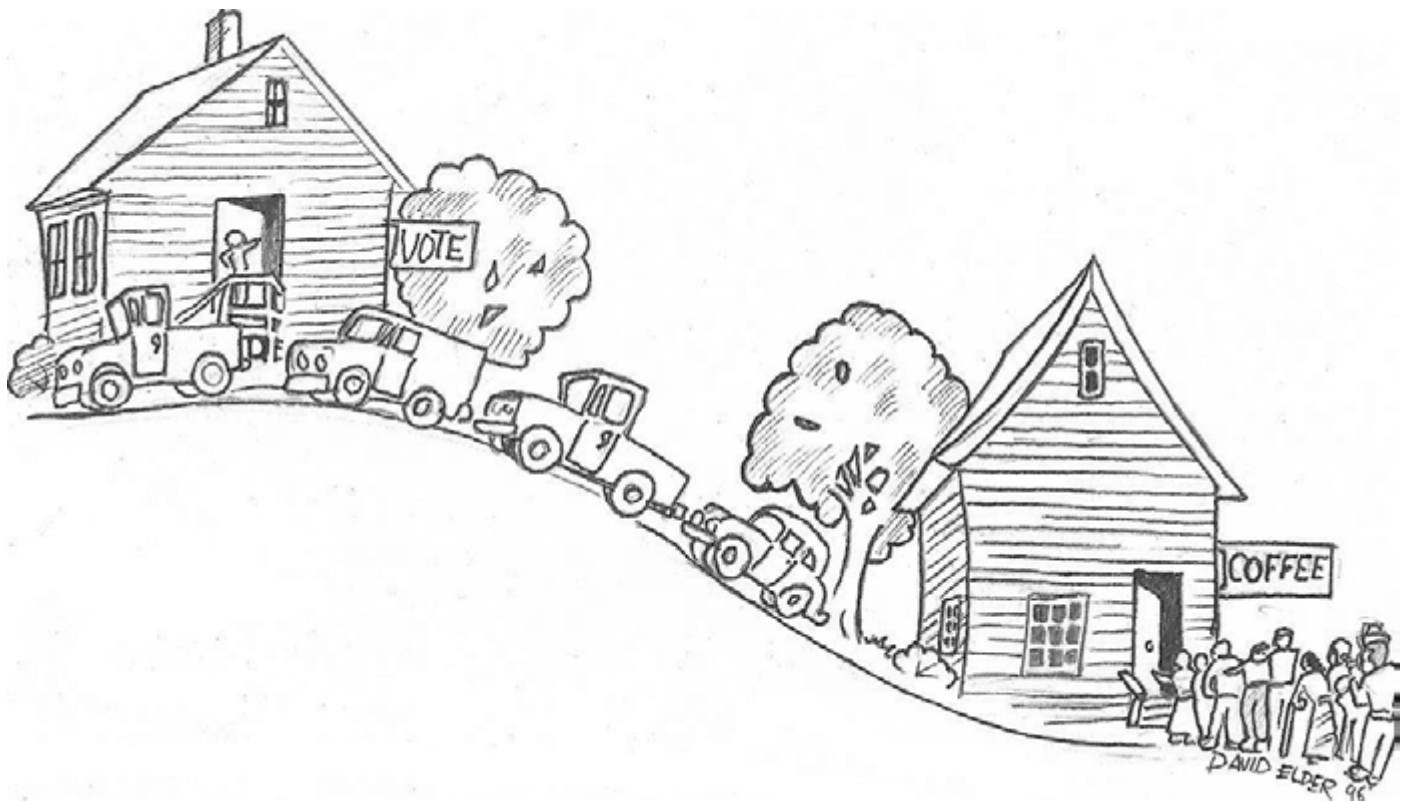


# Town of Ryegate Vermont

## 2017 Annual Report



Please bring this report to  
Town Meeting  
On Tuesday, March 6, 2018

# Dedication



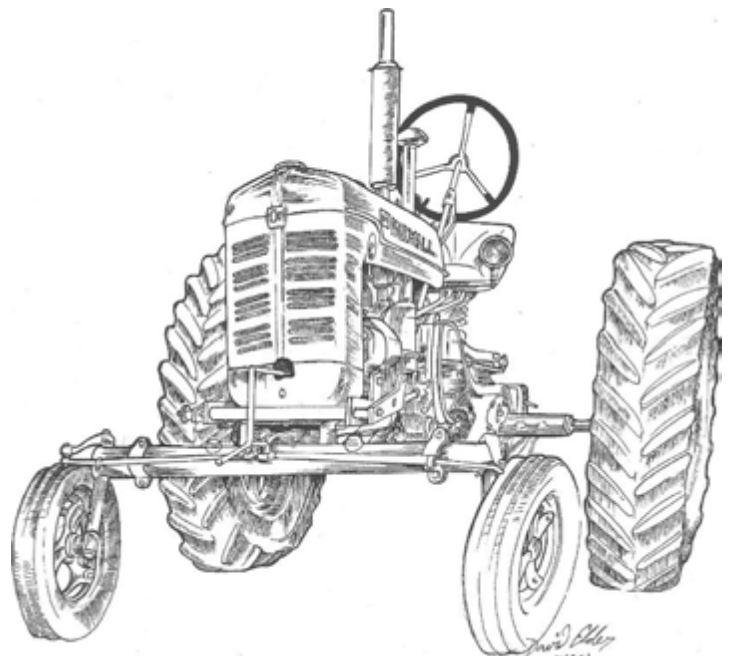
June 16, 1962 – September 10, 2017

It is customary to dedicate the Town Report to someone who has served as a Town Officer. However, we feel David Elder has served his Town well with his amazing art and generous spirit.

David was born in Haverhill, New Hampshire. While in high school he worked with a blacksmith designing and creating art statues out of iron. He designed many of the plaques sold at Mountaine Meadows Pottery. David volunteered at Blue Mountain Union School in the art department. He illustrated two books for two local authors and self-published two maze coloring books. He was often found circulating his latest maze creation around town.

He was commissioned to paint the mural at P&H Truck stop and designed their menu covers. He painted a mural at Baldwin Memorial Library and created different theme rooms at the Wells River Motel.

David was always very generous with his art. He donated a copy of his Heifer Hill pen and ink sketch to the Town of Ryegate which is on display at the Town Office. Several of his sketches are contained in this report. His delight with life and his sense of humor are evident in them and he is missed in this Town where his ready smile and gentle demeanor touched so many people.



The Report of the Officers of the

Town  
of  
**Ryegate**  
Vermont

In preparation for Town Meeting Day  
On  
Tuesday, March 6, 2018

**2017**  
Annual Report  
Of Town Officers  
For the Year Ended  
December 31, 2017

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## VACCINATE TO ELIMINATE RABIES

### WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a viral infection passed from animals to other animals or humans, usually through a bite. The virus affects the brain, and is nearly always fatal (causes death). Here's how we control rabies in animals and reduce transmission to people.



### 1. VACCINATE DOGS

Rabies shots protect dogs and people. Because dog vaccination is common in the United States, people don't get rabies from dogs like they do in countries where dogs are not vaccinated.

### 2. VACCINATE CATS

In the last 25 years, most of the rabid domestic animals in the US have been cats. Cats are almost 5 times as likely as dogs to get rabies - but you can prevent this by vaccinating them.



### 3. VACCINATE WILDLIFE

Many Vermont wildlife are vaccinated with an edible vaccine through a bait drop. Do not touch or feed wildlife.

### 4. PREVENTION IN PEOPLE

If you are bitten or scratched by an animal or find a bat in a room where you were sleeping, wash any wound thoroughly. Call your doctor and the health department. 1-800-4-RABIES. You may need to get post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), a series of shots that keep the virus from making people sick.



**ONE HEALTH VERMONT**

VERMONT VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

For more information:  
www.vtvets.org 802-878-6888

## Selectboard Narrative

Like most of the rest of Vermont, water quality was a dominant theme for the Ryegate Selectboard in 2017. Road salt management past and present, the So Ryegate Waste Water Treatment facility, storm water management along our highways and highway damage from our very own July micro-burst storm kept us busy and learning all year.

Funds were appropriated at a special Town Meeting to pay the damage claims from two homeowners whose wells were found to have unsafe levels of sodium. Given the properties location near the town garage it seems a reasonable assumption that salt runoff from storage was the source of the salt. We did take several water samples from other wells in the area and no other salt contamination was found at this time. To address salt storage and handling concerns the town has built a new salt shed. Thanks to Frank Page, Rick Colby, Chief Construction and our own road crew for an innovative design and a well-built salt shed that will help keep our salt where it belongs. 2017 marks our ninth year of not adding a 22 ton truck load of salt to our sand pile. While this did make our sand more effective on icy roads water quality concerns led the road crew to discontinue the practice.

This year saw the completion of the Filter Bed Replacement project at the So Ryegate Waste Water Treatment facility. Between financing and permitting this proved to be a very complex issue to navigate. At times it seemed that there were more state employees involved than there are people that use the system. Our careful compliance with state regulations did encourage the state to rescind a \$28,000.00 fine that had been levied because of the overdue repairs. We are saddened to note the passing of the facility's longtime volunteer manager, Gary Mason. We miss you, Gary.

We took advantage of a grant opportunity to join with three other towns and purchase a hydro seeder for the highway dept. This machine does an amazing job of seeding down ditches and road sides after road work is completed. Access to this machine will help keep us in compliance with new and evolving state storm water regulations. Thanks to our road foreman, Nelson Elder, for being heads up and getting us in on this opportunity. Repairing storm damage and planning to prevent future damage has become a big part of his job.

We would also like to recognize Chief Construction for their work on a clean up project on Pleasant Street in So Ryegate. When the cost of solid waste disposal was much higher than we estimated, Chief donated his extensive work on the clean up as a community service. On the subject of community service, we should note that Ryegate now has both a Zoning Administrator and an Animal Control Officer. You would do well to get your building permits in on time and your dogs licensed. Thanks to Bill Elder and Rachel Clough for taking on these tough jobs.

We can also note a much revitalized relationship between Ryegate and Groton with our Fast Squad. Your Selectboard is pleased to be able to participate in the fiscal management of this important service and we encourage anyone interested in learning more about the Fast Squad to let us know.

Our External Audit fund, to which we contribute \$3,000.00 annually, has reached the point where we can have the 2017 books audited. These professional audits provide an excellent opportunity for the Selectboard, the Treasurer and our own Auditors to learn and improve our management of the town's finances. While we rely heavily on our excellent internal controls, working with the professional auditors gives us a fresh look at how well we are doing and where we can do better.

We look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting.

## Towns Officers Appointed by the Selectboard

Road Foreman		Nelson Elder
Clerk for the Select Board		Marsha Nelson
Fence Viewers		The Select Board
Pound Keeper		North Danville Pet Hotel
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber		Bruce Beauvais
Weigher of Coal		Bruce Beauvais
Tree Warden		Darcy Nelson
Agent to Convey Real Estate		Dean Rowden
Town Service Officer		J Paul Coates
Health Officer		Stephen Genereaux M.D.
Animal Control Officer		Rachel Clough
Energy Officer		Marsha Nelson
Green Up Chairmen		Darryl Perkins & Makayla Perkins
NEK Waste District	Supervisor:	Gene Perkins
	Vice Supervisor:	Andrew Smith
Planning/Zoning Commission	Term Expires 2018:	Mary Dole, Catherine Davie, Fremont Nelson, Regina Hazel
	Term Expires 2019:	Walter Bragg, Richard Colby II, Nancy Perkins
	Term Expires 2020:	Alice Allen, Stephen Genereaux
Zoning Administrator		William Elder
Northeastern VT Development		Claudette Sortino
Connecticut River Joint Comms.		Mary Dole
Appointed by Town Clerk – Assistant Town Clerk –		Elizabeth Page
Appointed by Treasurer – Assistant Treasurer –		Patricia Crocker

## South Ryegate Women's Club

The South Ryegate Women's Club was the generous donor of the three Welcome To Ryegate signs placed around Town in 2017. The Club was formed as early as the 1920's and has greatly enriched the Town through the years. The Club started by purchasing books for the Children's section of the library. It was instrumental in the creation of the Mills Memorial Field. It raised money to move the War Memorial to its present location in South Ryegate and to purchase the lights on the Church Street Bridge. In 2017 the Club disbanded but not before supplying the Town with beautiful Welcome Signs.



L to R- Dover Ford, Andy Smith, Paul Keenan, Jackie Sinclair, Sign design by Betsey Pelletier

## Town Officers 2017

MODERATOR		Regina Hazel
TOWN CLERK		Marsha Nelson
TREASURER		Cheryl Slayton
SELECTBOARD		
Term expires March	2018	Andrew Smith
Term expires March	2019	Claudette Sortino
Term expires March	2020	Paul Keenan
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR		Dale Wright
FIRST CONSTABLE		Vacant
TOWN AGENT		John Zampieri
FIRST GRAND JUROR		Dean Rowden
LISTERS:		
Term expires March	2018	Elizabeth Beauvais
Term expires March	2019	Sally Wilson
Term expires March	2020	Regina Hazel
AUDITORS:		
Term expires March	2018	Richard Fraser
Term expires March	2019	Richard Hodgson
Term expires March	2020	Thomas Dole
LIBRARY TRUSTEES:		
Term expires March	2018	Marsha Nelson
Term expires March	2019	Jennifer Nelson
Term expires March	2020	Mary Dole
Term expires March	2021	Deanna Arnosky
Term expires March	2022	Richard Fraser
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:		
Term expires March	2018	Judy Gandin
Term expires March	2019	Richard Colby II
Term expires March	2020	Daniel LaCoss
Term expires March	2021	Bruce Nelson
Term expires March	2022	William Nelson
UNION SCHOOL DIRECTORS:		
Term expires March	2018	Joshua Souliere
Term expires March	2019	Bruce Stevens
Term expires March	2020	Paul Hazel
Term expires March	2021	Wade Parker

## Auditors' Narrative

In accordance with Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 24, Section 1681, the board of auditors has verified the existence of cash balances, and examined the accounts and records of town officers. To the best of our knowledge, the financial statements, reports of receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities contained in this annual report present an accurate record of the funds handled in the year ending December 31, 2017.

The auditors as a group verify bank accounts and fund balances on a quarterly basis. Individually auditors are verifying accounts and other financial activities conducted by the town commissions, departments, and officers. We reconcile the Grand List and the property information files involved in transfer of ownership and changes of appraised value annually. The auditors also performed verification of tax collections, and other transactions.

The auditors are hoping to provide some historical information encompassing a 3 to 5-year period to be included in the Town Report and to assist in Town Management.

We thank the town officers and officials for their cooperation in assisting us as we perform our duties.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Dole      Richard Fraser      Richard Hodgson





# Accounts Administered by SelectBoard and Treasurer 2017

No.	Account	Beginning \$	Deposit	Withdrawal		Interest / Dividend	Comm. & Fees	Value Gain/(Loss)	Ending \$
1 So. Ryegate Sewer									
	#273086	1,586.97				0.80			1,587.77
2 Fire Dept Building Fund									
	#634466	528.97				0.48			529.45
3 Fire Dept Eq. Repl.									
	#632300	24,501.96	13,434.00		25,312.50 <sup>1</sup>	27.77			12,651.23
4 Machine Fund-Hgwy									
	#612080	268,684.16	75,000.00		114,727.10 <sup>2</sup>	236.44			229,193.50
5 Ryegate History Committee									
	#524317	17,665.81			10,000.00 <sup>3</sup>	13.13			7,678.94
6 Nicole A. Hayne									
	#528494	7,769.80	5,000.00 <sup>4</sup>		1,219.50 <sup>5</sup>	7.12			11,557.42
	#905929	9,650.60				38.67			9,689.27
							Nicole A. Hayne Total:		21,246.69
7 M. Hall Library									
	#195892	2,284.07	348.89		400.00 <sup>6</sup>	1.19			2,234.15
	#905933	6,337.61				25.41			6,363.02
	#909982	86,466.68				28.42			86,495.10
	[MITTX] 2095.68 Shares	58,030.43			68,297.04		85.00	10,351.61	-
	[PGE0X] 933.264 Shares	16,425.44			18,169.64		85.00	1,829.20	-
							M. Hall Library Total:		95,092.27
8 W. Sutton Memorial									
	#552067	106.22				0.04			106.26
9 Fire Dept Truck Replacment									
	#673078	26,014.09	15,000.00 <sup>7</sup>			27.39			41,041.48
10 East Ryegate Library									
	#9358817841	1,884.54				0.56			1,885.10
11 John F McColl Cemetery									
	#810875	3,436.93				13.77			3,450.70
	#905930	2,336.83				9.37			2,346.20
	#234630	106.25				0.04			106.29
							John F. McColl Cemetery Total:		5,903.19
12 McDonald Cemetery									
	#290409	320.50				0.16			320.66
13 Byrne-Buchanan Cemetery									
	#304502	491.67				0.24			491.91
14 C. A. Park Cemetery									
	#506625	698.11				0.36			698.47
15 Cameron Cemetery									
	#702507	2,989.20			2,985.05 <sup>8</sup>	4.06	8.21		0.00
16 Ryegate Cemetery									
	#601600	5,825.20			5,826.14 <sup>8</sup>	0.94			0.00
17 E. Hall Cemetery									
	#195915	2,917.95			1,495.01 <sup>8</sup>	0.84			1,423.78
	#905932	7,421.06				29.74			7,450.80
							E. Hall Cemetery Total:		8,874.58
18 M. Hall Cemetery									
	#195928	1,189.41	85.87			0.61			1,275.89
	#905931	3,963.12				15.89			3,979.01
	#909983	-	1,408.76			0.47			1,409.23
	[BAC] 146 Shares	2,440.83				56.94		1,869.09	4,309.92
	[BK] 29 shares	1,374.02			1,408.76	28.93	125.92	160.66	-
							M. Hall Cemetery Total:		10,974.05
<sup>1</sup> purchase 1992 Truck / 50% down on engine refurb.									
<sup>2</sup> extended warranty 2016 Truck, hydro seeder cont., 2017 Freightliner truck									
<sup>3</sup> painting of Historical Society bldg.									
<sup>4</sup> donation By Gitta Weesner In Memory of John D. Weesner									
<sup>5</sup> winter carnival wagon ride, pinwheels, S.R, playground, summer fest									
<sup>6</sup> So. Ryegate Library									
<sup>7</sup> town allotment (\$13000) plus sale of truck (\$2000)									
<sup>8</sup> purchase & cleanup of Patten property									

## Accounts Administered by SelectBoard and Treasurer 2017

No.	Account	Beginning \$	Deposit	Withdrawal	Interest / Dividend	Comm. & Fees	Value Gain/(Loss)	Ending \$
19 Ticklenaked Pond Checking								
	#389315	5,991.63	334.00	236.23		7.50		6,081.90
20 BMU Little League								
	#565393	663.53			0.32			663.85
21 Lind Homes Housing								
	#565353	4,346.53			4.35			4,350.88

## Capital Needs: Town Highway Machinery and Equipment

TOWN OF RYEGATE											
HIGHWAY MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT											
CAPITAL NEEDS ACTUALS AND ESTIMATES											
Capital Item	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2011 Loader—Trade 2001				55,500							
2004 Grader--Trade 1993											
2015 Truck --Trade 2006							132,464				
2016 Truck --Trade 2008								86,400			
2017 Truck --Trade 2009									110,637		
2011 Truck --Trade 2004		103,986									
Wood Chipper				3,500							
Other- Equip Fuel Tank	249.48										
Welder					2090						
Warranty on Truck								3,146	3,590		
Hydro Seeder Contract									500		
Sale of Utility Trailer								200			
Balance in Savings Jan 1	58,888	133,895	105,163	180,428	196,636	264,740	340,005	282,809	268,684	229,193	304,443
Annual Deposit	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	70,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Annual Expense	(249)	(103,986)	-	(59,000)	(2,090)	-	(132,464)	(89,346)	(114,727)	-	-
Annual Interest Earned	256	254	265	208	194	265	268	221	236	250	250
Balance in Savings Dec 31	133,895	105,163	180,428	196,636	264,740	340,005	282,809	268,684	229,193	304,443	379,693

## 2016 Town Employee Compensation

Employee Name	2017 Pay Rate	Gross Wages	Retirement	Bonus	Health Ins	FICA	Total Comp.
Nelson Elder	21.15 Hourly	49,800.50	3,617.94	100.00	8,306.28	3,789.90	65,614.62
Road Foreman							
Stan Kosakowski	16.19 Hourly	461.46				35.31	496.77
Road Crew PT							
Larry Welch	17.84 Hourly	41,968.88	3,050.14	100.00	8,306.28	3,197.53	56,622.83
Road Crew							
Bruce Boyce	17.00 Hourly	36,671.13	2,665.90	100.00	8,306.28	2,775.65	50,518.96
Road Crew							
Jason Sulham	16.50 Hourly	38,928.27	2,829.46	100.00	2,125.44	2,927.35	46,910.52
Road Crew							
Marsha Nelson	418.85 Weekly	25,154.20	1,830.93	100.00	8,586.20	1,931.84	37,603.17
Town Clerk							
Cheryl Slayton	357.00 Weekly	18,315.70		100.00	8,586.20	1,408.77	28,410.67
Treasurer							
Patricia Crocker	11.50 Hourly	1,437.50		100.00		117.64	1,655.14
Asst. Treas/ Clerk							
Elizabeth Page	11.50 Hourly	735.00		100.00		63.87	898.87
Asst. Town Cl.							
Richard Fraser	12.99 Hourly	116.91				8.95	125.86
Auditor							
Thomas Dole, Aud	12.99 Hourly	353.98				27.07	381.05
Auditor							
Richard Hodgson	12.99 Hourly	516.35				39.51	555.86
Auditor							
Dale Wright	8% Collection Fee	10,029.57				767.27	10,796.84
Tax Collector							
Regina Hazel	15.59 Hourly	3,863.91				295.58	4,159.49
Lister							
Elizabeth Beauvais	15.59 Hourly	3,774.75				288.77	4,063.52
Lister							
Sally Wilson	15.59 Hourly	2,779.23				212.59	2,991.82
Lister							
Gene Perkins **	10.00 Hourly	4,125.00				315.60	4,440.60
Recycling							
Andrew Smith	Annual	1,000.00				76.50	1,076.50
Selectboard							
Claudette Sortino	Annual	1,000.00				76.50	1,076.50
Selectboard							
Paul Keenan	Annual	1,000.00				76.50	1,076.50
Selectboard							
		<b>242,032.34</b>	<b>13,994.37</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>44,216.68</b>	<b>18,432.70</b>	<b>319,476.09</b>
		Additional Employer Costs:		Worker's Compensation Ins.			11,304.00
				Road Crew Uniforms/Laundry Service			4,868.30
**Town of Groton Reimbursed \$2062.50 for their share.				Unemployment Ins.			410.00
				<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION</b>			<b>336,058.39</b>

# Balance Sheet Comparison

	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	12/31/2016	12/31/2017
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Wells River - Checking	3,588.51	(7,104.53)	11,137.79	15,159.54
Petty Cash	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Wells River Savings- Debit Card	127.52	13.55	22.05	154.55
Wells River Savings - Money Market	552,316.79	408,958.78	436,931.08	344,622.31
Woodsville Savings- Money Market	161,413.64	161,899.64	162,386.17	162,855.86
Passumpsic Savings - Money Market	101,297.22	201,619.63	201,992.62	202,366.57
Property Tax - Delinquent	29,584.39	46,017.80	54,638.16	74,616.42
Property Tax - Current	119,261.89	118,927.90	112,355.18	124,859.52
So. Ryegate Sewer Rec.	1,500.00	1,433.42	4,666.23	3,285.00
East Ryegate Sewer Rec	2,640.08	3,449.68	3,065.23	3,372.96
Town of Groton- Recycling Rec.	2,138.28	1,998.25	2,255.32	2,110.44
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>973,898.32</b>	<b>937,244.12</b>	<b>989,479.83</b>	<b>933,433.17</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable			555.00	410.00
Fica Withheld	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)
State Withheld	(1.27)	(3.19)	(4.01)	(3.92)
Prepaid Property Tax	1,134.25	1,325.53	1,946.55	1,660.73
Zoning Admin Fees			641.00	1,166.00
Due To Other Accounts	1,173.91	7,765.63	12,434.00	10,355.28
<b>Total Current Liabilities:</b>	<b>2,306.85</b>	<b>9,087.93</b>	<b>15,572.50</b>	<b>13,588.05</b>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>				
Fund Balance- Reappraisal	58,568.85	65,445.75	71,948.25	78,476.25
Fund Balance- Town Highway	165,504.57	99,906.72	152,679.39	27,567.27
Fund Balance- So. Rye Sewer	43,947.96	44,861.65	39,410.92	41,692.69
Fund Balance- Roads	91,995.51	91,995.51	91,995.51	91,995.51
Fund Balance- Creamery Road Bridge	42,633.77	42,633.77	42,633.77	42,633.77
Fund Balance- 68 Church Street	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fund Balance- External Audit	3,500.00	7,000.00	10,500.00	14,000.00
Fund Balance- Zoning/Planning			2,011.08	7,023.08
Fund Balance- Accounting Software				5,000.00
Fund Balance- Cemetery Restoration				5,000.00
Fund Balance- Restoration	13,408.45	14,101.20	14,344.43	13,419.92
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities:</b>	<b>420,059.11</b>	<b>366,444.60</b>	<b>426,023.35</b>	<b>327,308.49</b>
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<b>422,365.96</b>	<b>375,532.53</b>	<b>441,595.85</b>	<b>340,896.54</b>
<b>Capital</b>				
Retained Earnings	547,879.88	551,532.36	561,711.59	547,883.98
Current Year Earnings	3,652.48	10,179.23	(13,827.61)	44,652.65
<b>Total Capital:</b>	<b>551,532.36</b>	<b>561,711.59</b>	<b>547,883.98</b>	<b>592,536.63</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Capital:</b>	<b>973,898.32</b>	<b>937,244.12</b>	<b>989,479.83</b>	<b>933,433.17</b>



## Comparative Budget REVENUES

2017	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property Taxes (minus BMU school pymts.)	843,187.00	793,531.25	859,767.00
PILOT (Paymt. In Lieu Of Taxes)	1,500.00	2,039.24	1,500.00
Property Tax Adj. from prior year	-	18,095.10	-
Interest, Delinquent Taxes	10,000.00	16,565.02	10,000.00
Tax Collectors 8%	-	10,029.57	-
Liquor Licenses	70.00	-	-
Permits - Zoning & Planning	200.00	315.00	200.00
Marriage Licenses	200.00	420.00	200.00
So. Ryegate Sewer Grant	-	69,266.48	-
State Aid for Highways	120,000.00	123,053.36	120,000.00
Current Use/Hold harmless - State of VT	-	45,020.43	-
Town Clerk Fees	8,000.00	9,572.59	8,000.00
Dog Licenses	1,600.00	1,937.00	1,600.00
Interest Income	2,500.00	2,283.37	2,500.00
Traffic Control	200.00	330.26	200.00
Grant Revenue	-	395.00	-
VLCT PACIF - Refund	-	607.00	-
Fire Dept. - W/C Refund	-	295.00	-
Town of Groton - Recycling Building	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Equi Ed Gr List Main.	-	768.00	-
<b>Revenues Total:</b>	<b>988,957.00</b>	<b>1,096,023.67</b>	<b>1,005,467.00</b>

## Comparative Budget EXPENSES

<b>Elected and Appointed Officials</b>	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
Animal Care	500.00	31.02	500.00
Auditors Salary	1,500.00	987.24	1,500.00
Auditors Supplies	50.00	-	1,300.00
Ballot Clerk Salaries	1,000.00	479.25	1,000.00
Cemetery Appropriation	9,300.00	9,300.00	9,300.00
Cemetery Fencing & Repair	-	-	-
Cemetery Stone Restoration	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,500.00
Dog Catcher Expense	1,500.00	163.70	1,500.00
Dog Catcher Supplies	-	-	-
Health Officer Expense	50.00	84.00	50.00
Lister's Computer Support	2,400.00	1,919.31	2,400.00
Lister's Salaries	15,000.00	10,417.89	15,000.00
Lister's Supplies & Expenses	500.00	305.45	500.00
Lister's Telephone	450.00	415.96	450.00
Lister's Purchased Services	-	-	-
Selectman's Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Selectman's Clerk	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Tax Collector's 8%	-	10,029.57	-
Tax Collector's Expense	275.00	196.00	275.00
Town Officer's - Conf/Mtgs	1,500.00	855.00	1,500.00
Town Patrol- State Police	18,000.00	10,061.62	18,000.00
Town Patrol Sheriff Contract	5,000.00	3,167.50	5,000.00
Zoning - Salaries	1,000.00	411.37	1,000.00
Zoning Advertising	100.00	50.00	100.00
Zoning/Planning Comm.	3,000.00	285.54	-
Board Of Civil Auth. Expense	-	-	-
Recycling Coordinator	2,500.00	2,062.50	2,500.00
<b>Elected &amp; Appointed Officials Total:</b>	<b>74,625.00</b>	<b>62,122.92</b>	<b>70,375.00</b>

## Comparative Budget EXPENSES

<b>Town Offices</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>2017 Actual</b>	<b>2018 Budget</b>
Marriage License Fees	-	300.00	-
Medical Benefits	17,500.00	17,172.40	17,500.00
Retirement Benefits	1,650.00	1,830.93	1,650.00
State Dog license Fees	1,000.00	935.00	1,000.00
Machinery & Equipment, Repair	200.00	-	200.00
Machinery & Equipment, Purchase	2,000.00	549.90	500.00
Town Officers - Dog Fees	400.00	374.00	400.00
Fuel Oil	2,000.00	1,479.82	2,000.00
Ground Work	2,000.00	2,175.00	2,300.00
Postage	1,200.00	1,095.97	1,200.00
Town Clerk Salaries	22,000.00	21,880.20	22,000.00
Assistant Town Clerk Salaries	1,300.00	1,364.00	1,400.00
Town Treasurer Salaries	20,000.00	18,415.70	20,000.00
Assistant Town Treasurer Salaries	1,300.00	1,008.50	1,300.00
Supplies	1,700.00	1,062.93	1,500.00
Telephone & Internet	1,100.00	974.15	1,100.00
Utilities	900.00	902.86	925.00
Computer Support	2,000.00	2,456.17	2,500.00
Website	154.00	148.98	300.00
Workers Compensation	471.00	471.00	546.00
		-	
<b>Town Offices Total:</b>	<b>78,875.00</b>	<b>74,597.51</b>	<b>78,321.00</b>
<b>General</b>			
Ambulance	18,942.00	18,942.00	22,386.00
Appraisal Consulting	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Beach Repairs & Maint.	1,500.00	1,814.09	1,500.00
Cemetery Flags	250.00	236.95	250.00
County Tax	14,828.00	14,828.00	15,347.00
Elections Telephone	-	-	300.00
Elections Advertising	150.00	-	150.00
Fast Squad - Groton/Ryegate	8,000.00	8,000.00	13,000.00
FICA - Employer	18,000.00	18,432.70	18,500.00
Fire Warden Expense	400.00	249.24	400.00
Legal Fees	2,000.00	647.50	1,500.00
External Audit Fund	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Accounting Software Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Tax Sale Expense	-	-	-
Meeting/Bid Advertising	100.00	205.40	100.00
Recycling	3,500.00	2,626.30	3,500.00
Recycling Building & Maintenance	1,000.00	-	3,500.00
Ryegate Green Up	100.00	-	100.00
Ryegate Green Up - Disposal	500.00	-	500.00
Ryegate Historical Society	200.00	200.00	200.00
Tax Maps	1,575.00	1,600.00	-
Town Building Repair & Maintenance	2,500.00	1,080.82	2,500.00
Town Report	2,000.00	1,581.76	2,000.00
Town Report - Delivery	225.00	233.05	250.00
VLCT Dues	2,318.00	2,318.00	2,400.00
VLCT PACIF Insurance	22,065.00	22,121.00	20,714.00
Misc. Grant Expense	-	395.00	-
So. Rye. Sewer Eng. Study		69,259.89	-
Tax Abatement/Reimbursement		1,661.45	-
Welcome to Ryegate Signs (Installation)		695.04	-
Salt Settlement (Gen)		13,696.40	-
Bank Svc Charges		22.00	-
<b>General Total:</b>	<b>110,153.00</b>	<b>189,346.59</b>	<b>119,097.00</b>

## Comparative Budget EXPENSES

<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>2017 Actual</b>	<b>2018 Budget</b>
Fire Truck Replacement Fund	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
Bldg - So. Ryegate	1,000.00	58.50	1,000.00
Bldg - Ryegate Corner	2,800.00	4,291.53	2,800.00
Diesel	1,500.00	1,180.29	1,500.00
Dispatch	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Dry Hydrant	1,000.00	297.36	1,000.00
Dues	1,000.00	967.00	1,000.00
Dumpster	200.00	190.97	200.00
Equipment Replacement Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fuel Oil - Ryegate Corner	2,500.00	1,845.57	2,500.00
Fuel Oil - So. Ryegate	800.00	659.13	800.00
Gasoline	100.00	16.43	50.00
Insurance/Accident	2,000.00	1,951.00	2,000.00
Mach. & Equip. - Ryegate Corner	10,000.00	6,727.27	10,000.00
Repairs	7,000.00	4,597.38	7,000.00
Supplies	1,500.00	991.74	1,500.00
Telephone/ Internet	1,000.00	884.15	1,000.00
Training	3,000.00	1,200.00	3,000.00
Utilities - Ryegate Corner	1,200.00	1,256.59	1,250.00
Utilities - So. Ryegate	400.00	347.99	400.00
Admin.	6,000.00	5,994.64	6,000.00
Workmans Comp	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,222.00
Grant Refund	-	(812.82)	
<b>Fire Department Total:</b>	<b>60,500.00</b>	<b>50,144.72</b>	<b>60,022.00</b>
Trnsfr to/(from) Fire Dept. Equip. Rep	-	10,355.28	
<b>Fire Department Grand Total:</b>	<b>60,500.00</b>	<b>60,500.00</b>	<b>60,022.00</b>
<b>Contributions</b>			
American Red Cross	200.00	200.00	200.00
Little League	100.00	100.00	100.00
Catamount Arts	400.00	400.00	400.00
4th of July Committee	200.00	200.00	200.00
Groton Food Shelf	500.00	500.00	500.00
Home Health Care	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Kingdom Animal Shelter	500.00	500.00	500.00
Libraries	200.00	200.00	200.00
Little Rivers Health Care	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
NEK Human Services	500.00	500.00	500.00
NEK Learning Services	200.00	200.00	200.00
NEK Youth Services	250.00	250.00	250.00
Contributions- VT Rural Fire	100.00	100.00	100.00
No. VT Development Assoc.	500.00	500.00	500.00
Oxbow Senior Independence	300.00	300.00	300.00
Rural Community Transport	850.00	850.00	850.00
Umbrella	800.00	800.00	800.00
VT Cent. For Indep. Living	265.00	265.00	265.00
VT Green-Up	25.00	25.00	25.00
VT Office of Aging	300.00	300.00	300.00
VT Vet. Mem.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Baldwin Library	200.00	200.00	200.00
Community Restorative Justice Center	250.00	250.00	250.00
Groton Public Library	200.00	200.00	200.00
Senior Meals			500.00
<b>Contributions Total:</b>	<b>9,940.00</b>	<b>9,940.00</b>	<b>10,440.00</b>

## Comparative Budget EXPENSES

Highway Department	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
2011 Loader	4,000.00	7,285.16	5,000.00
2004 Grader	8,000.00	5,136.43	8,000.00
2009 Int'l Truck	6,000.00	10,613.74	-
2011 Int'l Truck	6,000.00	7,359.72	6,000.00
2015 Kenworth Truck	3,500.00	512.37	3,000.00
2016 Intl. Truck	3,500.00	1,468.98	3,000.00
2017 Freightliner Truck	-	391.16	3,000.00
2009 Int'l Truck Plow & Sander	2,000.00	1,455.00	-
2011 Int'l Truck Plow & Sander	2,000.00	1,439.21	2,000.00
2015 Kenworth Truck Plow & Sander	2,000.00	3,053.34	2,000.00
2016 Intl. Plow & Sander	2,000.00	376.92	2,000.00
2017 Freightliner Plow & Sander		45.00	2,000.00
Wood Chipper	500.00	28.36	500.00
Culvert Steamer	250.00	-	250.00
Class IV Roads	5,000.00	1,449.00	5,000.00
Cold Patch	1,000.00	487.60	1,000.00
Diesel Fuel	35,000.00	29,134.35	34,000.00
Equipment Rental	6,000.00	4,530.00	6,000.00
Heating Oil	4,500.00	2,835.93	3,500.00
Gasoline	1,000.00	684.18	1,000.00
Gravel	56,000.00	46,914.92	56,000.00
Guard Rails	3,500.00	2,546.50	3,500.00
Machine Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
Highway Dept. Advertising	100.00	-	100.00
Medical Insurance - Roads	26,500.00	27,044.28	37,000.00
Motor Oil	2,000.00	1,535.63	2,000.00
Physicals - Road crew	500.00	-	500.00
Repairs - Other	500.00	-	500.00
Retirement - Town Highway	12,000.00	12,163.44	12,000.00
Road Repairs	15,000.00	19,377.10	15,000.00
Road Washouts – July 2017		76,760.37	-
Road Resurfacing	100,000.00	104,656.76	100,000.00
Road Signs	500.00	664.30	500.00
Roadside Mowing	6,000.00	5,900.00	6,000.00
Summer Road – Mg. Chloride	12,000.00	12,536.56	13,000.00
Summer Road - Culverts	4,000.00	3,447.56	4,000.00
Summer Road - Labor	68,000.00	65,510.87	68,000.00
Supplies	5,000.00	6,613.29	5,000.00
Telephone	900.00	846.66	900.00
Tires	7,000.00	5,868.32	7,000.00
Tools	1,500.00	1,442.55	1,500.00
Town Garage Upkeep	2,500.00	3,471.79	3,000.00
Salt Shed		47,496.02	-
Salt Settlement (Hwy)		13,696.40	-
Training	250.00	60.00	250.00
Tree Removal/Brush Cutting	1,500.00	-	1,000.00
Uniforms	5,000.00	4,868.30	5,000.00
Utilities	1,650.00	1,763.95	1,800.00
VLCT Unemployment	410.00	410.00	316.00
Winter - Labor	100,000.00	102,719.37	100,000.00
Winter Road - Salt	26,000.00	38,719.24	30,000.00
Winter Road - Sand	18,000.00	19,120.83	18,000.00
Workers Comp. - Road Crew	11,304.00	11,304.00	13,096.00
Highway Insurance Revenue		(5,561.40)	
Grant – Better Back Roads	-	(5,207.94)	
Highway Department Total:	654,864.00	779,976.12	667,212.00
Transfer to/(from) Highway Fund Balance	-	(125,112.12)	
Highway Dept. Grand Total:	654,864.00	654,864.00	667,212.00



## Comparative Budget EXPENSES

	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	988,957.00	1,051,371.02	1,005,467.00
<b>Current Earnings:</b>		44,652.65	
<b>School Appropriation</b>			
BMU School		1,645,429.63	
School Appropriation Total:		1,645,429.63	

## Fund Balance Changes

Fund	Entry	Start of Year	Increase	Decrease	End of Year
<b>Reappraisal</b>	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ 71,948.25			
	FY17 per parcel payment from State of VT:		\$ 6,528.00		
	<b>Ending balance:</b>				\$ 78,476.25
<b>Town Highway</b>	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ 152,679.39			
	"Budget to Actual" transfer from Highway Fund			\$ 125,112.12	
	<b>Ending balance:</b>				\$ 27,567.27
<b>S. Ryegate Sewer</b>	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ 39,410.92			
	Sewer Charges:		\$ 9,500.00		
	Repairs and Maintenance:			\$ 6,899.00	
	Utilities:			\$ 319.23	
	<b>Ending balance:</b>				\$ 41,692.69
<b>Roads</b>	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ 91,995.51			
	<b>Ending balance:</b>				\$ 91,995.51
<b>Creamery Rd. Bridge</b>	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ 42,633.77			
	<b>Ending balance:</b>				\$ 42,633.77
<b>68 Church Street</b>	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ 500.00			
	<b>Ending balance:</b>				\$ 500.00
<b>External Audit</b>	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ 10,500.00			
	2017 Contribution:		\$ 3,500.00		
	<b>Ending balance:</b>				\$ 14,000.00
<b>Restoration</b>	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ 14,344.43			
	Percentage of Town Clerk Fees Collected:		\$ 847.00		
	Town Land Record Books:			\$ 1,771.51	
	<b>Ending balance:</b>				\$ 13,419.92
<b>Zoning &amp; Planning</b>	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ 2,011.08			
	Grant:		\$ 5,012.00		
	<b>Ending balance:</b>				\$ 7,023.08
<b>Accounting Software</b>	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ -			
	2017 Contribution:		\$ 5,000.00		
	<b>Ending balance:</b>				\$ 5,000.00
<b>Cemetery Restoration</b>	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ -			
	"Budget to Actual" transfer:		\$ 5,000.00		
	<b>Ending balance:</b>				\$ 5,000.00
<b>General</b>	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ 561,711.59			
	2016 Earnings/Loss:			\$ 13,827.61	
	<b>Ending balance:</b>				\$ 547,883.98

## List of Vendors

Vendor	Amount	Vendor	Amount
646 Fairpoint Communications	3,120.92	Darlings Service Center of Ryegate, LLC	40.00
AE Commercial Diving Svc	950.00	Dave Sanville	10,000.00
Aflac	2,341.04	Darryl Perkins- Fire Dept.	342.55
Agway	107.98	Dept. of Public Safety #7	10,061.62
All Around Power	1,019.83	Devin & Jillian Coleman	14,994.34
American Red Cross	200.00	Dufresne & Associates	13,725.89
Animal Control Officer	31.02	Eagle Eye Construction	2,677.50
Apex Software	215.00	Elizabeth Page	95.85
B & B Septic	4,736.00	Endyne, Inc	330.00
B & T Equipment Repairs	100.00	Everett J. Prescott, Inc	4,310.36
B – B Chain, Inc	2,310.00	Elizabeth Beauvais	30.55
Blue Cross Blue Shield of VT	34,953.48	Emergency Responder	421.99
BDS Waste Disposal, Inc	891.60	Fisher Auto Parts	1,198.28
Bergeron Protective Clothing	863.97	F F R S	300.00
Blue MedicareRx-VT	4,079.20	Foggs Hardware	1,430.23
Blue Mountain Little League	100.00	Flanders Signs	724.64
Blue Mountain Union School	1,645,429.63	Fremont Nelson Lawns	955.00
Baldwin Library	200.00	G & B Electric	970.39
Blue Mountain Trucking & Exca	22,944.10	G & K Services	4,868.30
Blaktop, Inc.	28,044.24	Gene Perkins- Fire Dept.	408.85
Bo Wilson	280.00	Gene Perkins-Fire Dept Supplies	568.49
Bond Auto Parts	449.47	Grafton County Sheriff's Dept	1,500.00
Brendan Smith	780.00	Green Mountain Kenworth	715.61
Blackmount Equipment	28.36	Green Mountain Power	4,462.68
Bridge Weekly	75.40	Greg Murray - Fire Dept	756.93
Bruce Boyce-Town Hgwy Supplies	306.50	Groton - Ryegate Fast Squad	8,000.00
C. Ainsworth Trucking	5,517.50	Groton Library	200.00
Caledonia County NRCD	500.00	Groton Food Shelf	500.00
Caledonia County Sheriff's Department	3,167.50	Groton Vol. Fire Dept.	100.00
Caledonia Home Health	1,000.00	Harold Scott	910.00
Caledonian-Record	580.00	Horne Excavating, LLC	14,791.75
Calkins Portable Toilets	650.00	Howard P. Fairfield, LLC	62,396.07
Capital Fire Mutual Aid	250.00	Hartigan	2,160.00
Cargill, Inc.	38,719.24	IDS	118.85
Carroll Concrete	1,080.00	Innovative Municipal Prod	11,606.56
Catamount Arts	400.00	Interstate Battery System	1,079.25
Champlain Oil Co., Inc.	16.43	Jared S Field	320.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	265.00	Jason Sulham-Town Hgwy Supplies	110.01
Charles Fisher- Fire Dept.	497.25	Jordan Equipment Co	3,614.52
Cheryl Slayton –Medicare Reimburseme	2,592.00	John Bogie	2,045.43
Chief Crushing & Excavation	19,101.20	John Deere Financial	68.68
Christopher Chartier	663.00	K&T Environmental Equipment, Inc.	19,134.27
Charlebois, Inc.	56,424.98	Ken Achilles	1,945.00
Clark's Truck Center	12,044.11	Khristine Elder	95.85
Copies & More	1,383.28	Kingdom Animal Shelter	500.00
Community Restorative Justice	250.00	Kofile Preservation, Inc	979.51
County Treasurer	14,828.00	Kristin Morrison – Fire Dept	342.55
CVC Paging	908.95	Lauren Nelson	481.36
Conduent Business Service	792.00	Levi Welch- Fire Dept.	674.05
Dads 4 By Tool and Supply	305.12	Lilian Colby – Fire Dept	298.35
Danville Highway Dept.	837.00	Little River's Health Care	2,000.00
Darlings Auto Repair	7,429.69	Lowell Mcleods, Inc.	1,421.67

## List of Vendors

Vendor Expense- continued	Amount	Vendor	Amount
Lyndon Truck Center	422.00	Rural Community Transportation	850.00
Maine Oxy	197.00	Sally Wilson	49.00
Manchester Brook Materials	37,055.80	Sanel Auto Parts Co.	415.28
Marsha Nelson-Supplies,Retire&MediReimb	4,561.99	South Ryegate Library	600.00
Mary Dole	95.85	Stan's J. Kosakowski, Jr	4,975.00
May & Davies	647.50	State of Vermont	249.24
McCullough Crushing, Inc.	43,000.50	State of Vermont- Wastewater Testing	200.00
Meyers Container Corp.	6,530.80	Steve Kimball Repair	1,056.25
Napa Auto Parts/FMS Auto	3,768.01	Tenco New England, Inc.	575.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	200.00	Thomas Cole - Fire Dept	430.95
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management	3,111.70	Thomas Fadden - Fire Dept	414.38
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	250.00	Tiffany Fisher - Fire Dept.	221.00
NEMRC	3,283.98	Timothy Murray	12,398.46
Nelson Elder – Town Hgwy Supplies	318.65	Todd Colby – Fire Dept	403.33
New England Truck Tire	2,767.34	Town of Newbury	9,000.00
New England Water System	54,619.00	Town of Ryegate	101,434.00
NEK Mental Health	500.00	Track-Side Farm & Garden	930.00
NVDA	606.96	Trend	56.78
Oakes Brothers, Inc.	10,469.52	Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Assoc.	1,325.00
Overhead Door Co	127.00	U I Insurance Services Inc.	1,951.00
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	300.00	Umbrella	800.00
PIK.Comm	1,457.00	United States Postmaster	1,474.85
Frank Page	17,450.00	Vt Rural Fire (VACD)	397.36
Patricia Crocker	95.85	Vermont Area Office on Aging	300.00
Paul Clark	65.00	Vermont Department of Health	41.00
Paul Keenan	236.95	Vermont Fire Extinguisher	214.35
Penny L. Lezer - Fire Dept	541.45	Vermont Green Up	25.00
Pete's Rubbish	10,879.20	Vt Recreational Surfacing	2,049.00
Prevent Child Abuse	50.00	Vermont State Treasurer	1,235.00
Pike Industries, Inc	99,953.94	Vermont Department of Taxes	5,719.66
Power Plan	8,483.95	Veterans Memorial	100.00
Powers Plumbing & Heating	1,177.60	Viking – Cives USA	2,898.34
Primmer Piper Eggleston	255.00	VLCT	2,498.00
Rachel Clough	163.70	VLCT Prop & Casualty Interm. Fund, Inc.	35,596.00
Regina Hazel-Lister Supplies	598.77	VLCT Employment Ins Trust Inc	410.00
Repro Digital/Champlain Valley	1,100.40	VMERS DB	28,940.31
Richard Fraser	224.65	VMHA	60.00
Rick Colby	3,692.50	Vermont State Firefighters' Assoc.	292.00
Railway Farm & Garden	1,098.90	Walter E. Jock Oil Co., Inc.	38,510.55
Reed Supply	718.00	William Elder	519.15
Ross Business Center	549.90	Winget's Ground Maintenance	800.00
Rowden Bros. Co., Inc.	13,942.00	Woodsville Power Equipment	320.00
Russell Graphics	1,600.00	Woodsville Area Fourth of July Com.	200.00
Ryegate Winter Festival	400.00	Woodsville Fire District	18,942.00
Ryegate Cemetery Commission	9,300.00	Work Safe	1,161.80
Ryegate Fire Dept	1,609.97	Various- Tax and Payable Overpayments	6,575.94
Ryegate Historical Society	200.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,773,337.17</b>
Ryegate Summer Festival	500.00		

## Listers' Report

The Listers determine all property values within the Town of Ryegate. Additionally, we maintain an accurate Grand List by reviewing and updating all property transfers, tax maps, permit work, deeds, surveys, and the Current Use Program.

As of January 2018, Ryegate's CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) is 105.68%. (2017: 105.55%). Because of the low number of valid sales and most sales below assessed value, our COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) is at 14.33% (2017: 15.62%) At 20% COD, the State requires a reappraisal. Reappraisals usually occur every ten years. Our last town-wide reappraisal was in 2009.

September 2017 tax maps are on display at the Town Office along with orthophoto aerial maps. We strongly recommend that you check your property location and acreage on the tax map; let us know if you feel there is any incorrect information. Tax maps will be updated in 2019.

**IMPORTANT: Taxpayers must file a Vermont Homestead Declaration every year by April 15th.** The state form is HS-122 and also contains the Property Tax Adjustment Claim. Forms can be obtained online ([www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov)), or from the Income Tax Return booklet or your tax preparer. Property owners can also file their homestead directly online.

### REMINDERS:

**Property changes:** Please notify the Listers of any change of address, or any changes to your property—including new construction, or major renovations to basements, attics, or unfinished areas. In addition, let us know of any removal of property including tear downs and blow downs or fires.

**Surveys:** Certified surveys are important in creating accurate tax maps and are considered the strongest determinant of parcel ownership, i.e., exact location, size, acreage, etc. Please file any surveys you have for your property with the Town Clerk.

**Building Permits:** A building permit is required for any structure 64 square feet or larger. Permits are obtainable from the Town Clerk, or on the town website: [www.ryegatevt.org](http://www.ryegatevt.org).

**Current Use:** The Current Use Program has changed their application form and process. New applications are available in the Town Office or online at <http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/current-use>. Questions about the program can be directed to Property Valuation and Review at 802 828-6637.

**9-1-1 Program:** Please notify the Listers office to obtain a 9-1-1 number for new construction. Listers Office hours are Tuesdays, 9 am – 3 pm. Stop by or make an appointment. You may also leave messages at 584-4247.

Ryegate Listers: Betty Beauvais, Regina Hazel, Sally Wilson

## Understanding Your Property Tax Bill

Your property tax bill is broken down to show education, highway and town taxes and their respective rates. Your total tax rate is the sum of these rates.

The tax rate is per \$100 of your assessment; therefore, to figure the tax you owe, first move the decimal point in your assessment two places to the left, then multiply that number by the total tax rate.

### Sample Tax Bill:

Your Assessment	Tax Rate (per \$100)	Tax Due
\$200,000.00 (Homestead)	2.1246	\$4249.20
\$200,000.00 (Non-Residential)	2.0701	\$4140.20

## Vermont Tax Information

Did you know that in 2017, about **65% of Vermont taxpayers qualified** to file their federal and state taxes for free through Vermont Free File, but **only about 2% of those eligible actually used Free File?**

Free help is offered through several organizations. In 2018, the Vermont Department of Taxes is emphasizing free tax services and assistance for eligible Vermonters through Vermont Free File (free e-filing using vendor software), MyFreeTaxes, VITA/TCE, the AARP Foundation, and the IRS Agent Virtual Delivery Service. Are you eligible? Learn more:

- <http://tax.vermont.gov/sites/tax/files/documents/FreeTaxHelpforVermontersPoster.pdf>
- <http://tax.vermont.gov/individuals/free-file>
- <http://tax.vermont.gov/individuals/free-tax-preparation-assistance>

Requests for paper forms continue to decline as more taxpayers move to e-filing their returns, but we recognize there is still a need for those who prefer to file using paper forms or who do not have access to a computer and the internet. Find information to obtain paper forms:

- <http://tax.vermont.gov/sites/tax/files/documents/4WaystoGetTaxYourVTIncomeTaxFormsPoster.pdf>.
- <http://tax.vermont.gov/form-request>

Taxpayers may also find the following online through myVTax at [www.myvtax.vermont.gov](http://www.myvtax.vermont.gov):

- File a Homestead Declaration
- File a Property Tax Adjustment Claim
- File a Renter Rebate Claim
- Generate a Landlord Certificate
- Check the Status of Your Return

If you have questions, call the Vermont Department of Taxes at [\(802\) 828-2505](tel:8028282505).



# Ryegate Tax Reconciliation For the Year Ended 12/31/2017

	<u>Homestead</u> <u>2017 Education</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u> <u>Education</u>	<u>Local Agreement</u>	<u>Highway Tax</u>	<u>Town Tax</u>	<u>Late Homestead</u> <u>Penalties</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tax to Account For:							
Grand List	\$653,284.55	\$651,598.90	\$1,304,801.06	\$1,304,801.06	\$1,304,801.06		
Tax Rate	1.5088	1.4543	0.0028	0.4099	0.2032		
Taxes as calculated	\$985,675.7290	\$947,620.2803	\$3,653.4300	\$534,837.9545	\$261,135.5754	\$1,114.5800	\$2,738,037.5622
Rounding Adjustment	(0.0790)	0.0097	(0.1030)	0.0755	0.0046		(0.0922)
Taxes Billed	<u>\$985,675.65</u>	<u>\$947,620.29</u>	<u>\$3,653.34</u>	<u>\$534,838.03</u>	<u>\$265,135.58</u>	<u>\$1,114.58</u>	<u>\$2,738,037.47</u>

Taxes to account for	
Taxes Collected	\$2,612,337.64
Tax Adjustments	
Grand List Corrections	\$678.83
Abatements	\$161.48
Other Reimbursements	-
Small Balance Adjustments	-
Overpayment to prepaid	-
Uncollected (delinquent) Taxes	<u>\$124,859.52</u>
Total Accounted For	<u>\$2,738,037.47</u>
Variance	\$0.00



## Delinquent Taxes South Ryegate Village Lighting District South Ryegate, VT 05069 Delinquent Tax Report

Carolyn Adams	2005, 2006 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 2014, 2015, 2016
Karen and Donna Bickel	2015, 2016
Gregory Brower	2017
Robert Davis	2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
Daniel and Mary Florentine	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
Robert and Christine Hanaford	2017
William and Lorin Hosmer	2017
Dennis Hurley	2016, 2017
Timothy Menk	2017
Angela Paye	2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
Douglas and April Paye	
Hall Road Parcel	2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
Creamery Road Parcel	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
Tracy and Sherri Phelps	2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
Richard and Kathy Roy	2017
Leonard and Susan Spencer	2015, 2016, 2017
Shane and Heidi Temple	2017
Terrance and Molly White	2015, 2016, 2017+9
James and Patti-Jo Wright	2017

## Delinquent Taxes

2014 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES			2017 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES				
Johnson, Robert C. Jr.			Bailey, Phillip & Jo			Speer, Linda	
Total Due by Report Printing	\$	1,946.38	Beaulieu, Priscilla			Spencer, Leonard & Susan	
Total Paid Since 12/31/17	\$	-	Bishop, John			Temple, Shane & Heidi	
Total Due 12/31/17	\$	1,946.38	Blood, Brian			Touchette, James	
			Brower, Gregory A			Walker, Leslie	
2015 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES			Caswell, Kathy			Walters, Renada	
Beaulieu, Priscilla			Chandler, Deborah			Warner-Hall, Tracy	
Haskell, Elizabeth			Coley, Frederick & Joyce			Webster, Connie	
Johnson, Robert C. Jr.			Cornicelli, Thomas			Weinberg, Bernard	
Katsenes, William			Crawford, Bruce & Risa			White, Randy & Barbara	
Murphy, Judy A			Darling, Barak			White, Terrance & Molly	
Potter, Bradley			Davis, Robert L.			Wright, James & Patti-Jo	
Potter, Lana L.			Esposito, Jerry P. Jr.			Wright, Ulric B. Jr.	
Spencer, Leonard & Susan			Farley, Daniel & Barbara			Zwicker, Leon P.	
Total Due by Report Printing	\$	19,849.89	Florentine, Jerod & Dawn			Total Due by Report Printing	\$116,720.94
Total Paid Since 12/31/17	\$	-	Gilman Housing Trust			Total Paid Since 12/31/17	\$8,138.58
Total Due 12/31/17	\$	19,849.89	Guay, Julia			Total Due 12/31/17	\$124,859.52
			Hartson, Shirley				
2016 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES			Haskell, Elizabeth			Due to the Vt Supreme Court	
Beaulieu, Priscilla			Hassenmayer, Walter			decision on the disclosure of	
Blood, Brian			Hencler, Andrew			confidential tax bill info, we	
Caswell, Kathy			Houde, Mark & Paula			have not included the amount	
Chandler, Deborah			Hurley, Dennis			of the delinquency for any	
Davis, Robert L.			Jackson, Mark & Brenda			individual property.	
Esposito, Jerry P. Jr.			Johnson, Robert C. Jr.				
Hartson, Shirley			Karpuska, Ryan				
Haskell, Elizabeth			Katsenes, William				
Hencler, Andrew			Keenan Catterall, Sheila				
Jackson, Mark & Brenda			Koski, Hope Reverend				
Karpuska, Ryan			Larrabee, Roger & Sylvia				
Katsenes, William			Laundry, Marshall Life Lease				
Larrabee, Roger & Sylvia			Longmoore, Andrew				
Laundry, Marshall Life Lease			Mace, Robert & Barbara				
Menk, Timothy			Maher, James				
Murphy, Judy A			McLure, Jared & Katherine				
Paye, David & Elizabeth			Menk, Timothy				
Paye, Douglas & April			Minard, Susan				
Perkins, Darryl & Dottie			Murphy, Judy A				
Phelps, Tracy & Sherri			Paye, David & Elizabeth				
Phoenix Paper Co			Paye, Douglas & April				
Potter, Bradley			Paye, Judith				
Potter, Lana L.			Perkins, Darryl & Dottie				
Ricker, Harvey			Peters, Christopher				
Spencer, Leonard & Susan			Phelps, Tracy & Sherri				
Touchette, James			Phoenix Paper Co				
White, Randy & Barbara			Potter, Bradley M				
Zwicker, Leon P.			Potter, Lana L.				
Total Due by Report Printing	\$	51,835.44	Ricker, Harvey				
Total Paid Since 12/31/17	\$	984.71	Robertson, Walter J				
Total Due 12/31/17	\$	52,820.15	Sheppard, Topaz				

## Caledonia County FY 2017 Town Tax Amounts

Tax Year	Town	Grand List	Tax Rate	County Tax
2015	Barnet	2,340,800	0.0122	28,558
2015	Burke	2,579,572	0.0122	31,471
2015	Danville	2,824,142	0.0122	34,455
2015	Groton	1,091,278	0.0122	13,314
2015	Hardwick	1,849,475	0.0122	22,564
2015	Kirby	584,610	0.0122	7,132
2015	Lyndon	3,564,332	0.0122	43,485
2015	Newark	869,009	0.0122	10,602
2015	Peacham	1,224,780	0.0122	14,942
2015	Ryegate	1,234,106	0.0122	15,056
2015	St. Johnsbury	5,230,028	0.0122	63,806
2015	Sheffield	994,370	0.0122	12,131
2015	Stannard	191,156	0.0122	2,332
2015	Sutton	901,621	0.0122	11,000
2015	Walden	944,373	0.0122	11,521
2015	Waterford	1,763,702	0.0122	21,517
2015	Wheelock	561,345	0.0122	6,848
			TOTAL	350,734

## Groton Food Shelf

A special and heart felt thank you to all that gave donations in 2016-2017.

Groton is very fortunate to have such wonderful, caring and generous people in our community. We would like to thank the many business's in town and outside of Groton and Ryegate area that helped by putting on food drives. This past year we supplied food and other necessities to many families in both the Town of Groton and Ryegate. We also distributed Thanksgiving meal baskets and Christmas meal baskets with all the fixings right through dessert for completing holiday meals! We also helped "Santa" by distributing toys to Groton children.

There were donations of both food and money made to the food shelf in memory of Norman & Marion Murray.

Donations were received from:

Fred Olsen, Diane Kreis, Alan Massey & Kirsten Murch, James Kuhnhenh & Louise Reynolds, Kenneth & Barbara Nelson, Nicholas & Holly McLure, Paul Clark, Robert & Florette Dorr, Tom & Janet Page, Warren Tripp, Sue, Linda and Nicholas Smith, Nicole Wolfgang and family, Harry and Judith Chandler, Juelle Lamberton.

The Red Hat Ladies, Wells River Chevrolet, Groton Methodist , Groton Baptist Church, Blue Mountain Union School ,teachers and parents, students, Town of Ryegate, Ryegate Church Groups, Ryegate TNTs, Blue Mountain Grange.

There may be people we have missed but we say "Thank you to everyone"!

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance please feel free to call us at the Town Office. A phone call in advance gives us time to prepare and also means less waiting for your items. The office numbers are 584-3276 or 584-3131. Thank you for your cooperation!

With Sincere Gratitude,  
Linda and Lisa



## Ryegate Fire Department Report

This year our 1997 pumper is 20 years old and to remain as a first line apparatus it must be replaced or refurbished to meet National Fire Protection Agency 1901 standards. We chose to refurbish rather than replace as this engine has served the town well and has many options that a new truck would have if we were to build new. The refurbish quote was for \$32,625.00, versus purchasing new with the same options at \$325,000 and still not have a chassis as durable and trouble free as this one has been.

As the time approached for our engine go for the refurbish, we were looking for an engine to replace ours for the 12 weeks it would be out of service. Wells River was just taking delivery of their new Engine so we offered the Town of Newbury \$9,000 for it and they accepted our offer. There were minor things in need of repair and it has served us well. So well that it will become the number one truck in the South Ryegate station to replace the mini pumper. The mini pumper will become a Forestry unit and an Engine to get back into remote areas and on roads less traveled.

Over the past years we have experienced more and more water running through the corner station rather than around it. A number of factors led to this, the town garage being built, area around the building putting the ground around us higher thus water running through rather than around. The day this summer I walked into the station with water running through it, I opened the back door I was met with six inches of water running over the threshold it was time to take action. By excavating around the east, west, and south sides of the building, we now have the water running around instead of through the station.

We are experiencing, along with many other Volunteer Fire Departments, a lack of fire fighters during the day time due to members working out of town as there is no employment in the area. Anyone interested, please contact us by phone at 584-4300 or email at [ryegatefire@yahoo.com](mailto:ryegatefire@yahoo.com).

Respectfully submitted, Gene Perkins, Chief

<b>Incident Report for 2017</b>	<b>Ryegate</b>	<b>Mutual Aid</b>
Structure	5	6
CO Alarms	6	1
MVA Accident	10	1
Smoke Alarms	1	1
Wildland Fires	1	0
Chimney	2	3
Cancel en Route	6	
Furnace Malfunction	1	
Power Lines Down	2	



## Ryegate Fire Warden Report

If you wish to burn, please call for a permit. A Permit is required for any outside burning of clean wood that is unfinished and unpainted. No manufactured wood, plywood, particle board and the like, and NO trash of any kind can be burned. A Permit to burn can be obtained from the Fire Warden Gene Perkins, 584-3611 or Fremont Nelson, 584-3667. We in turn notify our dispatch of the Permit with your address so that if someone calls in a 911 report of smoke or fire, they have the address and know it is a permitted burn and Ryegate Fire and neighboring town fire departments will not be called to a false alarm.

Respectfully submitted, Gene Perkins, Fire Warden

## Town Property & Equipment Inventory

### Real Estate

Town House & Contents	\$388,769.00
Town Office & Contents	293,028.00
Storage Shed	20,183.00
Corner Fire Station	292,383.00
South Ryegate Fire Station	202,712.00
Town Garage & Contents	604,817.00
Whitelaw Hall (Historical)	371,723.00
Recycling Building	147,896.00
Ballfield (Property in the Open)	52,595.00
Playground Equipment ( " " )	51,263.00
<b><u>TOTAL REAL ESTATE</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,425,369.00</u></b>

### Highway Equipment

2011 John Deere 524 Loader	\$95,500.00
2004 John Deere 672 Grader	131,104.00
2009 International Truck & Plow	109,131.00
2011 International Truck & Plow	103,986.00
2015 Kenworth Truck & Plow	132,464.00
2016 International Truck & Plow	85,685.00
2017 Freightliner Truck & Plow	110,437.00
Wood Chipper	3,500.00
Culvert Thawer & Trailer	8,000.00
<b><u>TOTAL HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT</u></b>	<b><u>\$779,807.00</u></b>

### Fire Equipment

2005 International Tanker	\$250,000.00
1997 Ford Pumper	125,000.00
1980 Forestry Equipment Truck (South Ryegate Station)	60,000.00
1987 International Equipment Trk	53,000.00
1988 Ford Mini Pumper	30,000.00
<b><u>TOTAL FIRE EQUIPMENT</u></b>	<b><u>\$518,000.00</u></b>

**TOTAL ALL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT \$3,723,176.00**

## Town Clerk's Dog License Report

Total dog licenses sold: 187 licenses Total Receipts: \$1,937.00

Less Fees Paid town Clerk: \$374.00

Less Fees Paid State of Vermont: \$935.00

Net Revenues: \$628.00

All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies. The Town Clerk is required to see evidence that all dogs are currently protected against rabies. The law requires that a dog of less than 2 years of age shall have been vaccinated within the past 12 months. After its second rabies shot, an adult dog should be vaccinated every 36 months (3 years). A dog must wear its tag. Due date: License fees may be paid after January 1 and are due April 1 and subject to a 50% penalty after April 1. Fee: Due to State regulations licensing fees are \$13 for males, females and wolf hybrids. \$9 each for a neutered dog or wolf hybrids. \$5 from each license is forwarded to the State Treasurer. Ryegate enforces a Civil Dog (Leash Law). Rachel Clough has been appointed as the Animal Control Officer in Ryegate. She can be reached at 802-588-2020

## Cemetery Commissioners Narrative

Our Commission met on our regular schedule in 2017. Officers elected remain the same as last year. There were (3) lots sold in Blue Mt. and (1) in Pinehurst this year. There were several burials at both locations and one burial in Hillside. Mowing for all four cemeteries was again contracted to Winget's Lawn Service, of Groton. We appreciate the timely and professional service to our cemeteries. They are beautifully mowed and trimmed during the Spring, Summer and Fall season. Jim and his crew pay special attention to Memorial Day and July 4 and Labor Day holidays, knowing the cemeteries are frequently visited; many family members traveling long distances to visit their loved ones. 2017 was challenging due to the rapid grass growth during the season. The Board also thanks cemetery attendants, Tony Dennis, Blue Mt. and Harvey Ricker, Pinehurst and Hillside for their efforts in handling burials and requests in a timely manner. Brush removal near the Murray lot in Blue Mountain was contracted and the job completed. Another section of Blue Mt. was cleaned this Fall. Cleaning, straightening and repair are ongoing projects the Commission considers each year. Discussions on damaged tablets and older stones that are beyond repair are ongoing, no decisions yet on replacement. The Hartman Family landscaping project in Pinehurst has developed successfully. The trees, plants and the Memorial flower garden were beautiful last season. We encourage you to visit. The artesian well "faucet" is at the Memorial Garden and easy to use.

Respectfully Submitted, Ryegate Cemetery Commissioners

Rick Colby, Chairman 584-3159

Bruce Nelson, Vice Chairman 584-3487

Bill Nelson, Treasurer 584-3296

Judy Gandin, Clerk 584-3832

Dan Lacoss, Member at Large 584-3120

## Cemetery Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand 12/31/16.....\$1,488.41

Income for 2017

Town of Ryegate..... 9,300.00

Sale of Lots..... 1,900.00

American Funds..... 300.61

Irene Miller..... 20.00

11,520.61

Total Income for 2017 ..... \$13,009.02

Expenses for 2017

Jim Winget for Lawn Care.....\$ 8,150.00

Supplies-Gandins..... 255.00

Electricity..... 139.31

Service Charge/WRSB..... 18.00

Total Expenses for 2017 \$ 8,562.31

Balance on Hand 12/31/2017 (Checkbook Balance) \$ 4,446.71

Savings/Investments 12/31/2017

CD#907623.....\$51,574.98

CD#907624..... 20,378.65

CD# 907625.....29,946.01

CD#811855.....10,752.78

Savings Acc't 566388..... 907.23

American Funds.....18,855.79

Total Investment Income:

Interest Earned in 2017

154.47

41.71

44.87

32.20

.25

300.61

\$574.11

## Planning Commission/ Zoning Board Report

The Board has the same members as last year and we work well together. We finished re-adopting our Zoning By-Laws and final adoption by the Select Board was January 9, 2017. We have received a grant to update the Town Plan which is required to be renewed every eight years. Alison Low, from Northeastern Vermont Development Association has been very helpful guiding us with the work. The Board plans to have the Draft of the Updated Town Plan available at Town Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fremont Nelson, Chairman 584-3667, Alice Allen, Walter Bragg, Richard Colby II,  
Kate Davie, Mary Dole, Stephen Genereaux, Regina Hazel, Nancy Perkins

Zoning Administrator, Bill Elder 584-3612

## 2017 Report of Ryegate Corner Library

Balance in Checkbook 1-1-2016	\$121.99
Balance in Checkbook 12-31-2016	\$121.99
Balance in Checkbook 1-1-2017	\$121.99
Balance in Checkbook 12-31-2017	\$121.99

(The Library Commission is considering closing out this account and turning the money over to the South Ryegate Library which is currently the only operating library in Town.) The Commission urges you to read to your kids and talk about what you have read. There's nothing like a book.

## 2017 Report of S Ryegate Public Library, Inc (to account for Revenue Sharing Funds only)

Revenue Sharing Funds in Treas. 1-1-17.....	\$0.00
Received Town of Ryegate Nov 2017.....	\$200.00
Expended toward operating expenses (2017).. <td>\$200.00</td>	\$200.00

Revenue Sharing Funds in Treas. 12-31-17.....\$0.00

## 2017 Report of Marion Hall Trust Fund S Ryegate Public Library, Inc

Balance in Treas. 1-1-17.....	\$591.07
Received Town of Ryegate 2017.....	\$400.00
Total Receipts.....	\$991.07
Books Purchased.....	(\$393.52)
Balance in Treas. 12-31-17.....	\$597.55

## Baldwin Memorial Library



Baldwin Memorial Library  
33 N. Main Street  
P.O. Box 337  
Wells River, VT 05081  
802-757-2693  
[librarian@baldwinlibraryvt.org](mailto:librarian@baldwinlibraryvt.org)  
Hours: M 10-5, W 12-6, F 12-7

### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT 2017

The Baldwin Library is grateful for the generous support given by the Town of Ryegate in 2017. We have always been pleased to serve readers from any of our neighbor towns. At this time, 80 households in Ryegate have current memberships at the Baldwin. We also have enjoyed participating in the annual winter festival on Ticklenaked Pond, bringing our supply of ice skates and snowshoes for anyone to use. And last summer, "Clifford" traveled from Wells River to join your parade in South Ryegate, giving out a wagon-load of free children's books along the way. We welcome your suggestions for programming and collection development. We take pride in supplying books from all over the country through inter-library loan. Did you know you can borrow gardening tools, folding tables & chairs, a paper shredder, a posthole digger and a few other unusual items from the Baldwin? Your library membership also gives you free access to ListenUpVermont for digital downloads and to Vermont Online Library for research resources. Ask us for details!

### Here's a snapshot of library services in 2017:

<b>Circulation</b>	<b>7,100 items loaned (137/week)</b>
<b>Library Visitors</b>	<b>5,799 adults, 848 children (128/week)</b>
<b>Reference Service</b>	<b>595 (11/week)</b>
<b>New Members</b>	<b>72 adults, 14 children</b>
<b>Interlibrary Loans</b>	<b>74 items loaned; 331 items borrowed</b>
<b>In-library Computer Use</b>	<b>1,209 adults, 112 children (25/week)</b>
<b>"ListenUpVermont" Usage</b>	<b>141 audiobook and 122 e-book free downloads</b>
<b>Donations added to collection</b>	<b>62 children's books, 66 adult books, 115 movies, 40 audiobooks, 3 music CD's, &amp; many puzzles</b>

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES (all elected at the Wells River Village Annual Meeting)

Chip Conquest and Chris Buhner (terms end 2018)  
Ann Marie Fredella and Kate Maver (terms end 2019)  
Joyce Powers and Karen Kreis (Chair) (terms end 2020)

### TREASURER

Nancy Ranno

### LIBRARIAN

Peggy Hewes

## Northeastern Vermont Development Association

The NVDA- the State's only regional planning commission and economic development corporation- has been serving Ryegate for more than 60 years. We continue to assist local officials with land use, transportation, and emergency planning, and we serve the businesses of the Kingdom, promoting sustainable economic growth.

How is this relevant Ryegate? In 2017, NVDA staff provided the following services in your community: assisted with update of municipal plan, Local Emergency Operations Plans adopted, conducted Road Erosion Inventory. NVDA's municipal dues are based on a very affordable \$.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$250. We take great pride in providing cost- effective professional services to the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom

## Ryegate Historical Society

2017 was another busy year for the Ryegate Historical Society. We altered our meeting schedule by having the first meeting in May. This seemed to work out well as we had standing room only with everyone eager to hear Larry Coffin speak on "1816 and Froze to Death", the year with no summer.

In early July we participated in the South Ryegate Festival celebration, where we displayed a large exhibit on the granite industry, which was such an integral part of South Ryegate's history. Later in July, we shared our speaker series with the Newbury Historical Society. Well-known author, Howard Coffin, spoke on Vermont in the Civil War.

In August we were delighted to begin the repainting of Whitelaw Hall. The building was in desperate need of this work and now glistens with a newly painted building and roof, a shored up chimney and is donned with an American flag over the entrance.

Mid-September brought another very large crowd for "The Fire of '41". Rachel Baker had an original recording by her father, Hassell Nelson, which gave a detailed and vivid description of the fire that devastated Ryegate Corner. The Wells River Fire Department thrilled the crowd by bringing "Old Petunia", the first Ryegate fire truck, a 1923 Reo.

We continued our Open Houses on Saturday mornings throughout the summer months. In December, we attended a meeting with other historical societies from the Upper Valley, where there was discussion of forming a partnership to share responsibilities in preserving local history.

We are VERY grateful for all the fabulous donations we received this year. Not only were there letters, books, artifacts and other items of historical interest, but we received several beautiful display cases !

BOARD: Molly Fisher, Dover Ford, Linda Libuda, George Murphy, Marsha Nelson, Melvin Nelson, Ginny Ross, Peter Sinclair & Tim Wilson.

# Ryegate Historical Society

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive information & newsletter by:

Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ (email saves printing/postage expenses)

### **DUES: (circle one)**

Annual Membership: Individual: \$10/yr    Family: \$15/yr

Lifetime membership: Individual: \$100    Couple: \$125

Special Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are payable by May 1<sup>st</sup> (or first summer meeting) for membership year of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>-Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Your membership dues and donations are tax deductible.

Please make checks payable to:

Ryegate Historical Society  
c/o Tim Wilson, Treasurer  
979 Boltonville Rd.  
Wells River, VT. 05081



## Ticklenaked Pond Association Report

2017 was a challenging year for Ticklenaked Pond. We had hoped to see if the pair of nesting Loons would return to the lake after last year's successful breeding. There was much anticipation to see if the lake would remain as clear as it had been in 2016 after all the efforts of the Lake Association. Visibility was very low in the beginning of the summer with high water and lots of rain and storms in June and July. It is believed that a beaver dam gave way in the watershed, causing poor visibility and bringing more phosphate into the lake. The water levels then receded as water found it's way around our dam, this made it a little easier to pull invasive plants. The Association continues to battle the invasive species Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), which chokes and clogs our waterways, crowding out native plants and entangling propellers, fishing lures and the arms and legs of swimmers. In 2017 the Town of Ryegate was awarded \$9,020.00 from the State of Vermont (Department of Environmental Conservation) for an Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant-in-Aide grant to manage and remove EWM, which first appeared at Ticklenaked Pond in 2010. A & E Commercial Diving Co. was engaged for 9 days this past summer to harvest EWM through hand pulling and suction harvesting. This was a matching grant, and members of the lake association matched 30% of this award by providing equivalent man-hours to search, hand pull and remove EWM from the lake and shore and administer the project. In August the Blue/Green Algae hit Ticklenaked pond and ended up being a problem for the rest of the summer. Our divers were not able to swim in the lake and we had to forfeit our ANC Grant monies. It is hard to know at this point how much of Milfoil grew in the lake but we do know that none of the plants ever grew tall enough to the surface and put out seed. We are happy to announce that our pair of Loons did return to Ticklenaked Pond and successfully hatched two large tan speckled eggs. Both eggs hatched but the young Loons did not make it, there are many predators that feed on young chicks. The Vermont Loon Conservation Project informed us that this is not unusual and that we should expect to see them back in the spring to nest again. The conservation group put up signs and roped off an area around the nest so that boaters did not come too close. This is yet another sign of the lake becoming healthier and we are keeping our fingers crossed for their success next summer.

The Ryegate community can help the health and enjoyment of Ticklenaked Pond in several ways;

- 1. Wash off your boat before putting it in the lake and after taking it out.** This will ensure the plant is not being transported to or from another body of water.
- 2. Remove any floating pieces of EWM you see on the lake.** Fragments that are not attached to the stemmed plant will reestablish themselves as a new plant. A picture and information about EWM is at the State boat launch.
- 3. Pick up any EWM plants on the shoreline.** The plants need to be removed from the beach area, composted or bagged and thrown away.
- 4. Please do not take a motorboat or paddle through a dense patch of EWM.** If the plants have surfaced they will fragment and drop to the bottom of the lake, root and become another plant.

## Little Rivers Health Care

Little Rivers Health Care would like to request appropriations funding from the Town of Ryegate again this year to help support the primary care services we provide the community. As in past years, we are asking for \$2,000 for the upcoming year. Little Rivers provided services for 319 Ryegate residents last year which represents ~28% of the town inhabitants. As the only safety net health care provider in our area, Little Rivers is likely the only option for many residents who are Medicaid beneficiaries or uninsured. We provide a sliding fee scale for those under 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, making deeply discounted medications available to those who can't afford them otherwise. We are very grateful to the Town of Ryegate for its part support of our mission and health care services and we hope that you will continue to support us in the future. Thank you very much.



## Vermont Center for Independent Living

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. Final numbers for our FY'17 (10/2016-9/2017) show VCIL responded to over **3,000** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability.

During FY '17, **4** residents of **Ryegate** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)  
(\$**1,600.00** spent on meals for residents)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

**Request Amount: \$265.00**

To learn more about VCIL, please call: **1-800-639-1522**, or, visit our web site at **[www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)**.

## Catamount Arts

The residents and voters of Ryegate played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts during 2017. In the past year, Catamount has invited and encouraged the residents of Ryegate to participate in many of its community offerings, including the Community Film Series, Independent Lens, the free Children's Summer Film Festival and gallery exhibits and receptions. In the Summer of 2017, thousands of residents found themselves on top of Dog Mountain each Sunday where Catamount Arts offered 10 free concerts in a music series. During 2017, Catamount Arts was able to present more than 200 films and 100 live performances, in large measure due to the generosity of the voters of Ryegate. Your appropriations helped to underwrite the costs of these presentations as well as helping Catamount pay for such general operating expenses as heating and electricity. As part of our mission to promote lifelong community engagement in the arts, Catamount Arts offers a wide range of classes, workshops and camps for people of all ages.

## Northeast Kingdom Learning Services Inc.

The High School Completion Program (HSCP) collaborates with local schools to provide a path to a high school diploma for anyone 16 or older. In FY 2017, NEKLS in collaboration with partnering high schools awarded 74 high school diplomas in the tri-county region. The General Educational Development Program (GED) leads to a high school diploma equivalency. In FY 2017, NEKLS awarded 21 GED's in the tri-county region. Adult Education and Literacy Programs served 293 students for more than 9,649 hours in FY 2017 in the tri-county region. NEKLS teaches English as a second or other language (English for Speakers of Other Languages) to students from around the world who have come to settle in our beautiful Northeast Kingdom. In FY 2017, NEKLS served 8 ESOL students in the tri-county region. NEKLS Community Learning Centers offer group and individual computer training. In addition to computer classes, an average of 81 community members a month access email, search the web, perform job searches, complete online job applications, or apply for unemployment benefits at the five Community Learning Centers in the tri-county region. Children's Integrated Services (CIS) is Vermont's comprehensive approach to provide child development and family support services. In FY 2017, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services Early Intervention and Family Support Specialists received over 300 referrals to EI and Family Support services. The Tutorial Program provides one-on-one and group instruction to K-12 students at any number of locations including area libraries and town halls. In FY 2017, NEKLS served 65 K-12 students in the tri-county region. NEKLS also provides prevention programming aimed at reducing underage alcohol and tobacco use.

## The Community for Restorative Justice

The Community Restorative Justice Center holds restorative justice panel meetings for cases referred directly from law enforcement as well as cases referred from the Department of Corrections. Cases that go through the CRJC have a 27% reduction in recidivism. In the past 12 months, the CRJC heard 1 restorative justice case involving Ryegate resident and 1 Legal Clinic case. Appropriations from the Town of Ryegate would also give technical support to neighborhood associations as requested. The CRJC mission states that we are committed to providing a safe environment for neighbors and parties to resolve conflict in our communities, to restore relationships, and to take responsibility to repair harms caused. We promote the principles of victim-informed restorative justice that transforms practices in workplace, school, institution, and living spaces throughout Caledonia and southern Essex Counties.

## Umbrella

Umbrella exists to ensure that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties offer safety, support and options for self-determination to women and families. To this end, we provide the following services: The Advocacy Program is the essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. Kingdom Child Care Connection is the community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and Southern Essex counties. In 2017 we: helped 1479 families find high-quality child care at no-cost, for taking care of our communities' youngest citizens have the tools and resources they need to do their best. The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. Cornucopia is our newest program geared towards helping women-in-transition achieve economic self-sufficiency. This 17-week job-skills training program introduces women to the culinary arts as they prepare Meals-on-Wheels for Newport-area seniors.

Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. At least 26 Ryegate households and 1 child care provider was served directly by Umbrella in 2017, and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs at schools as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals. Community support is critical to sustaining our programming and discovering innovative new approaches to the work we do. We are deeply grateful for Ryegate's support.

Request= \$800.00

## Northeast Kingdom Human Services

The mission of NKHS is to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives. Emergency/crisis intervention care at NKHS is utilized 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Thank you, Town of Ryegate voters, for your \$500.00 appropriation support last year toward our emergency/crisis services to residents in need in the NEK. The Emergency Services team responded to serve 506 individuals in fiscal year 2017. Family and friends of these individuals benefited from the support as well. Some of those responses were provided by the Embedded Emergency Crisis Services team dedicated to work alongside law enforcement responding to crisis situations at homes, businesses, barracks, and/or hospitals. Law enforcement and community members agree the positive impact embedded mental health crisis workers provide while responding directly to a scene or situation is invaluable. When unexpected tragic events occurred, our Specialty Team provided support at schools and businesses about how to deal with sudden grief and loss in the community.

NKHS served 23 individuals last year from the Town of Ryegate out of a total of 3580. Individuals utilized supports and programs in homes, schools, NKHS offices, and in the communities of the NEK. We could not do this without our 500+ dedicated employees, 1 of these from your town. As a 501(c)(3) private not-for-profit organization, our volunteer Board of Directors and Program Standing Committees provided oversight to support the agency's belief that human services should be cost effective, available to all no matter their age or ability to pay, and responsive to the needs of our local communities.

Please visit our website at [www.nkhs.org](http://www.nkhs.org) for more information about our agency and services. NKHS bases our appropriation request on \$1.05 per person in your community according to the 2010 census or the same amount as last year. We greatly appreciate your interest, your help in letting people know about the services we provide, and your financial support.

## Caledonia County Sheriff Annual Report

We completed another audit for our office this past year and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind. The state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We have kept our rates for service the same for the past few years and have a slight increase with construction and traffic. This increase is do to the fuel prices. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, replacing cars that have served us well. We have thirteen marked cars, a 2014 van for prisoner transports, one unmarked car being used for civil process service. We purchased a new radar cart that we can use in different towns. That purchase was with the use of Governors Highway Safety Grant funds. We have a large enclosed trailer that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. This trailer may be utilized as a command post at a mass casualty incident as well. We have an ATV, two golf carts, and two snowmobiles that we use for our snowmobile patrols. With project (ROAD), Responsible Operators Against Distractions, we want to continue to educate operators about phone use and texting while driving. The Sheriff's Department has twenty two Law Enforcement Officers to start the new year and three new deputies will go to the academy in March. We have become more active with local schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. We have been involved with drills and evacuation plans and will continue to assist as needed. We continue to look at 24 hour dispatching for the county, in the county, but are unable to do that right now. I'm looking into a different location for the department's office because of the high rent the state wants to charge the county for our current location.

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

Sincerely,  
Sheriff Dean Shatney

## Groton Ryegate FAST Squad

### GROTON- RYEGATE FAST SQUAD RUNS BY MONTH 2017

	GROTON	RYEGATE	TOTAL
JANUARY	15	9	24
FEBRUARY	4	10	14
MARCH	10	5	15
APRIL	7	4	11
MAY	3	10	13
JUNE	5	6	11
JULY	11	7	18
AUGUST	7	8	15
SEPTEMBER	5	10	15
OCTOBER	8	14	22
NOVEMBER	5	8	13
DECEMBER	7	6	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>184</b>

## Northeast Kingdom Youth Services

NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975. In 2017, NEKYS served 3160 individuals throughout Caledonia and Essex Counties, including 26 people in Ryegate. NEKYS is a private, non-profit agency governed by a community based, volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts, and appropriations from the towns we serve to continue our mission. Please call our office at 802-748-8732 if you have any questions or concerns. Request= \$250.00

## Caledonia Home Health & Hospice

Caledonia Home Health & Hospice is Northern Counties Health Care's certified Medicare and Medicaid comprehensive Home Care and Hospice Division.

2017 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics for Ryegate, VT

- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW) 524 visits
- Hospice (Nursing, Therapy, Personal Care, Respite) 59 visits
- Maternal Child Health 24 visits
- Long Term Care 286 visits
- Total of 883 visits in Ryegate in 2017.

To learn more, please call us at 802-748-8116 or visit us at [www.nchcvt.org](http://www.nchcvt.org)

Request= \$1,000.00

## Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, formerly doing business as the Area Agency on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization serving the residents of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties. We support people age 60 and older in their efforts to remain active, healthy, financially secure and in control of their own lives. The agency connects older adults and their families with services they need to live with independence and dignity. During the past year, your support allowed us to provide assistance to 65 residents of Ryegate as well as more than 1000 seniors from across the Northeast Kingdom. Thank you for your support over the years and for your help in letting people know about the services we provide. To learn more, please call 802-748-5182.

Request= \$330.00

## Justices of the Peace

Justices of the Peace, elected to office on November 3, 2016, make up the Board of Civil Authority. The new term begins February 1, 2017 and continues to February 1, 2019. Justices of the Peace will be elected in November of 2018 for the ensuing term.

Todd Colby

Catherine Davie

Jamie O'Connor

Darcy Nelson

Nancy Perkins

Jennifer Nelson

Robert Rowden

# NEK Waste Management District Executive Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***NEKWMD Executive Committee***

## NEK Waste Management Supervisors Report

The Waste District has been butting heads for many years with the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources on the Universal Recycling Law (Act 148). As the law is written, they did not take into account the differences of the Northeast Kingdom and the rest of the state. Act 148 is two fold, lower the per capita disposal rate of 3.62lbs per person per day to 2.69lbs and increase the statewide diversion rate from 36% to 50%. The NEKWMD has had a per capita rate of 1.46 for over 10 years and a diversion rate of 45%. The NEKWMD has several concerns with Act 148. One, population density does not adequately account for income. Two, the recycling fees are high. For glass, The NEKWMD spent over \$15,000 in 2016 managing glass. The NEKWMD recommends that glass jars and containers be added to the bottle bill and dropped from the mandatory list of recyclables. Organic waste curbside collection is cost prohibitive. The NEKWMD supports most of the language contained in Act 148, but question the need to add cost to a system that is generating far less trash than the State target. The fact remains that all regions of Vermont are not alike and should not be treated as such. The recycling market has been steady this year and even with a number of unexpected expenditures, we ended the year in the black.

Respectfully submitted, Gene Perkins, Waste District Supervisor

## Groton/ Ryegate Recycling Attendants Report

Operating Hours-                      Friday 3pm to 6pm                      Saturday 8am to 12 noon

Again this year we have seen an increase in recycling amounts and the number of recyclers using the services provided. Electronic waste continues to be a big item. One would think that we had them all collected by last year! We have been moving a container of scrap metal every two to three weeks until a couple of months ago. Cardboard is another large volume item and the price remains steady. Plastics are a big volume item and a big pain to me and you with the many changes in Numbers accepted and now colors as well.

For plastic recycling, here are the latest guidelines

- \*No black plastic
- \*No container having had a petroleum product in them (oil, grease, hydraulic oil)
- \*No container larger than 2.5 gallons (cut a 5 gallon container in half)
- \*No coat hangers or any plastic that will break went bent or crushed
- \*No tool box cases
- \*No toys
- \*Numbers 1 through 5 only

And please, these are recyclables, not trash, so wash or rinse them out. If you wish to not clean them out, throw them in the trash.

Respectfully submitted, Gene Perkins

# NEK Waste Management District Budget Vote

## WARNING

### NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

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MARCH 6, 2018

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

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to

Joel Cury	Paula R. Routhier
Steve Piro	Gene A. Perkins
Jack Sumberg	Preston Smith
Timothy S. S. S.	
David S. S.	
Kevin F. S.	
John Keene	
Frank S.	
John S.	
William S.	
Keneth W. S.	
David S.	
Ally S.	
John S.	
Heather S.	

## WARNING & NOTICE

### **BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #21 ANNUAL MEETING AND PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING**

**March 5 & March 6, 2018**

The legal voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Blue Mountain Union School, Garvin Memorial Library in Wells River, Vermont on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 in the evening to transact the following business from the floor:

**Article 1:**

To elect the following officers as required by law and to authorize the Board of School Directors to fix their compensation:

Moderator  
Clerk  
Treasurer

**Article 2:**

To hear and act on the reports of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 officers for the past year.

**Article 3:**

Shall the voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year.

**Article 4:**

To transact any other business thought proper under this warning.

Said meeting shall be followed immediately by a public informational hearing regarding the proposed budget and other business, to be voted on by Australian Ballot, on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

The legal voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 are further notified and warned to meet at the following locations:

Ryegate:	Town Hall in Ryegate Corner
Groton:	Groton Community Building in Groton
Wells River:	Village Garage in Wells River



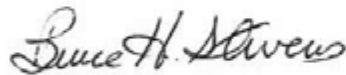
On Tuesday, March 6, 2018 between 10:00 in the morning and 7:00 in the evening there will be a vote by Australian Ballot on the following question:

Article #1:

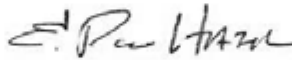
Shall the voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 approve the school board to expend \$8,786,500, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,038.02 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is .9% less than spending for the current year.

Signed by the Board of School Directors this 3rd day of January, 2018 at Wells River, Vermont.

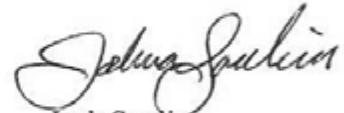
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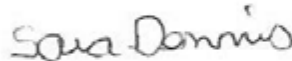
Bruce Stevens



E. Paul Hazel



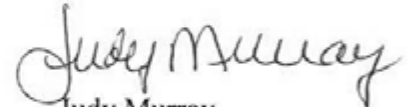
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Sara Dennis



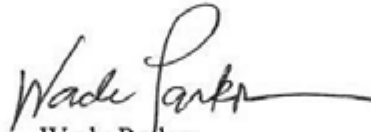
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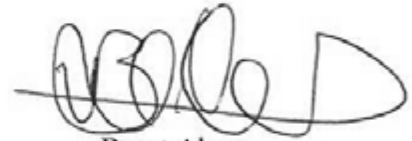
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Julie Oliver

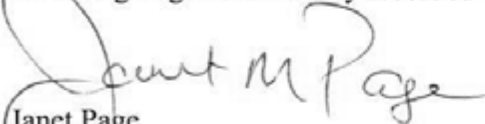


Wade Parker



Brent Abare

The foregoing has been duly recorded before posting.



Janet Page  
Clerk

## Synopsis of March 7, 2017 Town Meeting

ARTICLE 1: Regina Hazel was elected Moderator, Marsha Nelson was elected Town Clerk

ARTICLE 2: The reports of the Town Officers were accepted.

ARTICLE 3: The town authorized a total general and highway fund expenditure for 2017 operating expenses of \$988,957.00.

ARTICLE 4: After discussion, the Town voted to raise money by taxation to meet the 2017 General Fund and Road Budget and authorized the Select Board to set a tax rate to provide the same.

ARTICLE 5: The Town authorized payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer in one installment, due September 10<sup>th</sup> and becoming delinquent on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

ARTICLE 6: The Town elected a Collector of Delinquent Taxes and that was Dale Wright.

ARTICLE 7: The Town elected Wade Parker by voice vote to serve on the Board of Union School District No. 21 for a term of three years.

ARTICLE 8: The following people were elected to serve in the various offices:  
Treasurer: Cheryl Slayton, Select Board: Paul Keenan, First Grand Juror: Dean Rowden, Lister: Regina Hazel, Auditor: Tom Dole, Library Trustee: Richard Fraser, Cemetery Commissioner: William Nelson

ARTICLE 9: The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.



# Vital Records Law

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

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2018.**

The most notable changes are:

Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.

An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.

An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.

Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.

Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.

Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.

Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to

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



# Vital Statistics

## Vital Statistics

### Civil Marriages

Date	Name
2-11	Christopher Scott Partyka & Melyssa Dawn Anne Crowe
4-1	James Peter Fandino Jr & Nichole Tonya Zambon
5-13	Levi Matthew Welch & Courtni Lynn Fisk
6-10	Keith Michael Coburn & Margaret Ann Florentine
8-19	Michael Joseph McCallie & Jessica Marie Kawalec
8-26	Spencer Nolan Patrick O'Brien & Shelby Kate-Lyn Enger
10-21	Wade Lawrence Franklin & Crystal Fay Carrigan

### Births

Date	Name	Parents
9-4-2016	Wesley Brown	Andrew & Danielle Brown
2-19	Michelle Ann Loiselle	Jason & Beth Gary Loiselle
3-4	Garrett Dean Edward Welch	Levi & Courtni Fisk Welch
3-13	Addison Marie Coleman	Devin & Jillian Coleman
5-30	McKenna Jane Woods	Mark & Jennifer Hayes Woods
6-10	Maddox Joseph Alger	Michael & Kassie Johnson Alger
7-16	Aiden James Fandino	James & Nichole Zambon Fandino
10-14	Maddox Samuel Titus	Samuel Titus & Kimberly Hurley
11-11	Sanchir Kestrel Davie Batdorj	Batdorj Sodnompil & Hannah Davie
12-16	Sutton Olivia Boyce	Justin Boyce & Heidi Terrio

### Deaths

Name	Age	Date
Ronald J. Shaw	--	5-7-2016
Beth Ann Potter	86	4-17
Loren Lee Tillot (Larry)	73	5-6
Thomas Joseph Wozny	64	6-12
Sylvia E. Murray	73	7-5
Robert Leo Hudson Jr	63	7-13
Erin Patricia Johnson	21	7-15
Timothy Morgan Douse	70	7-16
Laurance Edward Allen	66	8-3
David Nelson Elder	55	9-10
Richard C. Forrest	89	11-6
Donald Hann	89	11-8

## Warning Annual Town Meeting – 2018

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

The citizens of the Town of Ryegate who are legal voters in the annual town meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House in Ryegate on Tuesday, the sixth of March 2018 at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect a Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 3:** To review and act on the reports of the town officers.

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town authorize a total general and highway fund expenditure for 2018 operating expenses of \$1,005,467.00

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Town vote to raise money by taxation to meet the 2018 General Fund and Road Budget, including a sum of money (not less than \$50.00 per mile) for the maintenance of its highways and for the payment of installments due and to become due on equipment purchased by the Select board including such additional funds as may be appropriated under other articles at this meeting, and to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town authorize payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer in one installment, due September 10<sup>th</sup> and becoming delinquent on October 10<sup>th</sup> with interest assessed on unpaid taxes pursuant to 32 VSA 4873?

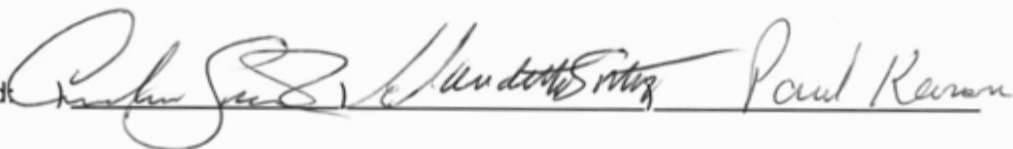
**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes and take such action with respect to his/her fees and commissions as judged to be advantageous to the town.

**ARTICLE 8:** To elect by ballot one School Director to serve on the Board of Union School District No. 21 for a term of three years.

**ARTICLE 9:** To elect all other necessary Town Officers and direct the Select Board to fix their compensation.

**ARTICLE 10:** To transact any other nonbinding business that may properly come before this meeting.

Select Board:

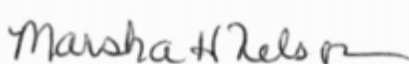


Andrew Smith

Claudette Sortino

Paul Keenan

Recorded before posting:

Attest: 

Marsha Nelson, Clerk

## Important Telephone Numbers and Information

### ***Emergency or Fire 911***

RYEGATE TOWN WEBSITE- [WWW.RYEGATEVT.ORG](http://WWW.RYEGATEVT.ORG)

Building Permits	584-3612 Bill Elder 802-584-3880 Town Office
Cottage Hospital	603-747-9000
E Ryegate Fire District #2	802-357-1021 Leah Smith
Fire Permits	802-584-3611 Gene Perkins 802-584-3667 Fremont Nelson
Historian	

### ***Ryegate Selectboard***

Paul Keenan	802-757-3801
Claudette Sortino	802- 584-4263
Andy Smith, Chair	802-633-2260
Town Clerk	802-584-3880 Phone and Fax
Town Garage/Road Crew	802-584-3002
Dog Officer- Rachel Clough	802-588-2020
United Ways Agencies for VT	211
VT Center for Independent Living	802-639-1522
NEK Waste Management	800-734-4602
NEK Youth Services	802-748-8732

### **State Legislators**

Sen. Joseph Benning- R 802-626-3600 office  
Sen. Jane Kitchel- D 802-684-3482 home  
Rep. Marcia Martel- R 802-748-9134 home

### **US Legislators**

Sen. Patrick Leahy- D 800-642-3193 Action Line  
Sen. Bernie Sanders- I 800-339-9834 VT office 202-224-5141 DC office  
Rep. Peter Welch- D 888-605-7270 VT office 202-225-4115 DC office

***Selectboard Meetings*** - 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7pm Town Office Building

***Town Clerk***- Mon 1-5, Tues 1-5, Weds 1-5, Fri 9-1

***Recycling Center*** Friday 4-6 pm Saturday 8- noon

### ***Photo Driver's License***

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