

ANNUAL Report



2018

TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2018

TOWN OF

Brownington

VERMONT

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LOUIS A. GLODGETT
JUNE 6, 1940 – JUNE 4, 2018

THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE TOWN OF BROWNINGTON.

Annual Report

Town of

Brownington, Vermont



OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands
one nation under God, indivisible
with liberty and justice for all

For the year ending December 31,

2018



BROWNINGTON PARENTS CLUB

Will be hosting a

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

COST \$5.00 per person.

All proceeds from the luncheon will go towards
the outdoor bleachers for around the sports field!

Thank you for your support.



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Town Officers

Town Clerk: Valerie Faust.....	2019
<i>Records, preserves, and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, Marriage & Civil Union licenses. 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.</i>	
Moderator: Albert “Pat” Davis	2019
<i>Runs the annual and special town meetings. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Robert’s Rules of Order.</i>	
Selectboard:	
Beverly White	2019
Bill Falconer	2020
Chris Myott.....	2021
<i>General supervision and control over the 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, and liquor control commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin.</i>	
Delinquent Tax Collector: Valerie Faust.....	2019
Listers:	
Roger Patenaude.....	2019
David Chase.....	2020
Larry Chase.....	2021
<i>Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm, and not be overly sensitive to criticism.</i>	
School Directors:	
Debbie Brunelle.....	2019
David Martinez	2020
Jeremy Haney.....	2021
Lake Region Union High School Director:	
Albert “Pat” Davis.....	2021
Cemetery Commissioners:	
Wayne Libby	2019
Scott Nichols	2020
Jason Gonyaw	2021
<i>Responsible for the care and management of the town’s cemeteries. If no Cemetery commissioners are elected, the selectboard fulfills the roll.</i>	
* Road Foreman: Rodney Horskins (Resigned)	
Stephen Davenport (Resigned)	
Tyler St. Onge.....	2019
Treasurer: Valerie Faust.....	2021
<i>Keeps the town’s accounts, invests money (with approval of the legislative body), keeps record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him/her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.</i>	

* Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer: Jeannette Poirier.....	2019
Town First Constable: Adam Brunelle	2019
<i>In some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all the powers of search and 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/her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and to collect taxes if there is no tax collector elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts. Must complete necessary training to perform required duties.</i>	
Town Second Constable: Geoffrey Falconer (Resigned)	
Renee Falconer.....	2019
<i>Serves as the Animal Control Officer.</i>	
Auditors:	
Jan Delaney	2019
Jacqueline Meyer	2020
Barbara Thompson	2021
<i>Review and audit all the town accounts and prepare the annual report. Should be very detail oriented. Good writing skills are a plus.</i>	
* Town Grand Jurors:	
Cecile Curtis.....	2019
Angie Falconer	2019
<i>Helps prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the town by giving information to state and local law enforcement.</i>	
* Town Agent: William Davis	2019
<i>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 process, at the request of the selectboard.</i>	
* Pound Keepers:	
Geoffrey Falconer	2019
Pauline Mackey.....	2019
<i>Cares for animals that are impounded within the town.</i>	
* Fence Viewers:	
William Falconer.....	2019
Chris Myott	2019
Vacant	2019
<i>Three viewers are appointed by the selectboard each year. When called upon, they examine fences and other boundaries within the town.</i>	
* Tree Warden & Inspector of Wood, Lumber & Shingles:	
Aaron Chapdelaine	2019
<i>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 and/or insect control programs.</i>	
* Health Officer: Brandy Robillard.....	2019
<i>Enforces the rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.</i>	

* Cemetery Sextons: Wayne Libby	2019
Town Planning Commissioners:	
Larry Faust	2019
Brandy Robillard	2019
Larry Thompson	2019
William Davis	2020
Michael Glodgett	2020
Roger Patenaude	2020
Elizabeth Butterfield	2021
Armand Brunelle	2021
Mark Hastings	2021
<i>Duties include preparing a municipal plan; making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation; and participating in a regional planning program. Should have good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.</i>	
Justices of the Peace:	
Armand Brunelle	Andrew Swett
Larry Chase	Larry Faust
Chris Myott	
<i>Elected by the town, but are actually county officers. Duties fall into five categories.</i>	
<i>Elections: members of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) and serve as election officials at town elections.</i>	
<i>Tax Abatement and Appeal: Sit as members of the board of abatement.</i>	
<i>As member of the BCA, JP's hear and decide appeals when citizens do not agree with the final decision of the listers.</i>	
<i>Marriages & Civil Unions: JP's may solemnize marriages and certify civil unions.</i>	
<i>Oaths & Notary: JP's may administer oaths and is a notary ex officio.</i>	
<i>Magistrates: JP's may serve as a magistrate when so commissioned by the supreme court.</i>	
* Forest Fire Warden: Clayton Butler	2019
<i>Prevents forest fires within the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires.</i>	
* Town Service Officer: Larry Thompson	2019
<i>Assists individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel, or shelter assistance when the Vermont Department of Social Welfare is not available.</i>	
* E-911 Contact Person: Larry Chase	2019
* NVDA RPC Representatives:	
Larry Thompson	2019
William Davis	2019
Waste Management Committee:	
Lila Stevens	2019
Charles Batchelder	2020

* Appointed to Office

TOWN OF BROWNINGTON

Notice of Hearing

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT THE BROWNINGTON SELECTBOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING AND OPEN MEETING AT THE BROWNINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL IN BROWNINGTON CENTER ON MARCH 5, 2019 AT 9:30 A.M. TO DISCUSS WASTE MANAGEMENT.

DATED AT BROWNINGTON, VERMONT, THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY 2019.

Bev White, Chairman
Bill Falconer
Chris Myott
Brownington Select Board

The *Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District* assists the Brownington Community by providing recycling services to your town.

Your local transfer station is located at the Evansville Trading Post, 645 Evansville Rd., and is open year-round on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – noon.

Accepted materials include: plastic containers #1-4 & #5 food-grade containers (no black plastic containers accepted), all colors of glass bottles & jars, tin, aluminum, paper, cardboard, books, batteries, CFL bulbs, certain electronics (computers and TV Monitors included), scrap metal, aerosols, plastic bags (any color), and waste oil all free of charge. Ask the transfer station attendant for more details or call the NEKWMD at 802-626-3232.

Dates to Remember

TOWN OF BROWNINGTON

Green-Up Day

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2019

Brownington Town Garage

Call the Town Office for more information as the date approaches!

Let's make it a family affair!

NEK Waste Management District

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The NEKWMD finished 2018 by processing slightly less recycling compared to 2017 – approximately 2750 tons in 2018 compared to 2975 tons in 2017. Significant drops in organics and cardboard were responsible for most of the decline. A few items, including mixed paper, batteries, and tires saw increase in tonnage, while most other items saw tonnages that were flat or lower than last year. While tonnage for paper and cardboard were down, almost every other category saw increase compared to 2016. Recycling markets remained steady throughout most of 2018 and were generally average or slightly lower than average.

The District ended 2018 with a deficit of \$41,069.02. The District ended 2017 with a surplus of \$55,755.82. Revenues in 2018 were 11% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 16.3% above projections. The catastrophic failure of our baler on September 24, 2018 was the largest reason for the deficit. Not only did we have to pay to ship the materials off-site, we lost revenue from the sale of those materials. We anticipate having a new baler by the end of February 2019.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2018. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The NEKWMD is entering 2019 with a proposed budget of \$825,073 – an increase of 8.5% compared to 2018. The vast majority of the increase is due to the addition of a \$41,000 baler payment over the next 5 years. The surcharge rate of \$24.25 will increase by \$.50 for 2019. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.59.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and four part-time employees in 2018. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

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

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

NEKWMD Executive Committee

WARNING
NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE
MARCH 5, 2019

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 to act on the following article.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$825,073?

Edmund Newark	Jul. Lynn
Samuel D. Dyer	Elizabeth Dyer
Henry Dyer	John Keene
Kenneth Dyer	James Keene
Kenneth Dyer	David Keene
Claude O. Phipps	
William Dyer	
Andrea Dyer	
Alfred Dyer	
Ed. Dyer	
Sam Dyer	
Michael Dyer	
Jack Dyer	
Henry Dyer	
William Dyer	
Robert Dyer	

Select Board Message

This has not only been a challenging year but a very productive one.

When setting a budget, there are always expenses that are not anticipated. This past year, we had to reclaim the Raybold Pit which cost the Town \$10,000. Installation of guardrails for the Pepin Road and Hinman Settler Road for the cost of \$10,219. Roadside trimming with a grinding head excavator cutting branches around the Town for the cost of \$9,090. We felt we needed to open up the sides of some of the roads to let sun get onto the roads during the winter.

The Board has actively sought Grants to help offset the cost of the necessary things we need to purchase like road signs, cones, etc. Grants are essential in helping to keep our taxes down while helping to make much needed improvements to the Town through outside funding. A Better Roads Grant for culverts and work on the Parker/Moulton Road and a Municipal Roads Grant in Aid from NVDA for ditching on the Ticehurst Road were awarded to the Town. These grants allowed in-kind work to be part of the Towns match. A Class 2 Resurfacing Grant was received to resurface the Old Stone House Road and pave a section on the Center Road and a Town Highway Structures Grant was received for the Center Road Box Culvert. We could not use in-kind work for these grants, and our match was \$48,688. We transferred \$20,000 out of the Paving Fund to help with the matching monies for the Class 2 Resurfacing Grant that included paving on the Center Road. The total amount of grants that we received were \$279,347.28.

We have received an Environmental Mitigation Grant for the Center Road Bank Stabilization Project. The amount awarded is \$465,696.00 and the match is \$116,424.00. This grant does not allow for in-kind work, so the town will have a large portion to finance ourselves. This is a three to five-year project, so we should start putting money in a Money Market account deemed for that purpose.

We decided to lease to purchase a new CAT 926M bucket loader because ours was leaking fuel into the oil and it was getting tired. We felt that it was not worth putting roughly \$30,000 into a motor job to fix an old machine. They allowed us \$29,500 trade in for the old one. This was the time to do it while we still had value in the old machine.

We also lease to purchase a John Deere 75G excavator for our roads. It is very difficult to rent an excavator when we need it. We had grant work that required an excavator and we were unable to rent when needed. A lease to purchase is an expense of \$12,638 per year, but when figuring the budget, we determined that we could remove \$10,000 from the hiring equipment line item. This will make the extra budget money for the excavator \$2,638 and we can use the equipment when we need it. We have a lot of roads to de-berm and this will allow us the option whenever the road crew has time. This gives us the ability to change culverts or any emergency work when needed.

The Board would also like to thank Valerie Faust for serving as our Town Clerk and Treasurer, Clerk to the Board, for keeping the Select Board focused on the bottom line, and for all of the extra hours and dedication to Brownington. She goes well

above and beyond her responsibilities to assist the Board. The Town would be lost without her and all of her expertise.

The Select Board would like to thank all of the efficient Town Officers for their hard work and dedication. Everyone working together helps things run smoothly.

If anyone is interested in volunteering during an emergency, please let the Select Board know. We are working on the Local Emergency Management Plan which needs to be sent to the State by the first of May. We are looking for volunteers to help write it and then implement it when needed. Thank you.

We will need volunteers for Green Up Day which will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019. It will be held at the Brownington Town Garage.

For the fiscal year 2019, the highway budget has increased by \$26,825.13 due to the loader at \$21,745, excavator at \$2,638, and health insurance stipends by \$2,000.

The General budget went up by \$21,329.91. This increase is due to Waste Management going up \$1,000, the Orleans Ambulance is now \$19,451.91. This is a service that has been free forever, however, due to the hiring of staff for 24/7 coverage, the Orleans Ambulance has requested Towns they service for an appropriation. We are very fortunate to have them furnish exceptional services to our Town.

As we are taxpayers ourselves, we work diligently to keep budgets within reason and we will continue to look for ways to cut expenses where we can or make long term purchases that will be more fiscally responsible in the long run. We will continue to work in the best interest of the taxpayers while insuring the Town has everything it needs to run in a safe and productive manner.

The Select Board meetings are typically held at the Town Clerk's Office on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am. Meetings are open to the public. All are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings. If you are unable to attend, please contact a Board member or Val at the office to express your concerns and it will be addressed at our next meeting. All Board minutes are posted at the Town Clerk's Office, at the Evansville Trading Post, at the Town Office and the Brownington Village bulletin boards, and at the school when it is in session. If you would like to have the minutes emailed to you, please contact Val at the office and she will be happy to add your email to the list.

Beverly White, Board Chair	754-8449
Bill Falconer	673-6020
Chris Myott	355-8298

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Brownington, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Brownington Central School in Brownington Center in the Town of Brownington, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business, viz:

1. To elect a moderator.
2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.
3. To elect the remaining Town Officers as provided by statute:
 - a. One Selectman for a term of three years.
 - b. A Town Clerk for a term of three years.
 - c. A Delinquent Tax Collector.
 - d. One Lister for a term of three years.
 - e. One Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years.
 - f. A First Constable.
 - g. A Second Constable.
 - h. One Auditor for a term of three years.
 - i. One Planning Commissioner for a term of three years.
 - j. One Planning Commissioner for a term of three years.
 - k. One Planning Commissioner for a term of three years.
 - l. One Waste Management Committee member for a term of two years
4. To see if the voters will let the Cemetery Commissioners appoint the Cemetery Sextons.
5. To see if the voters will give the Selectmen the authority to appoint the remaining officers, namely: two Town Grand Jurors, One Town Agent, Pound Keepers, Fence Viewers, and Tree Warden and Inspector of Wood, Lumber & Shingles.
6. Shall the Town appropriate \$124,482.91 to defray the general expenses of the Town?
7. To see if the town shall vote to establish a Money Market Account for the purpose of holding monies to defray the Town Match of the Center Road Bank Stabilization Project and open the account with \$7500.00?
8. Shall the Town appropriate \$431,218.68 for highway purposes?
9. To see if the voters will authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.
10. To see if the Town will vote to pay the necessary premiums on bonds for its officers who are required by law to furnish bonds.
11. Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal property taxes due to the Town on or before November 15th, 2019, with delinquent taxes subject to interest charges, the highest allowable by law and an eight percent collector's fee charged against them from the due date?
12. Shall the Town of Brownington vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,414.00 for the support of Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) to provide services to residents of the Town and, direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
13. Shall the Town of Brownington vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$900.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging to provide services to residents of the Town, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to the Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the home care services of the Agency and Hospice, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
15. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$13,471.36 to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services for the ensuing year, and direct the select board to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
16. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) to the Jones Memorial Library, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
17. Shall the voters of the Town of Brownington vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter with its commitments to rescuing, providing care to and finding homes for unwanted pets, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
18. Shall the Town of Brownington vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1037.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)(3), to support the provision of 24 hour, 7 days a week emergency/ crisis services to residents of the town, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
19. Shall the Town of Brownington appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. to support the Brownington School Garden and Farm to School Program, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
20. Shall the Town of Brownington appropriate \$700.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
21. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of \$250.00 in support of the NorthWoods Stewardship Center for the purpose of providing: summer camps, school science and outdoor programs; summer Conservation Service Corps training and jobs for local youth; low-cost forestry workshops for landowners; and maintenance of local hiking and water trails throughout the Northeast Kingdom, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
22. Shall the Town vote to place 35mph speed limit signs within the areas of Brownington Village and Brownington Center to slow traffic in areas of higher pedestrian activity?
23. To act upon any nonbinding business that may legally come before said meeting.
24. To adjourn.

Dated at Brownington, Vermont this 23rd day of January, 2019.

Beverly White, Chairman
Bill Falconer
Chris Myott
Brownington Select Board

I hereby certify that the above warning was duly recorded in the records of the Town of Brownington previous to the posting and publication thereof.

Attest: Valerie Faust
Brownington Town Clerk

Summary of 2018 Annual Town Meeting Minutes

The legal voters of the Town of Brownington met at the Brownington Central School on March 6th, 2018, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and transacted the following business:

1. Albert "Pat" Davis was elected to serve as moderator.
2. The Town Officers' reports were accepted as corrected.
3. The following officers were elected:
Selectman (3 years) – Chris Myott
Town Treasurer (3 years) – Valerie Faust
Delinquent Tax Collector – Valerie Faust
Lister (3 years) – Larry Chase
Cemetery Commissioner (3 years) – Jason Gonyaw
First Constable –
Second Constable – Geoff Falconer
Auditor (remaining 2 years of a 3 year term) – Jacqueline Meyer
Auditor (3 year) – Barbara Thompson
Planning Commissioner (3 year) – Elizabeth Butterfield
Planning Commissioner (3 year) – Armand Brunelle
Planning Commissioner (3 year) – Mark Hastings
4. It was voted to let the Cemetery Commissioners appoint the Cemetery Sextons.
5. The Selectmen were authorized to appoint the following officers: two Town Grand Jurors, one Town Agent, Pound Keepers, Fence Viewers, Tree Warden and Inspector of Wood, Lumber and Shingles.
6. It was voted to put the .21 acre piece of property in Brownington Village where the Grange Hall used to sit out to bid for sale and the money put in the General Fund.
7. It was voted to appropriate \$101,238.00 to defray the general expenses of the Town.
8. It was voted to allow the movement of \$9,865.68 from the Town Garage Money Market to the Equipment Money Market.
9. It was voted to appropriate \$402,802.47 for highway purposes.
10. It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.
11. It was voted to pay the necessary premiums and bonds for its officers who are required by law to furnish bonds.
12. It was voted to change the due date of real and property taxes from October 31st to November 15th.
13. It was voted to authorize the Treasurer to collect real and property taxes due to the Town on or before November 15th, 2018, with delinquent taxes subject to

interest charge, the highest allowable by law, and an 8% collector's fee charged against them from the due date.

14. It was voted to allow NVDA to be added to the operating budget.
15. It was voted to appropriate \$1414.00 to Rural Community Transit.
16. It was to appropriate \$900.00 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging/
17. It was voted to appropriate \$2,500.00 to Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice Inc.
18. It was voted to appropriate \$ 13,078.99 to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department.
19. It was voted to appropriate \$1000.00 to the Jones Memorial Library.
20. It was voted to appropriate \$500.00 to the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter.
21. It was voted to appropriate \$500.00 to the Orleans County Citizen Advocacy.
22. It was voted to appropriate \$741.00 to Northeastern Vermont Development Association.
23. It was voted to appropriate \$ 1037.00 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services.
24. It was voted to appropriate \$300.00 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.
25. It was voted to appropriate \$700.00 to Umbrella, Inc.
26. It was voted to appropriate \$250.00 to NorthWoods Stewardship Center.
27. It was voted to allow the Town of Brownington road crew to grade the drive to Prospect Hill as needed.
28. Angie Falconer thanked Terry Curtis for his three years of service as a member of the Brownington Select Board.
29. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

There were 638 registered voters and 68 were checked off on the checklist as having voted during Town Meeting.

Dated at Brownington, Vermont, this 17th day of January 2019.

Valerie Faust
Brownington Town Clerk

Auditors' Report

We, the auditors of the Town of Brownington, have reviewed the financial records of the Town for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2018. The local audit includes, but is not limited to: checking accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts, petty cash, Select Board Meeting reports, Town Treasurer & Town Clerk reports, recording of fees, licenses, general ledgers, Listers' calculations, Grand List, and property tax statements. We reviewed the payroll records and reports as required by the Vermont Dept. of Labor and the Federal Government.

To the best of our knowledge, the above-mentioned statements and reports are a true representation of the financial condition of the Town of Brownington, Vermont.

We would like to acknowledge the diligence and dedication of Valerie Faust in the performance of her duties as Treasurer/Town Clerk. She greets the public with respect and serves our community with grace, curiosity, and competence.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Thompson
Jan Delaney
Jacqueline Meyer
AUDITORS, Town of Brownington

Independent Audit

An audit for year ending December 31, 2016 was conducted by Gene A. Besaw & Associates and was completed in June 2017.

Copies of the Management Letter, Full Financial Statements & Single Audit Report may be viewed at the

Brownington Town Clerk's Office
622 Schoolhouse Rd., Brownington, VT 05860

Statement of Property Taxes

2018 Grand List:	Municipal	School Homestead	School Non Residential
Real Estate Total	\$81,859,580	\$50,211,800	\$31,647,780
1% of Grand List.....	818,595.80	502,118.00	316,477.80
Tax Rate6472	1.2512	1.5255
Taxes Raised	\$529,795.20	\$628,250.04	\$482,786.88

2018 Homestead Tax Rate 1.8984

2018 Non Residential Tax Rate..... 2.1727

2018 Taxes Billed:	\$1,640,832.12
Adjustments HS-122 Late Filers & Errors	595.37
Net Taxes Billed.....	<u>\$1,641,427.49</u>

2018 Taxes Collected:	
2018 Tax Collected in 2018	\$1,540,067.64
2018 Collected as Delinquent.....	25,009.77
2018 Tax Delinquent December 31, 2018	76,710.75
2018 Taxes Abated	(360.67)
	<u>\$1,641,427.49</u>

2017 Delinquent Taxes:	
Balance January 1, 2018.....	\$ 78,167.03
Taxes Abated	-
2017 Tax Collected in 2018	78,167.03
Balance December 31, 2018	\$ -

2016 Delinquent Taxes:	
Balance January 1, 2018.....	\$ 167.06
Taxes Abated	-
2016 Tax Collected in 2018	167.06
Balance December 31, 2018	\$ -

2015 Delinquent Taxes:	
Balance January 1, 2018.....	\$ 299.46
Taxes Abated	-
2015 Tax Collected in 2018	299.46
Balance December 31, 2018	\$ -

Financial Statement

Assets:

PSB General Checking/ Sweep.....	\$ 197,369.67
MM Account - Reappraisal Fund	40,266.82
Petty Cash	50.00
MM Account- Paving Fund	33,325.16
MM Account- Equipment Fund	40,337.21
MM Account - Town Garage Fund	-
	<u>\$ 311,348.86</u>

Accounts Receivable:

2017 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 76,710.75
2016 Delinquent Taxes	-
2015 Delinquent Taxes	-
2014 Delinquent Taxes	-
	<u>\$ 76,710.75</u>
	<u>\$388,059.61</u>

Liabilities:

PS Bank- Truck Loan	\$ 23,203.27
PS Bank - Garage Loan	428,045.79
	<u>\$451,249.06</u>
Total Assets Over Liabilities.....	<u>\$ (63,189.45)</u>

Reappraisal Account:

Beginning Balance January 1, 2018.....	\$ 34,466.12
Interest Income.....	29.20
State of VT Act 68.....	5,771.50
Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 40,266.82

Paving Fund:

Beginning Balance January 1, 2018.....	\$ 43,287.29
Interest Income.....	37.87
Transfer from Budget.....	10,000.00
Transfer to General Fund	(20,000.00)
Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 33,325.16

Equipment Fund:

Beginning Balance January 1, 2018.....	\$ 67,916.36
Interest Income.....	54.07
Transfer from Town Garage Fund.....	9,866.78
Transfer from Budget.....	20,000.00
Transfer to General Fund	(57,500.00)
Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 40,337.21

Town Garage Fund:

Beginning Balance January 1, 2018.....	\$ 9,865.68
Interest Income.....	1.10
Transfer to Equipment	(9,866.78)
Balance December 31, 2018	\$ -

Revenue Report

General Budget

TAX REVENUES

Property Taxes.....	\$ 27,725.32
Prior Year Taxes	83,183.57
Tax Interest	8,717.69
Del. Collector Fees	8,318.91
Tax Sale & Misc Costs	1,688.89

OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Current Use	14,806.00
Motor Vehicle Fines	251.87
PILOT	4,759.49
State Reimbursements	6,114.62

LOCAL REVENUES

Clerk Fees	9,530.50
Dog Licenses	1,154.00
Liquor Licenses	140.00
Interest on Statements	340.42
Miscellaneous Land Sale	2,300.00
Return Checks	50.00

Total General **169,081.28**

Highway Budget

TAX REVENUE

Property Taxes.....	402,802.47
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OTHER GOVERNMENTS

State Aid to Highways	88,963.46
State Reimbursements	-

LOCAL REVENUES

Overload Permits	265.00
Interest on Statements	37.87
Miscellaneous	2,259.80

Total Highway **494,328.60**

OTHER FUNDS

Interest on Statements	55.56
Transfer from Highway- Equipment	20,000.00
Center Road Engineering Grant	4,477.50
Road Inventory Grant	6,552.00
Municipal Roads Grant (NVDA)	7,500.00
Center Road Culvert Engineering Grant	5,641.87
Class 2 Resurfacing Grant	103,712.78
Better Roads Grant-Parker/Moulton	29,121.92
Center Road Box Culvert Grant	140,760.00
Transfer from Highway- Paving	10,000.00
Interest on Statements	55.17
Restoration Fees	824.00
Computer Fund	67.50
St of Vt Act 68 payment	5,771.50

Total Other Funds **334,539.80**

TOTAL REVENUE ALL FUNDS **\$ 997,949.68**

Expenditure Report

GENERAL BUDGET

PAYROLL & BENEFITS

Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 5,146.49
Assistant Treasurer	5,146.19
Fire Warden	500.00
Health Officer	365.00
Election- worker	574.88
Town Clerk	17,490.00
Town Treasurer	15,400.00
Listers	5,386.89
Select Board	3,735.00
Auditors	646.19
Clerk Fees	9,530.50
Animal Control Officer	1,066.68
Recycle Attendant	2,064.40
Board Clerk	1,550.00
Health Insurance	4,000.00
Social Security -Employer	7,004.31

OFFICE EXPENSES

Training	620.00
Rubbish	330.00
Computer/ Internet	2,258.35
Nemrc	2,131.14
Phone	879.75
Office/ Advertising	682.66
Member Dues	2,151.00
Mileage	735.00
Paper, postage etc	3,494.26
Maintenance	2,181.36
Electric	1,287.93
Heat	1,162.37

GENERAL EXPENSES

Cemetery Comm	6,000.00
Animal Control	144.34
Fire Protection	20,000.00
Audit Fees	-
Legal Fees	645.00
Parcel Mapping	1,600.00
Street Lights	1,614.00
SW- Green Up	1,109.16
SW- Barton LF	-
Insurance- VLCT Pacif	5,645.00
Town Report- Printing	2,162.00
Town Report- Mailing	335.24
County Tax	12,240.81
Miscellaneous	2,880.73

APPROPRIATIONS

Orleans Sheriff's Dept	13,078.99
RCT	1,414.00

Appropriations cont.

NEK Council on Aging	900.00
Green UP.....	50.00
VNA	2,500.00
Jones Memorial Library	1,000.00
Human Services	1,037.00
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Society	500.00
Citizens Advocacy	500.00
Umbrella, Inc	700.00
NVDA.....	741.00
Farm to School	300.00
NorthWoods.....	250.00
Total General Budget.....	\$ 174,867.62

HIGHWAY BUDGET**PAYROLL & BENEFITS**

Full Time Road Crew	\$ 52,627.70
Part Time Road Crew	12,048.75
Mechanic	5,431.50
Road Foreman.....	56,388.17
Health Ins- Town Share	8,000.01
Social Security- empl sha.....	8,865.11
Retirement.....	7,910.81
Unemployment	1,213.49
Uniforms	1,670.00

GARAGE OFFICE

Training.....	255.00
Phone/Internet	1,757.02
Mileage	-
Supplies.....	1,455.77
Maintenance	1,865.92
Electric.....	2,530.00
Heat	5,924.56

GENERAL EXPENSES

CDL Expense	130.00
Insurance- VLCT Pacif	19,634.00
Shop Supplies	3,953.22
Road Signs	3,155.97
Tools	4,816.37
General Permit	840.00
Equipment Transfer	20,000.00
Paving Transfer	10,000.00

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Roadside Mowing	5,800.00
Equipment Hire.....	18,632.50
Sand	24,002.50
Salt	10,097.82
Chloride	17,999.52
Hot/ Cold Patch	655.59
Bridges/ Guardrails.....	10,219.00

Road Maintenance cont.

Culverts	397.20
Road Surface-Gravel.....	11,445.49
Stone-Muddy Roads.....	2,656.30
Ditching/Seeding	-

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Loader	1,366.00
Grader	2,990.33
Backhoe.....	-
General Maintenance	898.42
Preventative Maintenance	2,828.15
Miscellaneous.....	-
Truck 1	4,028.42
Truck 2.....	3,215.85
Truck 3.....	662.80
Trailer	-
Truck 4.....	4,219.91
Fuel-Diesel	29,482.25
Fuel-Welding	149.13
Gasoline	4,325.71

DEBT SERVICE

Truck Loan- Principal.....	22,860.85
Garage Loan-Principal.....	20,310.68
Grader Lease Payment	24,589.68
Truck Loan -Interest	530.39
Garage Loan- Interest	12,972.52

Total Highway..... \$ 467,810.38

New Equipment	61,600.00
Tools/ Machinery.....	-
Center Road Engineering	4,725.00
Road And Culvert Inventory.....	-
MRGP-Parker Road	340.00
Center Road Culvert Engineering.....	5,475.00
Class 2 Resurfacing	129,640.98
Better Roads-Parker/Moulton	23,163.07
Center Road Box Culvert.....	163,520.00
Municipal Roads Grant (NVDA).....	2,345.11
Restoration Expense	784.31

Total Other Projects..... \$ 391,593.47

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS..... \$1,034,271.47

Proposed
Comparative Budget Report
GENERAL FUND

	Budget FY-2018	Actual FY-2018	Budget FY-2019
PAYROLL & BENEFITS			
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 4,774.00	\$ 5,146.49	\$ 5,000.00
Assistant Treasurer	4,774.00	5,146.19	5,000.00
Fire Warden	500.00	500.00	500.00
Health Officer	365.00	365.00	365.00
Election- worker	1,000.00	574.00	500.00
Town Clerk	17,490.00	17,490.00	17,490.00
Town Treasurer	15,400.00	15,400.00	15,400.00
Listers	7,200.00	5,386.89	7,200.00
Select Board	3,735.00	3,735.00	3,735.00
Auditors	850.00	646.19	850.00
Clerk Fees	-	9,530.50	-
Del. Collector Fees	-	-	-
Animal Control Officer	1,200.00	1,066.68	1,400.00
Recycle Attendant	2,100.00	2,064.40	2,100.00
Board Clerk	1,500.00	1,550.00	1,500.00
Health Insurance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Social Security -Employer	8,000.00	7,004.31	8,000.00
Total Payroll & Benefits	72,888.00	79,605.65	73,040.00
OFFICE EXPENSES			
Training	750.00	620.00	750.00
Rubbish	400.00	330.00	400.00
Computer/ Internet	1,500.00	2,258.35	1,500.00
Nemrc	2,000.00	2,131.14	2,000.00
Phone	800.00	879.75	850.00
Office/ Advertising	1,000.00	682.66	1,000.00
Member Dues	2,100.00	2,151.00	2,200.00
Mileage	500.00	735.00	700.00
Paper, postage etc.	3,100.00	3,494.26	3,500.00
Maintenance	3,000.00	2,181.36	3,000.00
Electric	1,600.00	1,287.93	1,600.00
Heat	1,000.00	1,162.37	1,200.00
Total Office Expense	17,750.00	17,913.82	18,700.00
GENERAL EXPENSES			
Cemetery Comm	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Animal Control	-	144.34	150.00
Fire Protection	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Ambulance Service	-	-	19,451.91
Audit Fees	-	-	-
NVDA	-	-	741.00
Legal Fees	1,500.00	645.00	1,500.00
Parcel Mapping	1,600.00	1,600.00	-

	Budget FY-2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY-2019
General Expenses con't.			
NEKWMD	800.00	780.00	1,800.00
Street Lights	1,850.00	1,614.09	1,850.00
SW- Green Up	1,000.00	1,109.16	1,200.00
SW-Barton Post Closure	-	-	-
Insurance- VLCT Pacif	-	5,645.00	-
Town Report- Printing	2,000.00	2,162.00	2,200.00
Town Report- Mailing	350.00	335.24	350.00
County Tax	12,500.00	12,240.81	12,500.00
Miscellaneous	-	2,880.73	-
Total General Expenses	47,600.00	55,156.37	67,742.91
Total Selectman's Budget	\$138,238.00	\$152,675.84	\$159,482.91
APPROPRIATIONS			
Orleans Sheriff's Dept	\$ 13,078.99	\$ 13,078.99	
RCT	1,414.00	1,414.00	
NEK Council on Aging	900.00	900.00	
VNA	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Jones Memorial Library	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Human Services	1,037.00	1,037.00	
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Society	500.00	500.00	
Citizens Advocacy	500.00	500.00	
Court Diversion	-	-	
Umbrella	700.00	700.00	
NVDA	741.00	741.00	
Farm to School	300.00	300.00	
NorthWoods	250.00	250.00	
Symphony Kids Program	-	-	
Total Appropriations	22,920.99	22,920.99	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$156,222.03	\$175,596.83	
Anticipated Income:			
Current Use	\$ 14,000.00		\$ 14,500.00
PILOT	5,000.00		4,500.00
Delinquent Collector Fees	9,000.00		8,000.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	9,000.00		8,000.00
Tax Revenue	101,238.00		124,482.91
	\$138,238.00		\$159,482.91

Proposed
Comparative Budget Report
HIGHWAY FUND

	Budget FY-2018	Actual FY-2018	Budget FY-2019
PAYROLL & BENEFITS			
Full Time	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 52,627.70	\$ 45,000.00
Part Time	7,000.00	12,048.75	10,000.00
Mechanic	5,000.00	5,431.50	5,000.00
Road Foreman	51,500.00	56,388.17	52,000.00
Health Ins	8,000.00	8,000.01	10,000.00
Social Security	9,000.00	8,865.11	10,000.00
Retirement	6,800.00	7,910.81	7,300.00
Unemployment	7,000.00	1,213.49	3,000.00
Uniforms	1,600.00	1,670.00	1,600.00
Total Payroll & Benefits.....	138,400.00	154,155.54	143,900.00
GARAGE OFFICE			
Training.....	750.00	255.00	500.00
Phone/ Internet.....	1,589.76	1,757.02	1,700.00
Mileage	500.00	-	500.00
Supplies.....	1,000.00	1,455.77	1,000.00
Maintenance	2,000.00	1,865.92	2,000.00
Electric.....	3,250.00	2,530.00	3,250.00
Heat	5,000.00	5,924.56	6,000.00
Total Garage Office.....	14,089.76	13,788.27	14,950.00
GENERAL EXPENSES			
CDL Expense	400.00	130.00	300.00
Insurance- VLCT Pacif	16,987.00	19,634.00	17,121.00
Shop Supplies	3,000.00	3,953.22	3,000.00
Road Signs	2,000.00	3,155.97	2,500.00
Tools	2,000.00	4,816.37	2,000.00
General Permit	2,640.00	840.00	1,800.00
Equipment Transfer	20,000.00	20,000.00	15,000.00
Paving Transfer	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total General Expenses	57,027.00	62,529.56	51,721.00
ROAD MAINTENANCE			
Roadside Mowing	4,500.00	5,800.00	5,000.00
Equipment Hire	15,000.00	18,632.50	5,000.00
Sand	20,000.00	24,002.50	20,000.00
Salt	8,000.00	10,097.82	10,000.00
Chloride	18,000.00	17,999.52	18,000.00
Hot/ Cold Patch	1,000.00	655.59	1,500.00
Bridges/ Guardrails.....	2,000.00	10,219.00	2,000.00
Culverts	7,000.00	397.00	-
Road Surface-Gravel.....	50,000.00	11,445.49	50,000.00
Stone-Muddy Roads.....	10,000.00	2,656.30	10,000.00

	Budget FY-2018	Actual FY-2018	Budget FY-2019
Road Maintenance cont.			
Ditching/Seeding	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Total Road Maintenance.....	137,500.00	101,905.72	123,500.00
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE			
Loader- Maint	4,000.00	1,366.00	2,500.00
Grader- Maint	7,500.00	2,990.33	6,000.00
Backhoe- Maint.....	3,000.00	-	1,500.00
General Maint.....	5,000.00	898.42	9,000.00
Preventative Maint.....	5,000.00	2,828.15	-
Truck 1 Maint.....	2,500.00	4,028.42	3,000.00
Truck 2 Maint.....	2,500.00	3,215.85	3,000.00
Truck 3 Maint.....	2,500.00	662.80	2,000.00
Trailer	500.00	-	500.00
Truck 4 Maint.....		4,219.91	3,500.00
Fuel- Diesel	30,000.00	29,482.25	34,000.00
Fuel- Welding	500.00	149.13	500.00
Gasoline	3,000.00	4,325.71	5,000.00
Total Equipment Maintenance	66,000.00	54,166.97	70,500.00
DEBT SERVICE			
Truck Loan - Principal.....	22,860.85	22,860.85	23,203.27
Garage Loan- Principal.....	21,042.37	20,310.68	21,636.89
Grader Lease Payment	24,589.68	24,589.68	24,589.68
Loader Lease Payment	-	-	21,745.39
Excavator Lease Payment.....	-	-	12,638.81
Truck Loan - Interest	530.39	530.39	187.45
Garage Loan - Interest	9,762.42	12,972.52	11,646.19
Total Debt Service.....	78,785.71	81,264.12	115,647.68
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:.....	\$ 491,802.47	\$467,810.18	\$520,218.68
Anticipated Income:			
State Aid for Highway	\$ 89,000.00		\$ 89,000.00
Tax Revenue.....	402,802.47		431,218.68
	\$491,802.47		\$520,218.68

ACT 68 FUNDS

Balance January 1, 2018		
State of VT Act 68 Payment	\$ 5,771.50	
		\$ 5,771.50
Expended:		
Transfer to Reappraisal MM	\$ 5,771.50	
		\$ 5,771.50
		\$ -

RESTORATION FUND

Balance January 1, 2018.....	\$ 2,435.18	
Restoration Fees	824.00	
		\$ 3,259.18
Expended:		
Goodway Documents	\$ 748.31	
		\$ 748.31
		\$ 2,474.87

COMPUTER FUND

Balance January 1, 2018.....	45.50	
Computer Fees.....	\$ 67.50	
		\$ 113.00
Expended:	\$ -	
		\$ -
		\$ 113.00

CENTER ROAD ENGINEERING BC1798

Balance January 1, 2018.....	\$(4,477.50)	
Transportation Agency	4,447.50	
		\$ -

*Expended in FY 2017 \$ 4,975.00

ROAD & CULVERT INVENTORY BR0031

Balance January 1, 2018.....	\$(6,552.00)	
Transportation Agency	6,552.00	
		\$ -

*Expended in FY 2017 \$8,190.00

MRGP - PARKER ROAD

Balance January 1, 2018.....	\$(7,500.00)	
Regional Planning Commission	7,500.00	
		\$ -

*Expended in FY 2017 \$10,891.00

CENTER ROAD CULVERT ENGINEERING BC1888

Balance January 1, 2018		
Transportation Agency.....	\$ 5,641.87	
Local Share	626.88	
		\$ 6,268.75
Expended:		
Ruggles Engineering Services, Inc.....	\$ 5,475.00	
		\$ 5,475.00
		\$ -

*Expended in FY2017 \$793.75

CLASS 2 RESURFACING GRANT P01868

Balance January 1, 2018		
Transportation Agency.....	\$103,712.78	
Local Share	25,928.20	
		\$129,640.98
Expended:		
Northeast Paving & Sealing.....	20,550.00	
Calkin's Sand & Gravel.....	67,650.00	
A&D Trucking.....	2,847.50	
Alan Poirier	13,447.38	
St. Onge Transport, Inc	14,917.50	
Woods CRW Copr	4,000.00	
Farmyard Store.....	6,228.60	
		\$129,640.98
		\$ -

BETTER ROADS - PARKER ROAD BR0431

Balance January 1, 2018		
Transportation Agency.....	\$ 29,121.92	
Local Share	13,017.84	
		\$ 42,139.76
Expended:		
Equipment Rentals	14,039.00	
Materials.....	9,124.07	
Town Owned Equipment.....	13,820.00	
Labor	5,156.69	
		\$ 42,139.76
		\$ -

CENTER ROAD BOX CULVERT BC1908

Balance January 1, 2018		
Transportation Agency.....	\$140,760.00	
Local Match	22,760.00	
		\$163,520.00
Expended:		
Ruggles Engineering Services	5,775.00	
Johnson Rental & Hardware.....	770.00	
Kurt Fenoff & Son Excavating, LLC.....	156,975.00	
		\$163,520.00
		\$ -

MRGP - TICEHURST ROAD

Balance January 1, 2018		
Local Share	\$ 8,000.11	
		\$ 8,000.11
Expended:		
Materials.....	1,835.11	
Equipment-Hired.....	510.00	
Equipment Town Owned.....	10,430.00	
Labor	3,825.00	
		\$16,600.11
		\$(8,600.00)

Cemetery Financial Report**Account Balance as of December 31, 2018:**

Savings Account.....	\$ 1,791.19	
Checking Account.....	3,010.03	
Total		\$ 4,802.22

Statement of Income & Expenses 2018:

Balance January 1, 2018	\$ 4,501.33
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RECEIPTS:

Interest on Savings.....	\$.89
Appropriation at Town Meeting	6,000.00
Perpetual Care	300.00
Total Receipts	6,300.89

\$10,802.22**DISBURSEMENTS:**All Cemeteries:

Cemetery Care-Wayne Libby (Mowing)	6,000.00
Total Disbursements	6,000.00

Ending Balance December 31, 2018	\$ 4,501.33
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Town School District Warning

The legal voters of the Town School District of Brownington, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Brownington School in Brownington Center on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 1:00 pm to transact the following business, namely:

1. To elect a Moderator
2. To hear and act upon the reports of the district officers
3. To elect the following officers as provided by statute
 - a) A school director for a term of three years
4. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Directors to borrow money to pay indebtedness and current expense of the District.
5. To act on any other business, which may legally come before, said meeting.
6. To adjourn.

Dated at Brownington, Vermont, this 17th day of January, 2019

/s/ Debbie Brunelle

/s/ David Martinez

/s/

BROWNINGTON SCHOOL DIRECTORS

I hereby certify the above warning was duly recorded in the records of the Brownington Town School District previous to the posting and publication thereof.

/s/Valerie Faust

BROWNINGTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

Principal's Message

During the last year, the BCS staff continued to work on the Brownington Bridge to the Future. This long-term plan is to give children what they need when they need it through creating a positive school climate and engaging every student every day. We improve the climate through teaching a social-emotional curriculum, recognizing and celebrating positive behavior, and ensuring that every student has many opportunities to have a sense of belonging. Teachers are working on engaging students by implementing proficiency-based learning. By combining social-emotional learning and student engagement in learning, the BCS Staff are preparing our students to be successful throughout their lives.

Here are some highlights from the last year:

- Thanks to the Parent-Teacher Club's years of fundraising, we finally have a new playground. We were able to replace the swings, remove the old slide, and even add a gaga pit. The kids are loving it.
- We have made student-led conferences an integrated part of our proficiency-based learning system. In this model, students take charge of tracking and reporting on their learning. This level of thought about learning engages students more than ever before.
- Brownington Central School received a VTPBIS Exemplar award for the 2017-2018 school year! This recognition is the result of a significant commitment on the part of the staff and students to implement PBIS with fidelity over time and greatly improve our school climate.

I am excited about the good work that the staff does every day and the growth that we see in your children.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Fliegelman

BROWNINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Officers 2018-2019

TERM EXPIRES

DEBBIE BRUNELLE	2019
DAVID MARTINEZ	2020
JEREMY HANEY	2021

LAKE REGION UNION HIGH SCHOOL

ALBERT "PAT" DAVIS	2021
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ENROLLMENT

	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016
Elementary (K-6)	83	81	94	80
Middle Grades (7-8)	22	20	21	23
Secondary (9-12)	43	46	48	43
Total	148	147	163	146

ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

PROGRAM FINANCIAL REPORT

	FUND BAL	PROPOSED RECEIPTS	PROPOSED EXPENSES	PROPOSED FUND BAL
FY19	7/1/2018	2018-19	2018-19	6/30/2019
ART	7,538	94,608	92,488	9,658
Audits	15,330	42,000	42,000	15,330
Central Office	65,876	619,110	680,118	4,868
COFEC Building	22,711	197,112	193,521	26,302
EEE/PRE-K	(141,524)	901,949	787,239	(26,814)
Mainstream	129,769	4,151,504	4,129,609	151,664
Music	2,292	154,935	157,558	(331)
Nurse	27,129	41,195	56,105	12,219
Physical Education	(3,414)	112,299	111,484	(2,599)
Transportation	0	779,753	779,753	0
Food Service Coordinator	2,480	28,247	30,430	297
Education Media	620	84,710	85,330	0
Curriculum/Improv. Of Instr,	(4,115)	74,651	74,802	(4,266)
	ANTICIPATED FUND BAL	PROPOSED RECEIPTS	PROPOSED EXPENSES	PROPOSED FUND BAL
FY20	7/1/2019	2019-20	2019-20	6/30/2020
ART	9,658	85,784	95,442	0
Audits	15,330	26,670	42,000	0
Central Office	4,868	696,999	701,867	0
COFEC Building	26,302	179,672	205,974	0
EEE/PRE-K	(26,814)	674,189	647,375	0
Mainstream	151,664	4,345,885	4,497,549	0
Music	(331)	162,955	162,624	0
Nurse	12,219	46,222	58,441	0
Physical Education	(2,599)	118,862	116,263	0
Transportation	0	797,135	797,135	0
Food Service Coordinator	297	31,235	31,532	0
Education Media	0	98,197	98,197	0
Curriculum/Improv. Of Instr,	(4,266)	83,625	79,359	0
Behavior Specialist	0	36,016	36,016	0

Independent Auditors

Orleans Central Supervisory Union has engaged in RHR Smith & Company to audit the school districts for the year ending June 30, 2018. The audited financial statement for Brownington School District is available for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office, 130 Kinsey Road, Barton, VT 05822.

ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 07/01/2017.....	\$ 1,101,636.99
Income:	\$10,553,203.76
Interest.....	\$ 3,601.12
Expenses:	
School Board Orders	\$5,262,776.21
Payroll.....	\$5,153,876.81
Ending Balance 06/30/2018.....	\$1,241,788.85

Superintendent's Report **2018-2019**

I would like to start by thanking school board members, community members, parents, students, staff, teachers, and administration. You all contribute to making the Orleans Central Supervisory Union (OCSU) a special place. I am excited about the teaching and learning happening in our schools and the dedication of everyone working to provide the best opportunities for students.

This year, I will continue to focus on the following areas:

- Fostering Educational Excellence
- Developing Quality Leadership and Staff
- Connecting School and Community
- Aligning Resources with Needs

Under "Fostering Educational Excellence", I am supporting Boards as they review and revise policies and develop meeting agendas that are focused on the work of the Board. I visit all schools on a regular basis and talk with principals, teachers, staff and students about the learning that is happening. I am currently working on developing a recognition system that celebrates the dedicated teachers and staff that work in OCSU.

"Developing Quality Leadership and Staff" includes holding regular administrative team meetings focused on building the knowledge and skills of administrators so that they can support their teachers and staff in continued growth. I also meet individually with all administrators to support them in leading their own schools. Director of Instruction Mike Moriarty and I collaborate to plan for professional development

that meets the needs of teachers, support staff, and administrators. In order to improve my own knowledge and skills, I meet regularly with other superintendents and attend workshops on topics specific to my role.

One area that I am eager to expand on is "Connecting School Community". I have been working with the Identity and Education group to address areas of social justice that affect our community. I've been working with a committee to develop a social media plan that includes guidelines for how we will operate in the online world. That committee is almost ready to launch and OCSU Facebook page and an OCSU Twitter account. I have also met with members of various OCSU towns to brainstorm ways to increase opportunities for community involvement in our schools.

The area "Connecting School and Community" is one that is extremely important to focus on. We know that it is critical that we partner with families and community members in order to serve the needs of all students. Over the last year we've developed an active social media presence and we are using both Facebook and Twitter to "tell our story". As a member of the Vermont Rural Education Collaborative (VREC) we are partnering to raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges facing rural schools.

"Aligning Resources with Needs" is an area that we must focus on if we are to maintain a strong system that offers a high-quality education to our students at a cost our communities can afford. My work in this area includes meeting with representatives from Wildbranch to ensure that we are using technology to make our system more efficient. I've also been working with central office staff to streamline their work so that they can offer high-quality support to schools. Business Manager, Heather Wright and I collaborate to ensure that finances are on track, and that budgets are developed that meet the needs of both schools and community members.

As the world of education, and the world in general, continues to change, we must do so as well. If we build and maintain a strong system that focuses on the areas above, we'll be able to weather these changes and OCSU will remain the special place that it is.

Respectfully,

Beverly Davis, Superintendent

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk's Office Telephone: 802-754-8401

Email: browningtontc@comcast.net

Town Clerk's Office Hours: Mon- Thurs 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. & by appointment

Office will be closed: Jan. 1; Jan. 21; Feb. 18; Mar. 5; May 27; July 4; Sept. 2;
Oct. 14; Nov. 11; Nov. 28; Dec. 25 & 26; Jan. 1 & 2, 2020.

Number of Births..... 12
Number of Marriages..... 8
Number of Deaths..... 7

** Beginning July 1, 2019, an application and valid ID will be required to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate per state law.*

Birth Report – 2018

Name of Child	Date	Where Born	Father/Mother (Maiden)
Cote, Desmond David Scott	April 4, 2018	Newport, VT	Jonathan Adam Cote Sarah Elizabeth Fleurie
Cummings, Harper Lyn	February 4, 2018	Newport, VT	Daniel George Cummings II Chelsea Lyn Johnson
Daniels, Levi James	January 7, 2018	Newport, VT	David Chris Daniels Misty-Anne Koloski
Hershberger, Mary R.	February 15, 2018	Brownington, VT	Raymond R. Hershberger Anna N. Kaufman
Kauffman, Levi M.	June 13, 2018	Brownington, VT	Moses J. Kauffman Emma M. Shetler
Kauffman, Mattie L.	December 29, 2018	Brownington, VT	Levi J. Kauffman Barbara M. Shetler
LaMadeleine, Amelia May	October 30, 2018	St. Johnsbury, VT	David Allen LaMadeleine Kelly Erin Corkins
Lyon, Annabella Maye	February 24, 2018	Burlington, VT	Shawn Keith Lyon Michelle Marie Parenteau
Lyon, Arianna Marie	February 24, 2018	Burlington, VT	Shawn Keith Lyon Michelle Marie Parenteau
Smith, Grayson Liam	May 28, 2018	Newport, VT	Carl Roderick Smith II Ashley May Blanchard
Staples, Elora Star	February 5, 2018	Newport, VT	Freeland Edward Staples III Jessi Rae Bickford
Stevens, Brady Argus	October 10, 2018	Newport, VT	Dana Hiram Stevens Amanda Lynn Powell

Death Report – 2018

Name	Age	Date of Death	Residence	Place of Death
Boisvert, Bruce Norman	64	January 3, 2018	Brownington, VT	Brownington, V
Currier III, Richard Drew	61	April 25, 2018	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Glodgett Sr, Louis A.	77	June 4, 2018	Brownington, VT	Windsor, VT
Landry, Mary Ann	64	May 26, 2018	Brownington, VT	Newport, VT
Morse, Judith E	80	March 20, 2018	Brownington, VT	Newport, VT
Pouliot, Irene M	94	June 19, 2018	Newport Ctr. VT	Brownington, VT
Raybold, Paul Albert	75	January 3, 2018	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT

Marriage Report – 2018

Names	Residence	Date/Place of Marriage
Faust, Samuel Clayton	Brownington, VT	May 26, 2018
Teigen, Cheyenne Louise	Verona, WI	Irasburg, VT
Hershberger, Andrew R.	Brownington, VT	October 25, 2018
Shetler, Martha A.	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Major, Paul Victor	Brownington, VT	December 31, 2018
Mushonga, Phili Ignatia	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Mosher, Eric Ray	Brownington, VT	August 4, 2018
Dailey, Shelby Lynn	Barton, VT	Barton, VT
Nisbet, Michael Richard	Brownington, VT	July 22, 2018
Wheeler, Annette Marie	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Shetler, Eli A.	Brownington, VT	November 1, 2018
Hershberger, Katie R.	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Surprenant, Robert Henry	Newport, VT	June 16, 2018
Aldrich, Linda Lee	Brownington, VT	Newport, VT
Whittemore, Timothy Merrill	Brownington, VT	May 26, 2018
Sykes, Nicole Anna	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT

Dog Licenses

92 Males or Females @ \$8.00	\$ 736.00
126 Spayed or Neutered @ \$4.00.....	504.00
After April 1st (50% penalty):	
15 Males or Females @ \$12.00	180.00
52 Spayed or Neutered Dogs @ \$6.00	312.00
2 Farm Dogs @ \$5.00	10.00
Total	\$ 1,742.00
Less Fees	\$ 588.00
Total Due Town	\$ 1,154.00
*Collected for State of Vermont	\$ 1,425.00
Grand Total.....	\$ 3,167.00

Vermont State Law states that Dog licenses are due on or before **April 1, 2019**

\$ 9 for neutered male or spayed female

\$13 for male or female

50% penalty added to fees after April 1, 2019.

- A valid rabies certificate must be presented, if not already on file with the Town Clerk.
- Rabies certificates are valid for 3 years.
- Neuter or spaying certificates must be presented.
- All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed.
- If you licensed a dog last year and no longer have the dog, please notify the Town Clerk.
- To license by mail, enclose rabies certificate if needed and required fee and a SAS envelope for return of license and tag.
- For more information, call 754-8401

RABIES CLINIC Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:00 - 11:00 am

Eileen Wolfe, D.V.M. will be on hand at the Brownington Municipal Office to administer rabies shots for dogs (required) and cats (optional, but highly recommended.)

- Distemper shots will also be available for cats and dogs.
- The Town Clerk will be available to issue dog licenses.

*\$5.00 from each regular license is sent to the State of Vermont. \$1.00 goes to the Rabies Program. \$4.00 goes to the VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VS-NIP). For more information on VSNIP, call the Town Clerk's Office, 802-672-5302 or visit vsnip.vt.gov.

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.

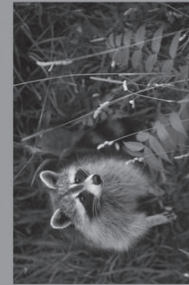
2. VACCINATE CATS

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

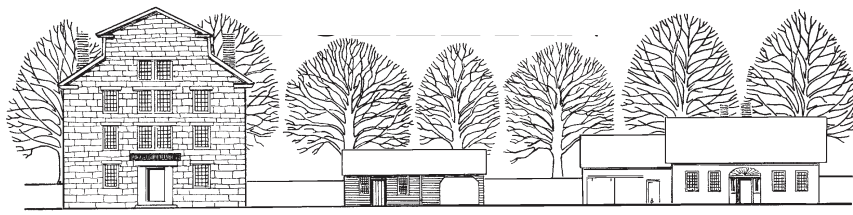


If you are bitten or scratched by an animal or find a bat in a room where you were sleeping, wash any wound thoroughly. Call your doctor and the health department. 1-800-4-RABIES. You may need to get post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), a series of shots that keep the virus from making people sick.



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www.vtvets.org 802-878-6888



**The Old Stone House Museum
Orleans County Historical Society
109 Old Stone House Rd.
Brownington, VT 05860**

March, 2019

Dear Residents:

The mission of the Orleans County Historical Society is simple yet essential: *Preservation, education, inspiration*. This mission is carried out each day by ensuring our heritage remains relevant to our community. The Old Stone House Museum brings local history to life each year for countless visitors; seniors, adults and children alike. We are proud to continue loyally serving our community with high-quality programming and events.

Since 1917, the Orleans County Historical Society has worked to preserve and share the rich history of our county and our region. Our stunning neighborhood includes eight historic buildings, along with remarkable collections of furniture, paintings, clothing, tools, photographs, diaries, maps and letters that all illustrate aspects of our regional history.

The Society continues to actively seek funding sources in order to maintain aging infrastructure as well as to sustain the growing list of community services we offer. It remains true, however, that the support from you, Orleans County residents, especially those living in our home town of Brownington, plays an important role in helping the Society operate. Please help us keep our mission alive.

Thank you sincerely for your support and come visit us anytime!

Sincerely,
Molly Veysey, Museum Director



**U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**

White River Junction VA Medical Center
215 North Main Street
White River Junction, VT 05009
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

November 29, 2018

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women's Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ - and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Laura Miraldi
Acting Medical Center Director

Orleans County Sheriff's Department

2018 REPORT – TOWN OF BROWNINGTON

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department provided 236 hours of patrol services to the Town of Brownington during 2018. The enclosed chart breaks down the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations.

A monthly breakdown of services provided by the Sheriff's Department is available to you through your Town Clerk or from the Sheriff's Department.

First, I would like to thank the voters of Orleans County for their support this past year and for re-electing me to serve as your sheriff. It is a job that I do not take lightly and realize the many positive services and programs that the sheriff's department provides to the community.

We continue to work in partnership with the Newport Restorative Justice Board to maintain a "Drug Take-back" box in the lobby of the sheriff's department. Added this past year is the ability to dispose of small amounts of needles and sharps. Each month this program is responsible for getting several pounds of drugs out of medicine cabinets and off the street and properly disposed of by incineration.

For the past three years the department has provided a School Resource Officer at North Country Union High School and for the past year we have had a School Resource Officer at Lake Region Union High School. This has proven to be a valuable asset to both schools and the community. The officers in both schools have been nationally certified as School Resource Officers. The SRO's help protect lives and property for the citizens and school students, investigate criminal activity committed on or adjacent to school property, and to answer questions that students may have about criminal or juvenile law, just to name a few of their duties.

In 2018 Deputy Chase Walters took over the management of the traffic safety programs that the department participates in. The department receives grant funding from the Governor's Highway Safety Office and by having a dedicated officer managing the programs the department is better able to accurately submit traffic data to the program, resulting in more funds being available in the future for targeted traffic enforcement and equipment.

In November longtime Deputy Jonathan MacFarlane left the department for other ventures. I would like to thank Deputy MacFarlane for his nearly 10 years of service to the department and the citizens of the county. We also welcome Deputy Douglas Morrill and Deputy Nicolas Stellar to the department as new hires in 2018.

In December the sheriff's department celebrated the 11th anniversary of "Operation Santa". We also received generous support from many local area businesses and several individuals. **Thank you!** The program helped bring a happy holiday season to over 250 school children.

Like many other employers, we continue to have increases in medical insurance premiums as well as pay increases for veteran officers. I am requesting a 3% increase for 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kirk J. Martin, Sheriff

TOWN OF BROWNINGTON

Total Law Incident Report – 2018

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Abandoned Vehicle.....	1
Assist - Agency.....	4
Bad Check.....	2
Citizen Assist.....	1
Directed Patrol.....	4
Motor Vehicle Complaint.....	2
Service of Abuse Prevention Order.....	2
Suspicious Person/Circumstances.....	5
Theft.....	3
Trespassing.....	1
VIN Number Inspections.....	10
Wanted Person.....	1
Total Incidents for Town of Brownington	36

Total Arrest Report - 2018

Disorderly Conduct.....	1
Assault on a Police Officer.....	1
Driving While Licesne Suspended-Criminal.....	1
Violation of Conditions of Release.....	1
Attempting to Elude Police.....	1
Careless and Neglegent Operation.....	1
Possession of Regulated Drugs.....	1
Bad Checks.....	1
Total Arrests (by count) for Town of Brownington	8
Total Arrests (by person) for Town of Brownington	4

Total Traffic Violation Report - 2018

Total Traffic Tickets.....	7
Total Warnings.....	2

Delinquent Taxes

DECEMBER 31, 2018

2018 Delinquent Tax:

Francis Bachelder	Ralph Newland II
Marlene Baird	Tabatha Parish
Therese M. Bernier	Mark Noel Perry Estate
Steve Bosley	Richard Patenaude
Bradford Oil Company, Inc.	Denis Poginy
David Broome	David Powers
Alexander Burns	Manville Powers
Michael Connor	Richard Reilly Jr.
Michael Connor	Michael Riendeau
Sam Cota	Jacque Robillard
Hez Cote	Jeffrey Sanborne
Katherine Curry-Johnson	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Sheila Davis	Harry Shover
Terry Degreenia	Brenda Simons
Candy Deslands	CJ Smith
Shawn Foley	Amanda Stevens
Darwen Gently	David Thibeault
Christopher Glodgett	Anthony Trembly
David Glodgett	Robert Turgeon
Danny Gosselin Sr.	Gerry Voehl
Jackie Griggs	Steven Voydatch
Allen Herman Jr.	Brenda Vreeland
Bridget Jackson	Colby Whipple
Jeffery Jeannette	Winston Jennison Investments
Harold E. Kelley, Jr.	Larry Young
Joseph LaBounty	Total
Adam Lane	\$76,710.75
Robert Limlaw	Total Delinquent Taxes.....
Anne Marie Maceachern	\$76,710.75
Clorinda Margolis	
Steve & Jayme Martin	
David Martinez	
Brian Mattei	
Bill Miller	
William F. Miller	
Chuck Mitchell	
Michael Moore	
Michael Moore	
Robert Moore	
Adam Moulton	

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Town of Brownington

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Brownington, VT 05860

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Please bring your report with you to the Annual Meeting at the School at 10:00 a.m. on March 5, 2019.