

Town of
WHITING
Vermont
2017 TOWN REPORT



TOWN MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018 at 7:15PM

at THE WHITING TOWN HALL

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DEDICATION OF TOWN REPORT



The Auditors of the Town of Whiting are pleased to dedicate this 2017 Town Report to the Volunteers of the Whiting Fire Department and Whiting First Response.

The **Whiting Fire Department** was formed in 1966. At an organizational meeting held in 1966 Clayton Sawtelle was elected Fire Chief, William Palmer - Assistant Chief, Jacob Emmons - Captain, Herve Chartrand - Lieutenant, and Ethel Palmer - Secretary / Treasurer. There were 15 members who attended firefighting school that first year. There are currently 21 firemen and 5 cadets volunteering for the department. The current members are: Chief - Mike Wilbur; Assistant Chiefs - Gary Freeguard, Steve White; Captains - Tom Bouchard, Cody Quesnel, Bob Wood; Training Officers - Austin Quesnel, Nicholas Iocco, Greg Kokinis; Secretary / Treasurer - Stacey Freeguard; Firefighters - Jonathan Ashley, Randy Bertrand, David Bilodeau, Elizabeth Curran, Lillian Curran, Brian Denis, Randy Denis, Chris Manfredi, Lawrence Quesnel, Larry Wilbur, Jake Emmons (Life Member); Cadets - Justin Anderson, Avery Thurston, Dalton Wilke, Charles Noble, Thomas Curran

With the dedication of this Town Report, we would also like to honor Fire Chief Clarence Birchmore, who faithfully served the Whiting Fire Department for 35 years. Chief Birchmore's years of dedicated service and tragic death in 2002 while en route to a fire call were instrumental in changing state law which now requires compensation to volunteer firefighter's injured while on the job.

The **Whiting First Response** began operating in 2005. The founding members of this service were: Larry Wilbur, Tammy Wilbur, Bob Wood, Marie Berry, Jeanne Lamoureux, Jerry Fielder, Lewis Butterfield, Kevin Robbins, Kim Robbins, and Josh Felion. Prior to the start of the service, the members had to complete training and belong to an already established service. Most of the original members started their training in Orwell in 2003 and began their career as members of the Shoreham First Response. The members of both the Shoreham First Response and the Orwell First Response were invaluable as mentors in our early years. The members of the Whiting First Response currently must train regularly and renew their individual licenses every two years. The service is required to renew its license every year. The current members of the Whiting First Response are: Larry Wilbur, Tammy Wilbur, Bob Wood, Marie Berry, Rick Iffland, Keith Hartline, Laura Dame, Cody Quesnel, Avery Thurston, Elizabeth Curran, and Lillian Curran.

We thank you all for your faithfulness in volunteering your time, willingness to risk your lives, the hours spent in trainings, and your commitment and dedication to making this Town a safer place for all of us. We appreciate you all, thank you.

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Whiting Town Officials

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

	Term Expires
Auditors	
Elizabeth Curran	2018
Alison Remy	2019
Marcia King	2020
Delinquent Tax Collector	
Rani Fallon	2018
First Constable	
Michael Dame	2018
Second Constable	
Rusty Brigham	2018
Justices of the Peace	
Gloria Bertrand	2 years - 2019
Elizabeth Curran	2 years - 2019
Stacey Freeguard	2 years - 2019
Carolyn Schmidt	2 years - 2019
Grace Simonds	2 years - 2019
Library Trustees	
Heather Mattison	3 years - 2019
Jaime Quenneville	2 years - 2019
Tara Trudo	2 years - 2019
Andrea Quesnel	3 years - 2020
Tammy Wilbur	3 years - 2020
Listers	
Dennis Ethridge	2018
Elizabeth Curran	2019
Stacey Freeguard	2020
Moderator - Town	
Elizabeth Curran	2018
Road Commissioner	
Paul Quesnel	2018
Selectboard	
Bob Wood, Chair	2018
Tara Trudo	2019
Steve Quenneville	2020
Town Agent	
Heather Bouchard	2018
Town Juror	
Paul Quesnel	2018
Town Clerk	
Gale Quenneville	2020
Town Treasurer	
Gale Quenneville	2020
Board of Civil Authority	
Town Clerk	
Selectboard	
Justices of the Peace	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

	Term Expires
Forest Fire Warden	
Delwin Fielder	2018
Regional Planning Representative	
Ellen Kurrelmeyer	2018
Regional Planning Alternate	
Gary Freeguard	2018
Town Health Officer	
Jeanne Lamoureux	2018
Planning Commission	
Heather Bouchard	3 years - 2018
Steve Quenneville, Chair	3 years - 2019
Tracey Simonds	2 years - 2019
Bob Wood	3 years - 2020
Beverly Freeguard	3 years - 2020
Solid Waste Representative	
Carolyn Schmidt	2018
Solid Waste Alternate	
Eric Zuesse	2018
Town Service Officer	
Grace Simonds	2018
Fence Viewers	
Delwin Fielder	2018
Gerald Quenneville	2018
Juanita Hornbeck	2018
Town Hall Custodian	
Tammy Wilbur	2018
Green Up Chairman	
Rebecca Bertrand	2018
Zoning Administrator	
Kate Briggs	2018
Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Heather Bouchard	3 years - 2018
Beverly Freeguard	3 years - 2018
Mike Wilbur	3 years - 2019
Gary Freeguard	3 years - 2020
Steve Quenneville, Chair	3 years - 2020

Cemetery Board: Beverly Freeguard, Grace Simonds
Emergency Management Coordinator: Larry Wilbur
State Representative: Terry Norris
State Senators: Claire Ayer, Christopher Bray

Who's Who in Local Government

Roles of Elected and Appointed Officers

Supplied by the Vermont Secretary of State's Office

Auditor (elected)

Review and audit all town accounts and prepare the annual town report. Should be very detail oriented. Good writing skills are a plus.

Cemetery Commissioner (elected)

Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. If no cemetery commissioners are elected, the selectboard fulfills this role.

Collector of Current Taxes

A town must vote to have the Town Manager or Town Treasurer to collect current taxes. If the town fails to vote, then the Town Constable becomes the collector of current taxes.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

A town must vote to authorize the selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes, who may be the Town Manager or Town Treasurer. If a town fails to vote, then the Town Constable becomes the collector of delinquent taxes.

Constable (elected)

In some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all powers of search, seizure, and arrest within the town. In other towns, the constable only has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and, if the first constable, to collect taxes, if no tax collector is elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts.

Fence Viewers (appointed)

Three viewers are appointed by the selectboard each year. When called upon, they examine fences and other boundaries within the town.

Grand Juror (elected)

Helps to prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the town by giving information to state and local law enforcement. (Generally not a very active position.)

Health Officer (appointed)

Appointed by the commissioner of health to a three-year term after recommendation by the town selectboard. Enforces the rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.

Justices of the Peace (elected)

Although elected by a town, justices of the peace are actually county officers. For more information, see the Justice of the Peace Handbook. The duties of justices of the peace can fall into five categories of responsibilities: elections, tax abatement and appeals, marriages and civil unions, oaths and notary, and magistrate.

Listers (elected)

Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm, and not be oversensitive to criticism.

Moderator (elected)

Runs the annual and special town/school meeting. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Roberts Rules of Order.

Planning Commissioners (appointed or elected)

Appointed unless town votes to elect. Duties include preparing a municipal plan; making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation; and participating in a

regional planning program. Makes site plan and subdivision permit decisions unless there is a development review board in town. Should have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.

Regional Planning Commission Representative (appointed)

Helps develop the regional plan and assess municipal land use plans.

Road Commissioners (elected or appointed)

Can be elected or appointed. Has no independent authority, but can assist the selectboard in overseeing town highways at the request of the board. Should have experience with town highways and be a good communicator.

Selectboard Members (elected)

General supervision and control over town; enacts ordinances, regulations, and policies for town; oversees town property and personnel; prepares, presents and manages budget; and oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing, and reclassifying roads. Sits as local board of health, liquor control commission, and sewer commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin.

Town Agent (elected)

The town agent used to prosecute and defend suits. The selectboard now has that authority. Thus, the town agent's duty consists merely of assisting when litigation is in progress, at the request of the selectboard. (Generally not a very active position.)

Town Clerk (elected)

Records, preserves, and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, marriage, civil union, and hunting and fishing licenses; as well as motor vehicle renewals. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the board of civil authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town.

Town Forest Fire Warden (appointed)

Appointed by the fire commissioner with the approval of the selectboard. Prevents forest fires in the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires.

Town Services Officer (appointed)

Appointed on or before April 15th of each year. Assists individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel, or shelter assistance when the Vermont Department of Social Welfare is not available.

Town Treasurer (elected)

Keeps the town and school's accounts (unless a separate school treasurer is elected), invests money (with the approval of the legislative body), keeps a record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him or her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.

Town Tree Warden (appointed)

Plans and implements a shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public places. Removes diseased, dying, or dead trees; which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs.

Zoning Administrator (appointed)

Appointed by the planning commission with the approval of the selectboard. Approves or denies applications for zoning permits. Administers the municipal bylaws literally. Enforces regulations pertaining to the zoning ordinance.

Zoning Board of Adjustment or Development Review Board Members (appointed)

Holds hearings and makes decisions on land use permit applications and appeals from decisions of the zoning administrator.

2017 Report of Town Assets

ASSETS:

Checking Acct -----	\$2,581.40
Chloride Truck-----	\$5,000.00
Equipment Fund -----	\$13,065.15
Fire Station -----	\$538,719.00
Grader Purchased in 1997 -----	\$15,000.00
International Truck Purchased in 2015 -----	\$60,000.00
Library and Contents-----	\$214,759.00
Lister Reappraisal Fund -----	\$9,512.84
Loader Purchased in 2002-----	\$47,000.00
Old School-----	\$22,971.00
Recycling Shed -----	\$19,460.00
Sand/Salt Shed -----	\$82,002.00
Sexton Fund-CD#2011 -----	\$17,165.95
Town Garage and Contents -----	\$207,915.00
Town Hall and Contents-----	\$845,546.00
Town Office and Contents -----	\$154,316.00
Truck Purchased in 1987 -----	\$12,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS-----	\$2,267,013.34

2017 Tax Rates

	2016	2017
Homestead Education	\$1.413	\$1.293
Municipal Rate	\$0.477	\$0.647
Total Homestead Rate	\$1.890	\$1.940
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Non-Residential Rate	\$1.990	\$1.430
Municipal Rate	\$0.477	\$0.647
Total Non-Residential Rate	\$2.467	\$2.077



2017 Delinquent Tax Report

If you know in advance that you will be unable to pay your property taxes before the due date of December 1st, please feel free to contact me to make arrangements. I will help you set up a monthly payment, making sure your taxes will be paid before the next year is due. In extreme cases, there are other options that I may be able to help you with. I am available any time by phone, cell (802)989-2614, or at home (802)623-6221. All 2017 accounts balanced using proper accounting procedures.

Respectfully,

Rani Fallon, Delinquent Tax Collector

2014 Delinquent Taxes.....\$144.60	2016 Delinquent Taxes.....\$7,727.00
2015 Delinquent Taxes.....\$7,119.93	2017 Delinquent Taxes.....\$25,315.11

Grand Total owed to Town as of 12/31/2017.....\$40,306.64

2017 Town Clerk and Treasurer Report

I am reaching my 4th year as your Town Clerk and Treasurer. Let me first say I truly love this job! I enjoy working with both the elected and appointed officials in Whiting. Every day at my office is a new adventure and I truly enjoy it.

My impression during my first year was I'd need a year under my belt to get this job organized. Boy, was I wrong! I think the more I learn the more I find out what I still need to learn. Of course, procedures are changing as well. We have many new software programs through the state, and more and more of my work is on the computer.

2017 was a very busy year, and lots of challenges have come through the door. I continue to ask, to learn and to update my procedures to meet those challenges. I will continue to attend classes for both Town Clerk and Treasurer duties (and most any class that will help me do my job better and more efficiently).

My mentors have been extremely supportive-a big thank you to Julie Delphia and to Laurie Bertrand!

My goals for 2018 include reorganizing the vault (again), creating a county wide town clerk group to share best practices and to create a completed procedure manual for all aspects of my job.

Thank you all for your support, stop in to say hi if I'm in the office (Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-12 and Monday afternoons from 4-7) and I'll see you at Town Meeting.

Respectfully,
Gale Quenneville

Dates to Remember

Town Meeting: Tuesday, March 6th 7:15pm, at the Town Hall

Rabies Clinic: Tuesday, March 27th, 5:30 – 6:30pm, at the Fire House, \$15

Dog Registration: Due by April 1st (I will accept through Monday, April 2nd, 2018.)

Green Up Day: Saturday, May 5th, 2018

Taxes Due (in hand): Saturday, December 1st, 2018



2017 Health Officers Report

Nice quiet year, no reports reported of dog bites.

Jeanne Lamoureux (Wood)
Whiting Health Officer

2017 Treasurer's Report with the General Fund

Beginning balance:

Checkbook-----	\$16,731.15
Equipment Fund -----	12,040.65
General Fund Total -----	\$28,771.80

Receipts

Current Land Use -----	\$33,734.69
Current Taxes 2017 -----	533,629.02
Del Taxes 2014 -----	<-0.51>
Del Taxes 2015 -----	2,101.25
Del Taxes 2016 -----	23,357.99
Del Taxes 2017 -----	21,080.52
Dog Licenses-----	1,064.00
Education Reimbursement -----	6,759.23
Equipment Fund -----	12,000.00
Interest Income -----	9.69
Lister's Reappraisal CD -----	1,870.00
Lister's Training -----	220.00
Loan FNBO -----	100,000.00
Misc. Income-----	271.53
Municipal Tax Adjustment -----	8,895.51
Office Receipts -----	3,840.20
Permits -----	1,930.00
Pilot Program -----	280.47
State Aid for Highways -----	34,134.74
Town Hall Rent-----	115.00
Traffic Tickets -----	14,614.73
Webster Books-----	18.50
Reimbursement for 911 Dispatch -----	651.93
OV Vote -----	600.00
Payroll Lisibilities-----	923.98
State of VT Paving Grant -----	2,400.00
Total Receipts -----	\$804,502.47



Disbursements

Building Budget -----	\$8,269.36
Appropriations Budget-----	4,955.50
County Budget -----	1,737.52
Insurance Budget -----	14,496.50
Misc Budget-----	44.60
Taxes to School District -----	360,304.07
2016 Taxes Due to School -----	30,170.33
Road Budget -----	180,720.78
Salary Budget -----	49,565.69
Social Services Budget -----	3,800.00
Town Office Budget -----	17,554.45
Public Safety -----	35,676.08
Listers Budget-----	820.00
Line of Credit Orwell Bank Repay -	100,000.00
Total Disbursed-----	\$808,114.88

Ending Balance:

Checkbook-----	\$2,581.40
Equipment Fund -----	13,065.15
Lister's Reappraisal CD -----	9,512.84
General Fund Ending Balance -----	\$25,159.39

2017 Board of Selectmen's Report

Town Website: If you are looking for more information about what is happening in Whiting, be sure to check out our town website. The website address is www.WhitingVT.com. On our website, you will find meeting agendas and notes, maps, pictures, a calendar, forms, some interesting pieces of Whiting history and more.

Town Plan: After several years of work, the town plan is now complete. We are in the final stages of editing and seeking approval of our plan from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. Once the plan is adopted we will be able to update zoning regulations and streamline the application process for zoning permits.

New in Whiting: For the first time this year, Whiting hosted a weekly farmer's market during the summer months on the town green. It was a great opportunity to pick up something local and fresh and visit with neighbors new and old. We also now have a Welcome to Whiting brochure for folks new to town created by Carolyn Schmidt. The brochure is full of useful information for someone new to town. They are available in the town office.

Solar Issues: As part of the state's new energy planning laws, the town will soon be required to designate preferred sites for solar energy. We are waiting for the Regional Planning Commission and the state of Vermont to adopt guidelines for this process before beginning this work in Whiting. In the meantime, we have an ordinance for solar energy that was passed in 2017 that can be viewed on the town website. We are still fighting the proposed 2-acre, 500 Kw project on the corner of Sawyer-Needham and Leicester-Whiting roads.

Town Building Updates: We have many buildings around town in need of some minor repairs and paint and several others in need of much more. We will be spending some time during 2018 looking at town buildings and discussing a plan for prioritizing repairs and maintenance. We are currently looking for an electric stove in good condition for the town hall. If you have one you would like to donate, please call the town office.

Town Hats and T-Shirts: We now have Whiting, VT t-shirts and baseball caps! They are red in color and have a lovely Whiting logo on them. They are available for \$10 each at the town office and will be available all day at the Town Hall on town meeting day.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Trudo



Town of Whiting 3 Year Budget

2016 Budget 2016 Actual 2017 Budget 2017 Actual 2018 Budget

Ordinary Income/Expense

Balance Forward	\$85,619.46	\$85,619.46	\$16,731.15	\$16,731.15	\$2,581.40
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Income

Current Land Use	\$25,000.00	\$37,758.00	\$30,000.00	\$33,734.69	\$30,000.00
Current Taxes 2015		0.00			
Current Taxes 2016		460,726.63		21.48	
Current Taxes 2017				533,629.02	
Del Taxes in Escrow					
Del Taxes for 2013		1,360.10			
Del Taxes for 2014	123.00	1,367.15		-21.99	
Del Taxes for 2015	22,675.00	14,625.92		2,101.25	
Del Taxes for 2016		20,821.56	15,000.00	23,357.99	
Del Taxes for 2017				21,080.52	20,000.00
Dispatching Service Reimb.		1,241.95		651.93	
Dog Licenses/Fines	1,000.00	995.00	1,000.00	1,064.00	1,000.00
Equipment Fund Receipts				12,000.00	
Hats and Tees Sales				20.00	
Insurance Audit Return		0.00		98.00	
Interest Income		19.14		9.69	
Liquor License					
Lister's Training Income	385.00			220.00	
Listers Reappraisal Fund		1,853.00	1,853.00	1,870.00	1,853.00
Loan FNBO				100,000.00	
Misc. Income <i>(closed small savings acct)</i>				153.53	
Municipal Tax Adj. <i>(FNBO)</i>	8,700.00	13,644.33		8,895.51	
Office Receipts	3,500.00	5,449.48	5,000.00	3,840.20	3,500.00
Education Reimbursement				6,759.23	
OV Vote Reimbursement	1,350.00	520.00	520.00	600.00	500.00
Permits	200.00	275.00	250.00	1,930.00	1,000.00
Pilot Program	300.00	332.51	300.00	280.47	300.00
State Aid for Highways	34,000.00	34,151.91	34,000.00	34,134.74	34,000.00
State Parcel Payment	2,050.00	218.00	218.00		218.00
Town Hall Rent	250.00	105.00	110.00	115.00	100.00
Traffic Tickets	18,000.00	21,575.85	19,000.00	14,614.73	9,000.00
Veteran's Mem. Plaque Donations		2,300.00			
Whiting Books		23.50		18.50	
Total Income	\$117,533.00	\$619,364.03	\$107,251.00	\$801,178.49	\$101,471.00

Expenses

Appropriations

Green Up	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Humane Society	650.00	550.00	550.00	400.00	400.00
Library	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
MVAA	1,047.50	1,047.50	1,047.50	1,047.50	1,047.50

Town of Whiting 3 Year Budget

	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
<i>(Appropriations Continued)</i>					
VLCT Dues	1,411.00	1,411.00	1,458.00	1,458.00	1,458.00
Whiting Cemetery Assoc.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$5,158.50	\$5,058.50	\$5,105.50	\$4,955.50	\$4,955.50
Buildings Budget					
Buildings Fund	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Buildings Repairs	1,000.00	3,020.21	1,500.00	467.48	1,500.00
Buildings Supplies	400.00	122.95	400.00	34.14	400.00
Electric Town Hall	1,000.00	1,005.55	1,000.00	700.67	1,000.00
Electric Town Office	600.00	726.50	750.00	741.95	750.00
Electric Town Shed	500.00	464.63	500.00	418.54	500.00
Grounds Care	1,300.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
Heating Fuel Town Hall	1,000.00	677.07	500.00	1,058.61	800.00
Heating Fuel Town Office	750.00	57.41	500.00	538.85	500.00
Heating Fuel Town Shed	1,200.00	109.85	1,000.00	298.59	1,000.00
Municipal Water	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Street Lights	750.00	750.37	650.00	560.53	650.00
Total Buildings Budget	\$12,300.00	\$10,184.54	\$11,550.00	\$8,269.36	\$12,050.00
County Budget					
Add. Cty. Court House Tax	\$1,500.00	\$2,155.63	\$1,500.00	\$1,216.00	\$1,500.00
Add. Cty. Reg. Planning	518.00	517.83	522.00	521.52	530.00
Town Plan Update	7,700.00	7,700.00	3,500.00	0.00	(*\$3500 carried forward)
Total County Budget	\$9,718.00	\$10,373.46	\$5,522.00	\$1,737.52	\$2,030.00
Insurance Expense					
Town Liability		\$7,993.50			
Workmen's Comp		269.00			
Insurance Expense – Other	14,400.00	7,121.00	16,000.00	14,496.50	16,000.00
Total Insurance Expense	\$14,400.00	\$15,383.50	\$16,000.00	\$14,496.50	\$16,000.00
Listers Budget					
Transfer to Lister Reimb. CD					
Listers Supplies	\$500.00	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$215.00	\$215.00
Listers Training	300.00	125.00	300.00	605.00	300.00
Total Listers Budget	\$800.00	\$390.00	\$565.00	\$820.00	\$515.00
Other					
Bank Service Charge		\$30.00			
Line of Credit FNBO	50,000.00	50,000.00		100,000.00	
Misc Select Board Expense		200.00	<i>(Legislative Breakfast expenses)</i>		44.60
Total Other	\$50,000.00	\$50,230.00		\$100,044.60	
Payroll					
Animal Control			\$100.00	\$407.50	\$150.00
Assistant Town Clerk	700.00	367.50	600.00	900.00	1,000.00
Auditors	1,500.00	3,071.25	3,000.00	3,641.25	3,000.00

Town of Whiting 3 Year Budget

2016 Budget 2016 Actual 2017 Budget 2017 Actual 2018 Budget

(Payroll Continued)

Clerk of Select Board	227.50	227.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Del. Tax Collecting Fees	1,815.00	1,750.82	<i>(DTC is not from payroll)</i>	2,851.30	0.00
Election Ballot Clerks	1,000.00	1,300.00	700.00	240.00	700.00
Election Counting	200.00		0.00	0.00	
Election Justice of Peace	800.00	1,032.50	0.00	240.00	
Election Set Up	450.00	497.33	0.00	49.68	
Election Travel	40.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	
Listers Hours	500.00	6,930.00	7,800.00	11,212.50	11,000.00
Listers Support	227.50	227.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Selectboard	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,600.00	3,000.00
Town Clerk	12,500.00	12,700.00	12,900.00	12,270.00	12,900.00
Town Clerk Ins. Stipend	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Town Hall Custodian	500.00	626.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Treasurer	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Website Expenses				0.00	1,200.00
Total Payroll	\$32,660.00	\$40,850.40	\$38,500.00	\$44,612.23	\$43,150.00

Payroll Expenses

FICA	\$3,600.00	\$3,646.75	\$3,600.00	\$4,426.78	\$5,000.00
Payroll Expenses - Other		712.27		526.68	
Total Payroll Expenses	\$3,600.00	\$4,359.02	\$3,600.00	\$4,953.46	\$5,000.00

Public Safety

911 Call Contract			\$2,500.00	\$1,253.83	\$2,500.00
Fire Department	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Fire Inspection	300.00	118.05	150.00	103.50	150.00
First Response	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Dog Registration Fees			300.00	397.61	300.00
Recycling	3,960.00	4,448.60	3,960.00	3,741.86	4,020.00
Sheriff's Patrol	18,000.00	16,882.15	18,000.00	11,929.92	18,000.00
Veteran's Memorial Plaque	0.00	7,297.63	300.00	0.00	300.00
Whiting Tees and Hats	0.00	74.00	200.00	749.36	0.00
Total Public Safety	\$39,760.00	\$55,038.47	\$40,410.00	\$35,676.08	\$42,770.00

Road Budget

Brush Removal-Labor	\$3,500.00	\$900.00	\$1,200.00	\$540.00	\$1,500.00
Capital Construction-Paving	60,000.00	69,015.24	60,000.00	59,009.74	60,000.00
Chloride	10,000.00	4,060.00	0.00		
Diesel	5,000.00	3,197.12	4,000.00	4,435.58	4,000.00
Ditching-Labor	2,000.00		1,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Equipment Parts	3,500.00	157.62	3,500.00	3,577.90	3,500.00
Equipment Repairs	5,000.00	10,986.25	5,000.00	18,903.48	7,500.00
Equipment Replacement	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Equipment Signs	2,500.00	1,368.98	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Equipment Supplies	2,000.00	620.35	1,500.00	1,403.00	1,500.00
Highway Drug Test	50.00		50.00	0.00	50.00
Liquid Chloride			10,000.00	10,800.00	12,000.00

Town of Whiting 3 Year Budget

	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
<i>(Road Budget Continued)</i>					
Road Commissioner Education	100.00		100.00	0.00	100.00
Road Gravel	20,000.00	18,565.18	20,000.00	19,503.33	20,000.00
Road Labor	15,000.00	9,134.80	15,000.00	12,694.50	15,000.00
Road Salt	11,000.00	7,039.50	11,000.00	10,493.64	11,000.00
Road Winter Sand	10,000.00	3,867.12	10,000.00	8,859.61	10,000.00
Roadside Mowing-Labor	6,000.00	4,095.00	5,000.00	3,525.00	6,000.00
Trucking	16,000.00	11,900.00	16,000.00	14,975.00	16,000.00
Whiting Road Meeting	450.00	448.45	450.00	0.00	450.00
Total Road Budget	\$184,100.00	\$157,355.61	\$177,300.00	\$180,720.78	\$184,100.00
Social Services Budget					
United Way	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Whiting Food Shelf	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Whiting Little League	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Total Social Serv. Budget	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
Taxes to School District		\$355,235.94		\$360,304.07	
Town Office Budget					
Advertising Mtgs/Tax Sales	\$600.00	\$184.40	\$600.00	\$537.27	\$600.00
Bank Service Charge				10.00	
Computer and Internet Expense				105.99	
Comp. Repairs <i>(2 new comp. needed)</i>	1,300.00	747.39	750.00	50.99	1,400.00
Copier Maintenance	300.00	388.51	400.00	669.64	500.00
Election Workers <i>(non payroll)</i>				178.30	175.00
Custodian	227.50	0.00	0.00		
Interest Expense	0.00	1,698.54	2,000.00	1,742.50	2,000.00
Land Record Book Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00	299.76	750.00
Legal Fees	700.00	861.83	7,000.00	6,168.03	1,500.00
Office Furniture	500.00	631.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Repairs	450.00		450.00	0.00	450.00
Office Supplies	2,000.00	3,035.89	3,000.00	3,354.63	3,000.00
Tax Maps <i>(\$500/year for updates)</i>					2,500.00
Telephone Fax and DSL	1,000.00	1,091.76	1,000.00	1,841.40	1,800.00
Town Report	100.00	31.00	100.00	100.96	100.00
Training-Town Clerk/Treasurer	400.00	366.00	400.00	570.00	600.00
Training-Town Officers	100.00	331.00	300.00	650.00	600.00
Website Expenses <i>(see payroll-website)</i>	0.00	1,401.75	900.00	774.98	
Zoning Administrator	800.00	700.00	800.00	500.00	800.00
Total Town Office Budget	\$8,477.50	\$11,469.82	\$17,700.00	\$17,554.45	\$16,775.00
Total Expenses	\$365,601.50	\$713,111.00	\$351,922.83	\$777,944.55	\$331,145.50
To Be Raised By Taxes	\$162,449.04		\$ 227,940.68		\$233,689.10

Vital Statistics

Births

Zavier Laurence Remy to Alison and Julner Remy
Ellen Lorraine Hodgdon to Tiffany Roberts and Nicholas Hodgdon
Harlynn Shelby Thorpe to Kaitlyn White and Joshua Thorpe
Kayleigh Marie Anderson to Katey Lafayette and Daryl Anderson

Deaths

Joyce Wall Kritkauský
Ruth N. Luther
Robert D. Crawford

Marriages

No marriages recorded in Whiting in 2017



Dog Registration

Income		Expenses	
Female Spayed	\$341.00	State Fees	\$293.00
Male Neutered	\$354.00	Animal Cont. Officer	\$337.50
Female	\$236.00	Dog Tags	\$104.61
Male	\$82.00		
Late Fees	\$40.00		
Total Income	\$1,053.00	Total Expenses	\$735.11

All dogs must be registered by April 2, 2018
Spayed/Neutered Dogs \$11
Unspayed/Unneutered Dogs \$15

2017 Whiting Water Corporation Update

Formed in 1961. The Whiting Water Corp. supplies water to homes, town buildings and the elementary school along Route 30. The distribution system was replaced in 2009-10, while the water supply remains original. We urge our users to conserve water as much as possible.

Please continue to be careful with water usage. The system is a delicate balance between use and replenishment. There have been several times lately when usage has "spiked" and it takes quite a while for the system to recover. Thanks for your help.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Whiting Water Corporation, please call Bob at 623-6211.

Thanks, Peg Allen

Zoning Administrators Report 2017



In 2017, there were 13 entries to the Whiting Zoning Permits Index:

- 8 applications for building permits
- 1 attestation to no known zoning violations
- 1 request for a setback waiver
- 2 subdivisions
- 1 change of use

A serious zoning violation involving an unallowed use and noncompliance with performance standards (safety and noise nuisance) was successfully prosecuted. This should serve as a reminder that almost all land development in Vermont, and land development includes uses, requires town and/or state permits. It is the responsibility of the landowner, not the contractor, to obtain necessary permits before beginning construction. Professional advisors who assist in the formation of new businesses may not be familiar with Whiting zoning regulations. Please contact me before beginning any new project. I can be reached at 802-247-5305; 802-349-6066; or at kate_briggs@msn.com.

If action by the ZBA or Planning Commission is required (setback waivers, subdivisions, conditional use review) the approval process, including the statutory appeal period, may take 90 days or more.

The new Town Plan will be adopted early this year. We will then address revision of the zoning regulations. There will be public meetings as part of the process, but please contact me with any suggestions or concerns.

Kate Briggs, Zoning Administrator

Road Commissioners Report 2017

Welcome to the New Year. This year the select board and I are gathering information for a new Town Garage. The new Town Garage will be large enough to house four large pieces of equipment and will allow us to take better care of the equipment we have.

I encourage you to come to Town Meeting to share your ideas and concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Paul Quesnel, Road Commissioner



Lister's Report 2017

Both our CLA of 105.36 and our COD of 7.04 are GREAT.

What do these number mean?

The **Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)** for tax purposes in 2017 was 105.36. Having the CLA greater than 100% results in a downward adjustment of tax rates.

The **Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)** for 2017 was 7.04. A COD over 20 necessitates a reappraisal, so we are doing very well. This number measures how fairly distributed the property tax is in our town.

The Listers sent out 84 change of appraisal notes.

The Town of Whiting has contracted with Russell Graphics to produce our new Tax Maps.

The Listers attended many required classes and trainings again this year. We attended Current Use classes, we also had State PVR instructional courses, IAAO courses, and computer classes concerning updates to our data system.

The Lister office hours are Mondays 4-7pm at the Town Clerk's office.

The Lister Board: Stacey Freeguard, Chair
 Dennis Ethridge
 Elizabeth Curran, Secretary



Town of Whiting

2017 Whiting Library Trustee Report

In 2017 the library was opened from June through the end of September on Saturdays, and there was a weekly story time on Wednesdays June through the beginning of August. We found that the Wednesday summer story time was very popular with many of Whiting's families with young children attending almost every week. This story time has become a social time for the families and children, and we have seen this opportunity build on the community feeling for these families. The summer program theme was "Build a Better World", and many children reported reading up to a book a day for the program!

The trustees are still working to update the library; we purchased additional new books and shelving this year. See below our budget.

In the coming year, we are hoping to explore with the town a way to maintain the building. We also hope to build on our books for all ages, and some of our materials for children. Currently we are looking for new or slightly used easy reader books and Legos. We are always looking for donations of books that are recently published, and for volunteers to help out at the library.

Budget:

Starting Balance 2017	\$3,692.74
Receipts	
Town Budgeted (2016 and 2017 amounts)	\$2,000.00
Interest	\$1.24
Total Receipts	\$2,001.24
Expenses	
Summer Program / Fall Party Expenses	\$46.62
Equipment / Furniture	\$726.44
Supplies	\$149.17
Total Expenses	\$922.23
Ending Balance	\$4,771.75

My Voter Page and Online Voter Registration

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

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

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

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

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>



2017 Whiting Cemetery Report

Whiting Cemetery has had no new burials this past year. We are just trying to keep the cemetery looking nice.

To mow and string trim, since I am a member of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, I contacted the Vermont Old Cemetery in Rutland and he sent the Department of Corrections to me and we have a two-year contract with them for \$1,000.00 for the two years. They have done a wonderful job.

We have some stones that need to be repaired. I will get an estimate and then apply for a grant from the Vermont Old Cemetery Association. They have given us grants twice over the years.

As for money, we have two certificates at the Orwell Bank. One for \$11,845.19 due in April 2019 and the other for \$512.87 due in April of 2018. We have a savings account for \$1,700.77. No checking account as we don't write many checks. I use bank checks as they are free. Thanks, Grace

"As of January 2017, there are almost 1,000 stones in the cemetery. There are two parts of the cemetery; the north part and the south part. The south part is the oldest one but there is still room for more to be buried in it.

We have a lot of plots for sale at \$200 per plot. Our Sexton is Gary Stanley from Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon. Our president is Beverly Freeguard. Our secretary/Treasurer is Grace Simonds." *From the 2016 Town Report*

For more information about the cemetery, please contact either Bev at 623-8033 or Grace at 623-7811.

2017 Whiting Food Shelf Report

The Whiting Food Shelf is located at the church at 7 N. Main St. and is a ministry of the Whiting Community Church. We are open Mondays 1 to 3pm. We have coffee hour at 1pm and a snack. We served 46 families this past year which equals 122 different people. We are able to fill immediate needs of any area families free of charge or red tape by the ongoing generosity of area businesses and individuals, who donated food or money. We gave out special boxes for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We also give snacks to Whiting School on Mondays.

There is a box at the Whiting Post Office where you can leave off donations or you can call me, Beverly Freeguard, at 623-8033.

Thank you everyone for your support.

God Bless you all, Beverly Freeguard, Director



2018 Addison County Legislative Breakfast Schedule

01/29/18.....	GRANGE HALL.....	BRIDPORT
02/05/18.....	AMERICAN LEGION.....	BRISTOL
02/12/18.....	GRANGE HALL 82 POST OFFICE HILL RD.....	GRANVILLE
02/19/18.....	PRESIDENT'S DAY	NO BREAKFAST
02/26/18.....	PARISH HALL.....	VERGENNES
03/05/18.....	TOWN MEETING	NO BREAKFAST
03/12/18.....	FIRE HOUSE.....	ORWELL
03/19/18.....	PLATT Memorial Library (279 Main St)	SHOREHAM
03/26/18.....	AMERICAN LEGION GOVERNOR'S BREAKFAST...	MIDDLEBURY
04/02/18.....	CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, MAPLE ST.	SALISBURY
04/09/18.....	AG LUNCH, Grange Hall.....	BRIDPORT
04/16/18.....	CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.....	WEYBRIDGE
04/23/18.....	CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.....	NEW HAVEN
04/30/18.....	TOWN HALL.....	WHITING
06/04/18.....	GRANGE HALL.....	BRIDPORT

Breakfasts start at 7AM

Program begins at 7:30AM and ends at 8:45AM

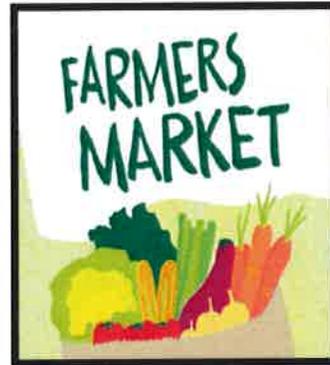
Luncheons begin at 12:00PM and end at 1:45PM

Purchase of breakfast not required to attend but helps our hosts to defray the cost of opening their hall.

Whiting Farmers Market

Started the Whiting Farmers Market last summer "2017". Had some great vendors from Whiting set up. Did not have a lot of Whiting folks come out. As far as today's date we have not had a meeting to see if we will continue "2018 Summer". But in the meantime, would like to let townspeople know the following have products always for sale at these places:

- Jon & Janelle Ashley – Lamb, Eggs
- Bruce Fowler – Pork, Eggs
- Rusty & Carol Brigham – Maple Products, Maple Syrup
- Robert and Jeanne Wood – Eggs, Maple Syrup
- Beth Quenneville – Pure Haven Products



Submitted by, Jeanne Lamoureux (Wood)



VSNIIP



For low income Vermonters, the solution to spaying or neutering your animals may be the VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program, "VSNIIP".

Participating veterinarian offices throughout Vermont are the heroes of this wonderful program!

For applications send a S.A.S.E. to VSNIIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034, or download and print: VSNIIP.VT.GOV or VVSAHS.org. Cost per cat/dog is \$27.00, including a rabies vaccination and one distemper series. The balance is paid through a designated fund, collected by a nominal fee of \$4.00 added to the registration of dogs.

REGISTER and tag by April 1st! The ability to identify your dog in event of loss, and to be sure that animals (and people) are protected from rabies is critical.

Sue Skaskiw, 802- 672-5302 Director, VT Volunteer Services for Animals H.S./ Administrator, VSNIIP

Local Talk on Front Porch Forum

Have you joined your local Front Porch Forum? FPF helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting a statewide network of online local forums. More than half of Vermont households participate with hundreds more joining every month. People use their FPF to find lost animals, offer assistance to neighbors, organize local projects, share crime reports, draw crowds to events, highlight small businesses, seek contractor recommendations, and much more. Started 10 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont. Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>

2017 Whiting Town Hall Report

The Whiting Town Hall was used a total of 131 times by residents and non-profit groups this year. These groups included the Whiting Volunteer Fire Department, Whiting Cloverleaves 4-H, FOWS, Whiting School, and the Bone Builders. It was also used for various town functions. The rules for the use of the town hall are as follows:

1. The Town Hall shall be only rented to residents of the Town of Whiting for the following fee scale:
 - A. Events up to 4 hours – \$25.00 - due at the time this agreement is signed.
 - B. Events up to 8 hours - \$40.00 – due at the time this agreement is signed.
 - C. Requests for events lasting more than one day should be made directly to the Select Board.
 - D. A deposit of \$30.00 is required at the time this agreement is signed. This deposit will be returned when the custodian has determined the hall has been appropriately cleaned and that no town property was damaged.
 - E. A \$5.00 key deposit is required at the time this agreement is signed and will be refunded after the key is returned. The key is due back within 24 hours of the event. Deposits will be returned after custodian's inspection.
2. Use of the Town Hall for stag parties is not recommended and permission from the Select Board is required.
3. The bathroom doors are to be propped open before everyone leaves so that the pipes won't freeze.
4. All trash, including recyclables, from the event and bathrooms is to be removed by the renter, and a new bag is to be put into the kitchen can. No litter/trash may be left outside on town property.
5. The floors are to be thoroughly swept in the main room, entryway, bathrooms, and kitchen. After sweeping, the floors are to be wet mopped with clean, cold water only (no soap).
6. Tables and counters are to be washed clean. Tables and chairs are to be returned to the place found.
7. The thermostat, located on the wall near the door to the bathrooms, is to be lowered to 45°F before leaving the hall.
8. The hot water heater is connected to an on-demand switch, located in the breaker box in the hallway past the bathrooms. This switch must be turned off before leaving the hall.
9. Any damage to town property will be charged to the renter.
10. All decorations are to be removed by the renter. Do not use tape to hang anything from the walls as it damages the paint. Please use the woodwork or ceilings to secure decorations. No decorations or signs are to be taped to the glass in windows or doors.
11. There will be no smoking inside the building at any time. Cigar/cigarette butts may not be littered on the grounds outside the building.
12. Any music played must not bother the neighbors.
13. No dancing may be done on the second level.
14. A constable or police officer must be present if alcohol is on the premises. No alcohol may be sold on town property.
15. All parties are to end by midnight, with a cleanup done and the building secured by 1:30am.
16. Parking must be done off the highway. The old red schoolhouse property may be used, as well as the town office property (after office hours). There is to be no parking at the stores or local driveways – without prior permission.
17. The use of a sign outside the town hall for advertising any event may be used only on the day of the event. In case of a snowstorm, the renter shall remove the sign. A sign shall not be placed in the state right of way.
18. No illegal activity shall take place on town property.
 - A. Illegal activity will be reported to the police.
 - B. Violations of this agreement will result in a meeting with the Whiting Select Board.

Any questions concerning the use of the Town Hall and Town Equipment should be directed to the Town Hall Custodian – currently Tammy Wilbur, at 623-7862.

2017 WHITING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

We began the year with a checkbook balance of \$4,813.25 and \$30,719.54 in our savings account. Our expenses for the year were \$35,397.72. We had an income of \$45,441.31. We ended the year with \$10,243.64 in the checkbook and \$37,760.42 in the savings account as of December 31, 2017.

The expenses breakdown is as follows:

Raffle	\$1,800.00
Truck Repair	4,031.17
Utilities	2,168.85
Insurance	11,931.00
New Equipment & Repairs	7,934.83
ACFA/VSFA	1,493.00
Miscellaneous	1,363.00
Gas & Oil	4,300.61
<u>Building</u>	<u>375.26</u>
TOTAL	\$35,397.72

Our income was from the following sources:

Town of Whiting	\$15,000.00
Town of Sudbury	12,000.00
Auction	10,264.55
50/50 Raffle	3,412.00
Coin Drop	1,008.80
Donations	2,746.96
<u>Memory Tree</u>	<u>1,009.00</u>
TOTAL	\$45,441.31

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 2017

Insurance	\$13,000.00
Raffle Payments	1,800.00
Utilities	2,300.00
Gas & Oil	4,000.00
Maintenance of Buildings	600.00
Maintenance of Trucks	4,000.00
Dues and Fees	1,600.00
New Equipment	8,000.00
Memory Tree	500.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$38,300.00

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 2017

Town of Whiting	\$15,000.00
Town of Sudbury	12,000.00
50/50 Raffle	3,600.00
Coin Drop	1,000.00
Memory Tree	800.00
<u>Donations</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$33,900.00

Thank you to all the townspeople for their continued support. I would also like to thank all members for their time and support. We are in the process of looking to replace some of our aging vehicles and equipment this year that are not reflected in the expenses listed above. Since this was written we have purchased a utility truck for the sum of \$30,000.

Your present firemen are:

Mike Wilbur, Chief
 Gary Freeguard, Assistant Chief
 Steve White, Assistant Chief
 Tom Bouchard, Captain
 Cody Quesnel, Captain
 Bob Wood, Captain
 Austin Quesnel, Training Officer
 Nicholas Iocco, Training Officer
 Greg Kokinis, Training Officer
 Stacey Freeguard, Secretary/Treasurer

Jonathan Ashley
 Randy Bertrand
 David Bilodeau
 Elizabeth Curran
 Lillian Curran
 Brian Denis
 Randy Denis
 Chris Manfredi
 Lawrence Quesnel
 Larry Wilbur

Jake Emmons, Life Member

Cadets:

Justin Anderson
 Avery Thurston
 Dalton Wilke
 Charles Noble
 Thomas Curran

If you have a problem or question other than a fire, please call me personally at 989-1722. Please do not use the fire number except in emergencies. Call 911 for emergencies in our area for fire, medical or police to respond.

Thank you for your support.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Mike Wilbur, Chief



2017 Whiting First Response Report

This year has been a very successful year for our squad. Our members have completed all the updated requirements for the Vermont State EMS standards. We are very dedicated to the towns of Whiting and Sudbury, as well as being available as mutual aid for many of the surrounding towns. Our transport agencies are Middlebury Regional EMS and Brandon Area Rescue Squad.

Once again, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your continued support in our efforts to provide a professional service for our communities. We are always looking for new members and encourage anyone that is interested to give us a call or stop by to see us. We meet the 3rd Monday at 7pm (Business Meeting) and the 4th Monday at 7pm (Training). Our meetings are held at the Whiting Fire Station.

- Head of Services** – Rick Iffland (EMT) 802-236-1469
- Vice President** – Keith Hartline (EMT)
- Secretary** – Tammy Wilbur (EMT)
- Treasurer** – Marie Berry (EMT)
- Training Officers** – Larry Wilbur (EMT)/Tammy Wilbur (EMT)
- Health Officer** – Laura Dame (RN)
- Safety Officer** – Bob Wood
- District Board Representative** – Keith Hartline (EMT)
- Members** – Cody Quesnel, Avery Thurston, Elizabeth Curran and Lillian Curran



2017 Accounting – Whiting First Response

**Balance Forward 2017:
\$11,586.64 in Savings and \$157.76 in Checking**

INCOME 2017	EXPENSES 2017
Interest \$10.48	Medical Supplies \$171.86
Sudbury 2,000.00	Training 1,552.80
Whiting 2,500.00	Truck Tires 1,180.42
Total \$4,510.48	Vehicle Maintenance 2,600.61
	Clothing 1,529.25
	Radios / Pagers 1,562.95
	Transfer Fee 2.00
	Total \$8,599.89

Beginning Balance 2017	\$11,744.40
Income	4,510.48
Total	16,254.88
Expenses	<8,599.89>
Balance Forward for 2018	\$7,654.99



MEMORY
TREE

2017

Amstein, Alan
Amstein, Doris
Amstein, Michael
Amstein, Susan
Audet, Marcel
Audet, Yvonne
Austin, Cookie
Austin, Dubby
Baah, Charles
Baker, Cushman
Baker, Ellen
Baker, Jack
Baker, Julius
Baker, Marg
Baker, Nellie
Baker, Russell
Benjamin, Jack
Berry, Bobbie
Berry, Dudley
Bertrand, Louise
Bertrand, Noella
Bilodeau, Gaston
Bilodeau, Germain
Bilodeau, Justin
Bilodeau, Michael
Bilodeau, Pauline
Bilodeau, Pierre
Birchmore, Clarence
Birchmore, Elise
Birchmore, Floyd
Birchmore, Luke
Birchmore, Raymond
Bissonette, Diane
Bissonette, Kenneth Sr.
Bissonette, Ronald
Bordeleau, Pierre
Bratz, Amy
Breen, Richard
Brener, Jordie
Brookman, Hughette
Bryant, Bob
Bull, Lola
Burke, Betty
Burt, Edson
Burt, Janice
Burt, Lisa

Cameron, Barbara
Cameron, Charles
Capek, Michelle
Capek, Stanley
Cattell, Agnes
Cattell, Richard
Cattell, William
Chadbourne, Barbara
Chadbourne, Joseph
Humphrey
Charron, Dennis
Charron, Estelle
Charron, Lucien
Charron, Richard
Chartrand, Herve
Chicoine, Jacques
Coe, Pete
Condon, Elizabeth
Conlin, Betty
Cook, Grandpa & Grandma
Cooke, Victoria
Cooke, Walter
Cota, Arthur
Cota, Vera
Covey, Wilton W.
Crane, Olive
Crane, Olive Baldwin
Crosby, Hilda
Cunningham, Alberta
Currier, Charles
Currier, Grace
Currier, Wayne
Curtis, Patty
Davis, Rita
Davison, Ray
Denis, Lawrence
Denis, Madeline
Denis, Marcel
Denis, Paul
Denis, Raymond
Denis, Thomas
Doran, Kevin
Douglas, Judy
Dupoise, David
Dupoise, Marilyn
Dutil, Rick
Eagan, Pat
Eagan, Patrick
Eaton, Muriel
Either Family

Elliot, Bunny
Fedore, Julie
Fenner, Robert
Fischer, Grandma
Fischer, Grandpa
Fogel, Sam
Fontaine, Frank
Fontaine, Leonard
Foster, Robert
Freeguard, Anthony
Freeguard, Angel
Freeguard, Casey
Gee, Albert R.
Gee, Edward A.
Gee, Phyllis
Gosliga, Gerardus
Gosliga, Grace
Grandchamp, Vicki
Greene, Albert
Greene, Bryan
Greene, Ed
Greene, Gracie
Heath, Beatrice
Heath, Floyd
Heath, Floyd Sr
Herbert, Charles
Herbert, Doug
Herbert, Gordon
Herbert, Mary
Hetzl, Gunther
Hetzl, Theresa
Hogan, Beth
Hoover, Anne
Hornbeck, Charles
Hornbeck, Danny
Hornbeck, Ed
Hornbeck, Marie
Hotte Family
Hutchins, Irma
Isabelle, Joseph
Isabelle, Mary
James, Kelly & Vivian
Keeler, Martin
Keeler, Olivia
Keeler, Wilson
Kerr, Sherry
Ketcham, Barbara
Ketcham, Bob
Kimball, Vera F.
Kritkauskay, Joyce



MEMORY
TREE

2017



LaDuc, Hilda
Laduc, Phil
LaDuc, Reginald
LaMonda, Leonard
Langeway, Kathy
Lamoureux, August
Lamoureux, Edgar Jr.
Lamoureux, Helene
Lamoureux, Marie
Lamoureux, Real
Lamoureux, Tristan
Leno, Darlene
Leno, Clayt
Leno, Emery
Leno, Ethel
Leno, Grandma
Lillie, Bea
Lilly, Bea
Lilly, Bernard
Litch, Josh
Little, Christa
Little, Christa Quenneville
Loizeau, Richard
Luca, Fred
Marcelle, David
McIntyre, Bonnie
McIntyre, Danny
McIntyre, George
Miller, Jane
Mitchell, Elwin Jr
Morin, Ryan
Munger, Floyd
Munger, Lucy
Naylor, Pat
Naylor, Sarah
Norton, Anna
Norton, Leslie
Palmer, Ethel
Palmer, Ethel M.
Papa
Pepe, Louis
Philion, Joe
Pidgeon, Elizabeth
Pidgeon, George
Pidgeon, Herb
Pidgeon, Paul
Pidgeon, Paul Jr.
Pidgeon, Stella
Pope, Rita
Quenneville, Ashley

Quenneville, Claudette
Quenneville, Guy
Quenneville, Janet
Quenneville, Jean Guy
Quenneville, Lucille
Quenneville, Roger
Quenneville, Romeo
Quenneville, Vince
Quenneville, Vincent
Quesnel, Alice
Quesnel, Clara
Quesnel, Dominique
Quinn, Tristan
Quinn, Tristan Sarad
Dakshin
Raleigh, Mike "Big Red"
Rawson, Carroll
Rawson, Curtis
Rawson, Curtis M.
Rawson, Margaret
Rawson, Robert
Reeve, Karen
Remy, Gesner
Remy, Marie Lourdes
Roorda, Garry
Roorda, Gary
Ryan, Anthony
Ryan, George
Sabatini, Karen
Salino, Barbara
Sampson, James
Sanderson, Pete
Sanderson, Sandy
Shaw, Robert
Sherman, Joshua
Simonds, Frances
Simonds, Rich
Smith, Jason
Stevens, David
Stevens, Elise
Stevens, Evelyn
Stevens, Harold
Stevens, Richard
Swington, John
Taylor, Bill
Tobin, Francis "Tobe"
Toth, Grace
Toth, Ruth
Toth, Louis

Trayah, Raymond
Trombley, Ada
Trombley, "Boots"
Trombley, Josie
Trombley, Josie B.
Trudo, Calvin
Trudo, Doris
Tucker, Donald "Pop"
Tucker, Ruth
Viets, Diana
Turpin, Paul
Wadsworth Richard & Bodil
Warren, Howard
Warren, Howard Sr
Webster, Harold
Wetmore, Brian
Wetmore, Coval
Wetmore, Donald
Wetmore, Hazel
Wetmore, Pete
Wilbur, Annette
Wilbur, Bob
Wilbur Family
Wilbur, Grandpa
Wilbur, Robert
Williams, Ben
Williams, Lillian
Wimett, Arlene
Wood, Roy Weaver
Young, Bruce
Young, Roz

**Worcester, MA Firefighters
who died Dec. 3rd, 1999:**

Paul A. Brotherton
Joseph P. McGuirk
Timothy P. Jackson
Jeremiah M. Lucy
James F. Lyons
LT. Thomas Spencer

**In Memory of Past Whiting
Fire Chiefs:**

Clayton Sawtelle
Bill Palmer
Clarence Birchmore

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT



A DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR SENIORS AND VETERANS

To be eligible for a passport, a person must be:

A legal resident of Vermont and is:

- 62 years of age or older or
- A veteran of the uniformed services

Use your passport for free admission to Vermont State Parks (overnight camping and other park fees **are excluded**), Vermont Historic Sites, and events which are fully State sponsored.

To receive a **Green Mountain Passport**, just fill out an **application** at your local **City or Town Clerk's Office** and pay a \$2.00 fee.

(The Green Mountain Passport Program began in 1973 by enactment of the General Assembly.)

Vermont Agency of Human Services
Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671-1601
802-241-2401

If you'd like information about services and benefits for seniors,
contact Age Well at:
1-800-642-5119



ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 20 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Pantton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT. The public is invited to attend.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333

Fax: (802) 388-0271

Website: www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org

Transfer Station Hours: M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

HazWaste Center Hours: M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The **Reuse It or Lose It!** Centers are open for accepting reusable household goods and building materials. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

2017 Highlights

Act 148. The District has devoted most of its resources in 2017 toward public outreach in preparation for expansion of food scrap collection in 2017. District staff spent months gathering data for the annual Implementation Report required by the State Materials Management Plan. The District also assisted haulers, member towns and businesses in implementing the new deadlines of Act 148. Facilities had to begin offering food scrap collection on 7/1/17. The deadline of 7/1/17 for commercial waste haulers to begin offering collection of food scraps was extended to 7/1/18. However, most of the haulers that offered drop-off services for trash in the District began offering the collection of food scraps on 7/1/17. Using a grant from the High Meadows Fund, the District was able to purchase educational materials, signage and totes for the new food scrap collection sites at town drop-offs. The District also provided 5-gallon food scrap buckets to those customers interested in participating in the program. The District began offering compost workshops to community members who wanted to learn about backyard composting. With a grant from the VT Agency of Natural Resources, the District provided compost bins and Green Cone solar digesters at a reduced price for workshop attendees. **Product Stewardship.** As a member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, the District has helped to lead efforts to adopt new extended producer responsibility (EPR) laws for mercury thermostats, electronic waste (E-Waste), fluorescent light bulbs, waste paint, and primary cell batteries, whereby manufacturers of those materials take over the costs of transporting and recycling their products once they are discarded. The District Transfer Station serves as a Collection Site for these programs. **Recycling.** As of September, the Transfer Station received 1,306 tons of single stream recyclables. All generators are required by District ordinance and State law to separate Mandated Recyclables from their waste. A list of Mandated Recyclables is posted on the District website. In 2017, 19 member municipalities had access to town or private recycling drop-off centers, and one – Goshen – provided a curbside program. A list of the drop-off centers can be found on the District website. **Illegal Burning/Disposal.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. As of 9/1/17, the Sheriff's office investigated 19 illegal burning/disposal complaints. The District served once again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, Vermont's annual litter clean-up event. The District subsidized the disposal of 15.99 tons of roadside trash, 8.8 tons of tires, 2 auto batteries, 2 fluorescent bulbs, 22 E-Waste items, 7 appliances, and various other hazardous items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$3,023.

2018 Budget

The District adopted a 2018 Annual Budget of \$2,992,908, a 0.12% increase over the 2017 Annual Budget. The Transfer Station tip fees will remain at \$123/ton for MSW and C&D. The District Fee of \$33.40/ton on all waste destined for disposal, and \$10/ton on contaminated soils approved by ANR for use as Alternative Daily Cover at the landfill will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2018.** For a copy of the full 2017 Annual Report, please give us a call, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

Vermont Department of Health Report for Addison County

Your local health district office is in Middlebury at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2017 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: The Health Department's 3-4-50 initiative aims to engage multiple sectors – business, education, municipalities – in implementing policies and strategies that will reduce the three (3) behaviors of tobacco use, physical inactivity and poor diet that lead to four (4) chronic diseases of cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes and lung disease that result in more than 50% of death in Addison County. The local office is working to get these sector partners to sign-on to 3-4-50 and make a commitment to take action that will help to reduce the chronic disease in our state.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served 1,005 women and children in Addison County with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2017 we responded to 11 cases of infectious disease in Addison County. In 2017, 16,751 doses of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers in Addison County.

Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse: Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. The United Way of Addison County is our local Regional Prevention Partner. United Way staff have been working with local law enforcement agencies to increase the number of prescription drug take back locations as well as other proactive efforts to address underage drinking and binge drinking.

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>

Notice to Voters

BEFORE ELECTION DAY

CHECKLIST POSTED:

By 30 days before your Town Meeting, the Town Clerk must post the checklist. Make sure your name is on it. If your name is not on it, you must complete an application to the checklist. (Available online at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, click on election, or from your Town Clerk)

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Deliver your application to the checklist to your Town Clerk's Office no later than 5:00pm the Wednesday before your Town Meeting, or mail to the Department of Motor Vehicles with a postmark before the deadline.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

You, or a family member on your behalf may request an early or absentee ballot from your Town Clerk by telephone, mail or email at any time up until 5pm or closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day before Town Meeting. An authorized person can apply for you to get a ballot only in person or in writing.

You can also go to the Town Clerk's office and vote your ballot while at the office or pick up a ballot at the Town Clerk's Office and take it home to vote. (you cannot pick up a ballot for your spouse or anyone else.)

If you take your ballot or have a ballot sent to you, you must return the ballot to the Town Clerk's office or to the polling place no later than 7pm on the Town Meeting Day.

If you are ill or disabled, you can request that a ballot be delivered to you by two Justices of the Peace. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the Justices of the Peace. They must return the ballot to the Town Clerk for you.

ON TOWN MEETING DAY

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your town clerk and ask that it be put back on.

If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the town clerk, a selectman or other members of the board of civil authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.

If you are still not satisfied, you may take a brief written request to a Superior Court Judge, who will rule on the request before the polls close that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 800-439-8683 for more information.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired, or can't read, you may bring the person of your choice to assist you or you can request assistance from two election officials.

If you cannot get from the car into the polling place, two election officials may bring a ballot to your car.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW

DO NOT knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or different towns.

DO NOT mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote. You can only register to vote and remain on the checklist in the town of your principal dwelling place.

DO NOT display any campaign literature, stickers, buttons, etc. within the building containing a polling place. However, a voter may bring a small card or paper into the polling place for his or her own use in remembering candidates so long as it is not publicly displayed.

DO NOT solicit votes or otherwise campaign within the building containing a polling place.

DO NOT interfere with the progress of a voter going to and from the polling place. This includes not socializing in a manner that will disturb other voters.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION

Call the Secretary of State's Office
1-800-439-VOTE (Accessible by TTY)

Vermont Voter Bill of Rights

- ***You have the right*** to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, live in Vermont, are 18 years old and have registered.
- ***You have the right*** to vote if you are homeless.
- ***You have the right*** to vote if you have been convicted of a felony, even while you are incarcerated.
- ***You have the right*** to vote even if you have a guardian and even if you need help reading or filling out your ballot.
- ***You have the right*** to vote or cast your ballot if you are in line by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- ***You have the right*** to know if you are registered to vote.
- ***You have the right*** to ask for help from elections officials or from a friend or family member. There are some people who cannot help you vote, for example, your boss or a union officer from your job.
- ***You have the right*** to a secret vote. You do not have to tell anyone how you voted.
- ***You have the right*** to get a new ballot if you make a mistake.
- ***You have the right*** to vote for the person you want. You can write-in someone else's name if you don't like the choices on your ballot.
- ***You have the right*** to leave some choices blank on your ballot. The choices you do mark will still count.
- ***You have the right*** to use a voting system for all federal elections that makes it possible for people with disabilities to vote privately and independently.
- ***You have the right*** to get a "provisional ballot" if you are told you are not registered to vote and you cannot swear or affirm that you submitted an application to register to vote in Vermont before the deadline.
- ***You have the right*** to know if your ballot, including a "provisional ballot," was accepted for counting.
- ***You have the right*** to file a complaint if you think your voting rights have been denied.

Call toll-free within Vermont at 1-800-439-8683 to get more information about these and other voting rights.

Dear Residents of Brandon, Goshen, Leicester, Pittsford, Sudbury and Whiting

As Otter Valley Unified completes its first merged year of service, we have focused our lens on the equity of opportunities for all students and fiscal sustainability. In our first year, we have a few highlights of our progress in both areas.

Beginning in the fall of 2017, Sudbury and Whiting merged to create a PreK - 6th grade program over 2 campuses. Whiting now serves grades Pre-K through second while Sudbury serves grades third through sixth. This change allowed for class sizes that are slightly larger with peer groups that are appropriate for every grade. In recent years, it was common to have four or five students in a grade level at each school; combining the grades across schools allows for a better peer group and class size. We can focus support at each setting based upon the grades served, such as early literacy at Whiting only. Using staff attrition and looking at opportunities, we were also able to move teachers from one building to another at their request and to share staff across buildings rather than reduce employment. This led to less turnover and greater staffing stability as we started to right size our district in the face of declining enrollment.

Our middle school model also has gotten a deep review this past year, bringing consistency to grades five and six across the district as students prepare for Otter Valley Union High School. Summer school programs also made changes for consistency and equity of opportunity. Neshobe partnered with the Brandon Town Rec to give students a more enriching, longer day program and Leicester did the same as it also opened its doors to children from Whiting and Sudbury. Lothrop continued its summer program and we served 95 students across the elementary schools this summer.

In district elementary school choice began in the fall of 2017. Twenty-three students chose a different elementary school in the district. The opportunity for choice helped families for a variety of reasons and met family needs and student learning styles.

RNESU spent this year updating the Compact into a current Mission and Vision as the administrative team set goals for the coming future. The goals include a focus on early literacy, with the introduction of SuperKids reading program in all kindergarten classrooms in the district. The goals also include ensuring all students get what they need to learn and all classroom instruction is of the highest quality.

This year RNESU says farewell and thank you to Kay Pelletier, Administrative Support for Special Education and Medicaid Clerk. Kay has been a mainstay for families and services for 25 years and we thank her for her service. Beth Ripley, currently of OVUHS, will replace Kay as of July, 2018.

Overall, we are pleased with the results of the first year in the new Otter Valley Unified Union School District and look forward to many more years of growth to come.

Sincerely,

Jeanné Collins

Jeanné Collins
RNESU Superintendent

RNESU Vision/Mission Statement

(pending final approval)

VISION: The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union empowers all students with the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to be successful and contributing members of a global society through the development of character, competence, creativity and community.

MISSION: By way of the resources invested by our communities, RNESU students will have the knowledge, skills and tools to be prepared for the next stage of their lives.

Otter Valley Unified Union School District Board of Directors' Annual Report

The Otter Valley Unified Union School District Board, comprised of representatives from the towns of Brandon, Goshen, Leicester, Pittsford, Sudbury and Whiting has had a busy year. The Board, organized into three committees: Student Achievement, Finance/Building and Grounds, and Policy and Advocacy, has focused on offering a rigorous academic program to our students while containing costs.

Our student population continues to decline. The small number of students in some of our schools make it difficult to offer cohesive, effective instruction. The Board charged the Superintendent to recommend a school configuration plan to address this challenge, while expanding educational opportunities for students where possible. At the same time, the Board directed the Superintendent to develop a budget that level funds spending. This was a difficult but necessary process. It is believed that our student population will continue to decline. To plan for this, the Board has decided to organize a committee to look at the long term needs of our communities and make recommendations to the Board for how to best meet the educational needs of our students.

In its first year, the Board adopted a school choice policy that is being used by 23 students. This policy gives parents the opportunity to choose a school that best fits their child's needs.

The budget for the operation of our schools will be explained in detail at the Otter Valley Unified Union School District annual meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 6:30 PM at Otter Valley Union High School. During budget development, it was necessary to make difficult reductions in order to reach a responsible level of spending. It is clear to the Board that our communities are in difficult fiscal times. The development of future budgets will require us to be ever more collaborative and creative as we strive to offer to all students the educational opportunities that will prepare them to be engaging and productive citizens.

We encourage all residents of our member towns to actively participate in the activities of the board. If you are unable to attend a meeting but have a question to ask, idea to share or concern to raise, please use the *Let's Talk* link on any school website.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Bourne

Bonnie Bourne
Otter Valley Unified Union School Board Chair



Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union Board of Directors' Annual Report

As continues to be the case, this year has been a challenging budget year. We worked hard to produce a fair and comprehensive budget, holding costs down as much as possible. You, the voters, saw that work and passed the budget last March, for which we are grateful. Then, before the Legislature recessed in the spring, they voted to take more money from the education fund to pay the state's other expenses, underfunding OVUU and BUU. In addition, we were told that in order to keep the education fund solvent, taxes need to cover an anticipated 39 million dollars Governor Scott moved to the general fund. All this means that we had to find a way to cover this year's "state imposed budget shortfall", find our portion of the 39 million and absorb the planned 2 cent reduction in merger incentive. This would mean reducing the budget by about \$1,600,000 before we even looked at the needs of our students, staff, and buildings.

We were in contract negotiations with the paraprofessionals and bus drivers again this year and also with the teachers. We tried to be fair and equitable knowing that the taxpayers had limits that had been perhaps already approached. Fortunately, we were able to reach settlements for both. In each contract, both sides compromised.

We continue to struggle with declining enrollment and smaller class size numbers. Our goal continues to be to provide the very best quality of education that our young people need and deserve. We have required our superintendent, Jeanné Collins, to bring in a budget that does more with less. We have publicly discussed plans of reconfiguration of grades, eliminating positions, combining classes, repurposing buildings, and cutting costs in all of our facilities. We held two public forums and many open board meetings. We know that change causes angst. But change must happen if we are to continue to provide affordable quality education for all of our district's students.

Our ultimate goal is to provide the very best quality education for all students. We know that the communities and the students count on our board to guarantee high standards, quality education, multiple opportunities to learn, a high degree of safety, and highly qualified teachers and staff to educate our children and get them ready to be outstanding citizens. We work hard to achieve those goals.

We thank you for the confidence you place in us and the great opportunity you give us to serve all of our children. It is our hope that you will see that the budget we present to you will meet all the needs of our students at a cost we can afford.

Sincerely,

Richard White

Richard A. White
Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union Board Chair



NOTES:

2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Voters attending: Heather Bouchard, Carol Brigham, Marilyn Chicoine, Ann Coleman, Greg Coleman, Emily Cook, Elizabeth Curran, Rose Curran, Richard Curran, Matt Cutts, Randy Denis, Suzanne Denis, Rani Fallon, Stephen Fallon, Stacey Freeguard, Marcia King, Randy Kritkausky, Ellen Kurrelmeyer, Karen Marshall, Pat Mattison, Christian Morrison, Jaime Quenneville, Gale Quenneville, Jenna Quenneville, Justin Quenneville, Steven Quenneville, Tony Quenneville, Cody Quesnel, Paul Quesnel, Cian Quinn, Steve Quinn, Alison Remy, Carolyn Schmidt, Patty Smith, John Travis, Tara Trudo, Peter Weber, Chad Whittemore, Brent Wilbur

The legal voters of the Town of Whiting Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Whiting on Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 7:00pm to transact the following business:

It has been noted that a second Select Board seat is up for election, and was not listed on the original warning. We will amend ARTICLE III to include item O-Select Board Member for 2 years to finish a 3-year term, incumbent Tara Trudo. (as advised by the Secretary of State's office)

ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. *Nominated: Elizabeth Curran by Ellen Kurrelmeyer, seconded by Steve Quenneville. No other nominees, the clerk cast one ballot for Elizabeth Curran.*

At this point our State Representative Terry Norris addressed the meeting. He introduced himself, explaining that he was filling Allison Eastman's position as she is now Deputy Ag Commissioner. Terry has lived in Shoreham since 1960. He was a dairy farmer for 40 years and is on the Ag and Forestry Committees. He's only been in Montpelier for 3 weeks and is slowly learning his way.

ARTICLE II: To receive and act upon the report of the Town Officers. *The motion to receive and act on the report of the Town Officers was made by Ellen Kurrelmeyer and seconded by Pat Mattison. There was no discussion, and it was moved on a voice vote.*

ARTICLE III: Will the Town elect the Officers as required by law in the following order:

- A. Town Clerk for 3 years.-incumbent Gale Quenneville: *Gale Quenneville was nominated by Steve Quenneville, seconded by Steve Quinn. No other nominations, Gale Quenneville was elected by a voice vote.*
- B. Town Treasurer for 3 years.-incumbent Gale Quenneville: *Gale Quenneville was nominated by Rani Fallon, seconded by Randy Denis. No other nominations; Gale Quenneville was elected by a voice vote.*
- C. Road Commissioner for 1 year.-incumbent Paul Quesnel: *Paul Quesnel was nominated by Pat Smith, seconded by Randy Denis. No other nominations; one vote was cast for Paul Quesnel*
- D. Select Board Member for 3 years.-incumbent Steve Quenneville: *Steve Quenneville was nominated by Brent Wilbur, seconded by Ellen Kurrelmeyer. No other nominations; one vote was cast for Steve Quenneville*
- E. Lister for 3 years.-incumbent Stacey Freeguard: *Stacey Freeguard was nominated by Pat Mattison, seconded by Paul Quesnel. There were no other nominations; one vote was cast for Stacey Freeguard.*
- F. Auditor for 3 years. -incumbent Marcia King: *Marcia King was nominated by Rani Fallon, seconded by Carol Brigham. There were no other nominations; one vote was cast for Marcia King*
- G. Collect of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year.-incumbent Marilyn Chicoine: *Rani Fallon was nominated by Steve Fallon, seconded by Ellen Kurrelmeyer. Marilyn Chicoine was nominated by Carol Brigham, seconded by Randy Denis. By a show of hands of more than 7 people, the vote will be a paper ballot. After a count by the BCA, the vote was Rani Fallon-19, Marilyn Chicoine-17. Rani Fallon is the new Delinquent Tax Collector.*
- H. Library Trustee for 3 years.-incumbent John Travis (vacant): *Andrea Quesnel was nominated for Library Trustee by Pat Mattison, seconded by Ellen Kurrelmeyer. There were no other nominations; Andrea Quesnel was elected by a voice vote.*
- I. Library Trustee for 3 years.-incumbent Tammy Wilbur: *Tammy Wilbur was nominated by Cody Quesnel, seconded by Steve Quenneville. There were no other nomination; Tammy Wilbur was elected by a voice vote.*
- J. Library Trustee for 2 years.-incumbent Tara Trudo: *Tara Trudo was nominated by Alison Remy, seconded by Justin Quenneville. There were no other nominations; Tara Trudo was elected by a voice vote.*
- K. First Constable for 1 year.-incumbent Michael Dame: *Michael Dame was nominated by Randy Denis, seconded by Steve Quenneville. There were no other nominations; Michael Dame was elected by a voice vote.*

- L. Second Constable for 1 year.-incumbent Rusty Brigham: *Rusty Brigham was nominated by Carol Brigham, seconded by Steve Quenneville. There were no other nominations; Rusty Brigham was elected by a voice vote.*
- M. Town Juror for 1 year.-incumbent Grace Simonds: *Paul Quesnel was nominated by Heather Bouchard, seconded by Jaime Quenneville. There were no other nominations; Paul Quesnel was elected by a voice vote.*
- N. Town Agent for 1 year.-incumbent Grace Simonds: *Heather Bouchard was nominated by Paul Quesnel, seconded by Cody Quesnel. There were no other nominations; Heather Bouchard was elected by a voice vote.*
- O. Select Board Member for 2 years.-incumbent Tara Trudo. *Tara Trudo was nominated by Ellen Kurrelmeyer, seconded by Steve Quenneville. There were no other nominations; one vote was cast for Tara Trudo.*

ARTICLE IV: Will the Town give the Delinquent Tax Collector the power to collect delinquent taxes?
This article was motioned by Brent Wilbur, seconded by Alison Remy. It was approved by a voice vote.

ARTICLE V: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real property taxes to the Treasurer on or before December 1, 2017? (postmarks not accepted) *This motion was made by Rani Fallon, seconded by Pat Mattison. It was approved by a voice vote.*

ARTICLE VI: Will the Town appropriate \$351,923 expenses and indebtedness of the town of which \$227,941 will come from taxes? *This motion was made by Ellen Kurrelmeyer, seconded by Pat Mattison. It was approved by a voice vote.*

ARTICLE VII: To transact any other nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper when met.

- A. *The Selectboard would like to discuss the possibility of an ordinance to allow ATVs on secondary roads (with provisions). Steve Quinn spoke to the meeting about the possibility of creating an ordinance to allow ATV vehicles to run on secondary roads. The question was asked, which roads? Paul Quesnel stated the paved town roads are Class 2 and the dirt roads are Class 3. Steve Quinn answered they were looking for an ordinance that covered both Class 2 and Class 3. Benson and Hubbarton already have these ordinances and it would be nice to be able to ride in Whiting. There was a question on time limits; could they ride after midnight? Also questions on who would monitor the activity? Steve Quinn stated they would create a riding club; all members would need to be licensed, insured and registered both with the state and with the club. The club would use the income generated to purchase signs for riding within the town. There was also a question on allowing them to ride on dead end roads. Steve answered that in other towns they were not allowed to ride on dead end roads. This is a non-binding discussion and Steve Quinn will now look into writing an ordinance for the Selectboard to review after a show of hands revealed that more people were for than against this ordinance.*
- B. *Stacey Freeguard spoke about issues with the Fire Department building. The older section (the former Creamery) is deteriorating, the ceiling is not well supported and is sagging. The roof trusses have failed to hold up the ceiling and though it is propped up for now, the question to the town is should be repair the building or tear down the old section and rebuild? Paul Quesnel suggested that if we are going to rebuild, it would make sense to include an extra bay for the Town Truck and Payloader. The Fire Department is going to research prices to rebuild and come back to the town at a future date with the updates as the town felt it would make more sense than to repair the existing building.*
- C. *Randy Kritkauskys spoke about the labor supply for farm and orchards. He handed out a brief statement: "The Town of Whiting would like to express its appreciation for the work that those with temporary and ambiguous work status provide for our regions farms, orchards, and hospitality industry. We encourage Vermont State Officials to do whatever possible, within the boundaries of the law, to support these workers." By a show of hands the voters agreed and approved of this statement. This statement will also be added to the Town website.*
- D. *Erin Morrison spoke to the Town about a movement called "Lets Grow Kids". She stated that a high percentage of families in Addison County do not have access to quality child care. This movement is also supporting the people working in the child care industry to earn a livable wage. She was asking for voters to sign a petition after the meeting if they supported this movement.*

A motion to adjourn was made by Ellen Kurrelmeyer, and was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by Town Clerk Gale Quenneville

WHITING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Whiting Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Whiting on Tuesday March 6, 2018 at 7:15pm to transact the following business:

ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II: The receive and act upon the report of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE III: Will the Town elect the Officers as required by law in the following order:

- A. Road Commissioner for 1 year. -incumbent Paul Quesnel
- B. Select Board Member for 3 years. -incumbent Bob Wood
- C. Lister for 3 years. -incumbent Dennis Ethridge
- D. Auditor for 3 years. -incumbent Elizabeth Curran
- E. Auditor for 1 year. -incumbent Alison Remy
- F. Collect of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year. -incumbent Rani Fallon
- G. First Constable for 1 year. -incumbent Michael Dame
- H. Second Constable for 1 year. -incumbent Rusty Brigham
- I. Town Juror for 1 year. -incumbent Paul Quesnel
- J. Town Agent for 1 year. -incumbent Heather Bouchard

ARTICLE IV: Will the Town give the Delinquent Tax Collector the power to collect delinquent taxes?

ARTICLE V: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real property taxes to the Treasurer on or before December 1, 2017? (postmarks not accepted)

ARTICLE VI: Will the Town appropriate \$328,962.50 expenses and indebtedness of the town of which \$233,689.10 will come from taxes?

ARTICLE VII: To transact any other nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper when met.

- A. The Selectboard would like to discuss the possibility of a loan to build a new Town Garage and the rebuilding of a portion of the Whiting Fire House. This will be a non-binding discussion.

Select Board Chair: Bob Wood



Steve Quenneville



Tara Trudo



NOTES:

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OFFICE HOURS

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

Gale Quenneville

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TownClerk@WhitingVT.com

Mondays: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Mondays: 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Wednesdays: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Other times by Appointment

BOARD OF LISTERS

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Listers@WhitingVT.com

Mondays: 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Other times by Appointment

RECYCLING:

2nd and 4th Saturday of

month 9:30 – 11am at

Town Shed

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:

Gloria Bertrand

Elizabeth Curran

Stacey Freeguard

Carolyn Schmidt

Grace Simonds

REGULAR MEETINGS

SELECTBOARD

2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:00pm

Held at Town Office

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1st Monday at 7:30pm

(Business Meeting)

2nd Tuesday 7pm(Training)

Special Trainings TBA

Held at Firehouse

FIRST RESPONSE

3rd Monday at 7pm

(Business Meeting)

4th Monday at 7pm (Training)

Held at Firehouse

CONTACT INFORMATION

(AS OF 1/1/2018)

1st Constable:	Michael Dame	623-6363
2nd Constable:	Rusty Brigham	623-8665
Animal Control:	Stacey Freeguard	623-6065
Auditors:	Marcia King	623-7813
Board of Listers:	Stacey Freeguard	623-7813
Cemetery Board:	Grace Simonds	623-7811
Delinquent Taxes:	Rani Fallon	989-2614
Fire Dept non-emer:	Mike Wilbur	989-1722
Fire Warden:	Delwin Fielder	989-8986
First Resp non-emer:	Rick Iffland	236-1469
Food Shelf:	Beverly Freeguard	623-8033
Green-Up Chair:	Rebecca Bertrand	623-6325
Health Officer:	Jeanne Lamoureux	623-6385
Planning Comm:	Steve Quenneville	623-7813
Road Comm:	Paul Quesnel	623-6731
School Board Rep:	Rebecca Bertrand	623-6325
Select Board:	Bob Wood	623-7813
Town Clerk & Treasurer:	Gale Quenneville	623-7813
Town Hall:	Tammy Wilbur	623-7862
Zoning Admin:	Kate Briggs	247-5305
Zoning Board:	Steve Quenneville	623-7813

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Please bring this report with you to:

TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

7:15PM

at THE WHITING TOWN HALL