



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ALBURGH TOWN REPORT - 2024

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ASSOCIATED PROJECTS MANAGED BY NRPC

- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
- Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
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Alex McCracken & vacant seat

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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- Provided grant administration and project management assistance for the Alburgh Child Care Center project.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas, secured speakers and trainings, updated bylaws and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Alburgh is a member.
- Participated in the development of a local Hazard Mitigation Plan that will allow eligibility for mitigation grant funding to improve disaster resiliency.
- Worked with the community and partners to determine eligible uses of local funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.
- Assisted with the update of the Local Emergency Management Plan.
- Healthy Roots: delivered gleaned produce to Islands in the Sun and Saint Amadeus Food Shelf on a regular basis, gleaned at 1 farm, which is a Healthy Roots donation plot, with the help of volunteers and a school group. HRC also started purchasing produce from 1 Alburgh farm for the Northwest Farmacy CSA.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Researched Alburgh rail trail management and potential for a water quality project using clean water funding.
- Assisted the Planning Commission with updating the Town Plan including data updates and developing a survey to be distributed to Town residents.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Assisted Grand Isle County Mutual Aid with Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event.
- Assisted South Alburgh Fire District #2 in researching additional funding opportunities.

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Jason Beaulac

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- Worked with the community and partners to determine eligible uses of local funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.
- Participated in the development of a local Hazard Mitigation Plan that will allow eligibility for mitigation grant funding to improve disaster resiliency.
- Assisted with the update of the Local Emergency Management Plan.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Alburgh Village is a member.
- Healthy Roots: delivered gleaned produce to Islands in the Sun and Saint Amadeus Food Shelf on a regular basis, gleaned at 1 farm, which is a Healthy Roots donation plot, with the help of volunteers and a school group. HRC also started purchasing produce from 1 Alburgh farm for the Northwest Farmacy CSA.
- Assisted the Planning Commission with updating the Town and Village Plan including data updates and developing a survey to be distributed to Town and Village residents.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Assisted Grand Isle County Mutual Aid with Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.

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William Irwin & Linda McCall

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- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts, including consulting with the Planning Commission on its municipal plan.
- Conducted site visit related to a potential project to address water quality concerns.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind event.
- Provided business assistance to 1 farm business and market access assistance to 1 farm business in Bakersfield.
- Administered and closed-out a VCDP planning grant for the Brigham Academy redevelopment project. The site has potential for new housing and community space. Continue to support the Town on next steps.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Bakersfield is a member.
- Assisted Bakersfield Conservation Commission with a Community Tree Planting grant and with finding new grant opportunities for restoration of the historic barn on the village green.
- Assisted with the application for energy assessments for Brigham Public Library and Town Hall, and the application for construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.
- Supported a successful 2024 VTrans Bike/Ped Small Scale Grant application for improved crosswalk signs.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 4 Bakersfield farms and food producers.

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- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts.
- Completed a Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the town be prepared for disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Consulted with local officials, evaluated infrastructure projects and reviewed grant funding sources for projects that address water quality concerns.
- Provided technical assistance to East Berkshire Fire District 1 with maintaining operations and finding new funding sources, including working with state and federal funders and seeking Congressionally Directed Funding.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Berkshire is a member.
- Assisted the Town with the adoption (8/12/24) of updated Berkshire Land Use and Zoning Regulations to address on-farm businesses, adaptive re-use of historic structures, and to expand opportunities for home businesses.
- Healthy Roots provided business assistance to 1 farm.
- Healthy Roots purchased from a local farm to support the Northwest Farmacy CSA in partnership with the NOTCH Richford Health Center.
- Assisted with an application for an energy assessment for the Town Offices through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.
- Secured \$9,000 grant to evaluate accessibility of the Town office and design needed improvements.

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Leonard Charron & Jesse Woods

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Gary Denton

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- Provided technical assistance for local zoning and development review.
- Completed an update of the Local Emergency Management Plan (with Enosburgh Town) which helps the village be prepared for disasters.
- Worked with Village Committee in finalizing a Hazard Mitigation Plan that will allow eligibility for mitigation grant funding to improve disaster resiliency.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Provided a \$109,000 Clean Water Service Provider grant to Franklin County NRCD for a dam removal project on village property.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Enosburgh Food Shelf and to the Enosburgh NOTCH on a regular basis.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned at 2 farms in Enosburgh Falls.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 3 Enosburgh farms and food producers.
- Drafted a unified Enosburgh Town & Enosburgh Falls bylaw focused on supporting smart growth in the Central Business and Commercial Districts, funded by a Municipal Planning Grant. Additionally, collaborated with the Planning Commission to include amendments that allow for increased housing choice and affordability, funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Enosburgh Falls is a member.
- Assisted with application for mini grant funding, application for energy assessments for the Village Hydro and Kendall Hydro Plants, and application for construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Completed a consultation of municipal planning program.

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Joey Clark

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- Completed an update of the Local Emergency Management Plan (with Enosburg Falls Village) which helps the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Provided a \$ 57,000 Clean Water Service Provider grant to Franklin County NRCD for a floodplain restoration project.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District; in which Enosburgh is a founding member.
- Consulted with local officials including the Conservation Commission and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns.
- Funded environmental assessments and cleanup of asbestos and lead at the Enosburgh Armory building supporting the Town's purchase of the building for use as municipal offices.
- Drafted a unified Enosburgh Town & Enosburg Falls bylaw focused on supporting smart growth in the Central Business and Commercial Districts, funded by a Municipal Planning Grant. Additionally, collaborated with the Planning Commission to include amendments that allow for increased housing choice and affordability, funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant.
- Healthy Roots delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the Enosburg NOTCH and regularly stocked the grab & go mini-fridge in their lobby with local produce.
- Assisted with an application for energy assessments for the Emergency Services Building, Opera House, Public Library, and Armory, and an application for construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.

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Matt Guerino

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- Began updating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update with a local committee, including community engagement activities.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns.
- Provided \$75,000 to Clean Water Service Provider funding for a stormwater project at the corner of Hunt and Maple Streets on Bellows Free Academy property.
- Served as local liaison to town public officials for the State Emergency Operations Center during January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Provided technical assistance for local planning and zoning efforts, including facilitating ANR review of new flood bylaw requirements.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Fairfax is a founding member.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Fairfax NOTCH clinic and NOTCH pharmacy on a regular basis and gleaned produce at one farm in Fairfax with the help of volunteers and school groups.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 1 Fairfax farm.
- Supported VTrans and the Town during the scoping process for improvements at the intersection of VT104/VT128.
- Assisted with application for energy assessments for Community Center and application for energy efficiency improvement funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Created a Municipal Vulnerability Index profile to enable the community to be better prepared for disasters, and presented results to the selectboard.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Applied for and received a grant to complete flood plain modeling of the Lamoille River basin.

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Dr. Lynda Ulrich

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- Provided technical assistance for local planning and zoning efforts, including meeting procedures and training opportunities.
- Updated the Town's Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Fairfield is a member.
- Consulted with local officials, evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and reviewed potential grant funding sources.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned at one farm in Fairfield, delivered gleaned produce to the Fairfield Community Center Food Shelf, and delivered Migrant Household Food boxes for delivery throughout Fairfield.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided business assistance to 2 farms.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 10 Fairfield farms and food producers.
- Assisted with close out of a Vermont Community Development Program Cares Act grant that funded a pavilion at the Fairfield Community Center.
- Provided information and examples of zoning bylaws to support the Town Planning Commission's update of the Town Bylaws.
- Supported VTrans and the Town during the VT 36 closure for bridge deck replacement.
- Completed traffic counts on Chester A. Arthur and Howrigan roads.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Supported the Commons School Working Group with assessing and rating reuse and restoration opportunities, funding options and an application to the Village Trust Program.

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- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided grant administration and technical assistance for the Town's Northern Border Regional Commission Grant to extend broadband infrastructure throughout the town; project is complete.
- Assisted with an application for energy assessments for Town Office and Town Garage, and an application for construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 2 Fletcher farms and food producers.

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- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
- Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail
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Yvon Dandurand & Wesley Kempton

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Peter Magnant

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2024 FRANKLIN TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Served as technical resource during Franklin Community Voices project. Supported the childcare initiative with grant writing assistance and participated in Lake Carmi Task Force meetings.
- Participated in meetings of the Lake Carmi TMDL Implementation Team and provided technical assistance relating to stormwater management on private roads in the Lake Carmi watershed.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided Clean Water Service Provider grants of \$42,000 and \$25,000 to Franklin County NRCD for projects in the Lake Carmi watershed.
- Worked with the community and partners to determine eligible uses of local funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP).
- Completed a consultation of municipal planning program.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned at two farms/orchards in Franklin.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 7 Franklin farms and food producers.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.

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Carl Rosenquist & Kirk Waite

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Suzanna Brown

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2024 GEORGIA TOWN PROJECTS

- Assisted the Town Emergency Management Director with updates to the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Provided assistance relating to Vermont "3 acre" stormwater permit and organized a public information session attended by town officials and residents.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Georgia is a member.
- Consulted with local officials regarding multiple projects that address water quality concerns and discussed potential for funding.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Georgia Food Shelf periodically and delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the Georgia NOTCH clinic.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided business assistance to 1 farm.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 2 Georgia farms and food producers.
- Completed a preliminary review for regional approval of the draft Georgia Municipal Plan.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Applied for and received a grant to complete flood plain modeling of the Lamoille River basin.

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2024 GRAND ISLE TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning.
- Working with the Planning Commission to complete a major update to the Municipal Plan, including developing a concept vision for a municipal town center on town owned property and an enhanced energy plan. Funded by a Municipal Planning Grant.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas, secured speakers and trainings, updated bylaws and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee.
- Assisted with the adoption of the Local Emergency Management Plan which will help the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Participated in the planning process for updating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Assisted Grand Isle County Mutual Aid with Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Gleaned produce weekly at two farms and delivered produce to the Champlain Islands Food Shelf on a regular basis with the help of local volunteers.
- Healthy Roots purchased produce from Grand Isle Farms to support the NOTCH mini-fridges, Migrant Household Food Boxes, and the Northwest Farmacy CSA, in partnership with NorthWest Family Foods, NOTCH Richford Health Center and Bridges to Health.
- Provided business and market access assistance to two Grand Isle farms.
- Conducted site visits on private roads and held Zoom meetings to identify where stormwater projects could be implemented to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff in Lake Champlain.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.
- Assisted with applications for mini grant funds, energy assessments for the library and fire station, and construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Jack Pelkey & vacant seat

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

vacant seat

2024 HIGHGATE TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Supported the town's efforts to achieve funding eligibility under the Federal Disaster Declaration for July 2023 storm.
- Provided a \$14,000 Clean Water Service Provider grant to Friends of Northern Lake Champlain for design of a shoreland repair project near the boat ramp and parking area at Shipyard Road in Highgate Springs.
- Provided technical assistance for the redevelopment of the former Young Landfill, including development of an Evaluation of Corrective Action Alternatives.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Highgate is a member.
- Provided technical assistance for Franklin County Airport expansion project, which includes water/wastewater extension.
- Assisted with the 2024 adoption of the Highgate Town Plan and granted regional approval.
- Collaborated with the Highgate Planning Commission to modernize Highgate's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability; funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant.
- Supported the town with an application for a Neighborhood Designation Area, included specific bylaw updates.
- Supported the town with the Village Core redevelopment, including coordinating with the site developer and funding \$25,112 in brownfields assessment, cleanup planning and historic preservation compliance.
- Provided project management support to the town for the ARPA funded community wastewater project which is in the final design phase.
- Assisted with applications for mini grant funds, energy assessments for the Sports Arena, and construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Supported 2024 VTrans Bike/Ped Large Scale Grant application for village sidewalks – grant was awarded.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 2 Highgate farms and food producers.

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Mary Catherine Graziano & Sylvia Jensen

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2024 ISLE LA MOTTE TOWN PROJECTS

- Held public outreach and drafted the Isle La Motte Town Plan in collaboration with the Isle La Motte Planning Commission.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Assisted Grand Isle County Mutual Aid with Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned produce at one farm in Isle La Motte. Gleaned produce was provided to charitable food sites in the Islands and Franklin County.
- Healthy Roots purchased from one Isle La Motte Farm to support the NOTCH mini-fridges and Migrant Household Food Boxes in partnership with NorthWest Family Foods and Bridges to Health.
- Healthy Roots provided business assistance to one farm.
- Healthy Roots continued discussion around the Isle La Motte School and the use of its commercial kitchen.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Isle La Motte is a member.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Conducted site visits on private roads and held Zoom meetings to identify where stormwater projects could be implemented to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff in Lake Champlain.
- Provided administrative support for a grant for structural evaluation and potential uses of the old Town Hall and the current town office building; hired an engineering firm and began site work.
- Coordinated a roadway best practices overview and Q&A session with the Road Commissioner, Selectboard members, Vermont Local Roads, and town highway contractor.

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Leanne Barnard & Mark Brouillette

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Mark Brouillette

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2024 MONTGOMERY TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan that will help the town respond to future disasters; assisted with FEMA funds for a past disaster declaration.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Served as project manager for VTrans grants for bank stabilization work along Longley Bridge Road, and for the streetscape project.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Montgomery is a founding member.
- Provided grant administration for a Northern Borders Regional Commission grant for the streetscape project.
- Collaborated with the Montgomery Planning Commission to modernize Montgomery's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability; funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant.
- Collaborated with the Montgomery Planning Commission to update Montgomery's Town Plan with a focus on natural resources, housing, transportation and future land use.
- Granted regional approval of the Montgomery Town Plan.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.
- Assisted with an application for energy assessments for the Public Safety Building, the Grange, and the Old Municipal Building/Post Office, and an application for construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Completed traffic counts on Hazens Notch Road.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 4 Montgomery farms and food producers.

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2024 NORTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas, secured speakers and trainings, updated bylaws and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee. Provided maps to assist with public safety communications coverage.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management plan with input from local officials.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance, and served as Zoning Administrator and DRB/PC clerk through a shared services contract.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which North Hero is a member.
- Healthy Roots purchased from one North Hero Farm to support the NOTCH mini-fridges.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Conducted site visits on Town highways and private roads to identify where stormwater projects could be implemented to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff in Lake Champlain. Created a map of the Carry Bay watershed.
- Healthy Roots, in collaboration with the South Hero Land Trust, Grand Isle County Natural Resources Conservation District and the Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District, co-hosted a Farm Appreciation Dinner and the Northwest Zone Public Local-Led Conservation Meeting.
- Assisted Grand Isle County Mutual Aid with Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Assisted the Fire Chief with seeking funding for a new fire station.
- Completed a consultation of municipal planning program.

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Marissa Tessier & vacant seat

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Wallace Steinhour

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2024 RICHFORD TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters and a draft Hazard Mitigation Plan to assist the town with accessing mitigation funds.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Provided project management support for the Richford Re-Connect project which completed preliminary engineering and planning for a trail network on town owned land.
- Serving as Municipal Project Manager for a sidewalk scoping study to connect the Elementary School to the village sidewalk network.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Richford is a member.
- Health Roots grew the Northwest Farmacy CSA produce share in partnership with the NOTCH Richford Health Center. 35 households were supported throughout Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.
- Healthy Roots delivered gleaned and purchased produce to NOTCH mini-fridges. Gleaned produce was also regularly delivered to the Richford Food Shelf.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 2 Richford farms and food producers.
- Assisted with a public outreach survey for the Richford Town Plan update.
- Assisted with an application for energy assessments for the Town Hall, Library, and Post Office, and an application for construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Funded \$6,390 for brownfields cleanup planning at the 113 Main Street property owned by the Richford Economic Advancement Corporation.

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Elisabeth Nance & Chip Sawyer

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2024 ST. ALBANS CITY PROJECTS

- Coordinated education and outreach for the Regional MS4 stormwater permit program. Organized and hosted a rain barrel workshop and completed a fact sheet regarding driveway culvert maintenance. Provided support for the Lake Lessons education program.
- Provided \$8,300 in funding for a Corrective Action Plan at the 74 Lower Welden former GMP cooling pond site ahead of its redevelopment for stormwater treatment.
- Funded \$5,732 for supplemental brownfields assessment at the 12-22 Stebbins Street property to assist the owner achieving a Certificate of Completion.
- Funded \$7,400 for a corrective action plan for the 20 LaSalle Street property to assist the property owner in understanding cleanup requirements and costs.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan in consultation with the City EM Committee.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Participated in Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event with City and Town officials.
- Served in an advisory role for the creation and running of the Saint Albans Climate & Energy Committee and served in an advisory role for Walk/Bike Saint Albans.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to Northwest Family Foods, Martha's Kitchen, and Spectrum's Youth Center on a weekly basis.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative received donated produce from one farm in St. Albans and provided market access and sourcing assistance to two St. Albans businesses.
- Healthy Roots delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the NOTCH Primary Care and St. Albans Health Center.
- Assisted with an application for mini grant funds, an application for energy assessments for the Fire Station and Barlow Street Community Center, and an application for construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Supported the St. Albans City Climate & Energy Committee's planning efforts.
- Supported Walk/Bike Saint Albans planning efforts.
- Organized a WindowDressers build at Saint Albans City Hall with the Climate & Energy Committee.

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- Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Marietta Scholten & Megan Sherlund

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David Allerton, *Alt. John Montagne*

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- Coordinated education and outreach for the Regional MS4 stormwater permit program. Organized and hosted a rain barrel workshop and completed a fact sheet regarding driveway culvert maintenance. Provided support for the Lake Lessons education program.
- Worked with local officials to update the Town's locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Participated in Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event with City and Town officials.
- Conducted an analysis of private roads on Bellevue Hill to identify whether stormwater projects could be implemented to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff. Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which St. Albans Town is a member.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission to modernize the town's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant led by the Town.
- Project management and collaboration with the Planning Commission on a Transit Oriented Development Master Plan, including two community engagement events.
- Supported Walk/Bike Saint Albans planning efforts.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 5 St. Albans farms and food producers.

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Seth Hungerford

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2024 SHELDON TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance and served as zoning administrator and DRB/PC clerk through a shared services contract.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which helps the town respond to future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission to modernize the town's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant.
- Worked with the Planning Commission on an update to the Municipal Plan, including the enhanced energy plan.
- Healthy Roots moved into a newly renovated storage space in Sheldon to support its gleaning and food access programming.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Sheldon is a member.
- Initiated a trailhead scoping study at the junction of Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail and Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, funded by VT Agency of Transportation.
- Served as the project manager for VTrans grants to study trailside options for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail near Gristmill Park, and to examine pedestrian connections at the intersection of Mill Street and VT 105 in Sheldon Springs.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Funded \$10,395 in brownfields assessment and cleanup planning at the 200 Bridge Street historical society site.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Bob Buermann & Peter Zamore

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bob Buermann

2024 SOUTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided general local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided grant management services for a Vermont Community Development Program Planning Grant for work related to restoring the South Hero Meeting House.
- Participated in Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event with Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and local officials.
- Provided business assistance to two South Hero farms.
- Granted regional approval to the South Hero Town Plan.
- Provided technical assistance on streetscape and sidewalk planning in the village area.
- Provided project management and coordination support to the South Hero Wastewater Committee in securing funding and conducting feasibility analysis for a village wastewater system.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas secured speakers and trainings, updated bylaws and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee.
- Updated the locally adopted Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the town respond to future disasters.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the C.I.D.E.R senior meals program and Food for Thought summer meals program on a regular basis.
- A South Hero orchard donated apples to the HRC gleaning program that were then delivered to food sites throughout the two counties.
- Healthy Roots, in collaboration with South Hero Land Trust and the Worthen Library, co-run a Winter Wednesdays series highlighting nature and food.
- Healthy Roots provided business assistance to 1 farm.
- Assisted with applications for mini grant funds, energy assessments for the Bicentennial Museum and Town Garage, and construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Working with a South Hero Committee to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Served as project manager for a VTrans grant to study safety issues at the intersection of US 2 and Featherbed Lane.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Nicole Draper & Harold Garrett

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Harold Garrett

2024 SWANTON TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan for the Town and Village, which helps in disaster response efforts.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Consulted with local officials regarding potential projects to address water quality concerns.
- Healthy Roots delivered gleaned and purchased produce to the Swanton Community Food Shelf and the Swanton NOTCH and NOTCH pharmacy. Received donated produce from one Swanton Farm.
- Healthy Roots delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the Swanton NOTCH.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 3 Swanton farms and food producers.
- Provided administrative support for a Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Community Grant.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Swanton Town is a member.
- Participated in and assisted with Swanton Energy Committee projects including outreach events.
- Supported VTrans process to consider improvements at the intersection of I-89 Exit 21 and VT-78 (First St), which will improve current traffic concerns and pedestrian access, and accommodate future growth.
- Provided \$32,000 in Brownfields funding to complete assessments, clean up alternatives, and historic preservation compliance at the 6 South River property in Swanton Village.
- Provided \$23,300 in Brownfields funding to complete a clean-up assessment at the 124 First Street property.
- Provided \$37,000 in Brownfields funding to complete assessment and cleanup planning at the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi Headquarters owned by the Maquam Bay of Missisquoi, Inc. on Grand Ave.
- Assisted with an application for a Community Tree Planting grant.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Participated in Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event with Town and Village public safety officials.
- Provided support to expand the boundaries of the Village Center Designation and supported a Neighborhood Development Area application.

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Heidi Britch-Valenta & Neal Speer

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Heidi Britch-Valenta, *Alt. William Sheets*

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2024 SWANTON VILLAGE PROJECTS

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- Participated in Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event with Town and Village public safety officials.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance and consultation relating to possible stormwater projects.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Swanton Village is a member.
- Participated in and assisted with Swanton Energy Committee projects including outreach events.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.
- Provided \$32,200 in Brownfields funding to complete assessments, clean up alternatives and historic preservation compliance at the 6 South River property in Swanton Village.
- Provided \$23,300 in Brownfields funding to complete a clean-up assessment at the 124 First Street property.
- Provided \$37,000 in Brownfields funding to complete assessment and cleanup planning at the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi Headquarters owned by the Maquam Bay of Missisquoi, Inc. on Grand Ave.
- Assisted with applications for mini grant funds, energy assessments for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Village Municipal Complex, and construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Assisted with an application for Charge Vermont EV charging infrastructure.
- Supported the 2024 VTrans Bike/Ped Small Scale Grant application for village sidewalks – grant was awarded.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided support to expand the boundaries of the Village Center Designation and supported a Neighborhood Development Area application.

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