

Town of
MARSHFIELD
VERMONT

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31
2017



Jeanne Ducharme served as
Marshfield Town Clerk,
Assistant Town Clerk, and Lister



Barbara Bohn served as a Justice
of the Peace, and Trustee and
Bookkeeper for the Library

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator Michael Caccavo

Town Clerk & Treasurer Bobbi Brimblecombe

Selectpersons

Term Expires 2018 (appointed)..... James Barlow

Term Expires 2018..... Christopher Martin

Term Expires 2019..... Laurie Colgan

School Directors

Term Expires 2017..... Patrick Healy

Term Expires 2018 (appointed)..... Jon Groveman

Term Expires 2018 (appointed)..... Jill Wilson

Auditors

Term Expires 2018..... Audrey Huntington

Term Expires 2019..... Doris Dufresne

Term Expires 2020..... Thomas Maclay

Listers

Term Expires 2018..... Meg Eberhardt

Term Expires 2019..... vacant

Term Expires 2020..... vacant

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Bobbi Brimblecombe

First Constable Shawn Codling

Second Constable James Arisman

Budget Committee

Term Expires 2018..... Deanna Martin

Term Expires 2019..... Michael Caccavo

Term Expires 2020..... Thomas Maclay

Term Expires 2021..... Betsy Brigham

Term Expires 2022..... Doris Dufresne

Library Trustees

Term Expires 2018 (appointed) Robert Buchanan

Term Expires 2018 (appointed)..... Cathy Chodorkoff

Term Expires 2018..... Jennifer Barlow

Term Expires 2019..... Annie Reed

Term Expires 2019..... Sonia Carrasco

Town Juror Michael Caccavo

Town Agent..... Michael Caccavo

Cemetery Trustees Board of Selectpersons

Justices of the Peace (Elected at General Election)

James Arisman, Christopher Bellamy, Lawrence Black, Lois Burnham, Ellen Halperin, Judy Henkin, Mary Leahy

Appointed by Selectpersons

Planning Commission*

Term Expires 2018 Melissa Seifert
Term Expires 2018 vacant
Term Expires 2019 Jonathan Williams
Term Expires 2019 Ivan Shadis
Term Expires 2020 vacant
Term Expires 2020 Robert Light

* The Town Selectpersons and Village Trustees are Ex-officio members.

Development Review Board

Term Expires 2018 James Arisman
Term Expires 2018 Jenny Warshow
Term Expires 2019 vacant
Term Expires 2019 Les Snow
Term Expires 2020 Gary Leach

Zoning Administrator (Term expires 4/15/2019) Robert Light

Representative to Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Term expires May 2018 Ivan Shadis

Representative to Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Committee vacant

Representative to Northeast Kingdom Waste Mgmt District vacant

Conservation Commission

Term expires 2018 Anne Miller
Term expires 2018 Taber Allison
Term expires 2019 Anne Reed
Term expires 2019 Ed Jalbert
Term expires 2020 Sarah Norton
Term expires 2020 Rachel Rudi
Term expires 2021 Allen Banbury
Term expires 2021 Steve Fiske
Term expires 2021 Bob Popp

Energy and Climate Change Committee

Wes Cate, Dan Chodorkoff, Michael Horowitz, Anne Miller, John Morris, Nick Seifert, Rebecca Wigg

Stranahan Stewardship Committee

- Term expires 2018 Brett Engstrom
- Term expires 2018 Michael Sabourin
- Term expires 2018 Jenny Warshow
- Term expires 2019 Ellen Cooke
- Term expires 2019 Sarah Fowler
- Term expires 2019 Sarah Galbraith
- Term expires 2019 Rich Phillips

Recreation Committee

Lincoln Earle-Centers, Drew McNaughton, Penni Ann Stearns,

Fire Chief Thomas Maclay II

Fire Warden (Term expires 6/30/2020)..... Thomas Maclay

Health Officer (Term expires 06/30/2019)..... James Arisman

Cemetery Sexton Joe Mangan

Pound Keeper Cheryl McQueeney (dogs), CVHS (cats)

Dog Officer Mia Roethlein

Fence Viewers

Chris Bellamy, Dennis Ducharme, Richard Phillips

Tree Warden Ronald Smith

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood Dennis Ducharme

Weigher of Coal Albert St. Cyr

Assistant Town Clerk Winnie Valenza
(Appointed by the Town Clerk)

Road Foreman Daniel Tetreault

Road Crew Shane Brickey
Scott Ciampi
Timothy Ksepka

TOWN MEETING 2017

Moderator Michael Caccavo opened Town Meeting at 9:00 on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at Twinfield Union School. The meeting recessed for 10 minutes to allow more people to get through the entrance line. A total of 125 out of 1,121 registered voters checked in for the open meeting. Representative Janet Ancel spoke about legislative issues. Moderator Caccavo read announcements and explained the rules for Town Meeting. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. During the meeting, the crowd passed the hat and raised \$464.00 for the Onion River Food Shelf.

Article 1. To elect all Town Officers required by Law:

Moderator	Michael Caccavo	1 year
Town Clerk	Bobbi Brimblecombe	1 year
Town Treasurer	Bobbi Brimblecombe	1 year
Selectperson	3 years	

Jamie Spector nominated Andrew Perchlik. Janet Nielsen nominated Barbara Bendix. Both candidates spoke about their reasons for wanting to serve. Voters cast paper ballots as follows:

Andrew Perchlik	61
Barbara Bendix	33
Spoiled	1

Andrew Perchlik 3 years

Auditor 3 years

Tom Maclay was nominated. Moved and seconded to have the clerk cast one ballot. All in favor.

Tom Maclay 3 years

Auditor 1 year, to fill the vacancy created when Wilmer Brandt died

Audrey Huntington was nominated. Moved and seconded to have the clerk cast one ballot. All in favor.

Audrey Huntington 1 year

Lister 3 years

Bobbi explained the Lister duties. Jonathan Williams asked if the Town has ever considered hiring an appraiser. The Board explained that they talked about it once years ago but we have had listers in office since that time. James Barlow was nominated. Moved and seconded to have the clerk cast one ballot. All in favor.

James Barlow 3 years

Collector of Delinquent Taxes 1 year

Bobbi Brimblecombe was nominated. Jules Rabin asked whether it is a conflict of interest to have the Treasurer serve as Collector. Bobbi explained that the Town accepts hand-cancelled postmarks as proof of payment to avoid a conflict, and having the tax collection taken care of in the Town Office is more convenient for taxpayers and also for people doing title research. Tom Maclay spoke in favor of having Bobbi continue as the Collector.

Bobbi Brimblecombe 1 year

First Constable 1 year

Shawn Codling was nominated. Pat Mayhew asked for a report of what the Constable does. Shawn explained that he aids the State Police when they are in town, and helps the Fire Department at traffic accidents.

Shawn Codling 1 year

Second Constable James Arisman 1 year

Town Juror 1 year

Michael Caccavo was nominated. He explained that the position of Town Juror used to be one of investigating possible law violations, but the duties have largely been taken over by the State's Attorney system.

Michael Caccavo 1 year

Town Agent 1 year

Michael Caccavo was nominated. He explained that the Town Agent can be called upon to sign papers on behalf of the Town, such as a deed conveying Town Property, at the direction of the Selectboard.

Michael Caccavo 1 year

Budget Committee Member Doris Dufresne 5 years

Library Trustee Kathie Alyce 3 years

Article 2. To elect School Directors to serve on the Union District Board, as follows:

School Director 3 years

Patrick Healy and Jon Groveman were nominated. Jon declined the nomination. Moved and seconded to have the clerk cast one ballot. All in favor.

Patrick Healy 3 years

School Director 1 year, to fill the vacancy created when Jack Hoffman resigned

Jon Groveman was nominated. Moved and seconded to have the clerk cast one ballot. All in favor.

Jon Groveman 1 year

Article 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Moved and seconded to accept the article as printed.

Fire Chief Tim Maclay let everyone know that the newly-refurbished fire truck was parked outside and people are welcome to go out and look at it. He presented Will Schwarz with an award for 20 years of service. Will spoke about changing demographics and how difficult it is to find people who are able to volunteer the amount of time that is needed for town services.

Article 4. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$993,254 allocated as follows, with \$259,728 from other income, \$109,847 previous year surplus to be applied and \$623,679 to be raised in taxes:

\$264,721 for the payment of indebtedness and general expenses (\$114,636 from other income and \$150,085 from surplus and taxes);

\$589,671 for the support of highways and bridges (\$87,297 from other income, \$502,374 from surplus and taxes);

\$63,647 in support of the Marshfield Fire Department (all from surplus and taxes);

\$21,642 in support of the Planning and Zoning Department (\$2,000 from permit fees, \$19,642 from surplus and taxes);

\$2,250 in support of the Marshfield Recreation Committee (all from surplus and taxes);

\$51,323 in support of the Old Schoolhouse Common (\$25,330 from building lease/rentals, \$30,465 allocated from other town departments, \$4,472 used to lower taxes).

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Andy Perchlik noted that the amount of taxes required for this budget is lower than last year. He attributed the lower taxes to lower road costs due to the mild winter, good budgeting, and good planning by the current and former Selectboards that have allowed the Town to set aside funds for major purchases without having wildly fluctuating budgets.

Beth Stern asked if the Town is considering a reappraisal. Bobbi explained that the Common Level of Appraisal is not bad, and a

reappraisal is expensive. She noted that there are three large properties for sale and it may be prudent to wait until after they sell to do a reappraisal because it is not clear what affect their sale will have on the CLA.

All in favor.

Article 5. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$79,850 in support of the Jaquith Public Library.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

All in favor.

Article 6. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$6,455 in support of the Marshfield Historical Society.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Jules Rabin asked for an update of the Historical Society's activities. Janet Nielsen reported that they are going to keep part of the Hap Hayward display permanently but they are going to refresh the displays. She noted that their recent programs have been well-attended, including a talk by Paul Gillies and a walk that she led down Main Street during the fall foliage festival. She noted that the appropriation would only fund their rent; they raise money by selling books and through donations.

All in favor.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,600 for the support, improvement and repair of the cemeteries.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Lucy Blue reminded those in attendance that green burials exist.

All in favor.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$15,000 in support of the Cabot Ambulance Service.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Jules Rabin asked if it is true that the service is becoming inactive. Tim Maclay stated that they are having difficulty getting people to respond; they drop a lot of calls and East Montpelier has to respond. If East Montpelier can't come, another service will respond but it will take longer. Chris Martin stated that after last year's Town Meeting, people wanted the Selectboard to research the issue. He and Will Schwarz attended meetings with Cabot Ambulance and the Cabot Selectboard. At that time they only had 8 members, with 6 core members. The biggest discussion was that they don't want to see the two towns lose the ambulance service, but as Will mentioned earlier, volunteerism is down.

Chris has been talking with East Montpelier. They are looking to expand, to have more staff. They are still partially volunteer and partially paid. They are obligated to cover Cabot Ambulance calls through mutual aid. They would cover Marshfield as our first responders for \$45,000 per year.

Will Schwarz noted that going on a call takes approximately half a day, after the transport to the hospital, the paperwork, and putting the ambulance back in service. The demand is higher than that of the Fire Department, and the current model is not serving us well. People are having to wait too long and it is a matter of life and death. No one wants to lose Cabot Ambulance and he commended their volunteers, but a lot of factors are changing.

Julie Medose asked if hiring East Montpelier would reduce wait times. Will explained that it would, because they have paid staff during the day and evenings. He noted that if we hired East Montpelier as our primary service, Cabot might become our mutual aid.

Jules Rabin asked if he should drive himself to the hospital rather than waiting for messages to bounce from Cabot to East Montpelier to another service. Will noted that Plainfield Fire and Rescue can administer initial care and prep the patient for transport while waiting for the ambulance to arrive, even though they do not transport patients.

Beth Stern stated that she thought the Selectboard would research the situation and come to this meeting with a recommendation. Chris Martin explained that East Montpelier was not ready to enter talks with Marshfield until just recently. He recommends sticking with the current system this year and talking with East Montpelier in the coming year. He noted that it will take a year to nail this down. The Selectboard wants to make sure people want to make the financial commitment. He feels that we need to support Cabot Ambulance but they don't have the people to give us the service that we need. Cabot wants to have more volunteers but the training is a tremendous time commitment. The Board wants feedback on whether people will support the cost of switching to East Montpelier.

Sue Morris noted that she was well cared for when she had a heart attack.

Jerrie Nash asked how someone from East Montpelier not familiar with our area would find her house. Mike Caccavo explained that this is the goal of the 911 system.

Axie Noyes asked if a patient would know if their call is being bounced and that there would be a delay. Will explained that when the Plainfield Fast Squad is on scene, they know because they hear the calls and responses on their radios.

Tim Morris explained that we used to have to pay for other towns to come and cover calls for us, but the Pitkin brothers introduced legislation that created our mutual aid system.

Lucy Blue asked the minimum age for volunteers (18). She asked how we have let the community know that we need volunteers, and she suggested talking to the schools or finding other ways to get the word out.

Joe Gainza stated that we have Presidents' Day and other holidays, but we should have an annual day to recognize the people who volunteer for emergency services as heroes.

Julia Gresser asked why Town Meeting isn't held in the evening; she feels that if the meeting was held in the evening, more young

people might come and they might be more involved and more likely to volunteer. Moderator Caccavo suggested saving that discussion until other business.

All in favor.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$5,500 in support of the Plainfield Fire and Rescue Service.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

All in favor.

Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,333 as its share of the cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares.

Moved and seconded to accept the article as printed.

Bob Light asked how much the commuter bus service receives in federal funds. Mike Caccavo stated that we don't have that information. Bob noted that the federal funding might be going away.

All in favor.

Article 11: To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$12,832 to be allocated as recommended by the Budget Committee:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	\$ 500
Capstone Community Action	\$ 300
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,400
Central Vermont Economic Development Corp	\$100
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	\$ 3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Services	\$ 250
Family Center of Washington County	\$ 250
Friends of the Winooski	\$ 300

Green Mountain Transit	\$ 882
Green Up Vermont	\$ 100
Home Share Now	\$ 200
Onion River Food Shelf	\$ 1,100
Our House	\$ 100
Peoples Health and Wellness	\$ 300
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 2,000
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 200
Twinfield Together Mentoring Program	\$ 250
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$ 100
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually Impaired	\$ 150
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 100
Washington County Mental Health	\$ 800
Washington County Youth Services Bureau	\$ 250

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Jules Rabin asked how much this article costs taxpayers. Bobbi Brimblecombe referred him to page 23 of the town report; this article costs taxpayers \$10.76 for every \$100,000 of property value. Helen Rabin asked if the GMTA appropriation is connected to the commuter bus. Mike Caccavo explained that this appropriation funds the bus to the senior center and other transportation.

All in favor.

- Article 12.**
- a. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes;
 - b. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds such as grants and gifts;
 - c. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide funds for the amounts previously voted;
 - d. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town taxes paid to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, August 18, 2017, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers;

- e. To see if the Town will vote to have the School taxes paid to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, November 17, 2017, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers; and
- f. To see if the Town will accept hand canceled, legible postmark on or before the due date as evidence of timely payment for town and school taxes.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

All in favor.

At 11:30, there was discussion about whether to continue the meeting or break for lunch. Jamie Spector moved to continue the meeting, because without childcare it is difficult for parents to remain at the meeting indefinitely. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 13. Will the Voters of Marshfield, Vermont pass the following resolution:

Whereas nearly 60 million people worldwide are displaced by violence, political strife, or natural disaster and forced to become refugees; and

Whereas millions of additional people worldwide are driven to seek out immigration opportunities for better lives and well being for their families; and

Whereas immigration has been the cornerstone of our state and nation's development and prosperity throughout our history; and

Whereas the Town of Marshfield recognizes that the federal government and federal agencies have no legal authority to require local enforcement of immigration policy; and

Whereas Marshfield has no formal existing agreements to enforce immigration policy; and

Whereas the Town of Marshfield does not inquire about a resident's immigration status in providing municipal services or in the course of law enforcement; and

Whereas federal funding may not be withheld based on a municipality's willingness to enter into agreements regarding the enforcement of immigration policy.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Marshfield, Vermont select board the following:

The Town of Marshfield formally announces its intention to be a designated sanctuary town; and

As a sanctuary town, the Town of Marshfield, Vermont will have policies that direct employees to refuse the application of any request from a state or federal agency that requires the identification of a resident's immigration status; and

The Town of Marshfield, Vermont shall refuse any request to be an extension of any federal immigration policy enforcement actions and shall not enter into any agreement to carry out such enforcement; and

The Town of Marshfield, Vermont calls on Vermont's congressional representatives in the U.S. House and Senate to work vigorously for just immigration reform which protects the most vulnerable residents in our nation.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Joe Gainza moved to amend the article by changing the word "direct" in the second paragraph of the resolution to "advise" and add the following:

"If, against the advice of this resolution, a Marshfield Town employee, volunteers to provide the immigration status of any individual to federal immigration authorities, the employee making

the disclosure must make a record that specifically articulates whether the information was requested by federal immigration authorities, and, if so:

- a) whether disclosure of that individual's immigration status to federal authorities was in the public safety interest of the community, and, if so, how;
- b) whether disclosure advanced the Town's central mission of serving and protecting equally all individuals who are present in the community, and if so, how; and
- c) the anticipated effect of disclosure on any ongoing investigation involving that individual.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any employee or agency of the Town from responding to or providing information pursuant to a valid judicial subpoena."

Jamie Spector seconded the amendment.

Moderator Caccavo suggested that the second part of the amendment be reworded to say "the policies adopted by the Town will be consistent with the directions of the Attorney General." Saul Gresser pointed out that the Attorney General's advice may change over time. Rain Banbury suggested changing the amendment to reference the recommendations dated March 2017. Joe accepted the suggestion.

Susan Arisman asked how the amendment would change the original article. Joe stated that it puts it in compliance with federal law. The federal statute can be interpreted to say towns can't direct employees to not comply; this protects the town from a lawsuit.

Michelle Gonzales wants to know that the Town representatives are protected.

Bobbi Brimblecombe explained that regardless of what the town policy is, the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk cannot refuse to provide a copy of a public record if they receive a public records request, unless the information is exempt from disclosure under the public records law. She noted that she doesn't know what public records she has that contain immigration information but if it is there

she would have to provide it. Jim Barlow asked about I-9's, and the Town does have those.

Lee Light asked how many other towns have this article on the warning. Joe stated that there is a bill being proposed in the legislature.

Rain Banbury explained that Burlington and other cities are sanctuary cities. She noted that the most vulnerable people may be prevented from asking the Town for help if they are afraid.

Jim Barlow suggests changing the resolution from “employees” to “law enforcement agents” to protect the Town Clerk because the office has I-9's and voter registration information. The moderator ruled that the first amendment must be voted on before this amendment can be considered.

The amendment was approved by voice vote.

Jim Barlow moved to amend the article to change “employees” to “law enforcement agents”. Gary Leach seconded.

Jamie Spector spoke against the amendment, because it goes against the intent of the article. This could come up during an ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) raid – they could ask where to find someone. They might ask the Fire Department, the Road Crew, or the Town Clerk where someone lives.

Mary Leahy noted that the City of Burlington has directed police not to enforce immigration policies. Inserting the words “law enforcement” voids the purpose of the article.

James Arisman stated that as a former member of the Attorney General's office, he knows that the Constables have no law enforcement authority, and the amendment will nullify the purpose of the article.

Greg Wallace stated that Jim Barlow's and Bobbi Brimblecombe's points are valid, and the language should be clarified to protect town employees.

Bobbi stated that no language can protect the Town Clerk's Office – they will have to comply with a request for public records no matter what the resolution says. She feels that those in favor of the article should encourage the legislature to add immigration status to the list of public records exemptions.

Liza Earle-Centers feels that saying “advises” is enough to let the town employees know the town's sentiments.

Joe Gainza stated that nothing in the article intends to break the law or to ask the town employees to break the law.

The amendment did not pass.

Jay Moore noted that as a historian, he is disturbed by parallels between what is happening now and what happened in Europe in the 1920's and 1930's. This has important symbolic value when combined with other towns and states. He noted that the town passed similar resolutions in the 1850's condemning slavery and the acts of sending escaped slaves back to their owners.

Rich Phillips moved to add another line to the resolution: “The Town of Marshfield calls on our Legislature to include immigration status as an exemption to the public records law.” Saul Gresser seconded.

Jonathan Williams asked if there is a bill in the legislature now. Rich Phillips stated that there is a bill from Governor Scott regarding immigration, and it may be possible to add it.

Nancy Snow asked if the exemptions are in statute (they are). Mary Leahy asked if exemptions are under the purview of the state; she is worried that including this would jeopardize the entire article. James Arisman said it won't be a problem.

The amendment was approved by voice vote.

Saul Gresser commended the discussion. He asked Joe Gainza if the change from “directs” to “advises” will keep the federal government from withholding federal funds. He supports the idea that sometimes you have to stand up for what you believe.

Joe Gainza stated that there is no legal definition of sanctuary city, and the current administration may be violating Article 10 of the US Constitution, which gives powers to the State that are not expressly given to the federal government.

Jim Barlow stated that his amendment was not intended to gut the resolution. If the federal government wants to withhold federal funds, bring it on. He is proud to live in a community that is taking a stand.

Jamie Spector supports this, and she noted we have time to consult with council if we get a request.

The Article as amended was approved by voice vote. The wording of the resolution as approved:

“The Town of Marshfield formally announces its intention to be a designated sanctuary town; and

As a sanctuary town, the Town of Marshfield, Vermont will have policies that advise employees to refuse the application of any request from a state or federal agency that requires the identification of a resident's immigration status, and the policies adopted by the Town will be consistent with the directions of the Attorney General date March 2017; and

The Town of Marshfield, Vermont shall refuse any request to be an extension of any federal immigration policy enforcement actions and shall not enter into any agreement to carry out such enforcement; and

The Town of Marshfield, Vermont calls on Vermont's congressional representatives in the U.S. House and Senate to work vigorously for just immigration reform which protects the most vulnerable residents in our nation; and

The Town of Marshfield calls on our Legislature to include immigration status as an exemption to the public records law.”

Article 14. To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Jamie Spector asked the Selectboard to consider providing childcare for the meeting – she feels that this would increase participation by parents with children.

Rain Banbury asked the Selectboard to convene a group to increase participation in town meeting.

On behalf of the non-profit organizations, Beth Stern thanked the town for their support.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on March 7, 2017.

Attest, Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

2017 AUDITORS' REPORT

As directed by 24 VSA §1681, the Auditors have examined the financial records of the Town and the supporting data. We believe that all records and accounts contained herein are a true and accurate account of the Town's financial affairs.

State Law 24 VSA §1684 requires that the Auditors publish a statement showing the condition of the Town's indebtedness, trust funds, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit. A list of these follows:

- Assets -

	Interest Rate	Balance
Cash on Hand		339.86
General Fund - Sweep Account	1.06%	43,388.48
Union Bank Money Market		11.78
Union Bank Insured Cash Sweep	1.69%	708,931.75
Fire Dept. Investments	2.03% – 3.14%	22,093.77
A/R Delinquent Taxes	12.00%	67,845.95
Owed from Cemetery Funds		1,959.60

- Indebtedness -

	Interest Rate	Balance
Truck Loan - 2015	2.00%	44,000.00
Truck Loan – 2016	1.45%	66,000.00
Truck Loan – 2018	2.00%	75,000.00
Grader Loan	2.00%	16,000.00

The investments of the Cemetery Fund and Jaquith Library appear with their reports.

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2017

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
- Assets -			
Cash on Hand	339.86		339.86
Sweep Account	43,388.48		43,388.48
Insured Cash Sweep	125,387.99	583,543.76	708,931.75
Money Market	11.78		11.78
Fire Dept Invest Account		22,093.77	22,093.77
Credit with GMP	1.25		
Delinquent Taxes	67,845.95		67,845.95
Reserve for Del Taxes	(67,845.95)		(67,845.95)
Owed from Cemetery Funds	1,959.60		1,959.60
Total Assets	<u>171,088.96</u>	<u>605,637.53</u>	<u>776,726.49</u>
- Liabilities -			
Damage Deposit	1,296.54		1,296.54
Performance Bond	500.00		500.00
Prepayments	20,487.17		20,487.17
Payroll Liabilities	(51.22)		(51.22)
Grader Loan		16,000.00	16,000.00
2015 Truck Loan		44,000.00	44,000.00
2016 Truck Loan		66,000.00	66,000.00
2018 Truck Loan		75,000.00	75,000.00
Total Liabilities	<u>22,232.49</u>	<u>201,000.00</u>	<u>223,232.49</u>
- Fund Balances -			
Fund Balances, 12/31/16	25,889.04	433,099.91	458,988.95
2017 Surplus(Deficit)	<u>122,967.43</u>	<u>(28,462.38)</u>	<u>94,505.05</u>
Fund Balances, 12/31/17	148,856.47	404,637.53	553,494.00
Liabilities + Fund Balance	171,088.96	605,637.53	776,726.49

TOWN ASSETS

Property:		Cost
Mears property	37 acres	7,500
Old Town forest	50 acres	195
Gravel pit	4 acres	1,000
Railroad depot	8.1 acres	2,000
Thorndike property/Martin Covered Bridge Park	70 acres & bridge	1,321
Anderson lot	1.05 acres	1,455
Virginia Stranahan Town Forest	619.6 acres	0
Town garage		41,000
Salt Shed		51,722
Old village school lot & bldg	3 acres	1
Fire station and land	2.20 acres	81,000
Total Property		<u>187,195</u>

Equipment - major:		
2011 Pickup		39,604
2012 International truck		89,650
2015 International truck		112,448
2016 International truck		134,767
2018 International truck (chassis only)		98,190
2007 Challenger tractor & mower		70,000
2013 John Deere grader		188,000
2000 John Deere loader		87,200
2004 John Deere excavator		66,977
Trailer for excavator		8,170
Pressure washer & Trailer		7,745
Generator		1,299
2011 Chipper		17,900
Sander		4,045
York rake (2009)		5,195
Tools		9,979
Solar Panels at Old Schoolhouse		63,448
Roller shelves (6)		3,100
Computers and printers		10,877
Office equipment		15,615
Office furniture		840
Air conditioners (2)		987
Total Equipment		<u>1,036,034</u>

TOWN ASSETS

	<u>Cost</u>
Fire Station Improvements	
Security System	9,377
Air Vacuum System	15,912
Sprinkler System	15,577
Total Fire Station Improvements	40,866
Fire Station Equipment	
Standby Generator	14,369
Communications Equipment	25,010
Computers	4,162
1937 Chev. Amer. LaFrance Pumper	4,353
1991 Ford L-8000 pumper	99,168
1996 Ford LN 8000 tanker	83,531
Total Fire Station Equipment	230,593
TOTAL	1,494,687

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Overall 2017 was an average year. The select board began the year agreeing to purchase a new dump truck. The plan was to take delivery on the truck sometime in the summer. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, we still haven't taken delivery on the new truck at the time of writing this report.

During the winter the board decided to invest in security cameras at the Old Schoolhouse Common and Town Clerk's Office. We also had a security alarm installed in the town office. The cameras have already helped to identify vandals on the property. The system was partially covered under a safety grant from the League of Cities and Towns. The safety grant also covered new garage door openers and a few other safety items at the town garage.

In early spring the select board was informed that we received a grant from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The money from the grant was intended to be used by Housing Foundation Inc (HFI) or Vermont Housing Authority to build new multi-family low-income housing at the Hollister Hill Apartment location. The town will loan the money to HFI as a 30-year deferred interest loan.

In the spring the town's animal control officer retired. Two town residents applied for the position. The board felt having two people from the town filling the position might give us quicker response to animal control issues. Unfortunately, one of our new officers ended up moving out of town and giving up her position. Dog and cattle issues still seem to be the number one ongoing problem that comes before the board.

With the new water quality laws enacted to clean up Lake Champlain the town will be required to meet new standards with road drainage in target areas. The town will also be paying a yearly fee to the state to be allowed to maintain our roads. For the first and possibly the second year of this new program the state will allocate funds to start implementing some of these standards in municipalities. The town will be reimbursed for some of the cost of

qualifying projects. The town has and will continue to take advantage of this money as long as it is available.

The town also received a FEMA Grant to install a back up generator at the Old School House Common. The select board put it out for bid but learned while talking to contractors that the best spot to install the transfer switch would be on the exterior of the building. To do this, the town needs to go through a historic preservation review. This won't halt the project, but will likely postpone it until the summer of 2018.

During the summer our newest member of the road crew, Guthrie Perry, was offered and accepted the road foreman job at the town of East Montpelier. Luckily, we were able to hire Shane Brickey to fill the open position.

In the fall, Andy Perchlik resigned from the select board. The board appointed Jim Barlow to fill the vacancy, which left us with an open position as lister. One of our other Listers, Karen O'Donnell, also resigned around the same time. With only one lister the select board felt it would make more sense to appoint Meg Eberhardt to act as an assessor. Assessor is the same job but can work alone. This means that voters will need to decide if we want to elect more listers or try using an assessor to do the appraisal work in Marshfield.

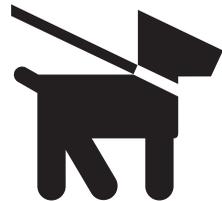
The most significant issue facing the town and select board financially is the question of what direction the town should go in regards to Emergency Services. Marshfield has always shared the expense of funding the Cabot Ambulance Service. In recent years we have found surrounding services picking up more emergency calls in town. Mutual Aid protocol requires nearby departments to respond to calls that cannot be picked up by the local ambulance. Simply speaking, this means surrounding towns are forced to subsidize Marshfield's emergency calls. The select board is putting forth two different options for emergency coverage, Cabot or East Montpelier ambulance for primary coverage. Our plan is to have representatives from each service at town meeting to share their pros and cons. The cost is significant, so the select board wanted tax payers to have the options to vote on.

Yes, We Heard You the First Time.

(And the second, third, and forty-eighth times, too.)

The Marshfield Selectboard
reminds you that dogs may not
make excessive noise so as to
disturb adjoining landowners.

**Be a responsible
dog owner.**



BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Marshfield Budget Committee met on December 14th to review draft budgets from the Selectboard and the Jaquith Public Library, and to review & discuss requests for support from non-profit organizations. Based on our review of budget drafts, the budget committee recommends the amount of tax monies as shown on the following page for town departments. The Budget Committee approved the proposed budget with the exception of the Cabot Ambulance and East Montpelier Ambulance requests. We request a Selectboard decision with a possible article at town meeting so the people can discuss the issues surrounding ambulance coverage to Marshfield residents.

The Budget Committee receives requests from many non-profit organizations that provide service to citizens of Marshfield. Requests are submitted prior to our annual meeting, and must include the organization's impact on Marshfield (description of the service provided and # of residents served) plus a current budget. Representatives are invited to attend our meeting to provide additional information and respond to questions from the Budget Committee. In deciding how to allocate funds, committee members consider the impact of services on residents, the uniqueness of services provided, and prior years' allocations. While recognizing the importance of municipal support to the sustainability of these non-profits, we strive to support the vital services they provide and at the same time minimize budget increases from year to year. We recommend supporting these:

Central VT Adult Basic Ed	500
Capstone Community Action	300
Central Vt Council on Aging	1,400
Central Vermont Home Health	3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Svc	300
Family Center of Washington Cty	250
Friends of the Winooski	300
Green Mountain Transit	882
Green Up Vermont	100
Home Share Now	200
Onion River Food Shelf	1,000
Our House	100
People's Health & Wellness	300
Plainfield Fast Squad	5,500
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	50
Twin Valley Seniors	2,500
Twinfield Learning Center	200
Twinfield Mentoring Program	250
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually	150
VT Assoc of Conservation Distri	100
Vt Ctr for Independent Living	150
Washington County Mental Health	800
Washington Cty Youth Serv Bureau	250

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Betsy Brigham, Michael Caccavo,
Doris Dufresne, Thomas Maclay, Deanna Martin

NET BUDGET AND ESTIMATED TAX RATE

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Administration	168,908	152,284	158,480	148,929	150,927	144,461	150,085	165,755
Highways	430,460	559,776	505,636	520,748	515,435	516,663	502,374	537,019
Flood Repairs	0	82,918	1,200	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Department	46,068	56,904	58,142	58,037	63,548	63,548	63,647	67,832
Planning & Zoning	15,974	15,567	18,202	18,534	16,347	19,445	19,642	15,336
Recreation	2,275	3,140	3,140	2,790	3,950	2,250	2,250	1,900
Buildings & Grounds	13,976	11,072	14,826	17,609	5,933	5,209	-4,472	-16,797
Total Selectboard Budget	677,660	881,661	759,627	766,647	756,140	751,576	733,526	771,045
Less Flood Reimbursements	0	-345,525	-22,473	0	0	0	0	0
Net Selectboard Budget	677,660	536,136	737,154	766,647	756,140	751,576	733,526	771,045
Less Surplus/Plus Deficit	-27,914	73,254	-135,661	-95,863	-112,909	-107,861	-109,847	-122,967
Total Tax, Selectboard Budget	649,746	609,389	601,492	670,783	643,231	643,715	623,679	648,078
Jaquith Library	63,773	63,957	65,383	75,000	74,850	76,822	79,850	80,713
Historical Society	4,375	4,375	4,375	5,501	8,455	6,455	6,455	6,455
History Center	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	0
Cemeteries	5,000	6,500	6,500	8,000	8,500	8,500	8,600	8,600
EMS**	12,000	14,000	14,000	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500	43,500
Other Appropriations and Bus	15,983	17,308	18,315	18,915	19,915	20,415	21,165	21,615
Total Taxes to be Raised	750,877	715,529	710,065	803,699	775,451	776,407	760,249	808,961
Tax Rate	0.6513	0.6158	0.6096	0.6813	0.6567	0.6508	0.6340	0.6747 *

** The EMS total includes Cabot Ambulance, East Montpelier Ambulance Service, and Plainfield Fast Squad; this total may change depending on what voters decide for Articles 11, 12, and 13.

TAXES NEEDED FOR INDIVIDUAL WARNING ARTICLES

		Effect on	Taxes for	Taxes for	Taxes for
	Taxes Needed	Tax Rate	\$100,000 Property	\$150,000 Property	\$200,000 Property
Article 7	\$ 648,078.00	0.5406	\$ 540.62	\$ 810.93	\$ 1,081.24
Article 8	\$ 80,713.00	0.0673	\$ 67.33	\$ 100.99	\$ 134.66
Article 9	\$ 6,455.00	0.0054	\$ 5.38	\$ 8.08	\$ 10.77
Article 10	\$ 8,600.00	0.0072	\$ 7.17	\$ 10.76	\$ 14.35
Article 11	\$ 20,000.00	0.0167	\$ 16.68	\$ 25.03	\$ 33.37
Article 12	\$ 18,000.00	0.0150	\$ 15.02	\$ 22.52	\$ 30.03
Article 13	\$ 5,500.00	0.0046	\$ 4.59	\$ 6.88	\$ 9.18
Article 14	\$ 8,333.00	0.0070	\$ 6.95	\$ 10.43	\$ 13.90
Article 15	\$ 13,282.00	0.0111	\$ 11.08	\$ 16.62	\$ 22.16
Total	\$ 808,961.00	0.6748	\$ 674.82	\$ 1,012.24	\$ 1,349.65
Every \$10,000 in the budget	\$ 10,000.00	0.0083	\$ 8.34	\$ 12.51	\$ 16.68
For a penny on the tax rate	\$ 11,987.72	0.0100	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00

* The Selectboard budget includes Highways, General Government, the Town Office, the Fire Department, the Old Schoolhouse Common, Employment Taxes and Benefits, and Zoning and Planning.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

General Fund

	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>
Income				
Previous Year Surplus				
Surplus Prv Yr Non Hgwy	70,134	42,104	42,104	88,189
Surplus Prev Yr Highway	<u>37,726</u>	<u>67,743</u>	<u>67,743</u>	<u>34,778</u>
Total Surplus	107,861	109,847	109,847	122,967
Selectboard Managed Income				
Property Taxes	786,981	763,249	801,655	812,961
Town Office	14,396	14,320	17,733	15,790
General Government	99,902	97,316	105,335	98,700
Highways	87,285	87,297	89,238	96,997
Buildings & Grounds	56,334	55,795	57,296	55,551
Fire Department	68	0	0	0
Zoning/Planning	<u>1,940</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,090</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Total Selectboard Income	1,046,905	1,019,977	1,074,347	1,082,999
Total Income	1,154,766	1,129,824	1,184,194	1,205,966
Expenses				
Selectboard Managed Expenses				
Town Office	106,742	114,348	109,293	116,900
General Government	36,339	44,901	37,923	47,884
Highways	536,205	589,671	556,833	634,016
Buildings & Grounds	53,657	51,323	50,363	38,754
Fire Department	63,183	63,647	55,355	67,832
Zoning/Planning	14,647	21,642	15,823	18,336
Recreation	<u>1,686</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>1,532</u>	<u>1,900</u>
Employ. Benefits	<u>99,769</u>	<u>105,472</u>	<u>97,534</u>	<u>119,461</u>
Total Selectboard Expenses	912,227	993,254	924,657	1,045,083
Other Town Entities	91,777	94,905	94,905	95,768
Outside Appropriations	<u>40,915</u>	<u>41,665</u>	<u>41,665</u>	<u>65,115</u>
Total Expense	1,044,919	1,129,824	1,061,227	1,205,966
Surplus	109,847		122,967	

PROPERTY TAXES

	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018
Town Taxes				
Town Tax Prior Year *	53		(4)	
Town Taxes Collected	722,148	760,249	721,481	808,961
State Adjustments - Town Tax	9,628		5,891	
Total Town Taxes	731,829	760,249	727,369	808,961
Education Taxes				
Education Tax Prior Year *	137		(10)	
Education Tax Collected	1,473,073		1,545,464	
State Adjustments - School Tax	27,085		30,962	
Annual Adjust - Prev Yr Ed Tax	50,807		51,082	
School Tax Administration Fee	3,721		3,805	
Education Tax Liability	(1,653,594)		(1,690,986)	
Total Education Taxes	(98,771)		(59,685)	
Abatements	(1,669)		(457)	
Delinquent Tax Income	148,764		129,190	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	6,829	3,000	5,239	4,000
Total Property Taxes	786,981	763,249	801,655	812,961

* Due to delays at the VT Tax Department

TAXES ASSESSED – 2017

Taxable Grand List as of the Date of Town Tax Rate Setting: \$119,904,603

Setting the Town Tax Rate:	Setting the Local Agreement Rate:
Amount of Taxes Needed	Value of Exempt Property@30,000 per veteran
760,249.32	330,000
Divided by Grand List (in 100ths)	Multiplied by Homestead Education Rate
1,199,046.03	1.7863
Equals Town Tax Rate	Value of Exempt Property@30,000 per veteran
0.6341	60,000
	Multiplied by Non-Residential Education Rate
	1.6337
	Equals Amount of School Tax to Make Up
	6,875.01
	Divided by Grand List Equals Local Rate
	0.0057

Total Tax Rate, Homestead Property	Total Tax Rate, Non-Residential Property
Town	Town
0.6341	0.6341
Local Agreement	Local Agreement
0.0057	0.0057
School	School
1.7863	1.6337
Total	Total
2.4261	2.2735

Town Tax	Homestead Education	Non Residential Education	Late Homestead Filing Penalty	Total School Taxes	Total Taxes
Taxes Billed ¹	1,416,681.18	662,610.60	1,277.99	2,080,569.77	2,847,544.30
Taxes Paid To Treasurer				-1,545,463.76	-2,266,945.01
State Adjustments				-459,427.14	-465,318.52
Unpaid as of due date				75,678.87	115,280.77 ²

¹ Reflects changes to the Grand List after the tax rate was set

² A balance of 222.80 in 2017 school tax remained unpaid as of 12/31 but was not delinquent due to delays by the VT Tax Dept

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
2014	482.28	482.28	0.00
2015	1,848.86	0.00	1,848.86
2016	79,646.47	78,649.32	997.15
2017	<u>115,057.97</u> ²	<u>50,058.03</u>	<u>64,999.94</u>
Balance due	197,035.58	129,189.63	67,845.95

COMPARISON OF DELINQUENT TAX ACCOUNTS IN PRIOR YEARS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Taxes Billed During Year</u>	<u>Amount of Taxes Turned Over to Collector</u>	<u>Balance of Delinquent Tax Account Dec. 31</u>
2017	2,847,544.30	115,057.97	67,845.95
2016	2,801,942.12	148,741.17	81,977.61
2015	2,800,159.48	123,209.64	81,999.59
2014	2,830,897.81	112,371.00	71,213.79
2013	2,591,841.78	124,607.17	63,282.49
2012	2,440,175.38	130,583.26	50,186.68
2011	2,412,330.10	128,344.17	40,804.94
2010	2,416,810.10	128,555.83	52,669.60
2009	2,276,189.13	158,765.64	56,338.54
2008	2,135,705.29	121,715.21	43,113.12
2007	1,940,836.23	112,870.08	104,445.90
2006	1,780,415.91	111,521.09	74,050.39
2005	1,665,353.22	124,952.07	55,491.38
2004	1,621,502.81	111,298.79	48,333.68
2003	1,771,745.16	130,883.32	61,038.67
2002	1,542,907.66	100,234.17	62,778.52
2001	1,463,678.32	108,203.40	66,822.09
2000	1,275,939.37	122,526.25	65,963.94
1999	1,149,456.77	112,632.76	66,014.55
1998	1,166,789.54	93,957.85	68,078.83
1997	1,138,613.48	102,635.59	84,822.26
1996	1,205,525.84	109,367.50	84,162.17

FYI - The delinquent tax collector received \$ 10,269 in fees in 2017.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>
General Government Income				
Lister Training Grant	0	0	500	500
Interest Income	10,430	8,316	11,812	11,200
Current Use Refund	74,632	75,000	72,997	73,000
Vermont Forests & Parks	12,615	12,000	16,338	12,000
Traffic fines	1,009	1,000	863	1,000
Stranahan Town Forest Income to Stranahan Fund	2,156 (1,078)	2,000 (1,000)	1,990 (995)	2,000 (1,000)
Miscellaneous Income	139	0	1,830	0
Total General Government Income	<u>99,902</u>	<u>97,316</u>	<u>105,335</u>	<u>98,700</u>
General Government Expenses				
Town Officer Expenses				
Delinquent Tax Collector	11,859	9,000	10,269	9,000
Delinquent Tax Penalty	(11,859)	(9,000)	(10,269)	(9,000)
Lister Wages	3,064	4,000	3,966	8,000
Selectboard Stipend	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Health Officer Stipend	650	500	350	500
First Constable Stipend	125	125	125	125
Second Constable Stipend	125	125	125	125
Fire Warden Stipend	25	25	25	25
Auditors Stipend	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
BCA Stipend	516	500	252	500
Social Security	1,202	1,090	1,142	1,338
Medicare	281	255	267	313
Retirement	0	0	0	653
Mileage	247	400	289	300
Total Town Officer Expenses	<u>9,536</u>	<u>10,320</u>	<u>9,840</u>	<u>15,179</u>
Lister Services/Supplies	296	1,000	361	1,000
Health Officer expense	133	100	17	100
Energy Committee Expense		500	181	500
Conservation Commission	124	300	206	300
County Tax	9,779	10,500	10,050	10,500
Town Officers' Liability Ins.	2,285	2,632	2,632	2,787
General Liability Insurance	1,233	992	992	875
Employment Practices Ins.	1,795	2,159	2,159	2,173
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	3,545	6,258	6,155	6,760
Bank Service Charge	53	75	88	60
Legal Services	116	4,000	441	2,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

VLCT Dues	2,697	2,790	2,790	2,850
Traffic/Law Enforcement	4,113	2,500	1,141	2,500
9-1-1 Signs/Expenses		25	64	50
Repeater Station	250	250	250	250
Miscellaneous/Unbudgeted	383	500	556	0
Total General Government Expenses	36,339	44,901	37,923	47,884
Net Income	63,564	52,415	67,412	50,816

EMPLOYMENT TAXES AND BENEFITS

Employee Expenses				
Workmen's Compensation	13,720	15,358	15,358	15,840
Unemployment Insurance	674	706	706	349
Health Insurance	83,876	87,158	79,407	100,522
Training	1,399	2,000	2,063	2,500
Benefits Administration	0	250	0	250
Retirement Gift	100	0	0	0
Employ. Benefits	99,769	105,472	97,534	119,461

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You (information provided by the Vermont Department of Health)

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, 2018.**

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/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

Voter Registration

I encourage you not to wait until Town Meeting Day to register to vote, so that you don't have to wait for a break in the meeting. You can register online at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> or call my office for an application.

Your Voter Profile

A helpful feature of the State's new election management system is My Voter Page. By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

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

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

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

If you have trouble logging in, please let me know, and I will look at the information that we have for you to see what is missing.

Land Records

We have been scanning Marshfield's land records since 2010. The land records index is available online at no charge. The web address is <http://vermont-townclerks-records.com> (sign in as a guest). In the coming year we will make the actual images available as well. There is a small subscription cost that supports the vendor, with no cost to the Town.

Our web address is <http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us/>. Information continues to be added to the website. Please let me know if you have suggestions for what else might be added. I can be reached at 426-3305 or clerk@town.marshfield.vt.us

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>
Town Office Income				
Vault Fees *			293	350
Office Fees	9,996	10,000	12,210	11,000
Dog Licenses	3,622	3,500	3,670	3,500
Marriage Licenses	375	420	780	540
Liquor/Tobacco Lic.	325	325	325	325
Auto Reg. Fees	78	75	75	75
VLCT Safety Grant	0	0	380	0
Total Town Office Income	<u>14,396</u>	<u>14,320</u>	<u>17,733</u>	<u>15,790</u>
Town Office Expense				
Town Office Staff				
Clerk/Treasurer	43,373	44,240	44,240	45,125
Assistant	28,316	28,714	27,952	29,288
Additional Wages	75	100	0	100
Social Security	3,922	4,523	3,886	4,614
Medicare	917	1,058	909	1,079
Retirement	5,197	5,289	5,234	5,395
Mileage	525	500	491	500
Total Staff Expenses	<u>82,633</u>	<u>84,424</u>	<u>82,712</u>	<u>86,101</u>
OSC Allocation	11,174	11,174	11,174	11,174
Cleaning Service	275	650	575	650
Postage	1,714	2,000	1,736	2,000
Supplies	1,788	2,000	2,176	2,000
Telephone	1,324	1,350	1,367	1,380
Computer Expense	3,310	7,000	3,042	6,750
Office Equipment	459	1,250	970	1,250
Town Report	1,520	1,600	1,684	1,750
Advertising	104	500	313	500
Printing	0	250	0	250
Elections Expense	404	200	0	750
Marriage Licenses	305	250	650	405
Dog Licenses	1,732	1,700	1,726	1,700
Alarm System	0	0	180	240
VLCT Grant Expense	0	0	987	0
Total Town Office Expenses	<u>106,742</u>	<u>114,348</u>	<u>109,293</u>	<u>116,900</u>
NET COST	92,346	100,028	91,561	101,110

* Included in Office Fees before 2017

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>
Highway Department Income				
Highway/State Aid	84,988	85,000	84,971	85,000
Grants-In-Aid	0	0	0	9,700
Plow/Sand Other Towns	2,297	2,297	2,297	2,297
VLCT Safety Grant	0	0	1,969	0
Total Highway Income	<u>87,285</u>	<u>87,297</u>	<u>89,238</u>	<u>96,997</u>
Highway Department Expenses				
Highway Staff Expenses				
Road Crew Wages	166,637	179,314	173,265	185,028
Social Security	9,783	11,117	10,164	11,472
Medicare	2,288	2,600	2,377	2,683
Retirement	8,770	9,542	9,134	9,887
Mileage	673	1,500	1,098	1,500
Pagers	241	400	272	400
Uniforms	2,244	2,000	2,268	2,340
Other	0	0	90	0
Total Staff Expenses	<u>190,635</u>	<u>206,473</u>	<u>198,668</u>	<u>213,310</u>
Garage Expenses				
Electricity	1,484	1,600	1,375	1,600
Heating Oil	4,884	6,000	4,204	6,000
Capital Repairs	4,763	7,000	327	7,000
Supplies	636	1,000	462	1,000
Telephone	1,643	1,500	1,625	1,600
Rubbish Removal	842	750	920	900
Fuel Tank	50	50	50	50
Safety Equipment	552	2,000	0	2,000
Garage Insurance	1,482	1,557	1,557	1,511
Generator	0	0	0	4,500
Misc. Garage Exp.	445	2,000	2,073	2,000
Grant Expenses	0	0	5,114	0
Total Garage Expenses	<u>16,781</u>	<u>23,457</u>	<u>17,707</u>	<u>28,161</u>
Equipment/Maintenance				
2011 Pickup	1,290	1,600	1,651	1,600
2012 International	2,337	3,000	5,339	0
2015 International	2,926	4,000	3,970	4,000
2016 International	2,541	4,000	2,235	4,000
2018 International	0	0	0	3,000

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2013 Grader	3,009	3,500	7,612	3,500
2000 Loader	992	1,000	252	1,000
2004 Excavator	893	2,000	105	2,000
Tractor/Mower	294	2,500	2,487	2,500
Trailer for Excavator	279	500	0	500
Sanders	746	2,000	722	2,000
Plows	2,597	2,500	5,027	2,500
York Rake	0	0	1,168	0
Chain Saws	163	500	337	500
Chipper	0	1,000	0	1,000
Tire Chains	4,194	6,000	6,266	6,000
Compressor	85	400	0	400
Tools	734	1,000	667	1,000
Tractor Loan	7,650	0	0	0
To Equip. Fund	70,000	80,500	80,500	80,000
Grant to Equip. Func	0	0	0	9,700
Vehicle Insurance	8,389	8,741	8,994	8,205
Misc. Equip. Expens	680	2,000	1,330	2,000
Total Equip. Maint.	<u>109,799</u>	<u>126,741</u>	<u>128,660</u>	<u>135,405</u>

Materials

Staymat	94,848	95,000	64,831	95,000
Stone	0	3,000	797	3,000
Winter Sand	35,385	40,000	58,218	55,000
Salt	17,378	16,000	22,906	17,000
Salt reimb. Twinfield	(1,477)	0	0	0
Chloride	12,935	14,000	16,552	17,000
Equip./Vehicle Fuel	16,983	23,000	32,121	30,000
Grease & Oil	1,133	2,000	2,022	2,000
Welding Supplies	810	1,000	386	500
Cold Patch	508	600	429	500
Erosion Control	378	3,000	1,156	1,500
Mulch Hay	1,496	1,400	528	1,000
Misc. Materials	572	1,000	1,054	1,000
Total Materials	<u>180,950</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>201,000</u>	<u>223,500</u>

Highway Infrastructure

Road Permit Fee	0	0	0	2,640
Culverts Purchased	3,958	14,000	1,414	14,000
Culvert Reimburseem	0	0	(966)	0
Road Signs	992	2,000	0	1,000
Guardrails	0	4,000	0	3,000

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To Paving Acct	8,500	5,000	5,000	5,000
Paving Loan Pmt	20,190	0	0	0
To Bridge Acct	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Private Contracts	<u>900</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>1,850</u>	<u>4,500</u>
Total Infrastructure	<u>38,040</u>	<u>33,000</u>	<u>10,798</u>	<u>33,640</u>
Total Highway Expense	536,205	589,671	556,833	634,016
Net Cost	448,920	502,374	467,596	537,019

WINTER SAND POLICY

The Town of Marshfield makes sand available to Town residents to help them with icy sidewalks and driveways. Residents will find the sand pile outside the Town Garage gate on School Street. 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 now and 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. Sand is piled outside the Town Garage gate for 24/7 access. The public must not enter the Town Garage yard to find sand or salt.

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.

WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

1. The Winter Parking Ordinance is in effect from November 1st to April 30th. No vehicles are to be parked on town roads during these months. **VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.**

2. Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic routes and school bus routes first. The road crew usually starts operations at 3:30 a.m. to have these roads clear by 7:00 a.m. In most cases there will be no maintenance between 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.

3. Each road crew member has a specific route that takes approximately 4½ hours to complete. After 16 hours on the job, they are required to stop operations and take off a minimum of 6 hours.

4. The Town does not plow Class IV and private roads and certain Class III roads, or sections thereof, as set forth by statute.

5. Salt will be applied to paved roads with a minimum amount of sand added as necessary. (Salt is not effective when the road temperature is below 20 degrees). Sand will be applied to gravel roads.

6. Please note: according to 23 VSA §1126, it is illegal to plow snow from private property on or across public highways.

7. The road crew makes every effort to avoid mailboxes. However, because of snow conditions or oncoming traffic, the plows occasionally hit them. The Town has permitted mailboxes to be located in the Town right-of-way. If the mailboxes are damaged as a result of snow or ice clearing operations, the Town will not repair them.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND PROJECTION

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Balance, January 1	47,514	47,950	26,353	6,375	4,896	8,876	26,316	30,136	3,036	17,376
Appropriation	80,500	80,000	85,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Grants-In-Aid	9,700	9,700								
Interest	862	900	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Purchases:			(20,000)	(110,000)				(40,000)		(100,000)
Replace 2011 Pickup										
a. Replace truck in 2014, 2020, 2026										
b. Replace truck in 2015, 2021, 2027					(110,000)					
c. Replace truck in 2017, 2023, 2029	(98,190)	(3,540)				(110,000)				
Replace/Overhaul 2004 Excavator							(120,000)			
Replace 2000 Loader		(140,000)								
Loans:				80,000	80,000					60,000
a. Borrow for truck in 2014, 2020, 2026				80,000						
b. Borrow for truck in 2015, 2021, 2027					80,000					
c. Borrow for truck in 2017, 2023, 2029	75,000						80,000			
Borrow for Excavator							120,000			
Borrow for Loader		110,000								
Payments:										
a. Pmt on 2014/2020/2026 truck loan	(23,320)	(22,880)	(22,440)		(17,600)	(17,280)	(16,960)	(16,640)	(16,320)	
b. Pmt on 2015/2021/2027 truck loan	(23,276)	(22,957)	(22,638)	(22,319)	(17,600)	(17,600)	(17,280)	(16,960)	(16,640)	(16,320)
c. Pmt on 2017/2023/2029 truck loan		(16,500)	(16,200)	(15,900)	(15,600)	(15,300)		(17,600)	(17,280)	(16,960)
Pmts on Excavator								(26,400)	(25,920)	(25,440)
Pmts on 2013 Grader	(16,640)	(16,320)								
Pmts on loader			(24,200)	(23,760)	(23,320)	(22,880)	(22,440)			
Balance, December 31	47,950	26,353	6,375	4,896	8,876	26,316	30,136	3,036	17,376	9,156

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

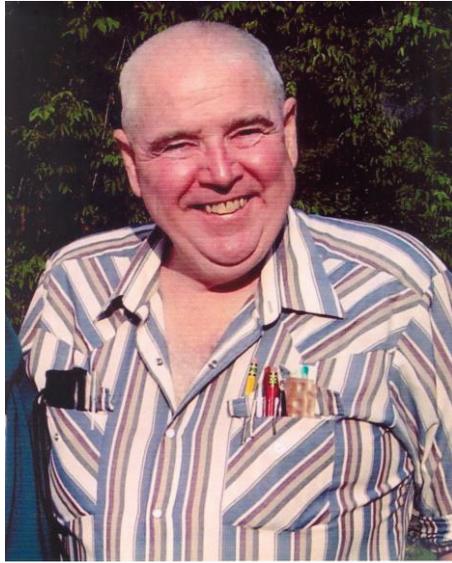
Old Schoolhouse Common

	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018
Buildings & Grounds Income				
Allocations from Other Town Budgets				
Town Office	11,174	11,174	11,174	11,174
Library	12,840	12,836	12,840	12,840
Historical Society	6,455	6,455	6,455	6,455
Total Allocations	30,469	30,465	30,469	30,469
Lease Income - Businesses				
Rebob Records	4,692	4,686	4,692	4,692
Onion River Food Shelf	5,016	5,014	5,016	5,016
Sunwise Surveying	4,788	4,788	4,788	4,788
Ellie Blachly	4,548	4,546	4,548	4,548
Schumacher Construction	4,548	4,546	4,169	4,548
Total Businesses	23,592	23,580	23,213	23,592
Total Leases/Allocations	54,061	54,045	53,682	54,061
Gymnasium	1,399	1,000	909	750
Bandstand Rental	18	50	105	50
Meeting Room	213	50	91	90
Kitchen	185	100	175	100
Community Dinners	400	400	400	400
Tables and Chairs	29	150	84	100
Other Income	30	0	0	0
VLCT Safety Grant	0	0	1,850	0
Total Income	56,334	55,795	57,296	55,551
Buildings & Grounds Expenses				
Staff Expenses				
Wages	5,437	6,574	2,968	6,700
Social Security	337	408	184	415
Medicare	79	95	43	97
Total Staff Expense	5,853	7,077	3,196	7,212
Electricity				
Electricity used at OSC	4,241	4,000	4,246	3,900
Solar Meter Charge	265	240	238	240
Electricity Produced	(4,002)	(3,500)	(3,504)	(3,500)
Solar Incentive	(1,627)	(1,600)	(1,427)	(1,400)
Net Cost of Electricity	(1,124)	(860)	(446)	(760)

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Old Schoolhouse Common

Solar Panel Loan Payments				
Principal	12,612	13,000	13,000	0
Interest	167	238	79	0
Total Solar Loan	<u>12,779</u>	<u>13,238</u>	<u>13,079</u>	<u>0</u>
Building Maintenance	2,798	3,500	689	3,500
Heating Oil	479	500	709	500
Pellet Fuel for Boiler	4,657	4,000	3,547	4,000
Propane for Cooking	241	300	338	300
Janitorial Supplies	617	500	154	500
Heating Repairs	370	500	426	500
Solar Panel Expenses		100		100
Contract Labor	2,300	3,000	2,420	3,000
Custodial Services OSC	990	3,340	2,205	3,340
Alarm System Expense	717	750	1,445	900
Insurance	5,117	5,350	5,350	5,134
Rubbish Removal	1,372	1,450	1,442	1,450
Water Expense	2,111	2,150	2,110	2,150
Sewer Expense	2,928	2,928	2,928	2,928
Elevator Maintenance	150	500	2,906	1,000
Equipment Expense	620	0	0	0
Pellet Boiler Loan Pmt	7,152	0	0	0
Transfer to Building Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous Expense	530	0	61	0
Safety Grant Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,805</u>	<u>0</u>
Buildings & Grounds	53,657	51,323	50,363	38,754
Net Cost	(2,677)	(4,472)	(6,933)	(16,797)
Cost Including Allocations in Other Town Budgets	27,792	25,993	23,536	13,672



*Former Fire Chief and Selectboard Member Dwight Baker
1943 - 2017*



*Former Fire Chief, Selectboard Member, and
Cemetery Sexton Ronald Pitkin
1929 - 2017*

MARSHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Marshfield Fire Department continues the long tradition of an all volunteer fire department. Your support, both financially and the thanks we receive, keep us going. 2017 marked the 108th anniversary of our fire department.

In light of that we must also note the passing of two of our former Fire Chiefs, Ronald Pitkin in February, and Dwight Baker in October. Both of these men served the local fire departments, but were also active with Capital Fire Mutual Aid. Ronald and Belmont in helping create CFMA in the 1960's and Dwight in the implementation of the Capital West Dispatching that serves us so well today.

As we continue to respond to alarms in our community, our responsibilities over the years have changed, increased, and diversified to much more than just putting out fires. From accidents and search and rescue, to fire prevention classes in the local schools, in today's world, emergency preparedness is the buzz word. Planning for every conceivable disaster and having all the pieces in place if it should happen and just trying to keep up on the latest technology and paper work keeps us very busy.

During 2017 the Marshfield Fire Department responded to 40 alarms.

Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department 2017 Call Breakdown

Classification	Total
Motor Vehicle Accidents	16
CO2/Fire Alarm Activations	4
Chimney Fires	1
Structure/Building Fires	5
Vehicle or Electrical Fires/ Furnace Malfunctions	1
Service Calls: Smoke, Odor removal, Etc.	3
Grass, Brush, Wildland Fires	2
Hazardous Cond., Hazmat Spills, Downed Lines, Etc.	7
Water Rescues, Medical Assists, Etc.	1
Agricultural, Involving Tractors or Farm Animals	0
	40

Motor vehicle accidents continue to comprise the largest percentage of our call volume. This past year is no exception. There is a definite connection between serious injuries and seat belt usage. Today's vehicle safety systems are unsurpassed in terms of accident survivability and injury reductions. However, your air bags, seat belts, and seat belt pretensioners only work as designed when they're used together. The probability of serious injury or death resulting from a vehicular accident is dramatically increased when seat belts are not used. So please help us help you, and BUCKLE UP!

The upgrade on our Pumper is complete. Built in 1992, our truck is 25 yrs. old. Because the truck chassis is in such excellent condition, we did a complete refurbishment. We also put additional cabinets, lift devices and other improvements on the truck. This brings the truck into full NFPA and OSHA compliancy. The cost was \$121,458.56. A new rescue pumper truck would have been in the \$350,000 to \$375,000 range. Engine 2, is now our primary response vehicle for both structure fires and motor vehicle accidents.

Serving your community through the fire department is a terrific way to become involved. There is always a need for more personnel to help not only as fire fighters, but as truck drivers, for station maintenance, for assistance with the paper work, as well as teaching our local students about fire safety. The Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department continues to look towards our future. The requirements for becoming a member of your fire department include honesty, integrity, and above all, a willingness to attend trainings. This can be a very challenging job. If you are interested in serving our community through the fire department, please come down to the station. Meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of every month at 7 p.m. We are always looking for new members!

We have been running a siren test on the fire station during training nights (Tuesdays) for several months. Residents of Marshfield Village should be able to hear the siren. In the event of an emergency that affects residents of Marshfield Village, we will sound the siren continuously for five minute intervals. If you hear the siren continuously for five minutes or more, please call the firehouse for more information and instructions. The station number is 426 3809.

As always, all members of our department are very grateful for your support towards our efforts in helping to protect the lives and property of our community and our surrounding towns. We truly consider it an honor to serve and represent our community through your local fire department. Respectfully submitted,

Tim Maclay, Chief
Will Schwarz, Assistant Chief
Tim Morris, Assistant Chief



*Fire Warden and former Chief Thomas Maclay
Tom has been a member for 55 years*



*Chief Thomas Maclay II
Tim has been a member for 50 years*

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018
Fire Department Income	68	0	0	0
Fire Department Expenses				
Administration				
Worker's Compensation	1,721	2,000	884	2,000
Fireman's Disability	1,847	2,100	1,773	2,100
Office Supplies	285	500	161	500
Operating Supplies	0	100	16	50
Postage	0	50	0	0
Dues & Subscriptions	360	400	0	400
Liability and Vehicle Ins.	8,440	7,200	6,946	7,200
Total Administration	12,653	12,350	9,779	12,250
Firefighting				
Operating Supplies	738	1,000	550	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	5	450	0	450
Small Tools & Equipment	358	200	0	200
Hose	0	0	250	0
Personnel Protect. Gear	2,199	3,000	593	3,000
Contract Services	0	100	0	100
Breathing App. Maint.	0	1,200	0	1,200
Repairs	0	100	0	100
Major Improvments	0	0	512	0
Total Firefighting	3,300	6,050	1,906	6,050
Fire Prevention				
Operating Supplies	0	150	97	150
Books, Handouts	42	150	0	150
Total Fire Prevention	42	300	97	300
Communications				
Operating Supplies	120	1,450	84	1,450
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	32	0
Computers and Software	0	200	73	200
Capitol West	13,350	11,400	14,554	16,500
Radio/Pager Repairs	602	1,000	1,795	1,000
Total Communications	14,072	14,050	16,538	19,150

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Training				
Operating Supplies	0	300	0	300
Books, Training Aids	0	100	0	100
Contract Services	<u>490</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>274</u>
Total Training	490	674		674
Fire Station				
Capital Improvements	14,955	0	0	0
Fire Station Heating Oil	1,673	2,300	1,556	1,750
Operating Supplies	134	500	6	500
Repairs & Maintenance	1,038	300	2,368	300
Small Tools & Equipment	0	300	0	300
Telephone	1,637	1,800	1,684	1,800
Insurance	974	1,023	1,023	1,008
Contract Services	1,065	900	819	900
Electricity	1,965	2,000	1,807	1,750
To FD Building Fund	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total Fire Station	25,941	11,623	11,763	10,808
Trucks/Fire Fighting/Rescue				
Operating Supplies	144	500	0	500
Repair & Maintenance	519	3,000	272	3,000
Tools & Equipment	<u>218</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>
Total Trucks/Fire/Rescue	880	3,600	272	3,600
To FD Equipment Fund	<u>5,804</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total Fire Department Expenses	63,183	63,647	55,355	67,832
Net Cost	63,115	63,647	55,355	67,832

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

This year we issued over 160 permits. I appreciate those folks who call in and ask for permits. Fortunately conditions were favorable for burning last spring. We did have a couple of fires that got away. Grass fires and brush fires require a lot of man power to extinguish. That is something we are short of in our department during the day time. It would be best to refrain from burning in the spring when wildland fire conditions are at their best. Permits cover the burning of brush and natural wood only. Painted materials, furniture, tires and similar materials are prohibited by state law. These materials have to go to designated sites.

Fire wardens are given daily weather reports and fire danger reports. We know when it is not safe to burn and stop issuing permits. So please call before you burn. We will issue a permit if conditions are safe.

There is another concern that is coming up in our area. That is fireworks. Fireworks can touch off grassland fires when conditions are right. They can be harmful to the people using them also if not used properly. There is a bill in the Vermont House that deals with fireworks. It reads: This bill proposes to require that a purchaser of fireworks present his or her permits for fireworks use to the seller at the time of sale, and prohibits the use of fireworks after 10:00 PM.

It goes on to say:

1. A fireworks purchaser must obtain a permit from the fire chief or select board fifteen days (15) before purchasing the fireworks.
2. No fireworks will be used after 10:00 PM.
3. Any display for which a permit is issued shall be handled by a competent operator to be approved by the fire chief or select board.

If you want to display fireworks contact me or the assistant fire warden 15 days in advance.

You may obtain a permit by contacting me at 426-3265 or Tim Maclay at 454-7853.

Let's have a safe year in 2018. Thanks for your cooperation.
Tom Maclay, Fire Warden

RECREATION COMMITTEE

2017 was a mellow year for the Marshfield Recreation Committee. We have added some much needed kid-sized picnic tables to the playground area in the Schoolhouse Common. We have endeavored to continue to support local events through activities and family-centered wellness opportunities. At the Fall Harvest, we had a rousing kickball event with several local families in attendance. We would like to expand our offerings, and seek input on interest for activities as varied as backcountry skiing to wild edibles walks. Why not?!

In January, we were able to install the ice rink, an event scheduled for the 2017 year that was postponed by weather THREE times. On the installation date, we had incredible support and assistance from families in our community. We continue to strive to offer activities that bring us together, get us moving, and support the belief that small towns are BIG FUN!

	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018
Recreation/Programming Expenses				
Little League Field	50	300	0	300
Portapotty Rental	490	600	686	600
Rec. Programs	419	400	126	400
Seasonal Events	0	350	0	0
To Playground Fund	600	600	600	600
Ice Skating Rink	0	0	120	0
Picnic Tables	126	0	0	0
Total Rec. Expenses	1,686	2,250	1,532	1,900

ZONING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Planning Commission spent the past year updating the town plan. The town plan is written by the planning commission with community input and is a vision for what the town would like to see happen over the next eight years. It is approved by the select board. The planning commission intends to submit a draft for approval before Town Meeting day. The town plan is an important municipal document that makes the town eligible for grants and lays the groundwork for the other regulations written by the planning commission, including zoning which we will begin updating in the coming year.

The planning commission held a hearing on December 14th, 2017 to receive public comment on our draft of the town plan. We incorporated the suggestions and comments received during that hearing into the draft and were grateful to those who attended.

Town plans are required to incorporate specific elements of the Vermont state statutes and this past year there are two new statutes that the planning commission will be working on to be in compliance with the requirements. Act 174 is a set of energy planning standards which will allow VT towns to have a greater say in the siting of energy projects. The energy standards are based on Vermont's goal of reaching 90% renewables by 2050. Act 171 requires that towns identify locally significant forest blocks and habitat connectors. The planning commission, in cooperation with the energy committee and the conservation committee, is currently working on language to add to the town plan that will be incorporated at a later time during the coming year.

Another item to report is that VTrans conducted a traffic study on route 215 and found that over 1,000 vehicles travel on this road each day. Vehicle speed is often over the 25mph speed limit with many vehicles traveling 40mph and some as fast as 80mph. VTrans and the DMV have written a report based on the findings from the study. There is currently a speed cart along the road which seems to be having an improved impact on slowing traffic down. If you would like to view this report please contact the town clerk or email the planning commission at the address listed below.

The planning commission highly values input from the residents and landowners of Marshfield. We seek your perspectives as we update these documents. We encourage you to attend our regular meetings and feel free to contact the planning commission with your thoughts and suggestions at MarshfieldVTPC@gmail.com. The Planning Commission meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Old School House Common.

ZONING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018
Zoning/Planning Income				
Building Permits	220	270	270	405
Accessory Use Permits	760	800	1,000	1,200
Site Plan Review	248	200	248	300
Conditional Use Permits	328	200	248	300
Subdivision Permits	215	250	645	375
Lot Line Adjustment	130	130	325	195
Certificate of Occupancy	40	150	240	225
Appeal to DRB	0	0	115	0
Total Zoning/ Planning Income	1,940	2,000	3,090	3,000
Zoning / Planning Expenses				
Staff Expenses				
Zoning Administrator	9,237	9,357	10,296	10,608
Planning Comm. Clerk	333	1,200	405	1,200
DRB Clerk	0	400	183	400
Social Security	593	679	670	757
Medicare	139	159	157	177
Mileage	389	500	350	500
Total Staff Expenses	10,691	12,295	12,061	13,642
Advertising	227	500	322	500
Legal Fees	348	1,000	892	1,000
Regional Planning Dues	1,747	1,747	1,747	1,794
Postage	33	200	81	200
Supplies	0	50	84	350
Printing	30	200	155	200
Copying	0	50	12	50
Maps	587	500	451	500
Development Review Board	0	100	18	100
Planning Studies	986	5,000	0	0
Total Zoning Expenses	14,647	21,642	15,823	18,336
NET COST	12,707	19,642	12,733	15,336

FEE SCHEDULE FOR ZONING AND SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

Building permits for one and two family dwellings and additions requiring additional sewage disposal	\$100.00
Accessory buildings, additions not requiring additional sewage disposal and signs	\$50.00
Certificate of Occupancy	\$50.00
Lot Line Adjustment	\$75.00
Minor Subdivision	\$225.00
Major Subdivision	\$300.00 up to 4 lots, \$75.00 each additional lot
Planned Unit Development	\$350.00, plus \$75.00 per unit
Appeal to Development Review Board	\$125.00
Site plan approval	\$150.00
Conditional use permit	\$150.00
Site plan approval and conditional use, if applied for simultaneously	\$175.00
Wireless Telecommunications Facility, small scale	\$500.00
Wireless Telecommunications Facility, other	\$1,000.00
Filing land plats	
11" x 17"	\$15.00
18" x 24"	\$15.00

The proper fee must be paid before the application will be deemed complete and considered.

The fee should be paid with a check or money order payable to the Town of Marshfield.

PERMITS NEEDED

Highway Access: A permit is required from the Selectboard for any access from property to Town highways, and from the State for any access from property to State highways.

Please be reminded that the Town of Marshfield is not responsible for driveway culverts. They must be maintained by the property owner.

Zoning Permit: No land or building development may commence, nor shall any land or structure be used, extended in any way, or be occupied unless a zoning permit and a certificate of occupancy shall have been duly issued by the Administrative Officer, as provided for in section 4443 of the Act. (Act 250, V.S.A. 24; Marshfield Zoning Regulations, Section 130).

Subdivision: No subdivision of land may legally occur without a hearing before the Marshfield Development Review Board. In most cases a lot-line adjustment permit may be approved by the Zoning Administrator. Application forms and copies of the Marshfield Subdivision regulations are available at the Town Clerk's Office. A sub-divider is welcome to come to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Development Review Board to ask questions.

Conditional Use: Commercial uses other than home occupations require a conditional use permit from the Development Review Board.

Site Plan Review: Commercial uses and additional dwellings on a single building lot require a site plan review by the Development Review Board.

For specific questions about zoning, call Zoning Administrator Bob Light at 454-7725, or check the Town's website for copies of the zoning regulations. <http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us>

OTHER TOWN ENTITIES

	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>
Other Town Entities				
Cemeteries	8,500	8,600	8,600	8,600
Historical Society	6,455	6,455	6,455	6,455
Jaquith Public Library	<u>76,822</u>	<u>79,850</u>	<u>79,850</u>	<u>80,713</u>
Total Other Town Entities	91,777	94,905	94,905	95,768

OUTSIDE APPROPRIATIONS

Emergency Services				
Cabot Ambulance	15,000	15,000	15,000	18,000
East Montpelier Ambulance	0	0	0	20,000
Plainfield Fast Squad	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>
Total Emergency Services	20,500	20,500	20,500	43,500
Transportation Services				
GMTA Commuter Bus	8,333	8,333	8,333	8,333
Social Services				
Central VT Adult Basic Ed	500	500	500	500
Capstone Community Action	300	300	300	300
Central Vt Council on Aging	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Central Vt Economic Devel Corp	100	100	100	0
Central Vermont Home Health	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Svc	250	250	250	300
Family Center of Washington Cty	250	250	250	250
Friends of the Winooski	300	300	300	300
Green Mountain Transit	882	882	882	882
Green Up Vermont	100	100	100	100
Home Share Now	200	200	200	200
Onion River Food Shelf	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,000
Our House	100	100	100	100
People's Health & Wellness	0	300	300	300
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	0	0	0	50
Twin Valley Seniors	1,600	2,000	2,000	2,500
Twinfield Learning Center	200	200	200	200
Twinfield Mentoring Program	250	250	250	250
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually	150	150	150	150
VT Assoc of Conservation Distri	100	100	100	100
Vt Ctr for Independent Living	100	100	100	150
Washington County Mental Health	800	800	800	800
Washington Cty Youth Serv Bureau	<u>200</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
Total Social Services	12,082	12,832	12,832	13,282
Total Outside Appropriations	40,915	41,665	41,665	65,115

EAST MONTPELIER AMBULANCE

In July 2009, East Montpelier Fire Department started an advanced life support ambulance service, serving the towns of East Montpelier and Calais with a single ambulance. In July 2010, we added the Town of Plainfield to our coverage and added a second ambulance. In 2017, we increased our level of service to include paramedics.

Currently, we staff our service with two paid EMTs from 8AM until 4PM, Monday through Friday. We staff evenings with one paid EMT and a volunteer from 4PM until midnight. Staffing for overnight is provided by volunteers and occasionally by a paid EMT. We currently have 3 paramedics operating during our shifts and our plan is to increase paramedic coverage in the near future. We have paramedic intercept agreements with Barre City Fire Department, Barre Town Ambulance and Montpelier Fire Department.

In 2017, the EMFD ambulance responded to 389 medical emergencies.

East Montpelier:	193
Calais:	43
Plainfield:	75
Marshfield:	41
Other:	37

CABOT AMBULANCE

2017 was a significant year for Cabot Emergency Ambulance Service. We celebrated our 50th year as a service to the people of the area. Many things have changed since we started out in 1967 with a donated hearse as an ambulance and a few dedicated volunteers to respond to calls. In those days, EMS as a whole was brand new, and the best practices of the day focused around rapid transport, with little to no care in the field. While rapid transport is still useful in certain circumstances, prehospital care starts as soon as we have patient contact, and continues until we hand off care to the doctors in the emergency department. This shift has proven time and time again to have better outcomes for the patient, over simply transporting as quickly as possible.

What is it that we can do for our patients that is so important? It depends on the patient and the reason for our being there, but it likely includes:

- An EKG to check cardiac rhythms

- An IV for medication administration
- A blood sugar check
- Obtaining blood samples for the hospital
- Checking vitals
- Head to toe assessment
- Obtaining medical history
- Taking a temperature
- Bandaging, splinting, and wrapping as needed
- Neurological assessment
- Assessment of lung sounds

On more involved calls you might see

- Spinal Assessment
- Spinal motion restriction, if needed
- Airway support and ventilation
- Intraosseous access(an IV into bone)
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Narcan administration for opioid overdose
- Cardiac, allergy, or asthma medication administration
- Treatment for diabetic conditions
- A paramedic may join us on the call if needed
- DHART medical helicopter for rapid transport to a trauma center

As you can see, there is a lot happening in the ambulance, much of which is designed to begin treatment for our patients as soon as possible, rather than delaying care until they arrive at the hospital.

In 2017, we responded to 63 calls in Cabot and 52 in Marshfield for a total of 115. East Montpelier Fire Department covered for us in Marshfield when we didn't have a crew to run the call, and Barre Town EMS did the same for Cabot. There were 20 responses to motor vehicle collisions, and the remainder were medical or trauma calls.

We are still struggling with low rates of volunteerism, as is the industry nationwide, and are looking at changes to our operations to continue to improve our coverage and care. We do have an EMR class wrapping up in February/March of 2018, which should add seven to our roster, as well as two former members who will be recertifying and running with us again. If you are interested in what we do, please contact us.

Thank you, and stay safe!

Josh Gouge, Vice President

PLAINFIELD FAST SQUAD

The Plainfield Fast Squad has been serving the residents of Marshfield, since 1991. This past year we responded to 78 calls in Marshfield.

Over the years, there have been many new and exciting changes to the emergency medical services system. We have monthly educational classes to keep us up-to-date with any new protocols and or we are reviewing medical services that we may provide. We are there for our patients to help give them the best possible outcomes in whatever situation they may be faced with. We as a “Fast Squad,” have been extremely fortunate to be able to retain and attract new members over the years. We currently have three new members enrolled in classes. Our Rescue Squad provides essential support in assisting Cabot Ambulance and East Montpelier Fire Department on the many emergencies that happen in Marshfield every year. On many calls, it’s not uncommon to find at least three of our members on an emergency scene. To me, this speaks volumes to our volunteers. We are a team of people who work together, who are friends, and to some, they are considered extended family. These volunteers want to be of help to people in need. It makes me proud to be a part of this organization.

We are always looking for new members. If you have any questions, or any interest, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Greg Light, Head of Operations
Plainfield Fast Squad
(802)839-8878

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Bandstand Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		1,473.48
Interest	22.88	
Balance, December 31, 2017		1,496.36

Bridge Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		77,802.16
Interest	1,239.26	
Budget Appropriation	3,500.00	
Balance, December 31, 2017		82,541.42

Conservation Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		7,950.22
Interest	132.53	
Sale of Marshfield Booklets	31.35	
Proceeds from Plant Sale	729.82	
Plants for Old Schoolhouse	(106.00)	
Balance, December 31, 2017		8,737.92

Energy Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		494.64
Interest	7.68	
Balance, December 31, 2017		502.32

Engineering Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		3,332.22
Interest	51.76	
Balance, December 31, 2017		3,383.98

Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		179,832.44
Interest, Bank Accounts	2,054.05	
Interest, Investments	608.50	
Budget Appropriation	15,000.00	
Sale of Fire Truck	3,750.00	
Transfer to FD Building Fund	0.00	
Payments on Truck Refurb.	(71,458.56)	
Change in Market Value-Investments	(7.60)	
Balance, December 31, 2017		129,778.83

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Fire Department Building Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		6,638.77
Interest	125.12	
Budget Appropriation	2,500.00	
Balance, December 31, 2017		9,263.89

Fire Department Ed Duke Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		14,095.74
Interest	209.54	
Donations to the Fund	1,055.00	
Dry Hydrant Grant	1,688.00	
Dry Hydrant Expenses	(1,795.00)	
Gear Dryer	(3,875.00)	
Donation for Baker funeral	(200.00)	
Jackets/Uniforms/Insignia	(66.00)	
Balance, December 31, 2017		11,112.28

Highway Equipment Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		47,513.62
Interest	861.90	
Budget Appropriation	80,500.00	
Loan for 2018 Truck	75,000.00	
Purchase of 2018 Truck	(98,190.00)	
Principal Payment - Grader	(16,000.00)	
Interest Payment - Grader	(640.00)	
Principal Payment - 2015 Truck	(22,000.00)	
Interest Payment - 2015 Truck	(1,320.00)	
Principal Payment - 2016 Truck	(22,000.00)	
Interest Payment - 2016 Truck	(1,273.70)	
Balance, December 31, 2017		42,451.82

Martin Covered Bridge Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		15,162.68
Interest	224.47	
Maintenance of Grounds	(133.03)	
Mowing	(1,400.00)	
Balance, December 31, 2017		13,854.12

DESIGNATED FUNDS

OSC Building Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		29,813.62
Interest	489.47	
Budget Appropriation	<u>3,000.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2017		33,303.09

Paving Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		30,917.11
Interest	524.21	
Budget Appropriation	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2017		36,441.32

Pet Control Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		9,687.63
Interest	157.38	
Surcharge on Dog Licenses	1,035.00	
Dog Impoundment Penalty	90.00	
Purchase of Kennel	(299.99)	
Dog Officer Expenses	(288.47)	
Pound Fees	<u>(220.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2017		10,161.55

Playground Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		5,665.22
Interest	93.28	
Budget Appropriation	<u>600.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2017		6,358.50

Reappraisal Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		164,480.50
Interest	2,657.42	
State Appropriation	<u>7,847.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2017		174,984.92

Records Restoration

Balance, January 1, 2017		34,467.48
Interest	561.44	
Fees Collected	5,426.00	
Land Records Software	(2,310.00)	
Land Records Microfilm	<u>(75.90)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2017		38,069.02

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Recreation Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		574.94
Interest	8.94	
Balance, December 31, 2017	8.94	583.88

Solar Project Loan

Balance, January 1, 2017		(12,999.79)
Principle Payments from General Fund	12,999.79	
Interest Payments from General Fund	78.95	
Interest Expense	(78.95)	
Balance, December 31, 2017	(78.95)	0.00

Stranahan Town Forest Fund

Balance, January 1, 2017		2,197.23
Interest	36.79	
Income from Sugaring and Haying, half	994.84	
Boundary Markers	(395.00)	
Photocopies	(221.55)	
Balance, December 31, 2017	(221.55)	2,612.31

Total Designated Funds, December 31, 2017 **605,637.53**

Fire Dept Investment Account		22,093.77
Designated Funds in Bank Accounts		583,543.76
		605,637.53

DESIGNATED FUNDS POLICY

The Town of Marshfield has designated some town funds to be set aside for future projects. This designated fund balance is segregated into several categories.

The following categories are funded through transfers from the general fund, to be shown as individual line items in the town budget and approved by the voters:

- **Bridge Fund:** This money is used to pay for town highway bridge work.
- **Engineering Fund:** This money has been set aside to allow the town to hire an engineer if required for major development projects.
- **Highway Equipment Fund:** This money is used to buy plow trucks and other major pieces of highway equipment.
- **Fire Department Equipment Fund:** This money is used to replace fire trucks and other equipment for the fire department.
- **Fire Department Building Fund:** This money is used for capital improvements to the Fire Station.
- **Old Schoolhouse Common Building Fund:** This money is used for capital improvements to the Old Schoolhouse Common.
- **Paving Fund:** This money is used for town highway paving projects.
- **Reappraisal Fund:** This category is funded through a line item in the town budget and also by an appropriation from the State of Vermont. It is used for town-wide reappraisals.

The following categories are funded through a combination of transfers and fundraising:

- **Conservation Fund:** This category is funded through donations and proceeds from fundraising, and may also include a line item in the town budget. It will be used for future conservation projects.
- **Energy Fund:** This category is funded through donations and proceeds from fundraising, and may also include a line item in the town budget. It will be used for projects undertaken by the Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee.
- **Playground Fund:** This category is funded through donations and a transfer from the general fund. It is used for maintenance of the

playground at the Old Schoolhouse Common, primarily for replacing the woodchips under the playground equipment, and may be used to purchase other equipment in the future.

- **Stranahan Fund:** This category is funded by one-half of the revenue from the Stranahan Town Forest. It is used for Town Forest expenses. This fund will be capped at \$5,000.

The following categories of designated funds are either statutory or they are funded solely through donations:

- **Bandstand Fund:** This fund originated from donations that were raised to build the bandstand. It is used for maintenance of the bandstand.
- **Ed Duke Fund:** This category was established in memory of a Marshfield firefighter. It is funded through donations and used at the discretion of the fire department.
- **Martin Covered Bridge Fund:** This category is funded through donations and grants for the rehabilitation of the covered bridge and the creation of the surrounding park. It is used for maintenance and improvements of the bridge and park.
- **Pet Control Fund:** This category is funded through a surcharge on dog licenses, as allowed by statute, for the purpose of rabies control. It is used to pay for the dog officer and other animal control expenses.
- **Records Restoration Fund:** This category is funded by a portion of the recording fees that are received when land records are recorded at the town office. It is used for records restoration, preservation, and computerization.

Any remaining categories of designated funds result from grants that have been obtained for a specific purpose, and those funds are returned if unspent.

MARSHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Marshfield Conservation Commission (MCC) has been in existence for eleven years. The Commission is composed of nine community members appointed by the Select Board. We meet monthly on the first Wednesday at 7 PM at the Old Schoolhouse Common. The meetings are open to the public, and we welcome attendance by any interested community members. We participate in service activities on town land, lead field trips, conduct water quality monitoring and sponsor talks by local experts. All activities are posted on flyers, in Front Porch Forum, or via email (if you sign up to be on our distribution list).

The primary goal of the Conservation Commission is to encourage community involvement in protecting and enhancing the town's natural resources. We are strictly non-regulatory and provide advisory information to the Select Board and other town boards as requested. Marshfield is one of approximately 110 towns that have conservation commissions since the enabling legislation passed in 1977.

Members: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, Bob Popp, Annie Reed (Chair), and Rachel Rudi.

The Marshfield Conservation Commission has been involved in the following activities during 2017:

Field Trips:

- A trip to the Stranahan Town Forest on Mother's Day to view the Spring flora;
- A birding trip to the Stranahan Town Forest later in May to observe spring migrants;
- A winter trip to Stranahan Town Forest for winter tree identification;
- Above trips were co-sponsored by the Jaquith Library and were well attended.

Stranahan Town Forest:

- A member of the MCC has agreed to be a liaison with the Stranahan Stewardship Committee
- Began some control of invasive plants at the Town Forest; this needs to be an ongoing effort.

Tree and Shrub Sale:

- Sold trees and shrubs at a sale undertaken jointly with the Plainfield Conservation Commission. Material was locally sourced whenever possible.
- Surplus plant materials were planted at The Martin Covered Bridge property.
- The MCC made approximately \$732? as a result of the sale. These funds are earmarked for future conservation projects in Marshfield;

Natural Marshfield Series:

The Conservation Commission and the Jaquith Library have sponsored a monthly lecture/discussion on a natural history related topic.

Green Up:

- In 2017 members of the Marshfield Conservation Commission helped organize trash pickup in Marshfield. Drew McNaughton served as town coordinator, and other members served as block coordinators. Julie Shedd, a teacher at Twinfield, organized students to help. Twinfield students collected about 200 bags of trash in Marshfield & Plainfield.

Tree Plantings:

- Assisted Friends of the Winooski with tree planting along the Winooski in Marshfield.
- Began a new Edible Plantings Project on Old Schoolhouse Common and Village lands. Planted three pears and three apples behind left field fence of the ballfield. The trees were donated by East Hill Tree Farm.

Water Quality Monitoring

- For the 10th consecutive year we partnered with The Friends of the Winooski River, the Cabot Conservation Committee, and the Plainfield Conservation Commission to conduct water quality sampling thru a state grant;
- Bacteria monitoring was done six times over the summer at 4 locations on the Winooski River in Marshfield. Bacteria levels were highest above Marshfield Village and lowest below the village. All locations exceeded standards after rain events.
- Water quality sampling for alkalinity, chloride, phosphorous, and nitrogen was done on the Winooski from Cabot to Plainfield and on 4 streams in Marshfield: Naismith, Creamery, Beaver Meadow and Wells Brooks.
- A report will be available on the Friends of the Winooski website . <https://winooskiriver.org/>
- The Conservation Commission and Friends are always looking for additional volunteers to assist in this effort.

Other:

- Participated in field visit to Stranahan Town Forest to review the mountain bike trail proposed by the Vt. Mt Bike Assoc.
- Posted an invitation to participate in phenology study on Front Porch Forum and provided access to Community of Observers forum.

Marshfield Natural History:

MEADOW, MARSH, AND MOUNTAIN: A journey through the natural landscape of Marshfield. Published by the Conservation Commission the booklet features 10 essays depicting various natural features in Marshfield, authored by local residents with illustrations by local artists. It is available for a minimum \$3 donation at venues around Marshfield and Plainfield and at Town Meeting

VIRGINIA STRANAHAN MEMORIAL TOWN FOREST

The Stewardship Committee for our 620-acre Stranahan Memorial Town Forest (STF) has had a busy year working on updating the Stranahan Management Plan while continuing to work on the many tasks that go into overseeing this beautiful parcel of land.

The Committee encourages all townspeople and others to visit STF and enjoy its beautiful woods, fields, cellar holes, wetlands, wildlife and other natural features. The varied uses of STF include hunting, forestry, agriculture, sugaring, education, habitat and natural resource protection, historic preservation, and recreation. Hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and biking, horseback-riding, and snowmobiling are available in our town forest along trails designated for the various means of travel.

Below is a partial list of what the committee has been working on and what is happening in the Stranahan Memorial Town Forest:

Management Plan update

Late in the year we worked on a process for updating the Virginia Stranahan Memorial Town Forest Management Plan in a way that includes all possible uses of the Stranahan in a balanced and fair way that will insure that this beautiful parcel is protected and available for generations to come. This progress is partly being assisted by a 10K grant for consultant's services through The Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program. Please follow this process and give us your input on the future of the forest.

Constructed Parking Area and Kiosk on Jake Martin Rd.

Completed in 2017. A kiosk and sign-in book has been built and will be installed this Spring. Thank you to Lincoln Centers for his offer to remove several trees in return for the firewood. This helped the budget significantly. Thank you Trevor Tait for the kiosk structure. The use of unmilled, straight from the forest, trees makes it unique and fitting for the Stranahan Town Forest.

Continue to Improve drainage along the Moon Trail and Thompson Road

Major drainage work done by Rich Phillips and volunteers. More areas have been identified and we are planning in 2018 to continue the good work that's been done.

Hiking Trails

The STF has about six miles of trails, about half of which are designated for foot travel and the other half, including the Thompson Road and Moon Field Trail are open to travel by horse and bicycle. Twinfield Snow Travelers continue to use and maintain the VAST snowmobile trail that passes through STF. Once again, extensive trail clean-up was needed following this year's storm damage. Many volunteers have come to our "work days" with

chainsaws, weed wackers, and boundless energy to help keep all our trails open and safe. Many thanks to the following for the numerous hours volunteered to keep these trails clear this year: Diana Batzel, Rain Banbury, Ellen Cooke, Sarah Galbraith, Sarah Fowler, Ed Jalbert, Rich Phillips, members of the RIPM (Riders in Plainfield Marshfield) and Johnny Schmitt for the snow machine trail.

Keeping Fields and Trails mowed

Rich Phillips brush hogged the Thompson Road and the field portion of the Moon Trail. Mowing the Thompson Road helps with the spread of unwanted burdocks and with ticks in tall grass.

Completing the boundary marker project

In progress: signage design and creation has been completed, next steps are to organize a day(s) to put the signs up on the property's perimeter.

Bike Trails

The bike club (RIPM) did not build new trail this year, but did begin flagging a new route between the new parking area on Jake Martin Road and the Moon Field, a project that is expected to begin in Spring 2018 after final flagging and approval. Several members of the Committee joined bike club members in the initial flagging work, and it was productive to do this site work together. The Committee expects requests for additional bike trails. RIPM members continue to contribute to trail maintenance and clean up and local riders and families are continuing to enjoy the trail. A vintage mountain bike ride was hosted on the trails in summer 2017, and brought in about 30 riders from all over central and northern Vermont to enjoy the town forest.

Logging

The STF Committee is meeting with the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program consultants to help us clarify the management plan for sustainable forestry. We are hoping to get the public's input and guidance for future forestry work. We will invite the County Forester, the Land Trust's Forester, and the public to help with these discussions.

Sugaring and Haying

Jim Brimblecombe reports having 2826 taps this year in the sugarbushes to either side of Guernsey Brook and production was well above average. Bob Light had 62 taps along the Thompson Road adjacent his farm. The Moon Field and Jake Martin Rd. field continue to be hayed by the Martins and Steve Newton, respectively. Income derived from those sugaring and haying the STF are found in the General Government and Designated Funds reports within the Annual Town Report. We thank our working forest partners for their hard work and contributions to our forest.

Education

Spring wildflower and bird walks led by Bob Popp and Brett Engstrom took place at the STF this year as they have each year and continue to be very popular. New this fall was an afternoon "Beautiful Trees" walk focused on the

characteristics and ecology of some of STF's outstanding trees. Brett Engstrom also led a couple field trips to the town forest with 2 Twinfield seniors studying Field Botany for a Renaissance course and helped a graduate student from UVM Botany Department do a vegetation plot at STF as part of a statewide study of a newly described seepage forest natural community.

Annie Reed used the Stranahan as an outdoor classroom for her CCV-St. Johnsbury ecology classes this past year. She taught a Freshwater Ecology class in the summer and they were on the Stranahan two days, 9 am - 3 pm, looking at 3 types of forested swamps, including a seepage forest, a hemlock swamp and a hardwood swamp. They also examined the marsh on the Guernsey brook and two vernal pools. In the fall she used the forest again to teach Forest ecology. They spent 6 days, 9 am - 3 pm, inventorying, and comparing hardwood forests, softwood forests, swamps, vernal pools, and examined soils in each different community. They also did a community service project, two afternoons, pulling and digging invasive honeysuckle along the Thompson Road from the end of the Moon field Trail at the base of the hayfield and the cellar holes there, and continued up the Thompson Road on both sides, as far as the intersection with the Ravine Trail. The STF is thankful for the many hours helping to remove invasives.

Sign In Book

A sign-in notebook at each entrance will be added this year so we can track the use and the purpose of the visit for planning purposes. Please sign in each time you visit.

Volunteer Hours

There were over 162 volunteer hours of physical labor this year to maintain and improve the Stranahan Town Forest.

Invitation

Our meetings are the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 PM at Old Schoolhouse Common. Please attend to let us know your ideas. Your input is particularly needed during 2018 as the Management Plan is updated. This is an amazing town asset. We want your input on how you think it should be managed. If you are not comfortable or are not able to make it to our meetings you can email or mail your comments to Rich Phillips, the Chair of the committee or, to the town clerk.

Respectfully Submitted

Stranahan Stewardship Committee

Ellen Cooke, Sarah Fowler, Brett Engstrom, Rich Phillips, Sarah Galbraith, Michael Sabourin, Jenny Warshow, Ed Jalbert (CC

ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Marshfield's Energy and Climate Change Committee is tasked with studying and addressing energy use, energy efficiency, and energy conservation within the Town of Marshfield's municipal, residential, and commercial buildings, their associated infrastructure and related transportation needs, and the contributions of the resulting energy consumption to global changes in climate.

Historically, the committee has focused on and had notable accomplishments in the areas of public transportation, residential efficiency, energy education, and addressing the energy use of the Old Schoolhouse Common through changes to the heating plant, changes in the lighting system and the installation of a solar electric system. Subcommittees have formed to research and report on transportation, weatherization, education, and other areas as needed.

Current committee efforts are focused on energy planning related to Vermont Act 174, as well as education efforts around climate change.

The committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Old Schoolhouse Common, at the Jaquith Public Library. Occasional exceptions to the meeting date due to holidays are noted in the public minutes of the committee in the previous month. Minutes of meetings are available on the Town of Marshfield website. Marshfield also closely coordinates information and opportunities with Plainfield's Energy Coordinator at these meetings.

The Energy and Climate Change Committee is currently seeking new members who are interested in working on planning and implementing municipal-scale weatherization, transportation, renewable energy, and other energy-conservation and climate-related work.

To contact the committee please email Nick Seifert –

nick.seifert@gmail.com.

Solar at OSC

The solar array at the Old Schoolhouse Common continued to produce well during 2017. The 17.64 kW tracker system, installed at the OSC in 2013, collected over 23,000 kWh last year. This production level is in line with original estimates for this size and type of system. This solar array was originally sized to provide two thirds of the OSC's energy needs, but due to efficiency measures and changes in building use it

is now fulfilling all of OSC's demand and some from the town garage and the fire station.

As of early January 2018, the system has produced just over 125,000 kWh in its life and saved the town about \$25,000 in energy costs. It has also avoided the release of about 80,000 pounds of CO₂. The system is expected to finish paying for itself by around 2025.

Membership

2016 and 2017 saw the "retirement" from the committee of several long-time members: Rich Phillips, Joel Trupin, Lawrence Black, and Michael Horowitz. Rich Phillips stepped down as chair to pursue other activities, including: the Stranahan Forest Stewardship Committee; assistance with other towns looking to organize an energy committee; organization of climate change events and activities; and more. Though Rich is no longer present at every MECCE meeting, his actions continue to focus in this area and serve as an inspiration to others. Joel continues to assist the committee with meeting warnings, offering ideas, and providing feedback when asked. Lawrence can be found, as usual, with a smile of greeting welcoming any and everyone to community suppers every Wednesday night. Michael accepted a teaching position a bit further south in VT and will continue his renewable energy work there.

The MECCE welcomed Becky Wigg to the committee in 2017. A new resident in town, coming from Montpelier, Becky was involved with the Montpelier Energy Committee and has much experience in the area of climate change.

Anyone interested in affecting Marshfield's policy and practices, or generally interested in climate change is encouraged to join. Opportunities to make a meaningful difference are plenty.

Energy Planning and Act 174

The State of Vermont passed into law S.260, otherwise known as Act 174, in 2016. This bill provides towns a method for influencing decisions over siting of renewable energy projects. Towns compliant with the requirements of this bill receive "substantial deference" with the Public Utility Commission (PUC). The intent of this bill is that towns would plan and detail their required contributions to Vermont's goals

for clean energy. Having done so, the town would have a greater voice in PUC approval of projects which do, or don't, meet their plans.

A subcommittee of the MECCC began work on creating an energy plan that would comply with Act 174, and allow Marshfield to obtain substantial deference. Because of the newness of Act 174, this process is only beginning to work its way to the municipal level. At the regional level the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) is responsible for submitting a compliant plan. The CVRPC is also assisting municipalities with development of their own compliant energy plans. Working with the Marshfield Planning Commission the MECCC intends to develop an Act 174 complia

Outreach and Advocacy

Various current and past members of the MECCC are actively engaged in educational efforts related to climate change. This includes airing of relevant films at the Old Schoolhouse Common, as well as assisting with related events. The committee is also pursuing the idea of bolstering the Jaquith Library's collection of materials on this topic.

Molly's Falls Dam

During the latter half of 2017 the Emergency Management Director of Plainfield, Michael Cerulli Billingsley, engaged with the MECCC on the topic of the Molly's Falls dam. Michael shared with the committee his knowledge of the history of the dam, as well as concerns regarding its current state of repair. Michael's concerns have been elevated due to other dam failures witnessed around the country and the world in recent years. Because of Marshfield's proximity to the dam, the speculated effects of a dam failure, as well as projected increases in both rainfall amounts and the severity of storms, this issue is of serious concern to the MECCC. Several committee members actively engaged the Marshfield selectboard on this issue to strongly encourage a forum with Green Mountain Power, the dam owner. This forum provided answers to some questions, and raised others. Michael's engagement on this issue continues and the MECCC expects to become involved as needed to aid his efforts.

Anne Miller
Becky Wigg

Wes Cate
John Morris

Dan Chodorkoff
Nick Seifert

CEMETERY OPERATING FUND

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Balance, Jan. 1	33,160	32,902
Income		
Interest	2,487	2,519
Appropriation	8,500	8,600
Burials	470	1,400
Total Income	<u>11,457</u>	<u>12,519</u>
Operating Expenses		
Sexton	800	800
Additional Labor	0	28
Burials	250	900
Maintenance	325	1,275
Flags	100	100
Capital Repairs	2,143	0
Cemetery Mowing	8,000	8,600
Insurance	9	22
Miscellaneous	88	241
Total Operating Expenses	<u>11,715</u>	<u>11,965</u>
Net Income	(257)	554
Balance, Dec. 31	32,902	33,456

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Balance, Jan. 1	108,639	116,479
Income		
Investment Income		
Mutual Fund Dividends	3,912	3,041
Change in Market Value	2,929	4,991
Capital Gains	0	490
Total Investment Income	<u>6,841</u>	<u>8,522</u>
Lot Purchases	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,750</u>
Total Income	7,841	10,272
Balance, Dec. 31	116,479	126,751

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31

	<u>2,016</u>	<u>2,017</u>
Cash/Money Market	11,465	13,984
Owed to General Fund	(1,745)	(1,960)
Bonds/Government Securities	45,262	45,423
Mutual Funds	94,399	102,760
Total Assets	<u>149,382</u>	<u>160,207</u>
Perpetual Care Fund Balance	116,479	126,751
Operating Fund Balance	<u>32,902</u>	<u>33,456</u>
Total Both Funds	<u>149,382</u>	<u>160,207</u>

CEMETERY BYLAWS

The following restrictions shall apply to the use and operation of all cemeteries in the Town of Marshfield.

1. A concrete liner, vault or air-tight urn (for cremations) shall be used for all burials.
2. All vaults or liners shall be covered with at least twelve (12) inches of earth.
3. In one standard grave lot the following shall be permitted:
 - A. One (1) standard burial and one cremated burial which shall be immediately in front of the headstone;
 - B. Two (2) cremated burials immediately in front of the headstone and one (1) infant burial;
 - C. Four (4) cremated burials.
4. Vaults and liners shall be centered as close as possible in each grave lot. Vaults/liners shall not be placed closer than four (4) feet from the edge of the travelled road.
5. All monument foundations shall be at least four feet deep, and shall be 6 inches wider and 6 inches longer than the monument to allow for a 3 inch protective apron on all sides, and shall be buried at or just below ground level. Installation of the monument foundation shall be overseen by the Sexton or his/her designee. The fee for this service shall be \$20.00 per hour.
6. All corner markers shall be installed by the Sexton or his/her designee. The fee for this service shall be \$20.00 per hour.
7. No trees, shrubs or bushes shall be planted except with the approval of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners or Board of Selectmen or their authorized representative.
8. The opening date for burials shall not be earlier than May 1st and the closing date for burials shall not be later than November 1st.
9. Cost of grave lots: \$500.00 for Marshfield residents, \$750.00 for non-residents.
10. Excavation, back fill and reseeded:

Adults	\$600.00
Infants	\$225.00
Cremations	\$225.00

Most recent revision February 21, 2012 by the Marshfield Selectboard

To schedule any work in the cemeteries, call Sexton Joe Mangan at 426-3121.

JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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PUBLIC LIBRARY



EST. 1899

A little bit of history...

In 1867, the Vermont General Assembly provided that “towns may establish and maintain public libraries for the use of the inhabitants thereof”, and in 1894, passed an Act which granted \$100 in books to towns who appropriated \$25 and established a board of trustees. Marshfield already had a circulating library at that time, but in 1895, accepted these provisions and received \$100 in books and became a public library. There were 117 books in the first collection. In 1899, a \$6000 grant from the Jaquith family built the first library.

Over these last 123 years, there have been a lot of changes: the library has grown from 117 books to over 13,000 holdings; library services have dramatically expanded to meet the changing needs of the community and a changing world; and the town appropriation has certainly increased from the original \$25.

Yet the library mission remains the same – “for the use of the inhabitants, thereof”. Our “inhabitants” came to the library over 10,000 times last year, 4000 people came to programs, thousands of hours were logged using public access computers, and hundreds of e-books and audiobooks were downloaded. Our “inhabitants” gathered for free concerts and community festivals, learned about interesting and useful topics, were entertained by movies and were able to bring their children to fun programs that foster reading and learning and doing. And of course, they checked out books – 14,304, to be exact.

Programming Highlights from 2017

2017 was an active and fun filled year at the Jaquith. Here is a sampling of the over **140 events** that Jaquith provided to the community in 2017.

Films at the Jaquith – The Jaquith sponsored several film series, including *Moving Pictures: Films about Immigration*, the *Classic Film Series*, *Children’s Film Series*, *Just for Fun Movie Series*, *Movie Night at the Library* and a Vampire Movie Series, as well as a Film Tribute to David Budbill, the *Healthcare Movie* and discussion and *Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope* and discussion.

Summer Concerts, Food Trucks and Programs – This summer was jam packed with events for kids, families and music lovers. The summer reading program signed up 73 young readers with 55 completing the reading challenge. Kids got to learn to make tipis, build (and launch!) full size cardboard boats, build a bee hotel, learn about and handle reptiles, learn and practice traditional crafts, hear and tell stories and were entertained by the hilarious Modern Times Theater. Summer playgroup activities included a birthday party for Dr. Seuss, growing garden heads, music programs, Tyke Kwon Do and a Budding Builder program. Music filled the bandstand for 6 weeks of concerts with performers Cold Country Bluegrass and Two Cents in the Till, Kick ‘Em Jenny, Dave Keller Band, Starline Rhythm Boys, Stone Cold Roosters, Central Vermont Jazz Ensemble and Capitol Jazz Quartet. Concert goers got to try out some great food from Backroad BBQ, Woodbelly Pizza, Chez Mami, Jimmy Kennedy, Caja Madera and Taco Truck All Stars.

Programs that inform, delight and enrich – All through the year, the Jaquith provided a variety of informative and interesting programs and workshops: a 5 week, hands on gardening series, health programs, a two-part Ice Fishing Program, Estate Planning, Pop-Up card making, the *History of Racism*, and a 6-week Kids Cartooning Club. Along with the Marshfield Conservation Commission, we co-sponsored the monthly Natural Marshfield series of speakers and field trips. The Jaquith provides weekly story time and playgroup for young patrons, a monthly Book Group and hosted a Song Circle last winter.

Special Events – The community gathered to enjoy family friendly activities, music, and food at the annual Harvest Festival, enjoyed the library Open House and Volunteer Appreciation event during the annual Friends of the Library Book Sale, swapped plants during the spring Plant Swap and hosted a Community Yard Sale.

Coming soon!

This winter and spring, we have planned a Vermont Film Series, with visits from filmmakers John O'Brien and Jay Craven. And we've teamed up with the Marshfield Historical Society to host a new book group, Chapters in History: Exploring Several American Presidencies. Many more events are in the planning stages, so visit www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org, for the latest information.

Gratitude

We continue to be so grateful for the many, many wonderful volunteers who give their time to help shelving, working the circulation desk, processing books, helping with computers, planning and providing programs, working tirelessly at events and many other unseen tasks. Thank you to the musicians who donated concerts and to the people who helped plan, set-up and clean-up afterwards. Thank you to the artists and authors who shared their creativity with us. Thanks to the Library Trustees and the Friends for their endless work. Thank you to those who sponsored the summer concert series, presented summer library programs and assisted with summer programming. Thank you to the companies and local businesses who donated silent auction items, space for programs and food for events. And thank you to all the generous donors who gave financial support during our annual appeal. This library could not function as fully as it does without the selfless gifts of time, enthusiasm, energy, resources and love of the library that these countless individuals give. **Thank you!**

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday:	9 am to 12 pm; 3 pm to 7 pm
Tuesday and Thursday:	3 pm to 6 pm
Saturday:	9 am to 1 pm

Check out www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org or call 426-3581 to find out all the great things that are happening at your library.

SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY!

JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Town Account

	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018
Available, Jan. 1	21,017	21,017	21,017	21,017
Income				
Previous Year's Surplus	1,603	0	0	0
Town Appropriation	76,822	79,850	79,850	80,713
Fundraising	3,995	2,750	4,662	4,000
Interest and Dividends	18	1,210	18	209
Total Income	82,439	83,810	84,531	84,922
Expense				
Deficit from previous year	0	829	829	196
Books	6,537	6,500	6,368	5,500
Magazines	543	350	348	350
Computer Expenses	2,473	1,705	2,152	1,625
Telephone	696	800	723	800
Old Schoolhouse Common	12,840	12,840	12,840	12,840
Cleaning Service	510	1,560	1,590	780
Insurance	1,164	1,221	1,221	1,024
Supplies	556	610	670	660
Postage>Returns	545	770	713	920
Programs	0	0	0	0
Equipment	150	0	0	0
Conference Fees	0	140	75	0
Transportation/Mileage	0	50	89	0
Service Charge	4	25	7	10
Staff Expenses				
Librarian	27,608	27,965	28,622	31,965
Children's Librarian	7,178	7,150	6,972	7,800
Substitutes	3,190	2,387	2,536	2,604
Custodian	472	0	0	0
Social Security	2,085	2,285	2,169	2,627
Medicare Expense	536	534	507	614
Retirement Expense	2,001	2,027	2,078	2,317
Health Insurance	14,181	14,062	14,218	12,289
Total Staff Expenses	57,250	56,410	57,101	60,217
Total Expense	83,269	83,810	84,727	84,922
Surplus/(Deficit)	(829)	0	(196)	0
Applied to next year	829		196	
Available, Dec. 31	21,017	21,017	21,017	21,017

JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Jaquith Account

	Actual 2016	Actual 2017
Available, Jan. 1	8,944	7,245
Income		
Total Grants	2,350	2,770
Total Donations	4,725	8,283
Conscience Can	83	126
Jaquith Book Replacement	178	183
Jaquith Booksale	194	360
Amazon Rewards	123	0
Total Income	7,652	11,722
Expenses		
Payroll	1,600	1,597
Books	1,216	821
Playgroup	301	250
Programs	5,083	6,204
Expansion Expenses	413	0
Other Donation/Grant Purchases	739	1,195
Total Expenses	9,351	10,067
Net Income/(Loss)	(1,699)	1,654
Available, Dec. 31	7,245	8,899
Balances		
Town Account Balance	21,017	21,017
Jaquith Account Balance	7,245	8,899
Plus Surplus/Less Deficit	(829)	(196)
Less Prepayments	0	(395)
Total, Checking and Savings Accounts	27,432	29,325
Mutual Fund Balance, December 31	73,683	87,930

MARSHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Marshfield Historical Society meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the Hap Hayward History Center in the Old Schoolhouse Common. We encourage new members and visitors. Bring your stories, old photos, or mystery artifact from Marshfield's past to our next meeting. The Society consists of many dedicated people, but more are needed to explore Marshfield's rich history.

During the year we offered two public programs. January 17 was an illustrated talk on Marshfield and The Civilian Conservation Corps, 1933-1941. Many of the supervisors for the major CCC Groton State Project lived and later made their lives in Marshfield. The handiwork of the CCC's young workers can still be found in Groton in the wonderful stone steps, picnic tables carved from one block of granite, and in the ruins of old dormitories. The second program during Marshfield's Foliage Days was an illustrated talk on the Industrial History of Marshfield. From 1786 to 1900 most of what we used and ate was made in Marshfield. This year we hope to offer programs on Marshfield's many old barns, unique houses, or 10 cemeteries. We welcome any information you may have on these subjects.

The Society continues to explore the best electronic system to organize the collection. Each year we are asked questions about the history of a certain house, whether a person worked in Marshfield or taught school there. The Marshfield Town Clerk has a wonderful collection of annual town reports and the Twinfield School Library has just about every school yearbook. These have been most helpful. When the Society's holdings are online, interested people will be able to access even more historical facts, and we will be better able to answer questions.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

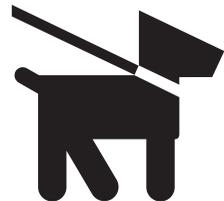
	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
Checking Balance, Jan. 1	4,178	4,351	4,730
Income			
Book Sales	50	250	
Card Sales	20	30	
Mug Sales	6	0	
Other Sales	7	69	
Appropriation	6,455	6,455	6,455
Donations	136	385	
Interest Income	4	4	
Total Income	<u>6,679</u>	<u>7,193</u>	<u>6,455</u>
Expense			
Rent	6,455	6,455	6,455
Book Printing	0	360	
Other Expenses	50	0	
Total Expense	<u>6,505</u>	<u>6,815</u>	<u>6,455</u>
Net Income	174	378	0
Checking Balance, Dec. 31	4,351	4,730	4,730

It's Almost April 1st.

(Do you know where your dog license is?)

The Marshfield Selectboard reminds you that Vermont law requires dogs to be vaccinated and licensed by April 1 each year.

**Be a responsible
dog owner.**



DOGS

Dog licenses for the current year are available beginning on January 2. The deadline for licensing is April 1. Puppies must be licensed when they are six months old. You may license your dog by stopping by the office, or via the mail if you send the following:

- Current rabies certificate (if we already have one on file, we will mail yours back to you). A dog's first rabies shot is good for one year; subsequent shots are good for three years.
- Spay/neuter certificate if applicable
- A description of the dog, including name, breed, size, color, and age
- A check for the appropriate fee, made payable to the Town of Marshfield

The 2018 dog license fees are as follows:

	Current	Late	New Dog After Oct. 1
Neutered/spayed dog or wolf-hybrid:			
License	4.00	6.00	2.00
Town Pet Control Surcharge	3.00	3.00	3.00
State Spay/Neuter Surcharge	4.00	4.00	4.00
State Rabies Control Surcharge	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
Total	12.00	14.00	10.00
Unneutered/Unspayed dog or wolf-hybrid:			
License	8.00	12.00	4.00
Town Pet Control Surcharge	3.00	3.00	3.00
State Spay/Neuter Surcharge	4.00	4.00	4.00
State Rabies Control Surcharge	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
Total	16.00	20.00	12.00

Dog Licenses Issued in 2017

Male	35
Male Neutered	133
Female	45
Female Spayed	<u>149</u>
Total	362

2018 RABIES CLINICS

Dr. Carey will do a rabies-only clinic at the Marshfield Town Garage on Saturday, March 10th from 10:00 – 12:00. The Hardwick Veterinary Clinic will take walk-ins on each Saturday in March, for rabies vaccines only, from 8:30 – 10:00 – the cost will be \$15 at each clinic.

DOG ORDINANCE

Marshfield's Civil Ordinance #4, Regulating Domestic Pets, prohibits an owner from allowing their dog to run at large or be a nuisance to others. Marshfield does not have a leash law but dogs are required to be under their owner's control at all times.

Dogs that are not licensed, or dogs that violate the ordinance may be picked up by Marshfield's Dog Officer. Violations that may cause your dog to be impounded include excessive barking, damage to property, scattering refuse, harassing pedestrians, cyclists, or passersby, worrying or attacking livestock or other pets, obstructing traffic, or threatening.

If your dog is impounded, you will be required to pay an impoundment fee and boarding fees before getting your dog back. In addition, the town ordinance allows the Selectboard to impose penalties. If your dog is found to be threatening or attacking livestock, the state statute requires the Selectboard to see that the dog is destroyed.

If you have a complaint about a neighbor's dog causing a disturbance or nuisance, the ordinance requires you to first contact the owner when feasible. If you are unable to resolve the issue with the owner, you should report the issue to the Selectboard. You will be required to follow up the report with a written complaint.

Full text of the ordinance is available on the town's website, <http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us/>, or at the Town Clerk's office.

BIRTHS

Name of Child

Ackermann, Juniper Leigh
Bari, Sophia Grace
Barnett, Olivia Grace *
Barnett, Westyn Joshua
Clark, Atlas Gabriel
Clark, Raegan Elizabeth
Elberson, Aedan Denton
Gadue, Amelia Grace
Harvey, Isaac Thomas
Hickory, Romus Michael
Kuehnl, Kane
Leibold, Kolton Peter
Ly, Evelyn Thi
Mason, Zebulon Donald
McNary, Colton James Vaughn
Moody, Henry Emerson
Mulligan, Declan Kirk
Neddo, Thomas Vance
Richardson, Tristen Gabriel
Saldi, Nora Lorraine

* born in 2016; all others 2017

Name of Parents

Angela Teresa Mayo and Scott Eric Ackermann
Hilary Huguette Bari and Michael Paul Bari
Gail Louise McDonald and Norbert Frederick Barnett IV
Merry Ann Marie Noyes and Joshua Mitchell Barnett
Hannah Carpenter Pitkin and Nicholas Todd Clark
Amanda Marie Durand and Christopher James Clark
Caitlin Elberson and Jason Elberson
Brittany Nicole Olson and Justin Ross Gadue
Tara Darlene Harvey and Thomas Allyn Harvey
Jennifer Marie Ertel-Hickory and Alex Michael Hickory
Jennifer Ann Prusak and Justin Kane Kuehnl
Jacquelyn Cody Leibold and Jonathan Arthur Leibold
Ashley Kathleen Ibey and Khanh Minh Ly
Sabrina Lynn Gerdes and Jacob Michael Mason
Elizabeth Sophia McNary and Kyle Charles McNary
Angela Hope Moody and Mathew David Moody
Esther Abigail Mulligan and Ethan Stuart Mulligan
Amber Lee Bothfeld and Thomas Albert Neddo
Martha Jean Richardson and David Robert Richardson
Elizabeth Melanie Saldi

MARRIAGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Residence</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location of Ceremony</u>
Kopecky, Barry Edward	Marshfield	Pace, Jean Anne	Marshfield	5/16/2017	Marshfield
Spooner, Mervin Frank	Marshfield	Aronson, Sandra Trefren	Cabot	6/17/2017	Marshfield
Lloyd, Jonathan Paul	Marshfield	Mulligan, Danielle Victoria	Peacham	6/17/2017	Marshfield
Ducharme, Anh Irene	Marshfield	Gramma, George Tudor	Illinois	7/25/2017	Marshfield
Klassen, Brandi Nicole	Marshfield	Ranew, William Dustin	Marshfield	7/28/2017	Berlin
Teague, Amber Bell	Marshfield	Howe, Jordan Garrison	Marshfield	8/26/2017	Marshfield
Mulligan, Luke Daniel	Marshfield	Glassford, Cathleen Marie	Marshfield	9/9/2017	Marshfield
Gerdes, Sabrina Lynn	Marshfield	Mason, Jacob Michael	Marshfield	9/16/2017	Northfield
Fernandez, Jose Raul	Marshfield	Rieke, Stephanie Jacqueline	Marshfield	8/4/2017	Marshfield
Cleveland, Heather Marie	Marshfield	Graves, Seth Robert John	Marshfield	9/30/2017	Montpelier
Neddo, Thomas Albert	Marshfield	Bothfeld, Amber Lee	Marshfield	12/6/2017	Cabot
Charron, Marielle	Marshfield	Grenier, Paul Michael	Marshfield	12/31/2017	Barre

DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Baker, Dwight	74	10/5/2017	Hanover, NH
Beaton, Natalie E.	77	5/25/2017	Berlin
Bohn, Barbara Elaine	79	8/27/2017	Marshfield
Charron, Bradley Jon	62	12/13/2017	Marshfield
Codling, Jean E.	82	5/10/2017	Berlin
Cole, Charles Henry	78	8/6/2017	Berlin
Davis, Richard K. Jr.	69	1/4/2017	Marshfield
Ducharme, Jeanne C.	83	7/5/2017	Marshfield
Glassford, Dennis M.	74	3/5/2017	Cabot
Goslant, Daryl Lee	65	3/9/2017	Barre City
Harry, Eric Alan	31	10/10/2017	Marshfield
Jameson, Garnet Martha	103	8/28/2017	Marshfield
Pitkin, Ronald	88	2/18/2017	North Carolina
Ritke-Jones, William Fred Jr.	58	4/26/2017	Marshfield
Sicely, Barbara J.	70	6/16/2017	Barre City
Spooner, Sandra Trefren	77	9/25/2017	Marshfield
Wells, Clara Elizabeth	94	11/27/2017	Marshfield

NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District assists the Marshfield community by providing recycling services in your area. Your local transfer station is located on Saw Mill Rd. in Cabot and is open year-round on Saturdays, 8:00am-12:00pm.

Accepted materials include: plastic containers #1-4 & #5 food-grade containers (no black plastic containers accepted), all colors of glass, tin, aluminum, paper, cardboard, books, batteries, CFL bulbs, certain electronics (computers and TV monitors included), scrap metals, aerosols, plastic bags (any color), and waste oil all free of charge. Trash and tires are accepted for a fee. Ask the transfer station attendant for more details, or call the NEKWMD at 802-626-3532.

2018 Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 5	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Danville Stump Dump
SATURDAY, MAY 19	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Marshfield Town Clerks
SATURDAY, JUNE 2	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 9	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Newport Center Town Garage
SATURDAY, JUNE 23	8 a.m. – 12p.m.	Morgan Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JULY 7	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Brownington Town Offices
SATURDAY, JULY 28	8 a.m. – 12p.m.	Greensboro Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18	8 a.m. – 12p.m.	Ryegate Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Lunenburg Town Garage
SATURDAY, SEPT. 22	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 1, 2017 to October 7, 2017. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

****HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS****

Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2017 by processing slightly more recycling compared to 2016 – 2981 tons in 2017 compared to 2962 tons in 2016. While tonnage for paper and cardboard were down, almost every other category saw increases compared to 2016. Tonnages for scrap metal, e-waste, and glass were all up significantly compared to 2016. Recycling markets remained steady throughout most of 2017 and were generally on the high side. Some policy changes in China sent ripples throughout some markets, but so far we have been isolated from those actions. The District ended 2017 with a surplus of \$55,755.82. This is good news considering 2016 ended with a deficit of \$53,459. Revenues in 2017 were 12% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 4.7% above projections. Sale of recyclables, including scrap metal, was responsible for most of the increase in revenues.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2017. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) guided most of our activities in 2017 and will continue to do so for the next several years. 2018 will see more of the same in helping our member communities comply with Act 148. The NEKWMD assisted 10 Towns with establishing food scrap collection at their transfer stations by the July 1, 2017 deadline.

The NEKWMD is entering 2018 with a proposed budget of \$760, 519 – an increase of less than 1% compared to 2017. The surcharge rate of \$24.25 will remain the same for 2018. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.19.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and four part-time employees in 2017. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The nearly 50,000 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee

SUMMARY OF CIVIL ORDINANCES ADOPTED as of December 31, 2017

#1 Burning and Disposal of Solid Waste

Prohibits dumping and burning of solid waste and requires the removal and proper disposal of hazardous fluids (antifreeze, oil, gasoline) and the battery from junked or long unused vehicles.

#2 Regulating Cemetery Operations

Incorporates already existing by-laws and covers cemetery closure to all persons at night, vandalism, driving over graves, etc.

#3 Regulating use of External Facilities - Old Schoolhouse Common and other town lands and buildings

Restricts the use of the Town land and facilities surrounding the Old Schoolhouse Common, prohibits smoking on the Old Schoolhouse Common property, limits motor vehicles to parking areas and graveled driveways, prohibits alcoholic beverages, and makes it unlawful to deface or destroy Town property.

#4 Regulating Domestic Pets

Brings together in one document the licensing, rabies, vicious dog, nuisance and disturbance control requirements.

#5 Road Naming and Road Addressing

Authorizes the Selectboard to name all public and private roads in Marshfield, establishes a numbering system unique for each dwelling, and requires the numbers to be displayed at each dwelling.

#6 Traffic Ordinance

Sets speed limits on Town roads.

The complete text of these ordinances can be reviewed online at www.town.marshfield.vt.us/ordinances or obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

WARNING – TOWN MEETING 2018

The legal voters of the Town of Marshfield, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Twinfield Union School in said Town on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:00 E.S.T. in the forenoon to act upon the following articles.

Article 1. To elect the following Town Officers:

Moderator	1 year
Town Clerk	1 year
Town Treasurer	1 year
Selectperson	3 years
Selectperson	2 years
Auditor	3 years
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year
First Constable	1 year
Second Constable	1 year
Town Juror	1 year
Town Agent	1 year
Budget Committee Member	5 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	2 years

Article 2. Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the Office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor appointed by the Selectboard who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provisions of Title 32?

Article 3. To elect the following Town Officers:

Lister	3 years
Lister	2 years
Lister	1 year

Article 4. To elect School Directors to serve on the Union District Board, as follows:

School Director	3 years
School Director	1 year

Article 5. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 6. Shall the Town of Marshfield enter into a communications union district to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch 82?

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,045,083 allocated as follows, with \$274,038 from other income, \$122,967 previous year surplus to be applied and \$648,078 to be raised in taxes:

- \$284,245 for the payment of indebtedness and general expenses (\$118,490 from other income and \$165,755 from surplus and taxes);
- \$634,016 for the support of highways and bridges (\$96,997 from other income, \$537,019 from surplus and taxes);
- \$67,832 in support of the Marshfield Fire Department (all from surplus and taxes);
- \$18,336 in support of the Planning and Zoning Department (\$3,000 from permit fees, \$15,336 from surplus and taxes);
- \$1,900 in support of the Marshfield Recreation Committee (all from surplus and taxes);
- \$38,754 in support of the Old Schoolhouse Common (\$25,082 from building lease/rentals, \$30,469 allocated from other town departments, \$16,797 used to lower taxes).

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$80,713 in support of the Jaquith Public Library.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$6,455 in support of the Marshfield Historical Society.

Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,600 for the support, improvement and repair of the cemeteries.

Article 11. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$20,000 in support of the East Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Article 12. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$18,000 in support of the Cabot Ambulance Service.

Article 13. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$5,500 in support of the Plainfield Fire and Rescue Service.

Article 14. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,333 as its share of the cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares.

Article 15. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$13,282 to be allocated as recommended by the Budget Committee:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	\$ 500
Capstone Community Action	\$ 300
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,400
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	\$ 3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Services	\$ 300
Family Center of Washington County	\$ 250
Friends of the Winooski	\$ 300
Green Mountain Transit	\$ 882
Green Up Vermont	\$ 100
Home Share Now	\$ 200
Onion River Food Shelf	\$ 1,000
Our House	\$ 100
Peoples Health and Wellness	\$ 300
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 50
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 2,500
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 200
Twinfield Together Mentoring Program	\$ 250

VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$ 100
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually Impaired	\$ 150
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 150
Washington County Mental Health	\$800
Washington County Youth Services Bureau	\$ 250

- Article 16.**
- a. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes;
 - b. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds such as grants and gifts;
 - c. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide funds for the amounts previously voted;
 - d. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town taxes paid to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, August 17, 2018, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers;
 - e. To see if the Town will vote to have the School taxes paid to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, November 16, 2018, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers; and
 - f. To see if the Town will accept hand canceled, legible postmark on or before the due date as evidence of timely payment for town and school taxes.

Article 17. WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing Marshfield, our state, our nation, and the world;

WHEREAS the State of Vermont has stated a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its

energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town of Marshfield urges the State of Vermont to:
 - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to pipelines;
 - b. Firmly commit to, at least, 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
 - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents,

2. That the residents and the government of the Town of Marshfield will aim for 95% renewable energy by 2040 by committing to efforts such as:
 - a. Addressing transportation issues in the Town and Twinfield School District through the use of alternatively-fueled vehicles such as electric-powered units (to the extent supported by positive experience), and supporting public transportation;
 - b. Completing the weatherization of town and school buildings and homes. Assisting residents to identify opportunities to reduce heating fuel use and to identify potential monetary resources for weatherization.
 - c. Promoting the installation of solar electric for the Twinfield School District,
 - d. As relates to b, c and d above, seeking the support of Plainfield Select Board in approaching the Twinfield School Board regarding

- implementation of alternative fuel buses, weatherization and solar
 - e. Embracing other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life, while helping to reduce fossil fuel use
3. That the town will not allow access over town lands for new fossil fuel infrastructure such as pipelines crossing town lands, pump stations and generating facilities not including such infrastructure for individual buildings.
 4. That the Energy and Climate Change Committee will report to town meeting annually on the results of these efforts.

Article 18. To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Dated January 23, 2018
 Laurie Colgan, Christopher Martin, and James Barlow

Marshfield, Vermont, January 24, 2018 I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Warning for the Annual Town Meeting for the year 2018 and that it was recorded before posting.

Attest, Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

WARNING
NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 to act on the following article.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$760,519?

NOTICE

The polls will be open at Twinfield Union School from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by February 4, 2018. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 24, 2018.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: 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 by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to **olvr.sec.state.vt.us**.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at **mvp.sec.state.vt.us**. The latest you can request ballots for the Twinfield Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 6, 2017. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerks office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

*** Election officials are active participants in the open town meeting, so registering at the polls may require you to wait until there is a break in the meeting. You are strongly encouraged to register before election day, either online or at the town office.*



Town Meeting 2018

“Shall the Town of Marshfield enter into a communications union district to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch 82?”

Q: What is this?

A: About a dozen towns in Central Vermont are building a community-owned Internet Service Provider to provide up to gigabit speeds.

Q: Why do we need this?

A: Vermont ranks 43rd in the nation for Internet speeds. Businesses and families benefit from better Internet access, but the existing service providers won't provide it because we're too rural. CVI can do this because our goal is providing access, not profits for shareholders.

Q: How much will my taxes go up?

A: Zero. If you decide to subscribe to CVI, you will pay a monthly rate for Internet service. If not, there is no cost to you or the town.

Q: Who owns the infrastructure and takes on the debt?

A: CVI, the new municipal district. Towns are not liable for debt and are not responsible for maintaining the infrastructure.

Q: Can this actually work? Is Vermont dense enough?

A: Yes! Just to the south of us, another district called EC Fiber is providing extremely high speed Internet service to 24 member towns. As long as the district has around 6 subscribers per mile of fiber optic cable, it's financially feasible.

Q: How much does this service cost and how fast is it?

A: We don't know for sure, but hope to get near EC Fiber's monthly rates, which starts with a dedicated fiber connection for \$66. This means that your connection speed of at least 17Mbps will not decrease during peak times like you may experience with your current provider.

Q: Will CVI respect Net Neutrality and user privacy?

A: We will never block or throttle traffic or sell your user data.

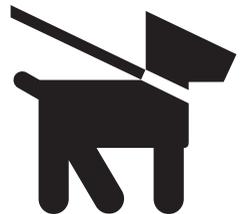
To connect with us: <https://www.facebook.com/CentralVermontInternet>

Friends Don't Let Friends Chase Cars.

(Or cows, chickens, and kids on bikes.)

The Marshfield Selectboard
reminds you that dogs may not
worry livestock, harass
pedestrians, or run at large.

**Be a responsible
dog owner.**



NOTES

PHONE NUMBERS, MEETINGS and OTHER INFORMATION

Town Web Address: <http://town.marshfield.vt.us>

Town Clerk's hours: Tues. - Friday 8:00-12:00 & 12:30-4:00
Telephone: 426-3305 email: clerk@town.marshfield.vt.us

SELECTBOARD: Laurie Colgan 426-3653
James Barlow 426-3159
Christopher Martin 454-8441

ROAD FOREMAN: Daniel Tetreault 661-8174
Town Garage 426-3752

LIBRARY: Susan Green 426-3581

VILLAGE CLERK: Deborah Tousignant 426-3393

VILLAGE TRUSTEES: Arthur Gilman, President 426-3272
(+2 vacancies) Bruce Hayden 426-3310
Brendan McLane 426-3013

DOG OFFICER: Mia Roethlein 363-0929

CEMETERY SEXTON: Joe Mangan 426-3121

Jaquith Library Trustees meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Marshfield Conservation Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Marshfield Development Review Board meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. when required.

Marshfield Energy Committee meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Marshfield Fire Department meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. (at the Marshfield Fire Station).

Marshfield Historical Society meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Marshfield Planning Commission meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Marshfield Selectboard meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee meets the last Thursday of March and September at 7:00 p.m.

Stranahan Stewardship Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Town Clerk's Office
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Marshfield, VT 05658
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