

TOWN OF CASTLETON, VERMONT

158TH ANNUAL REPORT

For Fiscal Year

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Photographer: Ted Day

Dedication Page

This past July, Castleton's Recreation Commission ran its second annual youth sailing program at Crystal Beach. In a "beginners camp" launched July 15, a dozen intrepid middle-schoolers started the week paddling and intentionally capsizing six donated Sunfish. By Friday, they capably navigated a triangular racecourse. The following week, twelve children who already knew how to sail enrolled in Intermediate Sailing Camp. From Day 1, they impressed the coaching staff with their confidence and abilities. During the week, they practiced knot tying and learned race tactics, some of sailing's "rules of the road," and rudimentary compass and chart use. All completed the program with significantly improved boat handling abilities and eager to spend more time in the sailboats.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of numerous residents, businesses, and organizations. The American Legion Auxiliary of Crippen-Fellows Post 50, the Lake Bomoseen Association, and the Castleton Lions Club all made important financial contributions to the program. Gifts from private citizens Donna and Kenny Eberle and Marcia and Trip Westcott permitted purchase of a beautiful new sail. Woodard Marine provided PFDs and made pro bono donations. Ten families from as nearby as Lake Bomoseen and as far away as Shelter Island, New York, gave their underutilized sailboats to the Town for use during the camps and by kids in future years.

Town Manager Mike Jones, Town Accountant Melanie Combs, and Crystal Beach Supervisor Martha Clifford were all extremely supportive. The Castleton Highway Department's talented Bob "Stretch" Ward fabricated an impressive trailer/rack for Sunfish transport and storage.

Finally, the program would not have been possible without its amazing volunteers:
Amy Clapp, Sue and Ted Day, Blair Enman, Ray Harrington, Pat Keller, Marty Maher,
Joe and Nancy Mark, Nick Thornblade, Trip Westcott, and Glenn Williams.



IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Municipal Offices (802) 468-5319

Connecting to:

Accounting	x 206
Treasurer	x 205
Administration Asst.	x 202
Assessor's Office	x 209
Health Officer	x 207
Tax Dept.	x 204
Town Clerk	x 201
Town Manager	x 203
Zoning Administrator	x 208

Other Town Departments

Castleton Free Library	468-5574
Crystal Beach	273-2424
Fire Department	468-5060
Highway Garage	468-2459
Police Department	468-2750
Transfer Station	468-3005
Wastewater Treatment Facility	468-5315

BUSINESS HOURS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HOURS

Tuesday 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Thursday 12:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

TOWN CLERK'S HOURS

Monday-Wednesday 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Thursdays 10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Fridays 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

(Closed M-Th 12:30-1:00pm lunch)

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Winter /October 1st – April 30th: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 8:00am-4:00pm.

Summer/ May 1st - September 30th: Tuesday-Thursday 8:00am-5:00pm Saturday 8:00am-2:00pm.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	3:00 P.M. - 8:00
P.M. Tuesday	2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday	2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Thursday	3:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Friday	10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Saturday	10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Mailing Address for Town Offices & Town Clerk:

263 Rte. 30 N, PO Box 727, Castleton VT 05735

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Elected Officials

Position	Term	Expires
<u>TOWN AGENT</u>	1 year	2020*

TOWN CLERK

Nedra Boutwell	3 years	2021
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CONSTABLES

(1 st) Silas Loomis	2 years	2021
(2 nd) Scott Stevens	2 years	2020*

<u>GRAND JUROR</u>	1 year	2020*
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES (5)

Joan E Brown	5 years	2023
Pat Schroeder	5 years	2024
Thomas Kearns	5 years	2020*
Nancy Mark	5 years	2021
Pam Arel	5 years	2022

TOWN MODERATOR

Michael Finnegan	1 year	2020*
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SLATE VALLEY MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Toni Lobdell	3 years	2021
Tim Smith	3 years	2022
Julie Finnegan	3 years	2020*

SELECTMEN (5)

Joseph Mark	1 year	2020*
Robert Spaulding	3 years	2022
Zachary Holzworth	3 years	2021
Richard Combs	3 years	2020*
James Leamy	1 year	2020*

TREASURER

Nancy L. Trudo	3 years	2021
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JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (12) expire 2020*

Mark Brown
Patricia Albin-Diercksen
Frank Giannini
Gerard Ashton
Mary Beth Hadeka
Michael Bethel
Scott Lobdell
Robert Grace
Zack Holzworth
Bonnie Hanley
Lilian Sheren

Deborah Rosmus

*Indicates those positions open for election on
March 3, 2020

Titled Positions

Animal Control Officer

Chris Forrest	undefined
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Assessor Office

Mary Jo Teetor	Employee
Vacant, Clerk	Employee

Cemetery Over Viewers

Kenneth Flowers	2020*
Raymond Ladd	2020*
Jon Pintello	2020*

Development Review Board (5)

Robert Day	2020*
Bruce Longtin	2020*
Joseph Mark	2020
Donald Wood	2020*
Patrick Keller	2021

Community Development and Economic Revitalization Advisory Committee:

Richard Combs	2022
Janet Currie	2022
Martha Clifford	2022
Mary McIntyre	2022
Jennifer Jones	2021
Mark Grossarth	2021
Mark Brown	2022
Ted Molnar	2022
Tim Munks	2022

Fire Chief

Heath Goyette	2020*
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Forest Fire Warden

Heath Goyette	2020*
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Health Officers

James P Leamy	2021
Joseph Bruno (Deputy)	2020*

Highway Supervisors

Paul Eagan	Employee
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Librarian

Janet Jones	Employee
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Mary Kearns Employee

Planning Commission (5)

Joseph Bruno 2021
Jon Pintello 2020*
Janet Currie, Chair 2020*
Bob Franzoni 2021
Val Waldron 2020*
Eliza LeBrun (Alt) 2020*

Police Chief

Peter Mantello Employee

RCSWD Representative

Timothy Gilbert 2020*
Robert V. Spaulding (Alt) 2020*

Recreation Commission (9)

Martha Clifford 2021
Jeff Hayes 2020*
Ann Niklassen 2020*
Michael Hall 2020*
Amy Clapp Employee
Melinda Hart Employee

Road Commissioner

Michael Jones Employee

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission-
Representative**

Janet Currie 2020*
Jon Pintello, Alt 2020*

Tax Collector

Michael Jones Employee

Town Manager

Michael Jones Employee

Regional Ambulance Service Representative

Aleda Dutton 2020*

Transfer Station Supervisor

Chris Forrest Employee

Tree Warden

Scott Welch 2020*
Chris Forrest 2020*

Wastewater Treatment Facility Supervisor

Jeff Jordan Employee
Russ Hallett Employee

Zoning Administrator

Jonas Rosenthal Employee

Assessor

Mary Jo Teetor Employee

Meetings

Select Board

2nd & 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM or as posted

Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM or as posted

Recreation Commission

1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM at the
Castleton Elem. School or as posted

Development Review Board

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM or as posted.

Community Development & Economic Revitalization
Advisory Committee: as posted

***All meetings are held at the Municipal Offices unless
otherwise posted. Posted according to Vermont State Statute**

General Information

Population- 4,717 (2010 Census)

Registered Voters- 3,075

Area- 26,688 acres, 38 square miles

Road Class:

I 1.096 miles

II 17.860 miles

III 36.110 miles

IV 4.370 miles

76.715 total road miles.

59.946 maintained by town

Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget

Town Budget = \$3,324,137.00

Sewer Budget = \$694,582

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Castleton, in the County of Rutland, and the State of Vermont, are hereby warned to meet at the **Jeffords Center for Science & Mathematics Auditorium at Castleton University** in the Town of Castleton on **Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:30pm** to act on Articles 1 through 5 and on the first Tuesday in March, being **March 3, 2020 at 8:00 am** at the Town of Castleton Public Safety Building (aka the Castleton Fire Station) at 273 Rte. 30 N in said Town to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 6 through 57. Polls close at 7:00 pm on March 3, 2020.

Article 1. Shall the Town accept the Town Report as printed?

Article 2. Shall the Town authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four (4) installments, with the dates for payment being August 31, November 30, February 28 (29 in leap Year) and May 31?

Article 3. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

Article 4. Shall the Town at this meeting discuss the proposed Select Board's budget for the expenses for the ensuing year?

Article 5. To act upon any business, which may properly come before this meeting?

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON MARCH 3, 2020 BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ARTICLES 6 - 57.

Article 6. To elect Officers for the following terms: a Town Agent for 1 year; a 2nd Constable for 2 years; a Grand Juror for 1 year; Library Trustee for 5 years; a Town Moderator for 1 year; 2 Select Board members for 1 year; a Select Board member for 3 years.

Article 7. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$26,079 for Legislating? (Prior year \$25,708)

Article 8. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,965 for Ordinances & Proceedings? (Prior year \$2,565)

Article 9. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$177,245 of for Managing Municipalities? (Prior year \$167,439)

Article 10. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$11,162 for Conducting Elections? (Prior year of \$9,064)

Article 11. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$46,746 for Collection, Custody & Disbursement of Funds? (Prior year \$43,502)

Article 12. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$97,048 for Accounting? (Prior year \$88,394)

Article 13. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for Auditing? (Prior year \$12,000)

Article 14. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$39,332 for Tax Listing? (Prior Year \$38,644)

Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$41,573 for Tax Collecting? (Prior year \$38,375)

Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$78,394 for Document Recording/Issue? (Prior year \$75,500)

Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for Legal Services? (Prior year \$30,000)

Article 18. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$41,836 for Municipal Planning & Zoning? (Prior year \$40,939)

Article 19. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,996 for Community Development and Economic Revitalization? (Prior year \$0)

Article 20. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$194,950 for General Government Buildings? (Prior year 190,013)

Article 21. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$23,439 for General Government Equipment? (Prior year \$20,700)

Article 22. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$523,038 for Police Department? (Prior year \$509,950)

Article 23. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$36,218 for Emergency Medical Services? (Includes Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. & RAS/Castleton First Responders) (Prior year \$36,218)

- Article 24. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$165,147 for Fire Department? (Prior year \$160,799)
- Article 25. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for Emergency Management? (Prior year \$11,000)
- Article 26. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,153,191 for Highway Department? (Prior year \$1,114,081)
- Article 27. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,400 for Town Lands? (Prior year \$3,600)
- Article 28. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Historical Cemeteries? (Prior year \$5,000)
- Article 29. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$29,000 for Hillside Cemetery? (Prior year \$28,000)
- Article 30. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,446 for Health Regulating & Inspecting? (Prior year \$1,449)
- Article 31. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,170 for Animal Control? (Prior year \$5,186)
- Article 32. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$37,239 for Constables? (Prior year \$40,525)
- Article 33. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$346,430 for Transfer Station? (Prior year \$344,453)
- Article 34. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$108,827 for Recreation? (Prior year \$109,050)
- Article 35. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,650 for Memorial Day Decorations/July 4th Parade? (Prior year \$9,650)
- Article 36. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$111,500 for Library Administration? (Prior year \$111,500)
- Article 37. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for Prevention/Control of Forest Fires? (Prior year \$1,000)
- Article 38. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,749 for Tree Warden? (Prior year \$9,834)
- Article 39. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for Rutland County Tax? (Prior year \$40,000)
- Article 40. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$3,500 for the support of ARC - Rutland Area determining that the program serves the residents of the Town with advocacy, resources and community for citizens with developmental disabilities and their families? (Not included in the budget)
- Article 41. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$3,600 for administrative support of Castleton Cares, Inc., determining that the program serves the residents of the Town with emergency assistance to local people in need? (Not included in the budget)
- Article 42. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$25,000 for the support of Castleton Community Seniors, Inc., determining that the program serves residents of the Town with the operation of the Castleton Community Center (The Old Homestead)? (Not included in the budget)
- Article 43. Shall the Town of Castleton vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,500 for the support of the partial funding of Marble Valley Regional Transit Districts (The Bus) public transit service to the residents of the Town? (Not included in the budget)
- Article 44. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$6,720 to support the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (formerly known as Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice)? (Not included in the budget)
- Article 45. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$4,088 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services? (Not included in the budget)
- Article 46. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$900 for the support of RSVP and the Volunteer Center, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with volunteering opportunities and community services? (Not included in the budget)
- Article 47. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$2,000 for the support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with elder services? (Not included in the budget)

Article 48. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$1,000 for the support of Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with services to enable the blind and visually impaired to achieve and maintain independence? (Not included in the budget)

Article 49. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$2,725 for the support of BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with weatherization, emergency food and small business development? (Not included in the budget)

Article 50. Shall the Town authorize expanding the reserve account for the Castleton Emergency Response Team (CERT) Building to include the Police Department?

Article 51. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to use \$100,000 from the Capital Improvements of the Town Reserve to apply toward the 20% match needed to secure a grant to construct a salt and sand shed on Town property? (The \$100,000 represents proceeds from the sale of the old fire station and the remainder of the reserve that helped fund the new Town Office.)

Article 52. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to use the remaining balance in the Weed Harvesting Reserve account (estimated to be \$18,477 as of June 30, 2020) and remaining balance in the Lake Related Reserve account (estimated to be \$620 as of June 30, 2020) for the purpose of dredging the lake at the mouth of the Sucker Brook tributary to remove silt and debris, and to stabilize the banks of Sucker Brook to mitigate erosion and further degradation of the stream bank?

Article 53. Shall the Town authorize \$8,000 from the unassigned General Fund surplus as of June 30, 2019 to be placed in the Castleton Emergency Response Team (CERT) (Police, Fire, and EMS) Building Reserve for the purpose of "capital improvements/repair of the Public Safety Building (CERT) property?"

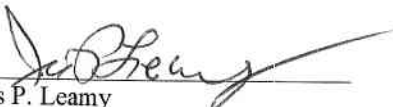
Article 54. Shall the Town authorize the establishment of a reserve fund for the Town Office building and lands for capital improvements/repair?


Article 55. Shall the Town authorize \$8,000 from the unassigned General Fund surplus as of June 30, 2019 to be placed in reserve fund for the purpose of capital improvements/repairs of the Town Office building and lands?

Article 56. Shall the voters of the Town of Castleton vote to exempt the real and personal property of the Bomoseen Valley Grange #273, from taxation for a period of five years to become effective this current year and remain in effect for five consecutive years, Pursuant to 32 VSA Section 3840?

Article 57. Shall the Town of Castleton withdraw from Rutland County Solid Waste District and take the necessary steps to join the Solid Waste Alliance Communities?

Approved by the Select Board at Castleton, Vermont this 21st day of January 2020.


James P. Leamy


Richard A. Combs

Joseph T. Mark


Zack S. Holzworth

Robert V. Spaulding

Select Board Report

The sidewalk project on Route 4A west from Drake Road to the Hydeville Plaza was substantially complete in late June 2019. The project was well received by many, and contentious for others. Several compromises were made along the way, and a few punch list items were postponed until the Spring of 2020 due to weather related concerns. Overall, the project received tremendous support. It provides a safe place for those with small children to walk and bike, as well as serves as an even and firm surface for those who have difficulty with balance, or are out walking as part of physician directed exercise. There is another phase of the project that was not started due to some temporary construction easement concerns. We are hopeful to gain the cooperation of landowners to get this project out to bid, and construction to be completed in the Fall of 2020. This phase runs from Drake Road to the Castleton Corners and continues north to the Castleton Community Health Center.

The Transfer Station received some much-needed upgrades. In collaboration with the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District, work was completed to install a new culvert to divert storm water into a catch basin and out through a series of check dams constructed to slow and filter the water before it flows into Pond Hill Brook. This project was funded through grant dollars and some “in-kind” work by the highway crew. We would like to personally thank Hilary Solomon from the PMNRCD for her commitment to helping the Town combat storm water runoff and help bring the Town into compliance with Act 64 and help preserve the quality of State waters. The crew at the Transfer Station has done a tremendous amount of work to clean the place, reorganize it, and make it a better experience for patrons. More changes are coming in 2020, including a reconfiguration of the layout, some paving, a cover over the open bins, and some additional drainage to protect the facility from continued erosion. Permit fees were increased due to increased operating costs. Over the past two years, the costs associated with disposing of recycling, food compost, and the sorely needed repair and maintenance of the facility have increased.

The Tree Warden was able to put together a list of trees around the village and other areas of the town that need to be removed and replaced with new plantings. This board agreed to increase the operating budget for the tree warden so he is able to make improvements that will benefit the Town for decades to come. Scott Welch has shown a vested

interest in the beautification of the Town and to the health and longevity of our trees. Scott has also worked to clean up the Crystal Haven Common Area (on the north side of Sucker Brook across from Crystal Beach), the Crystal Beach recreation area, and other areas around the town. Several trees that were diseased, weak, or leaning toward the fire station were removed at the Town Office, with plans to plant some flowering crabapple trees there in the spring of 2020. In preparation for new plantings, an area behind the town office is being used for a small tree farm, as well as a community garden. The tree farm will be maintained by the tree wardens for future replanting around town.

Our Highway Department completed some grant-funded culvert and ditching projects on Pond Hill, Pencil Mill, and Eaton Hill East. The highway crew continues to work on dirt roads that were damaged during the spring weather events in 2019. The Select Board supports the efforts to repair our roads and provide the highway department personnel with the tools and equipment required to adequately perform the tasks they are tasked to perform. The highway crew spent countless hours behind the windshields of plow trucks keeping the roads as safe as possible for emergency vehicles, buses, commuters, and delivery vehicles. The crew did not have any significant accidents where personnel or equipment were damaged. There were a few mailboxes that were clipped while plowing, but necessary repairs or replacements have been made.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) had a pretty uneventful year. The plant is due for a 20-year State-level inspection in 2020. There are some needed upgrades to the facility and the collection system, however, there was a 10-year study done in 2016 and many of the identified upgrades or improvements identified in that report have already been completed. The board understands and acknowledges that there are some costly improvements needed at the facility on Route 30 South. Upgrades to the ultraviolet light treatment system, the headworks (where raw influent enters the facility), and the inspection and possible replacement of collection lines east of the Castleton Four Corners will need to be addressed. The plant is not at full capacity and is not currently permitted for maximum authorized capacity, meaning the Town still has room to grow our sewer infrastructure well into the future. Overall, our Wastewater Treatment Facility is “healthy” and operating well within designed parameters.

The Select Board would also like to thank our largest community partner, Castleton University. Under the

steady leadership of Dr. Karen Scolforo, there continues to be a healthy and positive relationship with this governing body, our full-time staff, and members of the Bridge Initiative. As the Town of Poultney can attest, the positive economic impact that a college or university brings to a small town cannot be understated. Castleton is that second home to thousands of young adults for four or more years of their lives, and this relationship must continue to be nurtured and grown. These students frequent our stores, diners, restaurants, gas stations, garages, and our bank for nine months of the year. The University employs members of our community, uses our water and sewer services, and offers many free or reduced cost entertainment opportunities for Castleton residents. It cannot be denied that the University is an economic and cultural stimulus for the community. It would be nice to have graduates find Castleton a place they love and want to stay. In order to grow Castleton, we need to invest in Castleton, and much of it revolves around the University. We would also like to thank Dr. Scolforo for a generous \$7,000 gift to the Town. She authorized a \$5,000 gift to the police department to help offset the cost of additional patrols, and a \$2,000 gift to the fire department for the continued support of calls for service. We look forward to a positive and forward-looking relationship.

Under new leadership, the Select Board was optimistic in reaching a point where ratifying two Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) was a reality. The first is a new Union for the Police Department and the other is for all other full-time employees. The latter has been on the table for three years, with little movement toward ratification. The second, the police union, is a brand-new agreement being developed from the ground up. The board chose to use three members of the current board and one member from the previous year's board as the negotiation teams. We are hopeful 2019 will bring closure and predictability to the near-term budgeting process.

The board would like to acknowledge the many volunteers who selflessly gave of their personal time over the past year. Without these volunteers, events such as the 4th of July parade, fireworks, fishing derbies, Colonial Days, Christmas/holiday events (tree lighting and Santa at the fire station), fire safety and prevention day at our schools, Green-Up Day, and much more, would not be possible. It is a tribute to what small groups of residents with a vision to bring new and fresh ideas to the Town are able to accomplish through dedication and volunteerism.

Respectfully Submitted,
Select Board Members

Town Manager Report

This year brought a change to the Select Board. Joseph Mark was elected for a one-year term and James Leamy was re-elected for another one-year term. The new board voted James P. Leamy as their new Chairman, Richard Combs as the Vice Chairman, and Joseph Mark was voted parliamentarian. It has been a pleasure working with the new board, especially with Mr. Leamy providing leadership as the Chairman. The board was extremely functional, civil, respectful, and effective. I look forward to working with them next year in order to continue doing good things on behalf of the residents of the town. Move Castleton Forward!

There were some new hires to fill full-time vacancies at the Transfer Station and Wastewater Treatment Facility. I hired Christopher Forrest of Castleton to perform the duties of Transfer Station Operator and Russell Hallett of Brandon to perform the duties as Assistant to the Chief Operator at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Transfer Station has been one of my time-consuming projects. Preventative maintenance has been lacking, and the machinery and vehicles show evidence of wear and tear. Through collaboration with the new Chief Operator, Town Mechanic, and members of the Highway Department, things are changing for the better. The facility had become a prime example of what happens when routine maintenance and repairs are not made a priority. Thanks to the Select Board for giving me the latitude to assess the problems and take necessary actions (within the budget) to impact positive changes. My objective is to work with the Select Board and the staff at the Transfer Station to make the facility cost neutral, without any degradation of services.

There were paving bids awarded, but due to some factors beyond our control, no paving happened in the spring of 2019. Paving on Drake Road, Sand Hill Road, Depot Terrace, and Crystal Beach will be carried over into the next fiscal year and added to paving priorities for the summer of 2020.

The condition of many of our dirt roads was negatively impacted by an early thaw in February 2019 and a severe weather event on April 15, 2019, that devastated many of our dirt roads. There was damage to most dirt roads, but a select few were hit harder than others, many of which still need repair. Belgo Road, Pond Hill Road, Piontak Road, Eaton Hill East, Eaton Hill West, Birdseye Road, East

Crystal Haven, Moscow Road, and Cedar Mountain Road all sustained the most damage. The damage was so extensive that it quickly overwhelmed our four-person work crew and I had to hire outside help to haul stone and gravel to the work sites. The priorities for repair continue to be simple in nature. The first priority is to always make repairs to roads that are not passable by emergency response vehicles and then stabilize any other road, which is prioritized based on the extent of the damage and any critical infrastructure that may be located on that road. I acknowledge that many of our dirt roads and ditches have not received the level or preventative maintenance needed to keep them viable. The work will be extensive in some areas to strip away years of winter sand and replace it with gravel that is the industry standard. The philosophy is simple, “pay now or pay later” and I believe in doing things right the first time so we don’t waste money your money.

A severe weather event on April 15, 2019 hit the area hard, causing widespread damage to much of our dirt road infrastructure. The highway crew was still working to recover from the February 2019 early thaw when this storm triggered flooding and erosion. The storm damage in Vermont was costly enough to trigger a federal disaster declaration and the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) sent assessment teams to Vermont. FEMA sent a team to Castleton who worked with me, the highway foreman, and representatives of the Vermont Transportation Agency (VTRANS) to assess damages in town. The assessments are ongoing and many of the roads impacted by the early thaw in February were again damaged on April 15th, and yet again a few days later by another storm that brought heavy rains to the area. The repairs will continue into 2020, including contracting work to outside vendors to get the jobs done as professionally and efficiently as possible. The Town anticipates receiving Federal disaster recovery money through FEMA sometime in the summer of 2020.

An engineer was hired to provide an assessment of the damage to the poured concrete floors and overhead doors at the highway garage. The Select Board committed to making needed repairs once the assessment is presented; bids will be solicited to help get a better sense of the cost associated with those repairs. The building is over 40 years old and is in need of some structural and cosmetic work to keep it mission ready into the foreseeable future.

Based on the maintenance status of two of our highway department trucks, I asked Town Mechanic, Bob Ward, put together bid specifications for a new 1-

ton dump truck, with a plow package that includes a wing plow. He also put together another bid specification for a new tandem axle dump truck with a plow package. These trucks will replace two older trucks that have reached their useful lifespan for reliability, especially for a municipality who needs to be sure equipment is mission capable when required for emergency operations. There are varying opinions on when to trade a vehicle, whether it is when the vehicle finally falls apart, or when it still has trade value. When spending taxpayer’s dollars for equipment maintenance there comes a time to conduct a cost-benefit analysis. If one or two vehicles consume much of the annual maintenance budget, I begin looking at options; and when the Town’s mechanic is spending more time working on a vehicle than the vehicle is used delivering critical services, the time has arrived to replace it. I do not want to interrupt critical services, especially over something we are able to control or prevent.

The Wastewater Treatment facility is operating very well. The two-man full-time crew has been able to catch up on some much-needed maintenance of five major pumps stations, 10 collection system pumps stations, and 60 satellite pumps stations. There were a couple of months that the facility only had one full-time employee and one part-time employee who worked 8-hours per week. Thank you, Jeff, for your perseverance and reliability. The State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Watershed Management Division, conducted a facility inspection this year and the plant received an inspection rating of “Acceptable” due to sample temperatures upon arrival at the lab. Operators followed procedures, and I am optimistic that this will be resolved, resulting in the facility assigned a higher rating, something I believe they already deserve.

I grew up in this town and have fond memories of summer youth programs at Crystal Beach. Fast-forward 44-years and I still find Crystal Beach a gemstone in our community. Martha Clifford has done a great job keeping the place clean and functional despite some cutting or level funding her budget over the years. There is a two-year plan to upgrade the building and the grounds. It started this past year with some painting of the building, some new signs, new picnic tables, and a re-opening of the snack shack, appropriately named, “Crystal’s Beach Treats”. Additionally, Selectman Joseph Mark, played an instrumental role in the success of designing and running a youth sailing program. Coming in 2020, there will be a new storage facility for sailing equipment and some of the tools and equipment needed to maintain the grounds. There will be a new

storm water drain installed, and the parking lot will get new pavement and line striping. This time, we will be sure to make parking spaces ADA compliant. I was pleased that this Select Board listened to Martha's concerns, as well as input from members of the community, about the importance and value of the beach in our community and chose to adequately fund it. Not every town has a lake in their community, much less a public beach. It is something to be maintained, respected, and preserved for generations to come.

The Castleton Police department hired two new officers to replace outgoing police officers Damon Angelo and Scott Alkinburg. We thank them for their service and wish them well on all future endeavors.

The Town sold the old Elm Street Fire Station in May 2019 to Lee Lodge in the amount of \$97,438.58, less attorney's fees.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael A. Jones
Town Manager

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission had a very successful year. The Commission collaborated on several grants for the town and with Castleton University.

Most recently, the town received a Municipal Planning Grant to hire professional support to assist with updating current zoning bi-laws, subdivision regulations, and flood hazard regulations.

In addition, the Commission was successful in renewing and adding three village center designations to the town; that being Castleton Village, Four Corners, and the Village of Hydeville. These designations allow the town to qualify for additional grants, tax credits, and priority consideration for major municipal projects.

Currently, the Commission is in discussion and drafting an enhanced energy plan to allow the municipality to have party status during discussions with the Public Utility Commission to encourage smart energy growth.

The Planning Commission looks forward 2020. Our goals are to apply for, and collaborate on grant funding opportunities, encourage new business growth Castleton, and provide a more streamlined zoning process.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Currie, Planning Commission Chair

Transfer Station

We are looking forward to another clean, safe & year full of proposed changes and improvements. Thank you to the Select Board for supporting some much-needed projects.

Please remember all assorted paper junk mail and newspapers go in one bin now **& NO Plastic Bags in the plastic bin.** Thank you for your patronage and cooperation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Forrest

Assessors Report

As continuous reminders to all residents, if you reside in the Town of Castleton as of April 1, when you file your Vermont income tax please be sure that you fill out the HS-122 form. Particularly if you have a tax preparer emphasize this, as many out of state preparers seem to overlook or are not aware of this important piece of the VT individual tax return. The HS-122 is your homestead declaration form for your principal dwelling. Go to the State of Vermont website at <http://tax.vermont.gov> for instructions and due dates. This form is how you declare you homestead residency. This office gets the information directly from the tax department to determine homestead as well as any state payment issued to offset property tax for those who qualify.

Also, our veterans should be sure to speak with your VA office about the criteria and application for eligibility for a special exemption. If you have questions about these applications, feel free to call the office and we will do what we can to provide contact information or go to www.veterans.vermont.gov. Eligibility must come from the VA directly to our office. There is always a lot to do, I look forward to serving the Castleton community and encourage folks to call or visit if they have questions. I am happy to make appointments at your convenience.

Each year begins as we receive the determination of the CLA (common level of appraisal) and COD (common level of dispersion) for the upcoming tax year. These numbers are a result of yearly sales studies that take into account revolving three years of data. The CLA is applied to the calculation that determines tax rates.

General maintenance of entering property transfers, initializing site visits for permits open and new, updating and maintaining the grand list are also continual processes. Anyone interested in making an appointment for a site visit please feel free to contact this office. I will try my best to set up appointments for property owners before visiting. I will always leave a card with contact information if I have stopped by when you are not there.

Working to bring the town tax maps up to date and resolving some inaccuracies is also an ongoing process. Moving forward our hope is to work with the property owners, if they have surveys that may not be on file it is helpful to have them in the vault so that we can identify any possible errors that have not been picked up. When we do the annual map update in the spring, we should be able to integrate discrepancies that were missed. We encourage property owners to file their Mylar surveys with the clerk's office so that maintenance of the town's tax mapping is done with the best available information. The spring update will occur with information on file by April 1, 2020.

The goal of this office is to acquire the information needed to be fair and equitable to all property owners. Your participation in the process is helpful to ensure the accuracy of the information used to determine fair market value.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Jo Teetor

Castleton Volunteer Fire Department

The Castleton fire department was established in 1946. This past year the Castleton volunteer fire department responded to 172 emergency calls for either vehicle accidents, agency assist for structure fire, carbon monoxide alarms and downed power lines

We continually enhance our skills by attending programs and in-house training performing maintenance on our vehicles and equipment. Our community is very fortunate to be served by the dedicated firefighters who respond to your calls.

Currently there are 22 members, and 6 college students on our roster, Any Castleton residents who are interested in serving as a volunteer firefighter please call the fire chief at 802-342-0167 or come to the Fire station located at 273 Route 30 North on any Wednesday night ay 6:00pm and we will answer any questions you may have.

The Castleton Firefighters Association is always looking for additional volunteers. The association is a volunteer group that helps the fire department with fund raising and community events.

This year with the help of grant funding and donations from our local community we were able to purchase a jaw of life and receive the proper training. A big thank you to all the taxpayers, donors and volunteers who support us over the years. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heath Goyette, Fire Chief

Hillside Cemetery

The Castleton Cemetery Association completed its work for the year, closing on December 1, 2019. It was a busy year that required dealing with some damage from trees falling during rain and wind events to the near completion of the new roadway which will service a new section for Hillside Cemetery to be known as section "D".

While we don't plan to sell any lots in Section D next year, we do plan on plotting them out. This addition should provide for the next 50 years of lot sales in Hillside Cemetery.

Special thanks to our Secretary, Sara Grey and Mary Ann Jakubowski and Ray Ladd for their work above and beyond the call of duty, which led to the completion of new deed and plot books for our existing lots.

Also deserving special recognition are Phyllis Blanchard, our Treasurer and Mike Eagan our Sexton, for the hours they put in. The grounds are well kept by Reggie Beayon our Superintendent, and Ryan Woods, his Assistant.

In October, the Board of Selectmen, at our request, modified the Animal Control Ordinance for the village to include Hillside Cemetery. From now on, it will be a violation of that ordinance to walk your dogs in the cemetery unless they are on a leash. Further, you must clean up after your pet. Violators will be subject to a fine. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

It is a fact that our board is not getting any more youthful. The by-laws require that to be a Trustee, you must be a Castleton resident and own a beneficial interest in a plot in Hillside Cemetery. Anyone interested in serving as a Trustee, may

contact any of the Trustees listed below. All of these citizens spend some of their time working for our community past and present and should be proud of the service they render to our Town.

Respectfully Submitted,
John D. Burke, President
John Pellegrino, Vice President,
Sara Grey, Secretary
Mary Ann Jakubowski, Asst. Secretary
Ray Ladd (Lot Sales, non-voting)
Phyllis Blanchard, Treasurer
Joan Lord, Trustee
Si Loomis, Trustee
Aleda Dutton, Trustee
Lois Ladd, Trustee
Rick Hall, Trustee
Richard Hall, Jr., Trustee

Castleton First Responders

The Regional Ambulance Castleton First Responders are comprised of volunteer Castleton residents, Castleton State College Students and members of the Castleton Police Department. We provide early treatment to stabilize patients for transport. Regional Ambulance Service provides advanced treatment & transport to Rutland Regional Medical Center. During Fiscal Year 2018-19 Regional Ambulance Castleton First Responders were called out 435 times.

Our volunteer responders attempt to cover the community 24 hours a day 7 days a week, if the volunteers are available. Regional Ambulance Service has an excellent response time to our emergency calls. Additional responders are always needed and welcome. If you have an interest in becoming a Regional Ambulance Castleton First Responder and would like more information you may call the town office at 802-468-5319.

We would ask all residents to please update their 911 address signs that have become faded or worn due to the inclement weather. This will help us to find your home when you have an emergency.

On behalf of our team I would like to thank the Castleton Police Department, Castleton Fire Department, Castleton Constables and Vermont State Police for their dependable and rapid response. Their help and presence at our calls is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted
Walter Ducharme
Field Chief RAS/CFR

Castleton Free Library

We often close our report by expressing gratitude to all the volunteers who keep us afloat, helping in myriad ways at the circulation desks and behind the scenes. This year, the sudden loss of a devoted, generous, funny volunteer and dear friend deeply affected us all; and now I cannot write this without first acknowledging the remarkable people who quietly and steadfastly share their time and expertise with this community. Denise Nangle, we miss you so very much. Our weekly volunteers are pillars of dedication - sincere thanks to Kaarin Alsop, Alice Dawson, Sue DeCarolis, Joan Eaton, Kathleen Foley, Bob Franzoni, Sally Grace, Sarah LaFleche, Mary Waite, and Zach Whipple. This year we also had the great fortune of meeting Castleton University International Students, many of whom did community service at the library and presented programs about their home countries. We are grateful for this partnership with the university, and for Hussein and Snow, our work-study students. We thank all the Friends of Castleton Free Library. Heartfelt thanks as well to Dick Diehl who retired from the Trustees after many years of service.

As gateways to information and imagination, public libraries recognize that the paths to learning and realization are infinite. Thus, our mission includes both collection development and programming. In FY 18-19 we offered 130 children's programs (attended by 1,594 people, not counting weekly Playgroup attendance), 42 adult programs (518 people), and 4 large community events (275 people), for a total of 2,387 people attending 176 programs at the library. (The above figures don't include Science Pubs presented offsite by the Friends.) Community collaborations made 82 of these programs possible and grants partially supported 10 of them. Adult programming included two active monthly book clubs, gardening programs, poetry readings, VT Reads programs, author talks, VT Humanities Council lectures, sing-alongs, a Robert Burns night, and "Woof" (dog training). Little ones attended weekly Playgroups (facilitated by Rutland Co. Parent-Child Center), Story Hours, and Tiny Dancer workshops. Kids adventured with rocks, quarries, clay, and rock music as part of the 2018 summer reading theme (Libraries Rock!) and began 2019's "A Universe of Stories" with an intro to mini robots. Family Chemistry Night kicked off a new winter series of Family Nights. Collaborative all-age events included the Friends' Maple Social, our annual Tree of Remembrance Lighting, a Hanukkah Cultural Program, and more.

We had 1047 registered individuals or families in our database of patrons who actively borrowed library materials, and many more patrons who accessed other library services (e.g. using computers, attending programs, and/or accessing downloadable e-books and audios). In FY 18-19, there were 6,523 checkouts of children's materials, 169 of YA materials, and 5,513 of adult materials across all physical formats. Thanks to the new statewide interlibrary loan platform and courier system, supported in part by federal LSTA grants, our ILL traffic nearly doubled this year. Space for collection development continued to be a challenge, especially with changing formats. At the end of FY 18-19, our lending collection was comprised of 21,436 print books; 2,535 DVD's; 685 audio items (including books-on-CD and music); 17 museum passes and discount cards; 5 Kindles; and 20 pairs of snowshoes. An exciting new addition was a fleet of five bicycles for us to lend (with helmets), courtesy of Johnson & Son Bike works. The collection was divided between 11,489 items for adult borrowers, 589 for young adults, 12,578 for children, and 64 miscellaneous things for anyone. In addition, subscriptions to Listen-Up and RB Digital provided free audio and e-book download services; and we encouraged patrons to explore Universal Class and the vast collections of articles and other resources available free through the Vermont Online Library. Please contact us if you have questions or need help accessing any of these materials.

Large expenditures this FY included a new shed to alleviate some of our storage issues and support maintenance and gardening projects, new exterior lighting, and new shelving. We continued working toward improvements in accessibility. For more information on any of our services, please call (468-5574) or email (castletonfreelibrary@gmail.com). For quick updates, follow us on Facebook and Instagram. You can browse our new materials and catalog from home (website: castletonfreelibrary.org). We will make deliveries to your home or car if you need assistance, and help you connect with ABLE Library services (Audio, Braille, Large-print, eBooks). And please visit if you are able - we love getting to know you!

Respectfully submitted,
 Jan Jones, Director & Children's Services
 Mary Kearns, Adult & Tech Services
 Trustees: Pam Arel (Treasurer)
 Joan E. Brown
 Tom Kearns (Chairman)
 Nancy Mark (Clerk)
 Patricia Schroeder

Constables

As we close out the 2018-2019 fiscal year, First Constable Silas R. Loomis and 2nd Constable Scott A. Stevens have handled the following services and complaints to our Constabulary. *This does not cover from October through current.

Elderly checks; health and welfare checks; premises checks (upon request); lock outs (upon request); citizen assistance; citizen complaints; citizen disputes; missing persons complaints; attempt to locate persons or subjects; assistance with domestic complaints; assistance to assaults; assistance to the Castleton Hubbardton Union Grade School & Middle School; assistance with domestic complaints; assistance with special traffic control with flooding and washout on highways; public safety; motor vehicle incidents including assisting VSP on Interstate 4 E- W; special traffic details for construction after storms; vehicle collision; ATV and UTV complaints; unlawful trespass; snowmobile complaints; VINS; motorboat complaints; parade details; agency assistance to first responders, Castleton Fire Dept. , and Castleton Police Dept. We have also assisted other training agencies and performed service of civil papers for court action.

Constable Loomis is still working with Vermont American Legion, the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council and with the Vermont Police cadet Program. This program is for Vermont high school Jr.'s and Sr.'s However, there were some changes. We have moved the program to the State of New Hampshire Police Academy. The reasons for these changes are space, scheduling, and cost issues. This summer we had four Vermonters who attended the program.

Your Constables have met all the new mandates for training for the year 2019. All other training mandated by the VCJTC for certification of law enforcement officers has been completed. The Constables have assisted with training at the Vermont Police Academy and other areas.

Our Chief of Police, Peter Mantello, and Constable Loomis have volunteered to head up the Castleton Lion's Club's hunter safety course. They successfully taught the course this past year. What a great community policing opportunity that benefits our citizens and young people.

Your Constables appreciate the great support of many of our local and regional agencies:

The Castleton Board of Selectmen; our Town Manager; all the personnel that work in our town

office who have helped the Constables this past year. Thank you to our town highway crew and road foreman; Castleton Fire Dept. and First Responders; the Constables from Fair Haven, Poultney, Hubbardton, Wells and Pawlet. Another big "Thank You" to our Chief of Police and all of his officers, Fair Have Police Dept, Vermont State Police in Castleton and Rutland, VT; and our VSP dispatchers service for southern Vermont Also, thank you to the Rutland County High Sheriff and his personal for their support. And finally, to you, the voters, taxpayers and citizens of the Town of Castleton: your Constable's Department is very grateful for your support. We pledge to work toward our special goals of quality policing to improve the quality of life in town.

We continue our commitment for community policing, public relations, public safety, traffic safety, and real rural policing.

We, the Constables of the Town of Castleton, pledge to serve and protect our community with the best of our abilities. This we will do, with or without funding.

Respectfully Submitted:
Silas R. Loomis 1st Constable & Scott A. Stevens 2nd Constable

Fire Warden

This year the Fire Warden issued only 81 burn permits. This is a very small percentage of permits that residents should have requested. It saves the Fire Department and the Town a lot of time and money with a simple phone call.

With the wet summer we had this year we only had one (1) brush fire that was called in. Please remember that it is **"NOT OKAY"** to have an open fire without a permit. The permitting process is easy; you must call 802-265-3046 or 802-342-0167 at least 24 hours prior to the planned burn and leave a message indicating:

- Who you are (name, address & phone number)
- What you will be burning
- When you plan on burning
- Where you will burn (the address)

The only return call you will receive is if there are questions.

By doing the above, you and the Town are better protected from the consequences of illegal burning or a serious uncontrolled burn. REMINDER: Only clean natural wood, brush & grass may be burned. No painted material, plywood or pressure treated wood.

I would like to thank everyone on the Castleton Volunteer Fire Department for their help with fire protection.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heath Goyette, Fire Warden

Green Up Vermont

Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit organization, not a state agency. With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to remove litter from Vermont's roadsides and public spaces. Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover fourteen percent of our operating budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and two part-time staff people.

Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online through our website. Follow our blog for updates throughout the year! You can also link to Green Up Vermont's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages by visiting our website.

Save the date: Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Day is May 2, 2020. A Vermont tradition since 1970!

Highway Department

The Town of Castleton's Highway garage is located at 273 Staso Road, winter hours are Monday through Friday 6 am - 2:30 pm, summer hours are Monday through Thursday 6 am - 4:30 pm. Numbers to call in case of emergency are the garage at 468-2459, or the town office at 468-5319 ext. 203. Traditionally the town use around 800 tons of salt and 3500 yards of sand this year those figures were closer

to 1150 tons salt and around 5000 yards sand, winter started early as far as road maintenance, storms lingered requiring multiple plowings and applications of salt and sand. In March frost and excessive moisture caused problems on sections of our gravel roads, three of the worst being Frisbie Hill, Eaton

Hill West and Mahar, becoming impassable in a matter of hours. April 15th brought another event causing major damage not only in Castleton but throughout the state, with costs great enough to qualify as a Federal Emergency. Belgo Road received the most damage, repairs were made to stabilize Belgo and all other affected roads. Permanent repair including culvert replacement, sediment removal and reestablishment and stone lining of ditches will resume as soon as weather permits.

Routine road maintenance continues, Sugarwood and Miner Hill projects were completed in time to be eligible for grant reimbursement. Shim and overlay (paving) of Sand Hill, Depot, and a section of Drake

did not get done this summer because of scheduling problems with contractor, will not take place now until spring.

To my fellow employees at the Highway Department thank you, your dependability, knowledge, and effort is what keeps Castleton's roads safe and in good repair.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul C. Eagan Road Foreman

Police Department

The Castleton Police Department thanks the Castleton residents, Select Board, Town Manager, and the Business community for supporting us during this past year. I am personally grateful for this community's commitment in trusting us to serve you in ways that are non-traditional for example the number of resident checks, mediations between residents in non-criminal disputes, distributing food and meals to residents during holidays, and citizen assists. In December of 2018, we were able to participate and produce a joint public Lip Sync video with the Castleton University Theatre staff and students. The video was made public on the Castleton Police Department's YouTube channel.

This is the second year the police department has contracted with the Slate Valley Union School District to provide a School Resource Officer for the District. The officers assigned daily to this position patrol (4) schools during the week. The position's mission provides the district with school safety and resources. We have been able to develop a strong community bond with the students, school staff, and residents. We thank the Castleton Town Select Board and the Slate Valley Union School Board for continued support of this position.

I want to thank all the agencies and organizations for supporting us with equipment, calls assistance, and investigative case work; Vermont State Police, Fair Haven Police Department, Regional Ambulance Services, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, 1st Constable Loomis, Castleton First Responders, the Castleton Fire Department, VT Department of Liquor Control, and Rutland County Sheriff's Department. We thank Castleton University and the University's Public Safety Department for their continuing support of this department's patrols on off campus student issues.

This statistical report reflects the past year of administration, July 1st, 2018 to June 30th, 2019. Castleton Officers conducted 3,354 service calls.

This year's total exceeded the prior year's by approximately 830 calls. The increase in call volume can be attributed to the services requested from the community and their expectations in providing those services.

Listed below are the summary totals of the of the call types:

Alarm (Residential/Business)	85
Accident-Fatality	0
Accident-Personal Injury	17
Accident-Property Damage	87
Agency Assist	122
Alcohol Offense	1
Animal Problem Complaint	46
Assault Complaint	9
Attempt to Locate	23
Burglary	4
Background Check	59
Child Abuse	1
Citizen Assist	173
Citizen Dispute	54
Conditions of Release Violation	1
Custodial Dispute	3
Death Investigations	12
Directed Patrols	849
Disorderly Conduct	18
DLS-Criminal	21
Drugs	3
DUI-Alcohol/Drugs	12
E911 Hang Up	34
Family Fight/Domestic	50
Fingerprints	46
Fire Department Assist	25
Foot Patrol	14
Found Property	9
Fraud Complaint	10
Intoxicated Person	22
Juvenile Problem	66

Littering Complaint	3
Medical Emergency	53
Missing Person	8
Motor Vehicle Complaint	143
Noise Disturbance	51
Overdose	8
Parking Complaint	18
Phone Problem Complaint	3
Property Watch (Residential)	702
Public Speaking Event	31
Restraining Order Violation	2
Search Warrants	1
Service of Abuse Prevention Order (Restraining Order)	30
Sexual Assault	1
Sex Offender Registry Check	7
Suicide Attempt	15
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	141
Theft Complaint	37
Threatening Complaint	14
Traffic Hazard	44
Trespassing Complaint	17
Vandalism Complaint	11
VIN Inspection	64
Wanted Person	5
Welfare Check	68
TOTAL CALLS	3354
Arrests:	
Accidents Duty to Stop	2
Assault (Simple/Aggravated)	6
Burglary	1
Conditions of Release Violation	1
Disorderly Conduct	1

Domestic Assault	7
DUI-Alcohol/Drugs	12
Driving License Suspended	20
Excessive Speed	
(30 MPH or more over speed limit)	3
False Pretenses	1
False Info to Law Enforcement Officer	1
Negligent Operation	4
Petit Larceny	1
Retail Theft	2
Resisting Arrest	3
Restraining Order Violation	5
Sex Offender Failure to Registered	1
Unlawful Trespass	5
Unlawful Mischief	1
Uttering Forged Instrument	2
Wanted Person	5
Total Arrests:	87
Tickets:	
Animals at Large (Municipal)	4
Consuming Marijuana in Public	5
Defective Equipment	23
Display of Plates	4
Disorderly Conduct (Municipal)	1
Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic	6
Electronic Device (Cell Phone)	27
Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle	10
Fictitious License	1
Following Too Close	3
Inspection Violation	61
Insurance Violation	10
Misuse of Plates	5
No License (Expired/Revoked)	17

No Registration	34
Noise in the Night (Municipal)	25
Operating Suspended License- Civil	53
Open Container (Municipal)	10
Passenger Restriction	3
Passing School Bus	4
Possession of Marijuana	4
Seat Belt Violation	21
Speeding Violation	1203
Starting Parked Vehicle	5
Stop Sign Violation	21
Traffic Control Devices	3
Underage Drinking/Possession	31
Unlawful Mischief (Municipal)	5
Unlicensed Animal (Municipal)	3

TOTAL TICKETS: 1605

There were 87 arrests totaled for Vermont State criminal violations and Castleton officers issued 1605 Vermont Civil Traffic Violations during the past year. We focused on heavily trafficked roads throughout the community. The increase of these directed patrols reflects these details of our highway safety plan.

The Department's full-time officers include the following: Officer Ed Hayes and Officer Justin Szarejko. The other full-time officers, Officer Scott Alkinburg and Officer Damon Angelo, resigned their positions this past year for other opportunities. I hired two new full-time officers that will start their certification training in January 2020. Part-time officers include: Detective Steve Dechen, Officer Mark Fiore, Officer Scott Stevens, Officer Carlton North, Officer Kyle Goodrich, and newly hired part-time officer Melissa Blair. Officer Justin Szarejko continues to provide this department with excellent administrative duties in maintaining our grants and case records for this department. The Castleton Police Department will continue to evolve and perform in accordance with the laws and ordinances of the Town of Castleton, and the State of Vermont.

For the past 5 ½ years, the residents of Castleton have motivated and taught me to serve them without biases, with patience, and a commitment to serve them with the best police practices available.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Again, I thank you very much in supporting the Castleton Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Peter Mantello

Recreation Commission

We would like to recognize the taxpayers of Castleton for their ongoing support of town recreation. The residents of this town have demonstrated their belief in having quality recreational activities through the power of the ballot box. Our programming has grown many times over and we appreciate the trust the taxpayers have placed in the Recreation Commission and its offerings. THANK YOU.

Crystal Beach continues to be a jewel and is the best place to spend warm summer days enjoying the park and its great views. The beach has available kayak rentals, plenty of grills, picnic areas and docks to fish from or for boaters. Pickle Ball has also been added to the activities being enjoyed by adults and children at the beach. Its dedicated staff work long hours to make the patrons' visits pleasant and safe. Through the generosity of the Lions Club, there are two pavilions and the play structure that make Crystal Beach one of the preferred summer destinations for local people and vacationers in our area. Swim lessons were offered in July again this year and they were full. Gail McGann continues to offer a quality program that parents want to have their child involved in each year.

During the off-season annual fishing derbies sponsored by the Lions Club and the Fair Haven Rotary Club are headquartered at the beach. Please show your support for these worthwhile organizations by visiting these events.

We strive to offer a team sport, an individual sport and other options for kids during each season. A myriad of activities has become the normal line up for the youth in town. In the fall, archery, Thriller Dance performance, an introduction to fishing, themed projects for fall and winter holiday gifts. These are all programs that run annually, now. In winter, our regular activities are now a magic course, rock climbing, and a level II pottery. Our spring lineup includes an art program, Ready to Run Program and another dance clinic. This summer our sailing camp expanded to two weeks. The first week was for new sailors and the second week was reserved for experienced sailors. Thank you to the volunteers that made this happen; Joe Mark, Amy Clapp, Tim Cleary, Susan Day, Ted Day, Lisa Donahue, Blair Enman, Ray Harrington, Pat Keller, Marty Maher, Andrew McKane,

Nancy Mark, Nick Thornblade, Trip Westcott, and Glenn Williams. We run all our programs at the lowest possible cost so that we can keep them open to the highest number of kids possible.

The Youth Sports program runs from April through October and involves children from kindergarten through high school. Our standard offerings included baseball, softball, soccer, and several levels of basketball. The Commission would like to thank all of the coaches and assistants that made each program a success. Without the commitment of these volunteers, children would not have an opportunity to learn how to play the game and to learn the importance of teamwork. We, now, offer on-line program registration to make the process easier for parents.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Francis-Clifford
Commission Chair

Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Town of Castleton Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to excel in producing a high-quality effluent. Engineering efforts are starting for upgrades to treatment plant and outer infrastructure, in the hopes of future expansion.

Through the continued support of the Select board and Town Manager our ongoing effort to a proactive approach to maintenance has made the entire sewage system more efficient. Keeping spares on the shelf and taking a proactive approach has significantly reduced downtime and the potential for sewer service interruption.

In closing please take the time to read the bottom "DON'T FLUSH IT" rules, this will help the environment and cut costs to the treatment plant. The staff at the Wastewater Treatment Facility extends an invitation to any interested parties to tour the facility. Please call 468-5315 for an appointment so that we may accommodate your visit. **24 Hour Emergency Response Number (802) 773-5549**

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Jordan & Russ Hallett

SOLID MATERIALS

Your private or municipal system can process only toilet paper, which is designed to fall apart rapidly.

Never flush household solid waste such as paper, cloth, or plastic film, even if the package says it's "flushable." Those "flushable" wipes are a leading cause of serious clogs - never flush them!

These items don't dissolve. They mix with fats, oils, and greases, creating clogs that require costly repairs. They can also cause sewage overflows into rivers and lakes.

SOLID MATERIALS DISPOSAL

Toss household solid waste materials into the trash for pickup, or take them to your municipal drop-off. Don't try to burn or compost them (except food scraps)!

Food scraps also cause clogs - and in-sink disposals don't help! Compost them if you can. Vermont law requires that by July, 2020, all food scraps be diverted from landfills for uses like composting and biodigestion. Your trash hauler will facilitate.

NEVER FLUSH

The following common household items should never be flushed:

- Paper towels
- Disposable diapers
- Tampons & applicators
- Sanitary napkins
- Hair
- Rags
- Dryer lint
- Cleaning/disinfectant wipes
- Cigarette butts
- Q-Tips
- Dental floss
- Bandages
- Condoms
- Cotton balls
- Facial tissues
- Flushable wipes
- Candy wrappers



How to save money and hassle - and protect the environment - by knowing what NOT to flush or pour into your septic tank or municipal sewer system.

RULE #1: Sewage treatment systems, big or small, are designed to handle pee, poo, and toilet paper. That's it! Everything else causes problems.

Zoning Administrator

The Zoning Administrator (ZA) received 55 permit applications during the past fiscal year. This represents an increase of 4 applications compared to FY 2017-18. The number of single-family dwellings did not increase from the previous year.

This year the Development Review Board (DRB) met 7 times to review 14 permit application requests. Many of these applications involved either an Appeal of a Zoning Administrator's decision, Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permits for non-conforming parcels. (meaning that they did not meet the minimum lot size required in the Zoning District).

I would like to thank the members of the DRB for their service to the community. Current Board members include: Bob Day, Chairman, Joe Mark, Donald Wood, Bruce Longtin, Patrick Keller and Eliza LeBrun meeting recorder.

In summary, the type of permit applications received were:

Single Family Residential (includes removal & replacement and/or construction of a new single-family residence) **8**

Renovations & additions to existing buildings (mostly residential use; includes decks & porches) **20**

Replacement and /or construction of accessory structures (sheds, garages and other structures over 120 sq. ft.) **12**

Change of use (single to multi-family & commercial) **3**

Miscellaneous Permits **2**

Subdivision/Simple Parcel/Lot Line Adjustment **7**

Agricultural Buildings (to qualified farmers) **1**

Municipal/School/Public Utilities/State Activities **1**

Permits withdrawn or denied **3**

Total Permits 2018-19 57

If you are uncertain about whether a permit may be required, please ask your Zoning Administrator. I prefer to assist property owners rather than issue penalties and notices of violation. Please call (802) 468-5319 x 208 or email me at zoning@castletonvt.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonas Rosenthal, Zoning Administrator

4th of July Committee

The Celebrate Castleton July 4 committee was pleased with our festivities for 2019. There were a larger amount of folks viewing the parade and the floats were outstanding. The rifle and drum group were well received as this was their third year of marching in our parade. This year we succeeded in having 5 more floats and another band. Since the committee is very small and struggles with raising enough money for the fireworks, parade prizes and children participation gifts, and the extra money needed to produce two parades and the fireworks. This year we gathered enough signatures to put a line item on our town budget and we thank the community for supporting us for the 4th of July festivities. We invite anyone who would like to join us in organizing our town celebration, to join us. Our meetings are the third Monday of each month at the Taproom at 4:30. If you are interested in joining our committee please email bobfranzoni8@gmail.com for more information.

Animal Control

Please keep your dog up to date with rabies shots &

register him/her annually with the Town Clerk. It is difficult to identify the owner of an unregistered dog in the event of an emergency. Please be a responsible pet owner & a good neighbor.

To contact Animal Control: (802) 342-2933.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Forrest

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office is responsible for maintaining all land documents, vital records and town records as required by Vermont Statutes. Other varied duties include maintaining Vermont Property Transfer Tax Returns, filing survey maps, election preparations and results, voter registration, Clerk of the Board of Civil Authority and Board of Abatement, marriage licenses, oaths and appointments, notary services, Green Mountain Passports, certified copies, land posting, hunting & fishing licenses, dog licenses, and DMV renewals. If you have any questions, please call the office at 468-5319 x 201.

LAND RECORDS:

3398 pages of Land Records were received and recorded by this office, July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. The cost is \$10.00 per page to record, (as of July 1, 2019 the cost went up to \$15.00 a page), set by State Statute. Copies of land records may be purchased for \$1.00 per page.

VITAL RECORDS AND STATISTICS:

Castleton had 31 Marriages, 24 Births and 35 Deaths between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. Regrettably, privacy and identity theft concerns have led to the omission of names/dates from the Vital Records Report. Vital records are public information are available for viewing during office hours at the Town Clerk's Office.

Certified copies of Vital Records, birth, death and Castleton marriages, are available for \$10.00. These copies are issued on Vermont State-issued engraved, forgery-proof paper. Please note: New Law Increases Security for Birth and Death Certificates in Vermont Act 46 (2017) goes into effect July 1, 2019. A new vital records law goes into effect July 1 it will enhance the safety and security of certified birth and death certificates, better protect against misuse of these documents and reduce the potential for identity theft. The law, which was passed by the Vermont legislature in 2017, also streamlines the process to create, store, issue and track birth and death certificates through a new electronic Statewide Vital Records System.

The new law specifies who can obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate, such as certain family members, or court-appointed parties or their legal representatives. People who request these documents must present valid identification and complete a brief, standardized application. The law does not change the procedure for requesting Vermont marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificates. "Many people may not realize that before this law went into effect, anyone could get a certified copy of anyone else's birth or death certificate," said Jessie Hammond, public health statistics chief at the Vermont Department of Health. "With these updated security measures, we are helping to protect Vermonters' personal information." People can search the new electronic system for an index of Vermont birth and death certificates dating back to January 1, 1909, and order certified copies online after entering valid identification information. They can also visit any town or city clerk's office or the Health Department to request a certified copy or apply by mail. The fee for a certified copy is \$10. The Health Department's oversight of the state's vital records dates back to the recognition that such records – particularly death records – are an important tool for studying the location and spread of epidemics. Learn more at healthvermont.gov/stats/vital-records

LIQUOR LICENSES:

This office issued the following licenses for the 2019 licensing period:

10 First Class Liquor Licenses (7 with Outside Consumption Permits)
8 Second Class Liquor Licenses

DOG LICENSES:

479 dog licenses have been issued in the 2019 calendar year. Vermont State law requires all dogs 6 months or older to be registered by April 1 of each year. After April 1, there is a penalty fee in addition to the regular license fee. New licenses will be issued beginning January 2, 2020. A current rabies certificate and proof of spaying or neutering, if appropriate, is needed. Fees are:

On or **before** April 1, 2020:

Spayed & Neutered Dogs	\$13.00
Un-spayed & Un-neutered Dogs	\$17.00

After April 1: 2020:

Spayed & Neutered Dogs	\$15.00
Un-spayed & Un-neutered Dogs	\$21.00

The **Rabies Clinic** will be held on **Sat. March 21, 2020, 10:00AM – 12:00 Noon at the Castleton Fire Station.** The Castleton and Hubbardton Town Clerk's together

with the Rutland Veterinary Clinic at Castleton will be present. Rabies vaccinations will be offered at a cost of \$8.00 each and Dog Licenses may be purchased or renewed at the same time.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS:

The Town Clerk can renew registrations for cars, trucks, trailers, motorcycles, snowmobiles and motorboats. For us to process the renewal we must have the renewal form that the DMV mails to you and a check or money order made out to VT DMV. There is also a separate \$3.00 fee due to the Town Clerk. We cannot accept renewals that are more than 60 days old, except for snowmobiles.

VOTING:

If you are registered to vote in the Town of Castleton and have moved to a new address within the town,

please call the office to update your address. If you have moved here from another town or state, you may stop by the office and register to vote or register online at My Voter Page at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>. The new Election Day Voter Registration law went into effect January 1, 2017, this means eligible residents will be able to register to vote on any day up to and including Election Day.

Absentee ballots are available at least two weeks before any election. Ballots may be obtained by written request (forms available at Town Clerk's office), by calling to request a ballot, or online at My Voter Page at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>. Please note Absentee Ballot requests are only valid for one year and must be made each year. Absentee Ballots may be requested until the close of business on the day before any election.

Hunting & Fishing Licenses:

We also sell Vermont Hunting & Fishing Licenses for your convenience.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Nedra Boutwell
Castleton Town Clerk

Castleton FY 2020-2021 Budget Summary

REVENUE	Budget FY18-19	Actual FYE 06/30/19	Proposed Budget FY19-20	Actual YTD 12/31/19	Proposed Budget FY20-21	Difference to prior year budget	
						\$	%
TAXES PENALTY INT-CURRENT	\$2,135,251	\$2,159,324	\$2,080,493	\$2,086,415	\$2,222,064	\$141,571	6.8%
PENALTY INT ON DELQNT TAX	\$46,000	\$44,367	\$46,000	\$14,356	\$45,000	-\$1,000	-2.2%
LICENSES/PERMITS/FEES	\$18,400	\$14,088	\$18,400	\$3,218	\$15,800	-\$2,600	-14.1%
GRANTS	\$571,550	\$612,748	\$591,550	\$515,218	\$592,900	\$1,350	0.2%
COPIER	\$300	\$389	\$300	\$126	\$300	\$0	0.0%
TRANSFER STATION REVENUES	\$266,660	\$277,029	\$297,682	\$179,479	\$297,146	-\$536	-0.2%
TOWN CLERK & MISC	\$68,850	\$91,758	\$68,850	\$58,497	\$76,350	\$7,500	10.9%
RECREATION PROGRAMS	\$48,634	\$43,445	\$48,334	\$27,179	\$48,109	-\$225	-0.5%
INTEREST DIVIDENDS	\$4,000	\$15,288	\$10,000	\$8,190	\$12,000	\$2,000	20.0%
GIFTS & DONATIONS	\$0	\$375	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
REFUNDS & OTHER	\$5,600	\$9,711	\$5,600	\$6,747	\$5,600	\$0	0.0%
SURPLUS/DEFICIT APPLIED	\$0	\$0	\$209,961	\$0	\$103,000	-\$106,961	-50.9%
INS & OTHER REIMB	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,165,245	\$3,268,522	\$3,377,170	\$2,899,423	\$3,418,269	\$41,099	1.2%

EXPENSES	Budget FY18-19	Actual FYE 06/30/19	Budget FY19-20	Actual YTD 12/31/19	Proposed Budget FY20-21	Difference to prior year budget	
LEGISLATING	\$25,375	\$21,862	\$25,708	\$12,380	\$26,079	\$370	1.4%
ORDINANCES & PROCEEDINGS	\$2,565	\$1,478	\$2,565	\$0	\$1,965	-\$600	-23.4%
MANAGING MUNICIPALITIES	\$167,916	\$135,760	\$167,439	\$78,893	\$177,245	\$9,806	5.9%
CONDUCTING ELECTIONS	\$11,782	\$8,802	\$9,064	\$214	\$11,162	\$2,097	23.1%
COLLECT CUST. DISB FUNDS	\$42,467	\$39,723	\$43,502	\$18,661	\$46,746	\$3,244	7.5%
ACCOUNTING	\$86,009	\$82,210	\$88,394	\$39,344	\$97,048	\$8,654	9.8%
AUDITING	\$12,000	\$10,200	\$12,000	\$9,660	\$12,000	\$0	0.0%
TAX LISTING	\$25,138	\$25,985	\$38,644	\$13,150	\$39,332	\$688	1.8%
TAX COLLECTING	\$35,566	\$34,966	\$38,375	\$19,321	\$41,573	\$3,198	8.3%
DOCUMENT RECORDING/ISSUE	\$72,081	\$75,173	\$75,500	\$30,712	\$78,394	\$2,893	3.8%
LEGAL SERVICES	\$20,000	\$17,979	\$30,000	\$1,279	\$25,000	-\$5,000	-16.7%
MUNICIPAL PLANNING/ZONING	\$40,100	\$27,855	\$40,939	\$12,287	\$41,836	\$898	2.2%
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,996	\$5,996	#DIV/0!
GEN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	\$180,780	\$174,341	\$190,013	\$135,101	\$194,950	\$4,937	2.6%
GEN. GOVERNMENT EQUIPMENT	\$20,700	\$18,248	\$20,700	\$12,245	\$23,439	\$2,739	13.2%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$450,690	\$461,576	\$509,950	\$225,880	\$523,038	\$13,087	2.6%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SVCS.	\$36,218	\$31,936	\$36,218	\$17,475	\$36,218	\$0	0.0%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$143,247	\$123,915	\$160,799	\$91,673	\$165,147	\$4,348	2.7%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$11,350	\$22,700	\$11,000	\$11,925	\$9,000	-\$2,000	-18.2%
HIGHWAY	\$1,096,164	\$1,254,829	\$1,114,081	\$793,966	\$1,153,191	\$39,110	3.5%
TOWN LANDS	\$3,500	\$751	\$3,600	\$481	\$3,400	-\$200	-5.6%
HISTORICAL CEMETERIES	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	0.0%
HILLSIDE CEMETERY	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$29,000	\$1,000	3.6%
HEALTH REG & INSPECTING	\$1,506	\$1,472	\$1,449	\$269	\$1,446	-\$2	-0.2%
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$1,060	\$3,153	\$5,186	\$556	\$5,170	-\$16	-0.3%
CONSTABLES	\$36,119	\$30,643	\$40,525	\$15,891	\$37,239	-\$3,286	-8.1%
TRANSFER STATION	\$300,636	\$341,761	\$344,453	\$142,717	\$346,430	\$1,978	0.6%
RECREATION	\$99,729	\$82,011	\$109,050	\$55,428	\$108,827	-\$224	-0.2%
MEMORIAL DAY DECORATIONS/JULY 4TH PARADE	\$2,150	\$2,122	\$9,650	\$7,500	\$9,650	\$0	0.0%
LIBRARY	\$111,500	\$111,500	\$111,500	\$35,922	\$111,500	\$0	0.0%
PREV/CONTROL FOREST FIRES	\$1,000	\$1,925	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$500	50.0%
TREE WARDEN	\$2,864	\$6,088	\$9,834	\$4,573	\$9,749	-\$85	-0.9%
OTHER GOVERNMENT	\$40,000	\$39,250	\$40,000	\$39,319	\$40,000	\$0	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,112,212	\$3,217,213	\$3,324,137	\$1,854,821	\$3,418,269	\$94,132	2.8%

Town of Castleton
Financial Comparison
General Fund
For Informational Purposes Only

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	PROPOSED
	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
									<u>2020/2020</u>
Balance July 1 surplus (deficit)	0	812,555	0	718,439	0	994,567	209,961	1,059,932	103,000
Add: Revenues	3,275,205	3,288,766	3,329,925	3,356,575	3,165,245	3,335,610	3,167,209	3,167,209	3,315,269
Less: Expenditures	-3,275,205	-3,382,882	-3,329,925	-3,080,447	-3,165,245	-3,270,246	-3,377,170	-4,124,141	-3,418,269
Prior year adjustments									
Balance June 30 surplus (deficit)	0	718,439	0	994,567	0	1,059,932	0	103,000	0
Reserved		0		0		0		0	
Nonspendable		138,460		73,095		71,797			
Restricted		508,818		658,561		530,364			
Committed						9,530		0	
Assigned		20,000		52,950		316,516			
Undesignated / unassigned		51,161		209,961		131,725		103,000	
Total		<u>718,439</u>		<u>994,567</u>		<u>1,059,932</u>		<u>103,000</u>	
Town Budget	3,023,471		3,279,617		3,112,212		3,324,137		3,418,269
CERT Bldg Reserve									
Fire Station Bond pmt (est)			included in budget		included in budget		included in budget		included in budget
Social Services	25,308		25,308		28,033		28,033		28,033
Castleton Community Center	25,000		25,000		25,000		25,000		25,000
Prior yrs' deficit to increase amount to be raised by taxes									
New Town Office Loan Pmt Yr 1-2-3	201,426		included in budget		n/a		n/a		n/a
4th of July Fireworks & Celebration							included in budget		included in budget
Total Expenditures	3,275,205		3,329,925		3,165,245		3,377,170		3,471,302
Less: Other Revenues	-960,478		-1,031,439		-1,013,994		-1,070,716		-1,078,025
Interest & Penalties	-47,000		-51,000		-61,000		-61,000		-60,000
From sale of bus fleet to cover police station construction costs									
Total Expenditures less Non-tax Revenues	2,267,727		2,247,486		2,090,251		2,245,454		2,333,277
Prior yrs' surplus used to reduce amount to be raised by taxes							-209,961		-103,000
Subtotal	2,267,727		2,247,486		2,090,251		2,035,493		2,230,277
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	2,267,727		2,247,486		2,090,251		2,035,493		2,230,277
Municipal Tax Rate (excluding Local Tax Agreement amounts)	<u>0.4784</u>		<u>0.4732</u>		<u>0.4387</u>		<u>0.4238</u>		<u>0.4643</u>

*Note: The FY20-21 tax rate is only a projection, based on the above criteria.
Municipal Grand list figure used = \$4,803,040 (07/16/19 Municipal Grand List)*

The Financial Reports of the Town of Castleton, Vermont for the year ended June 30, 2019 have been audited by Pace & Hawley, CPA LLC of Montpelier, VT. Due to the extensive nature of the audit this year which included the Single Audit for Federal Awards (grants), the full report will be available for viewing after March 15, 2020 on the Town's website www.castletonvermont.org or at the Castleton Town Clerk's Office.

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2019**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Reserve Fund	Total Governmental Funds	Sewer (Enterprise) Fund
Assets:					
Cash	1,441,988		1,185,318	2,627,306	
Investments				0	
Property Tax (Sewer) Receivables, net	447,104			447,104	75,894
Other Receivables, net	6,814			6,814	
Due From Other Governments		402,683		402,683	
Prepaid Expenses	71,797			71,797	
Due From Other Funds	2,206		9,424	11,630	595,800
Capital Assets					7,749,613
Less Accumulated Depreciation					(5,966,028)
Total Assets	<u>1,969,909</u>	<u>402,683</u>	<u>1,194,742</u>	<u>3,567,334</u>	<u>2,455,279</u>
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	84,082	232,606		316,688	43,764
Accrued Payroll & Related Liabilities	22,857			22,857	23,021
Other Accrued Expenses				0	
Due To Other Funds	434,064	171,160		605,224	
Deferred Revenue	36,172	5,140		41,312	1,447
Deferred Revenue-property taxes	332,802			332,802	
Bonds Payable-Current					300,954
Bonds Payable-L/T					298,765
Total Liabilities	<u>909,977</u>	<u>408,906</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,318,883</u>	<u>667,951</u>
Fund Balances:					
Nonspendable					
Prepaid Expenses	71,797			71,797	
Restricted	-		477,585	477,585	
Highway	530,364			530,364	
Committed	9,530		611,973	621,503	
Assigned	316,516		105,184	421,700	
Restricted for Community Development					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt					1,183,866
Unassigned	131,725	(6,223)		125,502	603,462
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,059,932</u>	<u>(6,223)</u>	<u>1,194,742</u>	<u>2,248,451</u>	<u>1,787,328</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>1,969,909</u>	<u>402,683</u>	<u>1,194,742</u>		
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.				4,812,819	
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the governmental funds.				316,806	
Deferred outflows & inflows of resources, and the net pension liability related to the Town's proportionate share of VMERS pension plan are not reported in the funds.				(236,057)	
Long-term liabilities, including capital leases payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.				(1,249,299)	
Net position				<u>5,892,720</u>	<u>1,787,328</u>

TAX & SEWER COLLECTION SUMMARY

CURRENT REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

Original Amount Billed	\$	9,503,846.40	
Adjustments:			
Additions	\$	7,678.77	
Deletions	\$	(16,182.74)	
Adjusted Total Amount to Collect	\$	9,495,342.43	
Collections	\$	(9,162,573.75)	
Advance Payments	\$	(49,535.53)	
Small Balance Adjustments	\$	(79.31)	
NEMRC Adjustments	\$	363.87	
Total Outstanding Current Taxes as of 6/30/19	\$		283,517.71

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY

For Collection 07/01/18	\$	515,910.28	
Adjustments:			
Additions	\$	-	
Deletions	\$	-	
Adjusted Total Amount to Collect	\$	515,910.28	
Small Balance Adjustments	\$	-	
NEMRC Adjustments	\$	(3,690.38)	
Collections	\$	(387,258.90)	
Total Outstanding Delinquent Taxes as of 6/30/19	\$		124,961.00

TOTAL OUTSTANDING TAXES AS OF 06/30/19

\$ 408,478.71

CURRENT SEWER

Original Amount Billed	\$	696,919.32	
Adjustments:			
Additions	\$	891.52	
Deletions	\$	(2,801.96)	
Adjusted Total Amount to Collect	\$	695,008.88	
Advance Payments	\$	-	
Small Balance Adjustments	\$	(21.21)	
NEMRC Adjustment	\$	(1,015.48)	
Credit Removal	\$	(4,573.95)	
Collections	\$	(634,458.57)	
Total Outstanding Current Sewer as of 06/30/19	\$		54,939.67

DELINQUENT SEWER

For Collection 07/01/18	\$	95,137.65	
Adjustment:			
Additions	\$	101.33	
Deletions	\$	(340.78)	
Adjusted Total Amount to Collect	\$	94,898.20	
Collections	\$	(75,725.85)	
Total Outstanding Delinquent Sewer as of 06/30/19	\$		19,172.35

TOTAL OUTSTANDING SEWER AS OF 06/30/19

\$ 74,112.02

Treasurer's Report Of Cash Balances

As of 06/30/19

Operating Account Checking	\$1,437,854.58
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Total Operating	\$1,437,854.58
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Cash on Hand/In Transit	\$425.00
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Reserve Account	\$676,506.74
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TD Bank	\$508,810.81
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Total Reserve	\$1,185,317.55
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Verified to Auditors Report

Nancy L Trudo/Treasurer

CASTLETON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

2019

Beginning Balance....(1-1-19)..... \$ 36,648.24

RECIEPTS

Lot Sales\$ 8,320.00

Burials .. (full) \$4,400.00/ Cremations .. \$8,900.00.. Total \$13,300.00

Town Appropriation..... \$ 28,000.00

TOTAL RECIEPTS..... \$ 86,268.24

EXPENDITURES

Personal Services.....\$ 19,274.68

Operating Expenses (includes \$75.00 Railroad Lease)..... \$ 10,211.11

Office Expenses..... \$ 92.00

Insurance..... . \$ 1,592.00

Professional Services.....\$ 3,458.00

Gas / Parts / Labor..... \$ 885.82

Taxes..... \$ 8,045.22

Transferred from checking to Perpetual Care/Savings account . . . \$1,664.00

Lot corner posts . . . \$495.00

Total Expenditures..... \$ 45,717.77

Ending Balance....(12-31-19)..... \$ 40,550.47

07/16/2019
10:52 am

Town of Castleton Grand List
Form 411 - (Town code: 129)
Main District

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2019

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	1,294	292,989,150	149,605,852	143,383,298	292,989,150
Residential II R2	267	68,758,600	43,785,840	24,972,760	68,758,600
Mobile Homes-U MHU	92	2,373,100	1,422,200	950,900	2,373,100
Mobile Homes-L MHL	45	3,551,000	1,735,988	1,815,012	3,551,000
Seasonal I S1	175	45,475,800	3,042,300	42,433,500	45,475,800
Seasonal II S2	12	1,417,400	0	1,417,400	1,417,400
Commercial C	105	31,889,400	0	31,889,400	31,889,400
Commercial Apts CA	14	6,415,600	0	6,415,600	6,415,600
Industrial I	5	4,335,800	0	4,335,800	4,335,800
Utilities-E UE	2	7,719,900	0	7,719,900	7,719,900
Utilities-O UO	1	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
Farm F	11	5,218,700	2,288,800	2,929,900	5,218,700
Other O	22	1,996,200	244,300	1,751,900	1,996,200
Woodland W	12	1,055,200	0	1,055,200	1,055,200
Miscellaneous M	294	14,951,800	0	14,951,800	14,951,800
TOTAL LISTED REAL	2,351	488,152,650	202,125,280	286,027,370	488,152,650
P.P. Cable	1	1,004,899		1,004,899	1,004,899
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	1,004,899		1,004,899	1,004,899
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		489,157,549	202,125,280	287,032,269	489,157,549
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K 32/32		320,000	290,000	30,000	320,000
Veterans >10K		960,000			
Total Veterans		1,280,000	290,000	30,000	320,000
P.P. Contracts	0	0			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	2/2	677,175			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	2/2	677,175	0	0	0
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	49/49	6,537,000	1,900,400	4,636,600	6,537,000
Special Exemptions	4		0	272,309	272,309
Partial Statutory	2/2	359,300	0	359,300	359,300
Sub-total Exemptions		8,853,475	2,190,400	5,298,209	7,488,609
Total Exemptions		8,853,475	2,190,400	5,298,209	7,488,609
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		4,803,040.74	1,999,348.80	2,817,340.60	4,816,689.40
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST					
NON-TAX					

88 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411

TAX RATE CALCULATION 2019 - 2020						
	Town	School		Total		Total Town
		Homestead	Non-residential	Town + Homestead	Town + Non-residential	+ Homestead
Amount to be raised by taxes	2,061,015.52	2,976,230.62	4,616,776.04	5,037,246.14	6,677,791.56	9,654,022.18
Municipal & Education Grand List @ 07/16/19	4,803,040.74	1,999,348.80	2,817,340.60			
Tax Rate = $\frac{\text{Amt to be raised by taxes}}{\text{Grand List}}$	0.42911	1.48860	1.63870			
(rounded)	0.4291	1.4886	1.6387	1.9177	2.0678	
Municipal & Education Grand List @ 07/16/19	4,803,040.74	1,999,348.80	2,817,340.60			
x Tax Rate	0.4291	1.4886	1.6387	1.9177	2.0678	
Total to be raised by taxes (rounded)	2,061,015.52	2,976,230.62	4,616,776.04	5,037,246.14	6,677,791.56	9,654,022.18
Variance (due to rounding)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOWN OF CASTLETON
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:30pm
Jeffords Center for Science & Mathematics Auditorium
Castleton University
Castleton, VT 05735

PRESENT: Michael Finnegan, Town Moderator; Joe Bruno, Select Board Chair; Richard Combs, Select Board Vice Chair; Zack Holzworth, Select Board Secretary; Robert Spaulding, Select Board Member; Jim Leamy, Select Board Member; Michael Jones, Town Manager; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary; Representative Robert Helm; Representative William Canfield; members of the public.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Michael Finnegan at 6:30p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Finnegan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Finnegan introduced Town Manager Mike Jones. Mr. Jones welcomed everyone and thanked those who attended for being there and invited the residents of Castleton to give feedback after the meeting on how best to communicate these future dates of these meetings.

VERMONT LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE, MR. ROBERT HELM

Mr. Finnegan introduced Vermont Legislative Representatives Robert Helm and William Canfield.

Mr. Helm spoke about the increased number of bills currently being reviewed in the Vermont Legislature. Two (2) years ago, there were only 1,850 bills in the two (2) year period, in the first six (6) weeks of 2019, there are currently 1,050 bills. These bills include Act 250, gun bills, bicycle helmet for kids, minimum wage bills and paid Family Leave, to name a few.

Mr. Helm informed the residents that Vermont is the only state that elects their own adjutant general and recently elected Colonel Greg Knight Vermont National Guard.

Mr. Helm shared that he is currently on the Appropriations Committee, they work on the budget.

Department of Motor Vehicles spends approximately \$12 billion per year; however, they take in \$33 billion per year which goes to VTRANS.

Mr. Helm mentioned a concept called Captive Insurance which he described as a situation created by legislature years ago which makes Vermont very attractive to outside insurance companies. They net the state about \$13 million in fees for operating in the state. Mr. Helm described this as money in your pocket.

Mr. Helm also discussed the hatchery by Lake Dunmore in the Town of Salisbury, VT. The Department of Environmental Conservation changed the location of water exiting from the hatchery and then tested the water quality. They determined that the quality was bad and that the Department of Fish and Wildlife would need to pay \$12-15 million on the hatchery to fix. The Department of Fish and Wildlife does not have the money to pay this and so has scheduled to close the hatchery. At this time, the hatchery is not able to afford the fees and will have to close. Mr. Helm discussed the benefit of the fishery and the environmental repercussions closing the facility may have. Mr. Helm stated that Mr. Canfield's Committee and the Institution Committee among others are working to put together a financing plan to keep the hatchery open. Mr. Helm stated he is working on language to encourage the Environmental Conservation Commission to work with the Department of Fish and Wildlife in the future.

Mr. Helm shared that VTRANS will be replacing the bridge from West Haven to New York state has had a temporary bridge for about ten (10) years this spring. Mr. Helm spoke about how hard a time college's have had. Mr. Helm feels it is important that we help Castleton University as it employs 400 people. Mr. Helm thanked Karen Scolforo for the

work she has done with Castleton University. Dr. Karen Scolforo thanked Mr. Helm for being a consistent supporter of the college.

Resident Charlie Brown responded to the remark Mr. Helm made about insurance to Vermonters not costing them anything by pointing out that a percent of a Vermont resident's insurance is taxed by the State of Vermont. The State taxes the insurance company, the insurance company charges the resident, the insurance company then uses the resident's payment to pay taxes to the State of Vermont. Mr. Brown also mentioned a concern he had regarding Act 250. Mr. Brown determined that Act 250 will cause Quarry owners in Vermont to be required to pay \$250 to \$350 million to the State over 5 years or they will be shut down. Mr. Brown believes that this will cause the quarries to close as the business owners cannot afford this and feels that something needs to be done to save the jobs of the quarry workers.

Mr. Helm responded in agreement, he does not know the dollar amount that will affect the quarries, but the bill is the Natural Resources and is changing every day. Mr. Helm hopes to work on this when he returns.

Mr. Joe Mark thanked Mr. Helm and pointed out that the hatchery in Lake Dunsmore provides fish eggs to stock many lakes in Vermont and provides the fish for the Trout in the Classroom program used in 100 school in Vermont, including the Castleton Village School.

Select Board member Robert Spaulding asked Mr. Helm to speak about the Carbon Tax.

Mr. Helm said that he did not believe that it will happen, rather bits and pieces over time. But it is still being talked about.

VERMONT LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE, MR. WILLIAM CANFIELD

Vermont Legislative Representative William Canfield remembered the situation last year in the Fair Haven Union High School and how, at the time, Vermont did not have the Attempt Law which is now in place. Vermont Bill H.660 reestablished the Commission on sentencing disparities in criminal code reclassification. This Commission will be required to submit a final report on or before November 30, 2019.

Mr. Canfield also mentioned Vermont Bill H.149 which was recently introduced. H.149 deals with criminal threatening and should offer school safety language.

The Weights and Means Committee established a 92% tax on E-cigarettes. This is the same rate applied to tobacco cigarettes. This bill has been sent to the Senate for consideration.

Mr. Canfield spoke about the debate over H.57, the Abortion Bill. This bill has also gone on to the Senate.

A miscellaneous tax bill was passed, the only fiscal impact is a section on education savings accounts, 529 accounts. Language was clarified to say that parents may only withdraw money to be used for expenses at post-secondary education institutions. This bill will go to the House and then on to the Senate.

Bill H.107, Paid Family Leave Bill, as presented this bill will be mandatory and companies will be required to give qualifying employees 100% of their pay for 12 weeks. The governor introduced a plan he worked out with New Hampshire to jump start the pool.

Mr. Canfield stated that the Senate has passed a Constitutional Amendment which will change the Senate Districts. Each Senate District will have a maximum of 3 Senators each. This amendment will come to House but will most likely not be acted on this year.

The Senate also passed a Minimum Wage Bill raising the minimum wage to \$15.00/hr. Mr. Canfield noted that on Friday, the Senate passed the Marijuana Tax and Regulate Bill. This will impose a 16% tax rate and offers a local option tax of 2%. There were no questions from the public for Mr. Canfield.

CASTLETON UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, JAMES WOLFE

Castleton University senior and President of the Castleton University Government Association, James Wolfe has been living on the Castleton campus for two (2) years. Mr. Wolfe stated that the Castleton University Government Association focuses on Community Service Clubs. Currently there are fifty (50) Clubs spreading the "Castleton Way." Mr. Wolfe said that the Castleton University Government Association has judicial branches much like the government does. The Green Initiative Club is working with the Bridges group from Castleton. Mr. Wolfe invited the community to come to the campus and offer suggestions and ideas, as well as to attend campus events.

HOMETOWN HEROS, MS. KYLIE MACKIE & MS. LINN LJUNGEMO

Mr. Finnegan recognized the service which Ms. Mackie and Ms. Ljungemo performed on Saturday, February 3, 2019 on West Mountain. On that day, both women were performing gate keeper duties during a race. A skier fell on the course and his racing ski edge cut the femoral artery in his leg. If not for the fast actions of these two (2) women, the injured skier may not have survived. Mr. Finnegan asked that we recognize Ms. Mackie and Ms. Ljungemo. There was a standing ovation.

SELECT BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Mr. Finnegan asked to recognize Mr. Joseph Bruno. Mr. Bruno has served on the Select Board for eleven (11) years, most recently as the Select Board Chair. Mr. Finnegan extended a sincere thank you from the Town.

Select Board Vice Chair, Richard Combs also thanked Mr. Bruno as they have most recently served five (5) years together on the Board. Mr. Combs recognized that Mr. Bruno was the right man at the right time for Castleton and noted he was a major part of completing both the new Fire and Police Station and Town Office.

Select Board Secretary, Zach Holzworth; Select Board members Robert Spaulding and James Leamy also thanked Mr. Bruno for his service.

Mr. Leamy served on the Board with Mr. Bruno for eleven (11) years, and although they did not always agree, they always walked out friends.

Town Manager, Mike Jones thanked Mr. Bruno for staying the additional year to help Mr. Jones become acclimated to his new position as Town Manager of Castleton. Mr. Jones also pointed out that Mr. Bruno is also the Deputy Health Officer for the Town of Castleton as well as the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Charlie Brown thanked Mr. Bruno and shared that Mr. Bruno has never accepted payment for his role as a Select Board member or for any other position he has held while working for the Town.

TOWN MEETING: ARTICLES 1 - 5

The legal voters of the Town of Castleton, in the County of Rutland, and the State of Vermont, are hereby warned to meet at the **Jeffords Center for Science & Mathematics Auditorium at Castleton University** in the Town of Castleton on **Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:30pm** to act on Articles 1 through 5 and on the first Tuesday in March, being **March 5, 2019 at 8:00 am** at the Town of Castleton Public Safety Building (aka the Castleton Fire Station) at 273 Rte. 30 N in said Town to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 6 through 51. Polls close at 7:00 pm on March 5, 2019.

Mr. Finnegan proceeded to read the following Articles to the Public for their motions and discussion:

Article 1. *Shall the Town accept the Town Report as printed?*

Mr. John Burke made a motion to accept the Town Report as printed. Mr. Ken Flowers seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Article 2. *Shall the Town authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four (4) installments, with the dates for payment being August 31, November 30, February 28 (29 in leap Year) and May 31?*

Mr. Joseph Mark made a motion to authorize payment of real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four (4) installments, with the dates for payment being August 31, November 30, February 28 (29 in leap year) and May 31. Mr. Flowers seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Article 3. *Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?*

Mr. Flowers made a motion to authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Ms. Sue DiCarlis(sp)seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 4. *Shall the Town at this meeting discuss the proposed Select Board's budget for the expenses for the ensuing year?*

Ms. Dicarlis(sp) made a motion to authorize the Town to discuss the proposed Select Board's budget for the expenses for the ensuing year. Mr. Flowers seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Article 5. *To act upon any business, which may properly come before this meeting?*

This article was deferred until the end of Town Meeting.

Article 6. *To elect Officers for the following terms: a Town Agent for 1 year; a 1st Constable for 2 years; a Grand Juror for 1 year; a Library Trustee for 5 years; a Town Moderator for 1 year; 2 Select Board members for 1 year; a Select Board member for 3 years;*

There was no discussion.

Article 7. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$25,708 for Legislating?*

There was no discussion.

Article 8. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,565 for Ordinances & Proceedings?*

There was no discussion.

Article 9. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$167,439 for Managing Municipalities?*

There was no discussion.

Article 10. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,064 for Conducting Elections?*

There was no discussion.

Article 11. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$43,502 for Collection, Custody & Disbursement of Funds?*

Ms. Sue Dicarlis (sp) asked what Collection, Custody & Disbursement of Funds was covering. Mr. Zach Holzworth explained that this appropriation was for the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and all related expenses.

Article 12. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$88,394 for Accounting?*

There was no discussion.

Article 13. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for Auditing?*

There was no discussion.

Article 14. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$38,644 for Tax Listing?*

Mr. Joe Mark asked why there was such a big increase. Mr. Holzworth responded that a new Assessor was hired at a higher rate of pay with more hours. Mr. Combs added that the Town was very lucky to get the new Assessor and it was important not to underpay her.

Article 15. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$38,375 for Tax Collecting?*

There was no discussion.

Article 16. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$75,500 for Document Recording/Issue?*

There was no discussion.

Article 17. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for Legal Services?*

Mr. Cornell Dawson asked why there was an almost 50% increase in the appropriation and asked if there were any outstanding court issues. Mr. Spaulding stated that historically there are increases annually. Mr. Bruno stated that the Town is currently involved in litigation involving the Police Department.

Article 18. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,939 for Municipal Planning & Zoning?*

There was no discussion.

Article 19. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$190,013 for General Government Buildings?*

Ms. Bonnie Condit asked why there was such an increase. Mr. Combs explained that this was to cover sealing the parking lot in the Fire and Police Department driveway and the power bills have always been under-budgeted and adjusting it to reflect actual costs was about 40% of the increase.

Mr. Charles Brown stated that he thought that the Town was going to be looking into solar panels at the Transfer Station to save a significant amount of money on the power bill. Mr. Jones explained that the solar project Mr. Brown was referring to just started and so the Town has not purchased enough net metering credits yet. The Town has 10-11 meters to apply credits to, but the Town was not sure how much savings there would be initially. John Burke asked what the projections for this project. Mr. Jones responded that the predictions were \$5-6,000 for the 150 kilowatt array, and an additional \$6,600 for the second array, for an overall savings of \$11,000-\$12,000.

Article 20. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$20,700 for General Government Equipment?*

There was no discussion.

Article 21. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$509,950 for Police Department?*

Mr. Mark asked why the department increased. Police Chief Peter Mantello explained that part of the increase was in personnel services, union employees have not had a raise in three (3) years. Also, there was a \$17,000 grant last year that Chief Mantello was not able to use this year, this augmented the weekend patrols for off campus parties.

Article 22. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$36,218 for Emergency Medical Services? (Includes Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. & RAS/Castleton First Responders)*

There was no discussion.

Article 23. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$160,799 for Fire Department?*

There was no discussion.

Article 24. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for Emergency Management?*

Mr. Jones wanted to share that the Town and Select Board have put money aside every year to purchase an emergency generator for the Legion Post 50 as it is the emergency shelter for the Town. Ms. Day asked if the Town could still use the Elementary School as an emergency shelter. Mr. Bruno and Mr. Combs explained that it was determined that using the school as an emergency shelter was not safe for the children.

Article 25. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,114,080 for Highway Department?*

Mr. Robert Grace thanked the Highway Department for their work this winter.

Article 26. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,600 for Town Lands?*

There was no discussion.

Article 27. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Historical Cemeteries?*

There was no discussion.

Article 28. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for Hillside Cemetery?*

There was no discussion.

Article 29. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,449 for Health Regulating & Inspecting?*

There was no discussion.

Article 30. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,186 for Animal Control?*

Ms. Susan Day asked why there was a difference in the price for the year. Mr. Bruno explained that the last Animal Control Officer was working for very little money and when he quit the position, the Town had to hire a new Animal Control Officer and increase the wage to a more reasonable amount.

Article 31. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,525 for Constables?*

There was no discussion.

Article 32. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$344,453 for Transfer Station?*

Mr. Charlie Brown asked if Hubbardton was still paying 13-14% of the budget at the Transfer Station. Mr. Combs confirmed that it is. Mr. Brown asked if that meant that the Hubbardton rates would increase. Mr. Combs did not have the answer but did have the formula to determine it. Mr. Brown explained that in previous years, the Town listed anticipated revenue next to each department it would help residents to see what the actual cost to the resident was. Mr. Brown requested that this be added back onto future warnings.

Mr. Combs addressed the reason for the increase as the Town no longer pays only 10% of the surcharge for dumping at the Fort Edward facility and as it is no longer used. Therefore, the Town has to pay 100% of the surcharges to Rutland County Solid Waste. The Town also added money for building improvements, stormwater runoffs, and a pole barn over the C&D to keep water out.

Mr. Spaulding then asked why there was such an increase in the tonnage. Town Accountant Mrs. Melanie Combs responded that she calculated the anticipated tonnage based on what was shipped so far this year and then annualized that amount over the next 12 months. Mr. Combs pointed out that this was a forecast.

Article 33. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$109,050 for Recreation?*

Mr. Mark Brown asked what the anticipated revenue was for the Recreation Department. Mr. Combs responded that the anticipated revenue was \$48,643.00.

Article 34. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,150 for Memorial Day Decorations/July 4th Parade?*

There was no discussion.

Article 35. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$111,500 for Library Administration?*

There was no discussion.

Article 36. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Prevention/Control of Forest Fires?*

There was no discussion.

Article 37. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,834 for Tree Warden?*

Mr. Spaulding asked what the increase was. Mr. Scott Welch explained that there are 3 large trees that need to be taken down as well as quite a few stumps to be ground or dug up. Mr. Welch would also like to plant 12-15 trees at least 12-14ft tall.

Article 38. *Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for Rutland County Tax?*

Mr. Franzoni asked what this was for. Mr. Hozlworth and Mr. Combs responded it was for the Sheriff's office and Rutland Courthouse.

Article 39. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$3,500 for the support of ARC - Rutland Area determining that the program serves the residents of the Town with advocacy, resources and community for citizens with developmental disabilities and their families?*

There was no discussion.

Article 40. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$3,600 for administrative support of Castleton Cares, Inc., determining that the program serves the residents of the Town with emergency assistance to local people in need. (Not included in the budget)*

Mr. Mark found it helpful that the previous budget articles listed the prior year amounts as he is not sure if this is an increase. Mr. Bruno explained that the Select Board decided a few years ago that unless these budgets were changing, they did not have to petition so the amounts stay the same.

Article 41. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$25,000 for the support of Castleton Community Seniors, Inc., determining that the program serves residents of the Town with the operation of the Castleton Community Center (The Old Homestead)? (Not included in the budget)*

JoAnne Riley thanked the Town and the Select Board for dedicating this year's Town Report to the Castleton Community Seniors, Inc., she then read the dedication from the inside front cover of the Town Report.

Article 42. *Shall the Town of Castleton vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,500 for the support of the partial funding of Marble Valley Regional Transit Districts (The Bus) public transit service to the residents of the Town? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 43. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$6,720 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice (\$550 to support Rutland Area Hospice & \$6,170 to support RAVNAH Home and Community Health Services)? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 44. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$4,088 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 45. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$900 for the support of RSVP and the Volunteer Center, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with volunteering opportunities and community services? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 46. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$2,000 for the support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with elder services? (Not included in the budget)*

There was no discussion.

Article 47. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$1,000 for the support of Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with services to enable the blind and visually impaired to achieve and maintain independence? (Not included in the budget)*

Mr. Jeff Shradder (sp), a retired employee of the Vermont Association of the Blind & Visually Impaired, thank you for continuing your support.

Article 48. *Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$2,725 for the support of BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with weatherization, emergency food and small business development? (Not included in the budget)*

Ms. Elizabeth Eddy, Community Services Director wants to thank Castleton for their continued support and to also let them know that they do not take it for granted. BROCC served 163 people in the Town of Castleton.

Article 49. *Shall the Town of Castleton vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$7,500 for the support of the 4th of July Committee for the coordination of the 4th of July Parade & Annual Fireworks Display. To provide services to the residents of the Town. (Not included in the budget)*

Mr. Franzoni, spoke about the event and thanked the Town for all their support.

Article 50. *Whereas extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, flooding, 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 our town, state, nation, and the world, and*

Whereas the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable resources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal; Now therefore be it resolved:

1. *That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:*
 - a. *Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to energy pipelines;*
 - b. *Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy by 2050 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines;*
 - c. *Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to low-income people, people of color, or rural communities.*
2. *That the Town will do our part to meet these goals by committing to efforts such as:*

- a. *Protecting town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing Town lands;*
- b. *Enlisting state support in weatherizing and installing alternative energy to Town structures;*
- c. *Other initiatives to improve the quality of life while helping to reduce overall use of energy.*

Mr. Finnegan clarified that this resolution was non-binding. Discussion was held by the group. Concern was raised over language as well as the impact this resolution may have on the future. Arguments were made for and against this resolution. There was discussion over how this could/would affect vulnerable populations as well as who would decide what is considered equitable. It was noted that the climate is changing and there is global warming, and it is important to do something for future generations. The consensus was that it was a topic that needed further discussion and review. Mr. Finnegan closed the discussion with the statement that it is good to agree to disagree.

Article 51. *Shall the Town vote to allow the Select Board to withdraw from the contract with Rutland County Solid Waste District and join the Solid Waste Alliance Communities to provide less expensive services for the town's solid waste?*

Clarification was given that the Town is currently a member of the Rutland County Solid Waste District and pays \$19.97 per ton. The Transfer Station averages 989 tons per year. Private Haulers pick up trash and average 991 tons. The Solid Waste Alliance Committee charges \$4.50 per capita plus an additional \$0.50 per capita for household hazardous waste. Both organizations meet the state requirements for the Solid Waste Implementation Plan. Mr. Spaulding stated that if the Town switched organizations, there would be no change for the residents. The question was asked where the residents would see the savings. Mr. Spaulding explained that the private haulers told him that they would reduce their rates and not charge the residents surcharges, however that does not mean that Private Haulers will not have other increases due to increases in other areas for their businesses.

Jim O'Gorman explained what RCSWD does as an organization for the Town.

The Select Board and Town Manager were asked to share whether they are in favor or against this article.

Mr. Jones stated that he would not vote for this article.

Mr. Bruno stated that he would vote for this article.

Mr. Combs is currently undecided.

Mr. Holzworth was not in support of this article.

Mr. Leamy is undecided but feels that it is the voter's decision.

Mr. Jones explained that the Town provides this service to the residents and the residents are already paying for this. If residents choose to use a private hauler that is their choice.

It was pointed out that this was binding article. The question was asked if there was a penalty for withdrawing from RCSWD. Mr. O'Gorman explained that the RCSWD members would vote on whether the Town could leave immediately or had to wait for a year. There was also an additional amount of money that the Town would be responsible for paying on leases. This money would be returned to the Town when the leases ended.

Article 5. *To act upon any business, which may properly come before this meeting?*

There were 2 suggestions made by residents;

1. That income/revenue should be shown on every line item.
2. Those articles not in the budget that change, should have the prior year listed.

Mr. Jones thanked Karen Scolforo for hosting the Castleton Town Meeting and Candidates Forum. He also thanked the Fourth of July Committee for their work. Mr. Jones mentioned that the Fire Department has received extrication tools and had surface ice rescue training last year and Woodard Marine donated some of the equipment.

ADJOURN

Mr. Burke made a motion to close the Town Meeting at 9:20 p.m. Mr. Day seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary

PART 1

OFFICIAL BALLOT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

CASTLETON, VERMONT

MARCH 5, 2019

- A. To vote, completely fill in the oval ☐ to the right of your choice(s), like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the oval.
- D. If you wrongly mark, tear or deface the ballot, return it and obtain another.

TOWN AGENT

For One Year Term (Vote for not more than ONE)

23 (WRITE-IN) ☐**FIRST CONSTABLE**

For Two Year Term (Vote for not more than ONE)

SILAS R. LOOMIS 648 ☒4 (WRITE-IN) ☐**GRAND JUROR**

For One Year Term (Vote for not more than ONE)

17 (WRITE-IN) ☐**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

For Five Year Term (Vote for not more than ONE)

KRIS JACOBY-STEVENSON 234 ☒PATRICIA SCHROEDER 400 ☒1 (WRITE-IN) ☐**TOWN MODERATOR**

For One Year Term (Vote for not more than ONE)

MICHAEL FINNEGAN 601 ☒4 (WRITE-IN) ☐**TOWN SELECTMAN**

For Three Year Term (Vote for not more than ONE)

ROBERT V. "BOB" SPAULDING ☒ 56117 (WRITE-IN) ☐**TOWN SELECTMAN**

For One Year Term (Vote for not more than TWO)

JOHN T. ALEXANDER 279 ☐JANET CURRIE 169 ☐JIM LEAMY 384 ☐JOE MARK 451 ☐3 (WRITE-IN) ☐(WRITE-IN) ☐**TOWN ARTICLES**

Article 7. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$25,708 for Legislating? (Prior year \$25,375)

546 YES ☒177 NO ☐

Article 8. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,565 for Ordinances & Proceedings? (Prior year \$2,565)

582 YES ☒140 NO ☐

Article 9. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$167,439 for Managing Municipalities? (Prior year \$167,916)

580 YES ☒141 NO ☐

Article 10. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,064 for Conducting Elections? (Prior year \$11,782)

613 YES ☒107 NO ☐

Article 11. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$43,502 for Collection, Custody & Disbursement of Funds? (Prior year \$42,467)

514 YES ☒197 NO ☐

Article 12. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$88,394 for Accounting? (Prior year \$86,009)

508 YES ☒207 NO ☐

Article 13. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for Auditing? (Prior year \$12,000)

606 YES ☒111 NO ☐

Article 14. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$38,644 for Tax Listing? (Prior year \$25,138)

356 YES ☒354 NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER
AND VOTE BOTH SIDES

Results

<p>Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$38,375 for Tax Collecting? (Prior year \$35,566)</p> <p>455 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>257 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 22. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$36,218 for Emergency Medical Services? (Includes Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. & RAS/Castleton First Responders) (Prior year \$36,218)</p> <p>669 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>58 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 29. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,449 for Health Regulating & Inspecting? (Prior year \$1,506)</p> <p>599 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>117 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$75,500 for Document Recording/Issue? (Prior year \$72,081)</p> <p>441 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>263 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 23. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$160,799 for Fire Department? (Prior year \$143,247)</p> <p>545 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>176 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 30. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,186 for Animal Control? (Prior year \$1,060)</p> <p>374 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>334 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for Legal Services? (Prior year \$20,000)</p> <p>394 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>307 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 24. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for Emergency Management? (Prior year \$11,350)</p> <p>596 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>123 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 31. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,525 for Constables? (Prior year \$36,119)</p> <p>538 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>184 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Article 18. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,939 for Municipal Planning & Zoning? (Prior year \$40,100)</p> <p>503 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>204 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 25. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,114,080 for Highway Department? (Prior year \$1,096,164)</p> <p>561 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>163 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 32. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$344,453 for Transfer Station? (Prior year \$300,636)</p> <p>465 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>253 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Article 19. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$190,013 for General Government Buildings? (Prior year \$180,780)</p> <p>438 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>273 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 26. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,600 for Town Lands? (Prior year \$3,500)</p> <p>547 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>167 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 33. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$109,050 for Recreation? (Prior year \$99,729)</p> <p>466 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>250 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Article 20. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$20,700 for General Government Equipment? (Prior year \$20,700)</p> <p>583 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>131 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 27. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Historical Cemeteries? (Prior year \$5,000)</p> <p>638 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>83 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 34. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,150 for Memorial Day Decorations/July 4th Parade? (Prior year \$2,150)</p> <p>584 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>136 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Article 21. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$509,950 for Police Department? (Prior year \$450,690)</p> <p>465 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>257 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 28. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for Hillside Cemetery (Prior year \$27,000)</p> <p>584 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>137 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 35. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$111,500 for Library Administration? (Prior year \$111,500)</p> <p>583 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>140 NO <input type="radio"/></p>

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT
AND CONTINUE VOTING**

PART 2

OFFICIAL BALLOT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

CASTLETON, VERMONT

MARCH 5, 2019

- A. To vote, completely fill in the oval ☐ to the right of your choice(s), like this: ☒
- B. If you wrongly mark, tear or deface the ballot, return it and obtain another.

Results

<p>Article 36. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Prevention/Control of Forest Fires? (Prior year \$1,000)</p> <p>628 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>94 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 40. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$3,600 for administrative support of Castleton Cares, Inc., determining that the program serves the residents of the Town with emergency assistance to local people in need. (Not included in the budget)</p> <p>604 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>115 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 43. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$6,720 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice (\$550 to support Rutland Area Hospice & \$6,170 to support RAVNAH Home and Community Health Services)? (Not included in the budget)</p> <p>596 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>122 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Article 37. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,834 for Tree Warden? (Prior year \$2,864)</p> <p>363 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>352 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 41. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$25,000 for the support of Castleton Community Seniors, Inc., determining that the program serves residents of the Town with the operation of the Castleton Community Center (The Old Homestead)? (Not included in the budget)</p> <p>606 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>112 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 44. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$4,088 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services? (Not included in the budget)</p> <p>565 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>157 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Article 38. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for Rutland County Tax? (Prior year \$40,000)</p> <p>573 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>141 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 42. Shall the Town of Castleton vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,500 for the support of the partial funding of Marble Valley Regional Transit Districts (The Bus) public transit service to the residents of the Town? (Not included in the budget)</p> <p>558 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>164 NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 45. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$900 for the support of RSVP and the Volunteer Center, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with volunteering opportunities and community services? (Not included in the budget)</p> <p>548 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>170 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>Article 39. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$3,500 for the support of ARC - Rutland Area determining that the program serves the residents of the Town with advocacy, resources and community for citizens with developmental disabilities and their families? (Not included in the budget)</p> <p>561 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>150 NO <input type="radio"/></p>		

Results

TURN BALLOT OVER
AND VOTE BOTH SIDES

Article 46. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$2,000 for the support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with elder services? (Not included in the budget)

558 YES ☒
134 NO ☐

Article 47. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$1,000 for the support of Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with services to enable the blind and visually impaired to achieve and maintain independence? (Not included in the budget)

586 YES ☒
110 NO ☐

Article 48. Shall the Town deem necessary and appropriate \$2,725 for the support of BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont, determining that the program serves residents of the Town with weatherization, emergency food and small business development? (Not included in the budget)

529 YES ☒
161 NO ☐

Article 49. Shall the Town of Castleton vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$7,500 for the support of the 4th of July Committee for the coordination of the 4th of July Parade & Annual Fireworks Display. To provide services to the residents of the Town. (Not included in the budget)

444 YES ☒
248 NO ☐

Article 50. Whereas extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, flooding, 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 our town, state, nation, and the world, and

Whereas the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable resources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal; Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:

- Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to energy pipelines;
- Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy by 2050 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines;
- Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to low-income people, people of color, or rural communities.

2. That the Town will do our part to meet these goals by committing to efforts such as:

- Protecting town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing Town lands;
- Enlisting state support in weatherizing and installing alternative energy to Town structures;
- Other initiatives to improve the quality of life while helping to reduce overall use of energy.

378 YES ☒
315 NO ☐

Article 51. Shall the Town vote to allow the Select Board to withdraw from the contract with Rutland County Solid Waste District and join the Solid Waste Alliance Communities to provide less expensive services for the town's solid waste?

461 YES ☒
229 NO ☐

Results

YOU HAVE NOW
COMPLETED VOTING

Town of Castleton Personnel Wage / Benefit Summary FY2018-2019

Insurance Benefits Paid			Insurance Benefits Paid		
Employee	Gross Wages	by Town	Employee	Gross Wages	by Town
ALKINBURGH SCOTT J.	52,015.24	16,113.43	KASUBA SUSAN K.	945.00	-
ANGELO DAMON A.	47,628.53	10,956.02	KEARNS CHARLOTTE A.	44.00	-
BARNES ETHAN N.	3,220.75	-	KEARNS ESTELLE F.	343.13	-
BIASUZZI JEFFREY M.	1,731.01	-	KEARNS MARY E.	22,887.32	-
BOGART MICHAEL G.	215.60	-	LABEN-HARDT MELINDA M.	1,216.09	-
BOUTWELL NEDRA A.	37,229.55	14,772.30	LAFLECHE SARAH E.	660.28	-
BRADT JAMES E.	101.75	-	LANTHIER ANDREW R.	204.82	-
BRUNO JAMES A.	5,210.00	-	LEAMY JAMES P.	850.00	-
CACCIATORE OLIVIA M.	132.00	-	LEBRUN ELIZA J.	1,980.21	-
CAMPBELL DOUGLAS S.	26,495.81	9,385.80	LONGTIN BRUCE W.	180.00	-
CHALMERS EVAN D.	34,869.19	8,771.04	LOOMIS SILAS R.	16,929.00	-
CHRISTIAN CAEL A.	512.05	-	MACKAY TREVOR A.	636.37	-
CLAPP AMY E.	10,979.82	-	MANTELLIO PETER J.	86,315.61	20,755.08
CLIFFORD MARTHA J.	2,809.62	-	MARK JOSEPH T.	520.79	-
COE KENNETH D.	200.00	-	MARR DAVID E.	281.50	-
COE LEVIN P.	200.00	-	MARR IVY M.	243.26	-
COLOUTTI HALLE M.	1,703.83	-	MARR TWYLA V.	515.88	-
COLOUTTI RYLEIGH A.	425.81	-	MARR-HILLIARD ZOE W.	1,341.62	-
COMBS MELANIE J.	51,991.67	14,772.30	MCGANN GAIL D.	2,457.75	-
COMBS RICHARD A.	1,000.00	-	NIKlasson ANN	250.00	-
CUMMINGS JUDITH B.	242.55	-	NORTH CARLTON D.	14,089.09	-
CURRIE JANET K.	200.00	-	PELKEY CASSANDRA M.	665.67	-
CURTIS ELIZABETH A.	2,077.13	-	PETTY MARGARET A.	31,232.19	15,285.74
DAVIS JILL M.	2,206.61	-	POTTER WILLIAM J.	160.00	-
DAY ROBERT E.	220.00	-	ROGERS PAUL A.	4,267.50	-
DECHEN STEPHEN J.	13,885.35	-	ROGERS ROLLIN N. II	640.00	-
DENNO RYAN R.	353.05	-	ROSARIO ELIZER A.	1,501.50	-
EAGAN PAUL C.	62,763.38	14,453.21	ROSENTHAL JONAS H.	14,905.00	-
EATON CODY L.	3,286.54	-	RUFFIN CHRISTOPHER C.	12,391.66	6,612.58
FIORE MARK J.	3,188.97	-	SHAW MARK E.	14,706.22	3,571.60
FITCH MEGAERA V.	1,380.38	-	SMITH MICHAEL J.	37,563.63	8,771.04
FOLEY KATHLEEN M.	116.13	-	SPAULDING ROBERT V.	1,000.00	-
FORREST CHRISTOPHER R.	31,323.31	4,285.92	STEVENS SCOTT A.	10,432.47	-
FRANKLIN JUSTIN M.	8,720.00	-	STEWART GRAHAM R.	1,311.31	-
FRANZONI ROBERT A.	180.00	-	STEWART KAREN L.	35,645.68	14,255.28
FURLAN HELVI A.	1,025.60	-	SZABO KELLEY L.	7,326.93	-
GARRIGAN JOSEPH P.	5,786.00	-	SZAREJKO JUSTIN A.	65,293.20	7,386.18
GOODRICH KYLE M.	2,915.83	-	TAVARES TYLER	12,665.04	-
GOSSELIN JULIA A.	2,856.51	-	TEETOR MARY JO	13,681.25	-
GOYETTE HEATH C.	44,847.36	17,542.08	TRACEY EDWARD	9,585.00	7,663.08
HASKINS MARY A.	2,696.65	-	TRAVERSE PATRICK G.	19,115.96	-
HAYES EDWARD C.	48,270.52	6,628.08	TRUDO NANCY L.	11,375.42	-
HAYES WALLACE E.	640.00	-	VAN NOORDT DARCY A.	5,365.04	-
HIRSCHBERGER CHARLOTTE	130.20	-	WALDRON VALERIE	563.32	-
HOLZWORTH ZACK S.	1,000.00	-	WARD ROBERT B.	47,780.32	17,542.08
JONES JANET L.	28,092.54	5,224.38	WELCH SCOTT T.	2,221.60	-
JONES MICHAEL A.	60,000.20	-	WOOD DONALD P.	220.00	-
JONES NICHOLAS R.	1,155.01	-			
JORDAN JEFF L.	37,227.38	24,646.74	Total Employees Reported: 96	1,159,967.06	249,393.96

Rutland County Solid Waste District Annual Report - Calendar Year 2019

The Rutland County Solid Waste District offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our seventeen member municipalities, residents and businesses. Some services are also available to non-District communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and transfer station at Gleason Road in Rutland City. District program, facility and rate information is now available on our web site, www.rcswd.com.

The RCSWD is in the process of updating the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025-time frame. The State requires that all communities have a current SWIP in place that meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five-year period. The community's involvement in drafting and developing this document is highly encouraged.

The District has worked and will continue to contact with local businesses informing them about recycling composting and hazardous waste and the programs that we offer. The District will also be working with local schools on many of these same issues over the next few years.

Watch for our updated website!

Waste Disposal: During 2019, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 36,000 tons of municipal solid waste which includes the construction and demolition activity along with a significant amount of bulky waste.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts Zero Sort recycling from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 35,000 tons of recyclables a year from a large geographical area. Since we began tracking material in 1995 the facility has processed over 460,000 tons of recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents and small business generators. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility, and scheduled collections at twelve town transfer stations within seventeen member towns' through the spring, summer and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable and toxic materials. The RCSWD HHW also collects electronic waste and has collected over 1700 tons of material since collections began in 2004.

Other Programs: The District also offered other waste management, education and reduction programs, including construction and demolition waste, clean wood and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working with and providing recycling materials or information to various local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, and Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society.

Mark S. Shea, District Manager



Bridge Initiative: Town and University Working Together

Castleton University (CU) contributes to the local economy with salaries, home sales/rentals, as well as faculty, students, staff and guests spending on shopping, restaurants, and services, plus payment from the state in lieu of taxes.

CU also offers events and facilities to town residents. Town residents can benefit from: athletic events, plays, concerts (including the summer concert series) and other performances, fitness center (with membership) and pool (day use or membership), disc golf course, yoga/exercise classes, art exhibits, lectures, films, the library (books, computers, wi-fi, study/meeting spaces), ice-skating rink, bus trips, and more. Many of these are free or at reduced cost.

The Bridge Initiative is composed of Town of Castleton residents and Castleton University personnel working to foster bonds of understanding and good will. Bridge has been raising awareness of resources for learning, enrichment and entertainment, and developing innovative joint ventures since 2015.

Bridge Initiative activities so far:

- Developing volunteer opportunities for new student orientation
- Organizing student visits to Main Street homes
- Arranging for student presentations at Town Meetings and select board meetings
- Advocating for emails to residents on CU events of interest
- Staffing booths during CU registration, orientation, homecoming and job fair to meet, greet and provide information about the town
- Regularly posting announcements on Front Porch Forum about events at CU
- Setting up lunches on campus for students and town residents/officials
- Organizing host families for visiting Chinese scholars
- Partnering with Slate Valley Trails to map and place signs at trails behind campus
- Arranging for CU to provide AV expertise at Science Pubs
- Joint art tour to museums in Mass. and NY
- Arranging for 45 students to participate in Colonial Day
- Organizing CU participation in town's July 4th parade
- Expanding delivery of the CU student newspaper, The Spartan
- Connecting town personnel with CU contacts, and vice versa
- Brown-bag lunches with international students

Some efforts in the works:

- Developing a sitting area by the Castleton River
- Second Annual Post July 4th Parade Party
- A kiosk on Main Street to highlight CU events
- Enhancing the Town Green
- Trash cans for recyclables in key spots in town
- More ways to get info about campus events out to town
- and more

To learn more about Bridge, contact Martha Molnar (marthamolnar@gmail.com, 468-5125) or attend one of our meetings, announced on Front Porch Forum, and check out <https://www.castleton.edu/community/bridge-initiative>

Dates to Remember in 2020	
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February 29	Due Date for the 3 rd quarter of the 2019/2020 property taxes
March 2	Business portions of the Town Meeting 6:30pm at Castleton University Jeffords Center
March 3	Election of Town & School District Offices and Budget Vote 8:00am – 7:00pm at the Castleton Fire Station at 273 VT Route 30 North
March 3	Vermont Presidential Primary
March 21	Rabies Clinic & Licensing of Dogs at the Castleton Fire Station from 10:00am to 12:00 Noon. Rabies shots are also available for cats.
April 1	Last day to register dogs without a penalty.
April 30	Last day for Office of Veteran's Affairs to receive application for tax exemption due to their Veteran's Exemption Eligibility Statement.
May 2	Green Up Day
May 31	Due date for the 4 th quarter of the 2019/2020 property taxes and sewer charges
June 4	Castleton Village Farmer's Market. Thursday's from 3:30pm-6 *June to October
June 30	Last day to pay taxes or sewer by 4:00 pm without any penalties
July 4	4th of July Parade
August 1	Shrine Football Game at Castleton University – Parade (TBA) & Game to Follow
August 5	Lion's Club Auction on "The Green"
August 11	Vermont Statewide Primary Election 8:00am – 7:00pm at the Castleton Fire Station at 273 VT Route 30 North
August 15	Castleton Woman's Club Colonial Day
August 31	Due date of the 1 st quarter of the 2020/2021 property taxes
September 13	Castleton Day
September 30	Due date of the 1 st quarter of the 2020/2021 sewer service charge
November 3	Vermont General Election 8:00am – 7:00pm at the Castleton Fire Station at 273 VT Route 30 North
November 30	Due date for the 2 nd quarter of the 2020/2021 property taxes
December 19	Wreaths Across America
December 31	Due date for the 2 nd quarter of the 2020/2021 sewer service charge