Assistant salary	48,672	48,672	-
Finance department wages	47,645	45,976	(1,669)
FICA	7,820	7,177	(643)
Health insurance	25,000	10,937	(14,063)
Retirement	6,750	5,634	(1,116)
Dental insurance	1,680	432	(1,248)
Disability insurance	780	970	190
Postage and supplies	3,500	4,375	875
Notices and advertisements	300	461	161
Meetings and seminars	600	388	(212)
Payroll services	2,800	2,897	97
Consulting services	10,000	9,953	(47)
General legal services	5,000	24,481	19,481
Health officer	1,000	-	(1,000)
Travel	250	504	254
Grant	9,400	25,101	15,701
Total Selectboard	175,697	192,458	16,761
Membership Dues -			
Two Rivers Ottauquechee	2,543	2,543	-
Green Mountain Economic Development Corp.	787	787	-
Vermont League of Cities and Towns	3,154	3,154	
Total membership dues	6,484	6,484	
Town insurance -			
Liability	8,000	6,130	(1,870)
Buildings	7,500	5,009	(2,491)
Worker's comp. and unemployment	1,500	1,914	414
Total Town insurance	17,000	13,053	(3,947)
Buildings and grounds -			
Cleaning	1,400	1,050	(350)
Office maintenance supplies	4,000	9,506	5,506
Historical Town Hall repairs	1,000	40	(960)
Grounds maintenance	2,800	2,880	80
Maintenance supplies	250	233	(17)
Total buildings and grounds	9,450	13,709	4,259

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	Original and Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Over (Under)
EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED):	<u> Daagot</u>	<u> Busis</u> )	(Chac)
Town office -			
Office equipment maintenance	650	504	(146)
Telephone	3,550	3,533	(17)
Electricity	7,500	7,508	8
Heating fuel	3,825	2,659	(1,166)
Trash	300	250	(50)
Furniture, fixtures and computers	3,500	2,198	(1,302)
Total Town office	19,325	16,652	(2,673)
Elections -			
Ballot clerks	300	-	(300)
FICA expenses	23	-	(23)
Postage	800	142	(658)
Supplies	1,100	1,017	(83)
Total elections	2,223	1,159	(1,064)
Town Clerk -			
Town Clerk salary	48,565	48,689	124
Assistant Town Clerk salary	4,000	2,601	(1,399)
Records preservation salary	-	1,981	1,981
FICA	4,021	4,084	63
Health insurance	14,470	14,000	(470)
Retirement	3,278	3,326	48
Dental insurance	840	813	(27)
Disability insurance	410	414	4
Postage and supplies	600	441	(159)
Meetings and seminars	400	437	37
Marriage license state fees	750	520	(230)
Dog license expenses (supplies and postage)	250	624	374
State dog license surcharge	960	1,181	221
Records preservation	2,600	4,558	1,958
Land records books	600	558	(42)
Online access	2,100	2,040	(60)
Total Town Clerk	83,844	86,267	2,423
Treasurer -			
Treasurer	4,640	4,640	-
Assistant treasurer	825	825	-
FICA	418	419	1
Advertising, postage and supplies	1,700	1,585	(115)

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	Original and Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Over (Under)
<b>EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED):</b>	<u></u>		<u> (011001)</u>
Treasurer (continued) -			
Bank service fees	300	40	(260)
Meetings and seminars	300		(300)
Total Treasurer	8,183	7,509	(674)
Town Auditors -			
Postage and supplies	250	481	231
Professional audit services	13,500	7,900	(5,600)
Town Report printing	1,800	1,113	(687)
Total Town Auditors	15,550	9,494	(6,056)
Listers -			
Listers	15,000	10,200	(4,800)
FICA	1,148	782	(366)
Postage and supplies	350	643	293
Advertising	250	-	(250)
Meetings, seminars and dues	400	-	(400)
CAMA licenses	3,800	4,175	375
Total Listers	20,948	15,800	(5,148)
Tax Collector -			
Tax Collector	12,000	5,522	(6,478)
FICA	918	423	(495)
Supplies	50	-	(50)
Meetings and seminars	60		(60)
Total Tax Collector	13,028	5,945	(7,083)
Energy Committee -			
Energy Committee	250	-	(250)
Vermont Green Up	300	429	129
Vital Communities Energy	100	100	-
Vermont Fire Protection Task Force	100	100	
Total Energy Committee	<u>750</u>	629	(121)
Conservation -			
Conservation operating	750	218	(532)
Intermunicipal Energy Coop	6,195	6,195	
Total Conservation	6,945	6,413	(532)

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	Original	Actual	Variance
	and Final	(Budgetary	Over
	Budget	Basis)	(Under)
<b>EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED):</b>			
Planning Commission -			
Planning Commission Clerk wages	4,800	4,985	185
Flood hazard administrative wage	800	331	(469)
FICA	428	382	(46)
Postage	450	483	33
Supplies	500	272	(228)
Advertising and notices	-	463	463
Meetings	-	43	43
Legal	5,000	4,047	(953)
<b>Total Planning Commission</b>	11,978	11,006	(972)
Law enforcement -			
Constable	150	-	(150)
Purchased service for 911	250	-	(250)
Police	64,480	64,476	(4)
Animal control officer	1,615	744	(871)
Pound operation	750		(750)
Total law enforcement	67,245	65,220	(2,025)
Fire and Rescue -			
Fire department	56,950	56,950	-
South Royalton rescue	92,979	92,979	-
Hartford emergency services	250		(250)
Total fire and rescue	150,179	149,929	(250)
Cemeteries -			
Repairs and maintenance	2,750	578	(2,172)
Pine Hill Cemetery repairs and maintenance	5,750	5,750	-
Pine Hill Cemetery fuel usage	250		(250)
Total cemeteries	8,750	6,328	(2,422)
Community appropriations -			
Stagecoach	4,054	4,054	-
Windsor County Partners	500	500	-
Health Care and Rehab of Southeast Vermont	100	100	-
Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice	3,500	3,500	-
Clara Martin Mental Health	750	750	-
Safeline	700	700	-
White River Partnership	500	500	-

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	Original and Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Over (Under)
<b>EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED):</b>			
Community appropriations (continued) -			
Vermont Association for the Blind	150	150	-
HIV/HCV Resource Center	300	300	-
Community Health Nurse	4,000	4,000	
Total community appropriations	14,554	14,554	
Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste (GUVSW) -			
GUVSW	14,040	14,060	20
GUVSW Coupons	5,500	3,863	(1,637)
GUVSW Stickers	2,500	1,995	(505)
Total GUVSW	22,040	19,918	(2,122)
Senior Citizen Support -			
Central Vermont Council on Aging	750	750	-
South Royalton Senior Center	3,500	3,500	
Total senior citizen support	4,250	4,250	
Old Home Day	750	750	
Baxter Memorial Library -			
FICA	77	52	(25)
Cleaning	1,000	679	(321)
Electricity	2,600	2,690	90
Building repairs and maintenance	2,500	692	(1,808)
Total Baxter Memorial Library	6,177	4,113	(2,064)
Other expenditures -			
County tax	11,700	12,507	807
Miscellaneous		5,510	5,510
Total other expenditures	11,700	18,017	6,317
Total expenditures	677,050	669,657	(7,393)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	56,466	69,368	12,902
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating transfers in (out), net	(115,606)	104,442	220,048
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ (59,140)	\$ 173,810	\$ 232,950

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	Original and Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Over (Under)
REVENUES:			
Property taxes	\$ 920,700	\$ 920,700	\$ -
State aid for highways	115,000	121,228	6,228
Road construction grants	31,000	22,200	(8,800)
Overweight permits	400	385	(15)
Investment income	-	13,447	13,447
Other income	600	7,250	6,650
Total highway revenues	1,067,700	1,085,210	17,510
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Wages and wage related -			
Road crew salaries	206,313	187,385	(18,928)
Overtime	25,384	26,758	1,374
FICA	17,725	16,427	(1,298)
Health insurance	54,900	39,057	(15,843)
Dental insurance	3,300	1,932	(1,368)
Retirement	15,640	13,311	(2,329)
Disability insurance	1,600	1,223	(377)
Uniforms	3,200	3,298	98
Medical card	400	-	(400)
Workers' comp. insurance	18,000	15,892	(2,108)
Unemployment insurance	400	296	(104)
Total wages and wage related	346,862	305,579	(41,283)
Vehicle -			
Insurance (vehicles and liability)	10,500	7,613	(2,887)
Tires	12,000	16,508	4,508
Maintenance truck #1	2,500	7,027	4,527
Maintenance truck #2	5,500	13,561	8,061
Maintenance truck #3	2,500	2,051	(449)
Maintenance truck #4	2,500	3,284	784
Maintenance loader #5	4,500	-	(4,500)
Maintenance grader #6	6,000	7,337	1,337
Maintenance backhoe #7	1,500	9,312	7,812
Maintenance mower #8	2,000	1,113	(887)
Diesel, gas and oil	81,900	65,130	(16,770)
Total vehicle	131,400	132,936	1,536
Garage -			
Insurance (buildings and garage)	3,000	3,445	445

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	Original and Final	Actual (Budgetary	Variance Over
EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED):	<u>Budget</u>	Basis)	(Under)
Garage (continued) -			
Telephone	1,776	1,667	(109)
Electricity	2,000	1,749	(251)
Meetings and trainings	800	550	(250)
Shop expenses	6,750	8,663	1,913
Highway notices and advertisements	750	1,106	356
Garage building and site maintenance	5,000	5,275	275
Safety equipment	1,500	844	(656)
Tools and small equipment	2,000	3,551	1,551
Total garage	23,576	26,850	3,274
Grant and permit -			
Licenses and fees	2,000	1,350	(650)
Permit compliance		100	100
Total grant and permit	2,000	1,450	(550)
Road maintenance -			
Culverts	12,000	12,721	721
Sand	70,000	72,628	2,628
Gravel	65,000	59,464	(5,536)
Grass seed	1,000	395	(605)
Signs	4,000	886	(3,114)
Guardrails	5,000	61	(4,939)
Chloride	18,000	27,690	9,690
Salt	49,450	43,824	(5,626)
Cold patch and blacktop	3,000	1,210	(1,790)
Crack sealing	12,000	12,005	5
Highway structures	18,000	8,298	(9,702)
Highway contractors	25,000	33,101	8,101
Grant expenditures	31,000	16,739	(14,261)
Total road maintenance	<u>313,450</u>	289,022	(24,428)
Total expenditures	817,288	755,837	(61,451)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	250,412	329,373	78,961
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Proceeds from insurance reimbursements	5,610	-	(5,610)
Transfers in (out)	(305,200)	(159,399)	145,801
Total other financing sources (uses)	(299,590)	(159,399)	140,191
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ (49,178)	\$ 169,974	\$ 219,152

#### TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND JUNE 30, 2024

	Old School
	House
	Fund
ASSETS:	
Current assets -	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 69,185
Lease receivable	85,050
Prepaid expenses	1,141
Total current assets	155,376
Noncurrent assets -	
Capital assets	
Building	250,000
Building improvements	291,891
less - accumulated depreciation	(405,206)
Total noncurrent assets	136,685
Total assets	292,061
LIABILITIES:	
Current liabilities -	
Deposits payable	2,511
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Deferred inflows - lease receivable	82,080
NET POSITION:	
Invested in capital assets	136,685
Unrestricted	70,785
Total net position	\$ 207,470

#### TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

OPERATING REVENUES: Charges for services	Old School House Fund \$ 28,284
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Repairs and maintenance	21,590
Insurance	4,779
School district debt service	2,377
Miscellaneous expense	787
Depreciation	9,987
Total operating expenses	39,520
Operating income (loss)	(11,236)
NONOPERATING REVENUES:	
Investment income	6,062
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(5,174)
NET POSITION, July 1, 2023	212,644
NET POSITION, June 30, 2024	\$ 207,470

#### TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	-	Old School House Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash received from customers	\$	24,573
Cash payments for goods and services		(29,475)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		(4,902)
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Net change in due to other funds		58
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest received		6,062
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		1,218
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, July 1, 2023		67,967
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, June 30, 2024	\$	69,185
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating income (loss)	\$	(11,236)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss)		( , ,
to net cash provided (used) by operating activities -		
Depreciation		9,987
Change in the following assets/liabilities:		,
Lease receivable		26,159
Deferred inflows - lease receivable		(27,359)
Deferred revenue		(2,511)
Prepaid expenses		108
Accounts payable		(50)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$	(4,902)

## TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - FIDUCIARY FUND JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS:	Trustees of Public Funds Fund	Ashley Community Forest <u>Fund</u>
Cash and cash equivalents Investments Total assets	\$ 686 41,332 42,018	\$ 7,618 10,336 17,954
LIABILITIES: Forest advance		17,954
NET POSITION:		
Held in trust for specific purposes	\$ 42,018	\$

#### TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET POSITION -FIDUCIARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Trustees of Public Funds Fund	Ashley Community Forest Fund
ADDITIONS:		
Interest Intergovernmental	\$ 83 - 83	\$ - 646 646
DEDUCTIONS:		
Expenses	<u>373</u>	646
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(290)	-
NET POSITION, July 1, 2023	42,308	
NET POSITION, June 30, 2024	\$ <u>42,018</u>	\$ <u> </u>

#### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies:

The Town of Sharon, Vermont (the Town) is a unit of local government organized under the statutes of the State of Vermont and is governed by a three person Selectboard (the Board). The Town provides various services as authorized and funded by State government or Town voters.

A. Reporting entity - The Town is a primary unit of government under reporting criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Those criteria include a separately elected governing body, separate legal standing, and fiscal independence from other state and local governmental entities. Based on these criteria, there are no other entities which are component units of the Town.

The financial statements of the Town have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing *Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards* which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes U.S. GAAP for governmental units.

B. Government-wide and fund financial statements - The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements. The government-wide financial statements (the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Town. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the financial position of the Town is consolidated and incorporates capital assets as well as all long-term debt and obligations. The government-wide Statement of Activities reflects both the gross and net costs by category. Direct expenses that are clearly identifiable with the category are offset by program revenues of the category. Program revenues include charges for services provided by a particular function or program and grants that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of the particular segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds, if any, are summarized in a single column.

C. <u>Basis of presentation</u> - The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, fund balances or net position, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate.

#### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

C. Basis of presentation (continued) -

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

<u>General Fund</u> - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

<u>Highway Fund</u> - The Highway Fund is used to account for the Highway department of the Town.

<u>ARPA Grant Fund</u> - The ARPA Grant Fund is used to account for revenues and expenditures of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) program as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

<u>Capital Reserve Fund</u> - This fund accounts for the funds set aside for future capital purchases by the Town.

<u>Town Equipment Fund</u> - This fund accounts for the funds set aside for future large equipment purchases by the Town.

<u>FHWA/FEMA Grant Fund</u> - The FHWA/FEMA Grant Fund is used to account for revenues and expenditures of federally funded infrastructure repairs.

<u>Chester Downer Trust Fund</u> - This fund accounts for the endowment activity related to and in accordance with the Downer Will.

The Town reports the following major proprietary funds:

<u>Old School House Fund</u> - This fund accounts for the assets, income and expenses related to renting the Old School House.

The Town also reports fiduciary funds which are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity (trust funds) or as a custodian (custodial funds) for the benefit of parties outside of the Town. The Town's fiduciary funds are the Trustees of Public Funds Fund and Ashley Community Forest Fund.

D. Measurement focus and basis of accounting - The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction that can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures generally are recorded when the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is made.

#### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

D. Measurement focus and basis of accounting (continued) -

The proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the fund's principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Property taxes are recorded as revenue in the year for which taxes have been levied, provided they are collected within 60 days after year end. Licenses and permits, fines and forfeitures, and miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received because they are generally not measurable prior to collection. Investment earnings and certain intergovernmental grants are recorded as earned.

- E. <u>Budgets and budgetary accounting</u> The Town approves a budget for the General Fund and Highway Fund at an annual Town Meeting. The tax rate is determined by the Board based on the education and municipal grand lists and the approved operating budget. The accounting method used for budget presentation is the same method used for the financial presentation of operations under U.S. GAAP. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control during the year for the General Fund and Highway Fund. The Town does not legally adopt budgets for other governmental funds. All budgeted amounts lapse at year end.
- F. <u>Property taxes</u> Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property owned as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Listers establish a grand list of all property and the Board sets the tax rate required to raise the tax revenue authorized by Town and School District voters and the Vermont Agency of Education. Property taxes for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 were payable in two installments due September 13, 2023 and February 14, 2024.
- G. <u>Use of estimates</u> The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and deferred outflows/inflows of resources as well as disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures or expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- H. 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 others; environmental liability; and natural disasters. The Town manages these risks through commercial insurance packages and participation in public entity risk pools covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town. There were no settlements in excess of the insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.
- I. Cash, cash equivalents and investments The Town considers all cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition to be cash and cash equivalents. Investments and unrealized gains and losses are reflected in the individual fund and government-wide financial statements. Investments of the Town are reported at fair value using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. This is considered a level 1 input valuation technique under the framework established by U.S. GAAP for measuring fair value. The Town does not own investments valued with level 2 or level 3 inputs, which would use quoted prices for similar assets, or in inactive markets, or other methods for estimating fair value.

#### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

- J. <u>Prepaid items</u> Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.
- K. <u>Capital assets</u> Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, vehicles and infrastructure, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Town as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than the thresholds listed below and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. The Town does not retroactively report infrastructure assets.

The Town began capitalizing newly acquired or constructed general infrastructure assets since the implementation of GASB Statement No. 34. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Net interest costs are capitalized on projects during the construction period. Normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of an asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their useful lives. Capitalization thresholds and the estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

	Capitalization <u>Threshold</u>	Estimated Service Life
Land and land improvements	\$ 10,000	10 - 50 years
Buildings and building improvements	\$ 10,000	10 - 75 years
Equipment and vehicles	\$ 2,000	3 - 25 years
Infrastructure	\$ 20,000	20 - 75 years

- L. <u>Deferred outflows/inflows of resources</u> In addition to assets and liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are reported as separate sections in the applicable statement of net position or balance sheet. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources in the current period. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources in the current period.
- M. <u>Compensated absences</u> It is the Town's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation time up to 200 hours. Upon termination, employees will receive an amount based upon their then current rate of pay and their earned but unused vacation time. It is also the policy of the Town to allow employees to accumulate earned but unused sick leave. Compensated absences are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Governmental funds report compensated absences as an expenditure when the benefit is paid.
- N. <u>Long-term obligations</u> Governmental activities, business-type activities, and proprietary funds report long-term debt and other long-term obligations as liabilities in the applicable statement of net position. Governmental funds report the amount of debt issued as other financing sources and the repayment of debt as debt service expenditures.

#### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

O. <u>Fund equity</u> - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds may report five categories of fund balances: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

Nonspendable fund balance includes amounts associated with inventory, prepaid expenditures, long-term loans or notes receivable, and trust fund principal to be held in perpetuity.

Restricted fund balance includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by the Town's highest level of decision making authority, the voters, as a result of articles passed at Annual or Special Meetings.

Assigned fund balance includes amounts that are intended to be used by the Town for specific purposes as authorized by the Board.

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in another classification. Deficits are also classified as unassigned.

The Town's policy is to apply expenditures to fund balance in the order of restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned unless the Board specifies otherwise.

#### 2. Deposits and investments:

<u>Fair value and classification</u> - Deposits and investments are stated at fair value as described in note 1.I. The classification of investments as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Certificate of deposit	\$ 106,572
U.S. Treasury securities	192,551
Corporate stock	81,378
	\$ 380,501

<u>Custodial credit risk</u> - Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Town 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. Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The Town does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2024 the Town's depository accounts were fully insured or collateralized.

<u>Interest rate risk</u> - Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will affect the fair value of certain investments. The Town does not have a policy for interest rate risk. Investments subject to interest rate risk and their maturities as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

# 2. Deposits and investments (continued):

		Investment N	laturity
	Fair	Less than	1 to 5
	<u>Value</u>	One Year	<u>Years</u>
Certificate of deposit	\$ 106,572	\$ 65,240 \$	41,332
U.S. Treasury securities	192,551	52,822	139,729
	\$ 299,123	\$ <u>118,062</u> \$	181,061

<u>Credit risk</u> - Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of or counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The Town does not have a policy for credit risk. The Town's investments in U.S. Treasury securities are subject to credit risk. The credit quality rating as rated by Standards & Poor's is AAAm.

Concentration of credit risk - Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The Town does not have a policy for concentration of credit risk. Of the Town's total investments as of June 30, 2024, 51% are in U.S. Treasury Securities, 21% are in shares of corporate stock and 28% are in certificates of deposit.

# 3. Capital assets:

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Balance				Balance
	July 1, 2023	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>J</u>	une 30, 2024
<b>Governmental activities -</b>					
Capital assets, not depreciated:					
Land	\$ 442,810	\$ -	\$ -	\$	442,810
Art	3,700	-	-		3,700
Construction in progress	10,250		10,250		
Total capital assets, not depreciated	456,760		10,250		446,510
Capital assets, depreciated:					
Buildings and building improvements	564,126	-	-		564,126
Equipment and furniture	215,638	6,600	-		222,238
Vehicles	1,487,924	199,300	158,948		1,528,276
Infrastructure	6,070,171	157,312			6,227,483
Total capital assets, depreciated	8,337,859	363,212	158,948		8,542,123
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings and building improvements	192,058	10,784	-		202,842
Equipment and furniture	154,678	6,845	-		161,523
Vehicles	693,967	159,396	91,352		762,011
Infrastructure	1,711,793	133,327			1,845,120
Total accumulated depreciation	2,752,496	310,352	91,352		2,971,496
Total capital assets, depreciated, net	5,585,363	52,860	67,596		5,570,627
Capital assets, net	\$ 6,042,123	\$ 52,860	\$ 77,846	\$	6,017,137

# 3. Capital assets (continued):

		Balance				Balance
	J	uly 1, 2023	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	Ju	ine 30, 2024
<b>Business-type activities -</b>						
Capital assets, depreciated:						
Buildings	\$	250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$	250,000
Building improvements		291,891				291,891
Total capital assets, depreciated		541,891	-	-		541,891
Less accumulated depreciation for:						
Buildings and building improvements		395,219	9,987			405,206
Capital assets, net	\$	146,672	\$ (9,987)	\$ 	\$	136,685

Depreciation expense of \$310,352 in the governmental activities was allocated to the expenses of the general government (\$7,243), highways and streets (\$294,178), and public safety programs (\$8,931) based on capital assets assigned to those functions. Depreciation expense of \$9,987 in the business-type activities was fully allocated to the Old School House function.

# 4. Interfund receivable and payable balances:

Interfund receivable and payable balances, due to the pooling of cash for cash receipts and disbursements, as of June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	Int	terfund	Interfund
	Rec	<u>eivables</u>	<b>Payables</b>
<b>Governmental funds -</b>			
General Fund	\$	-	\$ 1,151,564
Highway Fund	4	33,872	-
Capital Reserve Fund	5	83,554	-
Town Equipment Fund	1	09,927	-
FHWA/FEMA Grant Fund		-	136,061
Other Governmental Funds	1	60,272	
	\$ <u>1,2</u>	87,625	\$ 1,287,625

#### 5. Interfund transfers:

Interfund transfers constitute the transfer of resources from the fund that receives the resources to the fund that utilizes them. Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	Transfers Out
<b>Governmental funds -</b>		
General Fund	\$ 216,104	\$ 111,662
Highway Fund	153,546	312,945
ARPA Grant Fund	-	354,565
Capital Reserve Fund	244,000	-
Town Equipment Fund	135,200	-
FHWA/FEMA Grant Fund	7,745	12,225
Other Governmental Funds	41,628	6,826
	\$ 798,223	\$ 798,223

Transfers to the Capital Reserve Fund from the General Fund and Highway Fund in the amounts of \$74,000 and \$170,000, respectively, were to fund the reserve as approved by voters through the annual budget.

Transfers to the Town Equipment Fund from the Highway Fund in the amount of \$135,200 was to fund the reserve as approved by voters through the annual budget.

Transfers to the Other Governmental Funds from the General Fund of \$37,662 were to fund the Baxter Library, Legal Reserve Fund and Recreations Fund as approved by voters through the annual budget.

Transfers from the Highway Fund to the FHWA/FEMA Grant Fund of \$7,745 were to fund the local share of storm damage repairs.

Transfers from the FHWA/FEMA Grant Fund to the General Fund and Highway Fund in the amounts of \$506 and \$11,720, respectively, were to reimburse wages and equipment usage related to storm damage repairs.

Transfers from the ARPA Grant Fund to the General Fund and Highway Fund in the amounts of \$212,739 and \$141,826, respectively, were to reimburse salaries in accordance with the workforce retention allocation of the grant.

Transfers from the Other Governmental Funds to the General Fund in the amount of \$2,860 were to reimburse records preservation costs, net of the annual funding as approved by the voters through the annual budget.

Transfers between Other Governmental Funds of \$3,966 were to allocate the Baxter Library investment income.

# 6. Long-term obligations:

Long term obligations activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

		Balance y 1, 2023	Additions	Reductions			Balance une 30, 2024	Oue Within One Year
<b>Governmental activities -</b>								
Accrued compensated absences	\$	26,878	\$ 6,819	\$	-	\$	33,697	\$ 13,264
Long-term debt	1.	,126,113	120,000		189,000		1,057,113	204,000
Net pension liability		288,597			7,204		281,393	
:	\$ <u>1</u> ,	,441,588	\$ 126,819	\$	196,204	\$	1,372,203	\$ 217,264

#### 7. Debt:

<u>Short-term</u> - During the year, the Town obtained a line of credit in the form of a 3.99% current expense note in the amount of \$700,000 which matures on October 3, 2024. The Town did not borrow on this note.

<u>Long-term</u> - Outstanding long-term debt as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

# Governmental activities - notes from direct borrowings:

Note payable, Community Bank, N.A., unsecured, for the purchase of a 2020 Highway truck. Annual payments of \$16,000, plus interest at 2.57%. Matures June 10, 2025.	16,000
Note payable, Community Bank, N.A., unsecured, for the purchase of a 2022 Highway truck. Semiannual payments of \$12,000, plus interest at 1.85%. Matures August 17, 2026.	61,113
Note payable, Community Bank, N.A., unsecured, for the purchase of a 2023 Highway truck. Semiannual payments of \$15,000, plus interest at 2.99%. Matures June 22, 2027.	90,000
Note payable, Community Bank, N.A., unsecured, for the purchase of a 2024 Highway loader. Semiannual payments of \$12,000, plus interest at 5.46%. Matures March 20, 2029.	120,000
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - 2020 Series 1, various	
interest rates, annual principal payment of \$110,000 due November 2030.	770,000
\$	1,057,113

Long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

		Balance					Balance	Γ	Oue Within	
		July 1, 2023	<b>Additions</b>	<u>I</u>	Reductions		June 30, 2024		One Year	
Governmental activities-										
Notes from direct borrowing	gs:									
2018 Backhoe	\$	9,000	\$ -	\$	9,000	\$	-	\$	-	
2020 Highway Truck		32,000	-		16,000		16,000		16,000	
2022 Highway Truck		85,113	-		24,000		61,113		24,000	
2023 Highway Truck		120,000	-		30,000		90,000		30,000	
2024 Loader		-	120,000		-		120,000		24,000	
VMBB 2020 Series 1		880,000			110,000		770,000		110,000	
	\$	1,126,113	\$ 120,000	\$	189,000	\$	1,057,113	\$	204,000	

#### 7. Debt (continued):

Long-term (continued) - Debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

	Governmental Activities						
	Notes from Direct Borrowing						
	<b>Principal</b>		<u>Interest</u>				
Year ending June 30,							
2025	\$ 204,000	\$	20,422				
2026	188,000		16,273				
2027	177,113		12,353				
2028	134,000		8,931				
2029-2031	354,000		10,547				
	\$ 1,057,113	\$	68,526				

In the event that the Town is in default on their payment obligation issued from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank (VMBB), the State Treasurer has the ability to intercept State funding until the default is cured.

#### 8. Lease - lessor:

The Town has entered into a lease agreement to rent the Old School House to the Sharon Academy through June 30, 2027. As of June 30, 2024 the Town has recorded a lease receivable of \$85,050, and deferred inflows of resources of \$82,080 in accordance with GASB Statement No. 87.

#### 9. Budgeted deficit:

The voters approved a budget for the year ended June 30, 2024 with deficits of \$59,140 and \$49,178 in the General Fund and Highway Fund, respectively, to utilize a portion of the prior year surplus fund balance.

# 10. Pension plan:

Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System -

<u>Plan description</u>: The Town contributes to the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS or the Plan) a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement plan with defined benefit and defined contribution plans, administered by the State of Vermont. The State statutory provisions, found in Title 24, Chapter 125, of the V.S.A., govern eligibility for benefits, service requirements and benefit provisions. The general administration and responsibility for the proper operation of VMERS is vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of five members. VMERS issues annual financial information which is available and may be reviewed at the VMERS' office, 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, 05609-6200, by calling (802) 828-2305 or online at http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov.

<u>Benefits provided</u>: VMERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits do vary between the groups included in the Plan but are determined for the members of each group as a percentage of average compensation in a certain number of the highest consecutive years of service. Eligibility for benefits requires five years of service.

#### 10. Pension plan (continued):

Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (continued) -

Contributions: Defined benefit plan members are required to contribute 3.75% (Group A), 6.125% (Group B), 11.25% (Group C) or 12.60% (Group D) of their annual covered salary, and the Town is required to contribute 5.25% (Group A), 6.75% (Group B), 8.50% (Group C) or 11.10% (Group D) of the employees' compensation. Defined contribution plan members are required to contribute 5.0% of their annual covered salary and the Town is required to contribute an equal dollar amount. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Town are established and may be amended by the Board of Trustees. The Town's contributions to VMERS for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, \$24,518, \$25,042, and \$23,801, respectively. The amounts contributed were equal to the required contributions for each year.

<u>Pension liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources</u>: These financial statements include the Town's proportionate share of the VMERS' net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources for pension expense, deferred inflows of resources from investment earnings and contributions, and the related effects on government-wide net position and activities. The State of Vermont has provided the following information to all employers participating in VMERS, which is based on its calculation of the Town's 0.0879% proportionate share of VMERS defined benefit plan.

Town's share of VMERS net pension liability	\$ 281,393
Deferred outflows of resources - Deferred pension expense	\$ 89,057
Deferred inflows of resources - Deferred pension credits	\$ 14,100

<u>Additional information</u>: VMERS obtains an annual actuarial valuation for the pension plan. Detailed information is provided in that report for actuarial assumptions of inflation rates, salary increases, investment rates of return, mortality rates, discount rates, and the calculations used to develop annual contributions and the VMERS net position.

The Town adopted GASB Statement No. 68 in fiscal year 2015 and is developing the ten years of required supplementary information in schedules 3 and 4. This historical pension information includes the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability of VMERS and Town's Contributions to VMERS.

#### 11. Contingent liabilities:

The Town is a participating member in the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District (GUVSW). GUVSW has primary liability for its obligations, including debt service and costs associated with landfill postclosure maintenance and monitoring. The member towns have contingent liability for these obligations through their membership in GUVSW.

#### 12. Subsequent events:

The Town has evaluated subsequent events through November 14, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

# TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS	Sharon Conservatio Committee Fund		James Judson Memoria Fund	Steenken Lease al Land Fund	Recreation Fund	Legal Reserve <u>Fund</u>	Reappraisal Fund	Records Preservation Fund	Solar Decommissioning Fund	Baxter Memorial Library Fund	Other Grants Fund	<u>Totals</u>
Cash and cash equivalents Investments Accounts receivable Due from other funds Total assets	\$ 3,371 - - - \$ 3,371	\$ 79 - - - - \$ 79	\$ 256 - - - - \$ 256	\$ 1,003 - - - - - \$ 1,003	\$ 7,867 - - - - - \$ 7,867	\$ - - - 7,188 \$ 7,188	\$ - - 106,883 \$ 106,883	\$ - - 30,748 \$ 30,748	\$ - \$ 41,671 - - - \$ 41,671 \$	94,611	\$ - - 15,453 \$ 15,453	\$ 38,557 136,282 135 160,272 \$ 335,246
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND EQUITY									<del></del>			
LIABILITIES: Accounts payable Accrued expenditures Decommission escrow	\$ - - -	\$ - - -	\$ - - -	\$ - - -	\$ 556 - -	\$ - - -	\$ - - -	\$ - - -	\$ - \$ - 41,671	1,392	\$ - - -	\$ 993 1,392 41,671
Total liabilities					556				41,671	1,829		44,056
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES: Deferred grant revenue										2,800	10,230	13,030
FUND EQUITY: Fund balances - Nonspendable	-	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,250
Restricted	3,371	79	6	1,003	7,311	7,188	106,883	30,748		113,098	5,223	274,910
Total fund balances	3,371	79	256	1,003	7,311	7,188	106,883	30,748		116,098	5,223	278,160
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund equity	\$ <u>3,371</u>	\$ <u>79</u>	\$ <u>256</u>	\$ <u>1,003</u>	\$ 7,867	\$ <u>7,188</u>	\$ <u>106,883</u>	\$ 30,748	\$ <u>41,671</u> \$	120,727	\$ <u>15,453</u>	\$ 335,246

# TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

REVENUES:	Sharon Conservati Committe Fund	on Honor ee Roll Fund	James Judson Memoria Fund	Steenken Lease Land Fund	Recreation Fund	Legal Reserve <u>Fund</u>	Reappraisal Fund	Records Preservation Fund	Solar Decommissionin Fund	Baxter Memorial g Library Fund	Other Grants <u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Intergovernmental -												
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,667	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,667
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,543	567	19,110
Investment income (loss)	10	-	-	1	25	177	2,848	929	1,557	8,568	140	14,255
Charges for services					6,310					17		6,327
Total revenues	10			1	6,335	177	10,515	929	1,557	27,128	707	47,359
EXPENDITURES:												
General government	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1,557	_	567	2,124
Culture and recreation	-	_	_	-	7,462	-	-	-	-	48,407	-	55,869
Total expenditures					7,462				1,557	48,407	567	57,993
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	10	-	-	1	(1,127)	177	10,515	929	-	(21,279)	140	(10,634)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Transfers in (out)					6,100	1,000		(2,860)		30,562		34,802
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	10	-	-	1	4,973	1,177	10,515	(1,931)	-	9,283	140	24,168
FUND BALANCES, July 1, 2023	3,361	79	256	1,002	2,338	6,011	96,368	32,679		106,815	5,083	253,992
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2024	\$ 3,371	\$ 79	\$ 256	\$ 1,003	\$ 7,311	\$ 7,188	\$ 106,883	\$ 30,748	\$	\$ 116,098	\$ 5,223	\$ 278,160

# TOWN OF SHARON, VERMONT SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY VMERS JUNE 30, 2024

Schedule 3

	June 30,		June 30,	June 30,		June 30,		June 30,		June 30,		June 30,		June 30,		June 30,	June 30,	
		2024	2023	2022	_	2021	20	020		2019		2018		2017		2016	_2	015_
Town's proportion of the net pension liability		0.0879%	0.0951%	0.0907%		0.0895%	0	.0981%		0.0785%		0.0967%		0.0877%		0.1073%	C	0.0846%
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	281,393	\$ 288,597	\$ 133,449	\$	226,450 \$	5 1	70,231	\$	110,470	\$	117,127	\$	112,888	\$	82,715 \$		7,721
Town's covered payroll	\$	363,221	\$ 385,257	\$ 380,820	\$	335,977 \$	3	22,650	\$	335,154	\$	250,086	\$	287,052	\$	242,393 \$	2	278,820
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll		77.472%	74.910%	35.043%		67.400%	5	2.760%		32.961%		46.835%		39.327%		34.124%		2.769%
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VMERS net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		74.01%	73.60%	86.29%		74.52%		80.35%		82.60%		83.64%		80.95%		87.42%		98.32%

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN'S CONTRIBUTIONS VMERS JUNE 30, 2024

Schedule 4

		June 30, 		June 30, 		June 30, 	June 30,  2021		June 30,  2020	June 30,	June 30,  2018	June 30,		June 30,		June 30,
Contractually required contribution	\$	24,518	\$	25,042	\$	23,801	\$ 20,159	\$	18,552	\$ 18,852	\$ 13,755	\$ 15,788	\$	13,332	\$	14,997
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	-	24,518	-	25,042	_	23,801	20,159	-	18,552	18,852	13,755	15,788	-	13,332	=	14,997
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$		\$		\$ _		\$ 	\$		\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$		\$ _	
Town's covered payroll	\$	363,221	\$	385,257	\$	380,820	\$ 335,977	\$	322,650	\$ 335,154	\$ 250,086	\$ 287,052	\$	242,393	\$	278,820
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll		6.750%		6.500%		6.250%	6.000%		5.750%	5.625%	5.500%	5.500%		5.500%		5.379%

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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

The Selectboard Town of Sharon, Vermont

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Sharon, Vermont (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 14, 2024.

# **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town'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's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

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

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

# **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town'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's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Montpelier, Vermont November 14, 2024