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# **Report for the Town of Weston, Vermont For the year ending December 31, 2017**

Town Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2018

9:00 a.m. at the Weston Playhouse

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING**

# About Town Meeting Rules and Procedures

Weston's Town Meeting, like all Vermont Town Meetings, is run under Robert's Rules of Order, except where Vermont Law takes precedence. Here are some key points:

- Unless there is a suspension of the rules, only voters of the Town of Weston may speak during the meeting and, of course, only Weston voters may vote.
- All motions, remarks and discussion should be directed to the Moderator. After you are recognized, please stand up and give your name so that the Clerk can record your comments or motion in the minutes.
- After you've spoken once about an Article, you won't be recognized for a second time during the discussion about that subject until all others who wish to speak on the issue for the first time have spoken.
- An Article must be moved, seconded and then restated by the Moderator before it is properly under consideration and debate can begin.
- An Article may be amended, and an amendment may be amended once. Amendments to Articles must be reasonably related to the original proposal. If the proposed amendment would make such a drastic change to the Article that it would amount to an Article that had not been warned, the amendment will be ruled out of order. This is because State law prohibits consideration of Articles that have not been warned. This also means that binding action may not be taken under the "other business" part of the Warning.
- A "division of the house" is a standing vote. A division can be requested by any one voter either before or after a voice vote. State law provides that seven voters may ask for a paper ballot either before or after a voice vote or a division of the house.
- Debate may be cut off by a motion to Call the Question and a two-thirds vote to do so.
- An Article may be reconsidered until another Article is under consideration. That means that if an Article has been voted down, a motion can be made to reopen consideration by a person who voted against it. But once the meeting has moved on to another Article, no more action can be taken on the previous Article.

Please don't be afraid to raise your hand and ask questions if you don't understand what's happening. You have the right to challenge any ruling by the Moderator and ask that there be a vote on whether or not to sustain the ruling. Vermont Law is very clear; the Town Meeting belongs to you – the voters.

Wayne Granquist – Moderator

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## CRITICAL DATES

Dogs must be licensed on or before **April 2, 2018**.

Homestead Declaration AND Property Tax Adjustment Form (form HS-122, HI-144) must be filed annually on or before **April 17, 2018**. Forms are online at [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov).

Property taxes are due on or before **October 9, 2018**.

WARNING  
TOWN OF WESTON, VERMONT  
FOR ANNUAL MARCH TOWN MEETING 2018

The legal voters (The legal voters of the Town of Weston are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting shall be as provided in Title 17 Chapters 43 and 51, Vermont Statutes Annotated.) of the Town of Weston, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Weston Playhouse in Weston, Vermont on Tuesday, the 6th day of March 2018, at 9:00 A.M. to act on the following Articles:

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator for a one-year term.
- ARTICLE 2:** To elect a Town Clerk for a one-year term.
- ARTICLE 3:** To elect a Town Treasurer for a one-year term.
- ARTICLE 4:** To elect the following Town Officers as required by law:

- One Selectperson to a three-year term
- One Selectperson to a two-year term
- One Lister to a three-year term
- One Lister to a three-year term Vacant
- A Town Constable to a one-year term
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes to a one-year term
- One School Board Director to the Mt. Town Regional School Board. One -year term or until expiration
- Town Grand Juror to a one-year term
- Town Agent to a one-year term
- One Library Trustee to a five-year term
- One Trustee of Public Funds to a three-year term
- One Cemetery Commissioner for a five-year term
- One Cemetery Commissioner for a one-year term

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will appropriate the following sums totaling \$96,945 to the following organizations that included financial information with their request.

| Organization                                       | 2016 Actual Request | 2016 Voter Approved | 2017 Actual Request | 2017 Voter Approved | 2018 Actual Request | 2018 Actual Budget |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Cold Spring Park - WCA                             | \$5,000             | \$5,000             | \$5,000             | \$5,000             | \$9,500             | \$9,500            |
| Farrar Park Association                            | \$5,000             | \$5,000             | \$10,000            | \$10,000            | \$9,500             | \$9,500            |
| Weston Cemetery Commission*                        | \$500               | \$8,300             | \$500               | 9,825*              | \$10,005            | \$10,005           |
| Weston Recreation Club                             | \$13,000            | \$13,000            | \$13,000            | \$13,000            | \$13,000            | \$13,000           |
| Weston Volunteer Fire Department                   | \$36,525            | \$36,525            | \$26,225            | \$26,225            | \$27,850            | \$27,850           |
| Wilder Memorial Library                            | \$12,600            | \$12,600            | \$14,585            | \$14,585            | \$15,000            | \$15,000           |
| <b>Subtotal of Organizations located in Weston</b> | <b>\$72,625</b>     | <b>\$80,425</b>     | <b>\$69,310</b>     | <b>\$78,635</b>     | <b>\$84,855</b>     | <b>\$84,855</b>    |

| Organization                                       | 2016 Actual Request | 2016 Voter Approved | 2017 Actual Request | 2017 Voter Approved | 2018 Actual Request | 2018 Actual Budget |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| GNAT-TV  | \$2,000             | \$2,000             | \$2,000             | \$500               | \$2,000             | \$500              |
| SEVCA -Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. | \$630               | \$630               | \$630               | \$630               | \$630               | \$630              |
| Flood Brook Athletic Association                   | \$2,000             | \$2,000             | \$2,000             | \$2,000             | \$2,000             | \$2,000            |
| Green-Up Vermont                                   | \$50                | \$50                | \$50                | \$50                | \$50                | \$50               |
| The Collaborative                                  | \$750               | \$750               | \$1,000             | \$1,000             | \$750               | \$750              |
| Neighborhood Connections                           | \$2,000             | \$3,000             | \$3,000             | \$3,000             | \$3,000             | \$3,000            |
| Vermont Assn for the Blind & Visually Impaired     | \$100               | \$100               | \$100               | \$100               | \$100               | \$100              |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living              | \$230               | \$230               | \$230               | \$230               | \$230               | \$230              |
| West River Sports Association                      | \$990               | \$990               | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                |
| Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)       | \$630               | \$630               | \$630               | \$630               | \$630               | \$630              |
| Visiting Nurse Hospice for VT & NH                 | \$2,350             | \$2,350             | \$2,350             | \$2,350             | \$2,350             | \$2,350            |
| The Current – Connecticut River Transit, Inc.      | \$250               | \$250               | \$250               | \$250               | \$250               | \$250              |
| Council on Aging – Senior Solutions                | \$1,600             | \$1,600             | \$1,600             | \$1,600             | \$1,600             | \$1,600            |
| <b>Subtotal of Other Organizations</b>             | <b>\$13,580</b>     | <b>\$14,580</b>     | <b>\$13,840</b>     | <b>\$12,340</b>     | <b>\$13,590</b>     | <b>\$12,090</b>    |
| <b>Total of Weston &amp; Other Organizations</b>   | <b>\$86,205</b>     | <b>\$95,005</b>     | <b>\$83,150</b>     | <b>\$90,975</b>     | <b>\$98,445</b>     | <b>\$96,945</b>    |

\* Vermont Statute V.S.A. Title 18 §5361 A town may vote sums of money necessary for purchasing, holding, and keeping in repair suitable grounds and other conveniences for burying the dead. The selectmen may make necessary regulations concerning public burial grounds and for fencing and keeping the same in order.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will appropriate the following sums to the following organizations that did not include financial information with their request. (Total amount is included in Town General budget.)

| Organization                           | 2016 Actual Request | 2016 Voter Approved | 2017 Actual Request | 2017 Voter Approved | 2018 Actual Request | 2018 Actual Budget |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Londonderry Rescue Squad               | \$3,000             | \$3,000             | \$3,000             | \$3,000             | \$3,000             | \$3,000            |
| Mountain Valley Medical Clinic         | \$4,052             | \$4,052             | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$2,500             | \$2,500            |
| Windsor County Youth Services          | \$600               | \$600               | \$600               | \$600               | \$600               | \$600              |
| <b>Subtotal of other Organizations</b> | <b>\$7,652</b>      | <b>\$7,652</b>      | <b>\$3,600</b>      | <b>\$3,600</b>      | <b>\$6,100</b>      | <b>\$6,100</b>     |
| <b>Total of All Organizations</b>      | <b>\$93,857</b>     | <b>\$102,657</b>    | <b>\$86,750</b>     | <b>\$94,575</b>     | <b>\$104,545</b>    | <b>\$103,045</b>   |

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,698 to SeVEDS as requested. (No Financials) (Not included in Town Budget.)

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$500 to the Women's Freedom Center as requested. (No Financials) (Not included in Town Budget):

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will approve the following resolution, received by petition January 18, 2018:

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

WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

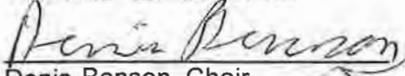
1. That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:
  - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to energy pipelines;
  - b. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines, and,
  - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to low-income people, people of color, or rural communities.
2. That the Town will do our part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:
  - a. Protecting town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing town lands;
  - b. Enlisting state support in weatherizing town buildings and installing alternative energy; such as roof-top solar, to town structures;
  - c. Other initiatives to improve the quality of life while helping to reduce overall use of energy.

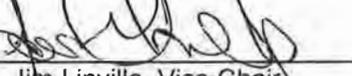
- ARTICLE 10:** Shall the town provide notice to all registered voters at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting by postcard that the annual report is available for pickup at the Town Office. In any case, one copy of the town report will be mailed to each household at least ten days prior to annual meeting pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1682(a2).
- ARTICLE 11:** To see if the town will appropriate \$90,000. For the Bridge Repair Fund. (Included in town Highway Budget)
- ARTICLE 12:** To see if the town will appropriate \$85,000 for the Highway Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund. (Included in town Highway Budget)
- ARTICLE 13:** To see if the town will appropriate \$25,000 Highway Maintenance Fund. (for paving) (Included in town Highway Budget)
- ARTICLE 14:** To see if the town will appropriate \$35,000 to the Fire Apparatus Replacement Reserve Fund. (Included in town General Budget)
- ARTICLE 15:** To see if the town will appropriate \$3,500 for the Town Annex Paint Reserve Fund. (Included in town General Budget)
- ARTICLE 16:** To see if the town will appropriate \$5,000 to the Space Planning and Management Fund. (Included in town General Budget)
- ARTICLE 17:** Shall the town set the annual compensation for the Selectboard at \$2,500 each for the calendar year January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. (Included in town General Budget)
- ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will set the Annual Salary for the Town Treasurer at \$23,260 for the calendar year January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. (Included in Town General Budget.)
- ARTICLE 19:** To see if the town will set the Annual Salary for the Town Clerk at \$17,820 for the calendar year January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. (Included in Town General Budget.)
- ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to have the Town Clerk/Town Treasurer collect current taxes due on or before Tuesday, October 9, 2018.
- ARTICLE 21:** Shall the voters authorize total General Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$495,866 of which \$298,602 shall be raised by taxes and \$125,890 by non-tax revenues, offset by a prior year surplus of \$71,374.
- ARTICLE 22:** Shall the voters authorize total Highway Fund expenditure of \$831,329 of which \$639,301 shall be raised by taxes and \$70,270 by non-tax revenues, offset by a prior year surplus of \$121,758.
- ARTICLE 23:** To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles.

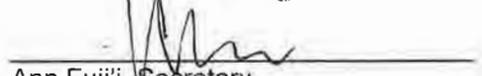
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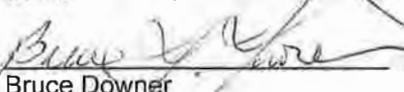
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January 30, 2018

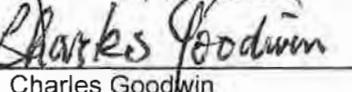
**WESTON SELECTBOARD**

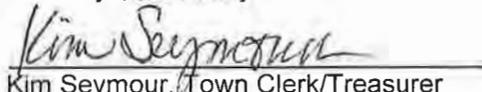
  
Denis Benson, Chair

  
Jim Linville, Vice Chair

  
Ann Fuji'i, Secretary

  
Bruce Downer

  
Charles Goodwin

  
Kim Seymour, Town Clerk/Treasurer

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2017

|   |                               | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>MODERATOR</b>  | Wayne Granquist               | 2018                |
| <b>TOWN CLERK/TREASURER</b>   | Kim Seymour                   | 2018                |
| <b>SELECTBOARD</b>  | Bruce Downer (2-year term)    | 2019                |
|   | Denis Benson (3-year term)    | 2020                |
|   | Ann Fuji'i (2-year term)      | 2018                |
|   | Jim Linville (3-year term)    | 2018                |
|   | Charles Goodwin (3-year term) | 2019                |
| <br><b>MOUNTAIN TOWN REGIONAL<br/>EDUCATION DISTRICT</b><br>(3-year term) | Deb Lyneis                    | 2020                |
|   | Carrie Chalmers               | 2018                |
| <br><b>LISTERS</b><br>(3-year term)                                       | Empty                         | 2019                |
|   | Ron Prouty                    | 2018                |
|   | Howard Brosseau               | 2020                |
| <br><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b><br>(5-year term)                              | Donna Bonang                  | 2018                |
|   | Kieran McKenna                | 2019                |
|   | Malcolm Hamblett              | 2020                |
|   | Carrie Chalmers               | 2021                |
|   | Linda Saanijoki               | 2021                |
|   | Deborah Granquist             | 2022                |
|   | Joanne Prouty                 | 2022                |
| <br><b>TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUND</b><br>(3-year term)                       | Nicole Pfister                | 2018                |
|   | Ron Prouty                    | 2020                |
|   | Mimi Neff                     | 2019                |
| <br><b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS</b><br>(5-year term)                        | William Hoyt                  | 2018                |
|   | Raymond Heberts               | 2022                |
|   | Mimi Neff                     | 2018                |
|   | Andy Foster                   | 2020                |
|   | Vacant                        | 2021                |
| <br><b>CONSTABLE</b>  | Empty                         | 2018                |
| <b>SECOND CONSTABLE</b>   | Empty                         | 2018                |
| <b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>   | Sandra Goodwin                | 2018                |
| <b>TOWN GRAND JUROR</b>   | Wayne Granquist               | 2018                |
| <b>TOWN AGENT</b>   | James Young                   | 2018                |

### JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION)

∞ Charles Goodwin ∞ Wayne Granquist ∞ Shirley Knowlton ∞ Marguerite Mason ∞ Linda Aldrich ∞  
Terms Expire 2019

This is a working document and changes from time to time throughout the year.

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2017

|  |   | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|--|---|---------------------|
| <b>Road Commissioner</b>                               | Jeff Yrsha                                  | 2018                |
| <b>Forest Fire Warden</b>                              | Denis Benson                                | 2018                |
| <b>Animal Control Officers</b>                         | Almon Crandall                              | 2018                |
|  | Susan Straw Harris                          | 2018                |
| <b>Planning Commission</b><br>(4-year terms)           | Brad Ameden                                 | 2021                |
|  | Chris Lindgren                              | 2021                |
|  | Kim Price                                   | 2021                |
|  | Matt Lynch                                  | 2019                |
|  | Alan Knapp                                  | 2019                |
|  | Nicole Pfister                              | 2020                |
|  | David Ruess                                 | 2019                |
| Alternates   | Empty                                       | 2021                |
|  | Robert Vesota                               | 2021                |
| <b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b><br>(3-Year Terms)    | Deborah Lyneis                              | 2019                |
|  | Allison Stori-Hopkins                       | 2021                |
|  | Jeff Lennox                                 | 2020                |
|  | Andy Foster                                 | 2018                |
|  | Deborah Granquist                           | 2019                |
|  | Ann Fujji                                   | 2019                |
| Alternates   | Empty                                       | 2019                |
|  | Robert Migone                               | 2021                |
| <b>Conservation Commission</b><br>(4-Year terms)       | Skye Chalmers                               | 2018                |
|  | Donald Hart                                 | 2021                |
|  | Ken Hall                                    | 2018                |
|  | Jeff Lennox                                 | 2020                |
|  | Ann Fujji                                   | 2019                |
|  | Deborah Hennessey                           | 2019                |
|  | Empty                                       | 2021                |
| <b>Acting Zoning Administrator</b> (3-yr term)         | Kim Price                                   | 2018                |
| <b>Floodplain Administrator</b>                        | Kim Price                                   | 2018                |
| <b>Sewage Officer</b>                                  | State of Vermont                            | 2018                |
| <b>Health Officer</b> (3- year term)                   | Delores Barbeau ( <i>Expires 11/20/18</i> ) | 2018                |
| <b>Vendor Ordinance Administrator</b><br>(1-year term) | Barbara Lloyd                               | 2018                |
| <b>Windham Regional Commission</b>                     | Charles Goodwin                             | 2018                |
| <b>Representative</b> (1-year term)                    | Empty                                       | 2018                |
| <b>Tree Warden</b> (1-year term)                       | Ray Mara                                    | 2018                |
| <b>Council on Aging</b>                                | Susan Meyers                                | 2018                |
| <b>Emergency Fuel Coordinator</b>                      | Jon Bliss                                   | 2018                |
| <b>Civil Defense Chairman</b>                          | Mark Falango                                | 2018                |
| <b>911 Commission</b>                                  | Almon Crandall                              | 2018                |
| <b>Emergency Management Director</b>                   | Mark Falango                                | 2018                |
| <b>Asst. EMD</b>                                       | Cheryl Barker                               | 2018                |
| <b>Regional Technology Team WRC</b>                    | Mark Falango                                | 2018                |
| <b>Green – Up Coordinator</b>                          | Kim Seymour                                 | 2018                |

# FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY

*Certified Public Accountants*



**John E. (Jeff) Fothergill, CPA**  
**Michael L. Segale, CPA**  
**Sheila R. Valley, CPA**  
**Teresa H. Kajenski, CPA**  
**Donald J. Murray, CPA**

January 12, 2018

Selectboard  
Town of Weston, Vermont

## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION

The financial statements of the Town of Weston, Vermont for the year ended December 31, 2017 are being audited by Fothergill, Segale & Valley CPAs of Montpelier. When completed, the report will be available at the Town Office.

Sincerely,

*Fothergill Segale & Valley, CPAs*

FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY, CPAs  
Vermont Public Accountancy License #110

**BALANCE SHEET**

December 31, 2017

**ASSETS****Current Assets****Checking/Savings**

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| TD Bank - Checking                 | 390,367.46   |
| TD Bank - Money Market             | 1,039,085.50 |
| TD Bank - HRA Checking             | 9,525.36     |
| Berkshire Bank Money Market        | 2,208.48     |
| TD Bank Special Funds Money Market | 787,896.71   |

**Total Checking/Savings** **2,229,083.51****Accounts Receivables**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Grants in Aid Pilot | 14,200.00 |
| Other               | 458.76    |
| BCBS refund         | 448.04    |

**Total Accounts Receivables** **15,106.80****Other Assets****Delinquent Taxes**

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Delinquent Tax Interest Receivables* | 1,548.43  |
| Delinquent Tax Penalty Receivables*  | 3,853.34  |
| Delinquent Tax Receivables           | 48,166.21 |
| Prepaid Expenses                     | 57,890.88 |

**Total Other Assets** **111,458.86****Total ASSETS** **2,355,649.17****LIABILITIES****Current Liabilities**

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Accounts Payable       | 51,144.43  |
| Unclaimed due to State | 819.28     |
| 2018 PrePaid Taxes     | 278,330.31 |

**Total Current Liabilities** **330,294.02****Other Current Liabilities**

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Deferred Property Taxes*     | 54,026.74  |
| Land Records Funds           | 1,819.70   |
| Lister Education Funds - PVR | 3,355.06   |
| State Education Taxes Due    | 975,600.00 |

**Total Other Current Liabilities** **1,034,801.50****Total All Current Liabilities** **1,365,095.52****Equity**

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Fund Balance Prior Year (2016)   | 25,589.74  |
| Fund Balance Current Year (2017) | 45,784.24  |
| HRA Offset                       | 9,525.36   |
| Highway Fund                     | 121,757.60 |
| Special Funds                    | 787,896.71 |

**Total Equity** **990,553.65****TOTAL LIABILITES & EQUITY** **2,355,649.17**

\* As required by GASB; amounts reconciled and adjusted during annual audit

## CHANGE IN CASH POSITION

January - December 31, 2017

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Cash on Hand (As of 12/31/2016)</b>                                  | <b>932,928.43</b>            |
| <br>  |                              |
| <b><u>INCOME (1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017)</u></b>                            | <b>1,331,346.36</b>          |
| Accounts Payable (As of 12/31/2017)                                     | 51,144.43                    |
| Education Taxes Due to Bennington - Rutland Supervisory Union           | 1,047,321.00                 |
| Education Taxes Due to State of Vermont                                 | 2,016,655.00                 |
| Land Records Funds (1,819.70 as of 12/31/2017)                          | 722.00                       |
| Lister Ed Funds (3,355.06 as of 12/31/2017)                             | -                            |
| Other Receipts (9.04, 20, 20)   | 49.04                        |
| Payments on 2014 Delinquency (1,478.73 as of 12/31/2016)                | 1,478.73                     |
| Payments on 2015 Delinquency (25,315.97 as of 12/31/2016)               | 25,315.97                    |
| Payments on 2016 Delinquency (65,365.77 as of 12/31/2016)               | 64,791.01                    |
| Payments on 2017 Delinquency (188,308.60 as of 10/03/2017)              | 140,716.66                   |
| Property Tax Overpayments   | 29,275.04                    |
| Property Tax Prepayments  | 278,330.31                   |
| Reappraisal and Maintenance Funds from State                            | 6,194.00                     |
| Reimbursements for Prepaid Fuel - WVFD, Annex, Library                  | 6,656.78                     |
| Special Fund Reimbursement - Conservation Commission Fund               | 2,500.00                     |
| Special Fund Reimbursement - Equipment Reserve Fund                     | 87,744.00                    |
| Special Fund Reimbursement - Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund            | 320,569.00                   |
| Special Fund Reimbursement - Highway Contingency Fund                   | 52,062.00                    |
| Special Fund Reimbursement - Lawrence Hill Reserve Fund Balance         | 20,016.61                    |
| Special Fund Reimbursement - Reappraisal and Maintenance Fund           | 5,995.26                     |
| State of Vermont - Fees Received (0)                                    | 1,450.00                     |
| Tax Anticipation Note - Loan from Special Funds                         | 400,000.00                   |
| Town of Londonderry - Transfer Station Fees Received (0)                | 2,510.00                     |
| Unclaimed Property Due to State   | 819.28                       |
| <b><u>Total Incoming Monies:</u></b>                                    | <b><u>5,893,662.48</u></b>   |
| <br>  |                              |
| <b><u>EXPENSES (1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017)</u></b>                          | <b>(1,306,589.05)</b>        |
| Accounts Payable (As of 12/31/2016)                                     | (51,060.65)                  |
| Accounts Receivables (As of 12/31/2017) - Grant and Refund              | (14,648.04)                  |
| Accounts Receivables - Other  | (458.76)                     |
| Accumulated Adjustment  | (438.14)                     |
| Delinquent Taxes as of 10/3/2017 (47,591.45 as of 12/31/2017)           | (188,308.60)                 |
| Education Taxes Due to Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union             | (1,047,321.00)               |
| Education Taxes Due to State (6/1/2017)                                 | (836,098.24)                 |
| Education Taxes Due to State (12/1/2017)                                | (1,041,055.00)               |
| Land Records Fund Expenditures  | (603.65)                     |
| Other Disbursements (9.04, 20, 20)                                      | (49.04)                      |
| Property Tax Overpayment Refunds  | (29,275.04)                  |
| Special Fund Expense - Conservation Commission Fund                     | (2,500.00)                   |
| Special Fund Expense - Equipment Reserve Fund                           | (87,744.00)                  |
| Special Fund Expense - Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund                  | (320,569.00)                 |
| Special Fund Expense - Highway Contingency Fund                         | (52,062.00)                  |
| Special Fund Expense - Reappraisal Fund                                 | (5,995.26)                   |
| State of Vermont - Fees Paid  | (1,450.00)                   |
| Tax Anticipation Note - Repayment to Special Funds                      | (400,000.00)                 |
| Town of Londonderry - Transfer Station Fees Paid                        | (2,510.00)                   |
| Transfer to Special Fund - Reappraisal and Maintenance Funds from State | (6,194.00)                   |
| <b><u>Total Outgoing Monies:</u></b>                                    | <b><u>(5,394,929.47)</u></b> |
| <br>  |                              |
| <b><u>Cash on Hand:</u></b>   | <b><u>1,431,661.44</u></b>   |
| <br>  |                              |
| <b><u>TOWN FUNDS:</u></b>   |                              |
| TD Bank   | 390,367.46                   |
| TD Bank Money Market  | 1,039,085.50                 |
| Berkshire Money Market  | 2,208.48                     |
| <b>Total cash on hand:</b>  | <b><u>1,431,661.44</u></b>   |

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## RECONCILIATION TO SURPLUS

December 31, 2017

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### Assets:

#### Cash on Hand:

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| TD Bank Checking            | 390,367.46          |
| TD Bank Money Market        | 1,039,085.50        |
| Berkshire Bank Money Market | <u>2,208.48</u>     |
| <b>Total Cash on Hand:</b>  | <b>1,431,661.44</b> |

#### Other Non-Cash Assets:

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Delinquent Tax Receivables          |                   |
| Principal                           | 48,166.21         |
| Interest and Penalty                | 5,401.77          |
| Accounts Receivables                | 15,106.80         |
| Prepaid Expenses                    | 57,890.88         |
| <b>Total Other Non-Cash Assets:</b> | <b>126,565.66</b> |

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**Total Assets:** 1,558,227.10

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### Liabilities:

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Statewide Property Tax Due | 975,600.00          |
| Accounts Payable           | 51,144.43           |
| Deferred Taxes             | 54,026.74           |
| Prepaid Property Taxes     | 278,330.31          |
| Unclaimed Due to State     | 819.28              |
| Appropriation Liabilities  |                     |
| Land Records Fund          | 1,819.70            |
| Lister Education Funds     | 3,355.06            |
| <b>Total Liabilities:</b>  | <b>1,365,095.52</b> |

### Surplus:

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Town Surplus          | 71,373.98         |
| Highway Surplus       | 121,757.60        |
| <b>Total Surplus:</b> | <b>193,131.58</b> |

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**Total Liabilities & Surplus:** 1,558,227.10

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## STATEMENT OF TAX RATES

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|                                   | <u>2016</u>      |                        | <u>2017</u>      |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
|                                   | <u>Homestead</u> | <u>Non-Residential</u> | <u>Homestead</u> | <u>Non-Residential</u> |
| <b>Total Municipal Grand List</b> | 1,973,419        |                        | 1,981,736        |                        |
| <b>Tax Rates</b>                  |                  |                        |                  |                        |
| Highway                           | 0.3209           | 0.3209                 | 0.3006           | 0.3006                 |
| Town General                      | 0.1438           | 0.1438                 | 0.1937           | 0.1937                 |
| Local Agreement                   | <u>0.0012</u>    | <u>0.0012</u>          | <u>0.0016</u>    | <u>0.0016</u>          |
| <b>Total Municipal:</b>           | 0.4659           | 0.4659                 | 0.4959           | 0.4959                 |
| <b>School-Statewide:</b>          | <u>1.6474</u>    | <u>1.6008</u>          | <u>1.5848</u>    | <u>1.7288</u>          |
| <b>Total Tax Rates:</b>           | <b>2.1133</b>    | <b>2.0667</b>          | <b>2.0807</b>    | <b>2.2247</b>          |

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### REPORT FROM THE COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

I appreciate your confidence in entrusting me with the position of Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sandra M. Goodwin

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**SPECIAL FUNDS**

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**ANNEX PAINT FUND**

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance as of 12/31/2016      | <b>12,341.84</b> |
| Receipts:       Appropriation | 3,500.00         |
| Interest                      | 29.59            |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017      | <b>15,871.43</b> |

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**ANNEX MAINTENANCE FUND**

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance as of 12/31/2016      | <b>12,089.99</b> |
| Receipts:       Appropriation | 4,000.00         |
| Interest                      | 29.23            |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017      | <b>16,119.22</b> |

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**BRIDGE REPAIR FUND**

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance as of 12/31/2016      | <b>165,137.86</b> |
| Receipts:       Appropriation | 90,000.00         |
| Interest                      | 537.37            |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017      | <b>255,675.23</b> |

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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND**

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Balance as of 12/31/2016                               | <b>2,886.14</b> |
| Receipts:       Interest                               | 6.58            |
| Disbursements: To WCA for portion of engineering study | (2,500.00)      |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017                               | <b>392.72</b>   |

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**EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND**

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance as of 12/31/2016      | <b>233,672.21</b> |
| Receipts:       Appropriation | 85,000.00         |
| Interest                      | 718.45            |
| Disbursements: New plow truck | (87,744.00)       |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017      | <b>231,646.66</b> |

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**FIRE APPARATUS REPLACEMENT FUND**

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance as of 12/31/2016      | <b>251,939.10</b> |
| Receipts:       Appropriation | 75,112.00         |
| Interest                      | 108.76            |
| Disbursements: New fire truck | (320,569.00)      |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017      | <b>6,590.86</b>   |

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**HIGHWAY CONTINGENCY FUND**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Balance as of 12/31/2016                                  | <b>89,402.47</b> |
| Receipts:       Interest                                  | 140.27           |
| Disbursements: Shaw Knowl repairs, culvert and guardrails | (52,062.00)      |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017                                  | <b>37,480.74</b> |

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**HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUND**

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance as of 12/31/2016      | <b>42,439.35</b> |
| Receipts:       Appropriation | 25,000.00        |
| Interest                      | 114.89           |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017      | <b>67,554.24</b> |

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**LARSON SUBDIVISION ESCROW**

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance as of 12/31/2016 | <b>2,995.60</b> |
| Receipts:       Interest | 6.82            |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017 | <b>3,002.42</b> |

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| <b><u>LAWRENCE HILL RD RESERVE FUND</u></b>    |  |                   |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Balance as of 12/31/2016                       |  | <b>20,002.30</b>  |
| Receipts:                                      | Interest                                 | 14.31             |
| Disbursements:                                 | Offset Lawrence Hill retaining wall loan | (20,016.61)       |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017                       | Account Closed                           | <b>0</b>          |
| <b><u>REAPPRAISAL AND MAINTENANCE FUND</u></b> |  |                   |
| Balance as of 12/31/2016                       |  | <b>90,519.23</b>  |
| Receipts:                                      | State reappraisal and parcel payments    | 6,194.00          |
|  | Interest                                 | 212.37            |
| Disbursements:                                 | Tax mapping software annual updates      | (3,900.00)        |
|  | Proval, NEMRC support                    | (2,095.26)        |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017                       |  | <b>90,930.34</b>  |
| <b><u>SALT/SALTED SAND SHED FUND</u></b>       |  |                   |
| Balance as of 12/31/2016                       |  | <b>23,735.71</b>  |
| Receipts:                                      | Interest                                 | 54.10             |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017                       |  | <b>23,789.81</b>  |
| <b><u>SICK DAY RESERVE</u></b>                 |  |                   |
| Balance as of 12/31/2016                       |  | <b>18,933.08</b>  |
| Receipts:                                      | Balance of Sick Pay 2017                 | 2,166.50          |
|  | Interest                                 | 42.99             |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017                       |  | <b>21,142.57</b>  |
| <b><u>SPACE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT</u></b>    |  |                   |
| Balance as of 12/31/2016                       |  | <b>12,029.26</b>  |
| Receipts:                                      | Appropriation                            | 5,000.00          |
|  | Interest                                 | 29.50             |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017                       |  | <b>17,058.76</b>  |
| <b><u>TREES FOR LOCAL GRANT</u></b>            |  |                   |
| Balance as of 12/31/2016                       |  | <b>640.26</b>     |
| Receipts:                                      | Interest                                 | 1.45              |
| Balance as of 12/31/2017                       |  | <b>641.71</b>     |
| <b><u>TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS</u></b>              |  | <b>787,896.71</b> |

## VENDOR PAYMENTS

\$10,000 OR MORE

January through December 2017

| <u>VENDOR</u>                        | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u>   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union | 1,047,321.00  | October local education payment                            |
| Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont    | 63,035.72     | Medical coverage   |
| Cargill Inc.                         | 22,364.29     | Sodium chloride  |
| Cota & Cota                          | 29,300.90     | Diesel for trucks  |
| David Chaves Excavating, Inc.        | 122,594.00    | Gravel, shurpac, stone, sand, trucking, Shaw Knoll culvert |
| EJ Prescott, Inc.                    | 14,769.40     | Culverts, headers and filter fabric                        |
| Farrar Park Association              | 10,000.00     | Annual appropriation                                       |
| Fothergill Segale & Valley           | 11,600.00     | Annual audit   |
| HB Energy Solutions, Inc.            | 10,383.27     | Fuel oil   |
| HP Fairfield                         | 42,036.92     | Plow portion of new plow truck                             |
| John C Stewart & Son, Inc.           | 49,839.90     | New plow truck body  |
| Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.       | 320,569.00    | New fire truck   |
| Landin Assessment Services           | 19,033.72     | Assessor consultant  |
| Merchants Bank                       | 60,309.86     | Lawrence Hill Road wall loan payment (#2 of 4)             |
| State of Vermont                     | 1,877,153.24  | June and December state education payments                 |
| SWNH Fire Mutual Aid                 | 16,378.00     | 911 dispatch assessment and dues                           |
| Town of Londonderry                  | 46,165.40     | Landfill, FBS generator and Transfer Station punchcards    |
| VLCT PACIF                           | 44,412.00     | Insurance-property/casualty, worker's comp, unemployment   |
| Wallingford Crushed Stone            | 17,020.18     | Gravel, shurpac, stone                                     |
| Weston Recreation Club               | 13,000.00     | Annual appropriation                                       |
| Weston Volunteer Fire Department     | 26,225.00     | Annual appropriation                                       |
| Wilder Memorial Library              | 14,585.00     | Annual appropriation                                       |
| Windsor County Treasurer             | 16,934.00     | Courthouse assessment and county tax                       |

**ANALYSIS OF TOWN GENERAL BUDGET AND EXPENSE**

**2017 BUDGET / 2017 ACTUALS / 2018 BUDGET**

**TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES**

| <b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>                        | <b>2017<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2017<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2,018<br/>Budget</b> |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cold Spring Park-WCA                         | 5,000.00               | 5,000.00               | 9,500                   |
| Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging) | 1,600.00               | 1,600.00               | 1,600                   |
| Farrar Park Association                      | 10,000.00              | 10,000.00              | 9,500                   |
| Flood Brook Athletic Association             | 2,000.00               | 2,000.00               | 2,000                   |
| Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) | 630.00                 | 630.00                 | 630                     |
| GNAT-TV                                      | 500.00                 | 500.00                 | 500                     |
| Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad           | 3,000.00               | 3,000.00               | 3,000                   |
| Mountain Valley Health Council               | 0                      | 0                      | 2,500                   |
| Neighborhood Connections                     | 3,000.00               | 3,000.00               | 3,000                   |
| SEVCA-Southeastern Vermont Community Action  | 630.00                 | 630.00                 | 630                     |
| The Collaborative                            | 1,000.00               | 1,000.00               | 750                     |
| The Current                                  | 250.00                 | 250.00                 | 250                     |
| Vermont Green Up                             | 50.00                  | 50.00                  | 50                      |
| Visiting Nurse Hospice for VT & NH           | 2,350.00               | 2,350.00               | 2,350                   |
| Vermont Association for the Blind            | 100.00                 | 100.00                 | 100                     |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living        | 230.00                 | 230.00                 | 230                     |
| Weston Cemetery Commission                   | 9,825.00               | 9,825.00               | 10,005                  |
| Weston Recreation Club                       | 13,000.00              | 13,000.00              | 13,000                  |
| Weston Volunteer Fire Department             | 26,225.00              | 26,225.00              | 27,850                  |
| Wilder Memorial Library                      | 14,585.00              | 14,585.00              | 15,000                  |
| Windsor County Youth Service                 | 600.00                 | 600.00                 | 600                     |
| <b>Total APPROPRIATIONS</b>                  | <b>94,575.00</b>       | <b>94,575.00</b>       | <b>103,045</b>          |

**TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

|                                   |                  |                  |               |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Janitorial                        | 1,275.00         | 906.48           | 1,275         |
| Payroll Taxes                     | 200.00           | 116.87           | 150           |
| Retirement Expense                | 40.00            | 34.14            | 45            |
| Medical                           | 150.00           | 208.81           | 220           |
| Building/Doors                    | 7,500.00         | 2,589.94         | 3,500         |
| Fire Extinguisher Service         | 100.00           | 111.83           | 100           |
| Grounds, Maintenance & Supplies   | 2,500.00         | 1,801.30         | 2,000         |
| Building Supplies                 | 200.00           | 96.17            | 150           |
| Office Equipment                  | 1,000.00         | 2,313.33         | 2,000         |
| Office Supplies                   | 2,200.00         | 1,587.10         | 2,000         |
| Heating Service-Contract          | 450.00           | 0                | 275           |
| Electricity                       | 2,500.00         | 1,853.39         | 2,250         |
| Fuel Oil                          | 1,800.00         | 661.89           | 1,500         |
| Street Lights                     | 3,400.00         | 3,109.86         | 3,500         |
| Telephone                         | 1,835.00         | 1,778.26         | 1,800         |
| Public Notice Board               | 500.00           | 0                | 500           |
| Rug Rental                        | 750.00           | 931.98           | 950           |
| Town Report Expenses              | 3,000.00         | 3,115.61         | 3,100         |
| <b>Total TOWN OFFICE BUILDING</b> | <b>29,400.00</b> | <b>21,216.96</b> | <b>25,315</b> |

**ANALYSIS OF TOWN GENERAL BUDGET AND EXPENSE**

**2017 BUDGET / 2017 ACTUALS / 2018 BUDGET**

**TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (Continued)**

| <b>TOWN ANNEX</b>       |                                 | <b>2017<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2017<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2,018<br/>Budget</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|                         | Building/Doors                  | 2,000.00               | 0                      | 2,000                   |
|                         | Fire System                     | 250.00                 | 0                      | 250                     |
|                         | Grounds & Fence                 | 500.00                 | 2,792.84               | 500                     |
|                         | Advertising                     | 50.00                  | 0                      | 50                      |
|                         | Heating Service-Contract/Repair | 300.00                 | 521.25                 | 275                     |
|                         | Water Purification System       | 600.00                 | 0                      | 600                     |
|                         | Backflow Testing                | 300.00                 | 163.50                 | 300                     |
|                         | Bacterial Testing               | 1,500.00               | 0                      | 1,500                   |
|                         | Permit Fees                     | 70.00                  | 70.00                  | 70                      |
| <b>Total TOWN ANNEX</b> |                                 | <b>5,570.00</b>        | <b>3,547.59</b>        | <b>5,545</b>            |

**ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE**

|                                     |                             |               |               |            |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| 1                                   | Compensation-Animal Control | 150.00        | 300.00        | 300        |
|                                     | Payroll Taxes               | 12.00         | 22.96         | 23         |
|                                     | Retirement Expense          | 9             | 8.25          | 10         |
|                                     | Conferences & Workshops     | 60.00         | 0             | 60         |
|                                     | Mileage Reimbursement       | 30.00         | 0             | 30         |
| <b>Total ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE</b> |                             | <b>261.00</b> | <b>331.21</b> | <b>423</b> |

**COLLECTOR DELINQUENT TAX**

|                                       |                                  |                  |                  |               |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                       | Collector of Delinquent Tax Fees | 15,000.00        | 18,134.80        | 15,000        |
|                                       | Payroll Taxes                    | 1,200.00         | 1,387.32         | 1,200         |
| <b>Total COLLECTOR DELINQUENT TAX</b> |                                  | <b>16,200.00</b> | <b>19,522.12</b> | <b>16,200</b> |

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

|                                      |                         |               |          |            |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|------------|
|                                      | Conferences & Workshops | 200.00        | 0        | 200        |
|                                      | Website                 | 100.00        | 0        | 100        |
|                                      | Printing, postage       | 400.00        | 0        | 400        |
|                                      | Dues                    | 50.00         | 0        | 50         |
| <b>Total CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b> |                         | <b>750.00</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>750</b> |

**FIRE WARDEN**

|                          |                          |               |               |            |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
|                          | Compensation-Fire Warden | 330.00        | 330.00        | 330        |
|                          | Payroll Taxes            | 30.00         | 25.24         | 30         |
|                          | Retirement               | 10.00         | 9.08          | 10         |
| <b>Total FIRE WARDEN</b> |                          | <b>370.00</b> | <b>364.32</b> | <b>370</b> |

**LISTERS**

|                      |                                |                  |                  |               |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                      | Compensation-Listers           | 3,000.00         | 2,000.00         | 3,000         |
|                      | Payroll Taxes                  | 300.00           | 76.50            | 120           |
|                      | Conferences & Workshops        | 500.00           | 0                | 500           |
|                      | Mileage Reimbursement          | 0                | 150.22           | 250           |
|                      | Consultant                     | 16,000.00        | 24,603.07        | 26,000        |
|                      | Clerical                       | 0                | 0                | 4,800         |
|                      | Advertising                    | 200.00           | 0                | 200           |
|                      | Office Expense-Proval Software | 3,000.00         | 0                | 2,000         |
| <b>Total LISTERS</b> |                                | <b>23,000.00</b> | <b>26,829.79</b> | <b>36,870</b> |

**ANALYSIS OF TOWN GENERAL BUDGET AND EXPENSE**

**2017 BUDGET / 2017 ACTUALS / 2018 BUDGET**

**TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (Continued)**

| <b>SELECTBOARD</b>       | <b>2017<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2017<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2,018<br/>Budget</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Compensation-Selectboard | 12,500.00              | 12,500.00              | 12,500                  |
| Clerk of the Board Wages | 19,250.00              | 19,193.68              | 19,735                  |
| Sick Pay                 | 0                      | 0                      | 445                     |
| Payroll Taxes            | 2,020.00               | 2,501.08               | 2,600                   |
| Conferences & Workshops  | 400.00                 | 185.00                 | 300                     |
| Mileage Reimbursement    | 230.00                 | 33.91                  | 50                      |
| Advertising              | 525.00                 | 1,367.00               | 500                     |
| <b>Total SELECTBOARD</b> | <b>34,925.00</b>       | <b>35,780.67</b>       | <b>36,130</b>           |

**TOWN CLERK/TREASURER**

|                                      |                  |                  |               |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Compensation-Clerk                   | 17,330.00        | 17,330.00        | 17,820        |
| Wages-Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer | 16,500.00        | 14,163.93        | 16,700        |
| Compensation-Treasurer               | 22,583.00        | 22,583.00        | 23,260        |
| Payroll Taxes                        | 4,512.00         | 4,136.95         | 4,250         |
| Retirement Expense                   | 2,200.00         | 2,045.54         | 2,105         |
| Medical                              | 18,900.00        | 18,831.84        | 21,382        |
| Health Reimbursement Account         | 1,630.00         | 1,630.00         | 2,625         |
| Conferences/Workshops                | 300.00           | 135.00           | 300           |
| Mileage Reimbursement                | 250.00           | 245.77           | 250           |
| Fees/Dues VMCTA                      | 35.00            | 35.00            | 35            |
| Office Equipment                     | 300.00           | 447.47           | 300           |
| Advertising                          | 50.00            | 12.00            | 50            |
| Computer Software Training           | 300.00           | 0.00             | 120           |
| Postage                              | 1,600.00         | 1,177.58         | 1,600         |
| Computer Support Agreement           | 1,350.00         | 1,376.96         | 1,400         |
| Document Scanning Project            | 6,000.00         | 4,707.47         | 3,000         |
| <b>Total TOWN CLERK/TREASURER</b>    | <b>93,840.00</b> | <b>88,858.51</b> | <b>95,197</b> |

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

|                                   |                 |               |              |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Wages-Zoning Administrator        | 4,890.00        | 477.04        | 4,890        |
| Payroll Taxes                     | 390.00          | 36.49         | 390          |
| <b>Total ZONING ADMINISTRATOR</b> | <b>5,280.00</b> | <b>513.53</b> | <b>5,280</b> |

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

|                                  |                 |                 |              |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Conferences & Workshops          | 200.00          | 0               | 200          |
| Mileage Reimbursement            | 100.00          | 0               | 100          |
| Windham Regional Commission      | 1,262.00        | 1,262.00        | 1,311        |
| Town Plan Update                 | 500.00          | 0               | 500          |
| Advertising                      | 500.00          | 45.00           | 500          |
| Office Expense/Computer Supplies | 100.00          | 0               | 100          |
| Planning Project                 | 0               | 0               | 2,289        |
| <b>Total PLANNING COMMISSION</b> | <b>2,662.00</b> | <b>1,307.00</b> | <b>5,000</b> |

**ZBA EXPENSE**

|                          |               |              |            |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| Conferences & Workshops  | 75.00         | 0            | 75         |
| Mileage Reimbursement    | 25.00         | 0            | 25         |
| Advertising              | 500.00        | 60.00        | 500        |
| <b>Total ZBA EXPENSE</b> | <b>600.00</b> | <b>60.00</b> | <b>600</b> |

**ANALYSIS OF TOWN GENERAL BUDGET AND EXPENSE**

**2017 BUDGET / 2017 ACTUALS / 2018 BUDGET**

| <b>TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (Continued)</b> |   | <b>2017</b>       | <b>2017</b>       | <b>2,018</b>   |
|---|---|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>                         |   | <b>Budget</b>     | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>  |
|   | Insurance                               | 25,000.00         | 24,609.36         | 17,500         |
|   | Legal Fees                              | 5,000.00          | 1,181.50          | 2,500          |
|   | Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) Interest    | 1,000.00          | 692.00            | 1,000          |
| <b>Total OTHER EXPENSES</b>                   |   | <b>31,000.00</b>  | <b>26,482.86</b>  | <b>21,000</b>  |
| <b>LONDONDERRY</b>                            |   |                   |                   |                |
|   | Londonderry Transfer Station            | 46,500.00         | 33,462.12         | 40,000         |
|   | Flood Brook School Generator            | 0                 | 2,522.04          | 0              |
| <b>Total LONDONDERRY</b>                      |   | <b>46,500.00</b>  | <b>35,984.16</b>  | <b>40,000</b>  |
| <b>COMPUTER CONSULTANT</b>                    |   |                   |                   |                |
|   | Computer Software                       | 140.00            | 93.75             | 140            |
|   | Computer Repair/Maintenance             | 860.00            | 2,185.00          | 1,800          |
|   | Computer Supplies/Service               | 300.00            | 229.99            | 300            |
| <b>Total COMPUTER CONSULTANT</b>              |   | <b>1,300.00</b>   | <b>2,508.74</b>   | <b>2,240</b>   |
| <b>SPECIAL FUNDS</b>                          |   |                   |                   |                |
|   | Town Annex Building Maintenance Fund    | 4,000.00          | 4,000.00          | 4,000          |
|   | Town Annex Paint Reserve Fund           | 3,500.00          | 3,500.00          | 3,500          |
|   | Fire Apparatus Replacement Reserve Fund | 75,112.00         | 75,112.00         | 35,000         |
|   | Space Planning & Management Fund        | 5,000.00          | 5,000.00          | 5,000          |
| <b>Total SPECIAL FUNDS</b>                    |   | <b>87,612.00</b>  | <b>87,612.00</b>  | <b>47,500</b>  |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>                          |   |                   |                   |                |
|   | Audit                                   | 10,000.00         | 10,000.00         | 10,000         |
|   | Bank Service Charges                    | 25.00             | 19.20             | 25             |
|   | Statewide Reconciliation                | 0                 | 2,321.45          | 0              |
|   | Web Page                                | 600.00            | 610.37            | 100            |
|   | VLCT                                    | 1,625.00          | 1,625.00          | 1,659          |
|   | Copier Lease & Service                  | 1,700.00          | 1,735.23          | 1,700          |
|   | Windsor County Tax                      | 16,934.00         | 16,934.00         | 15,763         |
| <b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>                    |   | <b>30,884.00</b>  | <b>33,245.25</b>  | <b>29,247</b>  |
| <b>WILDER MEMORIAL LIBRARY</b>                |   |                   |                   |                |
|   | Building Repairs                        | 8,500             | 0                 | 8,500          |
| <b>DISPATCH SERVICES</b>                      |   |                   |                   |                |
|   | Annual Assessment                       | 16,228.00         | 16,228.00         | 16,504         |
|   | Annual Dues                             | 150.00            | 150.00            | 150            |
| <b>Total DISPATCH SERVICES</b>                |   | <b>16,378.00</b>  | <b>16,378.00</b>  | <b>16,654</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>       |   | <b>529,607.00</b> | <b>495,117.71</b> | <b>495,866</b> |

**ANALYSIS OF TOWN GENERAL BUDGET AND EXPENSE**

**2017 BUDGET / 2017 ACTUALS / 2018 BUDGET**

| <b>TOWN GENERAL FUND INCOME</b> |                     | <b>2017</b>     | <b>2017</b>     | <b>2,018</b>  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>INTEREST REVENUE</b>         |                     | <b>Budget</b>   | <b>Actual</b>   | <b>Budget</b> |
|                                 | Interest Earned     | 1,500.00        | 4,278.34        | 4,000         |
|                                 | Trust Fund Interest | 500.00          | 574.61          | 600           |
| <b>Total INTEREST REVENUE</b>   |                     | <b>2,000.00</b> | <b>4,852.95</b> | <b>4,600</b>  |

| <b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>       |  |                  |                   |               |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
|                             | Current Use                            | 50,000.00        | 76,405.00         | 70,000        |
|                             | Interest on Delinquent Taxes           | 9,000.00         | 14,234.67         | 5,000         |
|                             | Collector of Delinquent Tax Fees       | 15,000.00        | 18,509.57         | 15,000        |
|                             | State-PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) | 4,000.00         | 4,846.35          | 4,000         |
| <b>Total PROPERTY TAXES</b> |  | <b>78,000.00</b> | <b>113,995.59</b> | <b>94,000</b> |

| <b>TOWN FEES</b>       |   |                  |                  |               |
|------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                        | Collection Fees                             | 6,500.00         | 7,057.45         | 6,500         |
|                        | Copier Fees                                 | 1,400.00         | 1,411.50         | 1,400         |
|                        | Dog Licenses                                | 400.00           | 472.00           | 400           |
|                        | Liquor Licenses                             | 700.00           | 670.00           | 700           |
|                        | Traffic Fines/Traffic Control Reimbursement | 0                | 31.50            | 0             |
|                        | VDOT Revised Tax Bill Fee                   | 90.00            | 135.00           | 90            |
|                        | Zoning Fees-Town                            | 1,500.00         | 755.00           | 1,000         |
|                        | Zoning Warning Fees                         | 300.00           | 240.00           | 300           |
|                        | Clerk Fees                                  | 6,400.00         | 8,217.00         | 7,500         |
| <b>Total TOWN FEES</b> |   | <b>17,290.00</b> | <b>18,989.45</b> | <b>17,890</b> |

| <b>OTHER INCOME</b>       |                             |                 |                  |              |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
|                           | Rental Income-Little School | 9,400.00        | 9,300.00         | 9,400        |
| 1                         | Miscellaneous               | 0               | 4,266.39         | 0            |
| <b>Total OTHER INCOME</b> |                             | <b>9,400.00</b> | <b>13,566.39</b> | <b>9,400</b> |

1 \$4,259 from Land Sale

**Previous Year's Surplus**

**25,589.74**

|                                       |                   |                   |                |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>TOTAL TOWN GENERAL FUND INCOME</b> | <b>106,690.00</b> | <b>176,994.12</b> | <b>125,890</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|

| <b>TOWN GENERAL ANALYSIS</b>          |  | <b>Budget</b>     | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>  |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                 |  | <b>529,607.00</b> | <b>495,117.71</b> | <b>495,866</b> |
| <b>Total Income</b>                   |  | <b>106,690.00</b> | <b>176,994.12</b> | <b>125,890</b> |
| <b>Expenses less Income Sub-total</b> |  | <b>422,917.00</b> | <b>318,123.59</b> | <b>369,976</b> |
| <b>Surplus</b>                        |  | <b>37,448.88</b>  | <b>71,373.98</b>  | <b>71,374</b>  |
| <b>Town General Fund Assessment</b>   |  | <b>385,468.12</b> | <b>389,497.57</b> | <b>298,602</b> |

**ANALYSIS OF HIGHWAY BUDGET AND EXPENSE**

**2017 BUDGET / 2017 ACTUALS / 2018 BUDGET**

**HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES**

**TOWN GARAGE EXPENSES**

|  | <b>2017<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2017<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2,018<br/>Budget</b> |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Building/Doors                         | 47,500.00              | 1,073.23               | 47,500                  |
| Fire Extinguisher Service              | 100.00                 | 111.82                 | 100                     |
| Chloride Tanks                         | 100.00                 | 0                      | 100                     |
| Tank Assessment Fee                    | 50.00                  | 50.00                  | 50                      |
| Tank Cathode Testing                   | 300.00                 | 275.00                 | 50                      |
| Office Equipment                       | 50.00                  | 73.74                  | 50                      |
| Office Supplies                        | 50.00                  | 0                      | 50                      |
| Computer Supplies & Service            | 150.00                 | 0                      | 50                      |
| Hand Tools & Repairs / Garage Supplies | 3,000.00               | 3,434.84               | 2,500                   |
| Heating Service-Contract               | 450.00                 | 0                      | 275                     |
| Electricity                            | 1650.00                | 1,381.92               | 1,650                   |
| Fuel Oil                               | 3,500.00               | 2,512.36               | 3,500                   |
| Propane                                | 500.00                 | 0                      | 250                     |
| Telephone                              | 525.00                 | 413.69                 | 435                     |
| Internet                               | 1,000.00               | 1,018.80               | 1,100                   |
| Communications                         | 500.00                 | 43                     | 500                     |
| Septic Tank Maintenance                | 100.00                 | 0                      | 100                     |
| Spill Containment                      | 125.00                 | 0                      | 125                     |
| <b>Total TOWN GARAGE</b>               | <b>59,650.00</b>       | <b>10,388.57</b>       | <b>58,385</b>           |

**CLASS II GENERAL MAINTENANCE**

|   |                 |                 |              |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Contract Services-Striping                | 100.00          | 19.77           | 100          |
| Guard Rails                               | 500.00          | 0               | 500          |
| Highway Signs                             | 250.00          | 0               | 250          |
| Bankrun Gravel & Stone                    | 500.00          | 0               | 500          |
| Crushed Gravel/Shurpac                    | 1,000.00        | 2,493.04        | 1,000        |
| <b>Total CLASS II GENERAL MAINTENANCE</b> | <b>2,350.00</b> | <b>2,512.81</b> | <b>2,350</b> |

**CLASS III GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUMMER**

|                                  |           |           |        |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Road Crew Labor                  | 37,650.00 | 35,656.71 | 37,650 |
| Road Foreman                     | 23,000.00 | 23,738.14 | 24,100 |
| Clerk of Board Highway Wages     | 1,000.00  | 267.90    | 1,000  |
| Holiday Pay                      | 1,600.00  | 1,548.40  | 1,650  |
| Sick Pay                         | 1,600.00  | 1,882.73  | 1,650  |
| Vacation Pay                     | 4,800.00  | 5,463.47  | 5,500  |
| Overtime Pay                     | 1,000.00  | 0         | 1,000  |
| Funeral Leave                    | 250.00    | 0         | 250    |
| Worker's Compensation Insurance  | 6,000.00  | 5,920.32  | 9,270  |
| Payroll Taxes                    | 5,600.00  | 5,161.72  | 5,300  |
| Retirement Expense               | 3,800.00  | 3,696.37  | 3,800  |
| Medical                          | 25,800.00 | 24,701.60 | 23,375 |
| Healthcare Reimbursement Account | 2,440.00  | 2,440.00  | 3,950  |
| Uniform Expense                  | 1,250.00  | 1,227.50  | 1,250  |
| Contracted Services              | 2,250.00  | 0         | 2,250  |
| Dust Control                     | 6,000.00  | 0         | 6,000  |
| Erosion Control                  | 800.00    | 322.97    | 800    |
| Bridge Repair                    | 0.00      | 112.88    | 0      |
| Conferences & Workshops          | 200.00    | 150.00    | 200    |

**ANALYSIS OF HIGHWAY BUDGET AND EXPENSE**

**2017 BUDGET / 2017 ACTUALS / 2018 BUDGET**

**HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES (Continued)**

**CLASS III GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUMMER (Continued)**

|   | <b>2017<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2017<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2,018<br/>Budget</b> |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mileage Reimbursement                             | 50.00                  | 0                      | 50                      |
| Street Striping                                   | 100.00                 | 0                      | 100                     |
| Guard Rails                                       | 500.00                 | 0                      | 500                     |
| Highway Signs                                     | 500.00                 | 1,019.16               | 500                     |
| Safety Equipment                                  | 500.00                 | 185.28                 | 500                     |
| Bankrun Gravel/Stone                              | 1,000.00               | 7,877.75               | 1,000                   |
| Crushed Gravel/Shurpac                            | 30,000.00              | 18,186.98              | 30,000                  |
| Calcium Chloride                                  | 100.00                 | 0                      | 100                     |
| Cold Patch  | 200.00                 | 91.20                  | 200                     |
| Culverts/Headers                                  | 15,000.00              | 14,769.40              | 5,000                   |
| Filter Fabric                                     | 600.00                 | 0.00                   | 600                     |
| Hot Mix   | 500.00                 | 156.86                 | 500                     |
| Tool Rental                                       | 100.00                 | 0                      | 100                     |
| Tractor Rental/Roadside Mowing                    | 9,000.00               | 9,500.00               | 14,200                  |
| Trucking  | 1,500.00               | 0                      | 1,500                   |
| <b>Total CLASS III GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUMMER</b> | <b>184,690.00</b>      | <b>164,077.34</b>      | <b>183,845</b>          |

**CLASS III WINTER MAINTENANCE**

|   |                   |                   |                |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Road Crew Labor                           | 36,500.00         | 31,323.79         | 36,500         |
| Road Foreman                              | 24,000.00         | 22,173.24         | 24,000         |
| Clerk of Board Highway Wages              | 1,000.00          | 446.13            | 1,000          |
| Holiday Pay                               | 3,400.00          | 2,559.12          | 3,400          |
| Sick Pay                                  | 2,200.00          | 1,454.56          | 2,200          |
| Vacation Pay                              | 2,600.00          | 2,622.01          | 2,600          |
| Overtime Pay                              | 10,000.00         | 9,256.01          | 10,000         |
| Funeral Pay                               | 300.00            | 0                 | 300            |
| Voting Leave                              | 125.00            | 0                 | 125            |
| Worker's Compensation Insurance           | 6,000.00          | 5,920.32          | 9,270          |
| Payroll Taxes                             | 6,410.00          | 5,259.47          | 5,600          |
| Retirement Expense                        | 4,350.00          | 3,746.04          | 4,350          |
| Medical                                   | 25,800.00         | 25,295.91         | 23,375         |
| Health Reimbursement Account              | 2,440.00          | 2,440.00          | 3,950          |
| Uniform Expense                           | 1,200.00          | 1,227.46          | 1,250          |
| Contracted Services                       | 500.00            | 2,935.00          | 500            |
| Conferences & Workshops                   | 75.00             | 75.00             | 75             |
| Mileage Reimbursement                     | 50.00             | 0                 | 50             |
| Highway Signs                             | 250.00            | 0                 | 250            |
| Safety Equipment                          | 200.00            | 7.99              | 200            |
| Bankrun Gravel/Stone                      | 15,000.00         | 0                 | 15,000         |
| Crushed Gravel/Shurpac                    | 10,000.00         | 21,831.41         | 10,000         |
| Culverts & Headers                        | 500.00            | 0                 | 500            |
| Sodium Chloride                           | 25,000.00         | 27,063.93         | 25,000         |
| Winter Sand                               | 45,000.00         | 33,000.00         | 45,000         |
| Trucking-General                          | 2,500.00          | 0                 | 2,500          |
| Trucking Winter Sand                      | 1,000.00          | 8,000.00          | 1,000          |
| Street Sweeping                           | 1,500.00          | 1,092.50          | 1,500          |
| <b>Total CLASS III WINTER MAINTENANCE</b> | <b>227,900.00</b> | <b>207,729.89</b> | <b>229,495</b> |

**ANALYSIS OF HIGHWAY BUDGET AND EXPENSE**  
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**HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES (Continued)**

| <b>EQUIPMENT &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b>       |                                    | <b>2017<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2017<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2,018<br/>Budget</b> |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|   | Bridge Repair Fund                 | 90,000.00              | 90,000.00              | 90,000                  |
|   | Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund | 85,000.00              | 85,000.00              | 85,000                  |
|   | New Plow Truck                     | 67,000.00              | 87,744.00              | 0                       |
|   | Highway Maintenance Fund           | 25,000.00              | 25,000.00              | 25,000                  |
|   | New Equipment-Cyclone Blower       | 0                      | 0                      | 10,000                  |
|   | Highway Equipment Diesel           | 27,000.00              | 29,414.86              | 35,000                  |
|   | Highway Equipment Maintenance      | 40,000.00              | 34,338.01              | 40,000                  |
|   | Insurance-Equipment & Truck        | 15,500.00              | 14,956.00              | 8,856                   |
|   | Road Repair Sealing                | 4,000.00               | 0                      | 4,000                   |
| <b>Total EQUIPMENT &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b> |                                    | <b>353,500.00</b>      | <b>366,452.87</b>      | <b>297,856</b>          |

**LAWRENCE HILL RETAINING WALL DEBT**

|  |                                |                  |                  |               |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1  | Lawrence Hill Note - Principle | 37,500.00        | 57,500.00        | 57,500        |
|  | Lawrence Hill Note - Interest  | 2,809.86         | 2,809.86         | 1,898         |
| <b>Total LAWRENCE HILL RETAINING WALL DEBT</b> |                                | <b>40,309.86</b> | <b>60,309.86</b> | <b>59,398</b> |

1 Offset \$20,000 by Lawrence Hill Reserve Fund balance in Highway Surplus

|                                    |                   |                   |                |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES</b> | <b>868,399.86</b> | <b>811,471.34</b> | <b>831,329</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|

**HIGHWAY FUND RECEIPTS**

| <b>ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS</b> |                                  | <b>2017<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2017<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2,018<br/>Budget</b> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|                             | Highway Grants                   | 0                      | 14,200                 | 0                       |
| 1                           | Reimbursement from Special Funds | 67,000.00              | 87,744.00              | 0                       |
|                             | Department of the Interior       | 10,000.00              | 23,935.00              | 15,000                  |
|                             | State Aid to Highways            | 50,000.00              | 65,573.08              | 55,000                  |
|                             | Access Permits                   | 80.00                  | 80.00                  | 80                      |
|                             | Culvert/Scrap Metal              | 50.00                  | 0                      | 50                      |
|                             | Excess Weight Permits            | 150.00                 | 130.00                 | 140                     |
|                             | Vendor Refund                    | 0                      | 447.00                 | 0                       |
|                             | Surplus/Deficit                  |                        | 142,784.53             |                         |
| <b>Total HIGHWAY INCOME</b> |                                  | <b>127,280.00</b>      | <b>334,893.61</b>      | <b>70,270</b>           |

1 New plow truck received early

**HIGHWAY ANALYSIS**

|                                       | <b>2017<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2017<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2,018<br/>Budget</b> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Total Highway Expenses</b>         | <b>868,399.86</b>      | <b>811,471.34</b>      | <b>831,329</b>          |
| <b>Total Highway Income</b>           | <b>127,280.00</b>      | <b>334,893.61</b>      | <b>70,270</b>           |
| <b>Expenses less Income Sub-total</b> | <b>741,119.86</b>      | <b>476,577.73</b>      | <b>761,059</b>          |
| <b>Surplus</b>                        | <b>142,784.53</b>      | <b>121,757.60</b>      | <b>121,758</b>          |
| <b>Total Highway Tax Assessment</b>   | <b>598,335.33</b>      | <b>598,335.33</b>      | <b>639,301</b>          |

**COMBINED ANALYSIS**

|                                       | <b>2017<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2017<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2,018<br/>Budget</b> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                 | <b>1,398,006.86</b>    | <b>1,306,589.05</b>    | <b>1,327,195</b>        |
| <b>Total Income</b>                   | <b>233,970.00</b>      | <b>511,887.73</b>      | <b>196,160</b>          |
| <b>Expenses less Income Sub-total</b> | <b>1,164,036.86</b>    | <b>794,701.32</b>      | <b>1,131,035</b>        |
| <b>Surplus</b>                        | <b>180,233.41</b>      | <b>193,131.58</b>      | <b>193,132</b>          |
| <b>Total Tax Assessment</b>           | <b>983,803.45</b>      | <b>987,832.90</b>      | <b>937,903</b>          |

## 2017 Selectboard Report to Weston

2017 was a good year for the Town of Weston. The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company's Center for the Arts at Walker Farm had its official opening in September, thanks to the countless hours of hard work on the part of the Playhouse staff and volunteers. Your Selectboard did what it could to support this project but in practice we were mostly cheerleaders and can only offer a heartfelt 'thanks' to all those who brought this project to fruition.

Our town benefits from volunteerism and private initiative in so many ways, from the Community Association, the Ladies of the Green, the Volunteer Fire Department, The Wilder Library, The Historical Society and the Museum(s) in Town, The Little School, Old Parish Church, Just Neighbors, Sundays on the Hill and Other Voices concerts, the Weston Recreation Association, the Garden Club, and the Woman's Club, not to mention the individual contributions that so many of our citizens make. On behalf of everyone in Weston, your Selectboard would like to recognize the efforts of these organizations and individuals who do so much to make Weston as wonderful as it is.

On a more practical level, a number of things happened in 2017 that your Selectboard would like to summarize:

The Road Crew took delivery of a new truck chassis in March and the complete truck was in service in November of 2017. Modifying Trucks for plowing, sanding, etc. is a bigger deal than it sounds and always seems to take longer than we would like.

The Weston Volunteer Fire Department has ordered a new pumper-tanker to replace our 25-year old truck. Delivery should take place in the first half of 2018.

We have hired Linda Sherman as Consultant to the Listers, after a long search process. If you haven't met Linda, stop by the Town Offices. She and one of the Listers is usually there on Thursdays from 10 – 2 but calling ahead is always a good idea – 824-4449.

The culvert at the east end of Shaw Knoll Road – which we have been monitoring for several years due to a rusted out bottom – was blown out due to a breach in a (huge) beaver dam, stranding the houses located on this dead end road. With the able assistance of Almon Crandall access was restored and a replacement culvert was installed within a few days – hats off to Almon.

We negotiated a new lease for the Town Annex with The Little School, with the term of the lease extended to 10 years from the traditional 5-year period in order to assist The Little School Board and Staff with long range planning. As mentioned above, The Little School is one of the gems in Weston's crown and we are fortunate to have them: it is such a pleasure to hear the happy sounds of kids playing behind the Town Offices!

We have contracted to have the roof of the Town Garage replaced this coming year: the old roof is leaking around the furnace chimney and getting rustier. In addition, we are investigating installing solar panels on that roof in the next few years that would produce substantial long-

term savings in our utility bills. Having a new roof to mount those on will make implementing that decision easier, assuming that's the way we decide to go.

Late in 2017 we (finally) completed the sale of a 17-acre parcel of landlocked land off Boynton Road. This land was acquired by Weston decades ago in 1982 in lieu of unpaid taxes and we are happy to have sold the land, recovered the unpaid taxes as well as our expenses, and returned the land to the tax rolls.

Other small projects include finding some volunteers to paint over the graffiti under the West River bridge on Lawrence Hill Road, contracting for the replacement of some windows in the Town Office, adding an exterior outlet for a generator, and installing a radio in the Town Offices so that the road crew can always be in touch.

Here's a story that we heard recently: in the depths of our December, 2017 cold snap, long time residents who still maintain a vacation home in Weston got stuck trying to make it up the hill on Landgrove Road. They stopped by the Town Offices and asked Kim Seymour if she could help. Kim offered to drive them home with their groceries while Cheryl Barker called Almon Crandall on the (new) radio and within 10 minutes Almon was in his truck sanding Landgrove Road, with the (yes, you guessed it) Florida car following close behind. Of course we can't guarantee this kind of service all the time, but we are delighted when we can.

So finally, we would like to thank all of Weston's employees whose diligent work keeps our Town Office running smoothly (Kim, Deb, Judy, we're talking about you), our roads maintained and plowed (Almon, Hugh, Brian, thanks!!), and your Selectboard in line (thanks, Cheryl). And to Linda Sherman, our new Consultant to the Listers, welcome!

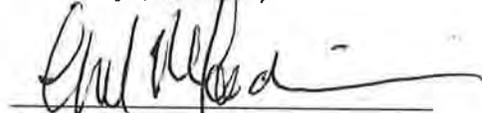
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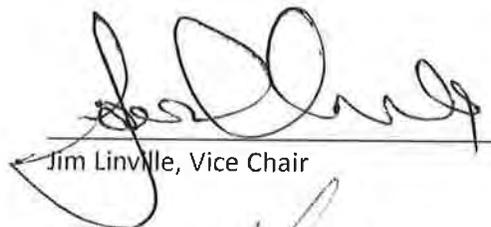
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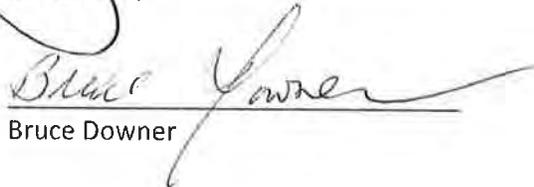
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Tim Goodwin



Jim Linville, Vice Chair



Bruce Downer

## **Town Clerk / Town Treasurer**

It has been another busy year in the office. While there is always something new to learn, I feel I am getting a bit closer to the top of the learning curve . . . at least until something changes! With your vote, I continue to be honored and grateful to serve as your Town Clerk and Treasurer. I look forward to doing my best on your behalf.

Every "season" brings a specific task in the town clerk's office. Some of the things that keep the office active:

- January – March is the dog registration "season". The nominal fee for licensing dogs (puppies after 6 months old) is \$9 for spayed or neutered dogs; \$13 if intact. The fee goes up to \$11/\$17 respectively after the deadline. Dog ownership comes with the responsibility of vaccinating and registering your pet. Please stop in no later than **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** to license your dog and bring a current rabies certificate if the prior one has expired. Evening hours will be available March 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Call or email me if you cannot come in person; we can handle this by mail if necessary.
- January – March is also our year-end financial wrap up, working through the town audit, finishing the town report and prepping for Town Meeting Day. Follow up from Town Meeting Day finishes off March as the details of the day are disseminated with all the updates. It can be hectic, but exhilarating!
- April – June is my training "season" with workshops to dust off and improve skills. An election year, a switch to the new Taconic & Green District, and various legislative changes make the training sessions all the more important.
- **April 17<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for sending in your State taxes and the ever-so-important Homestead Declaration form (**HS-122 and HI-144**). Even if you are filing for an extension, the Homestead Declaration must be submitted by April 16<sup>th</sup>. Filing after the deadline results in a "Late Filing Fee" being applied to your Education taxes and no one wants that!
- July – August activities revolve around tax bill preparation and mailing. The State issues the education rate for Homestead and Non-residential around July 1st. Once reviewed and approved by the Selectboard, the bills are then processed and generally mailed by the end of July (due October 9, 2018). If you have not received yours by early August, notify me: (802) 824-6645 or [clerk@westonvt.org](mailto:clerk@westonvt.org).
- **September – October** is full-out tax "season". Information comes down from the State at several points; there are often revised bills to send out and numerous tasks to coordinate between homeowners, the State and often, lenders. Please, mark your calendars, set your phone alarm, or do something to jog your memory! While the tax due date (**10/9/2018**) is no one's favorite day, the day after taxes are due is a town treasurer's worst: tax bills paid after the due date are considered late and subject to penalty and interest.
- November – December brings us almost full circle as the financial year comes to a close, prep work begins on the town report, the upcoming town audit and the budgeting process begins to percolate. It always seems like yesterday that we were doing dog licenses!
- Throughout the year, register to vote or update your registration online at the "My Voter Page" (<https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/>), link to "My Voter Page" on our town webpage at [www.westonvt.org](http://www.westonvt.org), stop in at the town office or register when you apply for your Vermont Driver's License. By using the "My Voter Page", a registered voter can also: check registration status; view information on upcoming elections; request and track an absentee ballot; and much more. Voting is a right for us and one that exercises our political voices especially on Town Meeting Day here in Vermont.
- If your mailing address has changed please notify the Town Clerk in writing by mail (Town of Weston, PO Box 98, Weston, VT, 05161) or email: [clerk@westonvt.org](mailto:clerk@westonvt.org).
- New to the town clerk's office is the selling of annual permit stickers and punch cards for the Transfer Station (formerly known as "The Dump") during regular office hours.
- Between all of the other activities, the office handles notary services and faxes for residents, Green Mountain Passport purchases, recording of land and vital records, handling marriage licenses, certified copies and numerous visitors for land record research. The variety of work is refreshing.

I am, once again, so thankful for my assistants, Deborah Moser and Judy Poissant who keep the office working like a well-oiled machine. Their professionalism, knowledge and willingness to help are very much appreciated.

As always, call or stop by with any questions you have throughout the year. I enjoy working with and for you!

With best regards, Kim Seymour, Town Clerk and Treasurer

## Lister's 2017 Annual Report

2017 was a transitional year for the Lister's office. Howie Brosseau, elected last March as Lister, and Ron Prouty, in third year of his current appointment, held things together through two replacement Consultants and this past year's Grand List effort. Chris Landin, who took over as Consultant and Assessor last February, got us through the spring and summer surge of work before becoming District Advisor for the State of Vermont in October. We thank him for his hard work and long hours and wish him well in his new endeavors. Linda Sherman, who also works in the Dover Listers Office, took over as our Consultant/Assessor in October 2017 and is helping us get organized and ready for this year's Grand List submissions. Please Welcome Linda to our team.

Market sales in Weston picked up this year (for the purposes of computing tax rates, the State's "year" runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>). As shown in the table below, there were 5-7 sales per year in 2009-2012, increasing to 10-15 sales per year in 2013-2015. Last year there were 7 arm's length sales, and we are up to 15 so far this year (April to December 2017). Weston sales in 2003-5 averaged 20-25 per year. Except for 2012, the average sales price has exceeded the Grand List value by 5-15%. For the partial year to date, average sales price have been 2% above Grand List value. As explained below, these sales price trends determine our "Common Level of Appraisal" (CLA), and thereby our property taxes.

| Tax Year                           | Number of Property Transfers Processed | Number of Arms-Length Sales | Ratio: Sales Price to Grand List Value |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| April 2009 - March 2010            | 38                                     | 7                           | 105%                                   |
| April 2010 - March 2011            | 34                                     | 5                           | 109%                                   |
| April 2011 - March 2012            | 43                                     | 7                           | 115%                                   |
| April 2012 - March 2013            | 44                                     | 12                          | 98%                                    |
| April 2013 - March 2014            | 50                                     | 11                          | 109%                                   |
| April 2014 - March 2015            | 42                                     | 10                          | 109%                                   |
| April 2015 - March 2016            | 41                                     | 15                          | 111%                                   |
| April 2016 - March 2017            | 36                                     | 7                           | 105%                                   |
| April 2017 - March 2018 (9 months) | 64                                     | 15                          | 102%                                   |

The primary responsibility of the town's Listers is to determine the fair market value of property as the basis for local and State education property taxes. To fulfill this responsibility, we assess changes in property values, hear grievances from property owners regarding their assessment, and work with the State to implement statewide programs such as "current use" and the annual statewide "equalization" (determining our CLA). The last town-wide reappraisal was in 2003 for buildings and 2005 for land. Since then, sales prices compared to Grand List values continue to remain within the bands allowed by the State, so a town-wide reappraisal has not been required. The State requires a reappraisal when the CLA drops below 80% or the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is over 20% (ours is 10.09% for 2017). Between full reappraisals, we appraise new construction and renovations and hear "grievances" from property owners. In 2017, we heard eight grievances and one Board of Civil Authority appeal.

Each year the Listers work with the State to determine a town's "Common Level of Appraisal" (CLA), the means by which the State attempts to assure that statewide education taxes are based on comparable valuations from town to town. The CLA is determined by comparing sales prices with grand list valuations for properties sold over the prior three years. A town's education tax rates (residential & non-residential) are the town's base education tax rates divided by the CLA (to adjust for relative valuations). For the 2018 tax year, Weston's CLA **increased** from 88.79% to

93.31%. As a result, our education tax rate would be about **5% lower** than it otherwise would have been **IF** the CLA remained the same, but other things intervene in the tax calculation that may influence this. We will continue to watch these ratios and indicators this year, but at this time do not recommend a town-wide reappraisal despite the aging of our data for the town. The main concern in this area is EQUITY in valuation of property. As long as our COD remains in the mid-range (5-15%) we have some confidence in how fairly distributed the property tax is with the town.

The Listers proposed 2018 budget increased by about 38% to cover consulting fees, some clerical help and to pay for necessary software and mapping expenses. The largest single expenditure in our budget is for the consulting services we use to assist us in our appraisals and mapping activities. The other major expenditures are for valuation software.

Respectfully submitted, Board of Listers

## Zoning Administrator's Report for 2017

Land development applications processed during 2017 are summarized as follows:

| <u>Zoning Permits Issued</u>                      | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | Annual Total |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|
| 1 New Homes                                       |         | 2       | 1       | 1       | 4            |
| 2 Residential Additions - Alterations             | 1       |         |         | 1       | 2            |
| 3 Residential Decks - Porches                     |         | 1       |         |         | 1            |
| 4 Commercial Alterations                          | 1       |         |         |         | 1            |
| 5 Garages, Sheds or other<br>Accessory Structures |         |         |         |         | 0            |
| 6 Agricultural or Barn Notifications              |         |         |         |         | 0            |
| 7 Trailers - Mobile Homes                         |         |         |         |         | 0            |
| 8 Commercial/Utility Buildings                    |         |         |         |         | 0            |
| 9 Signs   |         |         |         | 2       | 2            |
| 10 Other  |         |         |         |         | 0            |
| 11 Permit Modifications/Extensions                |         |         |         |         | 0            |

### Subdivision and Site Plan Reviews

There was one site plan for an addition to a Dining Hall that was approved.

### Zoning Compliance Reviews

Zoning Compliance ("Bianchi") letters are usually requested in connection with the transfer or financing of real estate. One letter was processed this year.

### Conditional Use Variance Requests/Appeals

There were two conditional use applications received in 2017. One for an addition to a dining hall that was approved, the other for a private bridge crossing the West River, pending.

No appeals of Zoning Administrator decisions were filed in 2017.

### Agricultural Structure Notifications

None were received this year.

Respectfully Submitted.

The Weston Selectboard

## **Weston Zoning Board of Adjustment Report for 2017**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has responsibility for reviewing the following zoning matters: (1) applications for conditional use review, (2) applications for variances and (3) appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator.

In 2017, The Zoning Board of Adjustment conducted reviews of the following matters. Information on these matters is available at the Town Office.

- **Kinhaven Music School (354 Lawrence Hill Road).** Application for Conditional Use permit to add an addition to the existing dining hall, add handicapped accessibility to the entrance and add a smoke wall and new stairwell in the basement. The purpose of the proposed project was to relieve overcrowding in the dining room and to comply with some requirements of the ADA and the fire marshal. The proposed changes would not affect the operations of the school or the conditions of Kinhaven's original conditional use permit. The Board issued a decision granting the Conditional use request on March 21, 2017.
  
- **Alexander J. and Kimberly J. Price (950 Rt 100).** Application for Conditional Use permit to construct a bridge to cross the West River in a Special Flood Hazard Area ("SFHA"). The Prices own approximately 75 acres on both sides of the West River. The purpose of the proposed bridge is to allow for pedestrian and equestrian use of the bridge as well as for farm equipment to get from one side of their property to the other. Any construction in a SFHA must be approved by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources ("Agency"). The Board issued a decision dated April 28, 2017 authorizing the Zoning Administrator to grant a conditional use permit upon receipt from the Agency of all necessary approvals.

The members of the ZBA are Deborah Granquist, Chair, Carrie Chalmers, Ann Fujii, Jeff Lennox, Deb Lyneis, Andy Foster and Allison Stori. Tim Goodwin served as Acting Zoning Administrator for part of 2017 and was extremely helpful in connection with the matters before the ZBA,

The ZBA does not have regularly scheduled meetings but instead meets when necessitated by the workload. The Zoning Administrator, a position that is currently filled by Acting Zoning Administrator Kim Price, staffs the ZBA.

Deborah Granquist,  
Chair of the ZBA

## Weston Planning Commission Report for 2017

The Planning Commission received 0 applications for Subdivisions in 2017.

The Planning Commission conducted 1 site plan review during 2017.

The Planning Commission completed the update to the Town Plan in 2016; the updated town plan was approved by Windham Regional Commission in 2017.

The Planning Commission has submitted a budget of \$5,000 for 2018. Budgeted amount reflects regular annual budget of \$2,711 and anticipated expenses of \$2,289 to be used for planning project in the village center.

During 2018 the Planning Commission will continue reviewing the energy section of the Town Plan in light of Act 174's Energy Planning guidance. If you are interested in serving on a working group to review the Town Plan and the new energy rules under Act 174, please contact the Planning Commission through the Town Clerk.

The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of each month and often more frequently as required by workload. The public is always welcome.

The Planning Commission is seeking individuals to serve. We welcome those who are interested in serving on the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Chris Lindgren, Chairman  
Planning Commission

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

### **BEN RICHARDSON FUND**

The Ben Richardson Fund was created for the purpose of assisting in the college education of worthy students from the Town of Weston. The proceeds from this fund may be used at any college. As of December 31, 2017, assets for this fund were \$16,390.01. Recipients of the Ben Richardson Fund for the 2017-2018 school year were: Ben Hamblett, Rebekah Hamblett, Tristan Hart, and Thomas Leiter.

#### **American Funds**

|                                      | Since initial investment on<br>1/1/2003* | Year-to-date since<br>1/1/2017 |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Beginning value                      | \$6,012.79                               | \$14,594.88                    |
| + Additions                          | \$0.00                                   | \$0.00                         |
| - Withdrawals                        | -\$3,395.00                              | -\$720.00                      |
| +/- Investment gain/decline          | \$13,772.22                              | \$2,515.13                     |
| <b>Ending value as of 12/31/2017</b> | <b>\$16,390.01</b>                       | <b>\$16,390.01</b>             |

\*For accounts opened prior to 2003, an initial investment date of January 1, 2003 is used.

| Portfolio rate of return    |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Annualized since 1/1/2003:  | 9.22%  |
| Year-to-date since 1/1/2017 | 17.53% |

### **CHARLES A. KIMBALL FUND**

The Charles A. Kimball Fund was bequeathed for the purpose of assisting young people from the Town of Weston in obtaining a college education from the University of Vermont or Dartmouth College. As of December 31, 2017, assets of this fund were \$10,419.55. There was one recipient for the 2017-2018 school year: Alex Charette

#### **Deutsche Asset Management**

|   | Year to Date<br>01/01-12/31/2017 |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Beginning value                             | \$10,313.80                      |
| Purchases/Reinvested Distributions          | \$336.31                         |
| Redemptions                                 | -\$500.00                        |
| Change in Value                             | \$269.44                         |
| <b>Ending Portfolio Value on 12/31/2017</b> | <b>\$10,419.55</b>               |

Weston students interested in applying for a scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year must send a letter and include the following information:

- Brief introduction
- Name of College or University applicant plans to attend
- Area of Study or Major
- Additional pertinent information applicant would like to include

#### **Letters must be postmarked by August 15, 2018.**

Please mail requests to: Nicole Pfister  
57 Chester Mountain Rd.  
Weston, VT 05161

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS REPORT

### RUDOLPH JOHNSON MEMORIAL FUND

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Asset Value 12/31/16     | \$54,020.00 |
| Investments 12/31/17     |             |
| JP Morgan Core Bond Fund | 54,646.54   |
| Asset Value 12/31/17     | \$54,646.54 |

### CEMETERY COMMISSION FUND

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Asset Value 12/31/16              | \$181,719.77 |
| Investments 12/7/2017             |              |
| Fidelity Equity Income Fund       | 66,540.87    |
| Fidelity Interm Gov't Income Fund | 118,465.81   |
| Asset Value 12/7/2017             | \$185,006.68 |

### SCHOOL HOUSE FUND & PHELAN FUND

|                                    | <u>Value</u>       | <u>2017 Income</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Fidelity Interim Government Income |                    |                    |
| Schoolhouse                        | 11,876.77          | \$138.40           |
| Phelan                             | <u>8,760.00</u>    | <u>102.08</u>      |
| Total                              | <u>\$20,676.27</u> | <u>\$240.48</u>    |
| IBM – 48 shares (Schoolhouse)      | 7,799.52           | \$283.20           |

### TOWN OF WESTON C/O MIMI NEFF CONSERVATION

|                      |             |          |
|----------------------|-------------|----------|
| People's United Bank | \$ 8,905.53 | \$ 13.31 |
|----------------------|-------------|----------|

**TOWN OF WESTON, VERMONT  
MINUTES FOR TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2017**

The Weston Annual Town Meeting began at 9:00 am. Moderator Wayne Granquist made several announcements and read the rules and procedures from the town report. New and non-voters were recognized; resident students of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes of Flood Brook School were also welcomed. The audience stood while the list of those who passed away during 2016 was read by the Moderator.

Debra Lyneis was invited to address the attendees regarding the Act 46 school district merger vote being held on Town Meeting Day. The last merger was in 2012 and created the Mountain Towns RED with one school board for the 4 towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru and Weston. The Act 46 merger will further consolidate the area schools while maintaining our 100-year tradition of high school choice. The new district will create the Taconic and Green Region School District with 9 towns: Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mount Tabor, Peru, Sunderland, and Weston. There will be one school board, one budget and eventually, one tax rate for the district. While there will be some cost savings from the consolidation including a small tax incentive, the biggest advantage of the merger will be increased opportunities for our students.

Melina Menzie was invited to address the audience and spoke briefly about the group, Just Neighbors. Originally started to help neighbors with rides to appointments and with wood deliveries, the organization has grown to include many ways to help others. Melina asked that anyone with questions see her during the break and noted that a letter from Just Neighbors could be found on page 60 of the town report.

The Moderator read the introduction from the Warning and began the official business of the town meeting.

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator for a one-year term. Bill Hoyt nominated Wayne Granquist.  
**Wayne Granquist elected to a 1-year term by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect a Town Clerk for a one-year term. Deborah Granquist nominated Kim Seymour.  
**Kim Seymour elected to a 1-year term by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To elect a Town Treasurer for a one-year term. Deborah Granquist nominated Kim Seymour.  
**Kim Seymour elected to a 1-year term by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To elect the following Town Officers as required by law:

One Selectperson to a three-year term. Fred Probst nominated Denis Benson; there were no further nominations. Moderator asked the Town Clerk to cast one paper ballot for Denis Benson.  
**Denis Benson elected to a 3-year term.**

One Selectperson to a two-year term. Caroline Fritzingler nominated Bruce Downer; there were no further nominations. Moderator asked the Town Clerk to cast one paper ballot for Bruce Downer.  
**Bruce Downer elected to a 2-year term.**

One Lister to a three-year term. Jim Lyneis nominated Howard Brosseau; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Brandt; there were no further nominations. Moderator asked the Town Clerk to cast one paper ballot for Howard Brosseau.  
**Howard Brosseau elected to a 3-year term.**

One Lister to a two-year term. No nominations offered from the floor. The position remains **Vacant.**

A Town Constable to a one-year term. Ryan Hart nominated Almon Crandall; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hoyt.  
**Almon Crandall elected to a 1-year term by voice vote.**

A Second Town Constable to a one-year term. No nominations from the floor. Position remains **Vacant.**

Collector of Delinquent Taxes to a one-year term. Regina Downer nominated Sandra Goodwin; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hoyt.  
**Sandra Goodwin elected to a 1-year term by voice vote.**

Town Grand Juror to a one-year term. Bob Brandt nominated Wayne Granquist; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mimi Neff.  
**Wayne Granquist elected to a 1-year term by voice vote.**

Town Agent to a one-year term. Deborah Granquist nominated James "Lexi" Young; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hoyt  
**James "Lexi" Young elected to a 1-year term by voice vote.**

One School Director for the RED District to a three-year term. Nicole Pfister nominated Debra Lyneis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Lyneis. **Debra Lyneis elected to a 3-year term by voice vote.**

One Library Trustee to a five-year term. Mimi Neff nominated Deborah Granquist and it was seconded.  
**Deborah Granquist elected to a 5-year term by voice vote.**

One Library Trustee to a five-year term. Deborah Granquist nominated Joanne Prouty and it was seconded. **Joanne Prouty elected to a 5-year term by voice vote.** Deb Granquist also thanked Bill Hoyt for his decade of service to the Wilder Memorial Library.

One Trustee of Public Funds to a three-year term. Debra Lyneis nominated Ronald Prouty; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deborah Granquist. **Ronald Prouty elected to a 3-year term by voice vote.**

One Cemetery Commissioner for a five-year term. Mimi Neff nominated Raymond Heberts; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hoyt. **Raymond Heberts elected to a 5-year term by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 5:** To receive and act on the reports of the Town Officers from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Kathy Schoemer moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Harper.  
**Article 5 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of indebtedness. Andrew Harper moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Brandt. **Article 6 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,000 for the Town Annex Building Maintenance. (Included in Town General budget.) Andrew Harper moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deborah Granquist. **Article 7 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$3,500 for the Town Annex Paint Reserve Fund. (Included in Town General budget.) Deborah Granquist moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debra Lyneis. **Article 8 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$35,000 for the Fire Apparatus Replacement Reserve Fund. (Included in Town General budget.) Jeanne Nemlich moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deborah Granquist. Question from Andrew Harper whether this article was linked to Article 10. Denis Benson stated yes, this would be used for the new fire truck. The 2<sup>nd</sup> appropriation [Article 10] was needed for the full payment. **Article 9 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$40,112.00 (balance needed) for a new 2018 Freightliner fire truck/ tanker. (Included in Town General Budget.) Bill Hoyt moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mimi Neff. Deborah Granquist asked about the amount needed to purchase new truck and whether it was being purchased in this year or next. Denis Benson stated that the amount in the reserve fund [Fire Apparatus Reserve Fund] plus these 2 appropriations would be just enough to cover the purchase this year for delivery next year. Bill Hoyt asked about the trade-in value of the old truck; Denis advised it will be put up for sale, but it wouldn't sell for much given that it is 30-years old. **Article 10 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$5,000 to the Space Planning and Management Fund. (Included in Town General budget.) Jeanne Nimlich moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deborah Granquist. Andrew Harper asked what the purpose was for this fund. Denis Benson stated originally it was used for the office renovations; now it may be used for a partition upstairs and any upcoming State mandates for ADA compliance, etc.. Kathy Schoemer asked if this just for the planning aspect as per the name; Denis stated it was for the actual work. Kathy

suggested that the name of the fund be changed to better reflect its actual purpose. The suggestion was taken under advisement by Denis Benson.

**Article 11 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation for a period of five (5) years the real estate belonging to the Weston Volunteer Fire Department. Howard Brosseau moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Schoemer. **Article 12 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation for a period of five (5) years the real estate belonging to the Weston Community Association. Mimi Neff moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deborah Granquist. **Article 13 passed by voice vote.**

Linda Saarnijoki asked what other properties are tax exempt; Denis Benson responded with some input from the other voters. Tax exempt properties include recreation area, municipal buildings, village green, Rod & Gun club, Churches, etc.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will appropriate the following sums totaling ~~\$93,725~~ **\$94,575** to the following organizations that included **(or did not include)** financial information with their request. Requested amounts are included in Town General budget. **Amendment offered by the Town Clerk to correct clerical error; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hoyt. Amendment passed by voice vote.**

Moderator read the list and requested changes from the voters at any point. When the Moderator came to the appropriation request for Mountain Valley Medical Center, he read a letter submitted by the Mountain Valley Health Council Board. The Board thanked the voters for their generosity over the years that helped to cover annual deficits. With the Clinic now affiliated with Springfield Hospital, uncompensated care was handled differently and appropriations from the towns covered by MVHC would not be necessary in 2017. MVHC would continue to work towards maintaining and improving health care in its service area and would revisit the appropriation requests for next year. Donations would always be welcomed.

Donald Hart requested that the appropriation be increased from \$0 to \$4,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> from Nicole Pfister. Caroline Fritzingler asked what would the purpose be for the \$4,000; Donald stated that the Clinic has to be spending in a deficit and funding has been ongoing for years to help offset that deficit. Tim Goodwin stated that the money, if given, should be given in the name of the original board so the appropriation would stay with the clinic and not be absorbed by the Springfield Hospital.

Ann Fuji'i gave some historical perspective on the original board (Mountain Valley Health Council) and the formation of the fully independent clinic which last year became a part of Springfield Medical Services. SMS contracts for services provided at MVHC, but Springfield Hospital doesn't own the MVHC endowment, the building or the land. Any money donated to the Mountain Valley Health Council would stay with the clinic to cover items not part of the contracted Springfield Hospital operations. Deborah Granquist stated that Dr. Roger Fox gave her the letter to be read. She asked him if we should vote money for Mountain Valley and he advised that the town should not donate money this year. Dr. Delores Barbeau stated that Springfield Hospital was obligated to provide services to all of our residents regardless of their ability to pay. **Amendment was rejected by voice vote.**

Jim Linville asked if a GNAT representative could take a moment to speak. Tammie Reilly stated original request was for \$2,000 which was the same amount requested of all the towns being covered. The appropriation would cover some, not all, of the costs to provide videos of the 40 municipal meetings in Weston. Tim Goodwin stated that the request was reviewed and the appropriation was lowered from \$2,000 to \$500 based on the financial information submitted with the request and the size of Weston vs. other 6 towns that provided that same level of funding. Denis Benson also stated that there is funding for GNAT through cable subscriber fees which would indicate we are paying twice. Moderator advised that since the point to modify the amount had already passed in the proceedings, it would not be appropriate to change the amount until the article for the General Fund was reached. Tammy clarified that the amount of \$21,000 in the fund raising/other category includes \$14,000 from the annual appropriations from the 7 towns served. She stated that while GNAT is primarily funded by Comcast subscriber (PEG) cable fees, only 4% of Weston homes have cable and contribute to the fee on their bill.

Kathy Schoemer asked why there wasn't an appropriation for the West River Sports Association. Denis Benson advised we received a letter stating that the cost was being absorbed by the school itself. Deborah

Granquist read the letter from West River Sports Association included in the town report. Debra Lyneis stated that the change was partly due to volunteer fatigue and also part of the merger the school is taking back the soccer team to match what other schools are doing in the merger district.

No changes were made to the appropriations as listed. **Article 14 passed by voice vote.**

| Organization                                       | 2015 Actual Request |                 | 2016 Actual Request | 2016 Voter Approved | 2017 Actual Budget |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Cold Spring Park - WCA                             | \$5,000             | \$5,000         | \$5,000             | \$5,000             | \$5,000            |
| Farrar Park Association                            | \$5,000             | \$5,000         | \$5,000             | \$5,000             | \$10,000           |
| Weston Cemetery Commission*                        | \$500               | \$8,000         | \$500               | \$8,300             | \$9,825            |
| Weston Recreation Club                             | \$6,500             | \$6,500         | \$13,000            | \$13,000            | \$13,000           |
| Weston Volunteer Fire Department                   | \$21,825            | \$21,825        | \$36,525            | \$36,525            | \$26,225           |
| Wilder Memorial Library                            | \$12,600            | \$12,600        | \$12,600            | \$12,600            | \$14,585           |
| <b>Subtotal of Organizations located in Weston</b> | <b>\$51,425</b>     | <b>\$58,925</b> | <b>\$72,625</b>     | <b>\$80,425</b>     | <b>\$78,635</b>    |
| Londonderry Rescue Squad                           | \$3,000             | \$3,000         | \$3,000             | \$3,000             | \$3,000            |
| GNAT TV *  | \$2,000             | \$2,000         | \$2,000             | \$2,000             | \$500*             |
| SEVCA –SE Vermont Community Action, Inc.           | \$630               | \$630           | \$630               | \$630               | \$630              |
| Mountain Valley Medical Clinic*                    | \$4,052             | \$9,000         | \$4,052             | \$9,000             | \$0*               |
| Flood Brook Athletic Association                   | \$2,000             | \$2,000         | \$2,000             | \$2,000             | \$2,000            |
| Vermont Green-Up                                   | \$50                | \$50            | \$50                | \$50                | \$50               |
| The Collaborative                                  | \$750               | \$750           | \$750               | \$750               | \$750              |
| Neighborhood Connections                           | \$2,000             | \$2,000         | 2,000               | 2,000               | 2,000              |
| Vermont Assn for the Blind & Visually Impaired     | \$100               | \$100           | \$100               | \$100               | \$100              |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living              | \$230               | \$230           | \$230               | \$230               | \$230              |
| West River Sports Association                      | \$990               | \$990           | \$990               | \$990               | \$0                |
| HCRS Health Care & Rehabilitation Services         | \$630               | \$630           | \$630               | \$630               | \$630              |
| Visiting Nurse Assoc. & Hospice of VT & NH         | \$2,350             | \$2,350         | \$2,350             | \$2,350             | \$2,350            |
| Council on Aging – Senior Solutions                | \$1,600             | \$1,600         | \$1,600             | \$1,600             | \$1,600            |
| <b>Subtotal of Other Organizations</b>             | <b>\$20,382</b>     | <b>\$26,330</b> | <b>\$20,382</b>     | <b>\$26,330</b>     | <b>\$15,090</b>    |
| <b>Total of Weston &amp; Other Organizations</b>   | <b>\$71,807</b>     | <b>\$85,255</b> | <b>\$93,007</b>     | <b>\$106,755</b>    | <b>\$93,725</b>    |

\* See appropriations request report and letters.

| Organization                           | 2015 Actual Request | 2015 Voter Approved | 2016 Actual Request | 2016 Voter Approved | 2017 Actual Budget |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Southern Vermont Transit (The Current) | \$250               | \$250               | \$250               | \$250               | \$250              |
| Windsor County Youth Services          | \$600               | \$600               | \$600               | \$600               | \$600              |
| <b>Subtotal of other Organizations</b> | <b>\$850</b>        | <b>\$850</b>        | <b>\$850</b>        | <b>\$850</b>        | <b>\$850</b>       |
| <b>Total of All Organizations</b>      | <b>\$72,657</b>     | <b>\$86,105</b>     | <b>\$93,857</b>     | <b>\$107,605</b>    | <b>\$94,575</b>    |

Prior to discussing ARTICLE 15 Moderator advised voters of a clerical error of \$66,000 to the Highway Expenditures. It should have totaled \$868,399.86 instead of the \$802,399.86 listed in the town report. Tim Goodwin explained how the error occurred and offered several options on how to offset error: change an appropriation such as the Bridge Repair Fund to cover the \$66,000; do nothing and leave the anticipated expenses at \$802,000; or raise taxes to cover the amount. Greg Carroll asked whether the Highway Contingency Fund could be used to offset the amount needed. Tim advised that the select board could make the decision to use that fund if necessary. Moderator advised that the Contingency Fund was not on

the Warning so it would not be appropriate for the voters to direct the select board to use that fund without it having been warned.

Donald Hart stated that under receipts [Highway Revenues] there were two categories that have been historically under budgeted by about \$25,000 that could help reduce the shortfall. Denis Benson advised that one is from State Aid to Highways and there is no guarantee that the funding will continue. To clarify, the Moderator restated the options from Tim Goodwin. Christine Mix asked how many bridges still need repaired in town. Jim Linville stated the "simple answer, we have no idea" . . . . long answer, "they all need repaired". Many were built in the 1930's with a 100-year life span and many will have to be repaired in the next 15+ years. It's difficult to estimate what the costs will be in the future; \$90,000 per year will help offset the costs though will not be enough cover the total. Denis Benson advised voters last year's bridge repair on Route 100 north [Bridge 98] was rebuilt at a cost to the State of \$1.8 million.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$90,000 for the Bridge Repair Fund. (Included in the Town Highway Budget.) Barbara Lloyd moved the article and it was seconded. Linda Aldrich offered amendment to lower article to \$45,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deborah Granquist. As the voice vote was unclear, Moderator asked for a standing vote. Amendment was rejected.  
**Article 15, unamended, passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$85,000 for the Highway Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund. (Included in Town Highway Budget.) Kathy Schoemer moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mimi Neff. Question from Syd Straw on whether this fund covers culvert repairs. Denis Benson advised that this article does not cover culvert maintenance; this is for equipment.  
**Article 16 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$25,000 for the Highway Maintenance Fund (for paving). (Included in Town Highway Budget.) Bill Hoyt moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Schoemer. Syd Straw asked if there was a fund in the budget that covered culvert repairs. Denis Benson advised that culverts are in the highway budget, but not for those at private homes. Those would be the responsibility of the homeowner. The town could replace the culvert and the homeowner would then reimburse the town for the cost of it.  
**Article 17 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will set the Annual Salary for the Town Treasurer at \$22,583 for the calendar year January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. (Included in Town General Budget.) Mimi Neff moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deborah Granquist.  
**Article 18 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the town will set the Annual Salary for the Town Clerk at \$17,330 for the calendar year January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. (Included in Town General Budget.) Mimi Neff moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deborah Granquist. **Article 19 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the town set the Annual Compensation for the Selectboard at ~~\$4,200~~ **\$2,500** each for the calendar year January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. (Included in Town General Budget.) Jeanne Nimlich moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Schoemer. Linda Aldrich offered an amendment to increase the selectboard compensation to \$2,500; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Saarnijoki. Andrew Harper asked when the amount was last increased; about 5 years ago per Denis Benson. As the voice vote was unclear, Moderator asked for a standing vote.  
**Amendment passed. Article 20, as amended, passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to have the Town Clerk/Town Treasurer collect current taxes due on or before Monday, October 2, 2017. Kathy Schoemer moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Brandt. **Article 21 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the voters approve total General Fund expenditure of ~~\$523,407.00~~ **\$529,607.00** of which ~~\$378,968.12~~ **\$385,468.12** shall be raised by taxes and \$106,690.00 by non-tax revenues and \$37,448.88 by prior year surplus. Bob Brandt moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Hart. **Article amended to include the increase made to Article 20. Amendment passed by voice vote.**

Tim Goodwin reminded the voters of the GNAT matter [change between appropriation requested and amount budgeted]. Linda Saarnijoki asked for clarification on the amount for GNAT; clarified by Denis Benson that the amount originally requested by \$2,000 and after discussion, the selectboard decreased the amount to \$500.

Linda Aldrich asked about the impact the \$385,486 on the tax rate and if the taxes would go up. Denis Benson indicated it would add about a penny per \$20,000; \$6,500 increase equals about a 1/3 of a penny on the tax rate. Linda Saarnijoki asked how much of a tax increase does the \$385,486 represent? Denis stated that we had a large surplus [in 2015] of about \$138,000 and only about \$37,000 [in 2016] so the additional \$100,000 that we need to raise in the General Fund equates to about 5 cents. Tim Goodwin mentioned that the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) may have more impact on the tax rate. General discussion on CLA, its impact on our State Education Tax Rate; CLA also outlined in the Lister's Report on page 25. Jim Lyneis also added that the CLA only applies to the State Education Tax Rate; the town expenditures are just divided by the value of the Grand List to determine the town tax rate. He stated that our CLA will cause the tax rate to increase by 8%. Per Debra Lyneis there is one education tax rate that applies state-wide; the CLA adjusts the local values [appraisals] so that everyone pays their fair share education tax rate. Andrew Harper referred the voters to page 25 which outlines how our CLA changed for the coming year based on a rolling average of property sales. **Article 22 as amended, passed by voice vote.**

Moderator asked that Nicole Pfister, Debra Lyneis and Carrie Chalmers come forward to offer the Rudolph Johnson Awards. Carrie advised what the awards were for and that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students submitted a letter outlining what the money would be used for in high school. Nicole read a brief recap of each student's letter from Karson Barclay, Bradley Wade, Alyssa McLaughlin, Tadgh Bannon, and Stella Turner.

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall the voters approve total Highway Fund expenditure of ~~\$802,399.86~~ **\$868,399.86** of which ~~\$532,335.33~~ **\$598,335.33** shall be raised by taxes and \$127,280.00 by non-tax revenues, offset by a prior year surplus of \$142,784.53. Deborah Granquist moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> from Mimi Neff.

Moderator requested a recap from Tim Goodwin on the options to cover the clerical error: do nothing and hope that the amount will be absorbed over the course of the year, take the money from another fund or borrow it.

Town Clerk offered an amendment to change the amounts to include the \$66,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deborah Granquist. **Amendment passed by voice vote. Article 23, as amended, passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 24:** To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles.

Deborah Granquist referred everyone to the list of elected and appointed town officers on pages 6 and 7 in the town report. She stated that, in addition to the select board many other people serve as elected and appointed officers and help keep the town running as well as it does. She asked for a round of applause for all the officers. Deborah offered a thank you to Malcolm Bell for his many, many years of service on the ZBA [Zoning Board of Adjustment]. She thanked Marguerite Mason who served as a Library Trustee and has since stepped down; Linda Saarnijoki offered to fill the vacancy until the end of the term.

Question from Caroline Fritzinger regarding the interest rates on the funds listed as Cash on Hand in the town report. Can we do better? Kim Seymour stated that she would look into the matter.

Discussion on enforcing the speed limit on Route 100 in the village; better signage, flashing speed sign similar to what Ludlow has on Route 100 north entering the village, speed bumps, speed traps, stand outside and point a hairdryer at the passing cars to mimic a speed radar. Donald Hart advised that the State of Vermont sets the speed limit on Route 100 in the village, not the selectboard. The selectboard was offered the responsibility of Route 100 in Village and could have then set speed limit with an ordinance. Howard Brosseau restated that it's an enforcement issue in the village. Syd Straw offered to help with the situation by volunteering to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable in town. Lee Phillips stated that the official speed limit is 50 mph unless otherwise posted. Betty Currie also commented that even with posted speed limits of 30 and 40 drivers don't slow down. The speed limit in front of the Little School is 50 mph and it would be helpful to have some mechanism to occasionally enforce the limits. Jim Linville advised that the selectboard has looked at the issues in the past and would look at it again. Setting the speed limits in town is complicated and there would be State regulations to work through in the process. State Police can set up speed traps, but the town would

mechanism to occasionally enforce the limits. Jim Linville advised that the selectboard has looked at the issues in the past and would look at it again. Setting the speed limits in town is complicated and there would be State regulations to work through in the process. State Police can set up speed traps, but the town would have to pay for that expense. The opportunity to take over Route 100 came with the opportunity of fixing all the culverts, paving, and accepting all of the liability; that didn't seem like a great bargain.

Discussion of recent break-ins in the area and what is being done to keep our area secure. Dana Thompson suggested the possibility of starting a citizen's watch group program. Jim Linville stated that her suggestions are all good and we all know we should be doing many of them. Linda Aldrich commented that the problems of speeding and break-ins have the same issues – lack of enforcement and lack of consequences.

Tim Goodwin stated that the position of Zoning Administrator was inadequately covered and several other people in the room would make a great Zoning Administrator.

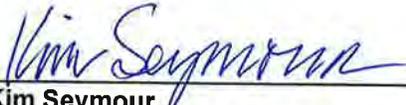
Syd Straw asked if animals have the right-of-way on the back roads. Denis Benson stated that given the way cars are made these days, common sense would suggest that the animals should be given the right-of-way. Moderator reminded the audience that the selectboard meetings are open to the public and provide a good opportunity to discuss concerns.

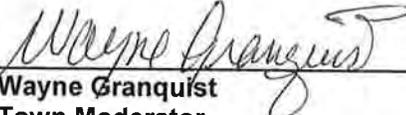
**Moderator adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.**

**Act 46 Merger Vote continued until the closing of the Polls at 7:00 pm. The votes in Weston for the district merger were 97 YES, 8 NO, with 2 spoiled ballots and 5 blank.**

**Dated at Weston, Vermont  
March 17, 2017**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

  
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**Kim Seymour**  
Town Clerk

  
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**Wayne Granquist**  
Town Moderator

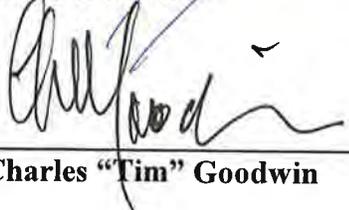
**Received by the Selectboard on 11th day of April, 2017:**

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**Denis Benson, Chair**

  
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**Jim Linville, Vice Chair**

  
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**Bruce Downer**

  
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**Ann Fuji'i, Secretary**

  
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**Charles "Tim" Goodwin**

# WESTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Trustees of the Playhouse and Museums

P.O. Box 126, Weston, VT 05161



January 26, 2018

To the Weston Select Board and our Community Neighbors,

The Weston Community Association requests an Appropriation in the amount of \$9,500 for annual mowing, maintenance, ongoing clean-up of the entire park, and contribution towards the engineering costs associated with moving the park toward a scenic town asset once again. The increased appropriation will enable participation with the Weston Conservation Commission in this endeavor. We are grateful for the Town's support as we move forward to restore the park to its former beauty.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Raymond*

David A. Raymond  
President – WCA

OPERATING STATEMENT  
COLD SPRING PARK  
Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2017

|                               | YEAR    |       |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|
|                               | 2017    | 2016  |
| Beginning Bank Balance        | 9,437   | 8,934 |
| <b>INCOME</b>                 |         |       |
| Interest                      | 13      | 10    |
| Contribution from Town        | 5,000   | 5,000 |
| Donations                     | -       | -     |
| Total Income                  | 5,013   | 5,010 |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>               |         |       |
| Mowing/Maintenance            | 2,357   | 2,807 |
| Repairs/Improvements          | 6,000   | 1,700 |
| Total Operating Expense       | 8,357   | 4,507 |
| NET GAIN/LOSS FROM OPERATIONS | (3,344) | 503   |
| Ending Bank Balance           | 6,093   | 9,437 |

**Farrar Park Association  
Profit and Loss Standard  
January through December 2017**

|                                    | Jan - Dec '17 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense            |               |
| Income                             |               |
| 0300 - Contributions               | 7,098.00      |
| 0400 - Grants                      | 1,750.00      |
| 0100 - 130th Anniv Campaign        | 3,195.00      |
| 0800 - Town Appropriation          | 10,000.00     |
| Total Income                       | 22,043.00     |
| Expense                            |               |
| 0500 - Insurance                   | 677.25        |
| 7000 - Supplies                    |               |
| 7010 - Decorations                 | 658.38        |
| 7000 - Supplies - Other            | 20.11         |
| Total 7000 - Supplies              | 678.49        |
| 6000 - Professional Services       |               |
| 6010 - Accounting                  | 85.00         |
| Total 6000 - Professional Services | 85.00         |
| 3000 - Fundraising                 |               |
| 3010 - 130th Capital Campaign      | 877.00        |
| Total 3000 - Fundraising           | 877.00        |
| 1000 - Capital Improvements        |               |
| 1050 - Trees                       | 5,280.00      |
| 1040 - Grounds                     | 2,010.97      |
| Total 1000 - Capital Improvements  | 7,290.97      |
| 2000 - Fees                        |               |
| 2040 - post office                 | 62.00         |
| 2030 - VT State                    | 45.00         |
| 2020 - Bank Fees                   | 31.72         |
| Total 2000 - Fees                  | 138.72        |
| 5000 - Maintenance                 |               |
| 5030 - Bench Repair                | 60.00         |
| 5040 - Fence Repair                | 212.50        |
| 5050 - Grounds Maintenance         | 7,100.00      |
| 5070 - Tree Maintenance            | 2,200.00      |
| Total 5000 - Maintenance           | 9,572.50      |
| Total Expense                      | 19,319.93     |
| Net Ordinary Income                | 2,723.07      |

**Balance Sheet Summary  
As of December 31, 2017**

|                            | Dec 31, '17 |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| ASSETS                     |             |
| Current Assets             |             |
| Checking/Savings           | 26,018.42   |
| Total Current Assets       | 26,018.42   |
| Fixed Assets               | 66,200.00   |
| Other Assets               | 76,034.60   |
| TOTAL ASSETS               | 168,253.02  |
| Total Liabilities          | 0.00        |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 168,253.02  |

*The Farrar Park Association P. O. Box 54 Weston VT 05161*

To the Select Board, Town of Weston

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

The Trustees of the Farrar Park Association wish to thank the taxpayers of Weston for their generous support over the years. We hope you have noticed and appreciated the great strides we have made in our rejuvenation project.

Along with annual maintenance, we have revived the grass, provided additional sun light, and repaired and painted the iron fence. Our next project is replacing the bandstand foundation which is estimated at \$10,000.

We are respectfully asking the Town of Weston to consider an appropriation of \$9,500 to help us continue the normal maintenance of this most precious space in all of Vermont.

Gratefully,

Farrar Park Association Trustees:

Helen Burdick, President Emeritus

Carolyn Mullett, President

Barbara Lloyd, Vice President

Joanne Prouty, Secretary

Shirley Knowlton, Treasurer

Annie Fujii

Janita Griggs

Melina Menzie



# FLOOD BROOK ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

PO Box 526, Londonderry, VT 05148



Residents, Taxpayers and Weston Town Select Board

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

The Flood Brook Athletic Association (FBAA) would like to thank all of the residents, taxpayers and the Town's select boards for all their support over the years.

FBAA is a community organization, whose mission is to provide positive, rewarding, and safe opportunities to participate in affordable sports programs for our area's youth. We are committed to providing athletic experiences that promote individual and team skill development, teamwork, and perseverance. We are comprised of volunteers who are dedicated to organizing our programs; raising funds for uniforms and equipment; and maintaining the dugouts, fields, and scoreboards at Flood Brook School and Pingree Park.

This past year, in collaboration with Flood Brook School we installed (4) new adjustable basketball hoops to utilize the gymnasium for the younger athletes. We also re-surfaced the in-field of the lower baseball field at Pingree Park with Turface, a moisture management product. New programs for Tennis, Dance, Golf and a Running club were offered. For the second year, we held a 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade Summer Basketball Program that was offered to all surrounding communities. Our fundraising activities along with our registration fees are often not enough to cover the expenses our organization incurs. Many area residents and businesses have supported our efforts through volunteer services and donations; however we still fall short of our financial expectations.

Therefore, we would like to humbly request to the residents, taxpayers and Weston Town Select Board to consider appropriating \$2000.00 to assist us in providing these valuable athletic programs to our area's youth.

In closing, we would like to thank the residents of Weston, parents, coaches, managers and local businesses as well as past and present members of the board, for all their many contributions to the youth of our community. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and needed.

Respectfully,  
FBAA Board

Please consider supporting this worthwhile endeavor by joining the FBAA board, sharing your experience as a youth coach, or pitching in with other volunteer and fundraising efforts. Please join us at our monthly meetings, every second Wednesday of the month.

# Flood Brook Athletic Association Income Statement

October 2016 through September 2017

Oct '16 - Sep 17

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense       |           |
| Income                        | 7,835.00  |
| Direct Public Support         |           |
| Fundraising                   | 7,105.05  |
| Investments                   | 5,000.00  |
| Program Income                | 10,240.00 |
| Total Income                  | 30,180.05 |
| Expense                       |           |
| Bank Fee/Checks               | 70.93     |
| Business Expenses             | 1,515.92  |
| Contract Services             | 4,820.00  |
| Facilities and Equipment      | 14,974.82 |
| Operations                    | 3,138.32  |
| Other Types of Expenses       |           |
| Insurance-General Liability   | 1,519.00  |
| Total Other Types of Expenses | 1,519.00  |
| Scholarships                  | 1,930.00  |
| Total Expense                 | 27,968.99 |
| Net Ordinary Income           | 2,211.06  |
| Net Income                    | 2,211.06  |



November 30, 2017

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Town of Weston  
PO Box 98  
Weston, VT 05161

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the November 28 Select Board meeting. I believe our conversation was productive and I hope it is the beginning of a cooperative relationship between GNAT and the Town of Weston. We are proud to be a partner with you in serving the community; I look forward to working more closely with you in the future.

As discussed at the meeting, **GNAT respectfully requests the Town of Weston to place an article on the 2018 Town Meeting Ballot:** "Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2000 to help support & defray of the costs related to the videotaping and television cablecast of the Weston Select Board, School Board and other Weston municipal meetings?"

**In 2017, GNAT produced a total of 839 local programs: 529 public programs (including 204 local news stories), 77 educational programs and 233 local government meetings.**

Government Meetings applicable to Weston include:

- 21 Weston Select Board
- 1 Weston Town Meeting
- 9 Mountain Town RED
- 6 Northshire Merger Study
- 3 Taconic & Green School Board
- 4 Act 46
- 7 BRSU
- 51 Total

Documents for GNAT's FY2017 will be completed in the coming days. I will send this, and information for your town report when it becomes available. Please don't hesitate to contact me for additional information.

As a reminder, you may send community announcements to: [bulletinboard@gnat-tv.org](mailto:bulletinboard@gnat-tv.org), we will post to our on-air community bulletin board. If you have news related items or press releases send to: [news@gnat-tv.org](mailto:news@gnat-tv.org). **Please let us know how else we may assist you with your community information needs.**

Again, thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,  
Tammie M. Reilly

Dear Residents,

Thank you for your past support of GNAT. Your financial support enables us to provide video coverage of your local government meetings. GNAT is a 501c3 Not for Profit Organization created by community members in 1995. GNAT employs local citizens to videotape the meetings and makes these meetings (and other educational, civic and community events) available to all citizens on our cable channels and on our website: [www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org).

In addition to our meeting coverage, GNAT offers free and low cost media services and provides a platform for local voices to be heard. Residents, government entities, community organizations and schools within our eleven-town service territory may produce and broadcast non-commercial television programs. GNAT maintains community television studio facilities, lends high quality video equipment and provides technical training. GNAT maintains a vibrant youth program including internships, media production camps and in-classroom training. In 2016 GNAT launched The News Project to provide local news and information for our communities (in 2017 GNAT Produced 204 local News Project programs).

Local media coverage is vital to our Democracy. We ask for your financial contribution to help support the work we do. Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration and support.

Sincerely,  
Tammie M. Reilly  
Executive Director

Service Area / Comcast Cable Channels

Channels 15, 16 & 17: Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Sunderland & Winhall  
Channels 8, 10 & 18: Stratton  
Channel 8, 10: Weston & Londonderry

Mission

To provide public access to media technologies, equipment, training, and local information for our regional community.

Vision

To facilitate and foster free speech, to promote and facilitate civic and cultural engagement and to be the community resource for new media technology and training.

2017 Usage Data

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| 678 | Equipment & Facility Reservations               |
| 136 | Training Sessions                               |
| 480 | People Trained                                  |
| 56  | Community Video Announcements                   |
| 491 | Community Bulletin Board Announcements          |
| 606 | Local Public Programs Produced (Non Government) |
| 233 | Government Meetings                             |

Watch Online: [www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org)

**GNAT Statement of Financial Activities Summary Year Ending September 30, 2017**

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                                  |                  |
| PEG Access Operating Revenue                   | \$434,846        |
| PEG Access Capital Revenue                     | \$43,485         |
| Program Service                                | \$7,176          |
| Fundraising / Other Income                     | \$19,046         |
| <b>Total Income</b>                            | <b>\$504,553</b> |
| <b>EXPENSE</b>                                 |                  |
| Payroll Fees, Taxes and Salaries               | \$289,862        |
| Rent / Utilities / Insurance                   | \$67,165         |
| Production/Program Supplies                    | \$15,978         |
| Equipment / Depreciation                       | \$42,112         |
| Small Equipment                                | \$19,873         |
| Other Operating Expense                        | \$46,994         |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                           | <b>\$481,984</b> |
| Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets | <b>\$22,569</b>  |
| Net Assets Beginning of Year                   | \$480,680        |
| Net Assets, End of Year                        | \$503,249        |



**GREEN UP VERMONT**

P.O. Box 1191  
 Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191  
 (802)229-4586, or 1-800-974-3259  
[greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

Dear Select Board/Town Clerk:

October 2017

Please consider Green Up Vermont's request for your community's financial support. We respectfully ask you to include the appropriate amount from the guide below in your budget for next year. This guide remains the same as in previous years:

- For towns under 1,000 population . . . . . \$ 50
- For towns over 1,000 and under 2000 . . . . . \$100
- For towns over 2,000 and under 3000 . . . . . \$150
- For towns over 3,000 and under 4000 . . . . . \$200
- For towns over 4,000 population . . . . . \$300

Sincerely,  
 Melinda Vieux  
*President, Green Up Vermont*

**Town report information for Green Up Day, May 6, 2017**  
**(This is available for download at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org) under "About Us.")**

Green Up Day marked its 47th Anniversary, with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individual giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long-term.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Our East Montpelier coordinator reports "Green Up Day is an excellent teachable moment for our children." Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover sixteen percent of the operating budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 50,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and the services of two part-time employees.

**Mark your calendar: May 5, 2018 Green Up Day, 48 years of tradition!**

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day,  
 Always the first Saturday in May.**

| VERMONT GREEN UP, INC. FY 2016-2017 BUDGET |                   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                   |                  |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|  | FY2016-2017       | 1st Quarter          | 2nd Quarter          | 3rd Quarter          | 4th Quarter          | TOTALS            | Over / (Under)   |
|  | Budget            | 07-01-16 to 09-30-16 | 10-01-16 to 12-31-16 | 01-01-17 to 03-31-17 | 04-01-17 to 06-30-17 | TO DATE           | Budget           |
| <b>Cash Inflows</b>                        |                   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                   |                  |
| Partners - Stafford - \$10,000             | 20,000.00         |                      |                      |                      | 20,000.00            | 20,000.00         | -                |
| Partners - Aiken - \$6,000                 | 12,000.00         |                      |                      | 12,000.00            |                      | 12,000.00         | -                |
| Partners - Davis - \$3,000                 | 18,000.00         | 3,000.00             | 6,000.00             | 6,000.00             | 9,000.00             | 24,000.00         |                  |
| Davis Friends - \$1,000                    | 14,000.00         |                      | 1,000.00             | 8,500.00             | 5,000.00             | 14,500.00         | 500.00           |
| Businesses - Under \$1,000                 | 4,000.00          |                      |                      | 2,900.00             | 850.00               | 3,750.00          | (250.00)         |
| Individuals                                | 2,000.00          | 10.00                | 92.50                | 219.23               | 989.75               | 1,311.48          | (688.52)         |
| Tax Check Off Donations                    | 36,000.00         |                      | 5,493.38             |                      | 49,165.64            | 54,659.02         | 18,659.02        |
| State of VT Appropriation                  | 10,550.00         |                      |                      | 9,495.00             | 1,055.00             | 10,550.00         | -                |
| Cities & Towns                             | 24,000.00         | 2,070.00             | 15,325.00            | 4,574.00             | 3,300.00             | 25,269.00         | 1,269.00         |
| Other                                      | 1,500.00          | 150.00               | 295.00               | 12.04                | 3,085.84             | 3,542.88          | 2,042.88         |
| Interest                                   | 500.00            | 129.50               | 120.44               | 132.24               | 141.39               | 523.57            | 23.57            |
| <b>Total Inflows</b>                       | <b>142,550.00</b> | <b>5,359.50</b>      | <b>28,326.32</b>     | <b>43,832.51</b>     | <b>92,587.62</b>     | <b>170,105.95</b> | <b>27,555.95</b> |
| <b>Cash Outflows</b>                       |                   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                   |                  |
| <b>Program Expenses:</b>                   |                   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                   |                  |
| Special Projects                           |                   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                   |                  |
| A. Green Up Program                        | 15,015.00         |                      |                      | 700.00               | 13,530.61            | 14,230.61         | (784.39)         |
| B. Media                                   | 28,995.00         | 13.24                |                      | 3,610.13             | 27,730.59            | 31,353.96         | 2,358.96         |
| C. Other                                   | -                 |                      |                      |                      |                      | -                 | -                |
| Total Program                              | 44,010.00         | 13.24                | -                    | 4,310.13             | 41,261.20            | 45,584.57         | 1,574.57         |
| <b>Administrative Expenses:</b>            |                   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                   |                  |
| *Salaries / Office                         | 71,000.00         | 23,710.80            | 17,882.40            | 17,882.40            | 17,969.60            | 77,445.20         | 6,445.20         |
| Payroll Taxes                              | 5,500.00          | 1,813.87             | 1,368.01             | 1,368.00             | 1,324.49             | 5,874.37          | 374.37           |
| Health/Dental Insurance                    | 5,500.00          | 2,958.40             | 450.00               | 450.00               | 1,450.00             | 5,308.40          | (191.60)         |
| Insurance-workers comp/liab.               | 1,400.00          |                      |                      |                      | 1,923.00             | 1,923.00          | 523.00           |
| Rotary / Mileage / Expenses                | 2,500.00          | 395.64               | 858.89               | 508.50               | 733.00               | 2,496.03          | (3.97)           |
| Phone / Internet / Website                 | 1,700.00          | 313.12               | 481.29               | 912.23               | 975.94               | 2,682.58          | 982.58           |
| Postage                                    | 2,200.00          |                      |                      | 1,205.00             | 490.00               | 1,695.00          | (505.00)         |
| Office Equipment                           | -                 |                      |                      |                      |                      | -                 | -                |
| Supplies & Miscellaneous                   | 2,500.00          | 583.75               | 690.67               | 908.77               | 522.85               | 2,706.04          | 206.04           |
| Contractual Services                       | 840.00            | 850.00               |                      |                      |                      | 850.00            | 10.00            |
| Office-Capital projects                    | -                 |                      |                      |                      |                      | -                 | -                |
| Total Administrative                       | 93,140.00         | 30,625.58            | 21,731.26            | 23,234.90            | 25,388.88            | 100,980.62        | 7,840.62         |
| <b>Total Outflows</b>                      | <b>137,150.00</b> | <b>30,638.82</b>     | <b>21,731.26</b>     | <b>27,545.03</b>     | <b>66,650.08</b>     | <b>146,565.19</b> | <b>9,415.19</b>  |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>                 | <b>5,400.00</b>   | <b>(25,279.32)</b>   | <b>6,595.06</b>      | <b>16,287.48</b>     | <b>25,937.54</b>     | <b>23,540.76</b>  | <b>18,140.76</b> |

**Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc.  
Serving Windsor and Windham Counties  
Total Agency**

| REVENUES:                                | FY 18 Budget      | % of Total Revenues        |   |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Client Fees:</b>                      |                   |                            |   |
| Self Pay                                 | 257,500           | 0.57%                      | Self Pay, Other Insurance, School and Client Room & Board Revenues Represents 7% of Total Agency Revenues |
| Medicare                                 | 409,883           | 0.91%                      |   |
| Private Insurance                        | 276,000           | 0.61%                      |   |
| School s                                 | 2,023,958         | 4.50%                      |   |
| Client Room & Board                      | 170,212           | 0.38%                      |   |
| DMH Medicaid Fee For Service             | 8,314,345         | 18.49%                     | Medicaid Fee For Service Revenues Represents 22% of Total Agency Revenues                                 |
| PC Plus/VHAP Medicaid Fee For Service    | 858,482           | 1.91%                      |   |
| ACCS Medicaid Fee For Service            | 128,000           | 0.28%                      |   |
| ADAP Medicaid Fee For Service            | 275,000           | 0.61%                      |   |
| Personal Care Medicaid Fee For Service   |                   |                            |   |
| CRT Case Rate Medicaid                   | 5,760,981         | 12.81%                     | Case Rate and Waiver Medicaid Revenues Represents 50% of Total Agency Revenues                            |
| MH Medicaid Waiver                       | 500,000           | 1.11%                      |   |
| DS Medicaid Waiver                       | 16,319,737        | 36.30%                     |   |
| <b>State Grants:</b>                     |                   |                            |   |
| State Grant-in-Aid                       | 2,744,114         | 6.10%                      | State Grant Revenues Represents 19% of Total Agency Revenues  |
| Other Contracts/Grants                   | 5,863,322         | 13.04%                     |   |
| <b>Local Revenues</b>                    |                   |                            |   |
| Local Revenues                           | 109,237           | 0.24%                      | Local and Other Revenues Represents 2% of Total Agency Revenues   |
| Other Revenues                           | 944,307           | 2.10%                      |   |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                    | <b>44,955,178</b> | <b>100.00%</b>             |   |
| <b>EXPENSES:</b>                         |                   |                            |   |
|  |                   | <b>% of Total Expenses</b> |   |
| Salaries                                 | 20,497,183        | 45.59%                     | Salaries, Fringe and Contractors Represents 86% of Total Agency Expenses                                  |
| Fringe Benefits                          | 7,174,187         | 15.96%                     |   |
| Other Personnel Costs                    | 11,165,719        | 24.82%                     |   |
| Operating Expenses                       | 1,968,877         | 4.38%                      |   |
| Program Expenses                         | 1,195,017         | 2.66%                      |   |
| Client/Staff Transportation              | 922,571           | 2.05%                      |   |
| Building Expenses                        | 2,041,624         | 4.54%                      |   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                    | <b>44,955,178</b> | <b>100.00%</b>             |   |
| <b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b> | <b>-</b>          |                            |   |

December 18, 2017

**Request for Support from the Town of Weston**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$630,000 from the Town of Weston at the 2018 Town Meeting to help defray the cost of services to its residents for the Mental Health Walk-In Clinic. In the year ending June 30, 2017, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,154 residents of Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community are:

**Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services:** HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse difficulties. Adult services include assessment, treatment including individual, group, couples, and family counseling, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. It is the philosophy of HCRS that people are resilient and therefore capable of overcoming difficult experiences and recovering from mental illness and substance abuse. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals and families of whom we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs.

**Children, Youth, and Families Program:** The Children's Division provides a comprehensive system of care for youth experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services for youth and their families including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite and case aid services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, crisis response and emergency respite services, a mental health program specifically for young children up to six years old, and an employment assistance program for youth in transition who have significant emotional disturbances.

**Developmental Services (DS):** The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person being served receives an individually written program to meet his or her needs. Children with a developmental disability are served through a collaboration with the Children's Division.

**Residential Services:** Residential Services offers residential care from short term crisis stabilization, to intensive residential care, to therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals the appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs. The Residential continuum of care is comprised of a total of 38 beds spanning five individual programs.

**Emergency Services:** The Emergency Services Team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Weston for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.



Town of Weston  
Attn: Town Clerk  
P.O. Box 98  
Weston, Vt. 05161

**RE: Appropriation Request for 2018**

Dear Selectboard:

Neighborhood Connections is a community based nonprofit serving nine of our local mountain towns, including Weston. We are requesting \$3000.00 for our general operating budget. During this past year 145 visits and/or services have been delivered by our social worker to the residents of Weston. In addition, our community nurse has made 41 visits to elderly and/or homebound residents.

Some of the services provided include:

- Application assistance Heating Crisis and Repair
- Emergency assistance Access to Health Care
- Housing placement Access to Mental Health services
- Tax return preparation Legal Referrals
- Supportive Counseling Food / Nutrition

In addition we have held 42 programs in "The Meeting Place" covering a wide range of topics including health, diet exercise, nutrition, arts and culture. These programs were attended by some 427 people from our area. The Meeting Place also houses a weekly AA meeting, a bi-monthly Lions club meeting, a weekly senior coffee hour. We have independent mental health counselors willing to meet clients on site to eliminate travel for local folks. The community partners meet monthly (a group of 35 or more groups ) to coordinate services and eliminate duplication.

We have provided these services for nine years to the communities we love, live in and are very proud to be an integral part of.

Sincerely,

Gloria Dawson / Director  
gdncivt@gmail.com

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Community Nurse

Jackie Borella  
Finance & Ops Mgr.

MC Schwartz  
Program Director

| NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS               |            | 2017 Total | 2017 Proj |
|--|------------|------------|-----------|
| FY 2017 INCOME & EXPENSE VS PROJECTION |            | Budget     | Total     |
| AS OF NOV 30, 2017                     |            |            |           |
| Income                                 |            |            |           |
| Individual Contributions               | \$ 50,000  | \$ 91,179  |           |
| Special Event Income                   | \$ 55,000  | \$ 47,357  |           |
| Foundation Contributions               | \$ 14,000  | \$ 10,922  |           |
| Corp Contributions                     | \$ 6,000   | \$ 6,112   |           |
| Non-Gov't Org - Grants                 | \$ 5,000   | \$ 9,100   |           |
| Non Gov't Org - Svc Contracts          | \$ 28,272  | \$ 7,561   |           |
| Local/Municipal Gov't                  | \$ 11,500  | \$ 13,251  |           |
| In-Kind Income                         | \$ 15,000  | \$ 26,700  |           |
| Interest Income                        | \$ 156     | \$ 237     |           |
| Property Rent                          | \$ 22,800  | \$ 14,888  |           |
| Total Unrestricted Income              | \$ 207,728 | \$ 227,307 |           |
| Restricted Foundation                  | \$ 107,062 | \$ 48,174  |           |
| Restricted Corporate                   | \$ 1,000   | \$ -       |           |
| Restricted Non-Govt Org                | \$ 10,000  | \$ 8,628   |           |
| Total Restricted Income                | \$ 118,062 | \$ 56,802  |           |
| Total Income                           | \$ 325,790 | \$ 284,109 |           |
| Expense                                |            |            |           |
| Total Salaries                         | \$ 135,691 | \$ 109,761 |           |
| Total Benefits                         | \$ 26,127  | \$ 21,081  |           |
| Total Personnel                        | \$ 161,818 | \$ 130,842 |           |
| Total Contractual & Other Svcs         | \$ 42,840  | \$ 39,339  |           |
| Total Rent, Utilities, Cleaning        | \$ 42,576  | \$ 41,303  |           |
| Total Materials & Supplies             | \$ 11,850  | \$ 14,965  |           |
| Total Equip                            | \$ 15,204  | \$ 13,644  |           |
| Total Travel                           | \$ 2,640   | \$ 2,706   |           |
| Total Communications/Postage           | \$ 12,500  | \$ 8,655   |           |
| Total Trainings                        | \$ 1,500   | \$ 153     |           |
| Total Emergency Assistance             | \$ 12,500  | \$ 13,124  |           |
| Total Other Expenses                   | \$ 13,150  | \$ 18,242  |           |
| Total Fees, Charges                    | \$ 1,000   | \$ 643     |           |
| Total Expense                          | \$ 317,578 | \$ 283,616 |           |
| Net Income                             | \$ 8,212   | \$ 492     |           |



Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont  
38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156

38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156

December 7, 2017

Town of Weston  
12 Lawrence Hill Road  
PO Box 98  
Weston, VT 05161  
Attn: Kim Seymour

VIA e-mail to: [clerk@westonvt.org](mailto:clerk@westonvt.org)

Dear Ms. Seymour,

I am sending this request to you for submission to the Town of Weston Select Board.

Senior Solutions requests \$1600 from the Town of Weston to be appropriated at the March 2018 Town Meeting. We appreciate the continued support of your residents.

I have enclosed an Annual Report that details the services we have provided to the residents of the Town of Weston.

Please appoint an interested representative to our Advisory Council every year. This helps us identify local needs and connect with those who will benefit from our services.

If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carol Stamatakis  
Executive Director

38 Pleasant St, Springfield, VT 05156  
ANNUAL REPORT

Senior Solutions- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont offers support services to elders and their families. Our mission is to promote successful aging. This is a summary of services provided to Weston in the last year (2016-2017).

Information and Assistance: Our toll-free Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 answered 19 calls from your town. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also detailed at [www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org](http://www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org)

Health Insurance: We helped 6 residents with Medicare Part D or Advantage Plan enrollment.

Senior Nutrition: In partnership with volunteers out of Londonderry, 11 meals were delivered to seniors at home. We are also partners in providing the congregate community meals at the Second Congregational Church in Londonderry.

Transportation: Special arrangements are made for non-Medicare seniors who require medical transportation.

Case Management & Advocacy: We provided 1 elder residents with in-home case management to enable them to remain living safely in the setting they prefer. Often a few well-chosen support services can prevent premature institutionalization.

Caregiver Respite: Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

Your contribution generates Federal matching funds to support our services. We do not charge for any of our services. Your town's support is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director

| FY 18 Senior Solutions Budget          |  |              |
|--|--|--------------|
| REVENUE                                |  | FY 18 Draft  |
| 1 Federal Older Americans Act          |  | \$ 1,000,034 |
| 2 Senior Companion                     |  | \$           |
| 3 Nutrition Services Incentive Program |  | \$ 167,094   |
| 4 State Outreach Grants                |  | \$ 124,417   |
| 5 State Health Insurance Program       |  | \$ 37,193    |
| 6 Medicare Improvement                 |  | \$ 12,191    |
| 7 Medicare Partnership                 |  | \$ 12,000    |
| 8 Medicaid Choices for Care            |  | \$ 383,002   |
| 9 Aging/Disability Resource Center     |  | \$           |
| 10 Self Insured                        |  | \$ 53,000    |
| 11 General Fund                        |  | \$ 850,097   |
| 12 Special Services                    |  | \$ 4,171     |
| 13 Moderate Needs                      |  | \$ 38,370    |
| 15 Flex Funds                          |  | \$ 16,933    |
| 16 Donations Respite                   |  | \$ 44,096    |
| 17 Partnership Contributions           |  | \$ 40,200    |
| 18 Town Funds                          |  | \$ 36,600    |
| 19 Community Donations                 |  | \$ 15,000    |
| 20 Other                               |  | \$ 114,191   |
| 21 TOTAL REVENUE                       |  | \$ 2,953,584 |
| EXPENSES                               |  |              |
| 22 Personnel                           |  | \$ 1,044,215 |
| 23 Travel                              |  | \$ 364,201   |
| 24 Travel                              |  | \$ 62,500    |
| 25 Consumables                         |  | \$ 18,650    |
| 26 Rent/Util                           |  | \$ 122,000   |
| 27 Tel./Post                           |  | \$ 40,960    |
| 28 Equipment                           |  | \$ 27,000    |
| 29 Insurance                           |  | \$ 10,543    |
| 30 Raw Food                            |  | \$ 10,000    |
| 31 Training                            |  | \$ 15,000    |
| 32 Other                               |  | \$ 39,297    |
| 33 Specific Assistance                 |  | \$ 106,056   |
| 34 Nutrition Contracts                 |  | \$ 887,291   |
| 35 Transportation Contracts            |  | \$ 33,325    |
| 36 Other Contracts                     |  | \$ 172,679   |
| TOTAL                                  |  | \$ 2,953,716 |
| GAIN (LOSS)                            |  | (\$ 132)     |



**Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc  
Fiscal 2018 Estimated Budget (Oct. 2017 - Sept. 2018)**

|                                  | Preliminary Revenue: | Agency Totals    |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Federal (direct)                 |                      | 1,108,069        |
| Federal (through State)          |                      | 1,141,622        |
| Federal (through other agencies) |                      | 95,543           |
| State                            |                      | 2,778,822        |
| Town Appropriations              |                      | 81,500           |
| Granite United Way               |                      | 34,500           |
| Foundation Grants                |                      | 89,439           |
| Retail Sales/Service Fees        |                      | 672,025          |
| Contract Revenue                 |                      | 8,766            |
| Unrestricted Contributions       |                      | 29,500           |
| Designated Contributions         |                      | 52,500           |
| Fundraising Activities           |                      | 46,000           |
| Miscellaneous                    |                      |                  |
| In-Kind Contributions            |                      | 284,246          |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>             |                      | <b>6,422,532</b> |
|                                  | <b>Expense:</b>      |                  |
| Salaries & Wages                 |                      | 2,631,149        |
| Fringe Benefits                  |                      | 866,768          |
| Direct Client Assistance         |                      | 667,133          |
| Program Materials                |                      | 190,821          |
| Sub-Contractor Costs             |                      | 491,413          |
| Community Service Grants         |                      | 50,500           |
| Program Service Costs            |                      | 20,725           |
| Office Consumables               |                      | 76,340           |
| Communications                   |                      | 37,069           |
| Rental/Space                     |                      | 196,768          |
| Travel                           |                      | 22,284           |
| Training                         |                      | 164,045          |
| Professional Services            |                      | 45,850           |
| Capital Purchase                 |                      | 300,826          |
| Replacement Reserve              |                      | 19,620           |
| Insurance Expense                |                      | 52,700           |
| Promotion & Media                |                      | 33,367           |
| Vehicle Costs                    |                      | 63,900           |
| Equipment & Tools                |                      | 59,030           |
| Audit                            |                      | 25,000           |
| Property Taxes                   |                      | 12,000           |
| Interest Expense                 |                      | 4,050            |
| Dues/Fees                        |                      | 29,725           |
| In-Kind Contributions            |                      | 284,246          |
| Depreciation                     |                      | 55,600           |
| <b>Total Expense</b>             |                      | <b>6,400,929</b> |

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty, create sustainable self-sufficiency, reduce the causes and work toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services / Crisis Resolution (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts (asset building & financial literacy), Income Tax Preparation, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Weston we have provided the following services during FY2017:

**VT Health Connect Navigation:** 1 household (1 person) received assistance to enroll in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$121  
**Fuel / Utility Assistance:** 1 household (3 people) received 1 assist valued at \$696

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Weston for their continued support.

*SEVCA is requesting level funding of \$630 for FY2019.*

Stephen Geller, Executive Director  
 Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)  
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Serving Windham & Windsor Counties

- CRISIS INTERVENTION
- FUEL ASSISTANCE
- FINANCIAL FITNESS
- FOOD STAMP OUTREACH
- HEAD START
- HOME REPAIR
- HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION
- HOUSING ASSISTANCE
- JOB READINESS
- MATCHED SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
- MICRO BUSINESS SUPPORT
- THRIFT STORES
- VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE
- WEATHERIZATION
- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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*The Collaborative promotes the development of a healthy involved community supporting substance free youth in a caring environment.*

2:50 PM  
11/09/17  
Accrual Basis

**The Collaborative  
Profit & Loss by Class  
July 2016 through June 2017**

December 2017

Dear Weston Residents,

The Collaborative thanks you for your vote of confidence in passing our request for local taxpayer dollars at the 2017 Town Meeting. In 2018, The Collaborative marks **twenty** years of providing quality afterschool care for families with children attending Flood Brook School. Since 1998, we have grown to provide a wide range of individual, youth, and family programs focused on supporting families and preventing youth substance use. In the town budget we are requesting funds to support The Collaborative Extended Day Program, Collaborative Camp and the Refuse to Use program. Over half of FBS students are enrolled in the Extended Day Program. Each day students utilize the high-quality state licensed after school care, where they enjoy an engaging activity, snack, and homework help. Over one hundred campers this year at our Flood Brook School based summer camp participated in interactive activities while enjoying our local outdoor environment. Swim lessons are available for each camper for no additional charge at Collaborative Camp. We work hard to make these services available to all families regardless of ability to pay the tuition. During the 2014-2015 school year and summer camp, we provided over \$7,000 in scholarships. Over 300 students participated in The Refuse to Use Program which included over eight hours of hands-on education about refusal skills, activity alternatives, and the risk and harms of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use for each student.

**We are requesting your approval of \$750** in your town's budget to assist The Collaborative with providing these services. We appreciate your involvement

Sincerely,

Maryann Morris

Executive Director

|                                | Camp 2017        | EDP 16-17        | RTU 16-17        | Towns 16-17     | TOTAL            |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                  |                  |                  |                  |                 |                  |
| Indiv/business contribution    | 177.50           | 220.00           | 60.00            | 0.00            | 457.50           |
| Foundation/trust grants        | 496.47           | 0.00             | 2,150.00         | 0.00            | 2,646.47         |
| Nonprofit organization grants  | 0.00             | 1,600.00         | 0.00             | 0.00            | 1,600.00         |
| State grants                   | 0.00             | 500.00           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 500.00           |
| Local government grants        | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00             | 5,500.00        | 5,500.00         |
| Program Fees - Childcare       | 22,407.00        | 33,268.50        | 0.00             | 0.00            | 55,675.50        |
| Program Fees - RTU             | 0.00             | 0.00             | 17,350.00        | 0.00            | 17,350.00        |
| Special events                 | 0.00             | 432.75           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 432.75           |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <b>23,080.97</b> | <b>36,021.25</b> | <b>19,560.00</b> | <b>5,500.00</b> | <b>84,162.22</b> |
| <b>Expense</b>                 |                  |                  |                  |                 |                  |
| Payroll Fees                   | 0.00             | 330.75           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 330.75           |
| Salaries & wages               | 15,756.58        | 20,136.76        | 2,161.09         | 3,326.49        | 41,380.92        |
| Payroll taxes & Other Fringe   | 2,539.52         | 7,846.48         | 427.09           | 684.76          | 11,477.87        |
| Accounting fees                | 461.00           | 600.00           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 1,061.00         |
| Professional fees              | 730.75           | 161.50           | 14,180.38        | 0.00            | 15,072.63        |
| Supplies                       | 764.77           | 1,482.81         | 44.90            | 416.73          | 2,709.21         |
| Telephone & telecommunications | 83.04            | 1,152.06         | 504.72           | 130.00          | 1,869.82         |
| Printing & copying             | 97.27            | 362.85           | 132.00           | 162.00          | 774.12           |
| Curriculums                    | 0.00             | 26.95            | 23.93            | 0.00            | 50.88            |
| Marketing Materials            | 796.48           | 41.67            | 363.40           | 0.00            | 1,221.55         |
| Travel & meetings expenses     | 138.03           | 392.43           | 279.07           | 250.00          | 1,059.53         |
| Events                         | 820.69           | 483.77           | 125.23           | 250.00          | 1,679.69         |
| EDP-Food                       | 418.68           | 28.28            | 0.00             | 100.00          | 546.96           |
| Bank Charges                   | 210.41           | 85.86            | 360.20           | 0.00            | 656.47           |
| Insurance - non-employee       | 0.00             | 672.00           | 0.00             | 200.00          | 872.00           |
| Staff development              | 263.75           | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00            | 263.75           |
| Outside computer services      | 0.00             | 1,730.92         | 831.99           | 0.00            | 2,562.91         |
| Advertising expenses           | 0.00             | 466.16           | 106.00           | 0.00            | 572.16           |
| <b>Total Expense</b>           | <b>23,080.97</b> | <b>36,021.25</b> | <b>19,560.00</b> | <b>5,500.00</b> | <b>84,162.22</b> |
| <b>Net Income</b>              | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>0.00</b>      |

## The Current 2018 Town Report for Weston

The Current has been southern Windsor and Windham County's public transit provider since 2003. Our mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the 27 towns we serve. As a private non-profit 501c3, we rely more than ever on local contributions to deliver rides and to provide the required local match for replacement vehicles.

The Current is funded by state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares on some routes, and contributions from our human service partners. We operate bus routes and senior or disabled transportation services via our fleet of 36 buses, vans, and a network of over 50 very dedicated volunteer drivers.

Our operating expenses last year were \$5,164,289. With that we provided 282,102 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 910,711 miles over 50,096 hours.

In Weston we operate van and volunteer services which last year provided 196 rides at a cost of \$3,848.

We are requesting a \$250 contribution from the Town of Weston this year. We hope you will once again support us.

We are always seeking your input to improve our services. Please contact me by email ([rgagnon@crtransit.org](mailto:rgagnon@crtransit.org)), phone (802) 460-7433 x 201; or visit us at [www.crtransit.org](http://www.crtransit.org) to let us know how The Current may improve service in your community.

Sincerely,  
  
 Rebecca Gagnon  
 General Manager

The Current P&L Jul '16 - Jun 17

|                                       |                  |  |  |                     |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| Income                                |                  |  |  |                     |
| 4000* - Fares                         | 140,418          |  |  | 185                 |
| 4015-34 - State Operating             | 450,000          |  |  | 9,484               |
| 4015-36 - CMAQ                        | 65,343           |  |  | 5,785               |
| 4015-37 - Elderly & Disabled          | 595,531          |  |  | 104,653             |
| 4015-41 - Capital - 5311              | 238,408          |  |  | 27,338              |
| 4015-55 - Routematch                  | 295,477          |  |  | 26,257              |
| 4018-3 - Local Match                  | 47,672           |  |  | 6,053               |
| 4020 - Medicaid                       | 2,533,846        |  |  | 8,128               |
| 4030 - VTrans E&D                     | 13,300           |  |  | 2,372               |
| 4060 - Federal Operating              | 289,112          |  |  | 132,113             |
| 4071 - Federal Admin                  | 261,755          |  |  | 140,341             |
| 4072 - Federal PM                     | 403,133          |  |  | 2,597               |
| 4084 - State Park & Ride 80 / 20      | 199,466          |  |  | 7,084               |
| 4100 - RTAP                           | 5,646            |  |  | 8,162               |
| 4160 - E&D Revenue (Non-Grant)        | 3,355            |  |  | 48,245              |
| 4200 - Donations - Individuals        | 1,180            |  |  | 316,555             |
| 4210 - Donations - Business           | 70,350           |  |  | 620                 |
| 4220 - Donations - Towns & Schools    | 100,950          |  |  | 20,200              |
| 4360 - Advertising Income             | 980              |  |  | 2,003               |
| 4999 - Miscellaneous Income           | -41              |  |  | 13,849              |
| <b>Total Income</b>                   | <b>5,715,881</b> |  |  | <b>27,099</b>       |
| Expense                               |                  |  |  |                     |
| Total 5000 - Payroll Expenses         | 183,888          |  |  | 526                 |
| 5010 - Driver Wage                    | 997,763          |  |  | 15,676              |
| 5020 - Maintenance Wages              | 126,431          |  |  | 18,498              |
| 5030 - Dispatch Wages                 | 138,996          |  |  | 6,160               |
| 5040 - Ops Wages                      | 56,546           |  |  | 4,318               |
| 5050 - Admin Wages                    | 227,780          |  |  | 27,865              |
| 5061 - Demand Response Admin-Indirect | 139,333          |  |  | 5,705               |
| 5074 - Bus Oil                        | 7,142            |  |  | 13,359              |
| 5080 - Insurance - Workers Comp       | 32,531           |  |  | 363                 |
| 5100 - Medicaid - Volunteer Mileage   | 1,396,820        |  |  | 868                 |
| 5101 - Medicaid - Taxi Mileage        | 122,889          |  |  | 5,800               |
| 5102 - Medicaid - Ambulance Mileage   | 44,903           |  |  | 16,168              |
| 5104 - Medicaid - Volunteer Retention | 36,652           |  |  | 10,228              |
| 5110 - Medicaid - Hardship            | 135,756          |  |  | 9,597               |
| 5116 - Maintenance/Equipment          | 3,060            |  |  | 39,485              |
| 5117 - Signs & Shelters               | 579              |  |  | 400                 |
| 5130 - E&D - Volunteer Mileage        | 243,968          |  |  | 11,000              |
| 5132 - E&D - Taxi Mileage             | 41,916           |  |  | 1,224               |
| 5133 - E & D - Ambulance Mileage      | 5,483            |  |  | 533,305             |
| 5134 - General Public / ADA - Taxi    | 12,066           |  |  | 1,230               |
| 5135 - General Public - Vol Mileage   | 2,516            |  |  | 6,670               |
| 5145 - Officer Driver Salary          | 446              |  |  | 2,169               |
| 5146 - Laborer Wage                   | 38,168           |  |  | 25,213              |
| 5161 - Accounting/Auditing            | 10,907           |  |  | -231                |
| 5163 - Legal Fees                     | 3,767            |  |  | 5,677,667           |
|                                       |                  |  |  | Net Ordinary Income |
|                                       |                  |  |  | 38,213              |



### **Report of Services for Town of Weston**

Since 1926 our nonprofit organization has diligently pursued our mission of enabling Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We are the *only* private agency in Vermont to offer a complete range of services to visually impaired residents – and at no cost to the client.

The number of clients we serve has increased by 65% in the last 12 years. In fiscal year 2017, we served over 1,250 adults (a minimum of 12.3% are on Medicaid). There are an estimated 13,000 Vermonters who are currently blind or visually impaired. As the “Baby Boomer” generation ages this number is expected to increase to at least 25,000 by 2030. We estimate that by 2020 we will be serving a minimum of 1,550 adult clients. People are living longer and longer so we anticipate that the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future. As a result, our neighbors, family and friends are among those who may be coping with vision loss.

During Fiscal Year 2017, VABVI served 1,731 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 129 adults and 41 students in Windsor County.

Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits). Contact us at (800) 639-5861 or [general@vabvi.org](mailto:general@vabvi.org). Learn more about us at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org) or “like” us at [www.facebook.com/vabvi.org](http://www.facebook.com/vabvi.org) for updates.

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**Request for Funding:** We hope that you will consider supporting the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) again this year with an allocation of \$100 to help fund our ongoing programs and services. VABVI is the only nonprofit organization in Vermont offering free training, support, and services to blind and visually impaired Vermonters. We would cease to exist without the help of supporters like Town of Weston. Please feel free to contact me by phone at (800) 639-5861 extension 224 or by e-mail at [efarmer@vabvi.org](mailto:efarmer@vabvi.org). Together, we can do so much for Vermonters living with vision loss. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erika Farmer', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Erika Farmer  
Director of Development

VABVI’s 2017-18 Budget and Expenses are available for review in the Weston Town Clerk’s office.

**Vermont Center for Independent Living**

Approved FY 2018 Budget

| INCOME   | Approved FY2018     | EXPENSES                              | Approved FY2018     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
|  |                     | <b>SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE</b>            |                     |
| Unrestricted Donations: (Indiv. & Corp.)           | \$ 25,000           | VHCB (Home Modifications)             | \$ 373,000          |
| Unrestricted Donations: Cities & Town              | \$ 43,000           | Meals on Wheels (MOW)                 | \$ 374,740          |
| Income Other                                       | \$ 5,000            | SILC Grant                            | \$ 35,000           |
| Misc. Income (subscriptions/reimbursements)        | \$ 3,500            | Equipment Distribution Program (EDP)  | \$ 35,250           |
| VIRS Referral Fees                                 | \$ 65,000           | <b>Total Specific Assistance</b>      | <b>\$ 817,990</b>   |
| Grants: Statewide Independent Living Center (SILC) | \$ 150,000          |                                       |                     |
| Grants: VT Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS)     | \$ 55,000           | <b>OPERATIONAL EXPENSES</b>           |                     |
| Grants: NIDLRR                                     | \$ 18,700           | <b>Personal Services</b>              |                     |
| Grants: Wellness Workforce Coalition               | \$ 115,418          | Salaries                              | \$ 878,102          |
| Grants: USDOE 704N                                 | \$ 585,094          | Fringe Benefits                       | \$ 380,795          |
| Grants: USDOE 704S                                 | \$ 254,667          | <b>Total Personal Services</b>        | <b>\$ 1,258,897</b> |
| Grants: VT Housing Conservation Board/DAIL         | \$ 545,000          | <b>Agency Operating Expenses</b>      |                     |
| Grants: Meals on Wheels                            | \$ 466,140          | Professional Services                 | \$ 73,145           |
| Grants: Equipment Distribution Program (EDP)       | \$ 75,000           | Board expenses                        | \$ 4,000            |
| Grants: VocRehab Youth                             | \$ 80,000           | Occupancy                             | \$ 86,692           |
|  |                     | Travel, Conference & Meetings         | \$ 28,112           |
|  |                     | Printing & Publication                | \$ 7,177            |
|  |                     | Telecommunications                    | \$ 26,000           |
|  |                     | Supplies                              | \$ 20,256           |
|  |                     | General Insurance                     | \$ 35,002           |
|  |                     | Postage                               | \$ 11,400           |
|  |                     | Equipment Repair, Lease & Maintenance | \$ 24,000           |
|  |                     | Advertising & Outreach                | \$ 6,750            |
|  |                     | Dues & Subscriptions                  | \$ 6,500            |
|  |                     | Training                              | \$ 8,350            |
|  |                     | Depreciation Expense                  | \$ 26,044           |
|  |                     | Wellness Workforce Coalition Training | \$ 46,000           |
|  |                     | <b>Total Direct Expenses</b>          | <b>\$ 409,428</b>   |
| <b>Total Projected Income</b>                      | <b>\$ 2,486,519</b> | <b>Total Projected Expenses</b>       | <b>\$ 2,486,315</b> |
|  |                     | Net Income                            | \$ 204              |

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING  
TOWN OF WESTON  
SUMMARY REPORT**

**Request Amount: \$230,000**

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. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'17 (10/2016-9/2017) 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. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **358** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **13** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **165** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **80** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **98** individuals with information on assistive technology; **45** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **534** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **49** people and provided **22** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamolite, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Windham County office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) (previously under the VT Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY '17, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I, R & A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP)

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



A Dartmouth-Hitchcock Affiliate

**VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH**  
**Home Health and Hospice Services in Weston, VT**

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. This year VNH is requesting level funding in the amount of \$2,350.

Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 VNH made 932 homecare visits to 24 Weston residents. This included approximately \$20,352 in unreimbursed care to Weston residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 178 home visits to 16 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 754 home visits to 8 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Weston's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

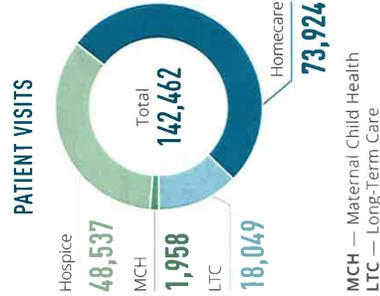
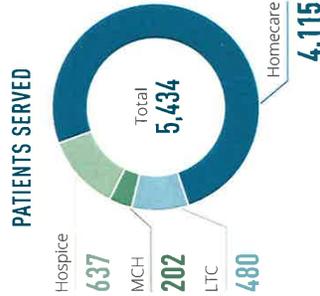
Sincerely,  
*Jeanne A. McLaughlin*

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 vnhcare.org

# 2016 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

“VNH was there when I desperately needed help. I want to ‘age’ in my own home, and your services help me do that.”

VNH Patient



MCH — Maternal Child Health  
 LTC — Long-Term Care

Federal and state government payers limit reimbursement for services. Third party payers contract for services at rates below cost, so VNH has billing adjustments that represent shortfalls in covering the actual cost of care. VNH serves all who qualify, regardless of their ability to pay.

**CHARGES FOR CARE PROVIDED**

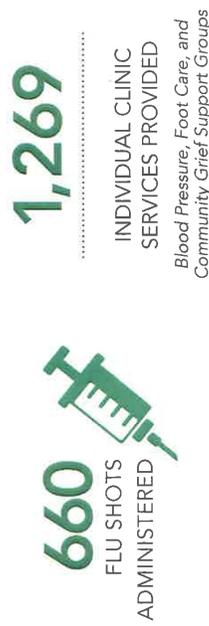
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| Non-Reimbursed Charges Medicare and Medicaid | (\$3,981,435) |
| Third-party payers                           | (\$625,467)   |
| Subtotal Non-Reimbursed Charges              | (\$4,606,902) |
| Net Revenue from Patient Care                | \$21,833,317  |

**\$26,440,219**

**EXPENSES**

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Salaries and Benefits       | \$12,275,645 |
| Direct Care Costs           | \$3,923,325  |
| Transportation              | \$761,947    |
| Operating Expenses          | \$5,445,306  |
| Total Expenses              | \$22,406,223 |
| Patient Care Operating Gain | (\$572,906)  |

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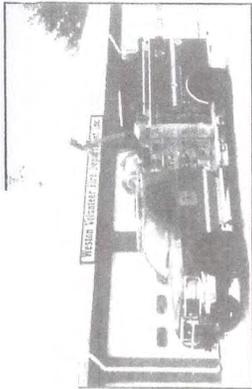
WESTON CEMETERY COMMISSION  
2017 STATEMENT/2018 BUDGET

|                         | <b>BUDGET 2017</b> | <b>ACTUAL 2017</b> | <b>BUDGET 2018</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>           |                    |                    |                    |
| Sale of Graves          | 1000               | 1000               | 1000               |
| Town Appropriation      | 9825               | 9825               | 10005              |
| Bank Dividends          | 15                 | 16                 | 15                 |
| Transfer from Endowment | 8200               | 5000               | 9000               |
| Marker Deposit *        | 500                | 0                  | 0                  |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>     | <b>19540</b>       | <b>15841</b>       | <b>20020</b>       |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>         |                    |                    |                    |
| Mowing & 2 cleanups     | 11300              | 11300              | 11300              |
| Brush Clearing          | 1000               | 954                | 1000               |
| Tree Work               | 2150               | 1080               | 2150               |
| Flags                   | 350                | 334                | 300                |
| Bid Advertising         | 120                | 48                 | 150                |
| Bookkeeping             | 120                | 0                  | 120                |
| Stone Repairs           | 1500               | 1500               | 2500               |
| New Road to lots        | 2500               | 0                  | 2500               |
| Lot Markers*            | 500                | 0                  | 0                  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>   | <b>19540</b>       | <b>15216</b>       | <b>20020</b>       |

\* Marker fees are now paid directly to Bowker & Sons by the purchaser of the lots.

2018 is the final year of a three year contract with Whitetail & Wilde to maintain the Town cemeteries. We all agree that Josh Allison and his crew have done an excellent job for the past two years. The Cemetery Commission is awaiting a proposal to improve access to the grave lots on the hill in Maple Grove Cemetery. In the fall the Commission met with Ray Mara and agreed on the tree work to be done in Maple Grove Cemetery. Winter settled in before this work could be accomplished. Both the tree and the access to the hill lots are high priorities for the spring. Repairs on the gravestones was started in 2017 and will continue in 2018.





# WESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

734 Main St P.O. Box 52  
Weston, Vermont 05161

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It's time once again to let you know what's going on at the firehouse. As of December 15<sup>th</sup>, our volunteers have responded to nearly 50 calls this year. These calls include motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, alarm activations and helping our neighboring towns.

We are actively pursuing grants to help fund the replacement of our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (air packs) as ours do not meet the current N.F.P.A standards for breathing apparatus. The air cylinders used in them have nearly reached the end of their 15 year life span and need replacing as well. This will be a very costly process but we have already received several thousand dollars in grants toward this effort.

We hold training nearly every Thursday evening. Several of our members hold Firefighter One or Two certification and must obtain a minimum of 24 hours of training yearly to remain certified. Training must include CPR/AED, S.C.B.A. use, a Hazardous Materials Operations refresher and training important to their position in the department.

We were once again part of Christmas in Weston. You may have seen us grilling burgers and hot dogs, visiting with friends old and new, or delivering Santa Claus to The Vermont Country Store by fire engine so his reindeer could rest up for the big night.

Most importantly in 2017, thanks to the townspeople of Weston, we ordered our new 2000 gallon tanker from KME Fire Apparatus. We expect delivery in March or April of 2018. I would like to offer a big thank you to the members of the truck committee for putting in countless hours. They met with multiple dealers, compared costs, quality of materials, workmanship and service. They also traveled to the KME headquarters in Pennsylvania to meet with company officials and read over more than 80 pages of contract line by line to make sure everything was correct prior to construction.

In the spring of 2018, the Weston Volunteer Fire Department, in conjunction with the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont, is implementing a program for free smoke detector delivery and installation for Weston town citizens who do not have protection. To obtain a free smoke detector, which will be installed by certified members of the Fire Department or the Red Cross, simply sign up on town meeting day in the lobby or contact a Weston Volunteer Fire Department member before March 15, 2018. These smoke detectors meet the latest recommendations or requirements of state laws and will last for ten years without battery replacement. Fire safety information will also be distributed to those wanting such material.

Our membership has increased over the last year but we always need more help. If you have any desire to volunteer, please stop in any time you see us at the station or contact any member.

As always, we thank you all for supporting us on town meeting day.

Sincerely,

Weston Volunteer Fire Department

Brian Lundberg, Chief

## WESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET

|  | 2016 Proposed      | 2016 Actual        | 2017 Proposed      | 2017 Actual        | 2018 Proposed      |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Town Appropriation   | \$36,525.00        | \$36,525.00        | \$26,225.00        | \$26,225.00        | \$27,850.00        |
| Interest & Dividend Income                                       | \$50.00            | \$383.96           | \$350.00           | \$655.91           | \$500.00           |
| Membership Dues  | \$25.00            | \$30.00            | \$25.00            | \$24.00            | \$25.00            |
| Donations  | \$10,000.00        | \$12,255.00        | \$10,000.00        | \$15,900.00        | \$10,000.00        |
| Other Fundraiser   | \$500.00           | \$2,381.25         | \$500.00           | \$1,861.25         | \$500.00           |
| Grants   | \$2,000.00         | \$2,800.00         | \$2,500.00         | \$5,000.00         | \$2,500.00         |
| Other  | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$25,000.00        | \$0.00             |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>  | <b>\$49,400.00</b> | <b>\$54,355.21</b> | <b>\$39,600.00</b> | <b>\$74,666.16</b> | <b>\$41,375.00</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Radios & Repairs   | \$2,000.00         | \$2,111.85         | \$2,000.00         | \$1,993.40         | \$2,500.00         |
| Bldg. Services & Supplies  | \$1,500.00         | \$1,358.61         | \$1,500.00         | \$5,629.51         | \$1,500.00         |
| Utilities  | \$7,000.00         | \$4,305.10         | \$6,000.00         | \$5,410.62         | \$6,000.00         |
| Truck Repair & Maintenance                                       | \$10,000.00        | \$9,482.63         | \$10,000.00        | \$7,497.49         | \$8,000.00         |
| Insurance  | \$2,600.00         | \$2,672.00         | \$2,700.00         | \$2,659.00         | \$2,700.00         |
| Dues   | \$450.00           | \$427.00           | \$450.00           | \$834.00           | \$475.00           |
| Equipment & Other  | \$19,000.00        | \$15,147.17        | \$12,000.00        | \$7,601.32         | \$14,000.00        |
| Appeal Letter/Expenses   | \$600.00           | \$846.70           | \$700.00           | \$454.20           | \$700.00           |
| Training   | \$750.00           | \$437.00           | \$750.00           | \$1,125.84         | \$2,000.00         |
| Grant Writer   | \$2,000.00         | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| Other  | \$3,500.00         | \$2,583.23         | \$3,500.00         | \$3,295.11         | \$3,500.00         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>  | <b>\$49,400.00</b> | <b>\$39,371.29</b> | <b>\$39,600.00</b> | <b>\$38,600.49</b> | <b>\$41,375.00</b> |
| Money put into Money Market Funds for Specific Future Purchases: |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Results of operations  | \$0.00             | \$5,000.00         | \$0.00             | \$8,000.00         | \$0.00             |
|  |                    | \$6,483.92         |                    | \$65.67            |                    |
| <b>ACCOUNT BALANCES AT:</b>                                      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| 12/31/2016   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Heritage Share / Savings   |                    |                    |                    | 268.31             |                    |
| Operating Checking   |                    |                    |                    | 7,880.05           |                    |
| Operating Money Market:  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Air Pack Fund:   |                    | 4,000.00           |                    |                    |                    |
| Building Fund:   |                    | 23,037.26          |                    |                    |                    |
| Equipment Fund:  |                    | 500.00             |                    |                    |                    |
| Gear Fund:   |                    | 1,794.86           |                    |                    |                    |
| Grant Writer Fund:   |                    | 2,000.00           |                    |                    |                    |
| Truck Repair Fund:   |                    | 10,000.00          |                    |                    |                    |
| General Funds:   |                    | 17,237.12          |                    |                    |                    |
|  |                    | \$61,559.24        |                    | 58,659.24          |                    |
| Firemen's Relief Fund  |                    |                    |                    | 5,319.07           |                    |
| Braintree/Johnson  |                    |                    |                    | 40,526.46          |                    |
|  |                    |                    |                    | 112,596.07         |                    |
| 12/31/2017   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Heritage Share / Savings   |                    |                    |                    | 270.46             |                    |
| Operating Checking   |                    |                    |                    | 2,355.56           |                    |
| Operating Money Market:  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Air Pack Fund:   |                    | 15,000.00          |                    |                    |                    |
| Building Fund:   |                    | 18,868.24          |                    |                    |                    |
| Equipment Fund:  |                    | 500.00             |                    |                    |                    |
| Gear Fund:   |                    | 1,794.86           |                    |                    |                    |
| Grant Writer Fund:   |                    | 2,000.00           |                    |                    |                    |
| Truck Repair Fund:   |                    | 10,000.00          |                    |                    |                    |
| New Truck Outfitting Fund:                                       |                    | 2,000.00           |                    |                    |                    |
| General Funds:   |                    | 26,652.29          |                    |                    |                    |
|  |                    | 76,805.39          |                    | 76,805.39          |                    |
| Firemen's Relief Fund  |                    |                    |                    | 5,382.03           |                    |
| Sinonds Fund   |                    |                    |                    | 25,141.59          |                    |
| Braintree/Johnson Fund   |                    |                    |                    | 40,696.16          |                    |
|  |                    |                    |                    | 150,661.19         |                    |



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January 2018

The mission of the Wilder Memorial Library is "to provide the greater Weston Community with access to the educational, cultural, recreational and research benefits of a free public library." We are grateful for support from the Town of Weston, our volunteers, patrons, and donors.

2017 proved to be another exciting year at the Library. In June, Amanda Merk, our Library Director informed us that she was leaving to become the Library Director in Woodstock. The Trustees formed a search committee, chaired by new Trustee Linda Saarnijoki, and after an extensive search, the Board unanimously approved Randall Scott as our new Library Director. Randall, who hails from Barnard, started right before Thanksgiving and has an interesting and diverse background, including being a chef, a college professor, a writer, speaker and arts enthusiast. He looks forward to serving our community and to partnering with other organizations. If you haven't met Randall yet, please stop in and say hello.

During the period from June to November, the Library was kept open and running smoothly by a group of dedicated volunteers and substitutes. Many thanks to all who pitched in - Christine Mix, Stephen Orleske, Jaimee Rawson, Dorothy Clair, Janet Chioffi, Joe Connelly, Suzanne Lawler and Susann Malin. Also, more than 30 volunteers helped us put together our annual book sale which raised over \$2,700 for the Library. We are very grateful to all our volunteers.

2017 also saw some changes on the Board of Trustees. Bill Hoyt retired after many years of service as our Treasurer. Bill's financial savvy and his untiring good cheer will be greatly missed. Malcolm Hamblett has stepped up as our new Treasurer and we have two new Trustees who have jumped in to help - Linda Saarnijoki and Joanne Prouty.

Randall and the Trustees are looking forward to working with volunteers and the community to build on our strengths as well as assess strategic challenges. We are very proud of the role that our library has played in our community and we are excited about what we can do in the future. We also are very proud of our historic library building and are working on an inventory of needed repairs and upgrades, including the entrance area, which we plan to address in 2018 and the years ahead in order to preserve its aesthetic and historic value.

In addition to continuing our current services - supporting children's literacy, free high speed internet, inter-library loan, providing programming, and circulating books, movies and audio/e-books - the Wilder Memorial Library is excited to engage in ongoing conversations about how we might collaborate with community partners to further enrich civic and cultural life in Weston. For the library to continue to provide excellent services to our community, and to build deep and lasting partnerships locally and regionally, the Trustees of the Library respectfully request an appropriation in the amount of \$15,000.

The library is run by a board of trustees who are elected by the voters at Town meeting. Trustees' meetings are open to the public, and the meeting schedule is available on our website—www.wildermemoriallibrary.org. Please feel free to join us and learn more about your library. To receive our monthly eNewsletter, please email a request to director@wildermemoriallibrary.org. Follow library news on our website, our Facebook page, or @wilderweston on Twitter. We are very grateful for the support of our patrons, volunteers, and donors. We look forward to continuing to serve the Weston community in 2018.

Sincerely,

Deborah Granquist, Board of Trustees

Randall Scott, Library Director

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**Wilder Memorial Library**

| <u>Income</u>                   | <u>2017 Actual</u> | <u>2017 Budget</u> | <u>2018 Budget</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Town Appropriation              | \$ 14,585          | \$ 14,585          | \$ 15,000          |
| Annual Appeal                   | \$ 11,612          | \$ 12,000          | \$ 12,000          |
| Other Fundraising               | \$ 909             | \$ 2,000           | \$ 4,000           |
| Book Sale                       | \$ 3,701           | \$ 4,500           | \$ -               |
| Grants                          | \$ 5,750           | \$ 3,550           | \$ 4,500           |
| Other Donations                 | \$ 969             | \$ 600             | \$ 1,250           |
| Miscellaneous Income            | \$ 715             | \$ -               | \$ -               |
| <b>Total Operating Income</b>   | <b>\$ 38,241</b>   | <b>\$ 37,235</b>   | <b>\$ 36,750</b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                 |                    |                    |                    |
| Books, Magazines, DVDs          | \$ 3,378           | \$ 3,400           | \$ 3,650           |
| Programs                        | \$ 2,380           | \$ 3,000           | \$ 3,000           |
| Interlibrary Loans              | \$ 113             | \$ 500             | \$ 350             |
| Computer & Internet Services    | \$ 5,768           | \$ 5,125           | \$ 3,625           |
| Fundraising Expenses            | \$ 1,935           | \$ 1,750           | \$ 1,750           |
| Salaries and taxes              | \$ 20,796          | \$ 24,684          | \$ 26,183          |
| Education/Training              | \$ 183             | \$ 1,100           | \$ 1,600           |
| Utilities & Maintenance         | \$ 3,068           | \$ 4,750           | \$ 3,860           |
| Insurance                       | \$ 749             | \$ 800             | \$ 800             |
| Building Maintenance/Upgrades   | \$ 4,749           | \$ 9,000           | \$ 5,000           |
| Postage & Box Rental            | \$ 240             | \$ 250             | \$ 250             |
| Supplies                        | \$ 1,082           | \$ 1,200           | \$ 1,300           |
| Other/Miscellaneous             | \$ 1,520           | \$ 450             | \$ 450             |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b> | <b>\$ 45,961</b>   | <b>\$ 56,009</b>   | <b>\$ 51,818</b>   |
| <b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>  | <b>\$ (7,720)</b>  | <b>\$ (18,774)</b> | <b>\$ (15,068)</b> |
| Transfer from Endowment         | \$ -               | \$ 11,000          | \$ 13,064          |
| Lemonade for Library Fund       | \$ 2,469           | \$ 4,473           | \$ 2,004           |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                 | <b>\$ (5,251)</b>  | <b>\$ (3,301)</b>  | <b>\$ 0.00</b>     |
| Surplus from prior year         | \$ 3,301           | \$ 3,301           | \$ 0.00            |
| <b>*Net Income (Loss)</b>       | <b>\$ (1,950)</b>  | <b>\$ 0.00</b>     | <b>\$ 0.00</b>     |

## LONDONDERRY VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad responded to 471 calls in 2017. This is down slightly from our high of 513 calls last year. The location of these calls are as follows: 3 in Andover, 10 in Jamaica, 12 in Landgrove, 118 in Londonderry, 67 in South Londonderry, 32 in Peru, 27 in Stratton, 68 in Weston, 17 in Windham, 82 in Winhall, 1 in Ludlow, 1 in Manchester and 2 in Chester. There were 31 calls at the following ski areas: 17 at Bromley, 8 at Stratton, and 6 at Magic Mountain.

Of these calls: 264 were illnesses, 106 injuries, 58 motor vehicle accidents, 16 stand-by calls, and 27 public assists. We responded to 12 mutual aid calls, while 34 calls resulted in other services coming to our aid. Our members initiated Advanced Life Support measures and interventions on over 200 calls. These interventions includes: starting 127 pre-hospital IV's, cardiac defibrillations, and administration of albuterol, zofran, epinephrine, narcan, aspirin, nitroglycerin, morphine, fentanyl, dextrose (D50) and Nitrous Oxide. We used a Paramedic Intercept service 5 times and called in the DHART helicopter 6 times. Sixty-one percent of our calls were daytime calls between the hours of 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Of the patients we transported, 28 were younger than 18 years of age while 183 patients were over 65.

Our Squad membership has remained steady this past year. We gained two members while losing four members. This brings our total membership to forty-five members. Eleven of these members are ambulance drivers with CPR training, nine Emergency Medical Responders, nine Emergency Medical Technicians, eleven Advance Emergency Medical Technicians, and five Paramedics. We just completed an EMR class at our building with the hopes of getting a few more new members, once they have finished testing. We are always looking for new members, especially those who can respond to daytime calls. Please go to our website at ([londonderryrescuevt.org](http://londonderryrescuevt.org)) to check us out and to down load our applications.

Within our squad we have our Londonderry Technical Rescue which does all of the vehicle extrications, back country rescues, cold water rescues, low angle rescues, etc. in our coverage area. This department is also growing with over thirty members.

Since we have such long transports to the area hospitals, we try not to be on scene any longer than ten minutes. You can help us keep this time to a minimum by being prepared for when the ambulance arrives at your residence. Often patients (or families) in distress can't remember what medications they are on, or what they are being treated for. Each of you can help us out by creating a simple list that includes such things as your name, mailing address, date of birth, past and current medical treatments and/or conditions, and a **list of your current medications**. Please have this list available so that it's handy when we arrive on scene. **It's your life that we can save with this knowledge and time saved.**

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad has seen a large increase in prescription drug, opiate abuse and deaths in recent years. This is a national problem that affects us all, no matter where we live. To help combat this problem and to better treat the patients that we transport, LVRS has started using Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) for pain control. This will cut down on our use of giving opiates for pain and to better control pain for recovering addicts that refuse opiates. We are one of the few ambulance services in Vermont to use Nitrous Oxide.

Our coverage area changed slightly this past year. We are no longer covering the Rawsonville area of Jamaica. We are now covering the Andover Ridge area of Andover. This resulted in very little difference in the square miles that we cover, which continues to be between 250 and 255 square miles.

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad is a licensed Paramedic Service. We are a highly trained, professional Squad that is run and staffed completely by volunteers. I want to thank our members and their families for the time, commitment, and sacrifices that they have made in taking our Squad to the level that it has achieved. LVRS is the only transporting ambulance service in the State of Vermont that does not bill for any of our transports or services. This is only made possible by the continued generosity and support of the communities and the residents that we serve.

Thank You,

William "Pete" Cobb Jr.  
President, LVRS

### TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year 2017, the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad had expenses totaling \$156,864.33. There were 471 calls at an average expense of \$333.05 per call.

Wilma Tremarco  
Treasurer, LVRS

January 5, 2018

Town Select Boards

RE: LVRS Town Report & Request

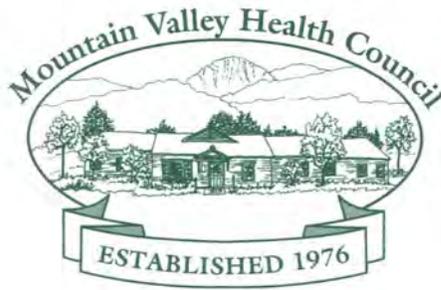
Dear Select Boards,

Enclosed is the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad's annual town report. Over the years the Rescue Squad has received funding from all of the towns that we serve. Since we do not charge for any of our services, this money is needed and very much appreciated. The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad has not asked any of the towns for a specific amount of money for any given year and has treated these funds as a kind of donation for our services.

It has come to our attention that some towns would like to have a specific amount listed as a request for town meeting. We are pleased with the amount given last year and do not request any increases for this year.

Thank you for your continued support.

William "Pete" Cobb Jr.  
President LVRS



December 11, 2017

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Town of Weston, Select Board  
PO Box 98  
Weston, VT 05161

Dear Select Board:

As you know, when Mountain Valley Medical Clinic joined Springfield Medical Care Systems we became part of a Federally Qualified Health Center. This means that all our patients are entitled to the medical care they need regardless of their ability to pay.

However, Mountain Valley Medical Clinic continues to act as a medical safety net for vulnerable mountain residents. With the rising cost of health care and high deductibles, we are seeing more and more people struggling to pay for their medical care. We regularly fund office visits, prescriptions, co-pays, transportation costs and many other circumstantial expenses related to medical care.

MVMC set up an emergency relief fund to pay for these expenses and these are tracked by towns. The fund is for area residents who are uninsured, struggling with the high cost of health insurance or just struggling to keep up with their everyday financial demands. The fund is used only for patients who seek care at MVMC and live in our catchment area. This money will not be used for any care sought outside MVMC or for any non-MVMC patients.

The emergency relief fund is subsidized through town appropriations, as well as private supporters. We are requesting Weston appropriate \$2,500 for this fund which provides financial assistance to Weston residents unable to afford their healthcare.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stephen Lyon, Board President

Linda Bickford, Director

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September 15, 2017

Mr. Denis Benson  
Selectboard Chair  
PO Box 98  
Weston, Vermont 05161

Dear Mr. Benson:

Since 2007, Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS), an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), has been developing long-term regional economic development strategies that generate growth and prosperity in the Windham Region economy. SeVEDS board members and BDCC staff have been meeting with municipal boards and officials throughout the Windham Region time frame - annually since 2012, or this Spring and Summer or scheduling this Fall. This has been a tremendous experience for us and a great opportunity for towns to learn more about the progress of the regional economic development efforts underway. Those efforts include: the expansion of rural economic and workforce development networks through the Southern Vermont Economy Project, the growth of our regional paid college internship program and of Fast Tracks to Success, our high school career awareness program, as well as support and programming for entrepreneurs and small businesses through INSTIG8, the Southern Vermont Business Accelerator and the creation of the green building and services Ecovation Hub. This past year alone, 180 Windham County high school Sophomores participated in the Sophomore Summit, 200 Windham County high school students participated in Fast Tracks visits to local employers, 23 interns placed were placed in paid internships with Windham Region businesses, and 35 young adults earned post-secondary credentials and obtained jobs at Grace Cottage, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, GS Precision and The Hermitage.

These projects are part of implementing our region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs) to grow the region's economy. Our award winning, federally approved CEDs covering the 27 towns in the Windham region is reviewed on an annual basis and must be renewed every five years. In 2019 SeVEDS, will partner with the Bennington Regional Commission to complete the first ever, Southern Vermont CEDs encompassing the Southern Vermont Economic Zone, a region designated by the Vermont Legislature in 2014 as having significant economic development needs. This Zone CEDs development will serve as the five year renewal and expansion of the existing Windham Region CEDs. Over the next 18 months stakeholders across Southern Vermont will be invited to data presentations, discussions analyzing trends and conditions, and to refine the long term economic goals and objectives of Southern Vermont into 2024. Ongoing participation in the planning process from community leaders, municipalities, businesses and town residents has enabled our progress in implementing programs and aid to overcome our very real demographic and economic challenges.

The BDCC invests significantly in the implementation of the SeVEDS led initiatives encompassed in the CEDs. The scale of the demographic challenges we are working to overcome exceeds the resources of our existing organizations. We have been working to build the capacity necessary internally, and among our partner organizations, to make meaningful progress. Since 2012, we have been supported regionally by taxpayers in the towns of Brattleboro, Dover, Guilford, Londonderry, Marlboro Newfane, Putney,

Rockingham, Vernon, Westminster, Weston, and Wilmington with \$370,000 in municipal funds. SeVEDS initiatives have also received state and federal funding from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD), the Vermont Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Commerce. We continually seek to leverage regional public dollars to secure private support from employers, individuals and foundations to deliver programs and projects that help improve the region's economy. In FY17 SeVEDS and BDCC leveraged many years of strategic investments and capacity building, by using an additional \$70,881 of municipal funding, along with the state's FY16 investment in SeVEDS and BDCC of \$158,000 to obtain \$6,000,000 of grants and investment to produce over \$42 million in projects and program impacts.

In support of the continuation of the regional efforts, SeVEDS is again requesting municipal funding for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. We are asking all towns in the Windham Region to contribute towards this regional economic development effort at the rate of \$3.00 per person, based on town population. We are asking the Town of Weston to include the request as an article on its 2018 Town Meeting Warning to: appropriate \$1,698.00 (based on population of 566) to support continued implementation of SeVEDS efforts.

Many towns over the years have chosen to include the funding request in their budget or list the funding request as a separately warned article to be voted upon at Town Meeting day. We welcome the opportunity to make the case directly to voters and talk about the importance of the regional planning efforts on Town Meeting Day. Some towns request petitioning for the appropriation to be included on the warning. Petitioning has become the single biggest stumbling block to increasing the number of municipalities contributing to this regional effort. While we have successfully petitioned in five towns over the last two years, the staff time spent petitioning throughout the towns is significant and takes away from program implementation. We ask that you consider this request as we plan to follow up and schedule a time for staff to meet with the Selectboard to answer any questions regarding this request.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to following up with the board on this request.

Sincerely,

Adam Grinold  
Executive Director  
Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation  
76 Cotton Mill Hill  
Brattleboro, Vermont 05301

**Windsor County Youth Services Annual Report FY'19**

**WINDSOR COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES**

*Mountainside House*

*The House at 20-Mile Stream*

6 Mill Street • Ludlow, VT 05149

(802) 228-6880 • (802) 228-4410 fax • [wcyys@tds.net](mailto:wcyys@tds.net) – E-mail

In 2016 alone, Windsor County Youth Services has provided shelter services to 163 Vermont teens for 4,775 shelter bed nights, and transitional living services to 8 young adults for 1,170 transitional living bed nights. Please see the tables below for details.

November 8, 2017

Town of Weston

Dear Friends,

Windsor County Youth Services offers a range of services for Vermont's Homeless and Runaway Teenagers. Mountainside House and The House at Twenty Mile Stream offer short term crisis stabilization and emergency shelter for Vermont Teenagers ages 13-18. Transitional living programs are offered at both residences for adolescents age 17-22. We are also very proud to provide a VT Department of Education Licensed school program to all residents.

In the past 20 years we have provided a warm bed, hot meals, support, structure, and a Vermont licensed education to *over 1,500 Vermont teenagers. We provided housing on over 2,000 occasions in 2017 alone.*

We are a Non-Profit Organization providing Vermont's Homeless and Runaway Teenagers with services that include housing, meals, counseling, and education. In light of the number of clients we continue to serve, we again hope you will keep us in your town's appropriations for FY2019. We respectfully request \$600 from the town to continue providing these services.

Thank You for your consideration and generosity in FY 2018.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Hanlon  
Executive Director  
Windsor County Youth Services  
Mountainside House  
The House at 20-Mile Stream

| Transitional Living Program | Teens    | Bed Nights  |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Girls                       | 6        | 741         |
| Boys                        | 3        | 530         |
| <b>Totals:</b>              | <b>9</b> | <b>1271</b> |

| Shelter Program | Teens      | Bed Nights   |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| Girls           | 103        | 2,023        |
| Boys            | 86         | 1,985        |
| <b>Totals:</b>  | <b>189</b> | <b>4,008</b> |

Windsor County Youth Services offers a range of services for Vermont's homeless and runaway teenagers. Mountainside House and the House at Twenty Mile Stream offer short-term crisis stabilization and emergency shelter for Vermont teens ages 13-18, and a transitional living program is offered at both residences for ages 17-22. W.C.Y.S. is also very proud to provide a school program, licensed by the VT Department of Education, to all residents.

Mountainside and the House at Twenty-Mile Stream continue to involve our boys and girls in community projects such as the Ludlow Community Garden, the Vermont Sunshine Society, Black River Good Neighbors, The Fletcher Memorial Library Annual Book Sale, and Green-up day in Ludlow, VT. Our residents enjoy the opportunity to give back to our communities while learning important and valuable life skills.



**Women's Freedom Center's  
Statement of Services  
And  
Report to the Town of Weston**

December 12, 2017

Select Board  
Town of Weston  
P.O. Box 98  
Weston, VT 05161

Dear Select Board,

The Women's Freedom Center began providing domestic and sexual violence services to the residents of Weston on January 1, 2014, from our office in Springfield. This is the first year we are requesting your town's support. We formally ask that you place a request for \$500 from fiscal year 2019 funds on the warning for March 2018, town meeting.

With the town's assistance, we will continue to do everything we can to provide quality advocacy and support to the survivors of your town who seek our help, as well as offering outreach and community education within all the towns of Southern Windsor County.

I am enclosing a Statement of Services which may be printed in your Town Meeting handbook. Please feel free to contact me should you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Vickie Sterling  
Executive Director  
Women's Freedom Center

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and Southern Windsor Counties. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windsor County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,700 crisis telephone calls and provided hundreds of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to 638 women, 17 men, and 478 children who had been abused. In addition, we provided over 200 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops throughout our service area.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,

Vickie Sterling  
Executive Director  
Women's Freedom Center



**Tune into our local Front Porch Forum**

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

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**Windham & Windsor Housing Trust**

**Green Mountain Home Repair – Maintaining your Home *Matters***

**Low-Cost Loans for Essential Home Repairs**

There never seems to be a good time to pay for home improvement projects. It feels like the cost of living keeps going up, and there's never much left after the bills are paid. But what if those improvements made your home **safer**, more **comfortable**, more **attractive**, more **affordable** to heat?

Now there's an affordable way to tackle your home improvement projects. A low-cost loan through **Green Mountain Home Repair** can make your home repairs possible, protect your investment and restore your pride of ownership.

The **Green Mountain Home Repair** program is administered by Windham & Windsor Housing Trust, a non-profit organization committed to helping Vermonters find, nurture, improve and thrive in their homes. We care about WHERE you live and HOW you live. The GMHR program is designed to help homeowners live better, feel safer, and maintain your pride of ownership.

To verify eligibility or for an application, call: **802-254-4604**.

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**Vermont 2-1-1**

2-1-1 can connect you with services that can help you with difficult times and help with everyday needs.

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

# Green Mountain National Forest

## Excerpts from the 2017 Report

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors. The support the Forest receives helps to accomplish an extremely robust program of work. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000 acre GMNF. Receiving several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits annually, these visitors seek enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to the local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people -- people in Weston as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. Below is a brief summary of what happened in the National Forest throughout the past year relating to Weston.

Wildlife habitat was improved and maintained through the creation and maintenance of early successional habitat important to many species. Nearly 400 acres of permanent upland openings were maintained by prescribed fire, mowing, or mastication in several towns including Weston. Apple trees, which are a high-value wildlife food, were "released" by cutting competing vegetation from around old orchards.

Along with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department and Central Connecticut State University, the GMNF staff assisted in deploying camera traps at several sites within the Manchester Ranger District to determine the presence of the American marten, which was reintroduced to the Forest in the early 1990's after it was believed extirpated.

In another partnership with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, GMNF staff has instituted a long-term program to monitor the federally-threatened Canada lynx through the use of camera traps. This program began in response to two confirmed lynx sightings in 2016 near GMNF lands. The goal is to determine if a breeding population occurs on the GMNF while also collecting valuable data on other carnivores.

Also in Weston, a research project studied the presence of the amphibian fungus *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* in wild amphibian populations.

Fire management personnel on the GMNF were very active this past season accomplishing eleven prescribed fires while suppressing or assisting in the suppression of three GMNF wildfires. Prescribed fire treatment objectives were focused on reducing forest fuels, improving wildlife habitat and reinvigorating native blueberry patches. Prescribed burns carried out included 2 acres on Holt Mountain Road in Weston.

For the complete report please refer to the Recreation and Camping section found at [www.westonvt.org](http://www.westonvt.org).



## Just Neighbors

Just Neighbors, a 501(c)(3) organization run totally by volunteers, is dedicated to providing short term assistance to local people who are experiencing a challenge in their living situations. The following services are provided:

- Transportation for essential needs – more than 80% of rides provided by JN were for medical/physical therapy
- Firewood – logs are cut, split and delivered by volunteers
- Emergency funds - provided for housing, fuel assistance, etc. and are in the form of grants

The service area includes the towns of Andover, Bondville, Landgrove, Londonderry, South Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Windham and Winhall with Londonderry, South Londonderry and Weston receiving more than 2/3 of the total assistance delivered in 2017.

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank our fellow board members, our drivers, our wood crew and all the “friends of Just Neighbors” for their contributions to our community in 2017!**

Just Neighbors

P.O. Box 172, Weston, VT 05161

Help line: 1-802-787-1225

**THE LONDONDERRY SOLID WASTE GROUP**  
Serving the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Windham

The Londonderry Solid Waste Group (LSWG) is committed to developing programs and policies that reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills, increase recycling and maximize hazardous waste collections.

As of October 2017, cash is no longer accepted as payment for trash disposal at the transfer station. **Punch cards** can be purchased at Londonderry, Peru, Weston and Windham town offices OR at Londonderry Hardware and Weston Marketplace.

**Annual Permit Stickers** are required for entrance to the transfer station for trash disposal **and** recycling. Residential stickers are available at the Londonderry Town office and Weston Town Office in person or by mail with a SASE. You must be from the five towns in the LSWG to use the transfer station.



# WASTE NOT GUIDE

WHAT TO DO WITH ITEMS THAT ARE BANNED FROM THE TRASH

**RECYCLE ANYWHERE\***: Drop-off or with your hauler

  
Plastic #1 and #2

  
Glass jars, bottles

  
Cans and foil

  
Cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper

**COMPOST**: At home, drop-off, or with your hauler

  
Leaf and yard debris, grass clippings, branches, etc.

  
Food scraps, coffee grounds, egg shells, etc.  
(Ban for residents begins July 1, 2020)

**BANNED & SPECIAL RECYCLING**: Find collection locations at [vtrecycles.com](http://vtrecycles.com)

  
Mercury-containing bulbs, thermostats, switches, thermometers, etc.

  
Paint, stain, thinner and varnish

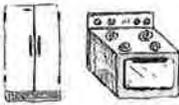
  
Computers and accessories, phones, TVs, MP3 players, VCRs/DVDs, etc.

  
Lead-acid, rechargeable, and other batteries

\*For more information, contact [londonrecycle@vermontel.net](mailto:londonrecycle@vermontel.net)

**Vermont Waste Management & Prevention Division**  
(802) 828-1138 | [vtrecycles.com](http://vtrecycles.com)

**OTHER BANNED OR DANGEROUS ITEMS**: For more information, contact [londonrecycle@vermontel.net](mailto:londonrecycle@vermontel.net)

  
Large appliances & scrap metal

  
Used Oil, filters, auto fluids

  
Tires

  
Clean Wood

  
Asphalt shingles, plywood, OSB, and drywall from large projects within 20 miles of a C&D facility

  
Explosives, fireworks, gasoline, pesticides, pool chemicals, propane cylinders

\*A complete **A-Z** list of all materials that you can recycle at the transfer station and where to dispose of just about everything can be found at <http://londonderryvt.org/LondonderryRecycle/RecycleMain.html>.

As always, your comments and questions are welcome. You can contact your recycling coordinator, Esther Fishman, at [londonrecycle@vermontel.net](mailto:londonrecycle@vermontel.net).

## FIRST ANNUAL TACONIC AND GREEN TOWN REPORT NOTICE

As you know, on March 7, 2017, voters from Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland, and Weston overwhelmingly approved the merger of their school districts. The new entity for these communities, the Taconic and Green Regional School District, becomes officially operational as of July 1, 2018.

Please note that the launch of the Taconic and Green Regional School District will create some changes to the normal flow of information that you receive in advance of the annual town meetings. Let's review the distribution process for this year. Please call 802-362-2452 ext. 1528 if you have any questions.

The Taconic and Green Regional School District has produced an Annual Report that will be available to the public on Thursday, February 15. The Taconic and Green Report will include:

- Annual Meeting Warning (Note that a postcard will be sent to all residents of the towns listed above by the end of January.)
- FY19 Budget for the Taconic and Green Regional School District
- FY19 BRSU General Budget
- FY19 BRSU Special Education Budget
- BRSU Treasurer's Report
- Tax rate historical information for all towns
- Audit Report
- Enrollment Report
- Superintendent Report
- Principal Reports (Currier, Dorset, Flood Brook, Manchester, Sunderland)
- Taconic and Green School Board Report
- Taconic and Green Board Member information
- Taconic and Green Board Goals and Norms
- Minutes from the Taconic and Green District Organization Meeting in June 2017

The Taconic and Green Annual Report will be available at the following:

- Online at <https://goo.gl/xFSLgr>
- Request via [info@brsu.org](mailto:info@brsu.org) or 362-2452
- Local Town Office
- Manchester Library
- Pick one up at one of the following Taconic and Green schools – Currier, Dorset, Flood Brook, Manchester, Sunderland
- Pick one up at the BRSU Office – 6378 VT Route 7A, Sunderland, VT

The Taconic and Green Annual meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7pm at the Flood Brook School. Bus transportation will be provided for the public from the following schools: Currier, Dorset, Manchester and Sunderland. The buses will leave at 6pm. Light refreshments will also be provided at the annual meeting.

**NOTE: Next years budget (2018-2019) will only be discussed at the Taconic and Green meeting on February 27, 2018. Your attendance is very important.**



Where play is the cornerstone of learning

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Since 1976, The Little School has been providing a quality preschool education to the young children in our community. This tradition continues to thrive today, creating an atmosphere for children that is safe and nurturing, while offering the highest quality NAEYC accredited education.

The Little School serves the needs of our community in a variety of ways. We offer extended hours for working families, a flexible summer camp program, and scholarships that increase accessibility to our program. Most importantly, the Little School provides a supportive environment that encourages child exploration and creative growth through an emergent, play-based curriculum.

We are proud to be able to do all of this within the wonderful Weston community. Our children benefit from story time at the Wilder Memorial Library, performances at the Weston Playhouse, visits from the Weston Volunteer Fire Department, and the magical events of Christmas in Weston, just to name a few. The support of the town and its residents gives us strength and a sense of purpose within the community.

On the occasion of this year's Weston Town Meeting, we thank you for your continued support of The Little School.

Sincerely,

Jean Edwards  
Executive Director

# Free Tax Help for Vermonters

## Free e-Filing with Free File or MyFreeTaxes Partnership



In 2017, about 65% of Vermont taxpayers qualified to file their federal and state taxes for free through Free File, but only about 2% of those eligible actually used Free File. Are you eligible? Find out at [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov) (search for "Free File").



The MyFreeTaxes Partnership provides free federal and Vermont filing assistance for qualified individuals. Are you eligible? Find out at [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov) (search for "myfreetaxes").

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs

Free tax help to those with 1) lower incomes, 2) disabilities, 3) the elderly, or 4) limited English. TCE focuses on those age 60 years and older. Find a VITA/TCE location near you.

Find out more at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

Search for "Free tax help."

## AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program

Provides tax assistance sites to taxpayers with low and moderate incomes, giving special attention to those 50 years and older. Find the location nearest you.

Find out more at [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

Search for "Tax-Aide."

## IRS Agent Virtual Service Delivery System

Meet with an IRS agent via the Virtual Service Delivery System located in Montpelier (by appointment only on Mondays and Wednesdays). Call **844-545-5640** to schedule your appointment.

To download or order paper forms, visit [tax.vermont.gov](http://tax.vermont.gov).



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# 4 Ways to Get Your Vermont Income Tax Forms

## 1 Download fillable PDF forms from the web

<http://tax.vermont.gov/tax-forms-and-publications>  
Free, unlimited downloads!

## 2 Order forms online

<http://tax.vermont.gov/form-request>

## 3 Order forms by email

[tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov](mailto:tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov)

## 4 Order forms by phone

802-828-2515  
or (toll free) 855-297-5600

When you order, provide the following:

1. Your name
2. Your mailing address
3. Your daytime phone #
4. Form name or form #
5. Quantity of each form

**Note:** There is a fee when ordering more than 5 forms or income tax return booklets.

## For a faster refund, e-file your taxes!

For information on free e-filing and tax assistance for qualified taxpayers, visit [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov).



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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](http://www.vtvets.org) 802-878-6888

## 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>



## The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Weston is currently represented by Charles Goodwin and the second position remains vacant. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law.

We assist towns with a number of different activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard bylaw assistance; natural resources including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycles, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by us.

We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively, assisting with projects between and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a 2-year process, is developed in consultation with our towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We're collaborating with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and our counterparts in NH and MA to improve economic opportunity and household income. We provided assistance to 24 towns with plans, zoning, updating flood hazard area regulations, community revitalization and general town planning technical assistance. We coordinated the formation of the Green River Watershed Alliance, which builds off of the successful Saxtons River Collaborative, with funding through the High Meadows Fund. We're leading two renewable energy grant programs. One provides assistance to schools and other public buildings to install modern wood-fueled heating systems. The other provides grants for renewable energy development. We've helped towns apply for grants to conduct road erosion inventories, and to do work to reduce road erosion. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website ([www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org)). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see highlights of our work for you over the last two years, as well as your town's profile (<http://windhamregional.org/towns>). A video about the WRC is available on our homepage.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 7% of a \$1.4 million budget for FY 2017. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is \$1,311. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2018, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is *to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

## Homeownership Center

The **Home Repair Program** provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. These include repairs necessary to bring a home up to code and make it a safe place to live. Our rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project. We assisted 24 homeowners in 2017 with home repair projects.

**One-to-one Counseling** helps renters and homeowners understand and navigate their options and make smart financial decisions. The program is available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, financial literacy training and credit counseling. In 2017, 79 of our clients were able to purchase a home.

The **Shared Equity Program** provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes. Grants are used toward the purchase price of the land underneath the home, lowering the cost to the homebuyer. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust retains ownership of the land and ensures long-term affordability through special ground lease provisions. 135 homes are in the shared equity program.

**Rental Housing Development Program**-In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. WWHT works with towns to plan for meeting local affordable housing and community development needs. In 2017, WWHT began renovation of a historic apartment building and broke ground on 18 new apartments in Putney, as well as breaking ground on 22 micro-apartments for the homeless in Brattleboro.

**Rental Housing Management Program**-WWHT owns 707 rental apartments with over 1,074 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at [www.w-wht.org](http://www.w-wht.org)

Windsor County Update  
Assistant Judges Jack Anderson and Ellen Terie

FY 2018-19 County Budget

The Assistant Judges held the preliminary budget meeting at 5 PM on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. The budget calls for \$439,858 to be raised by taxes, a *decrease* of \$1,853 from the current FY 17-18 budget. The new budget calls for \$541,025 in total spending, a significant *decrease* of \$16,709 from the current FY 17-18 budget. The county tax rate *decreased* slightly, from .0049 to .0048. This is the third straight year it has dropped.

According to the Vermont Department of Taxes, the Equalized Grand List for the entire county grew by \$87,762,000. This is the third year in a row where the value of the grand list has increased markedly. It is now \$9,094,596,000.

Pursuant to Title 24 Sect. 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1, 2018, requiring the tax to be paid in two installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2018.

Courthouse Renovation Bond

2018 marks the fifth year of the \$2 million bond repayment. (The first bond payment was in November 2014). This year, the amount to be billed to the towns will be \$234,896 (\$200,000 principal; \$34,896 interest). This billing is NOT part of the county budget, but a separate assessment. Last summer, the borrowing rate was renegotiated resulting in a savings of several thousand dollars in interest.

Other County News

2017 has been a busy and productive year for the Assistant Judges and Windsor County. Here are some of the happenings in the past year:

With the installation of interior storm windows at the court house at 12 The Green in 2015, the county continued to save thousands of dollars in fuel costs.

For the fourth year in a row, the county finished the 2016-2017 fiscal year solidly in the black and continues to roll the surplus into the next budget year.

Judge Terie completed the 40 hour Civil Mediation course at the National Judicial College in Reno, NV. last summer.

The County has established the Windsor County Mediation Center in its building at 62 Pleasant Street and Windsor County Bar members use it for civil mediation.

Lastly, in 2017 we said goodbye to our Building Superintendent Carl Tancreti, who retired and headed west for the winter. We welcomed our new Building Superintendent, Bruce Page.

## NOTES

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# Weston Reference Guide

Web Page: [www.westonvt.org](http://www.westonvt.org)

## Town Offices

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| <b>Town Clerk/ Treasurer</b>   | Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday | (802) 824-6645     |
| email: <a href="mailto:clerk@westonvt.org">clerk@westonvt.org</a>  |   | Fax (802) 824-4121 |
| <b>Selectboard</b>   |   | (802) 824-6988     |
| email: <a href="mailto:selectboard@westonvt.org">selectboard@westonvt.org</a>                            |   | Fax (802) 824-4121 |
| <b>Town Garage</b>   |   | (802) 824-6890     |
| <b>Listers</b>   |   | (802) 824-4449     |
| email: <a href="mailto:listers@weston.org">listers@weston.org</a>  |   | Fax (802) 824-4121 |
| <b>Constables / Animal Control Officers (Elected annually at Town Meeting- see web page for updates)</b> |   |                    |
| Almon Crandall   |   | (802) 824-3159     |
| <b>Collector of Delinquent Taxes</b> - Sandra Goodwin  |   | (802) 824-6817     |
| <b>Fire Warden</b> - Denis Benson  |   | (802) 824-3418     |
| Alternate - Almon Crandall   | (802) 824-6890 or                                 | (802) 824-3159     |
| <b>Zoning Administrator</b>  |   | (802) 824-6645     |
| email: <a href="mailto:zoning@westonvt.org">zoning@westonvt.org</a>                                      |   |                    |

## Regular Meeting Schedules

**Selectboard** - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office

**Planning Commission** - 1st Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office

## Dog Licenses

Owners of dogs and wolf-hybrids six months and older must register their animal by April 1st of each year (March 31 for 2017). A current rabies certificate and, if appropriate, a spay or neuter certificate must be presented at the time of registration. Call the Town Clerk for information (802) 824-6645. A person who fails to register their animal is subject to a fine up to \$500.00.

## Vital Statistics

All vital records are public documents that are recorded in the Town Clerk's Office. Certified copies are available upon request. Genealogy research may be done during regular office hours.

## Other Services

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| <b>Emergency</b>   | <b>Dial 911</b>  |                |
| Vermont State Police (Westminster)   |  | (802) 722-4600 |
| Vermont211 Get Connected   | <b>Dial 211</b> or visit their website: <a href="http://www.vermont211.org">www.vermont211.org</a> |                |
| Green Mountain National Forest   | (802) 352-3905 or  | (802) 362-2307 |
| <b>Weston Volunteer Fire Dept.</b> - meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Firehouse        |  |                |
| <b>Londonderry Transfer Station</b>  |  | (802) 824-5506 |
| Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sun. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Closed Wed. and holidays |  |                |
| <b>Recycling Coordinator</b>   |  | (802) 824-3306 |
| Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sun. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Closed Wed. and holidays |  |                |
| <b>Wilder Memorial Library</b>   | <a href="http://www.wildermemorallibrary.org">www.wildermemorallibrary.org</a>                     | (802) 824-4307 |
| Hours: Tues. (2 p.m. - 4 p.m.), Wed & Thurs. (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.), Fri. & Sat. (9 a.m. - 12 noon)             |  |                |

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