

TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT



**224th ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

**The Richmond Select Board is honored to dedicate this year's
annual report to**

Brigadier General Michael T. Heston
Deputy Adjutant General – Vermont National Guard
Assistant Adjutant General – Army, Vermont National Guard
1959 – 2018

Michael T. Heston moved to Richmond in March 1994.

Michael served with the Vermont State Police, where he served 26 years as a Trooper and Patrol Commander, rising to the rank of Sergeant. During his career he was a mentor and leader to a generation of troopers.

General Heston also commanded soldiers of the Vermont Army National Guard at all levels from platoon leader to commander of the Vermont Army National Guard. He served three deployments to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Here in Richmond, Michael was a valued member of our local community. He and his wife June raised their children Kelsey and Keegan in our town. He coached youth sports and served as a volunteer on town committees.

The people of Richmond thank Michael Heston for his service to our town, our state and our country. He will be missed here by all of us who knew him as a neighbor and a friend.



TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT
2017- 2018

Warning for the
Two Hundred and Twenty-Fourth
1795 - 2018

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 5, 2019

Chartered October 1794



Bring This Report to Annual Meeting.



Please keep this report as a reference manual

Lunch will be available in the cafeteria at a nominal charge
Courtesy of Beacon Light Grange #557

Many thanks to the residents and town employees who submitted articles for this town report. Thanks go to the various departments and the employees within the Town of Richmond that do their jobs to ensure Richmond is a safe and welcoming place to live.

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RABIES CLINIC

MARCH 23, 2019

9 AM TO NOON

RICHMOND RESCUE GARAGE

PLEASE BRING PROOF OF PREVIOUS RABIES VACCINATIONS

DOG LICENSES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RICHMOND & HUNTINGTON

QUESTIONS...PLEASE CALL LINDA PARENT, 434-2221

PRICE IS \$20 PER ANIMAL

ALL ANIMALS MUST BE LEASHED OR CRATED

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

POSITION	NAME	TERM	TERM ENDS
Town Moderator	Clinton Buxton	1 Year	2019
Town Clerk	Linda M. Parent	3 Year	2019
Town Treasurer	Mark Aridgides	3 Year	2019
Cemetery Trustees	Dennis Gile	5 Year	2019
	Clinton Buxton	1 yr of a 5 Year	2019
	George Gifford	5 Year	2021
	Linda M. Parent	5 Year	2022
	Curran Robinson	5 Year	2023
Constable	Andrew Squires	1 Year	2019
Library Trustee	Keith Frantz	5 Year	2019
	Laurie Dana	5 Year	2020
	Ellen Crary	5 Year	2021
	Jenna Bisset	5 Year	2022
	Jana Brown	5 Year	2023
Selectboard	Bard Hill	3 Year	2019
	Stephen Ackermann	2 Year	2019
	David Sander	3 Year	2020
	Roger Brown	3 Year	2021
	Christy Witters	2 Year	2020
State Representative	Marcia L. Gardner	2 Year	2020
Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School Directors			
	John "Chip" Noonan	3 Years	2019
	Lucinda Preston	3 Years	2019
	Michael Marks	3 Years	2020
	Derek Miodownik	3 Years	2021
Justices of the Peace All 2 Year terms ending 2020			
	Denise Begins Barnard	Marshall Paulsen	
	Francis Churchill	Sue Pochop	
	Joel Furr	Curran Robinson	
	Cheryl Hard	Cameron Thomas	
	James "Jeff" Hard	C. Jane VanLandingham	
	Keith Kasper	Becky Vigneault	

SCHEDULED TOWN MEETINGS & OFFICE HOURS

Selectboard	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Water & Sewer Commissioners	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 6:00PM Town Center
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Development Review Board	2nd Wednesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Conservation Commission	2nd Tuesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Recreation Committee	1st Tuesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Library Trustees	1st Thursday of each month 6:00PM Library
Trails Committee	3rd Tuesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 6:30PM TBA
www.cesuvt.org - for up-to-date meeting information & agendas	
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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS - 434-2221 / 434-3139

Monday 8:00AM - 5PM
Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday 8:00AM - 4PM
Friday 8:00AM - Noon

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE HOURS - 434-5170

Monday 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday 8:00AM - 4PM

TOWN PLANNER & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE HOURS - 434-2430

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday by appointment
www.richmondvt.gov

Thank you to Janet & Rick Bonneau at Winooski Press for their support and assistance in the publication of the Town Report. Thank you to Treena Brogan for the cover photo of the Winter Solstice on Dugway Road. My appreciation also to the many citizens that have provided other photos for this Town Report.

Linda M Parent, CVC, Town Clerk

TOWN OF RICHMOND COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

SELECTBOARD

Bard Hill, Chair David Sander, Vice Chair
Stephen Ackerman Roger Brown
Steve May

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Judy Rosovsky, Chair Elizabeth Wright
Robert Low Mary B. Houle
Frederick Barrett Guy Roberts
Kristin Nelson Jack Linn
Jimmy Cochran

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

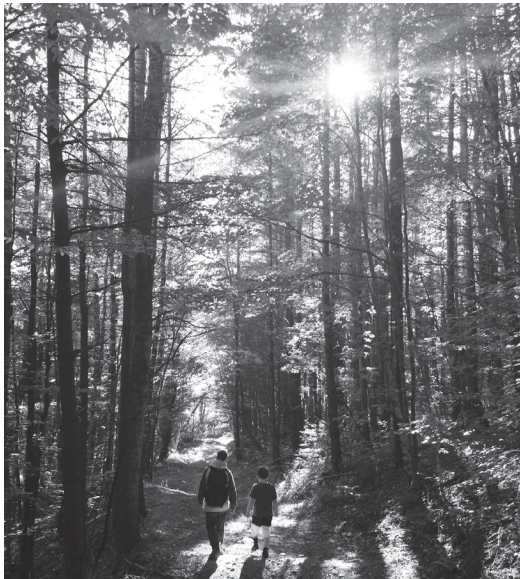
David Sunshine, Chair Matthew Dyer, Vice Chair
Roger Pedersen Padriac Monks
Gabriel Firman Alison Anand-alternate

JULY 4TH PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

Susan Glennon Barbara LaPlant
Richard Niquette Donna Niquette
Linda Parent Ken Nussbaum
Norman Perkins Justin Spence
Charles Senick Bruce LaBounty
Cara LaBounty Carine McCauley
Shannon Dufour-Martinez

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mark Fausel, Chair Brian Tellstone, Vice Chair
Virginia Clarke Scott Nickerson
Alison Anand E. Lauck Parke
Joy Reap



Andrews Forest

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Harland Stockwell, Chair Robin Rabideau

TRAILS COMMITTEE

Jean Bressor, Co-Chair Callie Ewald, Co-Chair
Martha Marciel Willie Lee
Jim Monahan Mike Donohue
Ed Wells Tyler Merritt
Kate Kreider Sarah Morey
KJ O'Grady Jason Osterman

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Bard Hill, Chair David Sander
Frances Huntoon Robert Reap
Christy Witters

INTERIUM ANDREWS FOREST COMMITTEE

Hannah Phillips, Chair Guy Roberts
Wright Preston Willie Lee
Cecilia Danks Berne Brody
Elizabeth Wright Brad Elliott

HAVE YOU.....



- ✓ REGISTERED TO VOTE?
- ✓ LICENSED YOUR DOG OR REPORTED CHANGES?
- ✓ RENEWED YOUR CAR REGISTRATION?
- ✓ PAID YOUR WATER/SEWER & PROPERTY TAX BILL?
- ✓ REPORTED YOUR NEW ADDRESS?
- ✓ SUBMITTED A ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION?
- ✓ OBTAINED COPIES OF DEEDS?
- ✓ POSTED YOUR LAND?
- ✓ FILED YOUR NAME CHANGE CERTIFICATE?
- ✓ RESEARCHED YOUR GENEALOGY?
- ✓ APPLIED FOR YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE?
- ✓ OBTAINED COPIES OF MARRIAGE, BIRTH, OR DEATH CERTIFICATES?
- ✓ HAD DOCUMENTS NOTARIZED?
- ✓ PAID YOUR PARKING TICKET?
- ✓ REQUESTED AN EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT?
- ✓ APPLIED FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE?
- ✓ PURCHASED THE HISTORY OF RICHMOND BOOK?
- ✓ APPLIED FOR YOUR GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT?
- ✓ PURCHASED LAKE IROQUOIS BEACH PASS?
- ✓ ASKED ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT TOWN SERVICES?

Services available at the Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office

TOWN OF RICHMOND VERMONT

ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL MEETING

RICHMOND, VERMONT
MARCH 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond met at Camels Hump Middle School at 9:00 am to transact business. Moderator Clinton Buxton called the meeting to order. An honor guard from Boy Scout Troop #23 presented the Flag of our Country and the State of Vermont. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Buxton asked that we observe a moment of silence for the members of the military who serve to protect the freedoms we have today. Roberts Rules of Order were reviewed. Mr. Buxton stated the house rules and procedures.

Linda M. Parent, Town Clerk read the warning for the meeting.

Article 1. To elect school and town officers for terms posted on the ballot. (To be voted by Australian ballot)

Article 2. To hear and accept the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 2 was moved by Frances Thomas, second by Ingrid Cichoski. Richard Niquette spoke on behalf of the Parade & Fireworks Committee. The basis of the announcement was that unless more people came forward, there would be no July 4 celebration in the park July 2018. Jeffrey Forward commented on the energy report that was not in the published town report. Forward also asked that a Town Center Report be included in future Town Reports.

Article 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve a budget of \$3,747,985 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Richmond? Article 3 was moved by Duane LaRose, second by John Cohn. Geoffrey Urbanik, Richmond Town Manager presented a power point of the proposed town budget. There were several questions with regard to the presentation, Mr. Urbanik answered all questions. There were questions regarding employee health insurance payments. It was asked why the rate of \$45 per hour for the Bolton traffic contract was not higher. David Healy moved, second by Jeffrey Forward, to cut Police Department line # 10-7-90-5-90.20 completely. After much discussion and explanation Mr. Healy withdrew his amendment. Jack Linn moved, second by Patricia Brushett, to remove \$150,000 from the Police Department budget. After much discussion regarding the comparison of Richmond Police Department to Hinesburg Police Department, insurance benefits

and police vehicles, John VanHouten moved, second by Chris Granda, to amend Linn's amendment to only take \$1.00 from the Police Department budget. This amendment was rejected by voice vote of those present. Dolores Carter moved, second by Frederick Barrett, to call the question to accept the Town Budget as printed. So approved by voice vote of those present.

Article 4. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Richmond in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of replacing and relocating 500 feet of waterline on Bridge Street and the Bridge Street Bridge, the estimated cost of such improvements being Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$415,000)? (To be voted by Australian ballot)

Article 5. Do the voters of Richmond support continued efforts by the Select Board to finalize a plan for new building to house the Richmond Police Department at a cost not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000), provided that the voters have the opportunity to approve or deny funding before any construction is awarded? (To be voted by Australian ballot)

Article 6. To transact any other Town business that may come legally before this meeting.

Chris Granda moved, second by Jeffrey Forward, the following non-binding resolution: "The select board may allocate up to \$200,000 in surplus savings to capital improvements to the Town Center.", as a result of the FY2019 building assessment. Passed by standing vote 25 yes – 20 no.

Betsy Emerson announced that all senior citizens are invited to join the Community Senior Center. Curran Robinson moved, second by David Thomas, to adjourn the meeting at 1:54pm. So approved by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M Parent, CVC, Town Clerk
Clinton Buxton, Moderator

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Sullivan, Powers & Company are hired annually to audit the financial books for the Town of Richmond. Fothergill, Segale & Valley are hired annually to audit the school records. Excerpts from their annual audit have been included in this report. The full report is available at the town office and also under the documents section at www.richmondvt.gov – see "2018 Town Audit."

SELECTBOARD

Welcome our 224th Richmond Town Meeting. It is my honor to welcome you as a member of the Richmond Selectboard.

I begin by recognizing Michael Heston and his contributions to our town, state and country. He contributed to our community in many ways: officer, trooper, commander, husband, father, citizen. We are better for having known him, and he will be missed.

As I pause to contemplate our past, present, and future, I am struck by the varied contributions of many people to the health and vigor of our town. We benefit from the efforts of town employees, elected officials, appointed members of our boards and commissions, and countless volunteers, from our friends and neighbors who make Richmond...Richmond. I am also struck by our connection to the past, to those who preceded us, and to the future, to those who will succeed us. I thank our fellow citizens, past, present and future, who make Richmond a great place to live.

In the past year the Selectboard and the Town have addressed a variety of challenges and opportunities. In our small Town with a modest number of staff, staff transitions are particularly noticeable, and there have been a number of staff transitions in recent months. On behalf of the Town and the Selectboard, I thank those staff who have left for their service to the Town, and also extend our welcome to new staff. Significant recent events include:

- The departure of our previous Town Manager, Geoff Urbanik. Paul Bohne served as interim Town Manager on a temporary basis, and Josh Arneson has been hired as the new Town Manager.
- Staff transitions in the Police Department including the departure of Chief Buck, Officer Nadeau, and Officer Hamlin. Paco Aumand has provided interim leadership, and we are now recruiting a new Police Chief.
- Staff transitions in the Water/Sewer Department with the departure of Ian Buckley and the very recent departure of Trudy Jones. We expect a new staffperson to begin work in January 2019.
- The purchase of the Andrews Town Forest.
- Voter approval of a new Town Plan in November 2018.

In the next year we can expect more challenges and opportunities, including:

- Town budget: our proposed Town budget includes tax increases of about 2%, which met the stated Selectboard goal of limiting a tax increase to 2-2.5%. It will remain a challenge to limit tax increases while addressing our financial needs including wages and salaries, increases in the costs of health insurance and other insurance, and capital expenses.
- Town buildings: Breadloaf Architects produced an assessment of our Town buildings in 2018. We plan to use this assessment to inform future building maintenance and improvements, some of which are overdue. This includes addressing the building needs of our Police Department and Fire Department.
- Zoning regulations: The Planning Commission will take up a major task, updating our Town zoning regulations to align with the new Town Plan.
- A new Andrews Forest Committee will plan and

manage improvements to the recently acquired Andrews Forest, based on our Forest Management Plan.

- Continued work to address ‘streetscape’ improvements in the historical Village including sidewalks, crossings, parking, and stormwater management.

The Selectboard continues to strive for honesty, transparency, accountability, and civility in our work. We seek to use your tax dollars and your Town resources effectively and responsibly. Elected bodies work best when informed by active citizens, and I invite you to attend Selectboard meetings at the Town Center, watch our meetings on MMCTV Channel 15, or read the minutes of our meetings on our website: <http://www.richmondvt.gov/government/selectboard/>. You may suggest agenda items by contacting a member of the Selectboard or the Town Manager. We welcome your questions, comments or suggestions.

Looking beyond the borders of Richmond, we may at times be dismayed or disheartened by the discord and turmoil that we see. In such times we might do our best to turn to the light, to pursue the greater good and the good will that persists in ourselves, our neighbors, our town, our state, our nation, and our world.

“Our duty is not merely the preservation of political power but the preservation of peace and freedom...our duty as a Party is not to our Party alone, but to the nation, and, indeed, to all mankind.”

from a speech that was to have been delivered by John F. Kennedy on the night of November 22, 1963

Bard Hill, Chair



Fly Fishing Instruction, Richmond Seniors

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT



Hello, my name is Josh Arneson. I started as the Richmond Town Manager on Nov. 5, 2018. I have had a chance to meet many residents in my first few months on the job and look forward to meeting many more. My family and I have been in Chittenden County for the last ten years. We resided in Bolton up until this past September when

we moved to Richmond. Our children have been attending Richmond Elementary School for the last three years, giving us a close connection to the Richmond community. I have thoroughly enjoyed settling into my new role in town government and my family and I are all thrilled to be residents of Richmond. Having just begun in this position makes writing a manager's report a bit challenging. I owe a big thank you to the Town staff who helped pull together items to include in the report, as much of what is included here occurred prior to my arrival.

I would like to thank Geoff Urbanik, who was Town Manager for the previous 8 years. He left with the Town in excellent shape and we have a thoughtful and dedicated staff thanks to his leadership. He has been incredibly generous with his time with me which has been helpful as I settle into this role. I would also like to thank Paul Bohne, who served as Interim Town Manager between Geoff and myself. Paul helped guide the Town through a few months of transition and has also been a great resource for me.

Some of this past year's highlights:

- The Vermont River Conservancy and the Richmond Land Trust received funds from the Conservation Reserve Fund toward the acquisition of the Huntington Gorge Property located on Dugway Road. The Richmond Land Trust with the support of the Vermont River Conservancy will work to preserve and protect the geological, ecological, and scenic characteristics of the Gorge. This joint effort will enable appropriate public access for recreational and educational opportunities for future generations.

- Working with East Engineering, stabilization of the river bank at Volunteers Green was completed. After many years of erosion, steps were taken to install rip rap to control future erosion of the area near the band stand and bridge on Bridge St.

- Buttermilk LLC., In conjunction with Gristmill Builders, has completed a demolition of existing buildings and extensive (and expensive) cleanup of the Creamery location. The project ran into many unexpected delays and increased expenses as more items for removal were discovered after the initial assessment. After the cleanup was completed the builders started construction on the first phase of the repurposing of the Creamery property located on Jolina Court. Construction of the first building got underway in the summer of 2018 and will be home to a mix of commercial and residential units scheduled to open in the summer of 2019.

- At Town Meeting in 2018 the voters indicated that

they were not in support of the Selectboard continuing efforts to finalize a plan for a new building to house the Richmond Police Department at a cost not to exceed three million dollars. Community wide meetings were then held to help determine what the community wanted from the department. The consensus is that the community wants a police department that is focused on community policing at a cost that they view as reasonable. After 41 years of public service, Police Chief Alan Buck retired at the end of June 2018. Francis "Paco" Aumand was hired as Interim Director of Police Services in July, working with the Officers, Select Board and Town Manager. The FY20 budget that will be presented at the 2019 Town Meeting has set staffing in the department at four full time officers, one part time officer, and a Police Chief. The hiring process for a new chief was started in December of 2018.

- After over a year of work and much public input the Planning Commission finalized the Town Plan and the plan was approved by voters on November 6, 2018. The next step is the implementation of the plan which will be carried out by the town staff as well as the many volunteer boards, commissions, and committees in town. This work will also include a review and updating of the zoning regulations. Thanks and congratulations are owed to the Planning Commission for their hard work on the plan and also to the many residents who took an active role in helping to provide feedback for the plan.

- Through the generosity of the Andrews family, the Town acquired and conserved 428 acres of forestland and farmland through the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. This land will be protected as a Town Forest in perpetuity. A Town Forest Steering Committee was formed and the Committee did a tremendous job developing and finalizing a forest management plan. The process involved including all stakeholders in the discussions. The Andrews Community Forest Committee has been formed and will take over working on the ongoing management and development of the forest.

A few of the other projects I have been working on since November include: Contracted with the Tech Group to provide information technology managed services for Town computers, providing for increased security, better functionality, and back up capacity. Created a page on the website to post documents related to each Selectboard meeting increasing the information that is readily available to the public. Worked with the Selectboard to develop a system for a more thorough review of the warrants. Researched the reserve fund accounts in order to provide a clear explanation of their balances and restrictions.

The coming year is filled with many projects including: Planning for the future of the Town buildings and improvements based on a facilities assessment and the needs of the Town going forward. Continued work on increasing the ease of public access to information by posting all ordinances and policies online. Planning and coordination storm water, water, and streetscape projects. Review and update the personnel policy. Continued focus on cost control related to vendors that the Town contracts with.

Please feel free to stop by my office any time if you have a question, concern, or just want to say hi. I am also available by phone (434-5170) and email (jarneson@richmondvt.gov).

Town of Richmond
FY20 Budget Expense Worksheet
01/22/19

Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2018	Actual FY 2018	Budget FY 2019	Budget FY 2020	FY 19/20 Change	%
TOWN ADMINISTRATION						
10-7-10-0-10.00 Administration Salaries	218,160	216,506	225,301	230,490		2.30%
10-7-10-0-10.01 Delinquent Tax Collector	10,000	7,784	10,000	10,000		0.00%
10-7-10-0-10.30 Health Insurance Opt out	0	-	0	5,000		100.00%
10-7-10-0-10.03 Election Expenses	2,700	310	2,700	1,500		-44.44%
10-7-10-0-10.05 Selectboard	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750		0.00%
10-7-10-0-11.00 SS/Medicare - Adm.	16,315	17,624	17,348	19,191		10.63%
10-7-10-0-10.08 Bank Fees	500	-	-	-		0.00%
10-7-10-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	12,540	10,832	10,055	12,493		24.25%
10-7-10-0-15.00 Health Insurance	47,395	44,160	43,401	19,747		-54.50%
10-7-10-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	1,300	1,207	1,325	1,273		-3.92%
10-7-10-0-17.00 Recognitions/Awards	800	1,476	800	1,000		25.00%
10-7-10-1-20.00 Office Supplies	3,250	4,273	3,250	4,500		38.46%
10-7-10-1-20.01 Recording Books	3,600	882	3,600	3,600		0.00%
10-7-10-1-21.00 Postage - Adm.	7,500	7,583	7,500	8,000		6.67%
10-7-10-1-22.00 Office Equipment	3,500	4,402	2,500	3,000		20.00%
10-7-10-1-23.00 Website Administration	1,600	1,354	1,100	1,200		9.09%
10-7-10-1-24.00 Advertising - Adm.	4,000	5,102	4,000	4,000		0.00%
10-7-10-1-25.03 Town Reports	5,000	2,589	3,000	3,000		0.00%
10-7-10-1-27.00 Training/Education	1,500	801	1,500	1,000		-33.33%
10-7-10-1-29.00 Travel - Adm.	150	276	150	200		33.33%
10-7-10-1-30.00 Telephone/Internet	5,000	4,261	4,600	4,000		-13.04%
10-7-10-1-42.00 Association Dues	550	535	550	550		0.00%
10-7-10-1-45.00 Contract Services Admin	12,000	4,965	11,600	5,000		-56.90%
10-7-10-1-45.02 Contract Services Animal	3,200	2,248	3,200	2,500		-21.88%
10-7-10-1-45.03 Contract Services Election	4,700	1,499	4,700	3,500		-25.53%
10-7-10-1-45.05 Technology Support	1,000	281	1,000	15,000		1400.00%
10-7-10-1-45.06 Technology Equipment	-	-	-	2,000		100.00%
10-7-10-2-31.00 Heat	10,000	8,338	9,000	8,500		-5.56%
10-7-10-2-32.00 Electricity	10,300	8,757	9,500	9,000		-5.26%
10-7-10-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	4,800	7,387	6,800	7,400		8.82%
10-7-10-2-34.00 Trash Removal	2,000	1,791	2,000	1,800		-10.00%
10-7-10-2-62.00 Building Maintenance	11,000	26,090	11,000	11,000		0.00%
10-7-10-2-62.01 Landscaping & Tree Maint	2,000	2,018	2,000	2,000		0.00%
10-7-10-3-42.01 VLCT Membership Dues	5,500	5,909	5,800	5,917		2.02%
10-7-10-3-43.00 Legal	7,500	20,036	7,500	12,000		60.00%

Town of Richmond
FY20 Budget Expense Worksheet
01/22/19

Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2018	Actual FY 2018	Budget FY 2019	Budget FY 2020	FY 19/20 Change	%
10-7-10-3-44.00 Independent Auditors	22,000	28,579	26,000	28,500	9.62%	
10-7-10-3-46.00 Engineering Review	3,000	4,603	3,000	3,000	0.00%	
10-7-10-3-48.00 General Insure/VLCT PACIF	139,000	159,901	157,000	180,368	14.88%	
10-7-10-3-80.00 County Tax	22,000	21,658	22,000	22,000	0.00%	
10-7-10-3-80.03 Emergency Management	1,000	-	500	500	0.00%	
10-7-90-5-93.02 Rip Rap principal	-	-	-	138,000	100.00%	
10-7-90-5-93.03 Rip Rap interest	-	-	-	2,719	100.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.12 Transportation Svcs -SSTA	2,300	909	2,000	1,000	-50.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.03 Flags	650	618	1,000	1,000	0.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.15 Front Porch Forum	100	100	100	100	0.00%	
10-7-10-2-43.01 Fire Protection	32,796	32,763	45,637	45,637	0.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.10 Richmond Rescue	70,680	70,680	72,800	74,984	3.00%	
42-7-10-2-96.00 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment	-	-	-	1,800	100.00%	
Total - Town Administration	716,636	744,839	750,566	922,719	22.94%	

Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2018	Actual FY 2018	Budget FY 2019	Budget FY 2020	FY 19/20 Change	%
Assessors						
10-7-12-1-20.00 Office Supplies Listing	850	446	850	2,000	135.29%	
10-7-12-1-27.00 Training/Education	400	-	-	-	0.00%	
10-7-12-1-45.00 Contract Services Listing	21,600	23,920	21,600	23,000	6.48%	
10-7-12-3-47.00 Tax Map Maintenance	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	0.00%	
10-7-90-1-91.00 Reappraisal Reserve	7,000	7,000	6,000	6,000	0.00%	
Total - Listers	31,350	31,366	29,950	32,500	8.51%	

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PLANNING AND ZONING						
10-7-15-0-10.00 Salaries	59,160	59,847	65,484	67,337	2.83%	
10-7-15-0-11.00 SS/Medicare - Adm.	4,600	4,764	5,042	5,185	2.83%	
10-7-15-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	2,500	2,272	2,385	2,525	5.86%	
10-7-15-0-15.00 Health Insurance	0	24	4,513	18,051	299.97%	
10-7-15-0-15.01 Health Insurance Opt-Out	5,000	2,830	1,261	-	-100.00%	
10-7-15-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	350	239	375	344	-8.27%	
10-7-15-1-20.00 Office Supplies	2,800	3,966	2,800	4,000	42.86%	
10-7-15-1-21.00 Postage - PZ	900	197	400	400	0.00%	
10-7-15-1-24.00 Advertising - PZ	4,200	2,390	3,000	3,000	0.00%	
10-7-15-1-27.00 Training/Education	1,500	77	800	800	0.00%	
10-7-15-1-29.00 Travel - PZ	600	395	600	600	0.00%	
10-7-15-1-42.00 Association Dues	210	-	210	-	-100.00%	
10-7-15-1-45.00 Contract Services Planning and Zoning	4,000	3,519	4,000	4,000	0.00%	
10-7-15-3-43.00 Legal	5,000	7,393	5,000	10,000	100.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.08 Regional Planning Dues	5,800	5,444	5,800	5,505	-5.09%	
Total - Planning and Zoning	96,620	93,355	101,671	121,747	19.75%	

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POLICE DEPARTMENT						
10-7-20-0-10.00 Regular Salaries	295,800	306,618	307,131	288,173	-6.17%	
10-7-20-0-10.01 SRO Contract Hours	24,265	29,785	30,000	34,000	13.33%	
10-7-20-0-10.30 Health Insurance Opt Out	11,000	8,635	5,000	0	-100.00%	
10-7-20-0-10.99 Overtime	42,140	49,073	43,404	40,000	-7.84%	
10-7-20-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	28,995	29,727	29,301	27,887	-4.83%	
10-7-20-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	21,423	25,566	32,677	28,004	-14.30%	
10-7-20-0-15.00 Health Insurance	40,891	74,919	95,193	96,560	1.44%	
10-7-20-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	1,825	2,157	2,500	2,001	-19.96%	
10-7-20-0-10.05 Life Insurance	-	-	2,200	2,200	0.00%	
10-7-20-0-10.04 Constable Training	500	92	500	500	0.00%	
10-7-20-1-16.00 Uniforms	8,337	3,187	6,500	6,500	0.00%	
10-7-20-0-10.00 Petty Cash	-	-	500	-	-100.00%	
10-7-20-1-20.00 Office Supplies	2,653	2,554	2,760	2,760	0.00%	
10-7-20-1-22.00 Office Equipment	2,601	1,250	2,653	2,653	0.00%	
10-7-20-1-22.01 Computer - Office	4,184	6,177	4,268	4,000	-6.28%	
10-7-20-1-27.00 Training/Education	3,243	3,390	3,308	4,000	20.92%	
10-7-20-1-28.00 Forensic Testing	800	-	500	-	-100.00%	
10-7-20-1-29.00 Travel	933	438	500	500	0.00%	
10-7-20-1-30.00 Telephone	8,344	9,255	8,000	8,000	0.00%	
10-7-20-2-20.10 Polygraph Testing	-	-	-	700	100.00%	
10-7-20-3-20.00 Police Supplies	5,194	6,033	5,298	9,500	79.31%	
10-7-20-3-35.00 Equipment Repair	1,530	190	1,000	1,000	0.00%	
10-7-20-5-50.00 Gas & Diesel	26,065	20,449	20,000	20,000	0.00%	
10-7-20-5-52.00 Police Cruiser Repair	7,567	8,631	7,718	6,000	-22.26%	
10-7-20-5-52.18 Police Cruiser Equipment	7,550	1,483	4,500	4,000	-11.11%	
10-7-20-5-52.19 Police Cruiser Tires	4,161	3,323	4,245	3,000	-29.33%	
10-7-90-5-90.20 Police Cruiser Purchase/Lease	35,000	36,255	50,260	35,000	-30.36%	
10-7-90-5-90.21 Police Cruiser Interest	-	3,260	4,099	4,099	0.00%	
10-7-90-5-93.01 Police Capital Reserve	2,081	2,081	2,081	-	-100.00%	
10-7-90-2-92.03 Police Capital Cams principal	6,300	6,264	6,264	complete	-100.00%	
10-7-90-2-92.04 Police Capital Cams interest	600	288	147	complete	-100.00%	
10-7-20-5-50.01 Community Outreach	-	-	-	9,205	100.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.20 CUSI Domestic Task Force	7,583	7,583	7,526	7,505	-0.28%	
Total - Police Department	601,565	648,663	690,033	647,748	-6.13%	

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LIBRARY DEPARTMENT						
10-7-35-0-10.00 Salaries	139,768	145,986	142,563	146,952		3.08%
10-7-35-0-10.30 Health Insurance Opt Out	5,000	10,027	10,000	10,000		0.00%
10-7-35-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	10,688	11,834	10,906	12,085		10.81%
10-7-35-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	5,779	5,245	4,921	6,310		28.24%
10-7-35-0-15.00 Health Insurance	26,995	790	2,400	840		-65.00%
10-7-35-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	966	542	985	624		-36.65%
10-7-35-1-20.00 Office Supplies	2,000	2,257	2,000	2,250		12.50%
10-7-35-1-21.00 Postage	1,200	1,201	1,000	800		-20.00%
10-7-35-1-22.00 Computer	2,500	2,249	2,500	2,250		-10.00%
10-7-35-1-27.00 Training/Education	300	227	300	300		0.00%
10-7-35-1-29.00 Travel	300	190	300	300		0.00%
10-7-35-1-30.00 Telephone	2,550	2,620	2,550	2,600		1.96%
10-7-35-2-31.00 Heat	3,000	2,603	3,000	3,000		0.00%
10-7-35-2-32.00 Electricity	5,500	5,107	4,500	4,500		0.00%
10-7-35-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	1,600	1,662	1,600	1,600		0.00%
10-7-35-2-62.00 Maintenance	9,000	8,291	9,000	9,000		0.00%
10-7-35-3-20.01 Books	14,000	14,814	15,000	17,000		13.33%
10-7-35-3-45.01 Programs	700	886	1,200	1,200		0.00%
10-7-90-2-92.01 Library Reserve	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000		0.00%
Total - Richmond Free Library	239,846	224,530	222,725	229,611		3.09%



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FIRE DEPARTMENT						
10-7-40-0-10.00 Salaries	25,000	33,076	32,000	40,000	25.00%	
10-7-40-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	1,923	2,468	2,464	3,080	25.00%	
10-7-40-1-18.00 Medical	100	-	-	-	0.00%	
10-7-40-1-27.00 Training/Education	1,500	876	1,500	1,500	0.00%	
10-7-40-1-29.00 Travel	400	55	400	400	0.00%	
10-7-40-1-30.00 Telephone	2,900	3,206	2,900	3,500	20.69%	
10-7-40-1-95.00 Public Relations	400	397	500	500	0.00%	
10-7-40-2-31.00 Heat	2,500	2,316	2,500	2,500	0.00%	
10-7-40-2-32.00 Electricity	2,500	1,805	2,100	2,100	0.00%	
10-7-40-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	1,500	1,398	1,500	1,500	0.00%	
10-7-40-2-62.00 Maintenance	10,000	5,465	100,000	10,000	-90.00%	
10-7-40-3-00.00 Turnout Gear	12,000	12,172	12,000	9,000	-25.00%	
10-7-40-3-00.01 Air Packs	12,000	12,000	12,000	15,000	25.00%	
10-7-40-5-35.01 Radio Repair	3,000	4,494	3,000	3,000	0.00%	
10-7-40-5-35.03 Radio Dispatch	6,000	5,293	6,000	6,000	0.00%	
10-7-40-5-50.00 Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	4,200	3,314	2,500	4,000	60.00%	
10-7-40-5-51.01 Pump Testing	3,500	1,413	2,000	1,500	-25.00%	
10-7-40-5-52.00 Fleet Maintenance	11,000	7,035	11,000	11,000	0.00%	
10-7-40-5-52.02 Hose Testing	3,500	1,840	2,500	2,500	0.00%	
10-7-40-5-53.01 Equipment Repair	1,500	1,892	2,500	2,500	0.00%	
10-7-40-5-55.00 Supplies	2,000	2,031	2,000	3,000	50.00%	
10-7-40-5-57.00 Equipment Purchase	10,000	9,574	11,000	15,000	36.36%	
10-7-40-5-80.05 2018 Engine principal	-	-	-	48,571	100.00%	
10-7-40-5-80.06 2018 Engine interest	-	-	-	12,308	100.00%	
10-7-90-5-90.03 2005 Engine Bond	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.00%	
10-7-40-5-80.03 2005 Engine Interest	3,757	3,111	3,332	2,314	-30.55%	
10-7-90-5-90.05 2015 Engine - Bond FY16	49,708	50,121	50,121	50,121	0.00%	
10-7-90-5-90.06 2015 Engine - Interest FY16	3,639	3,691	2,752	1,834	-33.35%	
10-7-90-5-93.00 Fire Capital Reserve	28,500	28,500	28,500	28,500	0.00%	
10-7-40-2-30.00 VLCT Pacif Insurance	-	-	-	5,366	100.00%	
Total - Fire Department	213,026	207,543	307,068	296,594	-3.41%	

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RECREATION & TRAILS						
10-7-60-0-10.00 Recreation Salaries	2,500	2,995	2,500	2,500	0.00%	
10-7-60-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	200	217	200	193	-3.75%	
10-7-60-1-42.00 Association Dues	250	59	250	100	-60.00%	
10-7-60-2-32.00 Electricity	700	561	700	700	0.00%	
10-7-60-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	1,200	1,271	1,300	1,300	0.00%	
10-7-60-2-34.00 Trash Removal	1,200	1,857	1,300	1,900	46.15%	
10-7-60-2-62.00 Park Maintenance	8,500	8,382	4,500	4,000	-11.11%	
10-7-60-2-62.01 Trails Maintenance	1,000	989	1,000	1,000	0.00%	
10-7-60-2-62.02 Recreation Equipment	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	0.00%	
10-7-60-3-95.00 Conservation Comm Supplies	1,000	193	1,000	500	-50.00%	
10-7-60-3-95.01 Special Events	1,000	-	500	500	0.00%	
10-8-90-5-92.21 Lake Iroquois Association	400	400	400	1,000	150.00%	
10-8-90-5-92.22 Lake Iroquois District	600	600	600	600	0.00%	
10-7-90-2-92.02 Conservation Fund 1Cent	45,300	45,300	45,300	46,465	2.57%	
10-7-90-2-92.05 Andrew Community Forest				500	100.00%	
Total - Recreation & Trails	65,350	62,824	61,050	62,758	2.80%	

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CHARITABLE APPROPRIATIONS						
10-8-90-5-95.01 VT Family Network	-	-	-	500	100.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.02 Age Well	1,800	1,000	2,000	2,000	0.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.05 Howard Center	-	-	-	-	0.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.06 MMCTV	-	-	-	3,200	100.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.07 Lund	-	-	-	1,000	100.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.09 Richmond Community Band	400	400	400	400	0.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.11 Hale & Hearty	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100	0.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.13 Visiting Nurses	9,693	9,693	9,693	9,693	0.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.14 VT Ctr for Independent Living	375	375	375	375	0.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.16 COTS	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%	
10-8-90-5-95.17 OCCO	100	100	250	800	220.00%	
Total - Appropriations	17,468	16,668	17,818	23,068	29.46%	

General Fund Total	1,981,861	2,029,788	2,180,881	2,336,744	7.15%	
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11-7-50 HIGHWAY

11-7-50-0-10.00 Regular Salaries	265,500	243,463	268,000	305,767	14.09%
11-7-50-0-10.30 Health Insurance Opt Out	15,000	11,365	10,000	10,000	0.00%
11-7-50-0-10.98 Overtime	20,740	31,997	34,000	30,000	-11.76%
11-7-50-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	22,000	22,092	23,254	26,624	14.49%
11-7-50-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	15,000	14,442	15,420	18,673	21.09%
11-7-50-0-15.00 Health Insurance	53,025	61,958	68,756	87,645	27.47%
11-7-10-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	1,800	1,529	2,975	1,939	-34.82%
11-7-50-0-16.00 Uniforms	2,800	3,409	2,800	3,000	7.14%
11-7-50-1-20.00 Office Supplies	1,500	783	1,500	1,000	-33.33%
11-7-50-1-29.00 Travel	-	42	-	-	0%.
11-7-50-1-30.00 Telephone	2,400	2,571	2,400	2,400	0.00%
11-7-50-2-29.00 Education / Licenses	400	-	400	400	0.00%
11-7-50-2-31.00 Heat	6,500	7,919	6,500	8,000	23.08%
11-7-50-2-32.00 Electricity	3,000	2,209	2,500	2,000	-20.00%
11-7-50-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	2,200	1,859	2,200	2,200	0.00%
11-7-50-2-34.00 Trash Removal	1,000	1,103	1,000	1,100	10.00%
11-7-50-2-62.00 Maintenance	7,000	10,993	7,000	7,000	0.00%
11-7-50-3-32.01 Street Lights	15,500	15,301	15,000	15,500	3.33%
11-7-50-5-35.00 Radio	600	-	600	600	0.00%
11-7-50-5-35.01 Radio Repair	300	-	300	300	0.00%
11-7-50-5-50.00 Gas & Oil	3,500	3,009	3,500	3,500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-50.02 Diesel Fuel	50,000	40,001	45,000	45,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.00 Fleet Repair Trucks	15,000	12,244	15,000	13,000	-13.33%
11-7-50-5-52.01 Excavator Repair	2,500	1,355	2,500	1,500	-40.00%
11-7-50-5-52.03 Winter Maint Attachments	300	-	300	300	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.04 Grader Repair	2,500	-	1,000	500	-50.00%
11-7-50-5-52.05 Loader	1,000	1,599	1,000	1,500	50.00%
11-7-50-5-52.06 Pickup Repair	500	-	500	1,000	100.00%
11-7-50-5-52.07 Park Mower	500	396	500	500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.08 Roadside Mower	400	391	500	500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.09 Tractor	300	96	400	400	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.10 Utility Vehicle	1,500	3,466	1,500	1,500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.18 Tire Chains	1,000	611	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.19 Tires	8,000	9,411	8,000	8,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-53.00 Small Equipment Repair	1,000	1,080	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-45.18 Equipment Rental	25,000	16,483	20,000	15,000	-25.00%
11-7-50-6-46.00 Eng/Consultants - Roads	200	615	200	800	300.00%
11-7-50-6-57.00 Small Equipment Purchase	7,000	6,712	7,000	7,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.01 Cutting Edges	10,000	10,133	10,000	10,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.03 Welding & Cutting Supplies	1,000	727	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.04 Equip. Rental Wood Chip	1,600	960	2,000	2,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.19 Misc. Equip. Parts	1,000	351	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-58.02 Bridge/Culvert Repair	3,200	-	-	-	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.00 Patching	1,000	1,526	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.01 Chloride	15,000	14,871	15,000	15,000	0.00%

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11-7-50-6-60.19 Miscellaneous Supplies	1,000	1,187	1,000	1,000		0.00%
11-7-50-6-62.02 Sweeping	4,000	3,850	4,000	4,000		0.00%
11-7-50-6-63.00 Centerline Paint & Shoulder	3,500	915	3,500	2,500		-28.57%
11-7-50-6-63.01 Guardrails	5,000	2,928	5,000	-		-100.00%
11-7-50-6-63.02 Signs	3,000	3,031	3,000	3,000		0.00%
11-7-50-6-64.00 Culverts	6,000	6,481	6,000	6,500		8.33%
11-7-50-6-60.03 Gravel & Aggregates	150,000	147,421	150,000	150,000		0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.05 Salt	75,000	73,515	80,000	80,000		0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.06 Sand	48,000	32,117	48,000	48,000		0.00%
11-7-50-6-64.01 Retreatment	292,000	287,657	292,000	293,000		0.34%
11-7-50-6-64.02 Storm Water & Sidewalks	120,000	133,067	120,000	115,000		-4.17%
11-7-90-2-90.09 1996 Highway Garage Princ	20,000	20,000	complete	complete		0.00%
11-7-50-3-80.09 1996 Highway Garage Int	540	381	complete	complete		0.00%
11-7-90-2-90.11 Jericho Road Princ	43,200	43,200	43,200	43,200		0.00%
11-7-90-2-90.13 Jericho Road Int	20,552	20,552	23,169	21,806		-5.88%
11-7-90-5-90.01 2015 FY15 Tandem Dump Truck Princ	19,844	19,844	19,844	19,844		0.00%
11-7-50-3-80.14 2015 FY15 Tandem Dump Truck Int	1,441	1,422	480	480		-0.05%
11-7-90-5-90.06 2013 Depot Street Princ	20,000	20,000	complete	complete		0.00%
11-7-50-3-80.11 2013 Depot Street Int	415	357	complete	complete		0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.23 2016 Chevy Pickup Princ	11,138	11,138	complete	complete		0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.24 2016 Chevy Pickup Int	195	182	complete	complete		0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.12 2013 Excavator Princ	21,960	21,960	complete	complete		0.00%
11-7-50-3-80-12 2013 Excavator Int	509	518	complete	complete		0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.25 2016 Park Mower principle	20,667	20,667	complete	complete		0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.26 2016 Park Mower interest	361	337	complete	complete		0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.15 Project 4a Millet Stormwater	7,050	7,046	7,046	7,046		0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.21 2015 FY16 Tandem Truck Principal	8,092	21,480	21,480	21,480		0.00%
11-7-90-5-90-22 2015 FY16 Dump Truck Interest	592	1,582	1,179	393		-66.67%
11-7-90-5-90.36 2017 FY20 Grader Principal	-	-	-	30,000		100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.37 2017 FY20 Grader Interest	-	-	-	5,220		100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.33 2019 FY20 Dump Truck Principal	-	-	-	26,500		100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.34 2019 FY20 Dump Truck Interest	-	-	-	4,251		100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.38 2019 FY20 Dump Truck Deposit	-	-	-	25,000		100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.35 FY19 Grader down payment	-	-	35,000	complete		-100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.29 FY19 Dump Truck down payment	-	-	25,000	complete		-100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.32 FY19 Tractor 4WD full payment	-	-	10,000	complete		-100.00%
11-7-90-5-93.01 Highway Capital Reserve	27,700	27,700	27,700	27,700		0.00%
11-7-90-5-93.02 Bridge & Culvert Reserve	37,000	38,887	37,000	37,000		0.00%
11-7-90-5-93.03 Guarderail Reserve				5,000		100.00%
Total - Highway Department	1,558,023	1,528,497	1,567,105	1,634,068		4.27%
Budget Amounts for Voter Approval	3,539,884	3,558,285	3,747,985	3,970,813		5.95%

Revenue Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2018	Actual FY 2018	Budget FY 2019	Budget FY 2020
Administration Operations				
10-6-01 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	1,665,730	1,648,696	1,742,039	1,817,394.42
10-6-01-1-01.12 Delinquent Tax Penalty	10,000	7,524	10,000	10,000
10-6-01-1-01.13 Delinquent Tax Interest	22,000	11,712	22,000	11,000
10-6-01-1-01.14 Current Taxes - Interest	11,000	7,582	11,000	8,000
10-6-01-1-01.17 State PILOT funds	1,581	2,680	1,581	3,800
10-6-02-2-10.10 Act 60 Reappraisal Grant	12,000	14,544	1,700	14,500
10-6-02-2-10.12 Equalization Grant	1,700	1,711	-	1,700
10-6-02-2-10.13 Railroad Tax	1,700	3,412	3,391	3,000
10-6-02-2-10.14 Current Use/Hold Harmless Program	78,000	76,439	80,000	78,000
10-6-02-2-10.15 Per Parcel Revenue for Listing	-	-	14,000	-
10-6-10-1-01.11 Zoning Permits/Hearing Fees	16,000	20,793	16,000	20,000
10-6-10-1-20.01 Water/Sewer Admin.	14,000	14,576	14,500	20,000
10-6-10-1-21.01 Town Center Rent - Utilities	15,000	15,000	21,000	25,400
10-6-10-1-21.02 Water & Sewer Insurance Transfer	16,000	16,000	16,000	26,656
10-6-10-1-40.05 Interest on Investments	-	1,406	-	10,000
10-6-10-3-11.10 Beverage Licenses	1,200	1,155	1,200	1,200
10-6-10-3-11.11 Dog Licenses	5,100	4,572	5,100	5,100
10-6-10-3-30.10 Recording Fees	26,000	17,801	26,000	18,000
10-6-10-3-30.12 Vault Time / Copies	4,000	3,000	4,000	3,000
10-6-10-3-30.13 Certified Copies	1,200	1,032	1,200	1,200
10-6-10-3-30.14 Marriage Licenses	200	340	200	200
10-6-10-3-30.15 Vehicle Registration Fees	250	253	250	250
10-6-10-2-62.00 Building Maintenance Revenue	-	-	-	11,000
10-6-20-2-01.10 Police - Local Fines	2,000	1,400	2,000	1,000
10-6-20-2-02.10 Police Receipts	1,200	885	1,200	900
10-6-20-2-03.00 CESU Contribution - SRO	26,000	29,785	30,000	34,000
10-6-20-2-04.00 Police short term contracts	500	3,443	500	500
10-6-20-2-04.01 Police Bolton contract	-	3,600	4,320	4,320
10-6-20-2-20.10 Police Overtime/Equipment Grants	10,000	12,865	15,000	13,000
10-6-20-2-20.11 Uniform Traffic Tickets	30,000	31,504	37,200	23,000
10-6-20-2-97.00 PD Sale of Town Property	1,000	500	1,000	500
10-6-35-3-00.10 Rentals & Bolton Fees	8,000	12,474	8,000	8,000
10-6-60-6-00.10 Field Use Fees	500	280	500	400
FUND BALANCE USAGE				
10-6-10-2-96.00 Electric Vehicle Supply - unassigned funds				1,800
10-6-20-5-50.01 Community Outreach - unassigned funds	-	-	-	9,205
10-6-40-1-99.10 Fire Revenue - unassigned funds	-	-	90,000	-
10-6-10-1-30.02 RIP RAP Revenue - unassigned funds	-	-	-	140,719
10-6-10-1-30.03 Technical Service Rev - unassigned funds				10,000
Total General Fund Revenue	1,981,861	1,966,964	2,180,881	2,336,744
11-6-01-1-01.10 Current Year Property Tax	1,443,073	1,443,073	1,452,155	1,447,595
11-6-02-2-05.10 Highway State Aid	113,500	112,978	113,500	113,500
11-6-50-0-01.10 Overweight Permits	1,000	1,475	1,000	1,500
11-6-50-0-01.12 Public right of way permits	300	1,300	300	300
11-6-50-0-01.11 Access Permits	150	950	150	150
11-6-50-1-99.10 Miscellaneous Revenue, Grants	-	4,252	-	-
FUND TRANSFERS				
11-6-00-0-00.01 Jericho RD Transfer from fund 15	-	-	-	46,023
11-6-00-0-00.02 Truck Deposit Transfer from fund 55	-	-	-	25,000
Total Highway Revenue	1,558,023	1,564,028	1,567,105	1,634,068
Total General & Highway Revenue	3,539,884	3,530,991	3,747,986	3,970,813
(non tax revenue)	431,081	439,223	553,792	705,823

Tax Rate Estimate FY2020

Current Fiscal Year	Grandlist July 2018	Amount To Be Raised	Tax Rate	
FY 2018 - 2019	7/2/18 \$	4,638,504	\$ 3,194,194	\$ 0.6886 GF rate for tax billing purposes
			\$ 3,194,194	\$ 0.6886 Total calculated rate
				\$ 0.6886 Town rate/SB Approved 7/1/2018
Next Fiscal Year	Grandlist Estimate For March 2019			
FY 2019 - 2020	\$	4,646,500	\$ 3,264,990	\$ 0.7027 GF rate for tax billing purposes
(Estimated April 2019 GL)			\$ 3,264,990	\$ 0.7027 Total calculated rate
				\$ 0.7027 Town Rate/SB - To be set July 2019
				0.0141
				2.04%

TOWN OF RICHMOND**Fund Balances June 30, 2018****General Fund (as stated January 28, 2019)**

Restricted for Highway Use

Unassigned

	Fund Balance	Increase	Fund Balance
	July 1, 2017	(Decrease)	June 30, 2018
	\$0	\$ 688,275	\$688,275
	\$911,121	\$ (688,344)	\$222,777
TOTAL	\$911,121	-\$69	\$911,052

Non Major Funds, Assigned

Town Center Maintenance

Reappraisal

	\$ 251,683	\$ 91,201	\$ 342,884
	\$ 122,231	\$ 7,000	\$ 129,231
TOTAL	\$ 373,914	\$ 98,201	\$ 472,115

Non Major Funds, Committed

Police Reserve

Library Reserve

Fire Department Reserve

Railroad Street Planning Grant

	\$ 4,121	\$ 2,081	\$ 6,202
	\$ 35,141	\$ (3,065)	\$ 32,076
	\$ 20,091	\$ 28,500	\$ 48,591
	\$ 7,069	\$ -	\$ 7,069
TOTAL	\$ 66,422	\$ 27,516	\$ 93,938

Non-Major Governmental Funds, Restricted

Highway Reserve

Bridge and Culverts

Jericho Road Improvement

Friends of the Library

Conservation

Fire Fundraising

Fire Impact Fees

Lister Education Reserve

Records Restoration

Adam Muller Flags

Recreation Path

Recreation Fund (Soccer)(Tennis)

Recreation Tree Replacement

Andrews Community Forest

Cemetery Fund

	\$ 122,463	\$ 27,700	\$ 150,163
	\$ 314,475	\$ (32,376)	\$ 282,099
	\$ 48,746	\$ -	\$ 48,746
	\$ 2,479	\$ 640	\$ 3,119
	\$ 288,119	\$ (15,134)	\$ 272,985
	\$ 9,750	\$ (2,393)	\$ 7,357
	\$ 10,124	\$ 4,610	\$ 14,734
	\$ 2,548	\$ -	\$ 2,548
	\$ 61,642	\$ 13,324	\$ 74,966
	\$ 9,488	\$ -	\$ 9,488
	\$ 1,151	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,151
	\$ 10,591	\$ 87	\$ 10,678
	\$ 237	\$ -	\$ 237
	\$ 20,600	\$ 4,096	\$ 24,696
	\$ 140,440	\$ 7,224	\$ 147,664
TOTAL	\$ 1,042,853	\$ 8,778	\$ 1,051,631

Private Purpose Trust Funds

Edmunds Trust

Shonyon A - School Athletics

Shonyon P - Scholarships

	\$ 24,221	\$ 201	\$ 24,422
	\$ 3,101	\$ 21	\$ 3,122
	\$ 3,354	\$ 24	\$ 3,378
TOTAL	\$ 30,676	\$ 246	\$ 30,922

Richmond Village Housing Note Receivable

Note receivable consists of a \$300,000 mortgage loan made to the Richmond Village Housing Limited Partnership on March 9, 1999. The proceeds originated from a Grant Agreement dated January 9, 1998 between the Town of Richmond and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The note bears interest of 2.5% with principal and interest payments deferred until March 31, 2014. In August, 2014, the Selectboard agreed to a 15-year deferral of principal and to-date accrued interest until March, 2029. The mortgage remains secured by deed on the real property.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Property Taxes	\$ 3,153,384	\$ 3,121,267	\$ (32,117)
Intergovernmental	\$ 206,900	\$ 802,637	\$ 595,737
Fees, Licenses and permits	\$ 32,700	\$ 43,592	\$ 10,892
Charges for goods and services	\$ 76,200	\$ 67,409	\$ (8,791)
Police Revenues	\$ 69,700	\$ 83,545	\$ 13,845
Interest Income	\$ -	\$ 1,406	\$ 1,406
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 6,952	\$ 6,952
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 3,538,884	\$ 4,126,808	\$ 587,924
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	\$ 725,280	\$ 752,303	\$ (27,023)
Public Safety	\$ 667,424	\$ 705,053	\$ (37,629)
Highways and streets	\$ 1,296,765	\$ 1,253,397	\$ 43,368
Library	\$ 231,846	\$ 216,530	\$ 15,316
Recreation	\$ 19,050	\$ 16,524	\$ 2,526
Special Grant Funds	\$ -	\$ 604,523	\$ (604,523)
Appropriations	\$ 105,581	\$ 103,002	\$ 2,579
Debt Service			
Principal	\$ 265,909	\$ 296,049	\$ (30,140)
Interest	\$ 32,602	\$ 36,015	\$ (3,413)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,344,457	\$ 3,983,396	\$ (638,939)
EXCESS OF REVENUES (OR EXPENDITURES)	\$ 194,427	\$ 143,412	\$ (51,015)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Proceeds from Sale of Property	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ (500)
Operating Transfers Out	\$ (195,427)	\$ (195,390)	\$ 37
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$ (194,427)	\$ (194,890)	\$ (463)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ (51,478)	\$ (51,478)

Town Center Fund FY2018

Income from Rents	
CESU	\$ 42,318
Post Office	\$ 89,200
Interest	\$ 3,740
Radiate Art	\$ 666
Western Slopes	\$ 254
Total	\$ 136,178
Expenses	
Conference chairs	\$ 1,470
Roof	\$ 1,500
Breadloaf study	\$ 27,007
Total	\$ 29,977
Balance 6/30/2018	\$ 342,884
Future projects: window replacement renovations to Post Office	



Chris Siple, Fire Department Retiree

POLICY REGARDING COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Taxes in General. Property taxes are due each year in four installments: 8/15, 11/15, 2/15 and 5/15. After each installment deadline, late balances will be assessed interest charge based on the principal of the debt. For the first three months of a late balance, 1% will be assessed. Thereafter, 1.5% will be assessed. The following day after the 5/15 installment is due, any remaining balances are then considered delinquent. Delinquent balances are assessed an annual 8% penalty fee in addition to the 1% and/or 1.5% quarterly assessment as described above, per the Richmond Charter.

In all cases, when partial payments are received, interest must be credited first with the remainder being divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the penalty fee.

Late and Delinquent Taxes in General. It is in the best interest of the Town and the tax payer to remain current on all tax obligations. The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines so that all late and delinquent taxpayers will be treated fairly and will know what to expect.

Late Taxes. Within two weeks after a quarterly tax payment is due, those with late balances will receive a letter from the Finance Director or his/her designee that details the amount due.

Delinquent Taxes. Following the final tax due date of May 15th, the Delinquent Tax Collector ("the Collector") will be given the Warrant listing all delinquent tax payers and the amounts due. Within five days of receiving the Warrant, the Collector will send by return receipt mail a copy of this policy, a Delinquent Tax Agreement and the amount of taxes, penalty and interest due. Within this mailing, the Collector will request that the tax payer submit a suitable Delinquent Tax Agreement within 30 business days to avoid initiation of a Tax Sale.

A suitable Agreement is one that has been accepted and executed with the signature of both the tax payer and the Collector. A suitable Agreement is one that defines a payment schedule which results in all delinquent taxes to be paid in full prior to the 5/15 tax deadline for the following year. At no time can current taxes be late during the term of the Agreement. This will breach the Agreement.

The Collector will also provide a list of programs and organizations that may help assist the property owner with payment of taxes. The Collector will work with the taxpayer to develop an agreement that can take advantage of relief programs that may take time to implement. If at any time the executed Agreement is breached by missing a designated payment or other terms of the Agreement, the taxpayer will be notified by return receipt mail and has 30 days to pay the amount due in full before the Collector proceeds with a tax sale or other enforcement action.

If a suitable Agreement has not been submitted by the tax payer to the Collector within thirty days, the tax

payer will be notified by return receipt mail that they have twenty days to pay the amount due in full before the Collector proceeds with a tax sale or other enforcement action.

If the amount due is \$1,500 or less, the Collector may pursue the matter in Small Claims Court and/or pursue other legal collection procedures in conjunction with the process listed below for Tax Sales.

Tax Sales. The Collector will begin the tax sale process in accordance with State Statutes to collect the delinquent taxes, interest, penalty and allowable fees, as follows:

- An Attorney hired by the Collector for such purpose will notify the taxpayer of the tax sale decision, the date by which full payment must be received, and the cost to expect once the tax sale process begins.
- The Attorney will notify all mortgage holders, lessees and lien holders in accordance with State Statute.
- The Attorney will place a lien on the property.
- Once the deadline date has expired and full payment has not been received, the Attorney will proceed with the tax sale in accordance with State Statute (32 V.S.A. Section 5252).
- Cost of preparing and conducting the tax sale, including legal fees and advertising, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer, according to law.

In the event that no one purchases the lien at the tax sale, or if in the judgment of the Collector, proceeding with the tax sale is inadvisable, the Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all of the methods permitted by law.

Tax sales shall be conducted twice a year, if necessary, to ensure agreements are enforced and delinquent balances do not become unduly burdensome on the taxpayer.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT-OUTSTANDING as of 6/30/18

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total Outstanding
2007-2008	\$303.85	\$409.30	\$24.31	\$737.46
2010-2011	\$908.52	\$1,129.14	\$72.69	\$2,110.35
2011-2012	\$1,250.00	\$1,403.97	\$100.00	\$2,753.97
2012-2013	\$1,279.12	\$1,228.80	\$102.32	\$2,610.24
2013-2014	\$1,718.06	\$1,323.71	\$137.42	\$3,179.19
2014-2015	\$5,686.74	\$3,299.52	\$454.97	\$9,441.23
2015-2016	\$9,060.23	\$3,788.82	\$724.77	\$13,573.82
2016-2017	\$13,212.62	\$2,882.13	\$1,057.05	\$17,151.80
2017-2018	\$88,769.20	\$5,234.11	\$7,101.61	\$101,104.92
Total Outstanding	\$122,188.34	\$20,699.50	\$9,775.14	\$152,662.98

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT-COLLECTED as of 6/30/18

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total Collected
2006-2007	\$ 55.99	\$ 95.20	\$ 4.48	\$ 155.67
2007-2008	\$ 149.99	\$ 182.35	\$ 11.99	\$ 344.33
2010-2011	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2011-2012	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2012-2013	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2013-2014	\$526.15	\$307.90	\$42.10	\$876.15
2014-2015	\$4,357.18	\$2,328.33	\$348.59	\$7,034.10
2015-2016	\$3,336.38	\$850.84	\$266.96	\$4,454.18
2016-2017	\$58,997.14	\$7,283.52	\$4,719.69	\$71,000.35
2017-2018	\$30,910.37	\$616.15	\$2,127.60	\$33,654.12
Total Collected	\$98,333.20	\$11,664.29	\$7,521.41	\$117,518.90



RICHMOND RESCUE, INC.

2018 was a busy year for Richmond Rescue. We have completed the first major renovation to our building in more than twenty years and set records for the total number of calls and the number of patients transported. We also continue to be fortunate in our ability to recruit and retain volunteers.

Our mission is driven by our patients. Every year we push hard to improve the medical interventions, equipment, and response system available in our service area. At present we serve the towns of Richmond, Bolton, Huntington, and southern Jericho. Our volunteers and staff respond to a variety of requests for help, including:

Total requests for service:	662
Calls for service in Richmond:	310
Requests to Interstate 89:	79 (45 in Richmond)
Average ambulance response time in Richmond:	7:20
Number of active volunteers:	38
Total volunteer hours:	24,844

Our renovation project should be nearly complete by town meeting. Our service has changed significantly since the building was built in 1996. At that point we had zero employees and no volunteers stayed at the building for their shifts. Now we have three full time staff and thirty eight volunteers who spend their entire shift at our station.

The project has three objectives:

- Provide more comfortable quarters for our volunteers and staff.
- Add more office space and storage
- Add a third bay to our garage to house a small response vehicle

In addition to ambulance service we also provide rescues for those sick, injured or lost outside the reach of traditional ambulance resources. This year our backcountry team, known as the Camel's Hump Backcountry Rescue Team (CHBRT) completed fourteen requests for service, providing assistance to people on Camels Hump, Mt. Mansfield, Bolton Valley, Mt. Hunger, and beyond. The thirty member, all volunteer team, collaborates with other local teams to train monthly and provide rapid and professional response to emergencies in any environment. Nearly all funding for the team has been secured through donations and state grant programs.

We continue to offer free car seat fittings, E911 address signs (\$10), and CPR/First Aid classes. Please contact our station any time, at 434-2394 or email director@richmondrescue.org to arrange for these services.

We thank you for the opportunity to continue serving our communities and look forward to the year ahead.

Sincerely,
**The Board of Directors and Members of Richmond
Rescue**



RICHMOND WATER RESOURCES

July put us out in the intersection of Railroad and Bridge Street to upgrade the waterline for the new Jolina Court extension. It took a bit of cyphering to determine the best lay-out for the actual construction in August.

The buttermilk contractor did the work and needed the better part of a week to complete it. The tornado warnings at one point did not help.

September dropped a notice of an impending new permit for the WWTF (finally) in 2020, which will likely include yet to be determined clean water rules and additional testing and reporting. On the water side, we looked at more landscaping and prepped for additional reservoir sealing by the contractor.

In October, one day after our warranty ran out on the East Main work, a leak popped up in front of the Victorian Inn. It turned out a pipe had been missed during the project. It was a relatively easy repair. The reservoir resealing went smoothly with no surprises. The month ended with a very bad windstorm that knocked out power to the systems for the longest stretch yet. Between our new reservoir and the WWTF generator, the only impact to us was hiring a septage hauler to pump the pump station storage manhole as needed until power was restored.

November saw the door close on the West Main extension unless a private project appears from the Ether. Winter showed up like it used to and put the crunch on to get the last few unfinished items done.

December was cold and busy as we finished all the testing and install of the Jolina Court W/S lines, located pipes for the big Cumby dig at the intersection and monitored progress on the new subdivision on Thompson Road. We also discovered a section of the old creamery line has another service tied to it. At some point during this work, we got a very positive sanitary survey on our water system from the state, helped a customer with a lead issue on Tilden Avenue and started negotiations with the railroad to upgrade the waterline under the tracks as part of the upper Bridge Street big dig.

January was perfect to slow things down like the proverbial molasses to deal with the railroad. We crept along through February hunting for a mystery sewer problem at the Town Center that turned out to be internal. Operations were normal as we priced out a cheaper alternative to demolish the old steel tank and tried to anticipate the impact unexpected computer and phone changes would have on operations. The only excitement was when our biosolids hauler tipped over a full trailer at the re-use facility in NY. Lots of damage, but thankfully no injuries.

March produced another large snowstorm and the possibility of a new location for a back-up water supply should we ever need it. The voters approved the Bridge Street waterline crossing replacement and the upper Bridge Street big-dig – now, we just need to work through the funding and timing challenges.

We helped our buddies out at highway in April by giving them some odds and ends left at the steel tank in exchange for moving them before the tank demolition. We also got together and developed a plan to replace a section of waterline on Baker Street before they did the sidewalk. Our ace contractor returned to save the day in May when our 65 (yes, 65) year old compressors finally pumped their last. We cobbled one together to keep going until new replacements could be found. They still make the exact same model! This excitement prompted Ian Buckley to give his notice and move back to Connecticut. Or, it could have been the torrential rain that damaged part of the slope on the new reservoir. Regardless, we wished him well in all his future endeavors.

June became a very melancholy month for the department when our town manager decided to move his thunderstone to another town, albeit the three month notice did soften the blow. The only bright spot is now he can be a W/S Commissioner! This thought helped the pump station compressor and well pump inspection duties seem a little less stressful than usual as we ended the fiscal year.

Once again, I'll offer the caveat I usually stick to said fiscal year in the narrative, but it seems only appropriate I jump ahead again and share another recent big change in the department. Many, many customers have developed a personal and professional relationship with Trudy Jones since I poached her from the construction crew during the upgrade in 2005. I think that was one of the best deals I've ever made, as she proved time and time again over the years that it was impossible to throw a curveball at the department she couldn't catch as long as she was on the watch. Sadly, Trudy decided 2018 would be the end of her tenure for the town. She leaves some mighty big shoes to fill. With these staff departures from above and below, I can relate to the Edgar Allen Poe quote about breathing an atmosphere of sorrow. We that remain are thankful for all the support from our wonderful customers.

Kendall Chamberlin and Allen Carpenter



FY20 WASTEWATER BUDGET

Account #	Description	Budgeted FY18	ACTUAL FY18	Budgeted FY19	Budgeted FY20	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
WASTEWATER REVENUE							
21-6-00-3-00.01	Sewer User Receipts (5% increase to receipts)	\$ 390,000	\$ 389,225	\$ 391,000	\$ 417,603	\$ 26,603	6.80%
21-6-00-4-10.03	Hook On Fees – Sewer	\$ 1,000	\$ 926	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Gateway Sewer Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
21-6-00-9-99.11	Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
21-6-01-4-11.10	Septage Receipts (100% revenues shown)	\$ 180,000	\$ 163,862	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Waste Water Revenue Subtotal	\$ 571,000	\$ 554,713	\$ 582,000	\$ 608,603	\$ 26,603	4.57%
WASTEWATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES (70% of total)							
21-7-80-0-10.00	Salaries	\$ 105,112	\$ 105,588	\$ 120,033	\$ 129,177	\$ 9,144	7.62%
21-7-80-0-10.30	Insurance Opt Out	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-80-0-10.99	Overtime	\$ 2,100	\$ -	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-80-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare	\$ 7,840	\$ 8,219	\$ 9,010	\$ 10,108	\$ 1,098	12.19%
21-7-80-0-12.00	Municipal Retirement	\$ 4,830	\$ 11,573	\$ 6,416	\$ 7,464	\$ 1,048	16.33%
21-7-80-0-15.00	Health Insurance	\$ 21,000	\$ 24,920	\$ 25,265	\$ 40,938	\$ 15,673	62.03%
21-7-80-0-15.03	Long Term Disability	\$ 700	\$ 714	\$ 725	\$ 866	\$ 141	19.45%
21-7-80-1-16.00	Uniforms	\$ 840	\$ 591	\$ 840	\$ 840	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-80-1-20.00	Office Supplies/Postage	\$ 490	\$ 315	\$ 490	\$ 490	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-80-1-22.00	Office Equipment	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-80-1-22.01	Computer	\$ -	\$ 391	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-80-1-24.00	Advertising	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-80-1-26.01	Administrative Expense	\$ 10,203	\$ 10,203	\$ 10,500	\$ 14,000	\$ 3,500	33.33%
21-7-80-1-27.00	Training/Education	\$ 1,750	\$ 265	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-80-1-27.01	Safety Training	\$ 210	\$ -	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-80-1-29.00	Travel	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-80-1-30.00	Telephone	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,949	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-80-1-42.00	Association Dues	\$ 350	\$ 357	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-80-1-43.00	Legal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-80-1-48.00	W & S General Insurance	\$ 11,200	\$ 11,200	\$ 11,200	\$ 18,900	\$ 7,700	68.75%
	Wastewater Administration Expense Subtotal	\$ 170,125	\$ 176,285	\$ 192,389	\$ 230,693	\$ 38,304	19.91%
WASTEWATER OPERATIONS EXPENSES (70%)							
21-7-82-2-32.01	Electricity	\$ 1,000	\$ 97	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-2-62.03	Pump Station Maintenance	\$ 1,800	\$ 8,638	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-16.00	Personal Protective Gear	\$ 500	\$ 681	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-31.00	Heat	\$ 13,000	\$ 7,345	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-32.00	Plant Electricity	\$ 34,200	\$ 33,982	\$ 34,200	\$ 34,200	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-32.02	WWTF water bill	\$ 16,000	\$ 13,611	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-34.00	Rubbish Removal	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,145	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-41.00	Permits/Certs/License	\$ 800	\$ 666	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-45.00	Wastewater Contracted	\$ 7,500	\$ 4,909	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-45.01	Biosolids Contracted	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,108	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-45.02	Equipment Rental	\$ 500	\$ 176	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-45.03	Biosolids Disposal/CSWD	\$ 60,000	\$ 51,991	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-46.00	Engineering	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-50.00	Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,015	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-52.00	Fleet Maintenance	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,017	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-62.00	Wastewater Facil Repair	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,725	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-62.01	Biosolids Facility Repair	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,319	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-62.02	Collection System Repair	\$ 4,000	\$ 9,649	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-65.00	Wastewater Chemicals	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,715	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-65.01	Biosolids Chemicals	\$ 35,000	\$ 28,216	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ -	0.00%
21-7-82-3-66.00	Supplies	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,813	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0.00%
	Wastewater Operating Expense Subtotal	\$ 206,900	\$ 192,818	\$ 206,900	\$ 206,900	\$ -	0.00%

WASTEWATER CAPITAL EXPENSES

21-7-90-5-93.03	East Main Replacement Fund	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%
21-7-90-5-93.04	Short-term (10 yr) capital fund (Engineered, 7'	\$	20,000	\$	-	\$	20,000	\$	43,000	115.00%
21-7-90-5-93.11	Collection System Capital Fund (Goal 3%/rev	\$	21,670	\$	-	\$	20,000	\$	10,000	-50.00%
21-7-90-5-93.00	Wastewater Capital Reserve (Goal 10%/rever	\$	73,000	\$	-	\$	60,811	\$	30,180	-50.37%
21-7-90-2-90-10	RFL-101 planning-ww (2026)	\$	12,080	\$	-	\$	12,081	\$	12,081	0.00%
21-7-90-2-90-06	Project 7a Sanitary Sewer (2032)	\$	14,092	\$	15,706	\$	14,092	\$	14,092	0.00%
21-7-90-2-90-02	Phosphorus SRF(2026)	\$	22,300	\$	17,720	\$	22,220	\$	22,220	0.00%
21-7-90-2-90-14	Jericho Rd Loan Principal	\$	21,903	\$	9,806	\$	22,464	\$	26,208	16.67%
21-7-90-2-90-16	Jericho Rd Loan Interest	\$	-	\$	-	\$	11,043	\$	13,229	19.80%
21-7-90-2-90-03	Service Vehicle (\$32k 1 yr note, 1/2 FY18)	\$	11,200	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%
Wastewater Capital Subtotal		\$	196,245	\$	43,232	\$	182,711	\$	171,010	-6.40%
TOTAL WASTEWATER REVENUE		\$	571,000	\$	554,713	\$	582,000	\$	608,603	4.57%
TOTAL WASTEWATER EXPENSES		\$	573,270	\$	412,335	\$	582,000	\$	608,603	4.57%



Teagan Low, Builder of Kiosks at Andrews Forest

FY20 WATER BUDGET

Account #	Description	Budgeted FY18	ACTUAL FY18	Budgeted FY19	Budgeted FY20	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
WATER REVENUE							
20-6-00-3-00.00	Water User Receipts	294,578	301,799	297,500	301,897	4,397	1.48%
20-6-00-3-01.00	Sale of Water from Hydrant	1,500	7,447	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%
	Gateway Water Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
20-6-00-4-10-01	Sale of Meters	-	500	-	-	-	0.00%
20-6-00-4-10-02	Hook On Fees – Water	500	2,060	500	500	-	0.00%
20-6-10-4-10-04	Fire Service Fees	32,796	32,763	45,637	45,637	-	0.00%
20-6-00-9-99.11	Miscellaneous	-	50	-	-	-	0.00%
Water Revenue Sub Totals		329,374	344,619	345,137	349,534	4,397	1.27%
WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES (30% of total)							
20-7-80-0-10.00	Salaries	45,048	49,147	51,443	55,361	-	7.62%
20-7-80-0-10.30	Insurance Opt Out	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
20-7-80-0-10.99	Overtime	900	2,398	900	900	-	0.00%
20-7-80-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare	3,360	3,522	3,862	4,332	-	12.17%
20-7-80-0-12.00	Municipal Retirement	2,070	5,032	2,750	3,199	-	16.33%
20-7-80-0-15.00	Health Insurance	9,000	10,680	10,828	17,545	6,717	62.03%
20-7-80-0-15.03	Long Term Disability	300	306	325	371	46	14.15%
20-7-80-1-16.00	Uniforms	360	253	360	360	-	0.00%
20-7-80-1-20.00	Office Supplies/Postage	210	135	210	210	-	0.00%
20-7-80-1-22.00	Office Equipment	150	-	150	150	-	0.00%
20-7-80-1-22.01	Computer	-	227	-	-	-	0.00%
20-7-80-1-24.00	Advertising	150	-	150	150	-	0.00%
20-7-80-1-26.01	Administrative Expense (3% of WA, WO and I	4,373	4,373	4,500	6,000	1,500	33.33%
20-7-80-1-27.00	Training/Education	750	72	750	750	-	0.00%
20-7-80-1-27.01	Safety Training	90	-	90	90	-	0.00%
20-7-80-1-29.00	Travel	300	-	300	300	-	0.00%
20-7-80-1-30.00	Telephone	900	1,318	900	900	-	0.00%
20-7-80-1-42.00	Association Dues	150	153	150	150	-	0.00%
20-7-80-1-43.00	Legal	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
20-7-80-1-48.00	W & S General Insurance	4,800	4,800	4,800	8,100	3,300	68.75%
Water Administration Expense Totals		72,911	82,416	82,468	98,868	11,563	19.89%
WATER OPERATIONS EXPENSES							
20-7-83-4-16.00	Personal Protective Equip	500	106	500	500	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-31.00	Heat	600	406	600	600	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-32.00	Electricity	8,000	9,397	8,000	8,000	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-34.00	Trash Removal	500	825	500	500	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-41.00	Permits/Fees/License	1,500	2,089	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-45.00	Water Contracted	5,000	2,751	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-45.02	Equipment Rental	500	208	500	500	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-46.00	Engineering	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-50.00	Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	700	469	700	700	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-52.00	Fleet Maintenance	1,000	875	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.02	Water Line	25,000	16,610	25,000	25,000	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.03	Pumps/Tanks	5,000	631	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.04	Asphalt Repair	1,000	116	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.05	Equipment Purchase	500	2,000	500	500	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.06	Supplies	1,000	1,246	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.07	Meters	3,000	2,923	3,000	3,000	-	0.00%
20-7-83-4-65.00	Water Treatment Chemicals	1,000	682	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%
Water Operating Expense Totals		56,800	41,334	56,800	56,800	-	0.00%

WATER CAPITAL EXPENSES

20-7-90-5-90.03	Short-term (10 yr) capital fund (Engineered, \$20,000	20,000	400	20,000	20,000	-	0.00%
20-7-90-5-93.01	Water Capital Reserve (Goal 5%/revenue/yr)	19,000	-	42,793	35,237	(7,556)	-17.66%
20-7-90-2-90.09	Distribution System Capital fund (Goal 5%/revenue)	14,265	33,634	15,000	15,000	-	0.00%
20-7-90-5-90.01	Water Reservoir (principal-interest)	38,220	-	38,220	37,705	(515)	-1.35%
20-7-90-2-90.16	Water Reservoir gap principal	-	-	25,857	25,857	-	0.00%
20-7-90-2-90.08	Water Reservoir gap interest	-	-	-	3,941	3,941	100.00%
20-7-90-5-93.02	East Main RF3-335 (principal & interest)	35,000	4,417	25,607	25,140	(467)	-1.82%
20-7-90-2-90.05	Brown's Court -w (2018)	15,000	491	-	-	-	0.00%
20-7-90-2-90.08	Jericho Road Loan Principal	51,108	15,358	24,336	20,592	(3,744)	-15.38%
20-7-90-2-90.08	Jericho Road Loan Interest	-	-	14,056	10,394	(3,662)	-26.05%
20-7-90-2-90.15	Service Vehicle (\$32k 1 yr note, 1/2 FY18)	4,800	900	-	-	-	0.00%
	Bridge Street Bridge Crossing waterline						
	Upper Bridge Street (Phase 1 to Jollina)						
	Lower Bridge Street (Phase 2 to Bridge)						
Water Capital Expense Totals		197,393	55,200	205,869	193,866	(12,003)	-5.83%
TOTAL WATER REVENUE		329,374	344,619	345,137	349,534	4,397	1.27%
TOTAL WATER EXPENSES		327,104	178,950	345,137	349,534	4,397	1.27%
Combined Water and Wastewater Revenue		880,576	829,658	927,137	958,137	31,000	3.34%
Combined Water & Wastewater Expense		880,576	724,567	927,137	958,137	31,000	3.34%



Richmond Senior Hiking Group

**TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018**

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current Assets:			
Cash	\$ 658,620	\$ 0	\$ 658,620
Accounts Receivable	88,699	155,761	244,460
Due From Other Funds	0	364,470	364,470
Prepaid Expense	3,147	0	3,147
Total Current Assets	750,466	520,231	1,270,697
Noncurrent Assets:			
Capital Assets	4,106,082	6,496,477	10,602,559
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(569,657)	(2,042,999)	(2,612,656)
Total Noncurrent Assets	3,536,425	4,453,478	7,989,903
Total Assets	4,286,891	4,973,709	9,260,600
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	9,230	21,418	30,648
Total Deferred Outflows of Resource	9,230	21,418	30,648
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	1,906	19,618	21,524
Accrued Wages	1,277	2,980	4,257
Accrued Interest	4,316	3,709	8,025
Due to Other Funds	429,257	0	429,257
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	115,425	67,599	183,024
Total Current Liabilities	552,181	93,906	646,087
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Accrued Compensated Absences	7,003	3,786	10,789
Net Pension Liability	16,729	38,741	55,470
Noncurrent Portion of Long-term Debt	2,976,761	746,419	3,723,180
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	3,000,493	788,946	3,789,439
Total Liabilities	3,552,674	882,852	4,435,526
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	430	996	1,426
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	430	996	1,426
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	444,239	3,639,460	4,083,699
Unrestricted	298,778	471,819	770,597
Total Net Position	\$ 743,017	\$ 4,111,279	\$ 4,854,296

TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 311,807	\$ 554,013	\$ 865,820
Miscellaneous	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50</u>
Total Operating Reve	<u>311,857</u>	<u>554,013</u>	<u>865,870</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Payroll & Benefits	68,111	153,994	222,105
Office Administrative Expenses	11,331	25,272	36,603
Supplies	1,352	5,493	6,845
Utilities	11,098	57,098	68,196
Maintenance	23,257	26,885	50,142
Chemicals	682	34,932	35,614
Permits & Testing	4,840	7,683	12,523
Pump Station	0	8,735	8,735
Biosolid Disposal	0	51,991	51,991
Depreciation	78,562	137,374	215,936
Other Operating Expenses	<u>5,983</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,983</u>
Total Operating Expe	<u>205,216</u>	<u>509,457</u>	<u>714,673</u>
Operating Income	<u>106,641</u>	<u>44,556</u>	<u>151,197</u>
Non-Operating Revenues/(Expenses):			
Grant Income	9,140	700	9,840
Interest Expense	<u>(23,289)</u>	<u>(20,602)</u>	<u>(43,891)</u>
Total Non-Operating	<u>(14,149)</u>	<u>(19,902)</u>	<u>(34,051)</u>
Net Income/(Loss) Before Capital Contributions	<u>92,492</u>	<u>24,654</u>	<u>117,146</u>
Capital Contributions and Transfers:			
Capital Contributions	37,552	0	37,552
Transfer In	<u>32,763</u>	<u>7,046</u>	<u>39,809</u>
Total Capital Contribu	<u>70,315</u>	<u>7,046</u>	<u>77,361</u>
Change In Net Position	162,807	31,700	194,507
Net Position - July 1, 2017	<u>580,210</u>	<u>4,079,579</u>	<u>4,659,789</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2018	<u>\$ 743,017</u>	<u>\$ 4,111,279</u>	<u>\$ 4,854,296</u>



The Elusive Camel

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk's Office welcomes all who wish to stop in. We are a busy office, as we are a local spot to go to for questions and answers. Whether the question is town related or simply for information, we try our best to help the public.

Our voter checklist stands at 3313 registered voters. Thank you to all who assist at the elections. The combination of the Board of Civil Authority and volunteer workers makes for a more efficient day. My thanks to the Richmond Highway Department and the Camels Hump Middle School staff who help with the moving of materials and set up of the voting area. Boy Scout Troop #23 provides set up help Town Meeting and serves as the official color guard for the annual meeting in March.

There were three elections held in 2018. The statistics are as follows:

Election	date	voters on checklist	early voters	vote at CHMS	total voted
Town Meeting	3/6/18	3188	261	908	1169
Primary Election	8/14/18	3237	220	693	913
General Election	11/6/18	3295	688	1664	2352

"Same day voter registration" is available in Vermont. For Richmond residents that come to the polling place and have not previously registered to vote, the option will now be available on the day of the election. Residents will automatically be registered to vote when your Vermont driver's license is renewed, per a legislative mandate. If someone does not wish to be included on the voter checklist they do need to "opt out" when obtaining or renewing their driver's license.

When counting the ballots every ballot is checked by hand. Every write in vote has to be recorded for the official report to Montpelier. Even if you write yourself in or a friend to be silly, each name must be recorded and reported to the Secretary of State. This can add several hours onto an already long day.

State Statute requires that all dogs be registered in the town they reside by April 1 of each year. Although many rabies vaccinations are valid for three years, the animal must be re-registered each year. The vaccination is an important step in protecting your family's health, as well as your pet. Richmond and Huntington Town Clerks team together each year to hold a rabies clinic. This year the rabies clinic will be held at the Richmond Rescue Building on March 23, 2019. Special thanks go to Dr. Kerry Lindemuth who donates her time to administer the vaccinations. You will be given a rabies tag to attach to the animal's collar. It is very important to have your name and phone number on the dog's collar. Identification makes it easier to return the pet to its family if lost or injured. We understand that it is very difficult to lose a pet, but please let us know if the pet no longer lives with your family.

We continue to provide a venue to renew motor vehicle registrations. The convenience fee for registrations is \$3.00 each. Green Mountain Passports are available at the Town Clerk's Office for a fee of \$2.00. This lifetime pass gets those Vermont residents that are at least 62 years of age or a Veteran into the State Park system at no charge.

We also offer Notary Public service at no charge to Richmond residents. Please stop by if you require any of these services.

I do have a list serve established for residents to receive an email when something of interest comes up. This may include such things as road closings, reminders of tax payments being

due or water line breaks. Of course, every email might not affect every resident, but a mass email will go out. At no time do I publish these emails. If you would like to be included and have not been receiving notices from me, please send your request to lparent@richmondvt.gov.

The Secretary of State's office manages an Elections Management Platform. It can be accessed at www.sec.state.vt.us. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information. Ninety one Richmond residents registered to vote online in 2018.

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- ◆ Check registration status
- ◆ View a sample ballot
- ◆ View information on upcoming elections
- ◆ Request & track an absentee ballot
- ◆ Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours

Voters are encouraged to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

The Town Clerk's office has been a focal drop off spot for several charitable donations this year. We worked with the Highway Department collecting food donations for the local food shelf. The plan was to fill a highway truck with food. With help from community we filled a truck with donations that were delivered to the Richmond Food Shelf. With the help from Marie Thomas, donations were collected of warm outerwear for homeless teens through the Spectrum Center in Burlington. It was amazing to see the amount of wonderful donations for the cause. During the Richmond Holiday Market several people manned the Salvation Army Red Kettle. We were able to send \$395.39 to the Salvation Army collection. The office continues to be the drop off center for items donated to Our Community Cares Camp.

This year there was a curious mystery about town. A lovely camel appeared under the bridge near Johnnie Brook Road. It was a beautiful piece of art. Folks were curious to where it came from and lots of people looked into it and posted many photos. It was still a mystery. Even more was the mystery of where it went, one day in September. The answer became clear when the Town Clerk received a letter from VTrans, reporting that it had been too close to the bridge abutments and had been removed. With help from Mike Parent (Richmond's own camel specialist) it was picked up at the VTrans garage and relocated to the small hill behind the Town Center. It was fun for both children and adults to see it up close. Because of the camel's fragile frame, it probably would not have made it outside through the winter. It traveled to Camels Hump Middle School under the watchful eye of Principal Mark Carbone, where it has found a new home. Keep an eye out for the camel, you will never know where it might show up.

This year the Town Office obtained a plot map printer. The copier was purchased with restoration funds. It can be seen in the Town Clerk's office. It has proven to be very handy to copy large maps and project sketches for the Town Clerk's Office, Planning / Zoning Office & the Water Department. We welcomed our new Town Manager Josh Arneson in November. He is a great addition to the administration of our town.

The Clerk's office works as a team. Thanks to Martha Laing, Assistant Clerk & Connie Bona, Finance Director, for support

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in keeping the Town Clerk's Office open and welcoming. We all enjoy our time together and are willing to help everyone who comes into the office. All of the departments of the Town of Richmond work very well together, helping each other as may be necessary.

I would like to thank Beacon Light Grange #557 for their wonderful lunch. For many years they have been providing lunch, homemade donuts and coffee at a very nominal cost. I would like to extend my appreciation to the residents of the Town of Richmond for their support. I enjoy my job and the opportunity to assist the citizens of our town. The door is always open. Everyone working together makes Richmond a wonderful place to live.

Linda M. Parent, CVC, Richmond Town Clerk

VITAL RECORDS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Births	46	35	36
Deaths	22	22	27
Marriages	22	29	30

Vital records are public documents that are recorded in the Town Clerk's Office. Certified copies are available upon request at a cost of \$10.00 each. Genealogy research can be done during regular office hours.

BIRTHS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2018

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PARENT'S NAME
Stanger-Smith, Fern Mae	January 12, 2018	Whitney Smith & Trevien Stanger
Murray, Amelia Jean	January 13, 2018	Emili & Joshua Murray Sr.
Rohlin, Lincoln Travis	January 27, 2018	Gillian & Travis Rohlin
Smith, Archer Prall	January 30, 2018	Jamie & James Smith III
Milles, Vivi Anna	February 2, 2018	Kathleen & Taivo Milles
Bristol, Haven Christine	February 2, 2018	Catherine & Matthew Bristol
Johnson, James Patrick	February 14, 2018	Elisabeth & Daniel Johnson
Canaday, Jameson Ryan	March 12, 2018	Elizabeth & Ryan Canaday
Pratt, Flynn Robert	April 5, 2018	Megan McGuire & Travis Pratt
Soltsov, Jacob Brooklyn	April 14, 2018	Sarah & Boris Soltsov
Monty, Taylor Ray	April 18, 2018	Rebecca & Tim Monty
Foran, Kassie Ruth	April 26, 2018	Shaina & John Foran
Santor, Daniel Peter	May 17, 2018	Kirsten & John Santor
Mulligan, Rohan James	May 31, 2018	Amy & Daniel Mulligan
Titterton, Malcolm John	June 18, 2018	Kathleen & Kevin Titterton
Sipe, Olive Fern	June 6, 2018	Jessica Anderson & Michael Sipe Jr.
Brier, Finnegan Daniel	June 21, 2018	Danielle & Ryan Brier
Anderson, Boaz Emmanuel	July 1, 2018	Cherri & Peter Anderson
Leggett, Sebastien Robert	July 18, 2018	Renee & Joshua Leggett
Evarts, Damon Owen	July 22, 2018	Morgan & Daniel Evarts
Chastenay, Silas Andre Blaisdell	July 31, 2018	Sarah Blaisdell & Anthony Chastenay
Mobbs, Bryce Ann	August 2, 2018	Bridgett Youngman & Bret Mobbs
Strazza, Harper August	August 8, 2018	Sada Dumont & Jon Strazza
Weir, Skylar Anne	August 12, 2018	Lauren & Dustin Weir
Conant, Merritt Martin	August 14, 2018	Alison & Ransom Conant
Jermy, Lawson William	August 18, 2018	AnnMarie & Kevin Jermy
Brown, Peter Andrew Sullivan	August 22, 2018	Roger & Jennifer Brown
Sommers, Maeve Alexandra	August 27, 2018	Victoria & Michael Sommers
Murray, Auriyauna Leigh	September 11, 2018	Chelsea Drinkwater & David Murray
Morrison, Hadley Catherine	September 23, 2018	Bethany Mahler & Kyle Morrison
Osterman, Nico Ethan	October 29, 2018	Rosalyn & Jason Osterman
Harrington, Carter Louis	November 5, 2018	Amanda & Gregory Harrington
Ortiz, Lucas Augusto	November 6, 2	Lucia Orantes & Patricio Ortiz
Lee, Sawyer Shanon	November 12, 2018	Jennifer & Casey Lee
Hollenbach, Johannes Wyn	December 4, 2018	Helen & Jonathan Hollenbach
Wood, Eric Austin	December 25, 2018	Elysse Parente & Eric Wood

MARRIAGES FOR THE PERIOD OF 2018

SPOUSE	SPOUSE	MARRIAGE DATE
Mumbauer, Katherine Sara	Seymour, Danielle Denise	January 1, 2018
Duffus, Lenval Anthony	Davidson, Maureen Althea	February 6, 2018
Wagner, Joseph Warren	Torres, Jacqueline Olivia	February 24, 2018
Silverstein, Scott Aaron	Schutz, Laura Jean	May 12, 2018
Channell, Dacyn Benjamin	Keighley, Amy Lynn	May 19, 2018
Bradbury, Erin Leigh	Gilmer, Bryce Montgomery	June 6, 2018
Hart-Afzelius, Shiel Adair	Hart, James Alexander	June 6, 2018
Higinbotham, Bruce Carter	Lowry, Linda Jennell	June 12, 2018
Gruber, Katherine	Patch, Isaac III	June 24, 2018
Vrouletis, Shana Kathleen	McGuire, Marcus Harrington	June 24, 2018
Schultz, Hannah Elizabeth	Quinlan, Torsten Daniel	June 30, 2018
Carter, Jamie Lynn	Cameron, Allan Francis	July 4, 2018
Parisi, Matthew James	Knowles, Blair Ellen	July 7, 2018
Smith, Logan Elizabeth	Fields, Julia Ganister	July 7, 2018
Grasso, Peter Francis	D'Addario, Linda Marie	July 23, 2018
Ebenstein, Max Abram	Stranberg, Maude Elizabeth	July 28, 2018
Dehond, Andrew Burns	Cohen, Annalise	July 28, 2018
Frantz, Keith Hunter	O'Brien, Anne Theresa	August 17, 2018
McAdoo, Alison Kay	Bergeron, Alexander Cleary	August 18, 2018
Lettre, Angela Lynn	Mack, Ronald Joseph	August 18, 2018
Wells, Angela Jean	Comeau, Scott Alan	August 20, 2018
Vezina, Danielle Anne	Thomas, Cheddhi Jahan Jr	September 1, 2018
Bjorklund, Johanna Lee	Kennedy, Jason Frederick	September 8, 2018
Dixon, Stephanie Ann	Delorme, Raymond Joseph Jr	September 9, 2018
Hackett, Erin Elizabeth	Canniff, Christopher Paul	September 24, 2018
Kennedy, Anne Marguerite	Rivers, Gregory Allen	September 29, 2018
Aiello, Matthew John II	Forbes, Jennifer Marie	October 13, 2018
Nolin, Amy Lynn	Redburn, Robert Cory	October 20, 2018
Ruopp, Caleb Shotwell	Barrett, Michelle Joy	November 3, 2018
Magill, James Patrick	Magill, Alan	December 9, 2018

DEATHS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2018

NAME OF DECEASED	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
Phelps, Leo Delbert Jr	January 6, 2018	Colchester
Seibert, Edward	January 15, 2018	Burlington
Ross, Eva Theresa	January 23, 2018	Williston
Mack, Marilyn Casey	March 19, 2018	Colchester
Lajoie, Marion Margaret	April 9, 2018	Colchester
Gifford, Beverly Ann	April 15, 2018	Colchester
Shangraw, Sharron L	April 25, 2018	Burlington
Medor, Loris A	April 30, 2018	Burlington
Santor, Daniel Peter	May 17, 2018	Burlington
Fountain, Diane Marie	May 28, 2018	Burlington
Siple, Lorraine	June 11, 2018	Colchester
Buxton, Mary Eileen	June 15, 2018	Richmond
Mack, Wayne Harold	June 19, 2018	Richmond
Atkins, Mattie A	July 8, 2018	Burlington
Kenney, June	September 11, 2018	Burlington
Mashia, Lisa K	September 19, 2018	Colchester
Lloyd, Mary Gertrude	September 21, 2018	Burlington
Mobbs, Daniel Joseph	September 24, 2018	Burlington
White, Joyce A	October 3, 2018	Richmond
Loetscher, Maxine LaVonne	October 13, 2018	Richmond
Van Duyn, Maggie Turner	October 21, 2018	Richmond
Salter, James	October 22, 2018	Burlington
Rathgeb, Donald A Sr	November 11, 2018	Burlington
Heston, Michael T	November 14, 2018	Richmond
Parizo, Susan H	December 1, 2018	Burlington
Charland, Robert E II	December 18, 2018	Burlington
LaFrance, Jeremy A	December 31, 2018	Richmond

TOWN OF RICHMOND PROPERTY SALES 2018

SELLER	BUYERS	LOCATION
ANDREASEN, DONALD	VALOVGIN, ANDREA	1484 JERICHO RD
ASHE, MATTHEW JR & KAREN	BROOKS, JANE	22 MANSFIELD WAY
ATHERTON, HOWARD & ANNETTE	WARREN, MARYANN	65 FARR RD
ATKINS FAMILY TRUST	LEMIRE, MICHAEL	99 EAST MAIN ST
ATWOOD, SHARMAYNE & WILLIAM	SAXONS OAKS	256 STAGE RD
BAKER, PAUL & SHIRLEY	CRABB, MATTHEW & BADLAM, JESSICA	177 ORCHARD LN
BALDOR, GREG & HILL, LAURIE	PESCI, ROBIN	145 SOUTHVIEW DR
BARBARA SCHEIER TRUST	KLEIN, JONATHAN & STEPHANIE	347 MOUNTAIN VIEW RD
BARRON, JESSE	BARNARD, MICHAEL & DENISE	155 CHRISTMAS HILL RD
BARROWS, WAYNE & MARCELA	PATNAUDE, SHIRLEY	144 LOWER CIRCLE
BARUTH, PHIL	SOLLARS, TRACY	81 NORTH RD
BRESSOR, GARY & JEAN	O'GRADY, KEVIN JR & MOREY, SASHA	298 COCHRAN RD
CHARLAND, ROBERT ET AL	WILLIS, JUSTIN & BARBARA	29 BROWNS CT
COGGIO, CAROLE & MICHAEL	DUNN, BARBARA	52 JERICHO RD
CONNER, LAURIE	KIMBALL, BRIAN	300 ONEIL DR
COULOMBE, PATRICK & JONES, PEGGY	KNOWLES, BLAIR	98 JONESMILL RD
COWAN REALTY LLC	YOUNGMAN CONSTRUCTION	455 STAGE RD
COWAN REALTY LLC	MANNA, CALEB	455 STAGE RD
DOUGLAS, LINDA	FREEBERN, MICHAEL & CINDY	131 CHURCH ST
DUNN, BARBARA	STEVE & CLAIRE EARLY TRUST	283 SADLER MEADOW RD
DURANT, DEBORAH ET AL	ARENDT, JESSICA	350 MOUNTAIN VIEW RD
EAST HILL PROPERTIES	DEWIND, ERIC & BRITTANY	896 EAST HILL RD
ESTELLA MCCLELLAN ESTATE	FALCON MANAGEMENT CO INC	64 SUMMERS ST
FALCON MANAGEMENT CO INC	CLOUTIER, REBECCA	29 LOWER CIRCLE
FALCON MANAGEMENT CO INC	GRANT, AMANDA	52 NORTH RD
FARRINGTON, JENNIFER	CONVERSE & DUNHAM LLC	71 RAILROAD ST
FECTEAU RESIDENTIAL INC	FALCON MANAGEMENT	47 HILLTOP CIRCLE
FECTEAU RESIDENTIAL INC	HERZOG, MICHAEL	155 GOVERNOR PECK HWY
FOLEY, SEAN & WESTERN, JOANNA	FOX, MOURNING & CALDERA, HEATHER	1049 EAST HILL RD
FRAZIER, CHARLES ET AL	RAYMOND, BRIAN	3170 HINESBURG RD
GAUGUSH, SAMUEL & COWAN, RACHEL	COMMO, RONALD III & MICHAELA	1032 SNIPE IRELAND RD
GIACCO, PAUL & KOGUT, LINDA	GARWOOD, JUSTIN & ASHLEY	29 STONEFENCE RD
GILLIGAN, JENNIFER ET AL	WOOD, ERIC & PARENT, ELYSSE	822 EAST MAIN ST
GILLIGAN, JENNIFER ET AL	WOOD, ERIC & PATRICIA	633 EAST MAIN ST
GILLIGAN, JENNIFER ET AL	TOWN OF RICHMOND	1129 EAST MAIN ST
GODBOUT DESIGN BUILD	SCHINSTINE, MALCOLM & MILLS, LISA	497 SADLER MEADOW RD
GOUDREAU, ROBERT & ANNE	SILLIMAN, KYLE & KRUG, DEBORAH	35 EAST MAIN ST
HILL LIVING TRUST	KING, EDWARD & SPENCER, LAURA	1369 HINESBURG RD
HOLLAND, MATTHEW & DIANNE	NJENGA, KIRUTHI & KIRUTHI, AMANDA	1740 HINESBURG RD
HUDSON, SARAH & MICHAEL	ROSOVSKY, JUDY & MULLINS, KRISTEN	2452 HUNTINGTON RD
HUDSON, SARAH & MICHAEL	KLONIKE, MARK	2452 HUNTINGTON RD
HUNTINGTON RIVER GORGE LLC	VT RIVER CONSERVANCY	1777 DUGWAY RD
JACKSON, DELIA	RICHMOND LAND TRUST	3005 WES WHITE HILL
JONES, LEE & MARIE	ZISKIE, AUSTIN & KENDRA	234 MOUNTAIN VIEW RD
KASPROWICZ, DARYL & NICOLE	MATTOON, IAN & WEIDMAN, KELSEY	97 HAPGOOD LN
KESSLER, BRIAN & MICHELLE	HALL, MARK & MAUREEN	384 HILLVIEW RD
LANE, JODI	SOMMERS, MICHAEL & VICTORIA	2889 HUNTINGTON RD
LECLAIR, DAVID & NANCY	BLANCHARD, RANDY SR & BETTY	32 SUMMERS ST
MACKENZIE, MARIANNE	BRESLER, MATTHEW & LISA	1232 HUNTINGTON RD
MARTIN, DENISE & LEONARD, JONATHAN	DONOVAN, SEAN & KATHRYN	405 WORTHEIM RD
MORGAN, GEORGE JR & VIRGINIA	MONTGOMERY-NOEL, KYLE & BAILEE	388 COCHRAN RD
MORIN, JARED	CORSE, KRISTA	109 SUMMERS ST
PATTERSON, LOIS	SHUMAKER, JOHN & OGDEN, KATHRYN	261 STONEFENCE RD
PERRAS, THOMAS & JILL	SPERO, NAVAH & TAYLOR, KATHRYN	285 HIDDEN PINES CIRCLE
PERYEA, JAIME	LANE, THEODORE	21 NORTH RD
PESCI, ROBIN	GOODRICH, TIMOTHY & JACOBSON, JENNIFER	2391 STAGE RD
PEURA, GLENN & CAROLYN	COCHRAN, ROBERT	748 WORTHEIM RD
RANDY'S EXCAVATING	ACUS, DAVID & KATHERINE	87 ROBBINS MOUNTAIN RD
ROBERT YOUNG ESTATE	KENNEDY, JASON	108 HILLTOP CIRCLE
RYAN, IAN	WEST HAVEN LLC/WALTHER, ADRIAN	98 BEAVER POND RD
SALESE, FRANK	COWLES, RICHARD	1764 COCHRAN RD

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TOWN OF RICHMOND PROPERTY SALES 2018

SELLER	BUYERS	LOCATION
SANDERSON, ROBERT & LIZABETH	REYOME, JEFFREY	23 JONESMILL RD
SAXONS OAKS CO	OSGOOD, RYAN & AMY	256 STAGE RD
SPERO, NAVAH & TAYLOR, KATHRYN	MANNIX, ANDREW & ALICIA	105 HIDDEN PINES CIRCLE
STEECE, DAVID & PAMELA	ARNESON, JOSHUA & TARA JOY	91 CEMETERY RD
SYLVAN KNOLL LLC	KATHLEEN TEMPLIN TRUST	952 KENYON RD
TALLEY, BLAKE	COGGIO, MICHAEL	95 EAST MAIN ST
VILLAGE HOMES CORP	LAVIGNE, DAVID & SHANNEN	624 EAST MAIN ST
VT RIVER CONSERVANCY	RICHMOND LAND TRUST	1777 DUGWAY RD
WHITE, ANN	RAFF, ERICA & JORDAN	273 STAGE RD
WILCOX, BENJAMIN & MARIE-MICHELE	BURNETT, MICHEAL ET AL	540 STONEFENCE RD
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY	GROVE, WESLEY & DOPPMAN, JOSEPH	333 COCHRAN RD

CONSTABLE & ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

As Constable I am completing my fifth year in office. Most of my Constable work revolves around some traffic control work, for example when Cochran Road is closed for a race. And parking control around Huntington Gorge. I am available for other duties when RPD wants another hand, such as Independence Day, Float-A-Palooza or when needed/requested for bad weather events.

This was my second year as the Animal Control Officer. There have been more lost dogs than barking dogs this year. When I can identify a roaming dog by his registration tag he gets home a lot sooner. Otherwise the dog has to spend time in the pound while we wait for the owner to contact us. Collars and town registration tags are required by state law. Most of the time we can resolve the barking problem with the owners without having to write tickets for violation of the town ordinance.

If your dog is barking constantly or roaming the neighborhood causing a nuisance to the neighbors please notice what's happening and take care of it before I or the police have to get involved. And be sure your dog wears his collar and has his dog tag. Respectfully,

Andy Squires

Constable and
Animal Control
Officer



Jeff Hard, Salvation Army Bell Ringer

DOG LICENSE REPORT

There were 465 dogs registered in the Town of Richmond this year. All dogs and wolf hybrid animals are required by State Statute 20 V.S.A § 3581 to be licensed on or before April 1 of each year. This statute includes the registration of service dogs. The Town must keep a copy of the rabies vaccination on file. The fee to license an animal is \$15.00 per animal. After April 1, the fee increases to \$20.00 each. A total of \$7320.00 was collected from the pet owners. As part of that figure, \$2340.00 that was sent to the State of Vermont for their fees.

It is imperative to have your dog registered and be up to date with their rabies vaccination. With the registration and vaccination on file at the town office we can provide the information to the hospital or police in a timely manner to assist in treatment if there is a dog bite. We have seen the number of dogs being registered going down. There appear to be many dogs in Richmond that are not registered. Please do your part to make your pet legal in the eyes of the law. If the Police or Animal Control Officer are called to an animal complaint, you will incur a fine, as well as the need to register the animal. The Animal Control Officer continues to be called to pick up dogs that have wandered away. We find that rescued dogs tend to wander off and not know where their new home is. Please have the dog tag attached to your pet's collar with your contact information. If the owner cannot be located the dog will be impounded. If the animal has been injured, it will be taken to the emergency veterinarian.

The animal's owner will be held responsible for the services rendered. The Animal Control Officer is Andrew Squires of Richmond. He can be reached at 363-7162. He handles domestic animal complaints. At this time we do not have an officer that is able to relocate wildlife.

Please let the Clerk's office know if your pet no longer lives with your family. We hate to contact the family if necessary, only to find that the pet has passed away. The Town of Richmond recognizes our part in the welfare of our pet population. Have your pet spayed or neutered.

RICHMOND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Winter 2017 / 2018 began with a wind storm. On October 30, 2017 many Town roads were reduced to one lane as well as a few closed to downed trees. This event triggered a county wide disaster claim which Richmond was reimbursed over \$10,000 for. The winter went on to be very busy with numerous snow storms. We were down in manpower both full time and part time for 3 of the winter months



Highway Food Drive

resulting in more overtime hours for the Highway crew. All being said it was a difficult winter for the crew. Mud season was very mild. Because of your support for the gravel plan we have rebuilt our gravel road sub-bases and all roads were in good condition for mud season.

Full-time employees of the Highway Department are: Peter Gosselin – foreman; Mike Mashia – assistant foreman/grader operator; Dillon Laforce - operator; Glenn Murray – operator, and George Brownell operator/grounds maintenance supervisor. Part-time employees of the department are: Troy Liberty – technical advisor/trouble shooting and Kyle Leggett - grounds and village maintenance. Part-time seasonal / temporary employees were: Will Macone and Ryan Gosselin - grounds and sidewalk maintenance, Jordyn Gosselin - Town Center / Library / Volunteer's Green grounds beautification and flowers. Kyle Leggett became our newest part-time year round employee in October. Kyle had previously worked for the Highway Department during the winter break and during the summer. Kyle has a great work ethic and has been a great asset to the department.

On May 4th we were hit with heavy rain which damaged the following roads: Dugway Road, Cochran Road, Stage Road, Hidden Pines Circle, Southview Drive, Huntington Road, Mountain View Road, Lawrence Road, Wortheim Road, Cemetery Road and Sherwood Forest Road. Many of these roads were reduced to one lane. Dugway Road had significant damage to two of the road crossing culverts. At the time of damage, the county had not been declared for disaster assistance. We aggressively repaired all the roads with Highway equipment and staff with minimal assistance from two contractors to keep the costs at a minimum. Three months later the county was declared for disaster assistance. The Town is eligible for \$138,000 in disaster reimbursement. Because we did the repairs in house with Highway equipment and labor, our contractor costs for the roads that we had assistance on were \$30,000.

The remaining \$108,000 was generated from Highway labor, equipment and material costs.

Highway FEMA reimbursable summer work includes the following:

Dugway Road - (Two locations) one location required closing the road for a week to repair.

John Scott Excavating of Huntington worked with the Highway Department performing the excavating for this culvert replacement. The culvert was 12 feet deep and more than we could tackle with our equipment. The failed 24 inch diameter road crossing culvert was upgraded to a 60 inch diameter culvert. At the second location we replaced a plugged 24 inch diameter road crossing culvert. Ditched and repaired the R.O.W.

Mountain View Road - Repairs were performed by Spence Excavating of Richmond. This location was also reduced to one lane and required replacing two driveway culverts, ditching, rock lining and rebuilding a damaged section of paved road. The Highway Department finished the asphalt road patch as well as ditched and rock lined the rest of the road down to Hillview Road.

Cochran Road - 300 feet of ditching and silt removal from roadway.

Stage Road - Ditched and repaired shoulder of road approximately 100 feet.

Hidden Pines Circle - Replaced undersized driveway culvert, ditched and rock lined 300 feet.

Southview Drive - Repaired shoulder washouts with rip rap stone in two locations.

Huntington Road - Repaired shoulder washouts with rip rap stone in four locations.

Lawrence Road - Repaired 400 feet of shoulder of road. Ditched and rock lined approximately 600 feet.

Wortheim Road - Repaired 100 feet of shoulder of road.

Cemetery Road - Removed debris from plugged culvert crossing, ditched and removed hill slide debris at the Hinesburg end of road.

Sherwood Forest Road - Replaced three failed driveway culverts, ditched and rock lined both sides of road.

Additional Summer work included the following:

Collins Mountain Road - Replaced a failed 24 inch road

crossing culvert. Repaved the road crossing.

Cochran Road - (unanticipated project due to immediate failure of road culvert) Excavated 12 feet deep and replaced a failed road crossing culvert. This culvert was 9 feet in diameter and 80 feet long. John Scott Excavating of Huntington was contracted to work with the Highway Department to replace this crossing. This project required closing the road for 5 days. By only contracting the excavation for this project we were able to save \$200,000 by tackling this project with Highway staff and equipment. Special thanks to Chris Brunelle - Vermont Stream Alteration engineer for fast tracking the permit process for this project.

Wes White Hill Road - Installed rip rap stone full length of paved portion of road. We received a Better Roads Grant for \$20,000 to rock line and minimize silt runoff for this road. This project involved hauling 88 loads of rip rap stone, traffic control and excavator work.

Richmond Fire Station - Excavated and removed the front parking lot asphalt. Excavated down 18 inches and replaced the gravel sub base in front of the overhead doors for new asphalt parking lot. Graded and prepared the gravel base for base course paving.

Baker Street - Excavated and removed the existing asphalt sidewalk. Excavated for new concrete sidewalk. Asphalt patched and installed top soil, seed and mulch for new concrete sidewalk.

Other seasonal work includes the following:

- Sweeping of all village streets, sidewalks and developments.
- Line striping of crosswalks and parking lots.
- Mowing and trimming of the Riverview and Bridge Street Cemeteries.
- Mowing and trimming of all Town properties including the Volunteer's Green and Brown's Court ball field.
- Roadside mowing of all town roads.
- Gravel road grading.
- Hauling gravel and rip rap stone for FEMA repairs and Better Roads Grant.
- Hauling road gravel for stock pile.
- Hauling and stockpiling winter sand.
- Additional ditching and gravel work to be completed in the spring on Besaw Road, Grandview Drive, Roger's Lane and Stage Road.

We applied for and were not awarded a VTRANS Structures Grant or Class 2 Roadway Grant due to recent awards.

Contracted work for the summer includes the following:

The paving contract was awarded to Pike Industries of Williston. Due to the quick temperature changes in the fall, and the scheduling of paving projects our Town wide paving was rescheduled for May. Pike was able to pave the base course for the Fire Station and the road patch for the Cochran Road culvert. The remaining spring paving includes the following: Shim and overlay Wes White Hill Road. Top course paving at

the Fire Station. Shim and overlay .90 miles of Cochran Road. Shim and overlay .40 miles of Jericho Road.

An excellent job done by J&M Concrete of Richmond for the new concrete sidewalk on Baker Street.

The Highway Department had two new purchases this year. The 2011 dump truck was replaced with a 2018 cab and chassis from Clarks Truck Center and the plow and body package was installed at Viking Cives of Williston. Our 2006 road grader was replaced with a 2017 demo model John Deere grader from Nortrax equipment of Williston. We greatly appreciate this new equipment and your continued support of the Capital Equipment, Gravel and Paving plans. The crew and I take pride in our work and continue to work toward better roads, bridges and sidewalks. Please don't hesitate to call me at 434-2631 or E-mail me at: pgosselin@richmondvt.gov

Peter Gosselin,

Richmond Road Foreman

WINTER SAND POLICY

The Town of Richmond makes sand available to Town residents to help them with icy sidewalks and driveways. Residents will find the sand pile across from the Town Garage on Thompson Road. The sand is supplied only for Town residents and only for use at their home. Landlords and businesses should arrange for sand spreading from a number of local contractors.

Because the sand is intended for home use, residents are asked to limit themselves to collecting two buckets per trip. It is highly recommended residents pick up their sand before a storm so they do not need to drive on icy roads. During a storm, the Road Crew is busy maintaining the roads and might not be able to restock the pile.

On another note, please remember that it is illegal to plow snow across a town road. The snow that is left in the road will freeze, causing a dangerous situation for other drivers and for the snow plow. Under 19 VSA §1105, you could be fined \$1,000 plus damages and legal fees.



Highway Dept. Hard at Work

TOWN OF RICHMOND 7 - YEAR GRAVEL PLAN

January 2019						
FISCAL YEAR	Gravel	Rental Equipment to Haul Gravel	Culvert repair or replacement	Brush clearing, flagging & ditching	Miles	Road and Mileage to receive gravel resurfacing
FY 20 Summer 2019	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$1,000	\$2,500	3.40	Stage Road - remaining 1.30 miles of 2.80 miles; Wes White Hill Road - 2.10 miles of 2.10 miles
FY 21 Summer 2020	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	2.70	Jones Mill Road - .20 miles of .20 miles Dugway Road - 2.50 miles of 3.35 miles
FY 22 Summer 2021	\$152,000	\$15,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	2.85	Dugway Road - remaining .85 miles of 3.35; Williams Hill Road - 1.40 miles of 1.40 miles; Wortheim Road - .30 miles of .30 miles; Old County Road - .30 miles of .30 miles
FY23 Summer 2022	\$152,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	3.40	Johnnie Brook Road - 1.40 miles of 1.40 miles; Snipe Ireland Road - 2.0 miles of 2.55 miles
FY 24 Summer 2023	\$155,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	3.35	Snipe Ireland Road - remaining .55 miles of 2.55 miles Hillview Road - 2.30 miles of 2.30 miles Christmas Hill Road - .50 miles of .50 miles
FY 25 Summer 2024	\$155,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	2.55	Kenyon Road - 2.25 miles of 2.25 Volunteer's Green - .30 miles of .30
FY 26 Summer 2025	\$157,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	2.60	Roger's Lane - .40 miles of .40 miles; Stage Road - 1.5 miles of 2.80 miles; Lawrence Road - .30 miles of .30 miles; Besaw Road - .10 miles of .10 miles; Grandview Drive - .30 miles of .30 miles
			7-year resurfacing cycle continues			

TOWN OF RICHMOND 12-YEAR PAVING CYCLE
January 2019

FISCAL YEAR	Budget Amount	Miles Paved or Planned	Road and Mileage to be paved	Notes
FY 20 Summer 2019	293,000	3.18	Cochran Road - remaining 3.18 miles of 3.68 miles; Dugway Road apron - .10 miles of .10 miles; Duxbury Road - .20 miles of .20 miles	Cochran Road grant eligible (Grant anticipated)
FY 21 Summer 2020	293,000	2.65	Hinesburg Road - 2.0 miles of 3.90 miles; Collins Mountain Road - .35 miles of .35 miles; Dugway Road apron - .10 miles of .10 miles; Duxbury Road - .20 miles of .20 miles	Hinesburg Road grant eligible (Hinesburg Road last resurfaced 2011) requires 2 years to resurface
FY 22 Summer 2021	294,000	2.45	Hinesburg Road - remaining 1.90 miles of 3.90 miles; Kenyon Road apron - .05 miles of .05 miles; East Hill Road - .50 miles of 1.20 miles	Hinesburg Road grant eligible (remaining segment of Hinesburg Road)
FY 23 Summer 2022	294,000	2.34	East Hill Road - remaining .70 miles of 1.20 miles; Sherwood Forest Road - .07 miles of .07 miles; Bridge Street - .57 miles of .57 miles; Burnett Court - .11 miles of .11 miles; Brown's Court - .19 miles of .19 miles; Millett Street - .13 miles of .13 miles; Tilden Avenue - .18 miles of .18 miles; Baker Street - .11 miles of .11 miles; Lemroy Court - .19 miles of .19 miles; School Street - .09 miles of .09 miles	Village Streets not grant eligible. Village Street surface condition will be assessed in 2021. Village Streets and low volume developments may be moved to a 15 year resurfacing schedule. (Bridge Street resurfacing after storm water, water main and sidewalk replacement)
FY24 Summer 2023	295,000	2.22	Jericho Road - remaining 2.0 miles of 2.33 miles; Mary Drive - .22 miles of .22 miles	Jericho Road grant eligible (Jericho Road last resurfaced in 2014) Mary Drive may be moved to a 15 year resurfacing schedule
FY25 Summer 2024	295,000	2.0	Esplanade Street - .26 miles of .26 miles; Round Church Road - .07 miles of .07 miles; Railroad Street - .16 miles of .16 miles; Hidden Pines Drive - .20 miles of .20 miles; Hidden Pines Circle - .70 miles of .70 miles; Hidden Pines Extension - .11 miles of .11 miles; Joan Avenue - .30 miles of .30 miles; Bradford Terrace - .20 miles of .20 miles	Village Streets not grant eligible (Village Streets last resurfaced in 2012. Streets resurfacing schedule may be changed to a 15 year schedule)
FY26 Summer 2025	298,000	2.04	Southview Drive - 1.30 miles of 1.30 miles; Westall Drive - .45 miles of .45 miles; Westall Extension - .09 miles of .09 miles; Town Garage rear lot - .20 miles of .20 miles	Developments not grant eligible (Developments last resurfaced 2012. Developments may be changed to a 15 year schedule)
FY 27 Summer 2026	298,000	2.30	Huntington Road - 1.50 miles of 4.15 miles; Governor Peck Highway - .80 miles of .80 miles	Huntington Road and Governor Peck Highway are grant eligible (Huntington Road requires 3 years to resurface)
FY 28 Summer 2027	300,000	1.90	Huntington Road - 1.0 miles of 4.15 miles; Hillview Road - .40 miles of .40 miles; Cemetery Road - .10 miles of .10 miles; Hillview Road - .40 miles of .40 miles	Huntington Road and Governor Peck Highway grant eligible (Huntington Road last resurfaced 2016)
FY 29 Summer 2028	300,000	2.34	Huntington Road - remaining 1.08 miles of 4.15 miles; Mountain View Road - .74 miles of .74 miles; Roger's Lane - .10 miles of .10 miles; Jonnie Brook apron - .15 miles of .15 miles; Pleasant Street - .12 miles of .12 miles; Depot Street - .15 miles of .15 miles	Huntington Road grant eligible (Huntington Road last resurfaced 2016) Village Streets resurfacing schedule may be changed to a 15 year schedule. Depot Street requires asphalt milling
FY 30 Summer 2029	300,000	2.17	Greystone Drive - .95 miles of .95 miles; Highland Drive - .20 miles of .20 miles; Apple Tree Lane - .10 miles of .10 miles; Church Street - .18 miles of .18 miles; Thompson Road - .33 miles of .33 miles; Farr Road - .11 miles of .11 miles; Town Center parking lot .25 miles of .25 miles; Fire Station - .16 miles of .16 miles	Developments and village streets not grant eligible (Developments last resurfaced 2017) Developments and village Streets may be changed to a 15 year resurfacing schedule. Church Street requires asphalt milling
FY 31 Summer 2030	305,000	2.43	Wes White Hill Road - .90 miles of .90 miles; Cochran Road - 1.20 miles of 3.68 miles; Jericho Road - .33 miles of 2.33 miles	Cochran Road and Jericho Road grant eligible (Wes White Hill and Cochran Road last resurfaced 2018)
	3,565,000	27.32	Variable: Budgetary: Loans & Grants; Inflation; Weather & Emergencies; Type of Road Repair Needed; Annual surface assessment	Village streets are estimated at a higher cost due to utilities and paving quantities. Village Streets, developments and parking lots may be changed to a 15 year resurfacing cycle.

RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Richmond Police Department underwent change this year. The Town's long time police chief, Alan Buck decided that it was time to retire and left the department the end of June 2018. Chief Buck should be commended for his 7 years of employment with the Town

as the Chief of Police and for his 41 years of dedicated in law enforcement work in the State of Vermont. His efforts in serving the public have been greatly appreciated.

With the Chief's retirement two other officers, John Hamel and Matt Nadeau decided to seek employment elsewhere. Matt, after four years of service with Richmond, was hired by the Vermont State Police and John, after three years of service with Richmond, began employment with the Williston Police Department. Their departure left Cpl. Bill Bullock, Cpl. Brett Lindemuth and Cpl. Rick Greenough the remaining officers in the Town. These three individuals have worked hard to ensure the Town had police coverage. Cpl's Bullock, Lindemuth and Greenough along with the departments long time administrative assistant Dianne Corbett are acknowledged and thanked for their dedication and commitment to the Town of Richmond. We would not have been able to keep police services going without them. The department was also augmented by the Vermont State Police providing shift coverage when necessary. The Vermont State Police without hesitation offered to provide whatever services Richmond needed to help the police department through this transition. The Williston Police Department has also provided mutual aid assistance when appropriate and necessary for which we are thankful.

Francis (Paco) X. Aumand III was hired in July on a part time basis to help administer the department and hire new officers. The Select Board explored the idea of some type of alternatives (regionalizing services) to the current police delivery model. After some community discussion in support of retaining a Richmond Police Department a decision was made to fill the current police vacancies and hire a new Chief. The idea of an alternative police service delivery model was abandoned. In October we were fortunate to hire and welcome Officer Harley Pecor to fill one of the vacant police officer positions. She holds a level 2 law enforcement certification and last worked for the Windsor, VT Police Department. The decision was made to hold off hiring the second police officer position until a new chief is hired. However, the FY 20 budget process has reduced the vacant full time officer position to a part time police position. Currently a hiring process is in place to find a new police chief with the hopes of having a person hired by mid April. This will leave the complement of full

time police officer at a Chief and four (4) officers.

The discussions about a new police facility came to a head at this year's (2018) town meeting day. An article asking voters if they supported continued efforts to finalize a plan for a new building to house the Richmond Police Department at a cost not exceed \$3,000,000 was voted down. This action has side tracked any further discussion on a needed new police facility.

FY 2020 Budget

As of this writing the budget for the police department has not been finalized. However, indications are the budget will represent a 6.13% decrease over FY 19's request. This in large part is due to conversion of a full time police officer position to part time and a reduction in police cruiser expense. One vehicle will be acquired (leased) in FY 20 instead of two. This change is part of the normal cycle of leasing police cruiser replacements and does not represent a vehicle reduction. Overtime has been reduced as well by \$3,000.

The Town of Richmond is considering participating in the community Outreach program in place already in 6 other Chittenden County Communities. The goal of the Community Outreach Program is to create a supportive presence in the Municipalities that belong to the program and to provide a timely response in collaboration with local law enforcement to individuals with social service needs and problematic behaviors' that are non-criminal and often based on a or related to the individual's mental health issues or substance abuse. Participation in this program will be at budgeted cost of \$9,205 which is already factored into the 6.13% police cost reduction over FY 19.

Statistical Information

An analysis of reported incidents to the Richmond Police Department was reviewed for the two year period 01/01/2016 – 12/31/2017. The following are highlights from this analysis;

- Friday is the busiest day of the week followed by Thursday and Saturday.
- Day shift is the busiest time between our two shifts with the 3:00 p.m. hour being the busiest time of day for reported incidents.
- July was the busiest month of the year in 2016 and 2017. However statistical information for 2018, due in large part to the loss of staff, seems to indicate April is the busiest .
- Agency assists are the number one calls for service followed by motor vehicle complaints and reports of suspicious activity are the third largest reported incident and accidents being the fourth largest reported incident.
- The busiest time day of week for accidents is Friday and most accidents seem to be reported during the 2:00 p.m. hour.

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- Rt. 2 both West Main and East Main Streets are the primary areas where accidents occur.

- The park and ride and West Main Street area receive the most motor vehicle complaints. The second most response location by the Richmond Police Department for motor vehicle complaints is Interstate 89 assisting the State Police.

- Generally, reported incidents occur in large numbers on I 89, in the area of the Middle and Elementary Schools, in the area of Cumberland Farms and Umiak Outfitters, and in the area of the Richmond Mobil. The number one location for reported incidents is at the Police Department on Bridge Street. This should not be interpreted as these locations being crime areas but as high population/traffic areas where incidents (from assists to crimes) are reported from.

If you would like further statistical information on police reported incidents both in Richmond, in Vermont or nationally you may find this information at the following web sites, <https://vcic.vermont.gov/> and <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr>.

The Richmond Police Department has been working hard at providing a police service that the community wants. The police officers have listened to the community and are striving to meet their needs. The police officers in the Town of Richmond are dedicated to this community and I am thankful to them for responding to the community needs in such a positive and constructive way. You will notice there is a drop in motor vehicle traffic tickets issued in 2018. This is due in large part to the loss of veteran officers.

Thank you to the Select Board, all Town Employees, Town Manager and the Community for your continued support of the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted:

Francis (Paco) X. Aumand III

-Interim Director of Police Services

Richmond Police Department Yearly Comparison Summary by Month

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	October	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Warnings													
2018	87	111	95	99	92	87	15	16	19	15	26	16	678
2017	181	149	160	81	83	102	125	126	89	48	70	101	1315
% Change		-				-	-				-		
by Month	-52%	26%	-41%	22%	11%	15%	88%	-87%	-79%	-69%	63%	-84%	-48%

Tickets													
2018	93	104	95	109	81	65	18	27	32	13	26	14	677
2017	140	126	119	85	76	113	152	124	100	77	48	64	1224
% Change		-				-	-				-		
by Month	-34%	17%	-20%	28%	7%	42%	88%	-78%	-68%	-83%	46%	-78%	-45%

Law Incidents													
2018	106	77	125	114	121	104	87	100	72	95	83	93	1177
2017	96	104	106	93	117	134	149	101	100	120	94	129	1343
% Change		-				-	-				-		
by Month	10%	26%	18%	23%	3%	22%	42%	-1%	-28%	-21%	12%	-28%	-12%

Arrests													
2018	7	4	11	5	7	5	3	0	0	0	1	0	43
2017	6	6	4	6	11	11	12	6	6	9	9	3	89
% Change		-		-	-	-	-		-		-	-	
by Month	17%	33%	175%	17%	36%	55%	75%	-100%	100%	-100%	89%	100%	-52%

Police Statistics 2018

Law Incidents		Traffic Tickets		Traffic Warnings Cont'd	
911 Hang Ups	24	Basic Rule	25	No Registration	22
Accidents	104	Cell Phone	23	Signals Required	19
Agency Assists	194	Condition of Vehicle	31	Speed	157
Animal Problem	22	Display of Plates	13	Stop/Yield Intersections	38
Assault	2	Driving License Suspended	27	Texting	10
Burglary Alarm	64	Driving Rds Laned for Traffic	14	Traffic Control	24
Burglary	4	Fail Carry Registration	23		
Citizen Assist	59	I89 Regulations	9	Total Warnings	678
Citizen Dispute	24	Inspection	129		
Directed Patrol	48	Insurance Certificate	20	Arrests/Offenses	
DLS	6	Local Speed	216		
DUI	7	Miscellaneous	51	Aggravated Assault	1
Family Fight	14	No Registration	40	Agg Assault on Police Officer	1
Found Property	12	Operating Without License	11	Assault obn Law Enforcement	1
Fraud	11	Possession of Marijuana	8	Assault Simple	1
Juvenile Problems	32	Signals Required	7	Bad Checks	2
Miscellaneous	89	Stop/Yield Intersections	10	Conduct - Fighting	1
MV Complaint	146			Contempt of Court	2
Parking Problem	21	Total Traffic Tickets	657	DLS	6
Property Watch	29			Domestic Assault	3
Sex Offender Reg	26	Traffic Warnings		DUI	12
				False Info/Implicating Another	1
Suspicious	94	Cell Phone	7	False Personating	1
Theft	30	Condition of Vehicle	94	Miscellaneous	5
Threatening	9	Display of Plates	23	Petty Larceny	1
Traffic Hazard	25	Driving Rds Laned for Traffic	21	Receiving Stolen Property	2
Vandalism	9	Failure to Carry Reg	13	Resisting Arrest	2
Vin Inspection	39	I89 Regulations	8	Simple Assault	1
Welfare Check	33	Illumination	8	Unlawful Trespass	1
		Inspections	119	Violations of Conditions	3
Total Law Incidents	1177	Insurance	74	Total Arrests/Offense	45
		Local Speed	140		
		Miscellaneous	0		
		No License/Poss of License	22		

RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT



In 2018, the Richmond Fire Department responded to 163 alarms. The breakdown is as follows: 0 structure fires, 3 grass/brush fires, 13 rescue assists, 18 mutual-aid calls, 2 hazardous material calls, 13 carbon monoxide calls, 15 power line problems, 51 motor vehicle accidents on I-89, 29 motor vehicle accidents not on I-89, 8 miscellaneous calls, 2 electrical issues, 3 sprinkler alarms, 3 home owner assist, 2 chimney fires and 1 house hit by lighting.

The members of the Richmond Fire Department are: Chief Dennis Gile, Assistant Chief Gerald Levesque, 2nd Assistant Chief Mike Parent, Captain Michael Carter, Mark Klonicke, Jake Kilpeck and Lieutenant Braden Yeates. The Treasurer is Sherry Gile. The firefighters are: Richard Dana, Christopher Fahner, Byran Moreau, Kevin O'Grady, Luke O'Leary, Harry Schoppmann, Harland Stockwell, Aaron Toth, Eric Wood, Braden Yeates and Paul Zugaro.

This year we had one member complete the Basic Firefighter course. He was Kevin O'Grady.

We have two members, Christopher Fahner and Aaron Toth that are presently taking the Fire Fighter 1 and 2 courses.

Thanks to Mark Klonicke for writing and being awarded a grant for the fire department from the Vermont Department of Forests and Parks. We received fire hose, nozzles, chainsaw operator chaps, the new style backpack pump and tools. This was a 50/50 grant. The equipment was greatly needed as we had only tools. Thanks Mark.

Richmond Fire Department continues to use Shelburne Dispatch as our emergency dispatcher. Thank you once again for an excellent job. Shelburne Dispatch has also agreed to issue burning permits for Richmond. They may be reached at 985-8051.

We, the Richmond Fire Department, would like to thank our mutual aid departments for responding to Richmond. They are as follows: Bolton Fire Dept., Huntington Fire Dept., Williston Fire Dept., Hinesburg Fire Dept. and the Underhill Jericho Fire Dept.

To date the Richmond Fire Department has 5 trucks: a 2009 pickup brush truck; a 2005 rescue truck which has extrication tools for car accidents, exhaust fans, a generator, chain saws and whatever needed for house fires and car accident; our new 2015 Engine 2 truck has a 1250 GPM and an 1800-gallon water tank; our 2011 Engine 1 is a pumper tanker which has a 1250 GPM pump and a 1000 gallon tank; and the new 2019 truck is our Engine 3 which is a pumper tanker. It has a 1250 GPM pump and a 2000, gallon tank.

We would like to thank the voters of the town of Richmond for approving a bond vote to purchase a new 2019 Toyne pumper tanker with a 1250 pump and 2000 gallons water tank. This truck was purchased from Toyne Fire Apparatus with Local Representative of Shakerly Fire Sales in Clifton Park, N.Y. This truck will be replacing our 2001 Engine. 3. The new truck was delivered on 12/27/2018.

We can't forget our 1932 MAXUM. A lot of work was put into the truck to get it running again thanks to Jake Kilpeck and Luke O'Leary.

We had one member retire from the Fire Department, this year. 2nd Asst. Chief Chris Siple had been on the

Department. for 35 years! We will miss Chris for all the time and effort he put into the Dept. If there were any problems with anything, we could always count on Chris to get it fixed. If he could not fix it, he always knew someone that could.

We are always looking for volunteers for the fire department. There is a great need for daytime firefighters. Please contact our business line at 434-2002 or any firefighter to receive an application. The requirements are: 18 years of age, in good physical condition and the desire to help your fellow citizens in an emergency. This is an excellent way to serve your community.

REMEMBER OUR ORGANIZATION WOULD BE BETTER WITH YOU IN IT

Dennis Gile
Fire Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL SUMMARY as of 6/30/2018

Assets:

Cash & Bank Accounts:

RFD checking	\$ 2,745.25
RFD savings	\$ 4,611.56
Total Assets	\$ 7,356.81

Liabilities & equity:

Equity	\$ 7,356.81
Liabilities	\$ -
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 7,356.81

Submitted by Sherry Gile, RFD Treasurer

911 SIGNS

Help us, Help you! The time it takes to reach your home or business, once the Emergency Response System has been activated, is of the utmost importance. The sooner we can be on-scene and responding to your emergency, the sooner we can help you.

How many times has a friend, the pizza guy, or anyone else told you that they could not see or find a house number for you and had to turn around and come back? Have YOU ever had to do the same thing trying to find a home or business? You can help us avoid that.

What can you do to help us, help you? You can:

- Put 4" reflective numbers on your mailbox (smaller ones are not easy to see)
- Put 4" reflective numbers and/or letters on your apartment door
- Purchase a green, reflective 911 sign for \$10, from Richmond Rescue, 216 Railroad Street, or order online at www.richmondrescue.org
- Put that reflective 911 sign at the end of your driveway, close to the road.

When we respond to a call, we want to know that we are heading to the correct address.

Like a carbon monoxide detector and/or a smoke detector can give you peace of mind and potentially save your life, so can having a reflective 911 sign near the road.

RICHMOND FREE LIBRARY

Sometimes it's interesting to see what's going on "by the numbers," so here are some from the Richmond Free Library, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018:

Registered adult patrons: 1,871.

Registered youth patrons: 386.

Total holdings: 24,071 items (1094 adult audio, 11095 adult print, 1137 adult video, 359 youth audio, 8441 youth print, 338 youth video).

Circulation of physical items: 35,089.

Estimated digital downloads: 5386.

As always, The Friends of the Richmond Free Library have been particularly helpful in sustaining and expanding Library offerings. They underwrite 80% of the Library's summer youth programs and pay for special acquisitions, programs and performers. In the past year, the Friends provided an additional \$1300 to expand our Playaway collection and \$1670 to help us update our juvenile non-fiction collection. If you aren't able to make it to the fantastic annual book sale in February, remember the Library maintains a "perpetual" book sale in the foyer where you can acquire great titles and contribute to the Friends' funds and their support of the Library.

The Library (particularly Wendy de Forest, Youth Director and Jennifer Esser) puts a lot of energy into providing programs for area youth: A total of 198 programs with 3,943 attendees were offered. The offerings included regular programs such as Playgroup, Baby Laptime, Early Bird Math, Kids' Yoga, visits to area childcare providers, Part II Rockin' Readers at the Richmond Elementary School, Read to Tippy the Dog, Lego Club, and Mud-Season Playgroup and Storytime. Special programming included, Video Camp, Drag Queen Storytime, Queen Elsa Storytime, Kid Art Reception, Mansfield Coop Performance in conjunction with the Vermont Reads title, "Bread and Roses, Too!", Babysitter Training and our annual Baby Brunch to meet and greet our very newest patrons and their parents.

Of course, every summer the Library provides a great summer reading experience with reading themes and programs. During the 2017 Summer Program "Build a Better World," 29 programs were offered and 939 people attended. The Summer Program launched with Dinoman who came with actual size inflatable dinosaurs and lots of explanations about the dinosaurs of the Mesozoic era. Additional programs included Butterflies: Habits and Habitats with Jerry Schneider (kids also made custom butterfly t-shirts), Yoga for Kids, an Ice Cream Social and movie, Fantastic Beasts, music and sing-alongs, Birds of Vermont "eggs-ploration," and a series of book and art sessions offered in partnership with Radiate Art Space.

In addition to the youth activities, the Library supports a variety of adult activities from book discussions, knit night, and special presentations. The Mystery Book Group explores different mystery authors and the (Mostly) Fiction Book Group explores varied books. The Library contracted with the Vermont Humanities Council to feature three talks, Rosie's Mom – about women working in factories during WWI, Alfred Hitchcock and the Art of Suspense, and Song of the Vikings – a talk on the early history of Iceland and how the Norse myths came to be written. The Library collaborated with the Green Mountain Audubon Society to bring speakers on a variety of topics dealing with the wildlife, particularly birds, Aging Well to offer Tai Chi, UVM Medical Center to offer a Diabetes Prevention workshop series, as well as other programs. In October, the Library hosted "Soup and Stories," a wonderful evening with a variety of soup prepared by staff and trustees

and the Vermont vignettes of Bill Torrey and Bill Schubart.

We were particularly honored to be selected by the Vermont Humanities Council to be a venue for a talk by Katherine Paterson, author of *Bread and Roses, Too!* This book told the story of the 1912 textile worker strikes in Lawrence, Massachusetts and their connection to Barre, Vermont. Ms. Paterson, a Barre resident and multiple award winning author, gave a wonderful and engaging talk.

Each month, the library features exhibits in our display case and uses the walls on the first floor as a gallery for talented local artists. Exhibits have featured art from the Richmond Elementary School, special photography from William Kneen, paintings from various artists, brooches from Sheila Fazackerly's collection, Marilyn Cochran Brown's ski memorabilia (including some of her medals), cameras through the years from Ted Lyman, and much more. These offerings are always delightful and often inspire reflection.

Besides all the books, magazines and movies people carry home, a library card can also gain free or discounted entrance into many area museums and state parks. The passes we offer circulate constantly, thus expanding the reach of the library and increasing the value of a library card.

If you want to stay informed on library activities, new materials and upcoming initiatives provide us with your email address and we'll add you to our email newsletter service. You can also visit the library's website at www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org or like us on Facebook where you can see previews of our monthly art and collection displays and announcements of special events. And remember, you don't have to be a registered patron to come and enjoy the library and its offerings, but you'll get even more with your membership!

Feel free to speak with any member of the Trustees about the Library: Laurie Dana (Chair), Ellen Crary (Secretary), Keith Frantz (treasurer), Jenna Bisset, and Jana Brown. The trustees have completed the Strategic Plan for 2018-2022 focusing on the following five areas: building resources in all formats, subjects, age groups and abilities; improving the Library's interior and exterior space for comfort and gatherings; expanding partnerships with area groups and organizations; providing positive and supportive interactions with all our visitors; and providing activities to address the broad needs and interests of the community.

--Submitted by **Rebecca Mueller**, Director



Dinos at Story Time

ZONING OFFICE

The Zoning Administrative Officer is responsible for the administrative review, implementation, and enforcement of Town regulations and ordinances related to land development and use. If you have any questions about whether a project or use is subject to regulation, please stop by or call the Planning and Zoning Office at the Town Center for more information and guidance. Permits are required for such activities as new construction, deconstruction of buildings, site alterations (removing/adding fill, digging etc.), renovations and additions, fences, decks/porches, home occupations, signs, and changes of use. This list is not exhaustive, so it's best to look at the regulations or call the Planning and Zoning Office to confirm. Permits applications are available at the Town Center or online at the town website.

If a project is being planned, please note that certain time frames apply. Once a complete application is received, the Zoning Administrative Officer has 30 days to make a decision [VSA§4448(d)]. After a permit application is approved, there is an additional 15-day

appeal period where an "interested person" may appeal the Zoning Administrative Officer's decision, and no work may commence until this period expires [VSA§4465(a)]. Please plan your work with these time frames in mind.

If you have any concerns about construction or activities taking place that are possible zoning violations, please contact the Planning and Zoning Office.

Additionally, as the Town E-911 Coordinator, the Zoning Administrative Officer is responsible for updating emergency 911 information, including the creation of new roads created by subdivisions and new construction to maintain accurate mail, home delivery and emergency service information. Please remember to post your house number within view from the road to assist emergency personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Mantegna

Zoning Administrative Officer

smantegna@richmondvt.gov

802-434-2430



PLANNING COMMISSION

WE DID IT! The 2018 Town Plan is completed and adopted. Thank you to everyone for your participation and energy. We are now considering changes to the Zoning and Subdivision regulations. Please reach out to the town planner, Jessica Draper, to schedule time with the planning commission or to provide public comment on our current regulations (jdraper@richmondvt.gov) Zoning changes require careful consideration and a legal adoption process. Keep an eye on the town website and front porch forum for updates as the process progresses.

Our current planning commission includes Mark Fausel, Chair; Brian Tellstone, Vice Chair; Joy Reap, Alison Anand, Lauck Parke, Scott Nickerson, and Virginia Clarke. We welcome and encourage public attendance at

our meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm, Town Center Meeting Room (unless otherwise posted). We look forward to another year of community engagement!

Respectfully Submitted,

Richmond Planning Commission: **Mark Fausel**, Chair; **Brian Tellstone**, Vice Chair; **Joy Reap**, **Alison Anand**, **Lauck Parke**, **Scott Nickerson**, and **Virginia Clarke**

RICHMOND HEALTH OFFICER

The Town Health Officer handles issues of public health and safety. Situations often involve inspecting rental units for housing code compliance, investigating potentially hazardous spills or garbage dumps and reviewing public buildings for health code compliance. Another important role of the Town Health Officer is investigating animal bites to ensure the animal does not carry the rabies virus. Rabies is 100% deadly, but 100% preventable! The impact of bites by these animals can be catastrophic for the victim, owner, and pet. Please do your part for public health by ensuring your dog is vaccinated and registered with the Town Clerk. If you have public health concerns or questions about your individual situation, please contact the Town Manager or Town Clerk.



Andrews Town Forest

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Town of Richmond Development Review Board (DRB) conducts public hearings for land development, including applications for conditional use, site plan reviews, land development, and development in floodplains. The DRB also considers appeals of decisions by the Zoning Administrative Officer and variance requests.

During calendar year 2018, the DRB reviewed applications, conducted hearings, and made decisions for 22 land development applications. Note: Sketch Plan Review does not receive a decision but is more of a conversation.

Application Number	Parcel Code	Applicant Name	Application Type	Decision
2018-003	RG0088	J. Hutchins	Conditional Use - sketch	Sketch
2018-006	EM0112	Don & Bonnie Morin	Conditional Use - sketch	Sketch
2018-010	SR0455	Cowan Realty LLC	Preliminary and Final Subdivision, 2-lot	Approved
2018-011	Powers	Andrew Powers	Conditional Use- triplex	Denied
2018-012	FL0068	Falcon Property Management	Conditional Use for a the raising of multiple mobile homes in the SFHA	Approved
2018-020	JC0074	Buttermilk	Conditional Use for mixed use building	Approved
2018-026	WM0035	Cindy Feloney	Site Plan Review	Approved
2018-027	CO0333	Nest Properties	Preliminary and Final Subdivision- PRD	Denied
2018-034	TR0055	Gary & Jean Bressor	Subdivision Sketch Review- PRD	Sketch
2018-040	RG0090	Willaim & Linda Donovan	Subdivision Sketch Review	Sketch
2018-044	BR0039	J & L Fath Properties	Conditional Use- sketch	Sketch
2018-051	KR0793	Roman Livak	Preliminary Subdivision Review- 3-lot	Approved
2018-053	JM0098	Blair Knowles	Conditional Use to raise home in SFHA	Approved
2018-066	HI1717	Jeffrey Edwards	Conditional Use- stream alteration in SFHA	Approved
2018-067	CO0910	Cochran's Ski Area	Conditional Use- to add trail lights	Approved
2018-068	CO0333	Nest Properties	Preliminary Subdivision Review PRD	Approved
2018-092	CO0004 / TR0069	Feinson & Bressor	Preliminary & Final Subdivision PRD	Approved Preliminary
2018-100	RR0216	Richmond Rescue	Conditional Use- addition	Approved
2018-115	RG0090	William & Linda Donovan	Preliminary & Final Subdivision- 2-lot	Approved Preliminary
2018-127	EM1129	Town of Richmond & Town Forest Comm.	Conditional Use to add kiosk	Approved
2018-129	CO0004/ TR0069	Feinson & Bressor	Final Subdivision Review PRD	Approved
2018-140	KR0793	Roman Livak	Final Subdivision Review- 3 lot	Continued

This year the DRB said goodbye to Member Ian Bender and welcomed Padraic Monks as a new member. The DRB has one vacancy for an Alternate. Please contact Suzanne Mantegna if you wish to apply.

The Development Review Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Richmond Town Center Meeting Room and other times as needed. The Development Review Board welcomes and encourages the participation of the Richmond citizens at its hearings. Input from neighbors and interested parties

assist the Development Review Board with its analysis of a project and decision-making

Hearings/meetings are advertised via newspaper, on Town Center meeting bulletin boards, and on the town web site. Additional information for each meeting is available from the Zoning Administrator/Staff to the DRB at the Planning & Zoning Office at 434-2430 or smantegna@richmondvt.gov. The DRB members are **David Sunshine**, Chair; **Matt Dyer**, Vice-Chair; **Roger Pedersen**, **Gabriel Firman**, **Padraic Monks**, and **Alternate Alison Anand**.

RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2018 RHS Officers

Fran Thomas – President

Martha Turner – Vice President

Connie Carpenter – Secretary

Geoff Urbanik – Treasurer

Round Church

In 2018 the Historical Society had the inside of all the windows scraped and painted. It was a painstaking job, but definitely needed. We were lucky to have Jesse Naumann and Ross Cooper, who painted the exterior of the church in 2017, come back to do the windows. The light bulbs on the window candles were replaced with new LED bulbs resulting in a decrease in electricity use. The Historical Society worked with Karen McCloud of Silver Cloud Designs to design and have fabricated an informational sign, which was installed outside of the Church this past fall. Now those who visit the church when it is not open, will be able to learn some of the history of the church, by reading the sign and viewing the photos.

Projects under consideration for 2019 include working with the Town to improve outside lighting, painting the ceiling and floor, planting a new evergreen as a future Christmas tree and a new “Event Parking” sign for our grass parking area.

RHS Highlights

February - Annual Meeting and Winter Program - program presented by Karen Yaggy – reading of excerpts from the diary of Betsy Squires Flagg – a Kenyon Road farm wife; relevant photos from our collection were also shown.

April – hosted a well-received display of artifacts and photographs from the RHS archives in the Town Center meeting room. The exhibit included documents, photographs and other Richmond history relics as well as several slide shows of images from our digital collection.

May – Held a successful work day at the Round Church to clean the inside of the church, wash windows and spruce up the grounds around the church.

July– hosted a concert by two Vermont musical groups Ema Lu and the Beat and The Phineas Gage Band – two enjoyable performances

August – hosted an afternoon concert with musicians from Young Tradition Vermont and an evening concert with the group Pete’s Posse

- Annual concert in the Round Church by the choral group The Social Band.

September – annual Old Round Church Pilgrimage hosted by the Richmond Congregational Church

November – Annual potluck dinner with a presentation by well-known story teller Bill Torrey.

December – held two Christmas Carol Sings in the Round

Church led annually by Tom Walters and friends

- Annual Round Church New Year’s Eve Concert - The concert featured performances by Romy and Ben Monkres from Young Tradition Vermont, Old Sky, Emerald Rae and Pete’s Posse for a wonderful evening of great music without having to leave Richmond. Thanks to our major sponsor The Richmond Market and Beverage and second tier sponsors Don Sheldon’s Valley Stage Productions and Andy’s Dandys, the Congregational Church for use of their space and to Tristan Henderson and Marie Claire Whiteford for securing such great musicians and handling the evening’s logistics. We also wish to thank Bill Kneen who loans us his lights each year. We continue to receive numerous thanks from the attendees for our efforts to provide an alternative New Year’s Eve event with such wonderful music at an affordable price. The proceeds from the evening go to help maintain the Round Church.

Preservation Efforts

The Richmond Historical Society would like to thank the following for their donations of a variety of items relative to the history of Richmond: Bill Preston, Gary Bressor, Holly Scudder Chase, Martha Nye, Don Jenkins, Joe Buley, Connie Carpenter, Jack Linn, Kate Andrews Couture, Camels Hump Middle School, Dave Sobel, Fran Thomas, Mo Humphrey, and the Bressor family.

We encourage Richmond families to consider donating to the Historical Society items that are pertinent to Richmond’s history. You never know what historical items might be in your attic or basement or that of a relative. We always welcome Richmond related contributions to our collection.

Thanks to the efforts of Mo Humphrey, all 440 of the Bishop glass plate negatives have been scanned and digitized. We truly appreciate Mo’s enthusiasm and time spent to get this activity completed. He is now working on the 300 glass plate negatives donated by the Bressor family. Our goal is to make the scanned images available for viewing on the internet.

Our long-term goal continues to be to have access to suitable storage, work and display space. We want to get memorabilia held by the Historical Society, which are currently stored under beds, in attics and basements, into a safe space where they can be easily accessed and preserved.

Richmond History Books – Our supply of history books is almost exhausted. If you have one gathering dust and wish to recycle it, we would be happy to pass it along to someone wishing to acquire a copy.

Round Church Volunteers - Weddings and tourists continue to be the main sources of the income needed

to maintain the Round Church. Our 39 volunteer guides from late May until mid-October welcomed visitors from 47 states and 19 countries. Volunteers also assisted at 7 weddings. We thank Martha Turner, guide coordinator, and Mary Ann Barnes, wedding and church use coordinator, for their efforts. Over time the number of weddings has dropped off from a high of 42 in the 90's to a much smaller number, thus reducing our source of income for maintenance of the church.

We were saddened by the passing of our long time treasurer and Round Church guide, Joyce White. We will truly miss her contributions and friendship in the coming years.

As president of the Richmond Historical Society I am thankful for the dedicated members of the Society's Board – Catherine Coggio, Connie Carpenter, Gary Bressor, Sally Singer, Geoff Urbanik, Deb Hardy, Martha Turner, Karen Yaggy, Mary Ann Barnes and Harriet Riggs. It is because of their efforts that we continue to make great strides in preserving and sharing the history of Richmond and maintaining the Old Round Church.

However, the Historical Society is seriously in need of more involvement by members of the community. Any organization can become stagnant without new members and new ideas. We would like to make better use of social media and increase our efforts to preserve our collection and make it accessible on the internet. Please contact one of our members if you wish to be involved in preserving and sharing Richmond's history, guiding or helping with weddings at the Round Church, or in any aspect of the Historical Society. For more information, visit our website at www.oldroundchurch.com or write to us at rhs@oldroundchurch.com.

VCIL Vermont Center for Independent Living

People with disabilities working together for dignity, independence, and civil rights

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Richmond in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).



Young Tradition Vermont at Round Church



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 76 Pearl Street, Ste. 201
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For more than 40 years, Age Well has provided services and support that allow seniors to stay independent, and remain healthy at home, where they want to be.

Thanks to past support from the Town of Richmond, we have been able to offer care & service coordination, nutritious meals; wellness programs; social activities; transportation services; expertise on Medicare, and long and short-term care options; and a Helpline. Last year, Age Well served 103 people from Richmond. There were 96 calls to the Helpline; 1,590 Meals on Wheels delivered; 173 congregate meals; over 100 hours of Care & Service Coordination; and over 20 hours of options counseling.

Vermont is ranked as the second “oldest” state in the country and the population of seniors is only expected to grow. The state’s senior population is expected to nearly double in the next fifteen years. Older adults living in rural areas have less access to healthcare, including specialized healthcare, and the services tend to be more costly than those provided in metropolitan areas. Overwhelmingly, Vermonters want to grow old in their own homes, Age Well provides the services and support to ensure that is a possibility.

We request continued support in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Town of Richmond. As a non-profit, most of our services are provided at no charge and we rely on donations and town funding to continue to help our aging population.

Age Well’s Mission: To provide the support and guidance that inspires our community to embrace aging with confidence.



Need help finding help?
Dialing 2-1-1 or Texting your zip code to 898211
 is your first step.

Are you facing difficult times and don't know where to turn?
Vermont 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember three-digit phone number that connects you with the services that can help you.


Looking for help with everyday needs?
 At 2-1-1, you will speak to someone who will provide the human touch, help to solve problems, and link callers throughout Vermont with government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local resources.

When should you contact 2-1-1?
 Call 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898211 for everyday needs and in difficult times. 24/7/365 or 1-866-652-4636 toll-free in Vermont or 1-802-652-4636 from outside Vermont.

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*In Vermont, call 9-1-1 to save a life, stop a crime or report a fire;
 Contact 2-1-1 for community information and referral.*

VERMONT 2-1-1 REPORT

Vermont 2-1-1 is a statewide Information and Referral program of the United Ways of Vermont. By dialing 2-1-1 or texting your zip code to 898211, you will receive up-to-date information and referrals on health and human services for your area and region.

By contacting 2-1-1, information is much easier to find. 2-1-1 is a free local call and provides confidential community information and referrals. When you contact Vermont 2-1-1, you will receive person-to-person assistance, 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Language translation services are also available.

Now you can access services right from your Android and Apple device by using the Vermont 2-1-1 mobile app. Just search your phone’s app store for “Vermont 2-1-1”.

Vermont 2-1-1 is the entry point of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Vermont Agency of Human Services Afterhours Emergency Housing and information, as well as serving as the Public Inquiry Line for Vermont Emergency Management during an incident or emergency, such as the 2015 flooding in Montpelier. Vermont 2-1-1 staff will assist callers with evacuation routes, shelters, commodity points of distribution locations, federal reimbursement procedures and more.

Dialing the simple three digit number, 2-1-1, or texting your zip code to 898211, can become as automatic to anyone with a health and human service need as dialing 9-1-1 is in an emergency. We can make sure Vermonters have access to community, faith and state-based services to help them with everyday needs and in difficult times.

Vermont 2-1-1 participates in the Vermont Department of Health’s statewide Help Me Grow initiative. Help Me Grow provides a centralized telephone access point, via Vermont 2-1-1, for parents, caregivers, and providers to get information and referrals for local services for children birth through age eight. Help Me Grow Child Development Specialists answer questions about children’s behavior and development and help identify children who are at risk for delays, so that services can begin as early as possible. Help Me Grow Child Development Specialists are available from 9:00am-6:00pm Monday-Friday by dialing 2-1-1.

Want to subscribe to our monthly newsletter? Our e-newsletter shares monthly statistics on the needs of Vermonters, highlights resources and keeps you up-to-date on new initiatives. To see or subscribe to our newsletter, go to: <http://www.vermont211.org/news/monthly-newsletter>

For further information: dial 2-1-1 or 1-866-652-4636 www.vermont211.org

PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

The July 4th celebration went off without a hitch this year. Beautiful weather, but very hot and lots of people! It was a great parade, which was broadcast live on MMCTV.

The theme of this year's parade was "America the Beautiful". There was plenty of red, white & blue to go around. This year the parade was judged in a slightly different way, with a trophy being given to the winning business float. Arabesque Dance Studio won the bragging rights for the first year, along with the possession of the traveling trophy. It was quite moving when Matt Felis, first prize winner for the Family & Friends division shared the Pledge of Allegiance with the hundreds of viewers at the "four corners"

After the parade, the celebration continued at Volunteer's Green, with fun, food and music for all. Car show enthusiasts and auction participants had plenty to keep them busy. The Richmond Community Band performed an outstanding concert at the band shell. DJ Toni Basata spun tunes in the band stand all day. Northern Comfort played in the park up until the start of the fireworks. Something new this year, the Western Slopes Business Association joined the festivities with their craft and art show. The fireworks display was spectacular. Thanks are extended to our major sponsors Richmond Home Supply, Jamieson Insurance, Richmond Market & Beverage, Greensea Systems, P&P Septic, Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom and Mt Mansfield Community Television. Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop #23 and

Greensea Systems who helped make setting up the tents a breeze.

Several new residents joined in the planning and working this year, but we are still in need of people who will put in a few hours of work on July 4. We understand that everyone likes to be with their family, so do the committee members. Any help would be appreciated. Planning for the 2019 celebration, we are in need of an organization that could organize and run the hot dog / hamburger tent. We have all the information you need to do it. Also we have the tent and can arrange for the grill. Start checking with your committee members or employees to convince them to join in the fun.

We look forward to the 2019 parade & festivities. Please consider volunteering some time...a good time is had by all. We can always use more help with the coin drop 2 weeks before the 4th...you can be an active part in Richmond's biggest party.

JULY 4TH PARADE WINNERS

**Business trophy: Arabesque Etc. Dance
Friends & Family:**

1st: Celebrate America, Matt Felis

2nd: Terry Moultrou Family

3rd: Lisa & Roy, Save Our Strays

Honorable Mention:

"We the People" Andrew Bessette

**Horse Awards: Buck & Dick ~ Kilpeck Family
Frankie ~ Peggy Murray • Locksly ~ Lois Grigg**

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Your Health Department district office is in Burlington at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call!

At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. We partner with local organizations, businesses and health care providers to ensure we're equipped to respond to the community's needs.

In 2018, we worked in partnership with communities to:

- Increase capacity statewide to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and with Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP).

- Prevent and control the spread of infectious disease. In 2018 we spent \$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers around the state to make sure children and adults are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases.

- Promote wellness by focusing on walking and biking safety, reducing tobacco exposure, and increasing access to healthy foods through the implementation of local projects and municipal strategies.

- Serve families and children with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program. In 2018, we served over 11,000 families. WIC families supported farmers by purchasing Vermont grown fruits and vegetables at farmers markets

around Chittenden County by redeeming Farm to Family coupons.

- Share new data and reports including the Vermont Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Pilot Report which is helping Vermonters understand and address the risk of lead in school drinking water, and the Injury and Violence in Vermont report, which is shedding light on the risk of suicide among youths.

- Work with businesses in planning and starting worksite wellness strategies to improve on-the-job opportunities for health for employees including creating Breastfeeding Friendly businesses to support working mothers.

- Work with local partners, including, schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a public health emergency.

- Improve understanding of how to stay healthy at work, home, and in the community through initiatives and resources related to 3-4-50, Help Me Grow, WIC, Building Bright Futures, Be Tick Smart, 802Quits, and the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer project.

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov

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RICHMOND STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Representative Marcia Lawrence Gardner

Thank you for your trust in me. It's an honor to serve as your representative in Montpelier. With the uncertainty and chaos coming from Washington, my primary focus is on protecting our families and helping our communities thrive. I'm fighting for a Vermont where Vermonters can afford high-quality health care, attain a great education, and retire with security.

The following is a brief overview of the legislation that was passed in the second year of the 2017-18 biennium. For a complete listing of all the bills passed in 2018, go to: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/2018-Act-Summaries-Book.pdf>

Budget and Tax

This year's budget supports a healthy economy, strong families, and gives communities the resources they need to thrive, today and for years to come. We have a tradition in Vermont of focused, smart budgeting. Revenue we can count on receiving annually is used to pay for ongoing expenses; windfalls, like receipts from the recent tobacco settlement, are invested in paying down state debt and building our savings. This protects us from the uncertainty brewing in DC, the likelihood of a recession, and ensures we can continue to make the kind of investments that support our working families.

Included in the budget are protections for vulnerable Vermonters. The bill restores the cuts the Governor proposed to those with disabilities and who receive developmental services. It provides a 2% increase to community service providers like the VNA and increases funding for meals on wheels. It directs federal dollars to reimbursement for infant and toddler care. It makes strategic investments in our economy and significant investments in the justice system, enabling families crippled by the opioid crisis to move on. It helps struggling dairy farmers. It invests in supportive housing for people with mental illness and creates more hospital beds for those suffering from mental illness and diverts them from hospital emergency rooms.

Provisions in the budget focus on Vermont's fiscal health and move the state into a stronger financial position. We held the rate of budget growth to half of one percent. Investments are made in state pension funds that will save Vermont taxpayers millions in interest payments. All our reserves are filled, further guarding us against recession.

Every year, the Legislature must also pass a bill adjusting the state property tax rates, which provides financing for school budgets voted on at town meeting. In this year's budget, average residential property tax rates were held flat with last year's rates and the non-residential rate increased by 4.5 cents.

Other changes to education finance included in Act 11 (the budget bill) are:

- Repeals the General Fund Transfer to the Education Fund on a revenue-neutral basis dedicating 100% of the sales and use tax and 25% of the rooms and meals tax to the Ed Fund. Transfers Adult Ed and Literacy, Community High School of Vermont, the renter rebate program, and reappraisal and listing payments to the General Fund
- Modifies the property tax adjustment (income sensitivity) by
 - o Reducing the maximum house site value limit for full adjustment from \$500,000 to \$400,000
 - o Reducing the maximum house site value limit for partial adjustment from \$250,000 to \$200,000
- Separates the homeowner rebate program into two parts, education and municipal
- Separates municipal and education property taxes on tax bills

Among this year's noteworthy accomplishments, the income tax changes simplify Vermont's tax code and make the code fairer for low- and middle-income taxpayers, working families and seniors. The bill expands the Vermont Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC),

which is generally viewed as our most effective poverty reduction program. Given the annual budget difficulties we face as a state, these investments are remarkable. Here are some highlights of the tax code changes:

- Expands the exemption of taxable social security benefits for single filers with less than \$45,000 in adjusted gross income and married filers with less than \$60,000 in adjusted gross income
- Eliminates itemized deductions and creates a new Vermont standard deduction equal to \$6,000 for single filers, \$12,000 for married couples and \$9,000 for heads of household
- Creates a new Vermont personal exemption equal to \$4,150 per exemption, an exemption which benefits families
- Collapses top two income tax brackets and lowers all personal income tax rates by 0.2%
- Expands the Vermont Earned Income Tax Credit from 32% of the Federal EITC to 36%
- Creates a 5% tax credit on the value of charitable contributions up to \$20,000
- Creates a Vermont Tax Structures Commission and a Staff-to-Student Ratios Task Force Education

The House Education Committee's major work culminated with the passage of H. 897 (Act 173), the special education bill. The bill will allow schools to use their allocated state aid for special education dollars in more flexible ways with a goal of educating students who require additional support more effectively and efficiently. Schools will be unshackled from the intensive bookkeeping that goes along with today's special education reimbursement system. Ultimately, after five years, all schools in Vermont will be allocated a block grant of special education money based on their total population of students. The bill also emphasizes Vermont's obligation to students on Individual Education Programs, and each student's right to a Free and Appropriate Public Education.

S.3, Sexual Exploitation of Students, now Act 5, addresses separation agreements between school employees and employers that could put students at risk. Legislators brought this issue forward following reports that teachers from some of New England's most prestigious boarding schools were passing teachers along from one school to another, even though the schools knew that the employee had engaged in behaviors that could endanger children. The Vermont NEA (National Education Association) reminded us that teachers became mandated reporters many years ago because they are usually the ones who discover abuse, rather than the ones who commit it. The Agency of Education identified robust licensing requirements related to abuse; however independent schools are not bound by these requirements.

Also, a Staff-to-Student Ratios Task Force was created to review and make recommendations on staff-to-student count ratios in public schools. The Task Force will report its recommendations to the General Assembly this session.

And the budget/education finance bill (Act 11) calls for the creation of a Commission on Public School Employee Health Benefits to determine, through a negotiation process, the amounts of the premiums and out-of-pocket expenses for school employee health benefits that will be the responsibility of supervisory unions and school districts and the amounts that will be the responsibility of school employees. It establishes negotiation, dispute resolution, and agreement ratification processes for the Commission, and removes health care benefits and coverage from the subjects for local collective bargaining between a supervisory union or school district and school employees. In addition, it provides that collective bargaining agreements for school employees that take effect between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2020 will expire between July 1, 2020 and September 1, 2020, and that the first agreement on Statewide health benefits negotiated by the Commission

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will apply to collective bargaining agreements that take effect on or after July 1, 2020.

Health

S. 175 is an act relating to the wholesale importation of prescription drugs into Vermont. This bill mandates the Agency of Human Services, in consultation with interested stakeholders and appropriate federal officials, design a wholesale prescription drug importation program, including requirements of safety and cost. The program would designate a state agency to become, or contract with, a licensed drug wholesaler to import prescription drugs at a significant cost savings to Vermonters. The state will submit the proposed design for the program to the Legislature by January 1, 2019. The bill directs the state to seek the appropriate federal waivers. And it asks the Attorney General to identify the potential, and to monitor, for anticompetitive behavior in industries that would be affected by a wholesale drug importation program. (The state of Utah is also exploring importing prescription drugs from Canada.)

S.92 contains a section on Prescription Drug Cost Transparency, which strengthens a 2016 statute. The bill would require the Department of Health Access to identify annually up to 10 prescription drugs on which the state spends significant health care dollars and where the wholesale cost has increased by 50 percent or more over the past five years or more than 15 percent over the past year. Each health insurer with more than 5,000 people covered for major medical health insurance will be required to create a list annually of prescription drugs on which its insurance plans spend significant amounts of their premium dollars, net of rebates and price concessions. The lists will be given to the state Attorney General's office, which will winnow the lists to the 15 costliest drugs and require the manufacturer to provide a justification for each drug's increase. The lists will be posted on the Green Mountain Care Board and AG's website.

H. 639 (Act 141) covers mammograms and 3D mammograms without cost sharing requirements for patients. In the instance of dense breast tissue, it will cover the follow-up ultrasound with no cost sharing as well.

Vermont will join Massachusetts, New Jersey and the District of Columbia in requiring residents to join a health insurance plan or face a penalty, effective January 2020. A working group composed of various state departments and called by the Green Mountain Care Board will determine such things as a financial penalty, enforcement, exemptions, and types of insurance considered minimum. These will be enacted by the General Assembly during the 2019 legislative session. Notice of the penalty will be provided to all Vermont residents prior to the open enrollment period for coverage for the 2020 plan year.

S.1 reduces co-payments for chiropractic and physical therapy in 2019. The bill provides greater access to both kinds of care at reasonable costs for Vermonters with Qualified Health Plans through the Vermont Insurance Exchange. With Silver, Silver Reflective and Bronze plans, copayments will be equal to a copayment for primary care under the plans. Pain management representatives from both the University of Vermont and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Centers testified that research demonstrates other therapies, including chiropractic and physical therapy, are more appropriate in managing chronic pain. This bill moves us forward in our efforts to reduce opioid use by providing access to more effective treatments for chronic pain, and to comply with state statute that requires chiropractic copayments be reasonable.

The bill now Act 7, requires the Department of Health Access to convene a working group to develop recommendations related to insurance coverage for non-opioid approaches, including nonpharmacological approaches, to treating and managing pain. Specifically, the group will investigate whether health insurance plans should cover certain non-opioid approaches, an appropriate level of cost sharing that should apply to non-opioid treatments, and the proper proportional relationship between the amount of the copayment and the amount of the total charge or reimbursement for these.

Human Services

The House Human Services Committee continued its focus on ensuring that vulnerable Vermonters are safe and protected. Their goal was to make certain that systems are in place to move Vermonters out of poverty by removing barriers and addressing systemic problems. To this end, the committee undertook legislative initiatives improve the lives of children, families, persons with disabilities and older Vermonters.

The Human Services Committee took up bills that reduce the occurrence of Adverse Childhood Experiences by identifying and streamlining how agencies work together across agencies (S.261). They worked to reduce exposure to lead paint in childcare centers (H.736). The committee improved the lives children in foster care by giving foster parents the permissions they need to provide normalcy in their homes (H.589). Families receiving Reach Up can save for the education of their children and keep their retirement without a reduction in benefits (H.673). They created an Advisory Council for Strengthening families and established an Older Vermonters Act working group (S.280 and H.608). And H.921, now Act 125, makes sure nursing homes and residential care facilities that provide older Vermonters with services are stable and financially viable.

Gun Safety

Many Vermonters cherish the traditions of hunting, sport shooting, and collecting guns. Many value the security and protection that guns can provide. At the same time, many Vermonters have suffered grievous injuries and lost friends and family members in incidents involving firearms.

The General Assembly passed three laws to address gun violence. Act 97 (S.221) will allow law enforcement to show a judge that an individual presents an extreme risk of harm to himself, herself or others in order to obtain an Extreme Risk Protection Order, requiring the person to relinquish any dangerous weapons. Act 92 (H.422) allows law enforcement to temporarily remove firearms from the scene of a domestic violence incident. Act 94 (S.55) expands the requirement for background checks to include private sales, places restrictions on the sale of firearms to those under age 21, limits the transfer and possession of high-capacity ammunition magazines, and bans the transfer and possession of bump-fire stocks. Together, these policies will make it more difficult for individuals who intend harm to themselves or others to obtain firearms and will reduce the lethality of firearms that may be misused.

Energy and Technology

Here is a list of the bills pertaining to energy and technology that were passed into law:

- H.616 authorizes the Burlington Electric Department to pipe the waste heat from the McNeil biomass electric generation facility to UVM, the UVM Medical Center and downtown for heating.
 - H.410 extends the industry-accepted appliance efficiency standards to an array of commercial and domestic appliances sold in Vermont. (Rep. Curt McCormick of Burlington and I were the lead sponsors of this bill, which passed and is now Act 139.)
 - H.676 removes the mandatory 100-foot setback requirement for solar arrays on parking lot canopies and sets a standard for ground-mounted solar arrays to qualify for pollinator-friendly certification.
 - H.739 allows certain Vermont businesses to conduct their own energy efficiency programs with the assistance of Efficiency Vermont to increase their return on investment, improve job retention and reduce greenhouse gases.
 - H.429 establishes a study committee to assess the need for assisting deaf-blind individuals with their communication capabilities.
- These are just a few of the bills passed in 2018. Other general areas that are not covered here but are available in the end of session report include: agriculture, commerce, criminal justice, housing, government operations, natural resources, and transportation. Please contact me if you would like the complete 34-page end of session report. I can be reached at 434-2854 or Mgardner@leg.state.vt.us.

LAKE IROQUOIS ASSOCIATION

The Lake Iroquois Association has had an extremely busy and eventful year and we are looking forward to yet another busy year in 2019. Here are some of the projects LIA worked on during the 2018 season:

- We continued the greeter program and boat wash station at the fishing access. With the support of a grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and the support of LIA members and the surrounding towns, we were able to add Friday afternoon hours to the program and hire a supervisor who was tremendously helpful managing the program. Thanks also to the work of several members of the LIA Board and our fiscal partner the Town of Williston, this program has continued to be successful and is a model for other programs in the state.

- For four weeks this summer we were able to bring in the Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting team as part of our integrated approach to controlling the invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in the lake. This effort was made possible by a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program, contributions, and membership dues.

- Once again, this year, we placed benthic (bottom) barriers at the fishing access in order to keep that particular channel free of invasive EWM. We purchased additional barriers which we plan to add to the Lake Iroquois Recreation District (LIRD) beach area to help expand the swimming area and help mitigate the impact of the EWM. These barriers could also be used to cover a small infestation if a new invasive species is found in the lake.

- New this summer we partnered with the University of Vermont Spatial Analysis Lab to conduct an aerial plant survey in September. They flew a fixed wing drone over the lake to collect imagery. This data will be used to observe the aquatic plant community and quantify the EWM infestation, particularly in the littoral zone close to shore. Future image collection will allow for objective year to year comparisons. This survey was funded by a grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.

- The stream restoration and road rehabilitation project to remediate the tributary parallel to Pine Shore Drive was completed this year. This tributary contributes significant amounts of phosphorous to the lake. More sampling data is needed in future years but water quality data from the 2018 season already shows reduced levels of phosphorus entering the lake.

- We are happy to report the awarding of a conceptual design grant to address the erosion and, sedimentation contribution issues of Beebe Lane and the tributary at the north end of the lake. This is a Block Grant from The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission and will be a cooperative effort among multiple organizations including LIA, LIRD, Town of Williston, Town of Hinesburg, and the residents of Beebe Lane. This project will include a management plan implemented by the LIRD. Based on years of sampling data, this tributary demonstrates the highest average source of phosphorus contributing to the lake in addition to other environmental impacts from sedimentation. The project goal is to perform

a complete review and restructuring of this road over the next few years as funds become available.

- We continued the LaRosa Partnership grant-funded tributary water quality sampling project in 2018. This effort continues to be a critical data source informing the organization where rehabilitation and restoration efforts should be focused.

- We also continued supporting Lay Monitoring, Vermont Invasive Patrollers, and blue-green algae monitoring on Lake Iroquois.

- In July, LIA held its annual meeting and sponsored its second annual 'Garden Tour' showcasing several Lakewise Award Winning properties and the Pine Shore remediation project site.

- Throughout the year we made a number of public presentations in the area regarding our work and the EWM infestation, including meeting with town select boards and conservation commissions, as well as attending statewide meetings and training sessions. In addition, we co-presented with the Lewis Creek Association at their spring Water Matters event held in the Hinesburg Town Hall. The presentation highlighted the LaRosa Partnership Program tributary water quality monitoring project.

- We continue to provide information and outreach via our newsletter, The Lake Iroquois Monitor, our website, www.lakeiroquois.org, and our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/lakeiroquois.

- Finally, we continue to study and research additional methods to reduce runoff and nutrient loading in the lake and to control the EWM problem.

As widely reported by multiple media outlets, our application for a permit to use the aquatic herbicide Sonar to control EWM in the lake was formally denied by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation in October. We are disappointed that after several years of careful study and research, development of a five-year lake management plan, the support of many, many stakeholders around the lake, and nearly a two year wait for a response to our application, denial was the final outcome.

In spite of this setback, we are continuing our commitment to protecting the health of the lake not only by preventing additional invasive species and pollutants from entering the lake, but also continuing to find ways to reduce and control the invasive EWM currently present in the lake. If EWM is ignored and allowed to spread to the fullest extent possible in the lake, it will continue to choke out native species, reduce the ability of native fish and other aquatic species to spawn and thrive, and reduce, if not eliminate, the ability of humans to enjoy the lake. An ecosystem is not healthy when overrun by an invasive species. We firmly believe as stewards of this precious resource, each of us have a responsibility to do everything we can to contribute to the health and well-being of Lake Iroquois. The Lake Iroquois Association will continue to work tirelessly to find effective tools to help reduce the spread of this invasive species.

LAKE IROQUOIS RECREATION DISTRICT (LIRD)

The Lake Iroquois Recreation District beach area, along with its 150 acres of open land, continues to serve the district towns (Williston, Richmond, Hinesburg and St. George) as well as all non-residents. The district lands provide access to swimming, picnicking, playground equipment, and walking trails. The beach area also continues to host birthday parties and other individual and group functions. Costs for septic maintenance and summer staff continue to represent the bulk of our annual expenses. Water quality sampling continues on a weekly basis and results are within State limits for beach facilities.

A Ecosystem Restoration Grant was applied for to help with water quality issues that are from LIRD property. This grant will mainly focus on the property near and around Beebe Lane. One other item of note is the fact that there was more milfoil harvesting near the swim area

The beach continues to be a beautiful and affordable local recreation area. During the 2018 season 16 family passes were purchased at the Richmond Town Office. Season passes can also be obtained at the beach caretaker stand. We will open for the 2019 summer season on Memorial Day weekend and close on Labor Day weekend. Please come and enjoy this wonderful facility.

Jack Linn – Richmond
Jeff Davis, – Hinesburg, Chair
Nina Friscia, – St. George, Secretary
Sarah Francisco – Williston, Treasurer

WESTERN SLOPES BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (WSBA)

Businesses, individuals and organizations from Bolton, Huntington, Richmond, Jericho and Underhill are invited to join this association that nurtures the dynamic, diverse business and professional communities of our region. WSBA offers networking/educational opportunities and sponsors events aimed at generating business for our

area such as the Richmond Holiday Market (December). Each year WSBA offers two Entrepreneur Scholarships to college-bound graduates of Mt. Mansfield Union High School.

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RICHMOND COMMUNITY BAND

Richmond Community Band thanks the Richmond community for their audience and support, and membership in our band. 2018 was our 21st consecutive year since RCB was reestablished in 1998. We hope you will see and hear us in the Fourth of July Parade and attend our free public concerts in 2019.

RCB is comprised of middle school, high school, and college students, and adults aged from their twenties to their eighties. Musicians of any age and experience are welcome to join us on any concert band instrument, or to conduct. We are a community band, including members from Jericho, Underhill, Huntington, Burlington, Shelburne, Essex, Waterbury Center, and Middlesex, as well as Richmond. Many of those towns do not have their own town bands or parades, but their residents patronize the Richmond 4th of July parade and activities and support our band. Richmond Town discretionary funding and band member voluntary dues are our only sources of funds. Usual expenses include conductor compensation, music and maintenance, band uniforms (shirts), and the 4th of July float.

Richmond Community Band rehearses weekly during the summer to develop camaraderie and musicianship, preparing musical arrangements for public performances. Rehearsals usually resume in May or June, 7pm to 9pm Monday evenings, in the hall of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. We were fortunate to have professional music teachers share conducting in 2018: Westford School music teacher Rebecca Nowak (Burlington), retired Bristol school teacher Sandra Dahl

(Essex Junction), and Mater Christi School music teacher and RCB alumna director Barbara Heath (Huntington). We hope you appreciated their directing and will welcome their return.

Probably most town folk know us from our annual participation in the Fourth of July parade. We are very thankful for the generosity of Chuck Farr for donating use of a tractor, hay wagon, and hay bales for our float for the seventh year, and to Joe Linn for his time and skill driving the tractor. Our community band only thrives with the support of our community.

After playing in the parade, RCB also performed a 4th of July concert in the Volunteers' Green band shell, with guest conductor Matt Felis of Richmond directing a spirited Sousa march. Subsequently, Richmond Community Band played four additional free Wednesday evening concerts in the band shell from July 18 to August 22. We also played as a smaller band at the Richmond Holiday Market on December 1, 2018. After caroling outside near the Town Center, we performed holiday concerts at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and Richmond Congregational churches. Hopefully you heard us, we thank Nick deTarnowsky for scheduling us and the holiday market!

Please return to hear us next summer, listen for the first time, or join us in the band. Kids through retirees will all be entertained by either playing with us, or listening to your friends perform interesting music, augmented by Paul Garrett's illuminating and entertaining program notes.

CHITTENDEN UNIT FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) is a multi-agency task force dedicated to providing criminal response to reports of sexual assaults, serious child abuse and child fatalities. For over 24 years, the primary focus has been to protect and support all children, adults and families. CUSI defined what is now known as a true multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach to investigating crimes of this nature. The multidisciplinary team is the heart of CUSI and is composed of seven police detectives, a unit director, a victim advocate, an in-house investigator with the Department for Children and Families (DCF), and a dedicated prosecutor from the Chittenden County State's Attorney's Office. We work jointly with mental health providers, medical providers, Adult Protective Services and Department of Corrections. In addition, CUSI houses and supports the Chittenden Children's Advocacy Center (CCAC). CUSI epitomizes community oriented policing. In the year 2018, we have continued to strengthen and expand our contacts with community partners. The success of CUSI is reflected by the statewide recognition that these multidisciplinary styles units do work.

The Chittenden Children's Advocacy Center, working together with CUSI, is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit entity offering a range of services to children and families affected by these crimes. The primary goal of The Children's Advocacy Center is to ensure that children are not further traumatized by the intervention system intended to protect them. This program has many benefits, with an approach that allows for faster follow-up to child abuse reports, more efficient medical and mental health referrals, fewer child interviews, more successful prosecutions, and consistent support for child victims and their families. It is our goal to support them and meet their emotional needs.

CUSI and the CCAC investigate these crimes in Chittenden County which consists of a population of approximately 172,952 residents. On average, CUSI investigates over 300 cases a year; over 60% of those cases involve child victims. In recent years, we have noticed an increase in the complexity of cases given the substantial increase in computer usage and other mobile devices.

Case types include: Sexual assaults, lewd and lascivious conduct, serious child abuse, child fatalities, human trafficking, sex offender registry and violations, child pornography

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 we have seen 337 cases which include 222 children and 115 adults.

During the 2017 – 2018 year, CUSI has continued to have a high amount of case referrals from both DCF as well as local law enforcement agencies. These cases continue to get more and more complex with new technology components being created on a fairly frequent basis. The investigations require the detectives to spend significant amounts of time gathering information from corporations like Facebook, Google, Yahoo, Snapchat, Plenty-o-Fish, Instagram, cell phone wireless carriers, etc. The amount of data that is gathered then requires the investigator to spend a significant amount of time reviewing the documents and gathering evidence. In order for detectives to have access to this information, it often requires the issuance of multiple subpoenas and the application of search warrants from a judge before we can even gather the documents that we need from these companies. The cases that we investigate are considered the most heinous crimes to investigate other than murder. The negative effects of these crimes stay with a victim for their entire life and, therefore, we do the best job we can to build the strongest case against the defendants that we investigate.

GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization working to enhance our state's natural landscape, waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the benefits of a litter free environment. This year marked the 48th anniversary of Green Up Day which brings thousands of volunteers throughout the state to remove litter & trash from our roadways, waterways & public places. The success of Green Up for Vermont in Richmond depends upon two essential ingredients. The combined efforts of individuals, civic groups and the Richmond Highway Department who volunteer their time

and the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont make it all possible.

This year the cleanup event was organized by the Conservation Commission. We appreciate all the volunteers that work with the Richmond Highway Department for Green Up. Through their efforts 3.80 TONS of trash and 3.70 TONS of discarded tires were removed from the roadside.

Mark your calendars May 4, 2019, the first Saturday in May. Put on your gloves, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us to make Richmond even more beautiful!

ELDERLY and DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM and NEIGHBOR RIDES

The Elderly & Disabled Persons (E&D) Transportation Program provides door-to-door transportation trips for Non-Medicaid / Non-Medicare medical appointments. This program is funded by the Vermont Agency of Human Services, with municipal partners including the Town of Richmond. The E&D grant program covers 80% of the transportation cost and Richmond covers 20% of the cost for each ride. Each rider is asked to make a donation for the ride. For Richmond residents, SSTA provides the transportation services

for this program. For more information, please contact SSTA at 878-1527.

Neighbor Rides is a strategic initiative of the United Way of Chittenden County supported by a group of community partners in an effort to help meet the needs of the elderly and disabled. Neighbor Rides uses volunteer drivers to stretch transportation dollars by lowering the costs per ride. For more information, please contact the United Way of Chittenden County at 861-7833.

RICHMOND TRAILS COMMITTEE

The mission of the Trails Committee is to establish and maintain paths for non-motorized transportation and recreation in Richmond, to link with other towns when feasible, and to promote safe citizen use of these paths. We meet on the third Tuesday each month at the Town Center. Occasionally in the summer, we hold our meetings out on the trail, putting ourselves to work while we talk business! Minutes of our meetings are posted at the Town web site. Maps of Richmond Trails are available at the Town offices and in map boxes on trails; also at the Town's web site, and the Western Slopes web site. These Town residents have served as members of the Committee during 2018: Jean Bressor and Callie Ewald (co-chairpersons), Jim Monahan, Tyler Merritt, Ian Stokes, Martha Marciel, Ed Wells, Mike Donohue, Willie Lee, Jason Osterman, Kevin O'Grady, Sasha Morey, and Kate Kreider.

As usual, this has been a busy and productive year and the following is a list of accomplishments:

- We planned, organized, and participated in several trail work days throughout the spring, summer, and fall months. Noteworthy efforts were put into improvements and trail maintenance on the Preston Preserve trails, extending the boardwalk and adding three new bridges, as well as Sip of Sunshine trail, adding three new bridges and some minor trail re-routing.
- Performed trail maintenance and downed tree removal in the spring that was caused from the significant wind storms that occurred this year.
- Assisted with the creation of a short trail on the bottom of the new Andrews Community Forrest.
- Participated in preliminary planning for the management of the Andrews Community Forest. This included provided input in meetings and a preliminary trail map concept.
- We put forth recommendations to the Selectboard to create additional parking areas in two areas that are currently empty spaces owned by the town and in close proximity to existing trails.
- Reviewed the draft town plan and provided input on transportation and recreation aspects.
- Added a new trail on the upper Preston loop to the Richmond Trails Map and Preston Preserve brochure and printed additional maps.
- Met with Vermont Forrest Legacy Program Manager to discuss the trails that the committee stewards which includes the Preston trail network and the Sip of Sunshine trail.
- Assisted in organizing an MMU High School community service work party to re-route and construct a new bridge on the Rivershore trail near the canoe access.
- Re-routed the Rivershore trail in areas where the river bank erosion encroached too closely to the trail.
- Teamed up with the Richmond library again to install a poetry trail walk along Volunteers Green.
- Coordinated with the Cross VT Trail Association and the Green Mountain Hounds to rehabilitate and extend one of the approaches on the bridge on Johnnie Brook Trail.
- Began to inventory the existing trail signs to be able to inform decisions on replacing and adding signs to assist with trail navigation and ease.
- Collaborated with the Richmond Library and RiseVT to secure discount trail passes for use at Catamount and Sleepy Hollow.

Expenditures of our allocated \$1000 this year enabled purchasing materials for trail, sign, and bridge building materials, printing of revised trail maps (Town trails map and Preston Preserve brochure) and various other materials and supplies for trails maintenance and repair.

Numerous Richmond residents have responded to calls for volunteers to work on the trails. Thank you, as always, to landowners and to guardians of conserved lands who facilitate public access to designated trails. Special thanks to Colin Green and Steve Bower for their expertise in map making and artwork. Pete Gosselin (Highway Foreman) for assistance as needed. Ian Stokes, long time trails committee member and chair, has departed from committee service. We thank him for his effort all these years, wish him the best, and hope to see him out on the trails!

We have enjoyed excellent collaborations with the Richmond Mountain Trails, Richmond Land Trust, the Western Slopes Business Association, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, the Cross Vermont Trails Association, Vermont Dept. of Forest, Parks and Recreation and Local Motion.

Let us know if you'd like to help – we'll post notices on Front Porch Forum to relay information about work parties and other events. Contact the Committee with any questions or suggestions via the email address located on the Richmond, VT website.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

There are plenty of things to do in Richmond for recreational purposes. Events are held throughout the year at Volunteers Green. The playground is used every day by youngsters and their families. The Green hosts youth soccer, baseball & t-ball. The local senior group exercises there and enjoy the river side trail. The Richmond Community Band holds their summer concerts at the band shell. The Farmer's Market brings crowds to the Green, May to October. On the 4th of July the annual celebration and fireworks are held at the Green.

Many people bring their dogs to the park for exercise. Please remember that there is a leash law at the Green. Please clean up after your pet. There are disposal bags provided in several areas. The used bags should be placed in a trash barrel provided. Please do not simply leave used bags on the Green or on the trail for others to pick up.

Many folks make the area accessible and pleasant to meet at. Thank you go to the Town Highway Department for maintaining the parking lots and mowing the Green, as well as disposing of the trash. Thank you to Rod West who creates and maintains the winter skating rink. Thank you to Karen Stockwell and Gabrielle Laforce for maintaining the restrooms and concession stand. Thank you to Harland Stockwell for keeping a watchful eye on the park.

Reservations are required to use the band shell and playing fields. There is a small fee for these reservations. To reserve a date and time, please contact Kelley Lane, Assistant to the Town Manager at 434-2430.

The most important thing that the Recreation Committee needs are volunteers to be part of the committee. The committee makes decisions regarding the Green and the programs offered. If your family enjoys Volunteers Green, please consider becoming a part of the group.

COTS – COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY SHELTER



COTS is the largest provider in Vermont of shelter and services for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Through our emergency shelter program and related services COTS responds to the immediate crisis needs of those experiencing homelessness, while also developing and implementing innovative long-term strategies to prevent and end homelessness. As such, COTS is unique in the scope and breadth of its continuum of services. We serve approximately

2,400 individuals annually, primarily low and extremely-low income households from birth to age 65+.

We operate two family shelters, an overnight shelter for single adults, a daytime drop-in center, five facilities offering permanent and transitional housing and our homelessness prevention program COTS Housing Resource Center (HRC). COTS HRC is dedicated to helping households in financial crisis avert homelessness or move quickly from emergency shelter to stable housing through short-term financial assistance and financial education. The bulk of the individuals we serve each year (approx. 1,000) are through COTS HRC. Last year COTS provided help and hope to seven families in Richmond through our homelessness prevention services. We integrate a homelessness prevention philosophy across all of our services working to reduce their risk of homelessness.

RIVERVIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Riverview Cemetery was organized in 1856. It is located on eight acres on Route 2, west of the village. The Highway Department has done an excellent job of mowing and trimming at the cemetery. There are many grave sites available in the newer part of the cemetery. To inquire about the Cemetery or to purchase a burial site, please contact Linda Parent, Town Clerk. We try to enforce the rules of the Cemetery when it comes to decorating the cemetery plots. There is a printed book with all Cemetery information in it, which is available at the Town Clerks office. Planting of flowers is permitted, but shall be contained within the 14" in front of the base of the monument. Artificial flowers are prohibited and will be removed by a cemetery designee. Trees and shrubs may not be planted in the Cemetery. Please do not leave personal items of value, sentimental or monetary. We find some of these items missing. The Cemetery is not responsible for missing items. Dogs are not allowed to roam the cemetery at any time. Signage has been posted to stress that the Riverview Cemetery is closed from dusk to dawn. There is no legitimate reason for anyone to be in the cemetery after dark.

Many of the older stones have been worn and damaged over time. It is important to remember that cemeteries should not be used as playgrounds. Through the years many tombstones have been damaged by children climbing on them. We also ask that winter recreation not take place in the cemetery. Skiing, snowshoeing and especially snow machines are prohibited.

This last year has marked the loss of two individuals that



front porch forum™

HELPING NEIGHBORS CONNECT

Many local residents and public officials participate in our local Front Porch Forum (FPF). FPF is a Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state. To read more about missing pets, wildlife sightings, break-ins, road conditions, local events, recommendations, helping neighbors in need and more, sign up (free of charge) at FrontPorchForum.com. Helping neighbors connect and build community.

- More than 160,000 members participate, in a state of 260,000 total households.
- More than 1.7 million postings have been shared by FPF members
- 4.3 million e-newsletters are sent every month

were very important to the management of our cemeteries. Mrs. Mary Eileen Buxton passed away June 15, 2018. Eileen spent many hours of dedication planning and caring for Richmond Cemeteries. Mr. Scott Brown passed away in 2018. Scott was a long time Richmond resident that cared deeply about the appearance of our cemeteries. It was very important to him that stones be cleaned and repaired to be properly preserved. To this task, he donated many funds to be sure the stones looked their best.

Upon Eileen's passing, her son Clint Buxton was appointed by the Select Board to the Cemetery Commission.

There is a lot of history and information to be found in our local cemeteries. There are several cemeteries in the Town of Richmond. Holy Rosary Cemetery is located at the end of Tilden Avenue. More information on burials there may be obtained at the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church office. There are three cemeteries that no longer accept burials. They are St. Mary's Cemetery located on Cochran Road, the Village Cemetery located on Bridge Street and the Hill Cemetery located on Cemetery Road.

People doing genealogy research are welcome to stop by the Town Clerk's Office. We will help you find where your relatives are buried. If anyone has any questions regarding the cemeteries, please contact a Cemetery Commissioner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cemetery Commissioners: Curran "Spike" Robinson,
Linda M. Parent, George Gifford, Dennis Gile and
Clint Buxton

CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is a political subdivision of the State created by the municipalities of Chittenden County in 1966 for the development of policies, plans and programs that address regional issues and opportunities in Chittenden County. Its vision is to be a pre-eminent, integrated regional organization that plans for healthy, vibrant communities, economic development, and efficient transportation of people and goods while improving the region's livability. The CCRPC serves as the region's federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and is responsible to all citizens of the region to ensure the implementation of the best regional and transportation plan for Chittenden County. The CCRPC also provides technical and planning assistance to its member municipalities and the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans).

The CCRPC is governed by a 29-member board consisting of one representative from each of the County's 19 municipalities; transportation representatives from VTrans, Green Mountain Transit (GMT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Burlington International Airport (BIA), and a rail industry representative; and, at-large members representing the interests of agriculture, environmental conservation, business, and housing/socio-economic. The legislative body of each Chittenden County municipality selects its own representative and alternate. The full CCRPC selects the at-large representatives.

The CCRPC appreciates the continued opportunity to work with its municipal members to plan appropriately for the region's future to protect and improve the special quality of life that is shared throughout Chittenden County. In FY18, the CCRPC invested more than \$5.7 million in regional land use, transportation, emergency management, energy, natural resources, public engagement, training, and technical assistance. The program leverages more than \$5.3 million in Federal and State investment with \$245,000 in municipal dues and another \$132,000 in local match for specific projects—a 14:1 return on local investment.

Richmond representatives to the CCRPC Board and other committees in FY18 were:

- CCRPC representative – Bard Hill
- CCRPC alternate – Roger Brown
- Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – Geoffrey Urbanik
- Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) – Jessica Draper
- Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) – Geoffrey Urbanik
- All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update Committee – Jessica Draper
- Long Range Planning Energy Sub-Committee – Jeff Forward

Specific activities the CCRPC is engaged in with Richmond, as well as some of CCRPC's regional activities, are discussed in the following sections.

In FY2018, the CCRPC provided assistance to Richmond on the following projects and initiatives:

- Richmond Stormwater Master Plan – The CCRPC

continued to collaborate with Richmond staff, the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District and the Friends of the Winooski River to develop a stormwater master plan for the Town. Stone Environmental was hired as the primary consultant for this project. The scope of work consists of a review of the existing conditions, an assessment of problem areas and a comprehensive identification of potential projects to address stormwater and its impacts. A kick-off meeting was held in August 2017, a public meeting was organized in October, a second public meeting was held to review the preliminary list of Town and school retrofit/project sites and conceptual design/cost estimates were prepared for a series of recommended sites.

- FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation – CCRPC staff worked in early 2018 with municipal staff to prepare a 2017 Progress Report on the implementation of the actions recommended in the Richmond All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Typically, these were roadway and stormwater projects to mitigate the impacts of future severe rainstorms.
- Emergency Management – LEOP: CCRPC staff offered assistance in the Spring of 2018 with the annual local emergency operations plan (LEOP) to ensure that Richmond is prepared in the event of a disaster.
- Municipal Plan Development Assistance – CCRPC staff reviewed drafts of each chapter of the Richmond Town Plan and provided comments to Richmond staff, as well as in preparation for two reviews by the CCRPC Planning Advisory Committee.
- Municipal Energy Planning/Act 174 Assistance – CCRPC staff worked with Richmond staff and the Richmond Planning Commission to draft sections of the Richmond Town Plan to meet the Department of the Public Service Energy Planning Standards for Municipalities.
- Geographic Information Systems – CCRPC GIS staff developed updated maps for the Richmond Town Plan. CCRPC GIS staff uploaded zoning and overlay data to the Vermont Open GeoData Portal.
- Traffic Counts – The CCRPC conducted one turning movement count in support of Richmond's transportation projects and studies (<http://vtrans.ms2soft.com/>).
- Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) Compliance and Water Quality Planning Assistance: CCRPC staff continued to provide assistance to all member municipalities to address policy, data, and reporting issues to meet the MRGP requirements.
- VTrans Better Roads Program: CCRPC staff assisted the Town in applying for a FY19 Category B grant Wes White Hill Road.
- Grants-in-Aid: Staff provided assistance with planning for future grants-in-aid cycles.
- Technical Assistance – CCRPC staff provided a variety of technical assistance to the Town, including:
 - o organized meetings with municipal and VTrans staff to discuss issues related to the US 2/Bridge Street/Jericho Road signalized intersection, bridge work over Interstate 89, concrete panels under Route 2, curb/sidewalk/stormwater work, and bike/ped improvements along Route 2.

HALE AND HEARTY SENIOR CLUB

The Hale and Hearty Senior Club of Richmond provides a chance for seniors in our community to meet and socialize and to share information in areas of mutual and community interest and concern. The Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month from September through June in the Holy Rosary Church Hall at 6 p.m. for a pot luck supper, business meeting and program. The club is open for membership to all Richmond residents who are 60 years old or older and the spouse of a member regardless of age.

The programs that are offered at our meetings vary in content from topics concerning healthy living, community concerns, to entertaining and fun filled evenings. Programs and presenters last year included Jimmy and Barbara Cochran –Cochran Ski Area and former Olympic skiers, Bob Lajoie- World travel photographs, Tom Collins – Serenity Gardens daylilies, Pam Durant – Training of her new service dog, Karen Yaggy – Richmond historic photos, Angelike Contis – Mount Mansfield Community Television and Susan Whitman – Richmond Community Kitchen. In June we had a barbeque and in December a holiday meal and Christmas carol sing along, both provided by the local Knights of Columbus.

Each year the club sponsors at least one bus trip to an area of interest in Vermont or a nearby state. This year we made two trips. Our spring trip was called Made in Vermont. We visited Vermont Thinstone in Colchester, The Milton Artists' Guild, lunch at Bove's new facility in Milton served to us by Mark Bove, Sam Mazza's market bakery and greenhouse, and Shelburne Farms cheese making facility.

Our fall trip was to the Barre Granite Museum and the Vermont State House with lunch in the state house cafeteria.

We currently have a membership of 60.

If you are 60 or older and live in Richmond come and join us as our guest to see if you would like to become a regular member.

Current officers are **Michael Storrs** President, **Linda Parment** Vice President, **Velma Plouffe** Secretary, and **Mary O'Neil**, Treasurer.

Submitted By

Michael Storrs, President



UNIVERSITY OF VT HEALTH NETWORK

HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

Formally known as Visiting Nurses Association

The University of Vermont Health Network Home Health & Hospice provides medically necessary home and community-based care to individuals and families regardless of their ability to pay. The services of Home Health & Hospice span a lifetime – from critically ill children to adults who need rehabilitation, long-term care, adult day services or end-of-life care. Each year we provide care to approximately 125 Richmond residents. This care included Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Social Work / Services, totaling 2,747 visits to clients. Also provided were 62 hours of Homemaker and Personal Care services.



The Vermont Family Network's mission is to empower and support all Vermont families of children with special needs. Our Family Support program employs experienced parents of children with special needs and provides families with the information and training they need to help their child reach their greatest potential. In the last year we are proud to have served 37 Richmond families through our work, and greatly appreciate the support provide by the Town of Richmond.

Our vision is for all Vermont families to help their children reach their potential.

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OUR COMMUNITY CARES CAMP IN 2018

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Summer food program and enrichment camp in CESU

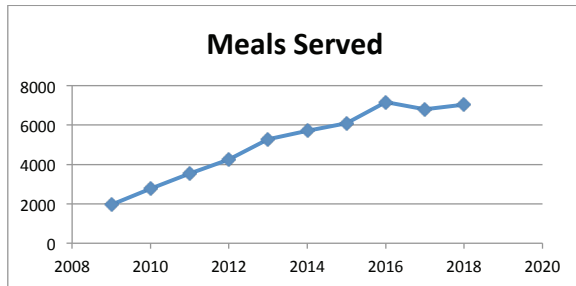
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In its tenth year, the OCCC summer food and enrichment programs for lower income children made a big impact in our communities again this summer. Here is a summary.

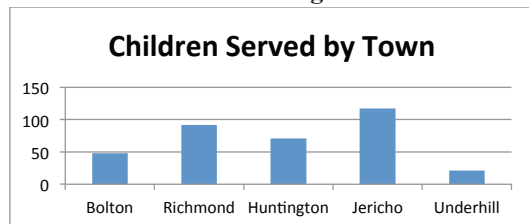
Summer Food Program

OCCC provided four weeks of meals (breakfast and lunch) in July/August at five different locations in the CESU district. Here are the nutrition numbers for summer 2018:

7028 meals served (up 3.3% from 2017)



332 children under age 18 served



The five meal sites OCCC ran this summer were done in partnership with the CESU school district, Jericho Recreation Program, and two town libraries. Meals were served in four of the five towns: at Camel's Hump Middle School, Jericho Elementary School, Browns River Middle School, and the Jericho and Huntington libraries. The availability of meals enhances the other programs and helps them to attract children who need summer enrichment as well as food – a win-win situation for the community and its children.

Goals for the food program also include using food as an educational opportunity. The program sets a high standard for nutritious meals, with lots of fruits and vegetables. Two local farms provide fresh produce, and entrees and baked goods are made from scratch. Children are given choices for their meals, with both favorites and new items included to expand the range of foods they eat. We discovered that the students love fresh kale chips and beet salads!

For children at the enrichment day camp, they have opportunities to learn how to prepare food as part of group activities. Also, camp staffers eat with the children, and with the child/staff ratios at 1:5, meals have a family-style feel with conversations between campers and staff the norm. Campers are also allowed as much time to eat as necessary, which relieves some of the stress of rushed lunches that they may experience in school.

Enrichment Camp

In addition to the nutritious food provided throughout the district, OCCC runs an enrichment day camp at Camel's Hump Middle School for the same four weeks to give kids access to experiences and opportunities they would otherwise now have. This year, the camp gave 120 K-8 kids access to music, art, cooking, creative play, outdoor games, sports, swimming and other field trips. Here is what the campers had to say about their experiences this summer:

Camper Survey Results

New Experiences		Favorite activities	
Tried new activity	65%	Games: gaga ball, alibi, tether ball, dodge ball, red rover, and basketball	
Tried new musical instrument	31%	Art: dream catchers, cork boat making, spin art, puffy paint	
Tried new art activity	47%	Music: ukuleles, drums, piano	
Learned new game	58%	Science: boat building, rocket launching	
Made new friend	76%	Other: cooking, puzzles, LEGOs, fort building, rock climbing, field trips	

The camp also works to “feed the whole child” by creating a rich culture of acceptance, support, encouragement, and empowerment. All levels of staff feel a responsibility for this culture. Training for interns and counselors includes specific, concrete strategies for managing activities, for mastering positive communication styles, and for problem solving through role-playing and discussion with their peers and coaches during staff meeting time. The 2018 Intern Coach, Lauren Alexander, described it this way: “Communication with the interns, counselors, and senior staff was integrated into every situation during each day at camp.”

OCCC has worked very hard to create this caring, supportive community feel that extends through all the levels of the organization. Lauren Alexander summed it up well at the end of her camp experience: “After working at a different summer camp for seven summers, I thought I knew what summer camp was all about. Coming to OCCC, I was blown away by the support that staff showed one another. Counselors worked as a team and respected one another at all times, which was not typical in my past experience. Another significant difference was the approach in which counselors treated the campers, always making sure to speak calmly and remain positive. It was astonishing to see how that affected the campers, because it really did work and created positive behavior changes.”

The positive culture of OCCC is reflected in the significant number of campers who return each year, in the number of campers who become interns, and interns who become counselors. Thirty of the OCCC campers were 12-14 years old who can be left at home but opt to come to camp instead. Retention of staff is very high, with many counselors returning for multiple years: the average is 4-6 years for counselors who started as interns. The high continuity of staff from year to year adds to the secure feeling that campers experience daily at camp.

Examples of individual student impacts this summer:

- Provided work opportunities to differently-abled teens and adults
- Provided a safe, accepting, and supportive work and camp environment for gender fluid or non-binary individuals
- Provided an opportunity for a new non-English-speaking student to be integrated into the school community before she attends school in the fall
- Provided an opportunity for a new student with autism to get acquainted with the school and participate in some activities, making integration into the school system easier for everyone
- Provided a camp space for a migrant farm worker's child

SUMMARY OF EMPLOYEE IMPACTS

OCCC has created benefits to all grade levels in the CESU community through its camps and staff development. 2018 employees came from all five towns, and the job training they receive and leadership skills they develop are assets for their whole lives.

Internship Program: Building Leaders

- The OCCC internship program for 14-16 year olds had 24 volunteers this year who served as junior counselors.
 - This summer, 11 of the 24 interns were former campers, and three of those have attended OCCC since 2009.
- The internship program has grown over the years to provide teens, aged 14-16, with their first work experience. They volunteer at least two weeks and receive training, coaching, and feedback to help them identify their strengths and build skills. During camp, our intern coach meets with interns regularly, and observes and aids them as they discover their ability to mentor younger campers. Being an intern is also a critical step in our camper-to-counselor ladder, helping young people set goals and develop leadership skills. One of OCCC's larger goals for interns is to help them establish the parameters of what it means to be a good employee as they move ahead into the work force of the future.

Paid Staff

- Paid counselors are ages 16 and older, and most are students or graduates of Mount Mansfield Union High School.
- Of 16 counselors this summer, 5 had previously been campers.
- All counselors had been interns for 1 or 2 years before becoming counselors.
- 15% of the 2018 graduating class of Mount Mansfield Union High School had been involved in OCCC at some point in their school years.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

OCCC would not be successful without the numerous partnerships throughout the community. These partnerships allow OCCC to reach more children with summer food and help them find activities to keep their minds active and their bodies healthy. Partnerships include:

- CESU: donates space and bus transportation. In turn, OCCC provides 2 meals a day to summer school students.
- Jericho Recreation Program: OCCC provides food to eligible students who receive grants from individuals or the school district. Meals are offered to others at a small cost, providing a service to parents.
- Huntington and Jericho Town Libraries: OCCC provides "pizza Fridays" to help draw in children to the summer programming at the libraries.
- Town of Richmond: provides storage for camp supplies and office space year round
- Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF): provides a day of storytelling and two new books for each camper.
- Radiate Art Space: provides a destination for campers to experience different art and craft forms.
- Hinesburg Nursery School: provides a field trip destination for our smallest campers to play in their indoor and outdoor play areas.
- Alison's Aquatic School: provides free access to their swimming pool for campers.

RICHMOND LAND TRUST



All RLT achieved in 2019 stems from the broad support for conservation that people in Richmond continue to provide, whether they like to hike, hunt, ski, fish, swim, skate, bike, canoe, kayak or simply love letting

nature be nature. For that we are deeply grateful.

- In December we received a donation of 14.55 acres of land alongside our **Gillett Pond Preserve** from Delia

Jackson, formerly of Huntington. Now we can help protect even more of the pond's shoreline and watershed. Delia's generous gift also adds impetus to our campaign with Friends of Gillett Pond to save the pond itself. Should the pond's badly deteriorated dam fail before we can raise the necessary funds and replace it, Richmond and our whole region will lose a vital recreational and ecological resource.

- In October, RLT acquired one of Richmond's best-known landmarks – the **Upper Huntington River Gorge**. Through a partnership with the Vermont Rivers Conservancy (VRC), this beautiful place will remain open to the public and also become safer and more accessible. VRC will help by providing on-site stewardship and oversight.

- It's now easier than ever to enjoy the unbeatable sledding at RLT's **Willis Hill Preserve** due to the completion of a parking lot for the hill, off Rt. 2 just west of the village. We've also cleared a second area where small children can sled. Meanwhile, the new lot gives Richmond Elementary and Camels Hump Middle Schools an emergency evacuation route should their regular driveway become blocked.

For all RLT accomplished in 2018, we thank everyone who donated time, money and energy to our efforts, including helping us raise funds for upkeep and insurance on our preserves by selling lemonade and raffle tickets after the Fourth of July parade. We also thank the inexhaustible members of the Richmond Trails Committee for keeping the trails in our preserves open and maintained throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted, **Fritz Martin**, Chair

Explore an RLT preserve today. You'll find the list at richmondlandtrust.org. If you'd like to help us continue conserving Richmond's most important resources and landscapes, please drop me a note at fpmartin@mac.com.



RICHMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION (RCC)

2018 was another busy year for the Richmond Conservation Commission (RCC). A multi-year effort to write a new town plan was completed through the determined leadership of Planning Commission (PC) Chair Mark Fausel, the PC members, and our excellent and undaunted town planner Jessica Draper. A large number of town residents participated in this process. Several former and current RCC members were involved, and particular thanks are due to Bob Low and Brad Elliot. After many months of work, the Town Plan was approved by the voters at the November 6, 2018 General Election.

Another multi-year project was the acquisition and opening of the new town forest. Much gratitude is due to former Town Forest Steering Committee (TFSC) chairs Guy Roberts and Hannah Philips, and the rest of the hard working members of the TFSC, which included RCC members Guy Roberts and Elizabeth Wright. The new Town Forest Management Committee will be comprised of 2 Trails committee nominees, two RCC nominees, and 3-5 at-large members who will be nominated by the outgoing TFSC. The Selectboard will make the final decision on appointments to this committee.

Green Up was a roaring success this year, and it's coming up soon, so start honing your trash spotting skills. Many thanks to Pete Gosselin and the town road crew, who volunteer their time to pick up the Green Up bags on Saturday.

The hard-earned dollars of Richmond residents that go towards the Conservation Reserve Fund (CRF) were spent for diverse ends this year. We were delighted to have Alicia Dan-

iel and the Master Naturalist Program come to Richmond. We contributed \$4,000 to their work, and we will in turn receive 20 hours of conservation work per participant. Some \$10,000 of the CRF was spent on helping the Richmond Land Trust (RLT), River Conservancy and Vermont Housing and Conservation Board purchase the parcel of land that contains the Huntington Gorge. RLT hopes to have a caretaker there, part-time in the summers. A portion of the fund was spent to expand the scope of work for the consultants SE Group and local Arrowwood, to provide the town with a management plan for the town forest, in addition to the recreation plan that we had a grant to develop. And a small amount was spent to complete work on the bridge on the Cross Vermont Trail that goes from Johnnie Brook Road. Many thanks to Chuck Farr for his ongoing cooperation with that trail.

Jack Linn represented the RCC at the Chittenden County Conservation Commissions Regional meeting, in November; Kristen Nelson has been our representative on the Willis Hill Stewardship Committee, and what a nice job they did with the parking and trails to the sledding hill! Rick Barrett continues to be our webmeister. The Selectboard re-appointed Bob Low and myself to the RCC, and added two members, Jack Linn and Jimmy Cochran. Mary Houle gifted us with black walnut seeds, and improves meeting morale with her generous food offerings.

In upcoming conservation events, Sue Morse is scheduled to speak in Bolton on March 21, 2019. Green Up is on Saturday May 4th this year.

Judy Rosovsky, Chair



FISCAL YEAR 2018 REPORT

WHO WE ARE

We are a municipality created in 1987 to oversee and manage solid waste in Chittenden County.

We are governed by a Board of Commissioners. Each of the communities in Chittenden County appoints a representative to the Board.

Our mission is to reduce and manage the solid waste generated within Chittenden County in an environmentally sound, efficient, effective and economical manner.

HOW WE'RE FUNDED

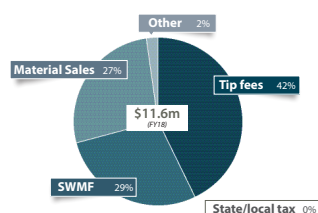
Our revenue comes from three primary sources:

Tip fees on incoming material at our facilities;

The Solid Waste Management Fee (SWMF), a per-ton fee on material sent to the landfill;

Material sales from items that we collect, sort or produce for sale at our facilities.

We are not funded by state or local tax dollars.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

As of 7/1/18

BOLTON

Rep: Duncan Galbraith

BURLINGTON

Rep: Rob Green

Alt: Jennifer Green

CHARLOTTE

Rep: Abby Foulk

Alt: Rachel Stein

COLCHESTER

Rep: Dirk Reith

Alt: Jeffrey Bartley

ESSEX

Rep: Alan Nye

Alt: Max Levy

ESSEX JUNCTION

Rep: Alan Nye

Alt: George Tyler

HINESBURG

Rep: Lynn Gardner

Alt: Doug Taff

HUNTINGTON

Rep: Roman Livak

JERICHO

Rep: Leslie Nulty

Alt: Bert Lindholm

MILTON

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Alt: Erik Wells

RICHMOND

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ST. GEORGE

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UNDERHILL

Rep: Dan Steinbauer

Alt: Paul Ruess

WESTFORD

Rep: Michelle DaVia

WILLISTON

Rep: Craig Abrahams

Alt: Caylin McCamp

WINOOSKI

Rep: Ted Regula

Alt: Bryn Oakleaf

CSWD FISCAL YEAR 2018 REPORT

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

The FY18 General Fund expenditures were \$10.9 million and the revenues were \$11.6 million, representing a \$344,000 increase in expenditures (3%) and an essentially level \$9,000 decrease in revenues compared with FY17.

Revenue was flat due to a significant drop in the price we received for recycled paper. This was offset by a significant increase in the tip fee for large loads of recyclables at the MRF and Solid Waste Management Fee revenue from increased trash tonnage. Increases in expenditures were largely due to higher fees for sludge and trash disposal and normal increases in salaries, wages, and benefits.

FACILITIES & OPERATIONS

DROP-OFF CENTERS (DOCS): Owned & operated by CSWD. Convenient, one-stop facilities for household quantities of blue-bin and special recycling, food scraps, trash, and more. Blue-bin recycling collected at Drop-Off Centers dropped 2.8% to 2,964 tons, and household trash increased 5.5% to 6,060 tons over FY17.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEPOT: Owned & operated by CSWD. Safe drop-off for almost all types of household hazardous waste. 1,086 households and 700 businesses brought in 811,673 lbs. of hazardous waste for processing in FY18, a 19% increase over FY17. This included 9,138 gallons of latex paint re-blended and sold in Vermont as Local Color.

GREEN MOUNTAIN COMPOST: Owned & operated by CSWD. We turn community food scraps, leaves, and yard debris into high quality compost products to improve soil in lawns and gardens. We composted 14,864 tons of material in FY18, including 5,876 tons of food scraps, an increase of 14% over FY17.

MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF): Owned by CSWD; operated by Casella. The MRF sorts and prepares large loads of blue-bin recyclables – paper, cardboard, and clean containers – for sale to processors. The MRF received 47,445 tons of material in FY18, a 0.3% increase from FY17. Roughly 7% was contaminated or improperly recycled material sent to the landfill. The weighted average sale price was \$86.54 per ton in FY18, a 19% decrease over the FY17 average.

OUTREACH & COMMUNICATIONS

SCHOOL AND YOUTH OUTREACH programs reached more than 5,300 students and staff via 107 presentations, three waste audits, and 43 facility tours. Staff had direct contact at 36 of the District's 75 public and private K-12 schools.

BUSINESS OUTREACH directed three waste audits, conducted 13 workplace presentations, and led four facility tours for local businesses and institutions. Staff provided direct assistance to more than 260 other businesses and distributed over 350 desk-side recycling bins and 80 food scrap buckets to business and non-profit workplaces at no charge.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH included 27 backyard composting workshops, 19 tours of CSWD facilities and six presentations to a total of 480 people.

EVENT OUTREACH programs trained 50 Waste Warriors who volunteered 382 hours educating guests at 32 events and provided on-site training to 50 additional event volunteers. Forty-three events borrowed 184 recycling and compost collection containers and used them to keep 1.4 tons of recyclables and 6.9 tons of compostables out of the landfill.

OTHER PROGRAMS

COMPLIANCE: In FY 18, we licensed 59 haulers (390 vehicles), 13 processing facilities, and 3 transfer stations. We completed 40 load check events (400 individual vehicle checks at three facilities) and assessed Banned Materials Fees on 60 loads. We conducted 32 construction site visits to provide education on managing demolition waste.

BIOSOLIDS: CSWD brokered 15,360 wet tons of sewage sludge for our member communities in FY18, which is 6.5% more material than FY17. CSWD staff is continually investigating options for local treatment of sewage sludge from District members with a focus on removing phosphorus from member wastewater treatment plants. CSWD is in the fifth year of a 5-year contract with Casella Organics for sewage sludge disposal through FY18.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT: Our research and development efforts targeted recycling markets for hard-to-recycle products and packaging, MSW disposal trends, and consolidated collection of food scraps, recyclables, and trash.

MEMBER GRANTS: CSWD provided \$13,720 in grant funding to member towns via the Community Cleanup Fund in FY18, and \$10,466 in waived Green Up Day disposal fees and financial support to Green Up Vermont on behalf of our member towns.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

White River Junction VA Medical Center
215 North Main Street
White River Junction, VT 05009
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

November 29, 2018

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women's Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ – and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Laura Miraldi
 Acting Medical Center Director



COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER OF BOLTON, RICHMOND AND HUNTINGTON: 2018-19



MORE ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPANTS, AND A NEW LONG-TERM PLAN.

How can we best serve our communities in years to come? What's our ultimate vision? What must we do to achieve it? How do we sustain what we do to benefit seniors long-term?

In early 2018, CSC board members worked through a two-day planning process with an outside facilitator to answer these questions and set the vision and mission of the organization.

Vision, mission focus on activities and enrichment.

Our vision: "Boundless opportunities for all seniors to live life to the fullest."

Our revised Mission Statement sums up how we will achieve that: "The Community Senior Center provides opportunities for seniors to connect with others, learn new things, pursue creative interests, be healthy and contribute to their community."

As we've grown in activities and participants, it's become clearer how to best serve our three communities. Today, our focus is on expanding our activities and programs to serve more seniors, unlimited by a fixed space or our imagination.

Our "space" is everywhere.

We work with private venues to secure recreational opportunities at reduced rates, such as bowling at Spare Time in Colchester, skiing at Bolton Valley, and golf lessons at West Bolton Golf Club.

Our communities also generously afford spaces for our diverse programs, either free or for an affordable fee. In Huntington, these include the Town Hall, Public Library, outdoor basketball court and Community Church Annex. You'll also find our seniors in activities at Bolton's Smilie School, and Richmond's Browns Court fields, Volunteers' Green, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, Congregational Church, Radiate Art Space, and The Free Library and Town Center.

The area's waterways and hiking and biking trails also provide great venues for many outdoor activities.

20 different activities weekly with over 400 participants.

On average, we coordinate 20 different activities weekly. They vary seasonally from a list of nearly 40 activities for over 400 seniors, and it's growing with new requests.

We also offer "Enrichment" programs, from speakers on local history and wildlife to entertainment events and area business tours. A major event was the "Hidden Gems" benefit auction of former resident H.V. Walsh's artworks. In 2018, approximately 1,000 attendees took advantage of 37 CSC enrichment programs open to all residents for free or a voluntary donation.

New activities for diverse interests.

Activities added in 2018 include Art Exercise and a monthly travelogue with slide presentations on interesting destinations. Coffee Time provides weekly social conversation. Alpine skiing, fishing, kayaking, an opera discussion group, table games, quilting, and Feldenkrais exercise therapy round out the list. Pickleball's popularity now has weekly games in all three towns, and Bone Builders draws 20+ participants in both Huntington and Richmond.

Communication tools reach more people.

The CSC's new weekly email newsletter includes photos and an updated activities calendar. Our new website, developed with the support of SwiftTrek owner and CSC member Cara Nelson, overviews our organization and programs. Visit www.cscvt.org to join the email newsletter and learn more about your CSC.

Extraordinary volunteer and leadership work.

Over 70 individuals volunteer to lead activities, host programs and provide professional guidance free or at significantly reduced fees. These community builders truly respect and value the opportunity to give to others.

Our board of directors also welcomed two new members—Rich Roberge and Earl Wester—who add their skills to those of the other volunteer board members.

Operating budget built on private donations of skills and dollars.

Nearly half our \$62,000 operating budget comes from individuals' donations and proceeds from events. The balance is built on the value of voluntary donations-in-kind of professional services and expertise. Spending is focused on equipment and supplies, facility rentals, and communications about activities and events. Our goal is to offer programs free or at minimal cost, so all seniors can participate.

2019 challenges: Administrative hub; transportation.

Growth in activities and participants tells us that meeting seniors' needs in three towns from a single facility is impractical. Thus, we'll continue to work with our communities for the diverse facilities we need. But our growth also brings the need for administrative space. We will be looking for donated or rented "office" for administration and equipment storage and perhaps as a drop-in hub and information resource from where we can continue to grow our outreach programs.

In 2019, we will also explore transportation options with our communities and public services to give more seniors access to our social and enrichment programs.

TOWN ENERGY COORDINATOR AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

First, here is a bit of Town energy history. A recent title search turned up a 999-year lease on a 100-acre parcel near Fay's Corner that was given by the Town of Richmond in 1820 to C.H. Cook. It would appear that this lease was given for the purpose of supplying firewood for the former school at Fays Corner. Now there is a piece of long range energy planning!

More recently, one of the projects undertaken by the Planning Commission in 2018 was the updating of the Energy Section of the new Town Plan. Since the adoption of Act 174 (the "Energy Development Improvement Act") in 2016 by the Vermont State Legislature, municipalities and regions have been encouraged to plan more comprehensively for renewable energy usage and generation. Act 174 allows for towns to have more say in the siting of renewable energy facilities, such as solar arrays and wind towers, if they have adopted an "Enhanced Energy Plan" certified as such by the Regional Planning Commission. Richmond voters overwhelmingly approved the new Town Plan on election day in November.

In order to meet the state's goal of 90% of our energy usage coming from renewable sources by 2050, we will need to dramatically increase the amount of electricity we use that is generated from solar and wind; increase the use of efficient wood burning and the use of electric heat-pumps for home heating; insulate and tighten up buildings; switch to electric vehicles and find more efficient ways to travel than one person driving one car. It is very important that we not build wasteful new buildings and the Town Plan calls on the Planning Commission to consider adopting Vermont's enhanced, or "stretch", building energy code as part of the Richmond zoning ordinance update. These goals were written into our plan to conform to state law and to provide a roadmap for Richmond to decrease fossil fuel usage and greenhouse gas emissions. This initiative will continue into 2019, as the zoning ordinance is updated to align with the new Plan.

The Richmond Climate Action Committee (RCAC) is a citizen committee dedicated to reducing the Town's contribution to global warming and climate change through local action. RCAC was formed in 2006 and was one of the first Town Energy Committees in the state.



This past year the RCAC:

- Members actively participated in the discussions about the Energy Section in the Town Plan process
- Sponsored a Green Homes tour of homes in Richmond that have installed various renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.
- Wrote a grant proposal for an EV charging station that will be installed in the Town Center parking lot this summer if the grant is awarded.

To learn more about the past work of RCAC go to their website here: <http://www.richmondclimateaction.net>.

Please feel free to call or write if you have any questions or would like more information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Forward, Town Energy Coordinator
434-2344, forward@gmavt.net

Lund helps children thrive by empowering families to break cycles of poverty, addiction and abuse. Lund offers hope and opportunity to families through education, treatment, family support and adoption. – Lund mission.



Lund's integrated programs reach over 5,300 Vermonters every year. Lund's residential program is the only facility in Vermont where women can live with their children while engaging in treatment for mental health or substance use disorders. Lund also offers outpatient treatment as part of the state's hub and spoke system, and in homes substance use disorder screening and assessment. Lund's education programs include 5 STAR early childhood education, high school completion for pregnant and parenting students, and teen pregnancy

prevention and sexual health classes. Lund's family support services include parenting education, Reach Up case management, workforce development, transitional housing and support for the children of incarcerated mothers. Lund

works closely with the Vermont Department for Children and Families to find forever families for children in foster care through adoption and also coordinates private infant adoption. The adoption program offers lifelong support for adoptive families, options counseling for pregnant individuals and search and reunion services.

For 129 years Lund has been working with commitment and compassion to address the community's most pressing challenges and build strong, healthy families.

HOWARD CENTER ~ VERMONT'S SYSTEM OF CARE

Howard Center is part of Vermont's System of Care and has been designated by the state with the responsibility of helping thousands of Vermonters each year with services including lifesaving professional crisis and counseling for children and adults, supportive services to individuals with autism and intellectual disabilities, counseling and medical services for those struggling with substance use, and intensive interventions for adults with serious and persistent mental health challenges. Taken together, our fifty-plus programs provide a broad continuum of services to meet the many diverse needs of our community.

Our mission is to improve the well-being of children, adults, families, and communities. We are based in Burlington, Vermont's largest city, and serve Chittenden County, the most populous in the state. Because mental health issues, addiction, and developmental disabilities reach into all parts of the community, our client base is generally representative of the wider population. Nevertheless, many face economic challenges, often due to their conditions. Among those for whom we have income data, 60 percent have household incomes below \$15,000 and 80 percent have household incomes below \$25,000.

Clients and their family members are an integral part of decision-making at Howard Center at both granular and global levels. With our clients, we practice person-centered care, a model that solicits and follows the wishes of the client in making decisions about goals and treatments. Clients are also part of the organization's leadership where half of the members of our board of trustees are current or former clients or their family members.

Howard Center's roots stretch back to the 1865 founding of the Home for Destitute Children following the Civil War. Since then, we have grown and adapted to meet new community needs. Today, we are 1,500 nurses, counselors, social workers, psychologists, therapists and others who provide services at more than 60 locations. Last year we helped 16,000 people - about one in every ten in Chittenden County.

Last year, Howard Center served about 238 residents of Richmond. Of these, 52 received services through our children and family services programs, 40 through adult mental health and substance abuse services, 15 through developmental services, and 28 through crisis services (these figures add to more than 119 because some clients receive more than one type of service). Additionally, about 119 Richmond residents were served through low barrier programs that do not require enrollment.

MOUNT MANSFIELD COMMUNITY TELEVISION, INC.

MMCTV is the public access center for Jericho, Richmond, Underhill and a small part of Essex. We air select local, Vermont and US/international content on Comcast Channel 15 (Public/Educational) and our new Channel 17 (Government). Visit MtMansfieldCtv.org to find links to our videos online.

With a mission to provide a platform for free speech and to build community through video, we film and archive local meetings and offer gear and training for you to make your own shows. Our small, dedicated staff works closely with vibrant community producers and enthusiastic volunteers. We offer media education opportunities for all ages, such as middle school TV camps

Dating back to 1997, our 501(c)3 nonprofit provides over 300 hours a year of original, hyperlocal programming. Your feedback, volunteer time and donations are always welcome!

Contact: **Angelike Contis**, Executive Director
35 West Main Street, Richmond, VT 05477
PO Box 688 Richmond, VT 05477
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The Elusive Camel at the River



January 15, 2019

Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District Annual Report

The Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District (MMMUSD) Annual Report will be available February 12, 2019. The report will include a proposed 2019-20 school district budget, tax rate information, Chittenden East Supervisory Union expenses and a review of operations, activities and assessment results for Mount Mansfield Modified Union's eight schools:

- Smilie Memorial School (PK-4)
- Jericho Elementary School (K-4)
- Richmond Elementary School (PK-4)
- Underhill ID Elementary School (PK-4)
- Underhill Central School (K-4)
- Browns River Middle School (Grades 5-8)
- Camels Hump Middle School (Grades 5-8)
- Mt. Mansfield union High School (Grades 9-12)

The Annual Report can be found at your local town office, public school, Chittenden East Central Office or online at www.cesuvt.org. Upon request, a printed copy will be mailed to you by calling 434-2128.

If you have questions, please contact the Central Office at 434-2128 or by email at cesu.office@cesuvt.org.

FY18 Chittenden East Supervisory Union District Audits can be viewed by going to:
<http://go.cesuvt.org/auditsfy18>



Benjamin White, Principal

Richmond Elementary School is an inviting, nurturing partnership between students, parents, teachers and community that supports respect and lifelong learning. Through this, all students are empowered to become successful communicators and problem solvers. Our

mission is to inspire children to lead balanced lives while making positive contributions to their community. Part 2 continues its relationship with RES and its scholars with their enriching programming.

This year we continue our focus in reading and writing workshops as well as our work in mathematics and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). We have taken on two building initiatives: Equity Literacy and Yoga and Mindfulness. These initiatives were identified through partnerships with our local community, as well as by our educators, in collaboration with trending and state educational programming needs for preparing our students for the 21st century global market.

Our delayed starts have been a wonderful opportunity for teachers to collaborate and connect across grade-levels. We have been spending a majority of our time during these delayed starts collaborating around Equity Literacy and Yoga and Mindfulness. Specifically, we have been focusing on our classroom libraries and connecting our Equity Literacy work with our readers and writers workshop models. In response to our trainings last year around trauma-informed practices, we hired a School Services Clinician to help us bridge the gap between school and home, as well as to provide additional care and support to not only our students in need, but to our families within the community. All of our professional learning has allowed Richmond Elementary School to focus more on the “whole child” and provide a learning environment that focuses on fostering a passion for lifelong learning. At the same time, we continue to hold high academic expectations for all learners as we continually strive for each student to achieve their full potential.

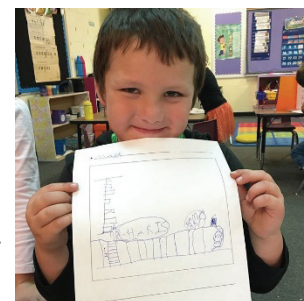
We are now in our eighth year of PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) implementation. We seek to continue our work in creating strong social and emotional supports for all scholars, making our learning environment safe and successful.



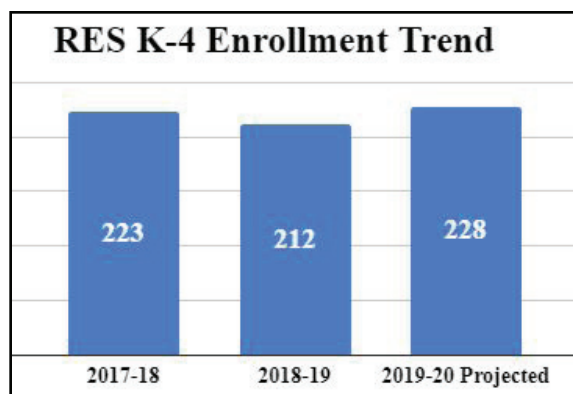
Richmond Elementary School has been able to connect more deeply and at an earlier age through our consistently strong preschool programs for three and four-year-old scholars. Over the past few years, we have worked hard to continue the involvement of preschool within the rest of our school’s programs, which has allowed for our youngest learners to access more opportunities within the school day. Some of these opportunities include art, library, music and physical education. We are planning to continue our four-year-old full-day preschool classroom into the 2019-2020 school year, which will help us to continue fostering

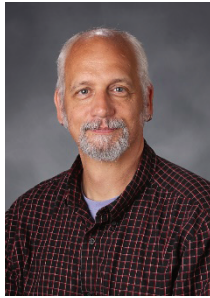
a smooth transition from preschool to kindergarten, while allowing for great opportunities for student success and prevention of specialized services.

Looking to the future, we are excited to continue to invest in our scholars and their learning. We are excited for what the future holds for us at Richmond Elementary School.



Grades: PreK-4
Total Faculty: 25
K-4 Classroom Teacher FTE: 13
ESP Staff: 26
Students PreK-4: 279
PreK Partnerships: 30
K-4 Classroom Teacher Ratio: 16.3
Student Assessment Results Link:
<http://go.cesvt.org/RES17-18assessments>





Mark Carbone, Principal



**Wilhelmina Picard,
Assistant Principal**

During 2017-2018, Camels Hump Middle School (CHMS) science teachers continued developing inquiry based learning experiences and partnering with a wide range of community groups. We also redesigned our reporting system to include the scientific concepts of inquiry, modeling and communication. Social Studies instructors were engaged in developing inquiry based Social Studies units following the C3 framework and continue to be actively immersed in this work. CHMS literacy teachers are building upon and refining the instructional pedagogy associated with Writer's and Reader's Workshop focusing on student's reasoning. CHMS math teachers completed aligning the middle grade math expectations to meet with the new high school math scope and sequence and identifying non-negotiable conceptual understandings at every grade level. Eight staff members attended the Sustainability Academy during the summer of 2018 and we are working school-wide to infuse these objectives into our daily instruction. Also, as a school community CHMS administration and staff are working with Seed the Way on implicit bias and developing instructional plans for students.

We are pursuing work in addressing the achievement gap for students identified as socially/economically disadvantaged and students with disabilities. Using the delayed opening mornings for professional development, we are focused on improving student outcomes through instructional practice, formative assessment and flexible grouping and enhancing our co-teaching model. Our mathematics and literacy

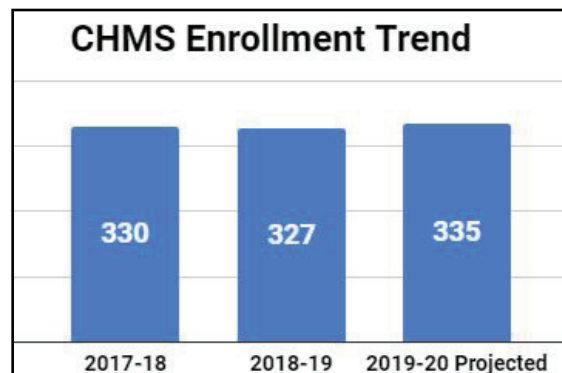


teachers are working closely with special educators and our curricular coaches in identifying student conceptual misunderstandings and providing specific remediation strategies. CHMS is refining and implementing a number of community partnerships as part of our science and social studies curriculums; Vermont Amphibians/Reptile Atlas, Vernal Pool Association, Trout in the Classroom, Monitor Barn, Willis Land Trust, and the Richmond Conservation Commission.



Student interest and participation is growing across all of our co-curricular activities and we are adding new offerings and our after-school program options continue to be popular with students. Our interscholastic sports' program is also growing with students participating on eight sports teams. We have added a second boys' basketball team. Over sixty percent of our student population participates in our instrumental music program (chorus and/or band).

Grades: 5-8
Total Faculty: 33
Total Classroom FTE: 16.0
ESP Staff: 21
Students: 327
Student/Classroom Teacher Ratio: 20.4
Student Assessment Results Link:
<http://go.cesuvt.org/CHMS17-18assessments>



Mt. Mansfield Union High School

This past year at Mt. Mansfield Union High School has been one of implementation and reflection. The Class of 2019 will be the first class to graduate with a Personal Learning Plan (PLP) and the Class of 2020 will be the first to graduate with Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements (PBGR). We have been putting to use the structures, systems, lesson plans, and assessment strategies that we have developed to implement PLPs & PBGRs. We also have been reflecting on if the work we did led us to student outcomes that we had hoped for and how to improve upon these outcomes regardless if the outcomes were desired or not. This reflective work has allowed the faculty to step back and examine a “traditional” high school education with a critical eye. We believe the work we are doing now and in the future is going to lead to graduates of Mt. Mansfield Union High School experiencing success in their initial endeavors after graduation and help them become Effective Engaged Citizens who are prepared to move their communities forward now and in the future.



Michael Weston,
Principal



Krystina Fernandez,
Assistant Principal



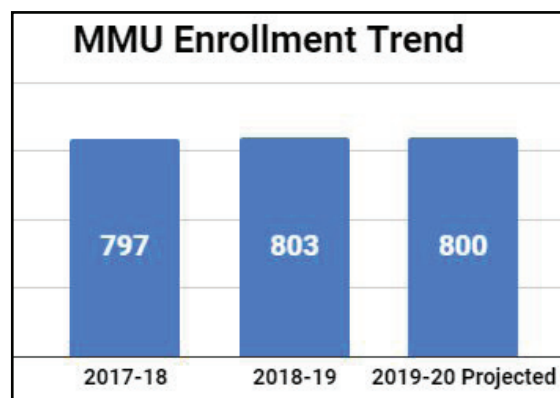
The 2017-2018 school year also contained much student success for MMUHS. On June 16th the Fifty-First Commencement Ceremony was held for Mt. Mansfield Union High School at The University of Vermont. The Class of 2018 had one hundred seventy-eight graduates, of these, sixty-five percent went on to pursue higher education. Seventy-eight members of this class graduates earned a Latin Honors Distinction of Cum Laude or higher, this is done through a 4-year grade point average of 3.45 or higher. Also, eighty percent of our students who took AP

Exams received a score of 3 or higher, this compares to a Vermont average of sixty-six percent, and a global average of fifty-nine percent. Our students shine outside of classroom as well. The MMU Dance, Boys & Girls Nordic Skiing and Girls Alpine Skiing teams all won championships and over fifteen students were members of the New England Music Festival Band and Chorus. MMUHS also plays an active role in supporting community events, it is not hard to find a MMU student giving their time to support great causes in and out of our local community.



If you have any question or feedback for our school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Grades: 9-12
Total Faculty: 63
Classroom Teacher FTE: 44.2
ESP Staff: 64
Students: 803
Student/Teacher Ratio: 18.2
Student Assessment Results Link:
<http://go.cesvut.org/MMU17-19assessments>



Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District						
Proposed Budget Summary & Comparison						
Description	Actual FY 18	Budget FY 18	Budget FY 19	Budget FY 20	\$ Change	% Change
Expenditures						
Instructional Programs	18,287,319	18,640,780	19,203,236	20,030,405	827,169	4.31%
Special Education Purchased Services	5,512	6,409,150	6,904,019	-	(6,904,019)	-100.00%
Special Education Assessment	3,656,510	3,656,510	3,660,819	3,725,863	65,044	1.78%
Vocational Education	1,015,173	1,103,720	931,120	957,848	26,728	2.87%
Co-Curricular Activities	651,029	578,221	634,847	678,393	43,546	6.86%
Health Services	1,752,188	1,685,824	1,700,572	1,705,551	4,979	0.29%
Professional Development	270,088	214,219	276,099	299,823	23,724	8.59%
Media Services	827,068	959,579	896,032	923,663	27,631	3.08%
Board of Education	26,545	18,594	22,000	38,000	16,000	72.73%
Chittenden East Supervisory Union	1,409,475	1,406,758	1,415,304	1,420,202	4,898	0.35%
School Administration	1,538,427	1,572,074	1,478,207	1,377,919	(100,288)	-6.78%
Secretarial Services	1,010,571	1,011,213	1,033,176	1,026,113	(7,064)	-0.68%
Fiscal Services	43,928	74,567	69,903	182,503	112,600	161.08%
Tech Communications Services	227,243	249,591	250,922	213,532	(37,390)	-14.90%
Operation/Maintenance of Plant	3,718,254	3,754,253	3,787,792	3,728,005	(59,787)	-1.58%
Transportation Services	891,006	1,816,894	1,517,813	1,282,705	(235,108)	-15.49%
Food Services	57,073	33,000	33,660	-	(33,660)	-100.00%
Other Fiscal Services	2,566	-	4,353	4,353	-	0.00%
Debt Services	872,687	855,703	848,091	831,352	(16,739)	-1.97%
Transfer to Food Service Fund	84,000	84,000	99,000	145,000	46,000	46.46%
Transfer to Capital Improvement Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	-	0.00%
Capital Project	459,408	-	-	525,000	525,000	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 36,906,069	\$ 44,224,649	\$ 44,866,964	\$ 39,196,230	\$ (5,670,735)	-12.64%
Adjustments to Allow Valid Year-to-Year Comparison*						
FY20 Special Education Expense				6,904,019		
FY20 Title I Expense				130,855		
FY20 Tax Anticipation Note Expense				(112,600)		
FY19 Transportation Revenue			570,299	570,299		
Adjusted Comparable Expenditures*	\$ 36,906,069	\$ 44,224,649	\$ 45,437,263	\$ 46,688,803	\$ 1,251,539	2.75%
<i>*The Vermont Agency of Education has changed reporting requirements in conjunction with the legislation requiring centralization of services at the Supervisory Union. In FY19 transportation revenue was shifted from the local districts into the SU. This reduced the SU assessments back to the schools. In FY20 we are budgeting the shift of special education revenue from the local districts to the SU. Consequently both <u>revenue</u> and <u>expenses</u> are decreasing by almost seven million.</i>						
Estimated Revenue						
State and Federal						
Education Spending Revenue	35,865,338	36,082,889	36,730,072	37,420,598	690,526	1.88%
Career & Tech Ed Transfer	497,350	514,424	477,245	479,515	2,269	0.48%
Tech Ed Spending Grant	23,467	-	-	-	-	-
Small School Grant	42,631	42,632	42,632	42,632	-	0.00%
Drivers Education	10,526	14,000	14,000	10,000	(4,000)	-28.57%
Transportation	-	570,299	-	-	-	-
High School Completion Program	36,271	15,000	15,000	30,000	15,000	100.00%
Special Education	-	6,409,149	6,942,759	-	(6,942,759)	-100.00%
Title 1	-	130,855	130,855	0	(130,855)	-100.00%
Local						
Tuition	276,531	125,000	125,000	234,022	109,022	87.22%
Interest	8,915	15,000	9,000	123,000	114,000	1266.67%
Impact Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other and Grants	105,672	5,400	5,400	5,400	-	0.00%
Lease Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer From Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prior Year Adjustments	22,019	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit)	17,349	300,000	375,000	851,062	476,062	126.95%
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An independent audit of the accounts and financial statements of the former school districts that comprise the Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District, for the period ending June 30, 2018 was conducted by Fothergill, Segale and Valley, CPAs. The report of the elected auditors for the Mt. Mansfield Union School district and reports of the independent auditors for elementary school districts are available online at http://go.cesvut.org/auditsfy18 .						

**OFFICIAL WARNING
MOUNT MANSFIELD MODIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

February 28, 2019 & March 5, 2019

The legal voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District comprising the voters of the town school districts of Huntington (Grades 5-12), and Bolton, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill, (all Grades PK-12) are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Mansfield Union High School on Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. to transact any of the following business not involving Australian Ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named for each of the above-referenced town school districts on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. (Huntington at 6:30 am) at which time the polls will open, until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close, to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

- Article 1: To elect the following officers:
 a Moderator for one year,
 a Clerk for one year,
 a Treasurer for one year.
- Article 2: To hear and act upon the written reports of the District Officers.
- Article 3: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District authorize the school board under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?
- Article 4: This time serves as a public information hearing for public review of the 2019-20 proposed budget--for discussion purposes only.
- Article 5: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

March 5, 2019 -- Australian Ballot Question

- Article 6: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$39,196,230, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the 2019-20 fiscal year?

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,780 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.20% higher than spending for the current year.

Upon closing of the polls, the ballot boxes will be sealed, re-opened at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond, the ballots commingled and publicly counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill under the supervision of the Clerk of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District.

The legal voters of Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at Browns River Middle School in the Town of Jericho on February 21, 2019 commencing at 6:00 pm and Mt. Mansfield Union High School in the Town of Jericho on February 28, 2019 commencing at 6:00 pm, for the purpose of explaining the 2019-20 proposed budget.

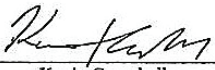
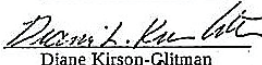


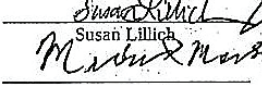
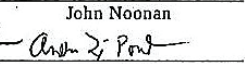
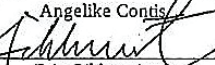
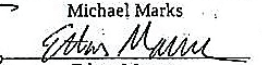
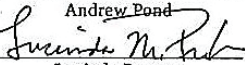
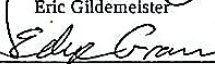
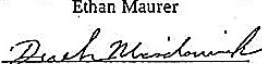
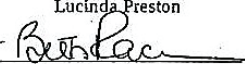
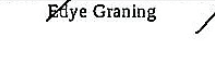
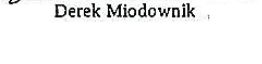
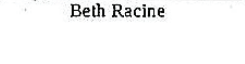
Polling Places

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

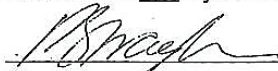
Bolton	*	Smilie Memorial School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Huntington	*	Brewster-Pierce Memorial School	*	6:30 am - 7 pm
Jericho	*	Mt. Mansfield Union High School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Richmond	*	Camels Hump Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Underhill	*	Browns River Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm

Dated this 7th day of January, 2019.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

 Kevin Campbell	 Diane Kirson-Glitman	 Kurt Muller
 Gail Conley	 Susan Lillich	 John Noonan
 Angelike Contis	 Michael Marks	 Andrew Bond
 Eric Gildemeister	 Ethan Maurer	 Lucinda Preston
 Edye Graning	 Derek Miodownik	 Beth Racine

Received for record this 7th day of January 2019, A.D.

 , Clerk, Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District

**OFFICIAL WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2019
RICHMOND, VERMONT**

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond Vermont and the Richmond legal voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at Camels Hump Middle School, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 9:00 AM to transact business on the following articles.

The voters are further warned to meet at Camels Hump Middle School, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 to vote the following by Australian ballot:

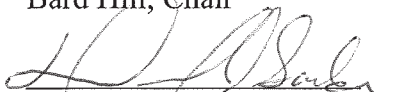
Town Officers and MMMUSD School Directors

Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

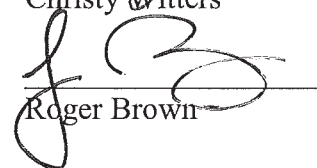
- Article 1. To elect school and town officers for terms posted on ballot.
(To be voted by Australian ballot)
- Article 2. To hear and accept the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve a budget of
\$3,970,813 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Richmond?
- Article 4. To transact any other Town business that may come legally before this meeting.

Richmond Select Board


Bard Hill, Chair


David Sander, Vice Chair


Christy Witters


Roger Brown

Stephen Ackerman

Received for record this 25th day of January, 2019



Linda M. Parent, CVC, Town Clerk

SPECIAL NOTES

Requests for **early voter absentee ballots** will be accepted in the Town Clerk's Office until **4:00 PM** on **March 4, 2019**.

Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District: The legal voters of the Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District are warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at the following venues for the purpose of explaining the 2019-2020 proposed budget:

MMMUSD budget informational meeting ~ February 21, 2019 at **6:00 PM**, Browns River Middle School in the Town of Jericho.

MMMUSD Annual Meeting & budget informational meeting ~ February 28, 2019 at **6:00 PM**, Mt. Mansfield Union High School in the Town of Jericho.

Richmond Select Board: The legal voters of the Town of Richmond are warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond on **Monday, March 4, 2019** commencing at **7:00 PM**, for the purpose of explaining the 2019-2020 proposed budget and Australian ballot items.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
RICHMOND, VERMONT
MARCH 5, 2019

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

MODERATOR

One Year Term vote for not
more than one

CLINT BUXTON ☐

(Write-in) ☐

TOWN CLERK

Three Year Term vote for not
more than one

LINDA M. PARENT ☐

(Write-in) ☐

TOWN TREASURER

Three Year Term vote for not
more than one

MARK ARIDGIDES ☐

(Write-in) ☐

SELECTBOARD

Three Year Term vote for not
more than one

BARD HILL ☐

(Write-in) ☐

SELECTBOARD

Two Year Term vote for not
more than one

KATIE MATHER ☐

TERRY MOULTROUP ☐

(Write-in) ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Five Year Term vote for not
more than one

DENNIS GILE ☐

(Write-in) ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

1 year remaining of a vote for not
5 year term more than one

CLINT BUXTON ☐

(Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Five Year Term vote for not
more than one

CLAIRE MAHONEY ☐

STEVE MAY ☐

MARTHA NYE ☐

(Write-in) ☐

FIRST CONSTABLE

One Year Term vote for not
more than one

ANDY SQUIRES ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**MOUNT MANSFIELD
MODIFIED SCHOOL
DIRECTOR**

Three Year Term vote for not
more than two

JOHN "CHIP" NOONAN ☐

LUCINDA PRESTON ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Assistant Town Clerk.....Martha Laing 434-2221
Delinquent Tax Collector..... Laurie Brisbin 434-2221
Financial DirectorConnie Bona 434-2221
Fire Chief.....Dennis Gile
434-2002 (non-emergency)
Highway Road Foreman Peter Gosselin 434-2631
Library Director Rebecca Mueller 434-3036
Police Chiefvacant
434-2156 (non-emergency)
Richmond Town Historian.....Harriet W. Riggs 434-2556
Town Manager Josh Arneson 434-5170
Town Planner Jessica Draper 434-2430
Water Resources Superintendent Kendall Chamberlin
434-2178
Zoning Administrative Officer..... Suzanne Mantegna
434-2430

APPOINTED VOLUNTEERS

Animal Control Agent.....Andrew Squires 363-7162
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission
Bard Hill 434-5672
Chittenden Solid Waste District..... Adam Sherman
Civil Defense Director Josh Arneson 434-5170
Energy Coordinator..... Jeffrey Forward 434-2344
Emergency Management CoordinatorJosh Arneson
434-5170
Fire Warden..... Dennis Gile 363-3995
To obtain a Burn Permit, call Shelburne Dispatch. 985-8051
Weigher of Coal Jay Furr 434-4601
Lake Iroquois Committee Jack Linn 434-4882
Town Fence Viewers.....Jared Katz 434-4995
Carole Furr 434-4601
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood..... Jon Kart
999-7515
Town Health Officer Taylor Yeates 318-3013
Town Service OfficerMartha Laing 434-5689
Tree Warden Matthew Leonetti 760-7577
Richmond Rescue Representative.....vacant

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Superintendent CESU Dr. John Alberghini 434-2128
Principal, MMUHS.....Michael Weston 899-4690
Principal, CHMS..... Mark Carbone 434-2188
Principal, RES.....Ben White 434-2461

STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor Honorable Phil Scott
1-802-828-3322
VT State House 15 State St Montpelier 05633

Lt. Governor David Zuckerman
1-802-828-2226
VT State House 15 State St Montpelier 05633

Secretary of State Jim Condos
1-800-439-8683
128 State St Montpelier VT 05633

U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy
863-2525 1-800-642-3193
119 Main St Floor 4 Burlington VT 05401

U.S. Senator Bernard Sanders
1-800-339-9834
1 Church St Floor 3 Burlington 05401

U.S. Representative Peter Welch
1-888-605-7270
128 Lakeside Ave Ste 235 Burlington 05401

State Senators ~

Chittenden County

Tim Ashe, Burlington (D) 318-0903
Philip Baruth, Burlington (D) 503-5266
Debbie Ingram, Williston (D) 879-0054
Virginia Lyons, Williston (D) 863-6129
Christopher Pearson, Burlington
(P/D/W) 860-3933
Michael Sirotkin (D) 999-4360

Chittenden 1 Representative ~

Marcia Lawrence Gardner
2290 Hinesburg Road
Richmond, VT 05477
Phone Statehouse 1-800-322-5616
Phone Home 434-2854
Email: mgardner@leg.state.vt.us

CSWD Drop-off Center 434-2712

Located at 80 Rogers Lane
Off Route 117 (River Road)
Open: Tuesday: 8:00 - 3:30
Thursday: 9:30 - 5:00
Saturday: 8:00 - 3:30



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