

TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2024

AND

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS

TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT

JUNE 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Selectboard
Town of Guilford, Vermont

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Guilford, 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, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Guilford, Vermont as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and Highway Fund 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 Guilford, 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 these 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 we 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 September 27, 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.

Montpelier, Vermont
September 27, 2024

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**TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2024**

The following is a discussion and analysis of the Town of Guilford's (the Town) financial performance, including an overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Readers should consider this information in conjunction with the financial statements, which are located after this analysis. This discussion and analysis provides comparisons between FY 2024 and FY 2023.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Government-wide Highlights

The Town's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2024, by \$6,011,164 compared to \$6,250,387 at June 30, 2023. This represents a decrease of \$239,223 or 3.8%. The change in net position for fiscal year 2024 was a decrease of \$239,223 compared to a decrease of \$75,447 for fiscal year 2023.

Fund Highlights

At the end of the fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$2,860,385 a decrease of \$283,589 in comparison with \$3,143,974 for the prior year. Of the total fund balance, \$17,670 is nonspendable, \$681,282 is restricted, \$1,917,056 is committed, and \$244,377 is assigned.

Long-term Debt

The Town had no long-term debt for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Town's financial statements consist of three sections; 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis, 2) Basic Financial Statements, and 3) Supplementary Schedules.

- **Management's Discussion and Analysis** - An introduction to the basic financial statements that is intended to be an easily read analysis of the Town's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions or conditions.
- **Basic Financial Statements** - This section of the report includes government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and Highway Fund, and notes to the financial statements.
- **Supplementary Schedules** - This section of the report includes schedules 1 and 2, which are not required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) but are presented as supplementary information. These schedules contain the combining information for individual nonmajor governmental funds. This section also includes schedules 3 and 4, which are required by U.S. GAAP. These schedules contain required historical pension information.

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances. The statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the Town's financial

position, which helps readers determine whether the Town's financial position has improved or deteriorated during the fiscal year. These statements include all non-fiduciary financial activity on the full accrual basis of accounting. This means that all revenues and expenditures are reflected in the financial statements even if the related cash has not been received or paid as of June 30.

- **Statement of Net Position** - This statement presents information on all of the Town's assets, liabilities, and deferred outflows/inflows of resources with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may indicate whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.
- **Statement of Activities** - This statement presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes).

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All the Town's funds are categorized as either governmental or fiduciary.

- **Governmental Funds** - Most of the basic services provided by the Town are reported in the governmental funds. These statements provide a detailed, short-term view of the functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the full accrual basis of accounting, but the governmental fund financial statements are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. This allows the reader to focus on assets that can be readily converted to cash and determine whether there are adequate resources to meet the Town's current needs.

Information is presented separately in the governmental fund statements for the General, Highway, VCDP Grant, Fund Balance Reserve, Capital Projects, and ARPA Grant Funds which are each considered major funds. Data from the other eighteen (18) governmental funds are aggregated into a single column on the fund financial statements. Individual fund data for these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the supplementary schedules section.

- **Fiduciary Funds** - 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 Brainard S. Gale Fund, Mrs. C.A. King Fund, King & Lynde Fund, and the Bullock Scholarship Fund.

Reconciliation of Government-wide Financial Statements to Fund Financial Statements

This report includes a reconciliation of the amounts reported on the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual accounting) with governmental activities on the appropriate government-wide statements (accrual accounting). The following indicates some of the reporting differences between the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements.

- Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported on governmental fund statements.
- Long-term liabilities, except for debt service expenditures during the year, are not included in the fund financial statements. These liabilities are only included in the government-wide statements.
- Deferred inflows of resources, relating to deferred property taxes, are included in the fund financial

statements to offset uncollected taxes which are not available financial resources but are excluded from government-wide statements.

- Deferred inflows of resources relating to deferred pension credits, deferred outflows of resources relating to deferred pension expense, and net pension asset or liability are reported on the government-wide statements but are excluded from the fund financial statements.
- Capital outlay spending results in capital assets on the government-wide statements but is reported as expenditures in the fund financial statements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is different from that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. This comparison can help readers better understand the long-term impact of the Town's near-term financing decisions. The comparisons are:

- Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position.
- Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our analysis below focuses on net position and the change in net position of the Town's activities. The Town's net position for governmental activities decreased from \$6,250,387 to \$6,011,164.

Net Position as of June 30,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 3,945,066	\$ 3,771,436
Capital Assets, net	<u>3,151,835</u>	<u>3,192,887</u>
Total Assets	<u>7,096,901</u>	<u>6,964,323</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>129,204</u>	<u>105,144</u>
Current Liabilities	75,768	125,982
Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>320,836</u>	<u>338,480</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>396,604</u>	<u>464,462</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>579,114</u>	<u>593,841</u>
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,151,835	3,192,887
Restricted	2,895,706	2,616,008
Unrestricted	<u>202,846</u>	<u>202,269</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 6,250,387</u>	<u>\$ 6,011,164</u>

A significant portion of the Town's net position (53.1%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, equipment, construction in progress, and infrastructure); less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets (net investment in capital assets). These assets are recorded net of depreciation in the financial statements. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; therefore, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of

related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the Town's net position (43.5%) represents restricted net position. These resources are subject to external restrictions or constitutional provisions specifying how they may be used.

The following condensed financial information was derived from the Government-wide Statement of Activities and provides detail regarding the change in net position.

Change in Net Position for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Grants and Contributions	\$ 976,494	\$ 486,684
Charges for Services	41,629	42,783
Other	1,498	7,231
	<u>1,019,621</u>	<u>536,698</u>
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes	1,860,106	1,753,843
Investment Income	63,928	117,162
	<u>1,924,034</u>	<u>1,871,005</u>
Total Revenues	<u>2,943,655</u>	<u>2,407,703</u>
Expenses:		
General Government	948,935	854,355
Highways and Streets	1,678,897	1,400,768
Culture and Recreation	17,614	1,833
Special Appropriations	373,363	389,970
Interest on Debt	293	-
Total Expenses	<u>3,019,102</u>	<u>2,646,926</u>
Increase in Net Position	<u>\$ (75,447)</u>	<u>\$ (239,223)</u>

Total governmental activities expenses were \$3,019,102 and \$2,646,926 in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, respectively. The largest expenses were incurred for general government and highways and streets. The expenses do not include capital outlays, which are reflected as capital assets in the government-wide financial statements.

Program revenues are derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the reporting government's taxpayers or citizenry. They reduce the net cost of the function to be financed from the government's general revenues. Total program revenues from governmental activities were \$1,019,621 in 2023 and \$536,698 in 2024. Governmental program revenues come from charges for services, which include licenses and permits, planning fees, developer fees, forfeitures, and several other revenues. Program revenues in the grants and contributions category include federal, state and local grants that are restricted for program use.

General revenues are all other revenues not categorized as program revenues and include property taxes and investment income. Total general revenues from governmental activities were \$1,924,034 in fiscal 2023 and \$1,871,005 in fiscal 2024. Approximately 94% of the Town's total general revenues comes from property taxes.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund balance for the General Fund decreased from \$230,360 in FY 2023 to \$224,404 in 2024.

The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual - General Fund shows the Town raised \$1,038,982 in revenues, \$186,990 less than budgeted, while expenditures of \$1,010,434 were \$47,112 more than budgeted.

The fund balance for the Highway Fund increased from \$692,447 in FY 2023 to \$751,689 in 2024.

The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual - Highway Fund shows the Town raised \$1,233,034 in revenues, \$191,595 more than budgeted, while expenditures of \$1,096,392 were \$132,353 more than budgeted.

Capital Assets

The following is a schedule of capital assets as of June 30, 2023 and 2024.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Buildings and improvements	\$ 1,080,537	\$ 1,080,537
Vehicles and equipment	2,286,091	2,415,691
Infrastructure	2,620,087	2,620,087
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,834,880)</u>	<u>(2,923,428)</u>
Total net capital assets	<u>\$ 3,151,835</u>	<u>\$ 3,192,887</u>

The Town had \$3,151,835 and \$3,192,887 invested in capital assets, net of depreciation, on June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024, respectively. The net increase (including additions and deductions) between the two periods amounted to \$41,052.

This year’s major capital events included:

- 2024 Caterpillar Grader

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

The FY 2025 total operating budget is \$1,408,799 for the General Fund and \$1,105,203 for the Highway Fund (does not include school taxes). The FY 2024 total operating budget was \$1,225,972 for the General Fund and \$1,041,439 for the Highway Fund. The total increase is \$246,591 or 10.9% over the previous year.

The FY 2025 net budget (the amount to be raised by taxes) is \$2,164,142. The FY 2024 net budget (the amount to be raised by taxes) was \$1,961,191. This is an increase of \$202,951 to the net Town budget.

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 Guilford, 236 School Road, Guilford, Vermont 05301-8319.

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

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS:	
Current assets -	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,971,149
Investments	14,356
Taxes receivable, including penalties and interest	219,652
Accounts receivable	3,829
Grants receivable	45,000
Due from fiduciary funds	7,450
Total current assets	<u>3,261,436</u>
Noncurrent assets -	
Notes receivable	510,000
Capital assets	6,116,315
less - accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,923,428)</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>3,702,887</u>
Total assets	<u>6,964,323</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Deferred pension expense	<u>105,144</u>
LIABILITIES:	
Current liabilities -	
Accounts payable	110,662
Accrued compensated absences	15,320
Total current liabilities	<u>125,982</u>
Noncurrent liabilities -	
Net pension liability	338,480
Total liabilities	<u>464,462</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Deferred tax overpayments	64,886
Deferred note revenue	510,000
Deferred pension credits	18,955
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>593,841</u>
NET POSITION:	
Net investment in capital assets	3,192,887
Restricted	2,616,008
Unrestricted	202,269
Total net position	<u>\$ 6,011,164</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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

		Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position
		Grants and Contributions	Charges for Services	Other	
	<u>Expenses</u>				
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS:					
Governmental activities -					
General government	\$ 854,355	\$ 169,112	\$ 42,783	\$ 7,231	\$ (635,229)
Highways and streets	1,400,768	317,472	-	-	(1,083,296)
Culture and recreation	1,833	100	-	-	(1,733)
Special appropriations	<u>389,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(389,970)</u>
Total governmental activities	\$ <u>2,646,926</u>	\$ <u>486,684</u>	\$ <u>42,783</u>	\$ <u>7,231</u>	<u>(2,110,228)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES - PROPERTY TAXES					1,753,843
- INVESTMENT INCOME					<u>117,162</u>
					<u>1,871,005</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					(239,223)
NET POSITION, July 1, 2023					<u>6,250,387</u>
NET POSITION, June 30, 2024					\$ <u>6,011,164</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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	General Fund	Highway Fund	VCDP Grant Fund	Fund Balance Reserve Fund	Capital Projects Fund	ARPA Grant Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,769,005	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 202,144	\$ 2,971,149
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,356	14,356
Taxes receivable	219,652	-	-	-	-	-	-	219,652
Accounts receivable	1,047	-	-	-	-	-	2,782	3,829
Grants receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,000	45,000
Notes receivable	-	-	510,000	-	-	-	-	510,000
Due from other funds	-	763,557	-	110,975	412,789	98,098	998,345	2,383,764
Total assets	\$ <u>2,989,704</u>	\$ <u>763,557</u>	\$ <u>510,000</u>	\$ <u>110,975</u>	\$ <u>412,789</u>	\$ <u>98,098</u>	\$ <u>1,262,627</u>	\$ <u>6,147,750</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND EQUITY								
LIABILITIES:								
Accounts payable	\$ 110,465	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 197	\$ 110,662
Accrued compensated absences	3,452	11,868	-	-	-	-	-	15,320
Due to other funds	2,376,314	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,376,314
Total liabilities	<u>2,490,231</u>	<u>11,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>2,502,296</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:								
Deferred tax overpayments	64,886	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,886
Deferred property taxes	210,183	-	-	-	-	-	-	210,183
Deferred note revenue	-	-	510,000	-	-	-	-	510,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>275,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>510,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>785,069</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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	General <u>Fund</u>	Highway <u>Fund</u>	VCDP Grant <u>Fund</u>	Fund Balance Reserve <u>Fund</u>	Capital Projects <u>Fund</u>	ARPA Grant <u>Fund</u>	Other Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Totals Governmental <u>Funds</u>
FUND EQUITY:								
Fund balances -								
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,670	17,670
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	98,098	583,184	681,282
Committed	-	751,689	-	110,975	412,789	-	641,603	1,917,056
Assigned	<u>224,404</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,973</u>	<u>244,377</u>
Total fund balances	<u>224,404</u>	<u>751,689</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,975</u>	<u>412,789</u>	<u>98,098</u>	<u>1,262,430</u>	<u>2,860,385</u>
 Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund equity	 \$ <u>2,989,704</u>	 \$ <u>763,557</u>	 \$ <u>510,000</u>	 \$ <u>110,975</u>	 \$ <u>412,789</u>	 \$ <u>98,098</u>	 \$ <u>1,262,627</u>	 \$ <u>6,147,750</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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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	\$ 2,860,385
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	6,116,315
Accumulated depreciation	(2,923,428)
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	105,144
Deferred pension credits	(18,955)
Net pension liability	(338,480)
Deferred property taxes are reported in the governmental funds to offset uncollected taxes which are not available financial resources.	<u>210,183</u>
Net position of governmental activities - Government-wide Statement of Net Position	\$ <u><u>6,011,164</u></u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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

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	General Fund	Highway Fund	VCDP Grant Fund	Fund Balance Reserve Fund	Capital Projects Fund	ARPA Grant Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES:								
Property taxes	\$ 830,971	\$ 887,689	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,718,660
Intergovernmental	108,989	317,472	-	-	-	-	60,083	486,544
Licenses, permits and fines	1,792	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,792
Charges for services	18,171	-	-	-	-	-	13,640	31,811
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	135	135
Investment income	62,643	27,873	-	-	16,735	-	9,911	117,162
Miscellaneous	16,416	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,416
Total revenues	<u>1,038,982</u>	<u>1,233,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,735</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,769</u>	<u>2,372,520</u>
EXPENDITURES:								
Current -								
General government	620,464	-	-	4,927	-	161,904	21,229	808,524
Highways and streets	-	1,096,392	-	-	-	-	61,390	1,157,782
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,833	1,833
Special appropriations	389,970	-	-	-	-	-	-	389,970
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	298,000	-	-	298,000
Total expenditures	<u>1,010,434</u>	<u>1,096,392</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,927</u>	<u>298,000</u>	<u>161,904</u>	<u>84,452</u>	<u>2,656,109</u>

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TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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	General Fund	Highway Fund	VCDP Grant Fund	Fund Balance Reserve Fund	Capital Projects Fund	ARPA Grant Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	<u>28,548</u>	<u>136,642</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,927)</u>	<u>(281,265)</u>	<u>(161,904)</u>	<u>(683)</u>	<u>(283,589)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):								
Transfers in (out), net	<u>(34,504)</u>	<u>(77,400)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(189,146)</u>	<u>225,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,050</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	<u>(5,956)</u>	<u>59,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(194,073)</u>	<u>(56,265)</u>	<u>(161,904)</u>	<u>75,367</u>	<u>(283,589)</u>
FUND BALANCES, July 1, 2023	<u>230,360</u>	<u>692,447</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,048</u>	<u>469,054</u>	<u>260,002</u>	<u>1,187,063</u>	<u>3,143,974</u>
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2024	\$ <u>224,404</u>	\$ <u>751,689</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>110,975</u>	\$ <u>412,789</u>	\$ <u>98,098</u>	\$ <u>1,262,430</u>	\$ <u>2,860,385</u>

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**TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
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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	\$ (283,589)
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	448,000
Depreciation	(406,948)
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	(175,000)
Current year	210,183
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	<u>(31,869)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities - Government-wide Statement of Activities	\$ <u>(239,223)</u>

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TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
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	Original and Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Over (Under)
REVENUES:			
Property taxes	\$ 1,073,502	\$ 830,971	\$ (242,531)
Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	15,000	13,718	(1,282)
Intergovernmental	98,000	108,989	10,989
Licenses and permits	1,000	1,792	792
Town clerk fees	21,870	18,171	(3,699)
Interest	8,000	48,925	40,925
Miscellaneous	8,600	16,416	7,816
Total revenues	<u>1,225,972</u>	<u>1,038,982</u>	<u>(186,990)</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government -			
Selectboard	289,703	294,436	4,733
Treasurer	64,486	64,906	420
Board of civil authority	1,550	1,792	242
Auditors	22,150	18,082	(4,068)
Listers	40,330	45,553	5,223
Town clerk	53,217	48,677	(4,540)
Planning commission	1,500	754	(746)
Conservation commission	1,150	663	(487)
Law enforcement	1,000	-	(1,000)
Pound keeper	8,855	7,770	(1,085)
Health officer	650	500	(150)
Solid waste	14,625	14,625	-
Cemeteries	7,700	7,167	(533)
Library	44,920	39,910	(5,010)
County tax	22,000	30,447	8,447
HRA deductibles	-	45,182	45,182
Total general government	<u>573,836</u>	<u>620,464</u>	<u>46,628</u>
Special appropriations -			
Windham Regional Commission	5,428	5,428	-
Green Up Vermont	150	150	-
VLCT	3,893	3,893	-
Rescue, Inc.	50,947	51,431	484
Front Porch Forum	75	75	-
Guilford Gazette	150	150	-
Broad Brook Community Center	5,000	5,000	-
Guilford Volunteer Fire Department	293,450	293,450	-

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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	Original and Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual (Budgetary Basis) <u>Basis)</u>	Variance Over (Under) <u>(Under)</u>
EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED):			
Special appropriations (continued) -			
Youth Services	1,605	1,605	-
Women's Freedom Center	1,000	1,000	-
Groundworks Collaborative	1,000	1,000	-
Visiting Nurse Alliance	6,300	6,300	-
RSVP	485	485	-
HCRS - Mental Health	3,000	3,000	-
Senior Solutions	850	850	-
Brattleboro Area Hospice	300	300	-
The Gathering Place	500	500	-
Brattleboro Senior Meals	350	350	-
SEVEDS	6,363	6,363	-
AIDS Project of Southern Vermont	350	350	-
Southeast VT Transit	250	250	-
Guilford Cares	6,000	6,000	-
SEVCA, Inc.	2,040	2,040	-
Total special appropriations	<u>389,486</u>	<u>389,970</u>	<u>484</u>
Total expenditures	<u>963,322</u>	<u>1,010,434</u>	<u>47,112</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	262,650	28,548	(234,102)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers in (out), net	<u>(262,650)</u>	<u>(34,504)</u>	<u>(228,146)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ <u>-</u>	(5,956)	\$ <u>(5,956)</u>
FUND BALANCE, July 1, 2023		<u>230,360</u>	
FUND BALANCE, June 30, 2024		\$ <u>224,404</u>	

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TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - HIGHWAY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original and Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Over (Under)
REVENUES:			
Property taxes	\$ 887,689	\$ 887,689	\$ -
State aid to highways	145,000	161,472	16,472
Intergovernmental	-	156,000	156,000
Civil fines	500	-	(500)
Interest income	250	27,873	27,623
Planned use of surplus	8,000	-	(8,000)
Total revenues	<u>1,041,439</u>	<u>1,233,034</u>	<u>191,595</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Highway general	461,805	427,495	(34,310)
Highway winter	208,444	182,024	(26,420)
Retreatment	130,000	321,439	191,439
Bridges	3,500	-	(3,500)
MRGP fees	1,990	1,350	(640)
Town garage	33,300	34,289	989
Town equipment	<u>125,000</u>	<u>129,795</u>	<u>4,795</u>
Total expenditures	<u>964,039</u>	<u>1,096,392</u>	<u>132,353</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	77,400	136,642	59,242
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers in (out), net	<u>(77,400)</u>	<u>(77,400)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ <u>-</u>	59,242	\$ <u>59,242</u>
FUND BALANCE, July 1, 2023		<u>692,447</u>	
FUND BALANCE, June 30, 2024		\$ <u>751,689</u>	

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TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION -
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Brainard S. Gale Fund</u>	<u>Mrs. C. A. King Fund</u>	<u>King & Lynde Fund</u>	<u>Bullock Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 340	\$ 1,012	\$ 1,012	\$ 15,210	\$ 17,574
Investments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,795</u>	<u>141,795</u>
Total assets	<u>340</u>	<u>1,012</u>	<u>1,012</u>	<u>157,005</u>	<u>159,369</u>
LIABILITIES:					
Accounts payable	-	12	12	186	210
Due to other funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,450</u>	<u>7,450</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7,636</u>	<u>7,660</u>
NET POSITION:					
Restricted	\$ <u>340</u>	\$ <u>1,000</u>	\$ <u>1,000</u>	\$ <u>149,369</u>	\$ <u>151,709</u>

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TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION -
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Brainard S. <u>Gale Fund</u>	Mrs. C. A. <u>King Fund</u>	King & <u>Lynde Fund</u>	Bullock Scholarship <u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
ADDITIONS:					
Interest and dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,862	\$ 4,862
Gain (loss) on market value	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,719</u>	<u>8,719</u>
Total additions	-	-	-	13,581	13,581
DEDUCTIONS	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,500</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	-	-	-	9,081	9,081
NET POSITION, July 1, 2023	<u>340</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>140,288</u>	<u>142,628</u>
NET POSITION, June 30, 2024	\$ <u>340</u>	\$ <u>1,000</u>	\$ <u>1,000</u>	\$ <u>149,369</u>	\$ <u>151,709</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1. Summary of significant accounting policies:

The Town of Guilford, Vermont (the Town) was chartered in 1764. The Town is a unit of local government organized under the statutes of the State of Vermont and is governed by a 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. The Town has no business-type activities.

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

- C. Basis of presentation - 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.

TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

C. Basis of presentation (continued) -

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - 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.

Highway Fund - The Highway Fund is used to account for the Town's Highway department.

VCDP Grant Fund - The VCDP Grant Fund is used to account for the long-term note receivable related to a VCDP grant that was subgranted to the Algiers Family Housing Limited Partnership.

Fund Balance Reserve Fund - The Fund Balance Reserve Fund was created by the voters at the 2013 Town Meeting for the purpose of funding unanticipated revenue shortfalls and paying non-recurring and unanticipated expenditures. Any expenditure of the Fund shall require approval of a majority of the Board. Expenditures of the Fund for any purpose other than the defined criteria above shall require the authorization of a majority of the voters present at an annual or special town meeting.

Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the purchase of major facilities and equipment.

ARPA Grant Fund - The ARPA Grant Fund is used to account for the ARPA Grant program.

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 Brainard S. Gale Fund, Mrs. C. A. King Fund, King & Lynde Fund and Bullock Scholarship 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 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.

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. Unbilled service revenue is accrued in the Water Fund.

TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

- E. Budgets and budgetary accounting - The Town approves budgets for the General and Highway Funds at the annual Town Meeting. The tax rate is determined by the Selectboard based on the education and municipal grand lists and the approved budgets. 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 and Highway Funds. The Town does not legally adopt budgets for other governmental funds. All budgeted amounts lapse at year end.
- F. Property taxes - Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property owned as of April 1st. Listers establish a grand list of all property and the Selectboard 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 due in full on October 16, 2023.
- G. Use of estimates - 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.
- J. Capital assets - Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, vehicles and infrastructure, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Town as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 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

TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

J. Capital assets (continued) -

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 the useful lives shown below:

Buildings and improvements	7 - 30 years
Vehicles and equipment	10 years
Infrastructure	20 years

K. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources - 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.

L. Compensated absences - It is the Town's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation benefits based upon their length of employment (subject to certain carryover limitations and time restrictions). Upon retirement, termination or death, employees are compensated for these accrued benefits at their current rates of pay. These compensated absences are reported in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

M. Long-term obligations - Governmental activities report long-term debt and other long-term obligations as liabilities in the 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.

N. Fund equity - 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 Town Meetings.

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

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 against unassigned fund balance unless motions by the Selectboard specify otherwise.

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JUNE 30, 2024

2. Deposits and investments:

Fair value and classification - Deposits and investments are stated at fair value as described in note 1.I. As of June 30, 2024, the Town's investments were fully invested in mutual funds and have a fair value of \$156,151.

Custodial credit risk - 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, \$7,106 of the Town's bank balance of \$2,994,955 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

3. Notes receivable:

The Town, through various federal loan programs, has received grants and advanced funds to encourage community development. These loans, generally secured by subordinated collateral positions, are recorded as notes receivable. The note receivable as of June 30, 2024, is as follows:

VCDP Grant Fund -
Algiers Family Housing Limited Partnership, no interest, matures
November 2042, secured by mortgage on property. \$ 510,000

4. Capital assets:

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

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>
Capital assets, depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	\$ 1,080,537	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,080,537
Vehicles and equipment	2,286,091	448,000	318,400	2,415,691
Infrastructure	<u>2,620,087</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,620,087</u>
Total capital assets, depreciated	<u>5,986,715</u>	<u>448,000</u>	<u>318,400</u>	<u>6,116,315</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	553,254	23,726	-	576,980
Vehicles and equipment	1,262,304	252,218	318,400	1,196,122
Infrastructure	<u>1,019,322</u>	<u>131,004</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,150,326</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,834,880</u>	<u>406,948</u>	<u>318,400</u>	<u>2,923,428</u>
Total capital assets, depreciated, net	<u>3,151,835</u>	<u>41,052</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,192,887</u>
Capital assets, net	\$ <u>3,151,835</u>	\$ <u>41,052</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>3,192,887</u>

Depreciation expense of \$406,948 in the governmental activities was allocated to expenses of the general government (\$13,962) and highways and streets (\$392,986) programs based on capital assets assigned to those functions.

TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
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JUNE 30, 2024

5. 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, are as follows:

	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 2,376,314
Highway Fund	763,557	-
Fund Balance Reserve Fund	110,975	-
Capital Projects Fund	412,789	-
ARPA Grant Fund	98,098	-
Other Governmental Funds	998,345	-
Fiduciary Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>7,450</u>
	\$ <u>2,383,764</u>	\$ <u>2,383,764</u>

6. 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>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
General Fund	\$ 206,546	\$ 241,050
Highway Fund	-	77,400
Fund Balance Reserve Fund	-	189,146
Capital Projects Fund	225,000	-
Other Governmental Funds	<u>82,811</u>	<u>6,761</u>
	\$ <u>514,357</u>	\$ <u>514,357</u>

Transfers from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund of \$225,000 and the Other Governmental Funds of \$16,050 were made in accordance with the budget. Transfers from the Highway Fund to the General Fund of \$17,400 and the Other Governmental Funds of \$60,000 were made in accordance with the budget. Transfers from the Fund Balance Reserve Fund of \$189,146 to the General Fund were to recover the current year operating deficit. Transfers between Other Governmental Funds of \$6,761 were to transfer the residual fund balance of the Sweet Pond Fund to the Guilford Conservation Fund.

7. Related parties:

The Guilford Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization which provides volunteer fire fighting and emergency medical response services to the residents of the Town. Annually, the voters approve an appropriation to help support GVFD's operations and capital improvements. In FY 2024, the appropriation was \$293,450.

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7. Related parties (continued):

The Town maintains an agreement with the Algiers Fire District #1 (AFD #1) to perform its financial administration. Duties under this agreement include bookkeeping, annual budget preparation, reporting, and warrant preparation. The Town received \$8,500 for financial services and \$500 for administrative services during FY 2024 for services provided under this agreement.

8. Long-term obligations:

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

	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2024	Due Within One Year
Compensated absences	\$ 16,620	\$ -	\$ 1,300	\$ 15,320	\$ 3,830
Net pension liability	<u>320,836</u>	<u>17,644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>338,480</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 337,456</u>	<u>\$ 17,644</u>	<u>\$ 1,300</u>	<u>\$ 353,800</u>	<u>\$ 3,830</u>

9. Fund balances:

At year end, the Town reported nonspendable fund balances related to the original bequests that created certain other governmental funds that are to be held in perpetuity:

Birdie Cook Fund	\$ 1,500
Aurelia D. Taft Fund	10,800
Charles P. Wood Fund	<u>5,370</u>
	<u>\$ 17,670</u>

10. Pension plan:

Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System -

Plan description: The Town contributes to the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS or the Plan) a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system 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>.

Benefits provided: 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.

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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, were \$31,126, \$30,122, and \$26,460, respectively. The amounts contributed were equal to the required contributions for each year.

Pension liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources: 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 0.1057% proportionate share of the VMERS defined benefit plan.

Town's share of VMERS net pension liability	\$ 338,480
Deferred outflows of resources - Deferred pension expense	\$ 105,144
Deferred inflows of resources - Deferred pension credits	\$ 18,955

Additional information: 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 FY 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. Subsequent events:

The Town has evaluated subsequent events through September 27, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

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	Act 64 <u>Fund</u>	Bridges <u>Fund</u>	Green River Covered Bridge <u>Reserve Fund</u>	Preservation <u>Fund</u>	Lister Education <u>Fund</u>	Reappraisal <u>Fund</u>
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants receivable	45,000	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	<u>103,015</u>	<u>541,603</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>51,322</u>	<u>575</u>	<u>155,586</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>148,015</u>	\$ <u>541,603</u>	\$ <u>100,000</u>	\$ <u>51,322</u>	\$ <u>575</u>	\$ <u>155,586</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
LIABILITIES:						
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND EQUITY:						
Fund balances -						
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	148,015	-	-	51,322	575	155,586
Committed	-	541,603	100,000	-	-	-
Assigned	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fund balances	<u>148,015</u>	<u>541,603</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>51,322</u>	<u>575</u>	<u>155,586</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ <u>148,015</u>	\$ <u>541,603</u>	\$ <u>100,000</u>	\$ <u>51,322</u>	\$ <u>575</u>	\$ <u>155,586</u>

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	Algiers Water Line Project Fund	Water Line Operations Fund	Sweet Pond Fund	Guilford Conservation Fund	Recreation Commission Fund	Planning Commission Fund	Conservation Commission Fund
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 175,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts receivable	-	2,782	-	-	-	-	-
Grants receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	12,602	-	6,861	3,163	8,467	3,474
Total assets	\$ <u>175,500</u>	\$ <u>15,384</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>6,861</u>	\$ <u>3,163</u>	\$ <u>8,467</u>	\$ <u>3,474</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
LIABILITIES:							
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FUND EQUITY:							
Fund balances -							
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	175,500	15,384	-	6,861	3,163	-	-
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	8,467	3,474
Total fund balances	<u>175,500</u>	<u>15,384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,861</u>	<u>3,163</u>	<u>8,467</u>	<u>3,474</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ <u>175,500</u>	\$ <u>15,384</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>6,861</u>	\$ <u>3,163</u>	\$ <u>8,467</u>	\$ <u>3,474</u>

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	Cemetery Commission Fund	Cemetery Trust Fund	Birdie Cook Fund	Aurelia D. Taft Fund	Charles P. Wood Fund	Totals
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 7,879	\$ 2,398	\$ 10,932	\$ 5,435	\$ 202,144
Investments	-	14,356	-	-	-	14,356
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	2,782
Grants receivable	-	-	-	-	-	45,000
Due from other funds	<u>8,032</u>	<u>3,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>998,345</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>8,032</u>	\$ <u>25,880</u>	\$ <u>2,398</u>	\$ <u>10,932</u>	\$ <u>5,435</u>	\$ <u>1,262,627</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
LIABILITIES:						
Accounts payable	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>132</u>	\$ <u>65</u>	\$ <u>197</u>
FUND EQUITY:						
Fund balances -						
Nonspendable	-	-	1,500	10,800	5,370	17,670
Restricted	-	25,880	898	-	-	583,184
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	641,603
Assigned	<u>8,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,973</u>
Total fund balances	<u>8,032</u>	<u>25,880</u>	<u>2,398</u>	<u>10,800</u>	<u>5,370</u>	<u>1,262,430</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ <u>8,032</u>	\$ <u>25,880</u>	\$ <u>2,398</u>	\$ <u>10,932</u>	\$ <u>5,435</u>	\$ <u>1,262,627</u>

TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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	Act 64 Fund	Bridges Fund	Green River Covered Bridge Reserve Fund	Preservation Fund	Lister Education Fund	Reappraisal Fund
REVENUES:						
Intergovernmental	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,583
Charges for services	-	-	-	5,216	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	-	-	-	1,866	-	5,759
Total revenues	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,342</u>
EXPENDITURES:						
General government	-	-	-	2,690	-	9,605
Highways and streets	61,390	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>61,390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,605</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	(16,390)	-	-	4,392	-	6,737
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Operating transfers in (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(16,390)	60,000	12,500	4,392	-	6,737
FUND BALANCES, July 1, 2023	<u>164,405</u>	<u>481,603</u>	<u>87,500</u>	<u>46,930</u>	<u>575</u>	<u>148,849</u>
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2024	\$ <u>148,015</u>	\$ <u>541,603</u>	\$ <u>100,000</u>	\$ <u>51,322</u>	\$ <u>575</u>	\$ <u>155,586</u>

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	Algiers Water Line Project Fund	Water Line Operations Fund	Sweet Pond Fund	Guilford Conservation Fund	Recreation Commission Fund	Planning Commission Fund	Conservation Commission Fund
REVENUES:							
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500	\$ -
Charges for services	-	7,579	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	100	-	-	35
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>7,579</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>35</u>
EXPENDITURES:							
General government	-	6,461	-	-	-	570	1,900
Highways and streets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	1,833	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>6,461</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,833</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>1,900</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	-	1,118	-	100	(1,833)	3,930	(1,865)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
Operating transfers in (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,761)</u>	<u>6,761</u>	<u>3,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	1,118	(6,761)	6,861	1,717	3,930	(1,865)
FUND BALANCES, July 1, 2023	<u>175,500</u>	<u>14,266</u>	<u>6,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,446</u>	<u>4,537</u>	<u>5,339</u>
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2024	\$ <u>175,500</u>	\$ <u>15,384</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>6,861</u>	\$ <u>3,163</u>	\$ <u>8,467</u>	\$ <u>3,474</u>

TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
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CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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	Cemetery Commission Fund	Cemetery Trust Fund	Birdie Cook Fund	Aurelia D. Taft Fund	Charles P. Wood Fund	Totals
REVENUES:						
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,083
Charges for services	-	845	-	-	-	13,640
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	135
Investment income	-	2,284	2	-	-	9,911
Total revenues	-	3,129	2	-	-	83,769
EXPENDITURES:						
General government	-	3	-	-	-	21,229
Highways and streets	-	-	-	-	-	61,390
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	1,833
Total expenditures	-	3	-	-	-	84,452
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	-	3,126	2	-	-	(683)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Operating transfers in (out)	-	-	-	-	-	76,050
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	3,126	2	-	-	75,367
FUND BALANCES, July 1, 2023	8,032	22,754	2,396	10,800	5,370	1,187,063
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2024	\$ 8,032	\$ 25,880	\$ 2,398	\$ 10,800	\$ 5,370	\$ 1,262,430

TOWN OF GUILFORD, VERMONT
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

Schedule 3

	June 30, <u>2024</u>	June 30, <u>2023</u>	June 30, <u>2022</u>	June 30, <u>2021</u>	June 30, <u>2020</u>	June 30, <u>2019</u>	June 30, <u>2018</u>	June 30, <u>2017</u>	June 30, <u>2016</u>	June 30, <u>2015</u>
Town's proportion of the net pension liability	0.1057%	0.1058%	0.1059%	0.1329%	0.1209%	0.1237%	0.1484%	0.1396%	0.1382%	0.1398%
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 338,480	\$ 320,836	\$ 155,874	\$ 336,226	\$ 209,700	\$ 174,080	\$ 179,801	\$ 179,663	\$ 106,508	\$ 11,496
Town's covered payroll	\$ 461,116	\$ 463,416	\$ 423,345	\$ 392,436	\$ 479,053	\$ 412,849	\$ 394,091	\$ 440,650	\$ 385,760	\$ 359,278
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	73.405%	69.233%	36.820%	85.677%	43.774%	42.166%	45.624%	40.772%	27.610%	3.200%
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, <u>2024</u>	June 30, <u>2023</u>	June 30, <u>2022</u>	June 30, <u>2021</u>	June 30, <u>2020</u>	June 30, <u>2019</u>	June 30, <u>2018</u>	June 30, <u>2017</u>	June 30, <u>2016</u>	June 30, <u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 31,126	\$ 30,122	\$ 26,460	\$ 23,546	\$ 27,546	\$ 23,223	\$ 21,675	\$ 24,236	\$ 21,217	\$ 19,311
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>31,126</u>	<u>30,122</u>	<u>26,460</u>	<u>23,546</u>	<u>27,546</u>	<u>23,223</u>	<u>21,675</u>	<u>24,236</u>	<u>21,217</u>	<u>19,311</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Town's covered payroll	\$ 461,116	\$ 463,416	\$ 423,345	\$ 392,436	\$ 479,053	\$ 412,849	\$ 394,091	\$ 440,650	\$ 385,760	\$ 359,278
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%	5.375%

**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 Guilford, 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, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Guilford, 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 September 27, 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 have not been 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.

Montpelier, Vermont
September 27, 2024

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