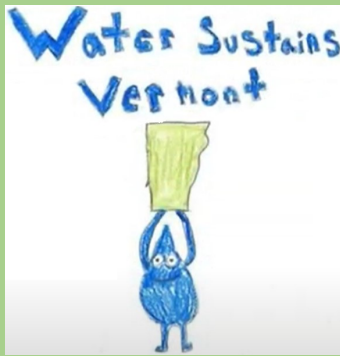




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# Letter from Board President

This is going to be an unforgettable year for all of us for a few reasons. In the forefront, we know that every single member of our organization has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. You have been the stalwarts of your community by maintaining water and wastewater services without respite. There is no VIRTUAL option when it comes to operation of your systems. From source to distribution, from collection to discharge, this requires hands-on, in-person work. We have so much respect for these efforts you are making to keep our communities safe by addressing their water and wastewater needs. This has been a real struggle for many, but you are maintaining and pushing through, in spite of the real concerns and risks. And we are not done with it or perhaps better said “it is not done with us”!

We had significant changes to our organization in 2020. Liz Royer, our new Executive Director, hit her stride this year. We were lucky to have her step up to this important leadership position and all of us on the Board are appreciative of her hard work and dedication to Vermont Rural Water. Furthermore, Doris Dastalto finished her career with us after innumerable years as our accounting finance manager. I had great respect for Doris so her inevitable departure was worrisome to me. However, to our great relief, we had the remarkable fortune of finding Cheryl Lynn to replace her. Cheryl hit the ground running just before the pandemic started. When you combine this with Tim and Katherine in the office, we have a powerhouse team taking care of the operations.



If I talk about each of the staff members, this letter will have to be longer. So I will just say that they are doing a fantastic job, especially during this unprecedented situation. Our thanks to: Aaron, Cheryl, Diana, Elizabeth, Liz, Katherine, Matt, Paul, Paula, Tim, and Wayne. We couldn't ask for anything better.

In spite of all these obstacles, distancing, masks, virtual this and that, I can say without a doubt that Vermont Rural Water Association remains strong. We are still training, advocating, and helping with your technical issues. Your Board of Directors is diligent, no slackers in this group. The organization is financially secure and we can maintain this status until this COVID crisis is gone. So my final words are: Thanks to all of you, members, staff and Board; what great strength we have together.



Sincerely,  
Rod Lamothe  
Board President

## Financial Report

The 2020 audit resulted in an unqualified opinion and a clean report for the association.

### Balance Sheet

Total Assets.....	\$633,076
Total Liabilities and net assets.....	\$633,076
Net assets, end of year.....	\$555,689

### Annual Revenue and Expenses

Total Revenue and support.....	\$1,029,637
Total Expenditures.....	\$1,005,285

# 2020 Accomplishments

## Apprenticeship

- 10 apprentices started working at water and wastewater treatment facilities across the state
- Created online and classroom lessons for students about water resources and career opportunities



## Training

- Hosted 79 training sessions
- Taught 939 individuals
- Awarded 3,935 credit hours

## Technical Assistance

- Provided assistance to 223 drinking water systems, a total of 1,202 hours
- Provided assistance to 81 wastewater systems, a total of 916 hours
- Wrote 6 new Source Water Protection Plans and completed 24 plan updates

## COVID-19 Response

- Received essential workforce designation for water and wastewater operators from Vermont Emergency Management
- Reactivated VT WARN mutual aid network
- Distributed 10,000 cloth masks to water and wastewater operators
- Held training classes over Zoom
- Offered technical assistance both remotely and on-site
- Provided information and updates through email, website, and newsletter
- Conducted 3 surveys about pandemic impacts on water and wastewater utilities
- Advocated for water and wastewater bills to be included in the Vermont COVID-19 Arrearage Assistance Program (VCAAP)

# Water & Wastewater System Members

Addison County Community Trust	Coventry Fire District #1	Green Mountain Valley School	Newport City
Agri-Mark Inc.	Craftsbury Fire District #2	Greensboro Fire District #1	North Bennington
AHA Water Cooperative	Crystal Springs Water System	Greenwood School	North Branch Fire District #1
Albany Community School	Dairy Center	Guilford Central School	North Country Land Lab
Albany Village Water Supply Co.	Danby Mount Tabor Fire District #1	Hardwick	North Country Engineering
Alburgh	Daniels Construction	Hartford	North Hartland Water Co-op
Alburgh Fire District #1	Danville	Hartland Elementary School	North Hero
Alburgh Fire District #2	Danville Fire District #1	Hartland Town Activity Center	North Troy
Apple Island Resort	Deerfield Valley Health Center	Harwood Union High School	Northeast Kingdom Airport
Arlington Water Dept.	Derby Center	Hideaway Campground Assoc.	Northfield
Ascutney Fire District #2	Derby Line	Hiland Hall School	Northside Condo
Bakersfield Fire District #1	Dorset Elementary School	Hinesburg	Norwich Fire District #1
Barnet Fire District #2	Dorset Fire District #1	Holbrook Bay HOA	Notchbrook Condominium
Barnet School	Drumleys Condominiums	Hyde Park	Okemo Mountain Resort
Barre City	East Berkshire Fire District #1	Hyde Park Fire District #1	Orleans
Barre Town	East Calais Fire District #1	Intervale at Stratton	Peacham Fire District #1
Barton	East Dorset Fire District #1	Irasburg Fire District #1	Pine Ridge Water Corp
Basin Harbor Club	East Hardwick Fire District #1	Jay Peak Water System	Piper Ridge Homeowners Assoc.
Battleground Condos	East Middlebury Fire District #1	Jay/Westfield Elementary	Pittsford
Bears Crossing Water System	East Montpelier Elementary	Jeffersonville	Plainfield
Bellows Falls	East Thetford Water Co.	Jericho East Homeowners Assoc.	Point Bay Marina
Bennington	East Wind MHP	Jericho Underhill Water	Poker Hill School
Bennington College	Eastridge Acres HOA	Johnson	Poultney
Berkshire Elementary School	Eden Central School	Killington Elementary School	Pownal
Berlin	Edgemont Condos	Killington Resort	Proctor
Berlin and RMC MHP	Edlund Company	Kurn Hattin Homes	Putney
Bethel	Edward Farrar Utility District	Lake Region School District	Randolph
Bloomfield Water System	Enosburg Falls	Lakehurst Campground	Readsboro
Blue Mountain Union School	Essex	Lamoille Union USD 18	Red Cedar School
Bow and Arrow Park	Essex Junction	Little School	Richford
Bradford	Fair Haven	Long Trail Brewing Co.	Richmond
Brandon	Fairbanks Scales	Ludlow	Richmond Fire District #1
Brandon Fire District #1	Fairfax	Lunenburg Fire District #1	Riverside MHP
Brattleboro	Fairfax Fire District #1	Lunenburg Fire District #2	Rochester
Bridges HOA	Fairfax Heights Water Cooperative	Lyn Haven Fire District #1	Royalton
Brighton	Fairfield Fire District #2	Lyndon	Royalton Fire District #1
Bromley Water Company	Fairlee	Lyndonville	Runamok Maple
Bull Run Water System	Farm & Wilderness	Manchester	Rutland
Burke Fire District #1	Fayston Elementary School	Marlboro College	Rutland Town Fire District #1
Burke Mountain	Ferrisburg Jolley	Marlboro Elementary School	Rutland Town Fire District #5
Burke Town School	Fiddlehead Condo Association	Marshfield	Rutland Town Fire District #6
Burlington	Fletcher Elementary School	McIndoe Falls Fire District 3	Ryegate Fire District #2
Butternut Hill Condominiums	Flood Brook School	Middlebury	Saxtons River
Cabot	Fort Warren MHP	Middletown Springs School	Schlotterbeck & Foss
Cambridge Village Water	Franklin Foods	Mill River High School	Seasons on Mount Snow
Camping on the Battenkill	Georgia Elementary & Middle School	Milton	Shaftsbury
Canaan	Georgia Industrial Development Corp.	Montgomery	Sharon Academy
Carlos Otis Health Care Center	GlobalFoundries	Montpelier	Shelburne
Castleton Meadows	Glover	Morgan	Shelburne House
Cavendish	Grafton Elementary School	Morristown Corners Water Corp.	Sheldon
Champlain Housing Trust	Grand Isle	Morrisville	Sherburne Fire District #1
Champlain Water District	Grand Isle Fire District #4	Mountain Green Condominium	Smugglers' Notch
Chelsea	Grand Summit Hotel	Mountain View MHP	Sonnenberg Water System
Chester	Grandview Acres Water System	Mountain View Water Assoc.	South Burlington
Chimney Hill Owners Assoc.	Graniteville Fire District #4	Mountain Water Company	South Burlington Fire District # 1
Cobb Hill Co-Housing, Inc.		Newbury	South Georgia Fire District
Colchester Fire District #2		Newmont Slate Company	South Hero Fire District # 4
Cold Brook Fire District #1		Newport Center	South Wallingford Water Co.

## Members (continued)

Southface Owner's Association  
Spring Lake Ranch  
Springfield  
St. Albans  
St. Johnsbury  
St. Johnsbury Center Fire District #1  
Starksboro Village Water Co-Op  
Starlake Village Leaseholders Assoc.  
Sterling View MHP  
Stowe  
Stowe Fire District #4  
Sunny Acres Water Association  
Sunrise HOA  
Sutton  
Swan Valley Cheese of VT  
Swanton Village  
Thetford Water Coop  
Timber Creek Condominium  
Trail Creek Condominium  
Tri-Town Water District #1

Troy  
Twin Farms  
Vergennes-Panton Water District  
Vermont Academy  
Vermont State Parks  
Vernon Elementary School  
Vernon Green Nursing Home  
Village At Sawmill Farms  
Waitsfield & Champlain Valley Telecom  
Waitsfield Water Supply  
Wallingford Fire District #1  
Washington Fire District #1  
Waterford Elementary School  
Wells River Water System  
West Burke Housing  
West Rutland  
West Wind Water System  
West Windsor Water System  
Westford Fire District #1  
Westminster Aqueduct Society

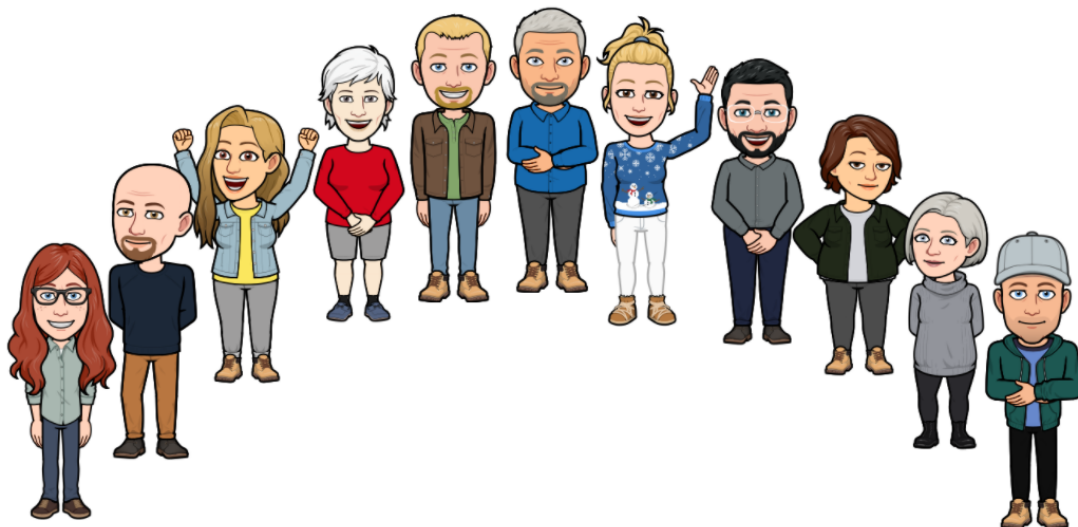
Westminster Center School  
Wheelock Fire District #1  
White Birches MHP  
Whitingham  
Wildwood West  
Williamstown  
Williston Fire District #1  
Williston Water Dept  
Wilmington  
Wilmington Water District  
Windsor  
Winhall-Stratton Fire District #1  
Winooski  
Winterplace at Okemo  
Woodbury Elementary School  
Woodland Apartments  
Woodstock  
Woodstock Aqueduct Co.  
Worcester Fire District #1

## Associate Members

ABTEC, Inc.  
**Aldrich + Elliott**  
Allen Engineering & Chemical Corp  
Aquafix, Inc.  
ATC Group Services LLC  
Atlantic Pump & Engineering, Inc.  
**CAI Technologies**  
Champlin Associates  
Chevalier Drilling Co., Inc.  
Clear Water Filtration  
Core & Main  
Coyne Chemical Environmental Services  
Culligan Water  
DN Tanks  
**DuBois & King**  
Dufresne Group  
**E.J. Prescott, Inc.**  
Eastern Analytical, Inc.  
**Endyne, Inc.**  
EOS Research, Ltd.  
F.R. Mahony & Associates

Ferguson Waterworks  
Forcier Consulting Engineers  
Ford Meter Box Company, Inc.  
FW Webb Co.  
Green Mountain Engineering  
Holland Company, Inc.  
Laramie Water Resources LLC  
Lincoln Applied Geology, Inc.  
Marble Valley Engineering  
Mueller Systems  
N.A. Manosh Corp.  
New England Backflow, Inc.  
**Otter Creek Engineering**  
P2 Environmental  
Perrigo Nutritionals  
Pittsburg Tank & Tower Co., Inc.  
PurposeEnergy, Inc.  
Reeves Consulting LLC  
Ruggles Engineering Services  
Slack Chemical Co.  
**Statewide Aquastore**

SUEZ Advanced Solutions  
Sullivan Associates  
**Tata & Howard**  
Ti-SALES Inc.  
USA BlueBook  
Vermont Utility Management Services  
Water Industries, LLC  
Watershed Consulting Associates  
**Weston & Sampson Engineers**



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Rod Lamothe

Castleton Meadows

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Colchester Fire District #2

### **Secretary/Treasurer, National Representative**

Jon Thornton

Bradford Water & Sewer

### **Board Member**

Margaret Dwyer

Winhall-Stratton Fire District

### **Board Member**

John Lazelle

Town of Wilmington

### **Board Liaison**

Eric Blatt

VT DEC Water Investment Division