



**TOWN OF WALDEN, VERMONT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018**

MARCH 5, 2019

Walden School Multipurpose Room

The Town Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Australian Ballot voting will take place 10:00 a.m – 7:00 p.m.

Please bring this report to Town Meeting

ON THE COVER: The concept of Northeast Kingdom tourism was conceived in 1955 originating in Danville and growing to include neighboring towns. Walden joined in the Fall Foliage Festival in 1958 with area towns to provide a down-home celebration of the beauty, history, and friendliness that has come to define the Northeast Kingdom. Over the early years Danville, Cabot, Peacham, Barnet, Groton and Walden organized a week-long festival to celebrate local farms, businesses, people and history. Danville introduced dowsing to the festival early on, and by 1962 the dowsers branched off to their own Annual Dowsers' Convention. Betty Hatch became General Chairman in 1964 until 2012. Judy Clifford took over as Walden Chairman as well as General Chairman of the weeklong event which now includes Marshfield, Walden, Cabot, Plainfield, Peacham, Barnet and Groton. Watch for our signature flyer and join us to celebrate 60+ years of opening our doors to showcase our lives in The Kingdom.

If your farm, business, or point of interest would like to be a part of the festival, or if you would like to volunteer to help out with the festival activities, please contact Judy.

If you have any photos on any subject that would be appropriate for future Town Reports, please submit them to the Town Clerk.

Photos on the cover are:

Top: Twin Maple Farm

Row 2: Harvest Hill Organic Produce Farm, North Walden Cemetery

Row 3: Rowell Sugar House, Walden United Methodist Church, Walden Emergency Services Building

Row 4: Clifford Farm calves, South Walden Church, Walden Mountain Alpaca Farm

Row 5: Walden Mountain Alpaca Farm (left), Twin Maple Farm: Perley, Carolyn and Dan Greaves (right)

Row 7: Fall Foliage Festival Dinner Preparation: Jon Augeri (left), Bud and Judy Clifford, Janet McKinstry, Joanne Foster (right), Twin Maple Farm tour (center)

IN MEMORY OF

Joan E. Bissell
September 20, 1934-August 6, 2018



Joan was born in St. Johnsbury, the daughter of the late Percy V. and Gladys Rowell. She attended Noyesville Public School in Walden and graduated from Danville High School in the class of 1952. She married Ralph Emerson Bissell on October 10, 1953.

Joan followed in her mother's footsteps in public service working as Walden's Assistant Town Clerk for almost 3 decades and Delinquent Tax Collector for more than 23 years. Joan also served as Library Trustee from 1970-71, Justice of the Peace for 5 years and was a dedicated fundraising volunteer for the Walden Fire Department. In January 2000 she received the Vermont Secretary of State Public Service Award in recognition of 27 years of service to the Town of Walden.

Joan loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling, especially to Ireland, flower and vegetable gardening, crocheting, crafting, antiques and yard sales.

Jane C. Greaves
March 25, 1929-October 24, 2018

Frank and Jane Greaves moved to Walden Heights in 1949. Frank passed away in 2005 but Jane lived on the farm they purchased for 65 years.

Jane was involved in many community activities in Walden. She helped set up and manage the craft table at Fall Foliage Festival and during the summer made either a hot dish or 2 pies for the Tuesday night church suppers at the Methodist Church in Noyesville.

Jane worked as a teacher's aid at the one room school in Noyesville when Gertrude Hale was the teacher and in later years served the town as auditor for 6 years.

She had beautiful flower and vegetable gardens and enjoyed many hobbies including quilting, crocheting, reading and crossword puzzles.



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TOWN OFFICERS

	Elected	Term Expires
Moderator	Roger Fox	2019
Clerk/Treasurer	Lina Smith	2019
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	Diane Banister (appointed)	2019
Assistant Clerk	Dia Michaud (appointed)	2019
Selectboard	Jon Augeri (resigned)	2019
	Robert Hatch	2020
	Randolph Wilson	2021
Listers	Annette Foster	2019
	Dia Michaud	2020
	Diane Banister	2021
Auditors	Larry Hubner (resigned)	2019
	Robyn Cook Hubner	2019
	Judith Clifford	2020
	Wilhelm Woelfle	2021
First Constable	Luke Persons	2019
Delinquent Tax Collector	Lina Smith	2019
Library Trustees	Anne Smith	2019
	Patricia Frain	2020
	Elizabeth Larrabee	2021
	Martha Bissell	2022
	Vacant	2023
Cemetery Commissioners	Larry Hubner	2019
	Jamie Dailey	2020
	Lorraine Montgomery	2021
	Judith Clifford	2022
	Vacant	2023
Justices of the Peace	Diane Cochran	Jan 31, 2019
	Michael Coffey	Jan 31, 2019
	Annette Foster	Jan 31, 2019
	Roger Fox	Jan 31, 2019
	Annie Galliard	Jan 31, 2019
Town Agent/Grand Juror	Caro Thompson	2019

Appointed By Selectboard

Forest Fire Warden	Robert Hatch	563-3022
Health Officer	Val Covell	563-2513
Pound Keeper	Cheryl McQueeney	563-2912
E911/Emergency Management Coordinator	Marvin (Butch) Greaves, Jr.	563-2332
Inspector of Lumber	Ralph Bissell	
Weigher of Coal	James Teuscher	
Representative to CVSWD	Robert Hatch	
Tree Warden	David McMath	
Green Up Coordinator	Rebecca Bell	

**WARNING FOR WALDEN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TO BE HELD ON MARCH 5, 2019**

The legal voters of the Town of Walden, Vermont in the county of Caledonia are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Walden School in said Walden, Vermont on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to act upon the following business for the Town. Voting for Town Officers will be by Australian Ballot. The polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior to the meeting by visiting the Town Clerk's Office or going online to olvr.sec.state.us.

Absentee Ballots for voting for the Town Officers may be requested by the voter or an authorized person. Absentee Ballots will be available until 4:00 PM on Monday, March 4, 2019.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town to govern said meeting and for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following Town Officers by Australian Ballot: Town Clerk – 1 year term; Treasurer – 1 year term; Selectboard – 3 year term; Lister – 3 year term; Auditor – 3 year term; Constable – 1 year term; Tax Collector – 1 year term; Town Agent – 1 year term; Library Trustee – 5 year term; Library Trustee – 4 year term; Cemetery Commissioner – 5 year term; Cemetery Commissioner – 4 year term.

ARTICLE 3: To see what action the Town will take in regard to the printed report of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to have property taxes paid to the Town Treasurer Thursday, November 7, 2019 by physical delivery before 5 pm on that date. Postmarks will not be accepted.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town voters will authorize the Selectboard to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$80,000, to be financed over a period not to exceed 5 years, to support the purchase of a new truck.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will approve total highway fund expenditures of \$ 595,572.00, of which \$ 319,211.39 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 276,360.61 by non-tax revenues, for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. 17 V.S.A. 2664 (pages 18-20)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will appropriate funds to the following social and community service organizations, in the amounts listed below. *(Amounts appropriated in FY 2019 are listed for reference)* (pages 39-40)

	FY 2019	FY 2020
A.W.A.R.E. - services for those affected by violence	\$1,000	\$1,000
Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice - provide health care service	\$325	\$325
Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium - to support the operation of the museum	\$780	\$780
Green Up Vermont - help pay for supplies for Green Up Day	\$50	\$50
Hardwick Area Community Justice Center - provide restorative resolutions to those affected by crime	\$300	\$300
Hardwick Area Food Pantry - serves area people in need	\$200	\$200
Hardwick Emergency Rescue Squad, Inc. - provides medical/ambulance services	\$1,133	\$941.42
Joes Pond Aquatic Nuisance Control Project - aquatic invasive plant monitoring	\$500	\$500
Northeastern Vermont Development Association - not a social service agency/moved to dues	\$701	\$0
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. - provides 24 hour, 7 days a week emergency/crisis services	\$982	\$982
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. - provides educational training services	\$200	\$200
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services - provides supportive services for youth and families	\$100	\$100
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging - provides support for older Vermonters in our community	\$300	\$300
Rural Community Transportation (RCT) - providing transportation to the elderly & disabled	\$500	\$500
Umbrella, Inc. - services for victims of domestic and sexual violence	\$250	\$250
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts - not a social service agency/ moved to dues	\$100	\$0
Vermont Center for Independent Living - for improving the quality of life of those with disabilities	\$145	\$145
West Danville Community Club - for maintenance of Joe's Pond Beach	\$500	\$500
TOTAL	\$8,066	\$7,073.42

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will approve total general fund expenditures of \$ 377,416.42, of which \$259,591.13 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 117,825.29 by non-tax revenues, for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. 17 V.S.A. 2664 (page 13-17)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the voters will approve a solar initiative, with long-term financing to be voted by Australian Ballot on May 7, 2019 when the School District vote is scheduled.

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other proper business.

Dated at Walden, Vermont this 23rd day of January, 2019.

Selectboard: Robert Hatch
 Randolph Wilson

Town Clerk: Lina Smith

AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Title 24, Section 1681 of the Vermont Statutes, we have examined the records as presented to us by the town officers for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

To the best of our knowledge the financial statements represent the financial position of the Town of Walden as of June 30, 2018.

Judy Clifford
 Robyn Cook Hubner
 Wilhelm Woelfle

TOWN OF WALDEN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES June 30, 2018

Assets

Delinquent Tax Due	\$ 39,402.01
Town Real Estate	\$ 662,000.00
Town Equipment	\$ 544,625.00
CD Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 15,120.56
Town Clerk's Account	\$ 348.05
Sale of Town Garage Funds	\$ 30,146.01
General Fund Balance	\$ 27,625.29
Highway Fund Balance	\$ 60,860.81
Highway Equipment Fund	\$ 39,618.42
Neighborhood Watch Fund	\$ 519.41
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 2,967.38
Fire Department Checking Acct	\$ 4,675.40
Fire Department Truck Fund	\$ 14,132.64
Fire Department Trucks & Inventory	\$ 772,527.00
Cemetery Commission CD	\$ 27,203.29
Cemetery Checking	\$ 768.00
Community Library Savings Account	\$ 7,758.30
Community Library Family History Fund	\$ 1,141.49
Community Library Certificate of Deposit	\$ 1,692.95
Total Assets	\$ 2,253,132.01

Liabilities

Loan for 6 month transition	\$ 83,208.68	to be retired in FY2022
Fire House Loan **	\$ 16,957.05	to be retired in FY2021
Fire Truck Loan	\$ 65,342.94	to be retired in FY2020
Grader Loan	\$ 164,563.32	to be retired in FY2022
Total Liabilities	\$ 330,071.99	
Net Worth of the Town	\$ 1,923,060.02	

** refinanced in 2015 from 4.8% to 2% interest rate. Was not adjusted in previous reports.

2017/18 TAX RATE

Residential Tax Rate		Non-Residential Tax Rate	
Municipal	\$0.6527	Municipal	\$0.6527
Local Veteran Exemption	\$0.0052	Local Veteran Exemption	\$0.0052
Homestead Education	\$1.3441	Non-Residential Education	\$1.5593
Total	\$2.0020	Total	\$2.2172

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Real Estate	101,129,300
Veterans Exemption	\$ (360,000)
Land Use	\$ (8,089,400)
 Net Grand List	 926,799 (1% of Net Real Estate)

	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Residential Rate</u>	<u>Non-Residential Rate</u>	<u>Taxes Raised</u>
Town				
Municipal	926,799.00	0.6527	0.6527	604,921.79
School				
Non-Residential	442,092.14		1.5593	689,354.27
Homestead Education	484,706.86	1.3441		651,494.54
Local Veteran Exemption	926,799.00	0.0052	0.0052	4,819.42
Total School		1.3493	1.5645	1,950,590.02
 Penalties Billed				 275.57
 Grand Total				 1,950,865.59

STATE OF VERMONT PAYMENTS:

Steam Mill Brook (PILOT)	21,576.88
Hold Harmless (Current Use)	51,997.00
Total in Lieu of Taxes	73,573.88

ACREAGE:

Steam Mill Brook	5,855.21
729 Taxable Parcels	17,863.22
24 Non Taxable Parcels	64.00
Total Acres	23,782.43

GRAND LIST AND TAX RATE COMPARISON

Year	Grand List	Municipal	Veterans	Education Tax		Total Tax Rate	
				Homestead	Non Residential	Homestead	Non Residential
2008	848,106	0.5148		1.1041	1.3432	1.6189	1.8580
2009	851,312	0.6017	0.0028	1.1153	1.4190	1.7198	2.0235
2010	857,386	0.5648	0.0029	1.1891	1.4957	1.7568	2.0634
2011	864,215	0.5030	0.0029	1.2013	1.6158	1.7072	2.1217
2012	858,729	0.5830	0.0025	1.4296	1.6699	2.0151	2.2554
2013	864,914	0.5584	0.0034	1.5503	1.7049	2.4487	2.6033
2014	908,684	0.6275	0.0040	1.5029	1.6727	2.1344	2.3042
2015	914,395	0.6577	0.0033	1.2584	1.5668	1.9194	2.2278
2016	920,365	0.6293	0.0023	1.3397	1.5854	1.9713	2.2170
2017	6 month transition						
FY2018	925,745	0.6527	0.0052	1.3441	1.5593	2.0020	2.2172



TOWN OF WALDEN
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WINTER OPERATIONS POLICY

1. Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic and school bus routes first. After these are open and cleared, the remainder of the roads will be plowed at the discretion of the Highway Foreman, taking into account traffic volume, steepness and curves.
2. The Town of Walden has two full time and one call in contractor to do winter maintenance on approximately 49 miles of town highways. Each employee has a specific route that takes approximately 4-5 hours to complete. Generally these routes will vary only for emergency situations such as fire and ambulance calls.
3. The Town will enforce NO Parking at all times on the travelled portion of all highways within the town's right-of-way, town parking lots and in school bus and plow truck turnarounds. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
4. The town does not plow any private roads or Class 4 Highways.
5. The town crew usually starts their day at 3:30 AM during a snow storm in order to have major traffic and bus routes open and clear by 7 AM. In most cases there will be no winter maintenance between the hours of 8:00 PM and 3:30 AM in order for town personnel to get required rest.
6. The Town of Walden does not have a bare roads policy. Travelers who use town roads should exercise due care and reasonable caution during changing weather conditions. Plan for your own safe travel including maintaining your vehicle with proper snow tires.
7. Salt will be applied to paved roads as necessary.
8. Sand will be applied on all gravel roads as necessary. Sand may contain particles as large as 9/16 inches in size and may cause windshield damage. Travelers should maintain a safe driving distance when following other vehicles or town trucks. The town will not pay for any vehicle repair such as replacement of windshields.
9. Objects in the town's right-of-way are placed at the owner's risk and the town assumes no responsibility for any damage to objects placed in violation of the state's statutes. Common items are trees, fences, flowers, stone walls, and mailboxes. The town is not responsible for damage to mailboxes.
10. State law (23 V.S.A. section 1126a) prohibits plowing snow or shoveling snow from a private road or drive across or onto town or state highways. Violators may be subject to a fine or penalty.

Adopted by Walden Selectboard on January 10, 2018 and is effective immediately.

Jonathon Augeri
Randolph Wilson

SELECTBOARD REPORT

For the first half of the year the board was at full capacity with 3 members. During that time we defined our objectives for the current year and the priorities of the next budget cycle. We agreed to not raise taxes, and to prioritize MRGP (Municipal Roads General Permit) projects to high use roads first. We agreed on equipment replacement timing and repaired truck #2 instead of replacing it. We agreed to warn a solar article at Town Meeting. Jon Augeri resigned at the end of the July. He was immediately missed.

During the year the board had numerous dog complaints. If the complaint involves an unregistered dog there is a process of phone calls, letters, and then a Sheriff Deputy knocking on the door. Please register your dogs.

Speeding complaints have been common as well. The board discussed possibly lowering the speed limit to 25 mph on some roads. All Class 4, high density residential areas, and short side roads were all mentioned. No action was taken.

Route 215 was paved this year along with the Town Clerk's Office parking lot. There were three problems on Route 215 identified on the erosion inventory that have been addressed or will be early in 2019. Typically these problems require stone ditching and stone fill on culvert outlets to minimize erosion.

Davidson Drive received stone ditching and culvert replacements using a Better Roads grant. A road inventory, required under the MRGP was completed with a Better Roads grant. An Orton Road box culvert repair is another grant financed project with VTRANS. Paving is also funded with VTRANS grants. These grants are from limited sources and are competitive. Timing and management are critical to success. Walden has been fortunate to have our experienced Town Clerk take responsibility for these grant applications.

During 2019 we hope to pave the Cabot Road, funding pending. We will prioritize our MRGP work to the Cabot Road and immediate entry roads. Those being Houston Hill, where rock ditching began in 2018, Olney Hill and Ferguson Hill roads. The Cabot Road needs some rock ditches and a small culvert. The side roads need some stone ditches and rocks at culvert outlets. Many dirt roads need berms removed, crowns improved, and shoulders better defined. These problems are listed in our erosion inventory and will be addressed as time permits for the next several years.

10% of Walden's watershed drains through an undersized culvert on the Cabot Road. A replacement box culvert has been in the planning stages for several years pending funding and timing. The funding is now in place with the town's total share at \$15,000. The board accepted a bid for construction to occur during 2019.

Equipment replacement is an ongoing challenge to the board. We approved the purchase of a new ten wheeler to replace our 10 year old truck #1. We chose a Mack in the hope of a 10 year life expectancy. We also approved a new equipment trailer purchase.

The board will present combined budgets that will slightly decrease the tax rate based on the 2018 Grand List. We had unexpected savings on liability and property insurance and lower county taxes. We also made a few line item cuts.

We have electric bills totaling about \$3,200 this year. Rates are going up again. The board is proposing a direct metered solar system at the garage site to offset this line item without increasing costs. We will have price quotes and funding options at Town Meeting. The board agrees with Vermont's renewable energy goal of 90% renewable by 2050. The board offers Article 9 to the floor to maximize involvement. If approved, there will be an Australian Ballot vote warned in conjunction with the school district vote in May.

Walden needs involvement to fill vacancies. The Selectboard has had an empty seat for 7 months. We have needed a Library Trustee for a year. We have rarely had an active Solid Waste District Representative. The town also needs a Northern Vermont Development Association representative.

The Selectboard meets every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office.

Walden Selectboard
Robert Hatch
Randolph Wilson

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TREASURER'S REPORT

HOMESTEAD DECLARATIONS:

We again encourage you to file your homestead declaration before April 17. Note that you don't have to file your taxes to file your homestead declaration. It can be done online at the Vermont Department of Taxes. **Filing on time makes sure you don't receive a penalty.**

I wanted to make taxpayers aware of a growing problem with the post office mail delivery especially as it relates to tax payments arriving on or before the due date. The post office has become less reliable and we are seeing payments coming in unreasonably late. Examples of this was a payment coming from Greensboro taking 3 weeks to arrive, another from Waitsfield taking 2 weeks. We even had one sent from out of state certified mail sitting in the West Danville Post office for a month before the sender was able to finally track it down.

If payment is not received physically in the town office by the due date voted at town meeting, penalties and interest become due.

In an effort to resolve this issue, the town accepts electronic payments at www.officialpayments.com. You have the option to use a credit card (there is a 2.65% fee), a debit card (there is a 1% fee) or an electronic check for a fee of only \$1.00. You will receive an emailed receipt immediately assuring your payment has reached us on time. This is safe, secure and easy.

If you don't have access to a computer or have trouble processing your payment, we will be happy to help out. Just give us a call.

Respectfully submitted,
Lina Smith, Clerk/Treasurer

Town finances are reported using Fund Accounting to separate various monies. This is because there are various restrictions on different types of funds. The following is a brief summary of the function of each fund.

GENERAL FUND is the general operating fund of the Town.

HIGHWAY FUND is the operating fund specifically for Highway Maintenance. State law dictates that taxes raised for the maintenance of highways must be used only for that purpose.

RESERVE FUNDS are designated for specific purposes. The Town has a reserve Highway Equipment and Major Repair Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, Sale of Town Garage Fund and Reappraisal Fund. Once voters have approved monies to be designated to the fund the Selectboard has authorization to spend it for those purposes.

TRUST FUND: The Cemetery Perpetual Funds are a trust fund and the principal is not to be spent. The interest earned on this fund is used for the maintenance of the cemeteries.

GENERAL FUND

	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Proposed	FY 2019 Actuals (7 mo)	FY 2020 Proposed
FY 2018 Surplus or (Deficit)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,625.29
2016 Surplus or (Deficit)	(36,457.01)	(36,457.01)	0.00	0.00	0.00
2017 Surplus or (Deficit) 6 mo	0.00	0.00	65,648.44	65,648.44	0.00
HRA Balance	250.22	250.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Tax Revenue					
Municipal Property Taxes	305,639.79	132,640.46	218,147.56	63,474.86	259,591.13
Prepaid Taxes	0.00	10,077.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
Delinquent Taxes	0.00	158,266.81	0.00	57,379.17	0.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	9,000.00	14,329.28	9,000.00	2,313.36	9,000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalty	9,000.00	12,675.24	9,000.00	4,908.73	9,000.00
School reconciliation from 2018 tax year	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,798.38	0.00
Total Property Tax Revenue	323,639.79	327,989.47	236,147.56	161,874.50	277,591.13
Other Income					
FEMA	0.00	11,927.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines	0.00	441.00	0.00	252.11	200.00
Green Up Income	800.00	100.00	800.00	400.00	100.00
Hazard Mitigation Grant	0.00	7,518.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hold Harmless	26,000.00	22,358.71	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
Interest	300.00	531.44	200.00	325.61	400.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Pacif Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	395.00	0.00
Parcel Payment	7,000.00	7,039.50	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
Tax Penalties	500.00	752.14	500.00	1,081.51	500.00
Town Clerk Fees	10,000.00	11,435.03	10,000.00	3,799.00	10,000.00
School Reimb for Town Report	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Steam Mill Brook (PILOT)	14,300.00	21,576.88	14,300.00	28,845.74	28,000.00
Transfer from Reappraisal Fund	6,550.00	6,550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Cemetery Fund	0.00	3,928.42	0.00	2,181.96	0.00
Transfer from Library Fund	0.00	2,422.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Recreation Committee	0.00	45.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Capital Fund (Town Office repairs)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Income	66,450.00	96,626.74	58,800.00	63,330.93	72,200.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	353,883.00	388,409.42	360,596.00	290,853.87	377,416.42

GENERAL FUND (continued)

	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Proposed	FY 2019 Actuals (7 mo)	FY 2020 Proposed
Salaries & Benefits					
Town Clerk & Treasurer	40,994.00	41,838.03	44,000.00	27,602.42	46,400.00
Asst Clerk/Treasurer	10,815.00	12,736.89	11,000.00	7,256.03	11,500.00
Assistant Clerk	500.00	511.00	500.00	294.00	500.00
Auditor	600.00	476.00	600.00	1,067.50	1,000.00
Board of Civil Authority	1,000.00	480.00	1,000.00	939.75	800.00
Constable	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	9,000.00	12,444.55	9,000.00	4,595.58	9,000.00
E911 Coord/Emergency Mngmt	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Fire Chief Stipend	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Forest Fire Warden	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Health Officer	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Selectboard Stipend	3,000.00	2,168.00	3,000.00	416.70	3,000.00
HRA Employer Contribution	1,500.00	1,550.32	1,500.00	526.78	1,500.00
Dental Insurance	790.00	792.80	559.00	347.01	450.00
Health Insurance	16,064.00	16,785.72	11,900.00	7,431.19	9,700.00
Mileage	300.00	502.40	300.00	132.57	300.00
Life Insurance	270.00	278.59	270.00	150.01	280.00
Pension	2,286.00	2,171.19	2,450.00	1,811.30	2,668.00
Training	250.00	60.00	250.00	80.00	150.00
Social Security/Medicare	5,270.00	5,675.87	5,400.00	3,241.49	5,700.00
VT Unemployment Insurance	140.00	166.02	145.00	38.44	150.00
Workman's Comp	405.00	86.01	523.00	240.82	100.00
Total Salaries & Benefits	96,234.00	102,223.39	95,447.00	56,171.59	96,248.00
Town Clerk Office Operations					
Ads & Notices	300.00	-108.25	300.00	177.04	300.00
Electricity	1,300.00	1,189.39	1,300.00	636.53	1,300.00
Heating Fuel	3,000.00	3,221.92	3,000.00	994.91	3,000.00
Office Equipment - New & Repair	500.00	500.00	2,500.00	2,674.91	1,000.00
Office Supplies	4,500	5,731	4,500	3,883	4,500
T.C./Firehouse Repairs	1,000	802	1,000	455	1,000
T.C./Firehouse Paving & Roof Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,349	0.00

GENERAL FUND (continued)

	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Proposed	FY 2019 Actuals (7 mo)	FY 2020 Proposed
Town Clerk Office Operations continued					
Telephone Expense	1,500.00	1,765.40	1,500.00	840.06	1,600.00
Town Report Printing	1,000.00	881.45	800.00	0.00	800.00
Total Town Clerk Office Operations	13,100.00	13,983.43	14,900.00	20,009.71	13,500.00
General Expenses					
Animal Control	300.00	100.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
CALEX Ambulance Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,038.00
County Taxes	11,569.00	11,352.00	11,340.00	11,340.00	10,245.00
Dues and Subscriptions	6,100.00	4,057.73	6,100.00	1,888.91	5,000.00
Forest Fire Warden Supplies	300.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Generator Maintenance	1,200.00	1,116.32	1,200.00	873.00	1,200.00
Grader Payment	41,141.00	41,140.83	41,141.00	41,140.83	41,141.00
Green Up	1,500.00	1,467.21	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Insurance	9,698.00	6,997.75	7,100.00	3,044.00	6,500.00
Loan for 2017 6 month budget	20,802.00	20,802.17	20,802.00	20,802.17	20,802.00
Interest Expense	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
Law Enforcement	3,000.00	3,750.50	5,000.00	2,828.70	5,000.00
Professional Fees	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Truck Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
Total General Expenses	96,110.00	90,784.51	95,983.00	81,917.61	116,026.00
Cemetery Commission (see pages 34-35)					
Cemetery Care	9,000.00	12,928.42	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Cemetery Labor	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,021.50	0.00
Social Security/Medicare	0.00	0.00	0.00	154.64	0.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.82	0.00
Total Cemetery Commission	9,000.00	12,928.42	9,000.00	11,181.96	9,000.00
Library (see pages 36-37)					
Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Security/Medicare	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operations	7,000.00	9,422.13	7,000.00	3,179.95	7,000.00
Total Library	7,000.00	9,422.13	7,000.00	3,179.95	7,000.00

GENERAL FUND (continued)

	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Proposed	FY 2019 Actuals (7 mo)	FY 2020 Proposed
Listers Office					
Wages	2,500.00	2,128.55	2,500.00	265.93	2,500.00
Social Security/Medidare	200.00	112.29	200.00	0.00	200.00
Supplies	2,400.00	1,105.62	2,400.00	1,993.60	2,000.00
Consultant/Contract Services	8,400.00	8,400.00	8,800.00	0.00	3,000.00
Travel Reimbursement	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Total Listers Office	13,550.00	11,746.46	13,950.00	2,259.53	7,750.00
Fire Department (see pages 29-31)					
Fire Department Operations	50,000.00	50,000.00	55,000.00	21,019.72	55,000.00
Stipends	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,000.00
Fire House Loan	7,448.00	7,448.18	7,448.00	7,448.18	7,448.00
Fire Truck Loan	32,671.00	32,671.47	32,671.00	32,671.47	32,671.00
Insurance	1,300.00	1,141.75	1,200.00	547.75	1,000.00
Truck Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,500.00
Workman's comp	1,298.00	2,208.25	1,400.00	702.50	2,200.00
Total Fire Department	98,717.00	99,469.65	103,719.00	68,389.62	114,819.00
Approp. To Reserve Accounts					
Reappraisal Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total Approp. To Reserve Accounts	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Recreation Committee (see pages 32-33)	2,500.00	2,552.78	3,150.00	1,280.00	3,500.00
Appropriations (see pages 39-40)					
AWARE	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Caledonia Home Health	325.00	325.00	325.00	325.00	325.00
Danville Rescue	6,881.00	6,881.60	6,881.00	6,881.60	0.00
Fairbanks Museum	780.00	780.00	780.00	780.00	780.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Hardwick Area Community Justice	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Hardwick Area Food Pantry	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Hardwick Emergency Rescue	1,358.00	1,358.46	1,133.00	1,133.14	941.42

GENERAL FUND (continued)

	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Proposed	FY 2019 Actuals (7 mo)	FY 2020 Proposed
Appropriations continued					
Joe's Pond Association	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Serv.	982.00	982.00	982.00	982.00	982.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Serv	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Northeast Kingdom Youth Service	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Northeast Vermont Devel. Assoc.	701.00	701.00	701.00	701.00	0.00
Rural Community Transportation	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Umbrella	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
VT Assoc. of Conservation Districts	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
VT Ctr for Independent Living	145.00	145.00	145.00	145.00	145.00
West Danville Community Club	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Total Appropriations	15,172.00	15,173.06	14,947.00	14,947.74	7,073.42
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	353,883.00	360,783.83	360,596.00	261,837.71	377,416.42
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	353,883.00	388,409.42	360,596.00	290,853.87	377,416.42
TRANSFER TO HIGHWAY FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Surplus or (Deficit)	0.00	27,625.29	0.00	29,016.16	0.00

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HIGHWAY FUND

	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Proposed	FY 2019 Actuals to date	FY 2020 Proposed
2018 Surplus or (Deficit)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,860.61
2016 Surplus or (Deficit)	52,338.45	52,338.45	0.00	0.00	0.00
2017 Surplus or (Deficit) 6 month	0.00	0.00	(3,235.01)	(3,235.01)	0.00
Highway Property Taxes	298,627.81	298,627.81	365,543.01	365,543.01	319,211.39
Pacif Equipment grant	0.00	547.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants in Aid	0.00	6,011.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00
Hold Harmless (current use)	26,000.00	29,638.29	29,600.00	28,079.00	29,600.00
State Highway Aid - Class 3	49,800.00	50,958.26	50,900.00	25,473.34	50,900.00
State Highway Aid - Class 2	37,500.00	37,451.19	37,500.00	18,730.97	37,500.00
Structures Grant (Harrington Hill)	0.00	161,082.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Better Roads Grant	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00
Paving Grant (Lower Cabot Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	92,000.00
Paving Grant (RTE 215)	0.00	0.00	0.00	83,256.19	0.00
Misc. (Scrap Metal)	0.00	224.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Plowing	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Highway Equipment Fund	0.00	29,660.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE	466,516.26	686,538.90	500,308.00	517,847.50	595,572.00
HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES					
Salaries & Benefits					
Labor - Highway	118,000.00	104,183.93	105,668.00	65,921.70	106,000.00
Dental Insurance	3,208.00	2,802.98	2,650.00	1,675.66	2,872.00
HRA Employer Contribution	4,500.00	1,284.17	3,000.00	630.80	3,000.00
Health Insurance	55,078.26	48,878.60	50,500.00	29,973.32	47,600.00
Life Insurance	720.00	558.87	550.00	300.93	550.00
Mileage	400.00	366.66	400.00	119.70	400.00
Pension	5,310.00	3,802.93	4,800.00	3,493.66	6,000.00
Training	200.00	30.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Social Security/Medicare	9,100.00	7,970.06	8,000.00	5,043.03	8,200.00
Uniforms	4,300.00	2,645.90	3,000.00	1,977.04	3,000.00
VT Unemployment	600.00	357.98	600.00	85.56	300.00
Workman's Comp	9,300.00	7,732.24	9,000.00	4,523.68	8,700.00
Total Salaries & Benefits	210,716.26	180,614.32	188,368.00	113,745.08	186,822.00

HIGHWAY FUND (continued)

	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Proposed	FY 2019 Actuals to date	FY 2020 Proposed
Town Garage					
Electricity	1,700.00	1,805.44	1,700.00	1,005.92	1,900.00
Garage Maintenance	10,500.00	7,042.31	5,000.00	958.56	5,000.00
Heating Fuel - Propane	3,000.00	6,159.06	3,000.00	2,739.78	3,000.00
Insurance	5,500.00	4,778.00	5,500.00	2,257.25	5,500.00
Telephone	600.00	602.91	600.00	307.49	600.00
Total Town Garage	21,300.00	20,387.72	15,800.00	7,269.00	16,000.00
Highway Maintenance					
Bridge Materials	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Brushing/Chipping	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,840.00	2,000.00
Chloride	20,000.00	14,657.50	20,000.00	7,896.12	20,000.00
Contracted Labor	0.00	1,890.00	2,500.00	895.00	2,500.00
Culverts	4,000.00	3,929.26	4,000.00	1,355.22	4,000.00
Diesel	35,000.00	26,499.42	35,000.00	16,326.59	35,000.00
Electrical Line Repair	0.00	416.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Maintenance	40,000.00	27,149.70	40,000.00	14,560.47	40,000.00
Equipment Rental	4,000.00	4,762.50	4,000.00	2,650.00	4,000.00
Gravel	45,000.00	52,044.00	50,000.00	24,181.50	50,000.00
Guard rails	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Ice Control	15,000.00	13,690.40	15,000.00	10,225.55	15,000.00
Mowing	3,000.00	5,800.00	5,000.00	5,850.00	6,000.00
MRGP permit fees	0.00	0.00	2,640.00	1,990.00	1,750.00
Mulching Hay & Seed	1,000.00	284.46	1,000.00	832.52	500.00
New Equipment	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Sand/Screening	3,000.00	2,570.00	1,500.00	1,864.00	2,000.00
Signs	2,000.00	250.20	2,000.00	878.36	500.00
Small Truck Repair	0.00	29,660.00	0.00	1,975.94	0.00
Winter Sand	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	14,620.20	15,000.00
Total General Highway Maintenance	175,500.00	183,603.69	201,140.00	107,941.47	199,750.00

HIGHWAY FUND (continued)

	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Proposed	FY 2019 Actuals to date	FY 2020 Proposed
Construction Projects					
Cabot Road Culvert	0.00	200.00	0.00	525.00	0.00
Better Roads Project	0.00	19,285.20	20,000.00	17,886.86	0.00
Harrington Hill Bridge	14,000.00	172,980.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lower Cabot Road Paving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	115,000.00
RTE 215 Paving	0.00	0.00	0.00	104,070.24	0.00
Municipal Grants-In-Aid	0.00	3,607.16	0.00	2,579.00	3,000.00
Total Construction Projects	14,000.00	196,072.36	20,000.00	125,061.10	118,000.00
Approp. to Reserve Accounts					
Capital Improvement Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Total Approp to Reserve Accounts	45,000.00	45,000.00	75,000.00	40,000.00	75,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES	466,516.26	625,678.09	500,308.00	394,016.65	595,572.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE	466,516.26	686,538.90	500,308.00	517,847.50	595,572.00
Surplus or (Deficit)	0.00	60,860.81	0.00	123,830.85	0.00

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TOWN SALARIES 2017/18

Auditor	Judith Clifford	161.00
	Wilhelm Woelfle	161.00
	Larry Hubner	154.00
Cemetery	Roy Hopkins	3,828.50
Clerk/Treasurer	Lina Smith	41,838.03
Clerk/Treasurer Assistant	Diane Banister	12,736.89
Clerk Assistant	Dia Michaud	511.00
Constable	Lucas Persons	500.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	Lina Smith	12,444.55
E911/Emergency Management	Marvin Greaves Jr.	1,000.00
Fire Chief	Paul Greaves	1,000.00
Fire Warden	Robert Hatch	1,000.00
Lister	Diane Banister	882.55
	Dia Michaud	868.00
	Annette Foster	378.00
	Martha Bissell	2,250.00
Library	Martha Bissell	2,250.00
Road Foreman	Robert Bell	54,208.20
Road Crew	Scott Palmer	40,865.73
	Earl Shatney	9,110.00
	Jonathan Augeri	1,000.00
Selectboard	Jeffrey Pierpont	168.00
	Richard Degreenia	500.00
	Randolph Wilson	500.00
	Annette Foster	60.00
Board of Civil Authority & Election Workers	Judith Clifford	20.00
	Diane Cochran	80.00
	Michael Coffey	65.00
	Roger Fox	50.00
	Linda Fox	20.00
	Richard Degreenia	10.00
	Elaine Luther	20.00
	Jeffrey Pierpont	20.00
	P. Ann Gaillard	125.00
	Randolph Wilson	10.00
Total		186,545.45

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Income	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026
Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 39,618.42	\$ 79,678.42	\$ 13,748.42	\$ (106,191.58)	\$ (66,131.58)	\$ (206,071.58)	\$ (316,011.58)	\$ (275,951.58)	\$ (235,891.58)
Appropriation From Town	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Interest/misc.	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Total Income	\$ 79,678.42	\$ 119,738.42	\$ 53,808.42	\$ (66,131.58)	\$ (26,071.58)	\$ (166,011.58)	\$ (275,951.58)	\$ (235,891.58)	\$ (195,831.58)

Expenses	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026
2016 International					\$ 180,000.00				
2013 International						\$ 150,000.00			
2010 Freightliner Loader - 2002		\$ 180,000.00							
Grader 2016			\$ 160,000.00						
Fire Truck									
15 Ton Trailer		\$ 6,000.00							
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 186,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ -	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Balance	\$ 79,678.42	\$ (66,261.58)	\$ (106,191.58)	\$ (66,131.58)	\$ (206,071.58)	\$ (316,011.58)	\$ (275,951.58)	\$ (235,891.58)	\$ (195,831.58)

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The equipment fund is designed to lessen the impact of equipment purchases and repairs and will not cover the entire replacement cost. Plow trucks are traded every 8-10 years or as needed. Fire trucks every 20 years or as needed.

TOWN REAL ESTATE AND TOWN EQUIPMENT

TOWN REAL ESTATE (2018 Grand List Values)

Picnic Ground - Coles Pond	\$	114,500.00
Town Forest - South Walden	\$	20,200.00
Emergency Services and Town Office Building	\$	207,400.00
Emergency Services and Town Office Building Lot	\$	28,700.00
Recreation Field	\$	16,100.00
Sand Pit	\$	50,000.00
Town Garage	\$	225,100.00
Total	\$	662,000.00

TOWN EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

Office Equipment	\$	15,000.00
2016 John Deere Grader	\$	260,000.00
2013 International Truck with wing	\$	50,000.00
2002 John Deere Loader	\$	60,000.00
2016 International Truck with wing and sander	\$	100,000.00
2010 Freightliner with wing, plow and side dump bo	\$	20,000.00
1978 GMC	\$	5,000.00
Rock Rake	\$	1,200.00
Small Tools	\$	15,000.00
Two-Way Radios (8)	\$	7,000.00
Pressure Washer	\$	500.00
Culvert Thawer	\$	6,500.00
10 Ton Trailer	\$	-
Lawn Tractor	\$	1,500.00
Cemetery Equipment	\$	2,925.00
Total	\$	544,625.00

RESERVE FUNDS

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 07/01/2017		\$ 29,198.10
Income		
Appropriation from town	\$ 40,000.00	
Interest	\$ 80.32	
Expense		
Transfer to Highway Fund (small truck repair)	\$ 29,660.00	
Balance 6/30/2018		\$ 39,618.42

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Union Bank @ .150% matures 5/19/2019 earned \$12.42 interest	\$ 15,120.56
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SALE OF TOWN GARAGE FUND

Balance 7/1/2017		\$ 30,004.93
Interest	\$141.08	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT		
Passumpsic Bank @ .40% matures 6/16/2019		
Balance 6/30/2018		\$ 30,146.01

REAPPRAISAL FUND

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Balance 7/1/2017	7005.16
Interest earned	10.63
Total	<u>7015.79</u>
Transferred to General Fund	6550.00
Transferred to Savings Account	465.79
Total	<u>7015.79</u>

Fund Total 6/30/2018 **0.00**

REAPPRAISAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 7/1/2017	0.00
Appropriation from Town	2500.00
Interest from CD	465.79
Interest	1.59
Balance 6/30/2018	2967.38

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

YEAR	Delinquent Taxes Due	Taxes Collected	Taxes Uncollected
2015	\$ 13,094.63	\$ 8,966.52	\$ 4,128.11
2016	\$ 57,633.24	\$ 51,079.37	\$ 6,553.87
2017	126,940.95	98,220.92	\$ 28,720.03
	<u>\$ 197,668.82</u>	<u>\$ 158,266.81</u>	<u>\$ 39,402.01</u>

TAX COLLECTIONS	\$ 158,266.81
8% COLLECTORS FEE	\$ 12,675.24
INTEREST - 1% FEES	\$ 14,329.28
Total Remitted to Treasurer	<u>\$ 185,271.33</u>

2015, 2016 & 2017 Delinquent Taxes as of Town Report Printing:

Anna Angolano
 Ronald Beaupre Jr.
 Joseph & Sandra Denault
 Wanda Gauthier
 Brenda & William Huntoon
 Gary & Tammie Ireland
 Christopher Jennett
 Donald Listro
 Kim Merriam
 Corey & Kristen Millard
 Benjamin Molleur
 Sheila Rowell
 Priscilla Spencer
 Charles Thygesen
 Angela Wilkie

Respectfully submitted,
 Lina Smith

TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNT

Checkbook	\$ 235.02
Cash	\$ 50.00
Balance 07/01/2017	\$ 285.02

Income

Copies	\$	1,722.45
DMV	\$	3,464.00
Dogs	\$	1,640.50
Interest	\$	1.69
Misc.	\$	102.89
Vault	\$	210.50
Total Income	\$	7,142.03

Expenses

DMV	\$	3,242.00
Dog Licenses	\$	887.00
Civil Union Licenses	\$	100.00
Transfer to General Account	\$	2,850.00
Total Expenses	\$	7,079.00

Checkbook	\$ 298.05
Cash	\$ 50.00
Balance 6/30/2018	\$ 348.05

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FUND

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 7/1/2017		\$ 485.91
Sign Sales	\$ 33.00	
Interest	\$ 0.50	
	\$ 33.50	
Balance 06/30/2018		\$ 519.41

WALDEN WATCH SIGNS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE - \$5.00 each

LISTERS REPORT

In 2018, the Board of Listers completed the first full, three-year cycle of Town-wide inspections. This entailed inspections of both interior and exterior facets of all properties in Walden with the Town having been divided into thirds during each of 2016, 2017, and 2018. With this schedule, we strive to have appraisers visit each property once every three to four years. If there are changes to your property, please let us know by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 563-2220.

There will be on going and new-construction inspections in 2019. During this pause in cyclical inspections, we will review the information we have accumulated along with the sales data for 2016 through 2018 and examine our Land and Building Schedules to see if we need to make any adjustments.

We expect cyclical inspections will resume in 2020. Approximately 200 properties each year of the cycle will be inspected and photographed along with any new construction inspections. All interior inspections are done by appointment only.

Our cyclical inspection process helps us track market value on an ongoing basis and enables the Town to be ready to do a statistical reappraisal if a potentially damaging CLA (common level of appraisal) is anticipated. We can predict changes in October of each year, before the actual CLA is issued in late December. PVR (Property Valuation and Review) allows for any town to perform a statistical reappraisal under specific guidelines. The primary requirement is a cyclical, ongoing inspection program for the purpose of keeping data current. The State requires a full reappraisal if a town's CLA falls below 80%. The common level of appraisal for the upcoming 2019 Grand List is 103.16.

The Board is pleased to report that we continue to receive excellent feedback from residents regarding the inspections and the appraisers who perform them. We are committed to continually improving our communication with property owners and offering several inspection appointment options to better accommodate owners' schedules.

Because Walden has no permitting process, and desires to keep it that way, the Board of Listers has no first-hand knowledge of alterations made to properties. Therefore, there will always be inconsistencies in the Grand List. In the past, some changes were missed, and some others were concealed. This will continue to be the case and so discrepancies are unavoidable. In an attempt to minimize the impact, we make note of any changes we learn "through the grapevine" and send the independent appraisers to inspect each year.

We all understand the importance of correct, just, and unbiased assessments. The Board feels this cyclical inspection method is keeping information as accurate as possible and maintaining the fairness and equitability of the Grand List. To all of the property owners and tenants who have assisted us in this important task, Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Walden Board of Listers

Diane Banister
Annette Foster
Dia Michaud

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY REPORT

The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) is composed of Walden's justices of the peace, select board members, and town clerk. Our responsibilities include maintaining the voter checklist, overseeing and staffing elections, and hearing "tax appeals" of property valuations. We also serve as the Board for the Abatement of Taxes, along with the town listers and treasurer.

In 2018 BCA members helped conduct the March annual town election, the first annual Caledonia Cooperative School District budget approval vote in May, and the August primary and November general elections. We also considered and decided two tax abatement requests. As has typically been the case in recent years, the BCA received no property valuation appeals.

At year-end Walden had 662 registered voters, of which 29 are provisional whose residency remains unconfirmed (this includes a number of people who no longer reside in Walden but haven't registered to vote elsewhere, and must be retained on our checklist through two subsequent general elections.) These voter totals compare to 670 and 57 a year ago. Note that Vermont provides various ways to register to vote, including online or when applying for a driver's license or motor vehicle registration, and new voters may register at any time up to and including the day of an election. More information is available at the Vermont Secretary of State's website:

<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters/registration.aspx>

The BCA meets prior to elections as necessary, and convenes during the summer if tax appeals have been filed. Our meetings are open to the public, except for deliberations leading to written appeal and abatement decisions. Meeting notices are posted in advance at the town clerk's office and the Corner Stop Inn Shop in South Walden.

Respectfully submitted,
The Walden Board of Civil Authority

Diane Cochran
Roger Fox

Michael Coffey
Annie Gaillard
Lina Smith

Annette Foster
Bob Hatch
Randolph Wilson

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I am pleased to report that The Walden Volunteer Fire Department continues to provide emergency response for our town and our surrounding communities. We were requested to respond to a total of 95 emergency calls including 46 medical and 49 fire/accident calls in 2018.

We have had an encouraging year recruiting new EMS volunteers, with three new members currently enrolled in an EMT class. The class will conclude this spring adding needed depth to our department. We have also gained one new firefighter. We are always on the lookout for new members. If you are looking for an opportunity to give back to your community we are the organization for you.

As all towns emergency departments that rely on volunteers we continue to struggle to meet our calls and to have the numbers needed to safely and effectively manage emergencies within the town. We acknowledge that there is a high price to volunteering including time away from family and employment. The department has looked at different options to help incentivize members and minimize the impact on their financial situations. The department has proposed and is looking for town support to provide a minimal stipend for members. The proposal takes into consideration the number of meetings, trainings, and emergency calls that members attend. This stipend will minimize out of pocket costs on volunteers such as gas, wear on personal vehicles, and time missed from employment. We are hoping that this stipend will encourage increased participation from current members while being an incentive for our neighbors contemplating membership.

The department received donations from multiple residents this past year. These financial donations have been used to purchase a new Automated External Defibrillator. This defibrillator will add to the number of units that are located throughout the town. In a cardiac arrest, research shows that for every minute the heart is in need of defibrillation the chance of survival drops 7 to 10 percent. We would like to thank those who have generously donated. This additional piece of equipment could help to save the lives of your friends and family.

We are still selling 911 signs as a fundraiser and to help ensure that houses are well marked. These signs hang easily on your mailbox or a post at the end of your driveway. They sell for \$15 each and we are willing to assist in hanging them if needed. Contact any member of the department if you are interested.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to check the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors and make sure that your chimneys are cleaned regularly and ashes are taken care of properly. Please make sure that all 911 numbers are clearly displayed at the end of your driveways. First responders are having a hard time finding residences due to the lack of numbers on mailboxes or signs. Numbers should be visible on BOTH sides for view from either direction of approach. These few simple tasks could make a difference between life and death.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Greaves
Chief, Walden Fire Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Proposed	FY 2019 Actual (7 mo)	FY 2020 Proposed
Fire Department Operations					
Department Apparel	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Communications Repair & Maint	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Pagers	0.00	1,884.10	0.00	352.00	0.00
Portable Radios	0.00	4,277.00	0.00	1,098.50	0.00
Dispatch	10,000.00	11,133.68	15,000.00	6,546.84	15,000.00
Dues	800.00	571.00	800.00	743.00	800.00
Equipment Fuel	0.00	15.38	0.00	390.20	0.00
Equipment Maint & Repair	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00
Compressor	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Fire Extinguishers	100.00	0.00	100.00	149.96	100.00
Gas Meter	0.00	1,588.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jaws/Airbags	600.00	2,383.50	600.00	81.64	600.00
Portable Pump	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
SCBA	600.00	186.82	600.00	248.30	600.00
Trucks	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
2015 Engine	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.35	0.00
Rescue Truck	0.00	257.93	0.00	1,327.95	0.00
Tanker	0.00	1,118.23	0.00	299.00	0.00
Generator A	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Generator B	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Generator C	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Chainsaws/Fire Extinguishers	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
Maintenance	0.00	317.95	0.00	337.74	0.00
Supplies	500.00	766.70	500.00	107.08	500.00
Telephone	800.00	852.27	800.00	545.39	800.00
Fire/EMS Training	1,850.00	2,427.23	1,850.00	2,192.68	1,850.00
Incident Supplies	100.00	0.00	100.00	32.16	100.00
Insurance - Accident & Dismb	10,000.00	9,087.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Medical Supplies	5,000.00	26.28	5,000.00	1,935.57	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	400.00	0.00	1,607.25	0.00
New Equipment	5,000.00	8,013.41	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Open House	0.00	282.42	0.00	286.60	0.00
PPE Cleaning	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
PPE Purchases	4,000.00	3,810.46	4,000.00	2,535.54	4,000.00
Subscriptions	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total Fire Department Operations	50,000.00	50,000.00	55,000.00	20,832.75	55,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHECKING

Balance 7/1/2017		\$ 3,371.85
Donations	\$ 1,258.55	
Sign Sales	\$ 45.00	
Balance 6/30/2018		\$ 4,675.40

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK FUND

Balance 7/1/2017		\$ 12,903.17
Income		
Interest	\$ 16.75	
Appropriation from Town	\$ 6,000.00	
Expense		
Truck Repair	\$ 4,787.28	
Balance 6/30/2018		\$ 14,132.64

Emergency Medical Service Inventory

Item	Each	Total
6 Zoll Defibrillators/Pads/Batteries	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
7 Oxygen Tanks/Regulators/Bags	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,050.00
8 Oxygen Tanks	\$ 70.00	\$ 560.00
4 Backboards with Straps	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,200.00
1 Kendrick Extrication Device	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00
1 Stokes Stretcher	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
4 Rescue Rope Bags	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
1 Mass Casualty Incident Triage Kit	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00
1 Traverse Rescue Male II	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
7 Responder Equipment Setups	\$ 800.00	\$ 5,600.00
Medical Supplies		\$ 4,500.00
Training Supplies		\$ 1,100.00
Total		\$ 25,700.00

Fire Trucks & Equipment

1997 Ford Rescue Pumper	\$ 80,000.00
2000 International V-Tec Tanker	\$ 105,000.00
2014 International Pierce Responder	\$ 275,000.00
34 Sets of Turnout Gear	\$ 52,000.00
Communication Equipment	\$ 57,400.00
Breathing Apparatus, Bottles, and Air Compressor	\$ 64,942.00
Generators and Portable Pump	\$ 9,000.00
Thermal Imaging Cameras	\$ 21,600.00
Jaws and Airbags	\$ 33,400.00
Nozzles and Hose	\$ 10,000.00
Hand Tools	\$ 10,000.00
Miscellaneous Equipment	\$ 28,485.00
Total	\$ 746,827.00

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Walden Recreation Committee appreciates the support of our community for supporting our youth. We are asking for an appropriation of \$3500.00

Volunteer coaches and adult mentors are a valuable resource and we thank everyone who gave their time and positive energy for the youth of our town.

We appreciate the cooperation of the surrounding towns which allowed our youth to participate in baseball and basketball when we were unable to field a team due to numbers.

Winter:

Basketball

Erika White and Justin White coached the 5-6 co-ed team

Eric Stratton and Kate Davis-scorebook and scoreboard

Refs-Robbie Montgomery, James Montgomery, Erika White and Justin White

Thanks to Justin and Erika for running a basketball clinic before basketball season started.

SPRING:

Baseball

Alyssa Harvey coached the transitional team. These boys and girls were developing skills to prepare them for minor league play.

FALL:

Soccer

Eric Kittredge coached the 3-4 co-ed team

Eric Stratton coached the 5-6 co-ed team

Refs-Eric Kittredge, Eric Stratton, Stacy Fox, Robbie Montgomery and James Montgomery.

Thank you to Bill Half for fertilizing the field.

Thank you to Erika and Justin White for your time and energy for the youth while you lived in Walden.

We are looking for community members who would like to help us. Please give Bill a call or talk with one of us at town meeting. Thank you.

Walden Rec Committee

Eric and Jennifer Stratton and Bill Half 563-2046

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Proposed	FY 2019 Actuals (7 mo)	FY 2020 Proposed
Beginning Balance	0.00	45.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income					
Appropriation from Town	2500.00	2500.00	3150.00	2500.00	3500.00
Baseball Dues	500.00	180.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	3000.00	2725.73	3650.00	2500.00	3500.00
Expenses					
Clinic	0.00	73.51	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment/Supplies	500.00	554.00	500.00	0.00	400.00
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00
Field Maintenance/Improvements	2000.00	2105.27	1500.00	1280.00	2000.00
Hardwick Little League	250.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	500.00
Tournament	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Porta - Toilets	200.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	550.00
Transferred to General Account	0.00	45.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	3000.00	2778.51	3650.00	1280.00	3500.00
Ending Balance	0.00	-52.78	0.00	1220.00	0.00

CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

Your Walden Cemetery Commission, after a very busy summer in 2017, kept a low profile and kept out of the sweltering heat of 2018. We have been busy behind the scenes planning for some major projects in 2019.

This year, Walden was represented at the May meeting of the Vermont Cemetery Association in Montpelier. From this meeting, connections were made with commissioners from neighboring towns and towns with cemeteries quite similar in need as Walden. We will be applying for a VOCA (Vermont Old Cemetery Association) grant in 2019 for straightening, leveling and repairing broken stones as far as the grant money and our match 2:1 will go.

The Walden Cemetery Commission has overseen 3 burials this year (2 cremations, 1 full burial). Our white fences have been repainted and the wood products from large maples have for the most part been removed – to be completed in the spring.

Our plans for 2019 will be confirmed with a walk-thru of each cemetery in early Spring to include: stump grinding particularly in South Walden Cemetery, leveling the low area at Noyesville Cemetery, stumping and grading additional area and building fence at Houston Hill Cemetery along with miscellaneous brush work and filling sunken spots as surveyed in a number of cemeteries for easier mowing.

We feel fortunate that the Walden Cemetery Commission is supported in its efforts to have some of the neatest country cemeteries in the State of Vermont!

Judy Clifford
Jamie Dailey
Lorraine Montgomery
Larry Hubner

CEMETERY INVENTORY

Wells Fargo 14' tandem axle drp-tail enclosed trailer, no wheels, on blocks	500.00
2 Craftsman riding mowers LTX1000, XT4000	1,500.00
Echo Weed trimmer Model SRM-225	250.00
John Deer dump cart	150.00
Craftsman push mower	75.00
Lawn Boy push mower (parts)	-
Wheelbarrow	50.00
Posthole digger	15.00
Hand pruning saw	110.00
Leaf rake	10.00
Fence building materials: pressure treated posts, primed planks	250.00
3 gas cans, 5 gal, 1.5 gal, 1 gal	15.00
Total	2,925.00

CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Proposed	FY 2019 Actuals(7 mo)	FY 2020 Proposed
Beginning Balance	2,200.00	2,363.44	0.00	768.00	0.00
Income					
Appropriation from Town	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
CD Interest	50.00	78.09	140.00	0.00	100.00
Checking Account Interest	0.00	6.79	3.50	1.92	5.00
Cornerstones	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cremation Burial	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
Cemetery Lot	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grave Openings	0.00	1,560.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Upkeep	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Total Income	9,050.00	12,264.88	9,143.50	9,301.92	9,705.00
Expenses					
Association Dues	200.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Burial costs	0.00	1,860.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cemetery Labor & Payroll Taxes	5,000.00	3,917.29	4,500.00	2,176.14	4,500.00
Cemetery Supplies	500.00	916.80	613.50	231.92	655.00
Equipment Repairs	2,000.00	170.57	200.00	0.00	300.00
Fence Painting/Repairs	0.00	590.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flag Grave Markers	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	200.00
Stone Cleaning	500.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Training	0.00	19.50	80.00	0.00	25.00
Tree/Brush/Stump Removal	3,000.00	6,300.00	1,700.00	0.00	3,000.00
Cost of Collections/Olin Buska	0.00	61.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	11,250.00	13,860.32	9,143.50	2,408.06	9,705.00
Ending Balance	0.00	768.00	0.00	7,661.86	0.00

TRUST FUNDS

CEMETERY PERPETUAL FUNDS

UNION BANK CD matures 11/23/18 at 1%

\$ 13,038.74

UNION BANK CD matures 8/12/19 at .6%

\$ 14,164.55

\$78.09 in interest transferred to Checking Account for cemetery maintenance

Balance 6/30/2018

\$ 27,203.29

COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT

	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Proposed	FY 2019 Actuals (7 mo)	FY 2020 Proposed
Checking Beginning Balance	1,629.87	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income				
Town Appropriation	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Transfer from Library for children's books Replacement Book	89.84		0.00	
Total Income	7,089.84	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Expense				
Books	1,107.51	850.00	119.37	
Children's Books	1,099.68	1,000.00	1,050.81	
Magazine	343.87	300.00	140.70	
Fuel	1,461.52	1,700.00	473.65	
Programming (Book Discussion)	0.00	500.00	0.00	
OPAL	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Transfer to Library Savings	291.08	0.00	0.00	
Payroll	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	
Social Security/Medicare	172.13	0.00	0.00	
Postage, Supplies & Repairs	536.60	1,300.00	586.73	
Telephone & Internet	1,307.32	1,200.00	658.69	
Total Expense	8,719.71	7,000.00	3,179.95	0.00
Checking Ending Balance	0.00	0.00	3,820.05	7,000.00

No information for 2020 budget available at time of printing.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY REPORT

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 7/1/2017	7,840.30
Income	
Interest	7.84
Expense	
Transferred to checking account	89.84
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	7,758.30

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Gates Grant - for computers	1,299.47
Interest	7.84
For desk repairs & new Equipment	2,000.00
Cleaning	500.00
Book Supplies	488.41
Automation Grant money	3,462.58
TOTAL	7,758.30

FAMILY HISTORY FUND

(Donations to be used for library enhancements)

Beginning Balance 7/1/2017	1,140.34
Interest	1.15
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	1,141.49

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

(Grant Funds to be used for automation)

CD matures 6/10/22 at 1.25%	
Beginning Balance 1/1/2017	1,672.10
Interest	20.85
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	1,692.95

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Date	Name	Parents
July 13, 2018	Gavin Francis Ducharme	Virginia Louise Foster & Timothy Edward Ducharme
August 10, 2018	Aspen Skye Judd	Victoria Lynne Harshmann & Ernest Joseph Judd
September 3, 2018	Isla Marie Holbrook	Hillarie Ann Holbrook & Dylan Lawrence Holbrook
October 6, 2018	Frances Gray Lynd	Emery Frances Lynd & Geordie Rybeck Lynd

CIVIL MARRIAGES

January 13, 2018	Felicia Marie White	<i>and</i>	Shawn Andre Fontaine
April 21, 2018	Erin Bellavance Ryan	<i>and</i>	Jonas Andreas Gaertner

DEATHS

January 10, 2018	Janet Barbara Jones	49 Years
August 6, 2018	Joan Elizabeth Bissell	83 Years
August 16, 2018	Gerald Kenneth Pilbin	63 Years
October 24, 2018	Jane C Greaves	89 Years

Permission has been granted to include the individual information listed above and represent a portion of the certificates on file in the Walden Town Clerk's Office.



North Walden Cemetery Tour

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS
(Full letters are on file at the Town Clerk's Office)

A.W.A.R.E (\$1,000): During the past year AWARE served 196 women, men and children, who were directly affected by violence, 111 children who were exposed to violence, answered over 2100 hotline and in-person assistance requests and educated over 1200 community members. Those served by AWARE received services such as crisis intervention, legal support and advocacy, information and referrals, safety planning, emergency provisions, housing assistance, transportation, support groups and education.

Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice (\$325): Provides home health and hospice services. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families by providing compassionate, accessible and affordable patient-centered health services to the community. A review of the past year indicates that our appropriation request continues to match the utilization rate for your town.

Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium (\$780): The Fairbanks Museum invites Walden residents to take full advantage of their unlimited free general admission to the Museum to explore the nature, beauty, and wonders of our world. Your municipal appropriation provides essential support for the care of the Museum's historic building and the maintenance and exhibition of the most extraordinary educational collections in northern New England. In 2018 the Museum will be powered by 90% renewables, energized with new hands-on science exhibits, and will once again open our exquisite butterfly house for visitors to enjoy.

Green Up Vermont (\$50): Support from cities and towns has been an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover about 15 percent of the budget. Funds help pay for supplies, including 48,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education and services of two part-time employees. Help us continue Vermont's unique annual tradition.

Hardwick Area Food Pantry (\$200): The food pantry serves people in need primarily from Hardwick, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Stannard, Walden, Albany & Wolcott. The food pantry provided food for 340 families in the greater Hardwick area through November 31, 2018. We very much appreciate your support in the past and hope you will continue this support.

Hardwick Emergency Rescue Squad (\$941.42): As 2017 draws to a close our call volume is 512 calls. The appropriation is, as usual, based on the number of calls in each town, averaged over the last five years.

	PRO-RATED 2018		PRORATED 2019	
Hardwick	46.01%	\$23,006.88	45.52%	\$22,761.51
Craftsbury	14.00%	\$7,001.21	14.10%	\$7,050.21
Greensboro	14.77%	\$7,385.67	14.77%	\$7,384.94
Standard	1.13%	\$566.58	1.05%	\$523.01
Walden	2.27%	\$1,133.14	1.88%	\$941.42
Wolcott	12.75%	\$6,373.94	13.31%	\$6,652.72
Woodbury	9.07%	\$4,532.58	9.37%	\$4,686.19
		\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00

Hardwick Area Community Justice Center (\$300): The HACJC serves a vital role in statewide efforts to make restorative alternatives to the criminal justice system available to people effected by crime and to those responsible for causing harm to individuals and the community.

Joe's Pond Aquatic Nuisance Control Project (\$500): Monitoring program for inspection of visiting boats to prevent the infestation of milfoil and other invasive aquatic plants which would severely impact swimming, boating and fishing at Joe's Pond. In 2017, over 200 boats were inspected that had previously been launched in over fifty different waterbodies.

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS (continued)
(Full letters are on file at the Town Clerk's Office)

Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging (\$300): The Council on Aging is the go-to place for older Vermonters to gain assistance in their communities. We offer Senior Helpline, Medicare counseling, staff specially trained to help people develop long range planning as they age, caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support in aging in place, as well as support to apply for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs. 10 Walden residents used the services.

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. (\$982): A private not-for-profit organization serving Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties driven by our mission to enrich the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives. In 2017 we served 10 from your community.

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (\$200): For almost 50 years, NEKLS has been serving residents of Orleans, Essex and Caledonia counties. Services are provided to people of all ages wanting to earn a high school diploma or GED, to learn basic computer skills, or to improve college and career readiness skills. Our Adult Education program provides a wide variety of free services.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services (\$100): NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975. In 2017 NEKYS served 3160 individuals throughout Caledonia and Essex counties and 11 from the Town of Walden.

Rural Community Transportation (RCT) (\$500): RCT is a non-profit corporation providing transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public through a van/bus and volunteer service. Last year RCT provided 8 Walden residents with 230 trips traveling 5,935 miles at a cost of \$3,139.

Umbrella, Inc. (\$250): Umbrella exists to ensure that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties offer safety, support and options for self-determination to women and families. We provide the following services: The Advocacy Program is the essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. Kingdom Child Care Connection is the community based-child care resource and referral center for Caledonia County. The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children, Cornucopia our newest program is geared toward helping women-in-transition achieve economic self-sufficiency. Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. At least 3 households and 2 childcare providers were served in Walden.

Vermont Center for Independent Living (\$145): VCIL is 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.

West Danville Community Club (\$500): The club operates and maintains the public free beach at Joe's Pond, one of the few free public beaches remaining. The beach had increased use this season since it has become a Trailhead for the LVRT from West Danville to St. Johnsbury open to pedestrians, bikers, and horses.

Caledonia Cooperative School District Report

Members of each individual School District Board of Directors from Barnet, Walden, and Waterford met in separate meetings on Monday, December 17, 2018. The board's final act of business was to review and accept the FY '18 audits. I would like to thank the members of each Board of Directors for their years of service and their unwavering commitment to the education of our students.

You will notice that there is no FY '20 budget included in this town report. Due to the merger, a school district budget is being built to include the three schools, Waterford, Walden, and Barnet. As with any Australian ballot vote, there will be an informational budget meeting on **Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Walden School**. The budget vote will be held in each town on **Tuesday, May 7, 2019**. The ballot will also include the vote for director for the term of three years for each town. The votes will be tabulated as a whole to determine the outcome of the budget vote and individually for the respective directors. **Notice of our annual report availability will be mailed out by April 25, 2019.**

I want to thank the many volunteers, teachers, support staff, administrators, and community members who support the Caledonia Cooperative School District schools.

If anyone has questions about the new district, the budgeting process, or the work of the new district, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely:



Heather M. Gonyaw
Caledonia Cooperative Board Chairperson



Photo by Diane Cochran

Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Walden, 2018

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters.

Your local office located in St. Johnsbury and available to help individuals and families at worksites, schools, town meetings, or by appointment, we work hard to provide you with knowledgeable and accessible care, resources, and services. We also partner with local organizations 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 marijuana 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. We also responded to 244 cases of infectious disease.
- 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.
- Support healthy families by helping kids stay connected with providers and dentists following transfer into foster care.
- 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.
- Provide trainings on Help Me Grow to Healthcare and Early Childhood Education Providers to support improved access to resources and services for parents and families with young children.
- 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 local residents, including creating Breastfeeding Friendly locations to support growing families.
- 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
Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/vdhstjohnsbury/



CVSWMD FY 2018 Report for Walden

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents to reduce and manage solid waste. Robert Hatch represents Walden on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates and providing information and resources to our member communities.

In FY18, CVSWMD provided \$9816 in School Zero Waste and Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Grants, and \$6207 in Green Up Day Grants. The Town of Walden received a \$400 Green Up Day Grant. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring.

The District continues to provide award-winning programming, including:

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins and kitchen compost buckets at cost to district residents. CVSWMD also offers free workshops about backyard composting, recycling, safe non-toxic cleaning, and zero waste initiatives.
 - **Events Assistance:** In FY18 the district added three events programs: a bin loan program providing recycling, compost, and trash bins with clear signs, an “event kit” for events under 300 people, providing reusable dishware, flatware, linens and more to help community events reduce waste, and staff assistance to larger event organizers, including downloadable templates for zero waste events on our website, cvswmd.org/zero-waste-events.
 - **School Programming:** Our School Zero Waste Program works with all 26 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries and more. School Program Coordinators work with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on site and mentor student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.
 - **Special Collections:** In 2017, 10 events were held, in which CVSWMD collected hazardous waste, paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs.
 - Two collection events in Hardwick, one for household hazardous waste and another for paint, batteries and bulbs, served a total of 66 households.
 - **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** The ARCC, at 540 N. Main St. in Barre, is open M, W, F noon-6pm and the third Sat. of each month, 9-1pm. **Please note that ARCC hours may change in 2019.** The ARCC is a recycling drop-off for over 40 hard-to-recycle materials, cvswmd.org/arcc. Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.
 - In FY18, 8 residents from Walden recycled at the ARCC.
- Web Site:** CVSWMD posts useful information including what can be recycled, what can be composted, how to dispose of hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste, Act 148, details of our special collections, and an A to Z Guide listing disposal options for many materials.

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ANNUAL REPORT
For 2018**

We completed another audit for our office this past year and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind. The state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We have kept our rates for service the same for the past few years and have a slight increase with construction and traffic. This increase is do to the fuel prices. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, replacing cars that have served us well. We have thirteen marked cars, a 2014 van for prisoner transports, one unmarked car being used for civil process service. The radar cart is working well and in many towns. That purchase was with the use of Governors Highway Safety Grant funds. We have a large enclosed trailer that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. This trailer may be utilized as a command post at a mass casualty incident as well. We have an ATV, two golf carts, and two snowmobiles that we use for our snowmobile patrols. With project (ROAD), Responsible Operators Against Distractions, we want to continue to educate operators about phone use and texting while driving. We continue to do town patrols and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live & drive in because of our presence. The patrols are community based. Which means each town is different, so the patrols may be different. We are taking a proactive response instead of a reactive response. This effort has helped with both fighting crime and communications with the towns. The Sheriff's Department has 25 Law Enforcement Officers to start the new year and 2 new deputies will go to the academy in March. We have become more active with local schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. We have been involved with drills and evacuation plans and will continue to assist as needed. We continue to look at 24 hour dispatching for the county, but are unable to do that right now. Our new location is wonderful and working as it should. We've had a lot of visitors and people stopping by with question. We are more visible and easier to reach. Plus the savings on the tax payers went from \$50,000, down to \$27,000. In 12 years, that expense will go away and the county will own the building.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please call me or stop by the office. My door is always open. I look forward to serving this county as the Sheriff. We have continued with our great relationship with Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital and are helping them make certain that their patients and staff feel safe while in the hospital. We will again do snowmobile patrols throughout the county. Doing our best to keep the trails as safe as possible, and we will again answer snowmobile related complaints.

Please check out our facebook page. Thank You.

Sincerely,
Sheriff Dean Shatney

MINUTES OF WALDEN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - MARCH 6, 2018
(Condensed report: complete minutes on file at the Town Clerk's office)

The 225th annual Walden town meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by moderator Roger Fox at the Walden School Multipurpose room.

Announcements were made. State Representative Chip Troiano reported and answered questions about work the Legislature has been doing including a new roadside test for marijuana, an update on opioid addiction, a pollinator protection bill, nursing home closures and gun restriction laws being considered.

The moderator reviewed Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 1: Dia Michaud nominated Roger Fox for moderator. Roger Fox was elected on voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: Voting for town officers was by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 3: The motion was made by Willi Woelfle, seconded by Bob Hatch to accept the printed report of the town officers. Walden Watch Coordinator Linda Fox gave a brief history of Walden Watch and encouraged residents to keep an eye out for each other and report suspicious activity. Voted and passed.

ARTICLE 4: The motion was made by Lina Smith, seconded by Tom Muth to have property taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 8, 2018. Postmarks not accepted. Voted and passed.

ARTICLE 5: The motion was made by Jon Augeri, seconded by Martha Bissell to approve total highway fund expenditures of \$500,308.00, of which \$365,543.01 shall be raised by taxes and \$134,764.99 by non-tax revenues, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Voted and passed.

ARTICLE 6: The motion was made by David McCoy, seconded by Paul Greaves to appropriate a total of \$14,947 to the organizations and in the amounts listed in Article 6 of the Warning. Voted and passed.

ARTICLE 7: The motion was made by Jeff Pierpont, seconded by Tom Muth, to approve total general fund expenditures of \$360,596.00, of which \$218,147.56 shall be raised by taxes and \$142,448.44 by non-tax revenues, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Voted and passed.

ARTICLE 8: The motion was made by Randolph Wilson, seconded by Willi Woelfle to adopt Australian ballot voting for the Highway and General budgets. Motion failed on voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other proper business. Peter Tripp noted he and his wife are involved with the Northeast Kingdom Agency of Aging and volunteering for hospice or home care for anyone who might need help in the area. The moderator conducted an informal poll to gauge interest in changing town meeting to a Saturday or evening. There didn't seem to be much support for either.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Randolph Wilson, seconded by Tom Muth and was approved without opposition. Meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm.

We attest that these are the minutes of the annual Walden Town Meeting held on March 6, 2018.

Selectboard: Jon Augeri
Randolph Wilson

Lina Smith, Town Clerk

The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

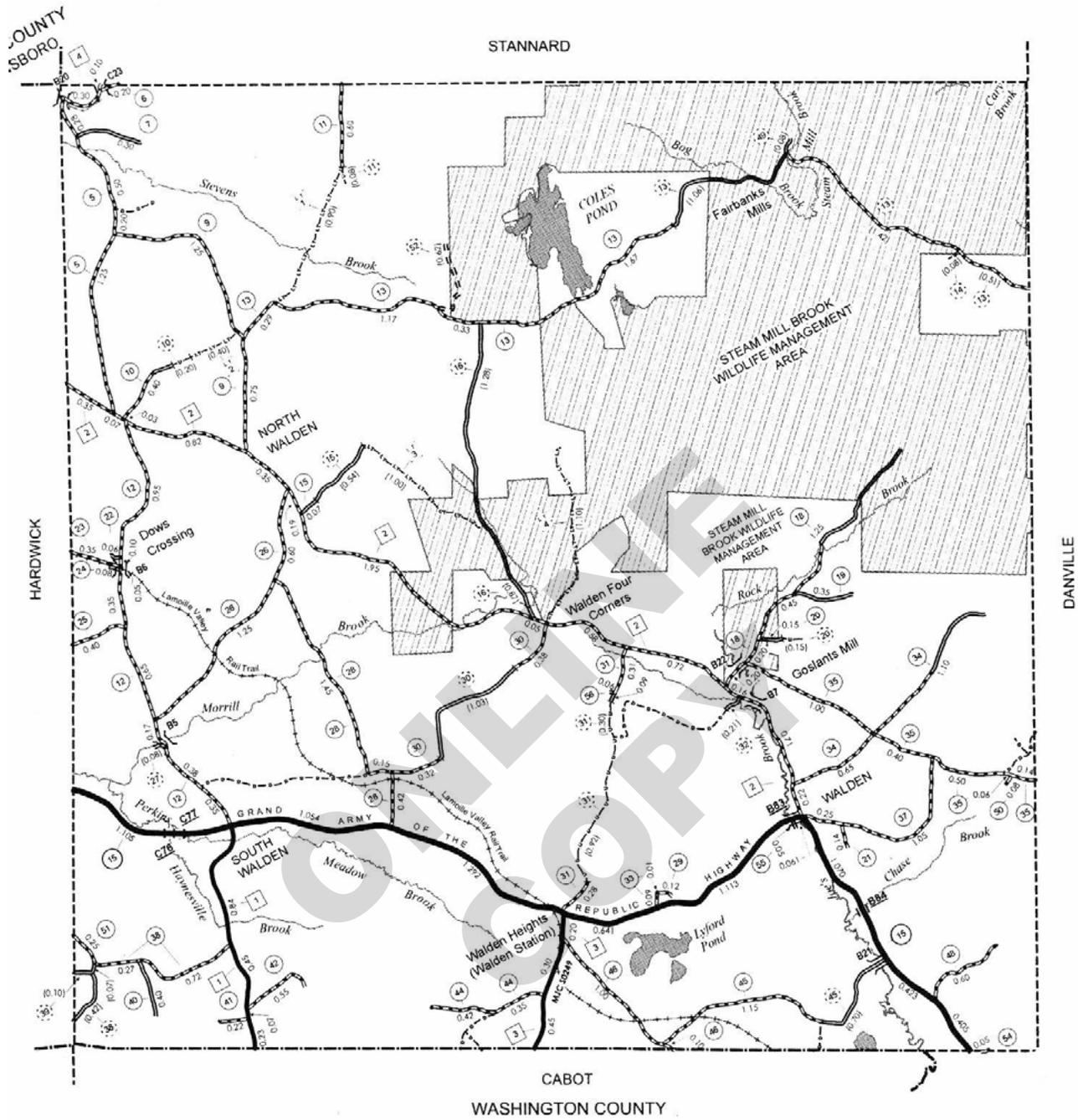
The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2019.**

The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>



WALDEN, VERMONT
Population: 935 (2010 Census)

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Caledonia County Sheriff	748-6666
Constable (dog issues)	839-9316 Luke Persons
Fish and Wildlife - St. Johnsbury	751-0100
Health Officer	563-2513 Valerie Covell
State Police, St. Johnsbury	748-3111
Superintendent's Office	684-3801
Town Clerk's Office	563-2220 waldentc@pivot.net
Town Garage	563-2504
Walden School	563-3000
Library	563-2195
Representative Chip Troiano	828-2228 ctroiano@leg.state.vt.us
Senator Joe Benning	626-3600 jbenning@leg.state.vt.us
Senator Jane Kitchel	684-3482 jkitchel@leg.state.vt.us

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CONTACTS

Linda Fox	563-2321
Crime Stoppers	748-2222
Vermont State Police	748-3111

Town Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday 9:00-4:00, Thursday 9:00-5:00
Open Fridays by appointment

Select Board Meetings

Every other Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 pm
Town Clerk's Office

Library Trustee Meetings

Second Tuesday of every other month at 6:30 pm
Walden Community Library

Fire Department

First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
Firehouse

GREEN UP DAY – MAY 4, 2019

WALK IN RABIES SHOTS (\$20.00) IN MARCH

HARDWICK VETERINARY CLINIC
SATURDAY'S 8:30-10 472-8400