

The Town of

GRAFTON VERMONT



158th Annual Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

TOWN OF GRAFTON

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POPULATION, 2010 CENSUS – 649

REGISTERED VOTERS - 503

Town Clerk & Treasurer

Kim Record
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Fax (802) 843-6100
krecord@graftonvt.org

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
9 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM - 4 PM

Town Listers

Nancy Merrill, Hardy Merrill
GailAnn Fisher
(802) 843-2419
listeners@graftonvt.org

Tues. & Wed.
10 AM – 1 PM
Or by Appointment

Administrator

Bill Kearns
Tel. (802) 843-2552
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townadmin@graftonvt.org

Mon. – Thurs.
8 AM – 4:30 PM

Grafton Public Library

Tel. (802) 843-2404
librarian@graftonpubliclibrary.org
Monday: 10 AM – 1 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM
Tuesday: 10 AM – 1 PM, 2 PM – 8 PM
Wednesday: 10 AM – 1 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM
Thursday: 2 PM – 5 PM
Friday: 2 PM – 5 PM
Saturday: 9 AM – 12 PM

EMERGENCY – Police, Fire, Ambulance
Vermont State Police & Game Warden
Forest Fire Warden, Bill Brown
Asst. Forest Fire Warden, Eric Stevens
Grafton Town Garage
Health Officer, Rich Thompson

911
(802) 722-4600
(802) 843-2523 or (802) 380-0131
(802) 843-2568
(802) 843-2456
(802) 843-1270 or (802) 843-1344

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

First & Third Monday of each month,
6 PM at the Town Shed

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month,
6:30 PM alt. between GES and the
Westminster Center School

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of each month,
6:30 PM at the Town Shed

Property taxes are due August 15th, November 15th, February 15th and May 15th

Taxes become delinquent after the May 15th Payment

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GRAFTON, VERMONT
WARNING
For Town of Grafton

The legal voters of the Town of Grafton, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Grafton Elementary School on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00 AM EST to take action on the following articles:

- ART. 1 To choose all Town Officers. Voting to be by Australian ballot; polls open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- ART. 2 To act on the Auditor's Report.
- ART. 3 To authorize the Selectmen to borrow money, respectively, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes.
- ART. 4 Shall the Town of Grafton raise nine thousand dollars and zero cents (\$9,000.00) for ambulance service?
- ART. 5 Shall the Town of Grafton raise twenty-seven thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars and zero cents (\$27,950.00) for the Firefighter's Association operating expenses?
- ART. 6 Shall the Town of Grafton raise three thousand dollars and zero cents (\$3,000.00) for Grafton Rescue Squad operating expenses?
- ART. 7 Shall the Town of Grafton approve expenditures of any grant monies awarded for purposes named in such grant or grants for fiscal year 2020/2021?
- ART. 8 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two thousand thirty-seven dollars and zero cents (\$2,037.00) for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic development services to the Windham Region?
- ART. 9 Shall the Town of Grafton raise one hundred dollars and zero cents (\$100.00) for the support Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program?
- ART. 10 Shall the Town of Grafton raise nine thousand seven hundred forty-one dollars and zero cents (\$9,741.00) for Humanitarian expenses? (Bellows Falls Senior Center - \$674; Grace Cottage - \$1,500; Grafton Cares - \$1,000; HCRS - \$600; Parks Place - \$100; RSVP - \$160; Senior Solutions - \$650; SEVCA - \$650; The Current - \$250; Valley Cares - \$1,052; Visiting Nurse Association - \$2,300; VCIL - \$105; Women's Freedom Center - \$600; Youth Services - \$100).
- ART. 11 Shall the Town of Grafton raise one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00) for the Capital Budget? (\$25,609.00 for Highway Structures Program, \$15,000 for Fire Truck Fund, \$75,000 for Highway Equipment Reserve, \$4,000 for Guard Rails Projects, \$4,000.00 for Computer Upgrade Program, \$5,000.00 for Bridge Maintenance Program, and \$46,391.00 for Bridge Construction Program).
- ART. 12 Shall the Town of Grafton vote to make the office of Delinquent Tax Collector a Selectboard-appointed office under 17 V.S.A. §2651d? To take effect in March 2023 at the termination of the three-year term for this office being filled this year.
- ART. 13 Shall the Town of Grafton vote for a one-year term for the office of the Delinquent Tax Collector under 17 V.S.A. §2646(9)? To take effect in March 2023 at the termination of the three-year term for this office being filled this year.

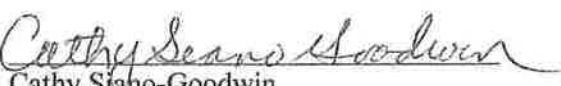
- ART. 14 Shall the Town of Grafton pay the Delinquent Tax Collector a stipend/compensation in lieu of the 8% commission, the latter of which shall be turned over to the municipality once a month in accordance with 32 V.S.A. §1674(3) and 24 V.S.A. §1530?
- ART. 15 Shall the Town of Grafton raise six hundred and one thousand, ninety-three dollars and zero cents (\$601,093.00) for the maintenance of highways and bridges?
- ART. 16 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two hundred twenty-six thousand, five hundred and twenty-three dollars and zero cents (\$226,523.00) for the Selectmen's Budget?
- ART. 17 Shall the town establish a reserve fund to be called the "Grafton Town Hall Handicap Access Fund" to be used for the construction and installation of handicap access to the second floor of the Town Hall in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804?
- ART. 18 Shall the town deposit the funds donated for the construction and installation of handicap access to the second floor of the Town Hall to the "Grafton Town Hall Handicap Access Fund"?
- ART. 19 Shall the Town of Grafton pay its property taxes to the Treasurer in Quarterly installments, with the due dates being Aug. 15, Nov. 15, Feb. 15, and May 15?
- ART. 20 Shall the Town of Grafton levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes on real and personal property of one (1) percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment for the first three months, and one and one-half (1 ½) percent per month or fraction thereof for every month thereafter, as provided for in 32 VSA 5136.
- ART. 21 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town Meeting.


Joe Pollio, Chair


Al Sands


Chris Wallace


Stan Mack


Cathy Siano-Goodwin

**GRAFTON TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS
SELECT BOARD APPOINTEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS
JUNE 30, 2019**

APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD

GRAFTON PLANNING COMMISSION

2021 Dave Culver, Chair
2021 Eric Stevens
2022 Valerie Rooney
2022 Matt Siano
2022 Chris Wallace

RETIRING TOWN OFFICERS

Select Board: Joe Pollio

Select Board: Al Sands

Select Board: Christopher Wallace

Auditor: Kathleen Muelrath

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

2020 John Plummer
2020 Rodney Record (Alt.)
2021 Jan Archambault
2021 John Gregory (Alt.)
2021 Rachel Plummer
2022 Steve Fisher (Alt.)
2022 Eric Stevens
2022 Christopher Wallace

Auditor: Debe Plummer

Town Agent: Kimberly Record

Lister: Hardy Merrill

Moderator: Dave Ross

Library Trustee: Lucia Corwin

Library Trustee: Deborah Toomey

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

2020 Hardy Merrill, Chair
2020 Jason Archambault
2020 Cynthia Gibbs
2020 John Gregory
2020 Joan Lake
2020 Kim Record, ex officio
2020 Linda Robertson
2020 Joe Valente

School Director: Jessa Westclark

Campbell & Woolson Fund: Ronald F. Carey

Trustee Public Funds: Ronald F. Carey

Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Janice Atwood

Forest Fire Warden: William Brown

Asst. Forest Fire Warden: Eric Stevens

TOWN APPOINTED

Emer. Mgmt. Director: Bill Kearns
Emer. Mgmt. Dep. Director: Al Sands
Emer. Mgmt. Coordinator: Eric Stevens

Town Heath Officer: Jay Karpin

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICERS**

2020 Treasurer: Kimberly Record
2020 Town Clerk: Kimberly Record
2020 Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Janice Atwood

SELECT BOARD

2020 Joe Pollio
2020 Al Sands
2021 Stan Mack
2021 Cathy Siano-Goodwin
2022 Chris Wallace Appointed

AUDITORS

2020 Debe Plummer
2021 Joe Valente
2022 Kathleen Muelrath Appointed

LISTERS

2020 Hardy Merrill
2021 Nancy Merrill
2022 GailAnn Fisher

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

2020 Ronald F. Carey
2021 Kimberly Record, Treasurer
2022 GailAnn Fisher

**TRUSTEES OF CAMPBELL & WOOLSON
FUNDS**

2020 Ronald F. Carey
2021 Kimberly Record
2022 GailAnn Fisher

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

2020 Lucia Corwin
2020 Deborah Toomey
2021 Mary Beth Culver
2022 Patrick Spurlock
2022 David Whittall

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

2020 Jessa Westclark
2021 Jack Bryar
2021 June Lupiani
2022 Pamela Johnson-Spurlock

**SELECT BOARD APPOINTEES
ELECTED OFFICIALS
As of June 30, 2019**

ELECTED FOR ONE-YEAR TERM

Town Agent: Kimberly Record
Moderator: David Ross

GENERAL ELECTIONS as of Nov 6th, 2018

Senators, Windham County:
Becca Balint Jeanette White

Windham/Windsor District 1-1 Representatives

Carolyn Partridge Matthew Trieber

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE as of Nov 6th, 2018

Christopher Wallace, Wendy Martin, Sam Battaglini,
Edward Bank and David Ross

APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD

Cemetery Agent: E. Donald Lawrence
Constable: Mike Waysville
Council on Aging Rep: Cathy Siano-Goodwin
Dog Census: Michelle Dolloph & Kimberly Record

Emergency Mgr. Director: Bill Kearns
Emer. Mgmt. Dep. Director: Al Sands
Energy Coordinator: Eric Stevens
Fence Viewers: Listers
Administrative Officer: Charles Wise
Inspector of Lumber: Tracy Lake
Planning Commission Chair: Dave Culver
Pound: Windham County Humane Society

Road Commissioner: Select Board
Road Foreman: Daniel Taylor
Select Board Chair: Joe Pollio
Select Board Vice. Chair: Stan Mack
Select Board Clerk: Christopher Wallace
Solid Waste District Rep.: Cynthia Gibbs & Kimberly Record

Town Administrator: William Kearns
Tree Warden: Tracy Lake
Windham Reg. Com. Rep.: Eric Stevens

Report of the Grafton Select Board

This has been a challenging year for the Town. The Town Plan had been in development for over five years and finally the Planning Committee completed the plan and passed it along to the Select Board for their comments.

In 2019 we had two town residents run for a position on the Select Board. Stan Mack was re-elected for the 2-year term and Josh Hearne was elected for the 3-year term to replace Cynthia Gibbs. A few months into his term Josh Hearne resigned for personal reasons. Two candidates expressed interest in filling the vacancy for the remainder of the year. Chris Wallace was appointed to fill this vacancy.

The restoration of the Town Hall is continuing. Completed renovations include the replacement by the Select Board of the old shingle siding with wood clapboards and the improvement of the insulation where possible. As part of the process, the outside of the building was painted.

The Village Park restoration continues. The logging of the land near the Town Garage was completed and, as voted, funds from logging were used for the Village Park work. The old dead pine trees were cut down to prevent the possibility of injury to residents and guests using the park, and a large amount of invasive species in the park were removed. A committee has been formed to plan the next steps in the renovation.

The Wastewater-Water Committee is continuing their work on how to deal with the waste water from the village homes. A water sampling program was conducted to determine the condition of the drinking water. The results so far have indicated that the drinking water in the village is safe, and the implementation of the septic pumping ordinance enacted many years ago has gone a long way to this end.

This year the Select Board, with the help of the School Board, was able to find a way for the town to purchase the school building from the school district. This was done in order to keep the existing school building as an asset of the Town of Grafton. With the new forced consolidation merger mandated by the State of Vermont, this action will ensure that the building remain an asset to the town.

Under the Capital Budget program, the town replaced two trucks: the pickup, and the large 10-wheeled dump truck with new body and plow. An excavator was also added to our equipment inventory to facilitate the upgrading of ditches for the state's clean water programs.

The Select Board is grateful to the residents for their cooperation and support of their efforts on behalf of the Town of Grafton and asks residents to attend our regular meetings whenever possible. We want to thank the voters of Grafton for the privilege of serving the town and to invite all voters to attend the Pre-Town meeting on February 24 at 6:00 PM at the Grafton Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Pollio

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December 16, 2019

Selectboard
Town of Grafton
P.O. Box 180
Grafton, Vermont 05146

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Grafton, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Office.

Sullivan, Powers & Company

TOWN OF GRAFTON AUDITORS REPORT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

For the year ending June 30, 2019 and in accordance with 24 VSA §1681, we have examined and adjusted the accounts of all Town Officials and other Grafton organizations authorized to draw funds from the Town of Grafton.

The accounting for the Town is done on a modified accrual basis. As far as we can determine, the financial statements in the Town Report represent a fairly accurate position of the Town for the year ended June 30, 2019.

The Professional Auditing Firm of Sullivan, Powers and Co. audits the town's book on an annual basis.

We would like to extend many thanks to the numerous members of Grafton's organizations who volunteer their time so freely. It is a serious responsibility and not always easy. We appreciate your hard work and countless hours. Thank you for holding up to the standards of strict accounting procedures. This makes our job easier. Without your commitment our community would be a very different place.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and we look forward to serving you again in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Muelrath, Deborah Plummer and Joseph Valente

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
CLERK / TREASURER REPORT
JUNE 30, 2019**

2019 has brought on many new changes not only to conducting government business but to the Town Hall as well!

- ❖ The renovation of the roof structure over the town clerk's office has been completed with a slanted roof and new windows in the second floor. It made for a very busy and noisy summer.
- ❖ A fire alarm system for the Town Hall was installed by Countryside Lock and Alarm, and
- ❖ Our select board is also in the beginning stages of looking into the possibility of installing energy efficient heat pumps for the town offices and a handicap accessibility to the second floor of the building.

Along with the changes in the building came a few important changes for both the Town Clerk and Treasurer, Such as:

- ❖ Birth and death certificates are now issued through an entirely new statewide system
- ❖ All computers within the offices were replaced and upgraded to the cloud thanks to the Capital Budget
- ❖ An increase in recording fees, which was mandated by the state
- ❖ Ownership of "The Grafton Elementary School" went from the School District to the Town of Grafton
- ❖ A forced school merger with Athens, Westminster and Grafton took place
- ❖ Moving forward Grafton Town Plans will be passed by Australian Ballot, and
- ❖ Reporting of our accounting system switched from a "Modified Accrual Basis" to a "Modified Cash Basis."

The Town of Grafton has recorded in the last fiscal year 24 marriages, 5 births and 9 deaths.

Once again we will have a table set up at Town Meeting to register your dog, so please remember to bring your most recent rabies certificate if you are a new dog owner or if the date of expiration has expired since the last registration. All dogs need to be registered before April 1, 2020 to avoid a late fee.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Record
Grafton Town Clerk/Treasurer

TOWN OF GRAFTON					
GENERAL FUND					
TOWN GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAYS					
Statement of Revenue					
			Variance		Proposed
GENERAL FUND	2018-2019	2018-2019	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	Voted	Actual	(Unfavorable)	2019-2020	2020-2021
TAX REVENUE / TOWN GOVERNMENT					
Property Tax	\$ 850,421	\$ 704,984	\$ (145,437)	\$ 860,259	\$ 875,944
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment Pmt	30,000	45,287	\$ 15,287	35,000	35,000
State of VT - Current Use Funds	101,000	120,980	\$ 19,980	108,000	110,000
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	\$ 981,421	\$ 871,251	\$ (110,170)	\$ 1,003,259	\$ 1,020,944
INTEREST AND PENALTIES					
Interest on Overdue Taxes	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,179	\$ 5,179	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000
8% Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	2,500	7,692	\$ 5,192	2,500	2,500
TOTAL INTEREST AND PENALTIES	\$ 7,500	\$ 17,870	\$ 10,370	\$ 7,500	\$ 9,500
LICENSES					
Liquor Licenses	\$ 400	\$ 415	\$ 15	\$ 400	\$ 400
Dog Licenses	500	1194	\$ 694	600	900
TOTAL LICENSES	\$ 900	\$ 1,609	\$ 709	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,300
INTERGOVERNMENT REVENUE					
State of VT - Highways	\$ 120,000	\$ 121,920	\$ 1,920	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
State of VT - In lieu of taxes	1,500	4,784	\$ 3,284	1,000	3,000
State of VT - Civil Fines	1,000	1,094	\$ 94	700	700
State of VT - Reappraisal	-	5,313	\$ 5,313		
State of VT - Other	-	2,010	\$ 2,010		
State of VT - Fed Aid Highways	-		\$ -		
U.S. Government / FEMA	-		\$ -		
Better Back Road Grants	-		\$ -		
Re-Use Grant donation	-		\$ -		
TOTAL INTERGOVT. REVENUE	\$ 122,500	\$ 135,120	\$ 12,620	\$ 121,700	\$ 123,700
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,141	\$ 141	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000
Preservation of Records	2,500	3,915	\$ 1,415	-	3,500
Copying Fees	80	17	\$ (63)	100	100
Dump Fees	-	140	\$ 140	-	
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 7,580	\$ 9,213	\$ 1,633	\$ 5,100	\$ 9,600
INTEREST EARNED - MONEY MKT.	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,385	\$ 885	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
Town Hall Rent	\$ 8,800	\$ 8,900	\$ 100	\$ 8,500	\$ 10,200
Sales - VLCT Insurance checks	-		\$ -	-	
Grants	-	32,958	\$ 32,958	-	
Permits	500	2,160	\$ 1,660	500	500
Surplus for Town Garage	-		\$ -	-	
Other Revenue	-	11,284	\$ 11,284	-	
TOTAL MISC. REVENUES	\$ 9,300	\$ 55,302	\$ 46,002	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,700
INTERFUND REVENUES					
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ 100		\$ (100)	\$ 100	
Wilson Park	600	995	\$ 395	600	1,000
Village Park	100	21	\$ (79)	100	
Sherwin Cambridge Fund	300	280	\$ (20)	300	300
TOTAL INTERFUND REVENUES	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,296	\$ 196	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,300
TOTAL ALL REVENUE	\$ 1,131,801	\$ 1,094,046	\$ (37,755)	\$ 1,149,659	\$ 1,179,044

TOWN OF GRAFTON					
GENERAL FUND - TOWN GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAYS					
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance					
	2018-2019	2018-2019	Variance		Proposed
	Voted	Actual	Favorable	Budget	Budget
			(Unfavorable)	2019-2020	2020-2021
GENERAL FUND / TOWN GOVT. EXPENDITURES					
SALARIES OR COMPENSATION					
Select Board Compensation	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Select Board Town Administrator	42,200	44,630	\$ (2,430)	46,000	47,400
Town Treasurer	16,500	15,448	\$ 1,052	17,500	18,025
Town Clerk	29,500	29,436	\$ 64	29,500	30,385
Assist. Treasurer / Clerk	11,500	8,589	\$ 2,911	11,500	12,000
Administrative Officer	500	250	\$ 250	2,000	500
Listers	7,000	8,544	\$ (1,544)	10,500	13,500
Auditors	2,000	1,380	\$ 620	2,000	1,500
Trustee of Public Funds	500	500	\$ -	500	500
Constables & Insurance	300	300	\$ -	300	300
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	2,500	8,598	\$ (6,098)	2,500	1,500
Temp Town Office Help	-	171	\$ (171)	-	-
Health Officer	1,000	1,000	\$ -	1,000	1,000
Forest Fire Warden	300	300	\$ -	300	300
TOTAL SALARIES / COMPENSATION	\$ 118,800	\$ 124,145	\$ (5,345)	\$ 128,600	\$ 131,910
BENEFITS					
Social Security (FICA)	\$ 9,600	\$ 9,264	\$ 336	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,500
Medicare	2,500	2,167	\$ 333	1,900	2,200
Employee Health Insurance	35,000	39,049	\$ (4,049)	37,000	39,000
Employee Dental Insurance	1,000	748	\$ 252	700	800
Retirement	4,800	5,063	\$ (263)	5,300	7,500
Workers Compensation	1,000	397	\$ 603	1,200	700
Experience Modification	-	2,962	\$ (2,962)	-	-
Penalties	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Unemployment Insurance	150	61	\$ 89	175	150
TOTAL BENEFITS	\$ 54,050	\$ 59,711	\$ (5,661)	\$ 54,275	\$ 59,850
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 172,850	\$ 183,856	\$ (11,006)	\$ 182,875	\$ 191,760
TOWN MEETING AND ELECTIONS					
Ballot Clerk Compensation	\$ 800	\$ 764	\$ 36	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
Town Reports	900	781	\$ 119	900	900
Other Town Meeting / Election Expense	200	442	\$ (242)	200	200
TOTAL TOWN MEETING / ELECTIONS	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,987	\$ (87)	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,100
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Office Supplies	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,773	\$ 627	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Postage	1,400	1,313	\$ 87	1,400	1,400
Telephone	2,500	2,915	\$ (415)	2,500	2,500

	2018-2019 Voted	2018-2019 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget 2019-2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021
Copier Expense	1,100	1,360	\$ (260)	1,400	1,400
Computer Expense	5,000	10,944	\$ (5,944)	8,400	13,300
Travel - Town Officials	1,800	1,465	\$ 335	1,800	1,800
Dues - Town Officials	400	210	\$ 190	400	400
Conferences	1,600	914	\$ 686	1,600	1,000
Dog Expense	450	542	\$ (92)	500	500
Preservation of Records	-	4,019	\$ (4,019)	-	-
Fire Alarm Systems Town Hall	280	140	\$ 140	220	240
Liability Insurance	1,200	598	\$ 603	1,200	1,000
Public Official Insurance	2,800	1,778	\$ 1,022	3,000	3,000
Officers' Bond	100	100	\$ -	100	100
Kidder Bridge Insurance	80	39	\$ 41	90	90
Advertising	1,700	574	\$ 1,126	1,000	1,000
Legal Expense	6,000	6,189	\$ (189)	5,000	5,000
Legal Expense / Tax Appeals	500	-	\$ 500	-	-
Professional Auditor	16,000	16,155	\$ (155)	15,000	15,000
Other Professional Services	300	-	\$ 300	500	500
Other Operating Expenses	1,000	2,300	\$ (1,300)	500	500
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 46,610	\$ 53,325	\$ (6,715)	\$ 47,010	\$ 51,130
TOWN HALL EXPENSES					
Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 518	\$ (18)	\$ 500	\$ 600
Insurance	4,000	1,415	\$ 2,586	4,000	2,000
Heat	3,000	4,062	\$ (1,062)	3,500	4,000
Electricity	1,500	2,050	\$ (550)	1,500	2,000
Repairs and Maintenance	10,000	3,797	\$ 6,203	10,000	5,000
Town Hall Restoration	-	65,095	\$ (65,095)	-	-
Snow Removal	1,500	1,350	\$ 150	1,500	1,500
Pay phone	300	-	\$ 300	-	-
TOWN HALL EXPENSES	\$ 20,800	\$ 78,286	\$ (57,486)	\$ 21,000	\$ 15,100
RECREATION AND PARKS					
Swimming Pool	\$ 500	\$ 438	\$ 62	\$ 500	\$ 500
Town Greens	500	343	\$ 157	500	500
Winnie Park	300	541	\$ (241)	500	500
Village Park	500	1,041	\$ (541)	500	1,000
Village Park Maintenance	-	981	\$ (981)	-	500
Park Forester	-	-	\$ -	1,000	-
Parker Hill Park	-	-	\$ -	500	500
Water Testing (Pool)	300	-	\$ 300	300	300
Wilson Park	-	100	\$ (100)	500	500
TOTAL RECREATION AND PARKS	\$ 2,100	\$ 3,444	\$ (1,344)	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,300
CEMETERIES					
Labor	\$ 20,000	\$ 18,304	\$ 1,697	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000

	2018-2019 Voted	2018-2019 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget 2019-2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021
Benefits - FICA and Workers Comp.	2,000	526	\$ 1,474	2,000	2,000
Supplies	900	1,057	\$ (157)	900	
Plot Mapping	-	-	\$ -	-	300
Equipment	800	-	\$ 800	500	1,000
Rental	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Other Expenses-Spec. Exp./Contractor Services	1,500	1,975	\$ (475)	1,500	1,500
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$ 25,200	\$ 21,862	\$ 3,338	\$ 24,900	\$ 24,800
OTHER TOWN EXPENSES					
Bank Service Fee	\$ -	\$ 121	\$ (121)	\$ -	\$ -
Cornet band	0	300	\$ (300)	0	300
County Tax	12,000	0	\$ 12,000	11,000	12,500
Street Lights	1,600	1,437	\$ 163	1,500	1,500
Grafton Public Library	5,000	4,035	\$ 965	5,000	5,500
Memorial Day	300		\$ 300	300	
Planning Commission	2,500	2,042	\$ 458	1,100	1,500
Windham Regional Commission	1,300	1,525	\$ (225)	1,300	1,500
VT League of Cities and Towns Dues	1,800	160	\$ 1,640	1,800	1,900
Emergency Management	2,500	4,541	\$ (2,041)	1,000	1,000
Mutual Aid	15,000	14,188	\$ 812	15,000	15,000
Fact TV	1,300	900	\$ 400	1,300	1,300
Development Review Brd	0	100	\$ (100)	200	200
Hydrant Maintenance	500	800	\$ (300)	0	0
Misc Expenses	0	2,920	\$ (2,920)	0	0
Reappraisal	0	2,500	\$ (2,500)	0	0
Tax Maps	0	0	\$ -	2,500	2,500
Sheriff's Department	4,900	4,488	\$ 412	4,900	4,900
TOTAL OTHER TOWN EXPENSES	\$ 48,700	\$ 40,057	\$ 8,643	\$ 46,900	\$ 49,600
OTHER VOTED ARTICLES					
Ambulance Service	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,760	\$ 240	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Firemen's Operating Budget	26,000	23,954	\$ 2,046	27,500	27,950
Rescue Squad	1,500	642	\$ 858	3,000	3,000
Humanitarian Articles	9,741	9,741	\$ -	9,741	9,741
SEVEDS					2,037
Vt Rural Fire Protection					100
TOTAL OTHER VOTED ARTICLES	\$ 46,241	\$ 43,096	\$ 3,145	\$ 49,241	\$ 51,828
Transfer to Capital Project	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Interest Expense	15,700	7,575	\$ 8,125	14,500	14,000
Payment on Principal	54,000	0	\$ 54,000	53,333	53,333
TOTAL DEBT SERVICES	69,700	7,575	\$ 62,125	67,833	67,333
TOTAL TOWN GOVT. EXPENDITURES	\$ 434,101	\$ 433,489	\$ 612	\$ 445,959	\$ 457,951

	2018-2019 Voted	2018-2019 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget 2019-2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021
GENERAL FUND HIGHWAY DEPT.					
Statement of Expenses					
LABOR					
Labor - Regular Hours	\$ 150,000	\$ 155,576	\$ (5,576)	\$ 158,100	\$ 162,843
Labor - Overtime	17,000	16,327	\$ 673	17,000	17,000
Temporary Labor	4,000	4,725	\$ (725)	5,000	5,000
TOTAL LABOR	\$ 171,000	\$ 176,628	\$ (5,628)	\$ 180,100	\$ 184,843
HIGHWAY BENEFITS					
FICA (Social Security)	\$ 10,500	\$ 9,648	\$ 852	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500
Medicare	2,500	2,256	\$ 244	2,700	2,700
Health Insurance	76,000	70,883	\$ 5,117	65,000	70,200
Dental Insurance	1,600	1,127	\$ 473	1,000	1,200
Retirement-Highway	9,400	9,670	\$ (270)	9,800	12,250
Workers Compensation	11,200	5,871	\$ 5,329	13,500	12,000
Unemployment Insurance	400	198	\$ 202	300	400
Uniforms	6,700	5,859	\$ 841	6,300	6,300
TOTAL HIGHWAY BENEFITS	\$ 118,300	\$ 105,513	\$ 12,787	\$ 109,100	\$ 115,550
FUEL					
Truck 1 - 2016 Western Star	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,931	\$ (431)	\$ 7,575	\$ 7,500
Truck 2 - 2014 Western Star	6,000	8,329	\$ (2,329)	7,075	8,000
Truck 3 - 2014 Chevy	1,800	2,487	\$ (687)	2,875	2,800
Truck 4 - 2013 Freightliner	3,000	2,854	\$ 146	4,075	3,500
Loader - 2013	1,500	1,445	\$ 55	1,700	1,600
Grader - 2010 Caterpillar	2,000	3,204	\$ (1,204)	2,500	3,500
Backhoe - 2012 John Deere	1,000	632	\$ 368	1,000	750
Chipper	200	-	\$ 200	200	200
DEF For Equipment	550	645	\$ (95)	550	800
Mower / Blower	1,000	1,470	\$ (470)	1,000	1,500
Excavator	-	-	\$ -	-	2,000
Other Equipment	500	569	\$ (69)	500	600
TOTAL FUEL	\$ 24,050	\$ 28,566	\$ (4,516)	\$ 29,050	\$ 32,750
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE					
Truck 1 - 2016 Western Star	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,017	\$ 1,983	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Truck 2 - 2014 Western Star	4,000	6,505	\$ (2,505)	4,000	6,000
Truck 3 - 2014 Chevy	1,500	357	\$ 1,143	1,500	1,000
Truck 4 - 2013 Freightliner	5,000	6,584	\$ (1,584)	5,000	3,500
Loader - 2013	1,200	1,261	\$ (61)	1,200	1,200
Grader - 2010 Caterpillar	2,500	3,505	\$ (1,005)	2,500	3,500
Plows and Sanders	14,000	10,065	\$ 3,935	14,000	14,000
Backhoe-2012 John Deere	2,000	2,062	\$ (62)	2,000	2,000
Chipper	200	-	\$ 200	200	200
Mower / Blower	1,000	79	\$ 921	1,000	1,000

	2018-2019 Voted	2018-2019 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget 2019-2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021
Hydrant Repairs	-	227	\$ (227)		-
Eager Beaver Trailer 1996	-	669	\$ (669)		1,000
Small Equipment	1,000	408	\$ 592	1,000	1,000
Excavator	-		\$ -	1,000	-
TOTAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 36,400	\$ 33,741	\$ 2,659	\$ 37,400	\$ 38,400
CONTRACTED SERVICES					
Mowing Contractors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Plowing Contractors	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Tree Removal Contractors	1,000	1,000	\$ -	2,000	2,000
Retreatment Contractors	105,000	17,245	\$ 87,755	105,000	105,000
Bridge Maintenance	1,000	-	\$ 1,000	6,000	6,000
Street Sweeping Contractors	2,000	-	\$ 2,000	2,000	2,000
Line Painting	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Beaver Maintenance	-	2,000	\$ (2,000)	-	2,000
Small Equipment Rental	2,000	7,002	\$ (5,002)	2,000	2,000
Generator Contract	400	394	\$ 6	400	400
Other Professional Services	3,500	10,993	\$ (7,493)	2,500	2,500
TOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 114,900	\$ 38,634	\$ 76,266	\$ 119,900	\$ 121,900
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES					
Culvert Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,124	\$ (124)	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000
Cold Patch	1,000	1,429	\$ (429)	1,000	1,500
Guard Rails	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Gravel Crushing and Hauling	35,000	31,736	\$ 3,264	35,000	35,000
Road Repair Material	15,000	21,062	\$ (6,062)	15,000	15,000
Salt	60,000	95,820	\$ (35,820)	60,000	60,000
Sand	60,000	32,985	\$ 27,015	60,000	60,000
Storm Water Grants / Better Back Roads Grants	-	6,031	\$ (6,031)	-	-
Chloride	8,000	8,486	\$ (486)	8,000	8,500
Road Signs	2,000	2,131	\$ (131)	1,000	2,000
Clean Water Act / Grants	-	13,469	\$ (13,469)	-	-
Miscellaneous Supplies	2,000	2,446	\$ (446)	2,500	2,500
TOTAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	\$ 188,000	\$ 220,718	\$ (32,718)	\$ 187,500	\$ 191,500
TOWN GARAGE					
Supplies and Tools / Inventory	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,322	\$ (2,322)	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Radio	1,000	956	\$ 44	1,000	1,000
Telephone	1,300	1,094	\$ 206	1,300	1,300
Insurance	6,000	1,939	\$ 4,062	5,000	4,000
Heat	6,500	6,460	\$ 40	7,000	7,000
Electricity	2,000	968	\$ 1,032	2,000	1,200
Repairs and Maintenance - Town Shed	4,000	2,461	\$ 1,539	4,000	3,500
New Town Shed - Grant E	-	-	\$ -	-	-
Pagers for Highway Workers	800	575	\$ 225	800	600

	2018-2019	2018-2019	Variance	Budget	Proposed
	Voted	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)	2019-2020	Budget 2020-2021
Fire Alarm Systems	500	220	\$ 280	500	500
TOTAL TOWN GARAGE	\$ 28,100	\$ 22,994	\$ 5,106	\$ 26,600	\$ 24,100
OTHER EXPENSES					
Training	\$ 250	\$ 225	\$ 25	\$ 250	\$ 250
Advertising	700	-	\$ 700	500	500
Liability Insurance-Highway	5,000	1,080	\$ 3,920	4,000	2,100
Equipment Insurance	7,000	2,548	\$ 4,452	7,000	6,000
Safety Equipment	1,000	582	\$ 418	1,000	800
Commercial Licences	200	185	\$ 15	200	200
General Road Permit	2,600	1,990	\$ 610	2,600	2,000
Miscellaneous Highway Expenses	200	528	\$ (328)	200	200
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 16,950	\$ 7,139	\$ 9,811	\$ 15,750	\$ 12,050
TOTAL BUDGETED HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 697,700	\$ 633,933	\$ 63,767	\$ 705,400	\$ 721,093
Tropical Storm Irene Expenses	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 697,700	\$ 633,933	\$ 63,767	\$ 705,400	\$ 721,093
TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES	\$ 434,101	\$ 433,489	\$ 612	\$ 445,959	\$ 457,951
TOTAL TOWN AND HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 1,131,801	\$ 1,067,422	\$ 64,379	\$ 1,151,359	\$ 1,179,044
Anticipated Revenue					\$ 179,600
Anticipated State Grant for Highways					\$ 120,000
Capital Budget					\$ 175,000
TOTAL TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN					\$ 1,054,444

TOWN OF GRAFTON
TOWN BUDGET

SELECTBOARD'S ITEMIZED BUDGET	2020-2021 Proposed	HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES	2020-2021 Proposed
Salaries/Compensation	\$ 131,910	Bellows Falls Senior Center	\$ 674
Benefits	\$ 59,850	Grace Cottage Foundation	\$ 1,500
Town Meeting and Elections	\$ 2,100	Grafton Cares	\$ 1,000
Operating Expenses	\$ 51,130	HCRS	\$ 600
Recreation and Parks	\$ 4,300	Parks Place Resource Center	\$ 100
Cemeteries	\$ 24,800	RSVP	\$ 160
Other Town Expenses	\$ 49,600	Senior Solutions	\$ 650
Town Hall	\$ 15,100	SEVCA	\$ 650
Town Garage Interest	\$ 14,000	Southeast Vermont Transit Inc. - The Current	\$ 250
Town Garage Principal	\$ 53,333	Valley Cares, Inc.	\$ 1,052
TOTAL SELECTBOARD'S ITEMIZED BUDGET	\$ 406,123	Visiting Nurses	\$ 2,300
		VT Center for Independent Living (VCIL)	\$ 105
		Women's Freedom Center	\$ 600
LESS OTHER REVENUE:		Youth Services	\$ 100
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment	\$ 35,000	TOTAL HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES	\$ 9,741
Interest on Overdue Taxes	\$ 7,000		
8% Penalty	\$ 2,500		
Liquor Licenses	\$ 400		
			2020-2021 Proposed
Dog Licenses	\$ 900	OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	
State-Current Use Payment	\$ 110,000	Ambulance Service	\$ 9,000
State Land Tax Payment	\$ 3,000	Firemen's Assn.	\$ 27,950
Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 6,000	Grafton Rescue	\$ 3,000
Permits	\$ 500	SEVEDS	\$ 2,037
Copying Service	\$ 100	VT Rural Fire Protection	\$ 100
Civil Fines	\$ 700	TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$ 42,087
Interest Earned	\$ 2,000		
Town Hall Rent	\$ 10,200	CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 175,000
Cemetery Trust Funds		SELECTMEN'S ITEMIZED BUDGET	\$ 406,123
Village & Wilson Park Trust Funds	\$ 1,000	HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES	\$ 9,741
Sherwin Cambridge Trust Fund	\$ 300	OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$ 42,087
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	\$ 179,600	TOTAL OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET	\$ 632,951
		LESS REVENUE	\$ (179,600)
		TAX REVENUE NEEDED FOR SELECTMEN	\$ 453,351
TOWN OF GRAFTON HIGHWAY BUDGET	2020-2021 Proposed		
All Highway Expenditures	\$ 721,093	TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN GOVT.	\$ 453,351
Less State Grant For Highways	\$ 120,000	TAXES NEEDED FOR HIGHWAYS	\$ 601,093
TAXES NEEDED FOR HIGHWAYS	\$ 601,093	TOTAL TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN	\$ 1,054,444

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
COMPARISON OF TAXES**

FISCAL YEAR	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	PROPOSED 2020-2021
GRAFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT						
Local Education Spending	\$ 1,429,734	\$ 845,421	\$ 578,592	\$ 418,253	n/a	n/a
State Education Fund	\$ 753,767	\$ 621,987	\$ 1,022,554	\$ 1,327,339	n/a	n/a
Total School Taxes	\$ 2,183,501	\$ 1,467,408	\$ 1,601,146	\$ 1,745,592	n/a	n/a
TOWN GOVERNMENT						
Selectmen's Budget	\$ 206,139	\$ 209,340	\$ 193,590	\$ 209,780	\$ 213,485	\$ 159,190
Loan Town Garage		\$ 64,000	\$ 62,500	\$ 69,700	\$ 67,833	\$ 67,333
TOTAL GOVERNMENT						\$ 226,523
Special Articles	\$ 52,778	\$ 50,741	\$ 53,741	\$ 46,241	\$ 49,241	\$ 51,828
HIGHWAYS	\$ 509,000	\$ 523,150	\$ 530,850	\$ 527,200	\$ 530,400	\$ 601,093
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 139,000	\$ 141,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 175,000
TOTAL TOWN, HWYS, CAP. BUD.	\$ 906,617	\$ 988,231	\$ 989,681	\$ 1,001,921	\$ 1,009,959	\$ 1,054,444
TOTAL TAXES NEEDED:						
TOWN, HIGHWAY, CAP.BUD. ONLY	\$ 906,617	\$ 988,231	\$ 989,681	\$ 1,001,921	\$ 1,009,959	\$ 1,054,444
GRAND LIST-Actual & Estimated						
Municipal	\$ 1,587,227	\$ 1,599,475	\$ 1,590,665	\$ 1,587,855	\$ 1,587,855	
Education - Homestead	\$ 787,876	\$ 753,767	\$ 715,689.00	\$ 695,846	\$ 537,745	
Education-non- resident	\$ 1,341,956	\$ 1,429,734	\$ 1,315,709	\$ 1,017,830	\$ 1,403,857	
TAX RATES:						
Town	0.57	0.63	0.64	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.65	
School (non-resident)	1.38	1.32	1.30	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.43	n/a
School (homestead)	1.27	1.21	1.19	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.54	n/a

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**

			07/01/18 - 06/30/19
GRAND LIST - General Property			
Municipal Grand List			\$ 1,592,044
Education Grand List - Homestead			\$ 577,870
Education Grand List - Non Resident			\$ 1,015,889
TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED			
Municipal	\$ 1,592,044	0.6049	\$ 963,017
Education-Homestead	\$ 577,870	1.3852	\$ 800,465
Education-Non Resident	\$ 1,015,889	1.3623	\$ 1,383,945
Local Agreement	\$ 1,592,044	0.1510	\$ 24,040
Late Penalties			\$ 1,847
TOTAL			\$ 3,173,314
TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:			
Taxes Collected			\$ 3,131,828
Prebates from State of Vt			\$ 38,487
Plus unpaid Current Taxes			\$ 41,486
TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR			\$ 3,211,801

TOWN OF GRAFTON
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET

	6/30/2019
ASSETS	
Checking Account	\$ 624,809
Money Market Account	104,189
Hydrant Fund	25,648
Repurchase Reserve	100,178
Due from Others	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 854,824
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES	
Due Grafton Organizations	19
Due to Collector Delinquent Taxes	633
Due to Capital Projects Fund	376,599
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 377,251
FUND BALANCES	
Highway monies (Statue)	\$ 35,503
Preservation of Records	14,322
Reappraisal Funds	44,763
Solid Waste	5,372
Retreatment	60,490
Walker Bridge Project	100,000
Hydrant Fund	25,635
Town Hall Restoration	28,692
Voted Surplus Funds for Mower	0
Unassigned	162,796
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 477,573
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 854,824

NOTES ON HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES

BELLOWS FALLS AREA SENIOR CENTER: Provides recreational opportunities, meals, flu shots and services to area residents. (802)463-3907 or BFASC.org

GRACE COTTAGE FOUNDATION: (Townshend) An organization that provides support for the Otis Health Care Center, known as the Grace Cottage Hospital. (802)365-7357 or gracecottage.org

GRAFTON CARES: A local organization that provides home-delivered meals, transportation to medical facilities, Strong Living classes and other services for residents. Contact Dennis Hunt (802)869-2674

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP and VOLUNTEER CENTER: Matches volunteers, age 55 and over, with important work in non-profit organizations within Windham County. (802)254-7515 or rsvpyvt.org

HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION: (Division of Health Care and Rehabilitative Services of Southeastern Vermont) Provides children and adult outpatient, substance abuse, mental health, vocational and emergency services. (800)622-4235 or hcrs.org

PARKS PLACE RESOURCE CENTER: (Bellows Falls) Provides a place for residents of the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union communities to receive a variety of educational services. (802)463-9927 or parksplacevt.org

THE CURRENT aka SOUTHEAST VERMONT TRANSIT INC.: Provides rides to medical appointments for the elderly, disabled and/or residents who receive Medicaid. (888)869-6287 or crtransit.org

SENIOR SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT: Provides a wide range of services to seniors. (802)885-2655 or seniorsolutionsvt.org

SEVCA: Provides weatherization, fuel and/or utility assistance, and family services for the Windham County area. (800)464-9951 or sevca.org

VALLEY CARES: Provides affordable housing and options for supportive services to elders in the West River Valley area. (802)365-4115 or valleycares.org

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING: Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. (800)639-1522 or vcil.org

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF VT AND NH: Provides nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, home-maker and health aides. (888)300-8853 or vnhcare.org

WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER: (Brattleboro) Services and safe houses available for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. (802)254-6954 or womenscc.org

YOUTH SERVICES: (Brattleboro) Provides counseling advocacy and mentoring programs, and works with other providers in drug prevention and treatment. (802)257-0361 or youthservicesinc.org

**Collector of Delinquent Taxes
Grafton, Vermont**

On May 23, 2019, I received the 2018-2019 Delinquent Tax Report from Town Treasurer, Kimberly Record. At that time the tax amount due was \$72,077.57 plus interest of \$2,358.34 and penalty of \$5,766.28 for a total of \$80,202.19. As of January 1, 2020, the total amount still due for 2018 -2019 was \$11,807.50.

There were no tax sales scheduled as of January 1, 2020. If there are any to be scheduled in 2020 the information will be posted at the Town Hall, in The Grafton News as well as the local newspaper as required by law.

**Town of Grafton
Schedule of Delinquent Taxes by Year**

Tax Year	Beginning Balance	To Tax Collector	Collected	Balance
2015	\$3,562.88			\$5,836.94
2016 -17	\$3,170.48		\$2,214.34	\$956.14
2017-18	\$58,363.63		\$54,114.30	\$4,249.33
2018-19		\$41,485.98		\$41,485.98
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	\$65,096.99	\$41,485.98	\$56,328.64	\$52,528.39

Dear friends and neighbors of Grafton,

After 21 years, I am retiring as Collector of Delinquent Taxes in Grafton. Hopefully, the town will elect a younger person with a kind heart and firm hand for the job. I have endeavored to be honest and fair to everyone I have dealt with over the years. It has been interesting, and the learning experience has been positive overall. Thanks for the memories.....

Sincerely,

Janice Atwood

TOWN OF GRAFTON		
FIXED ASSETS		
Real Estate and Equipment		
As of June 30, 2019		
DATE		
ACQUIRED	DESCRIPTION	COST
	LAND:	
1960	Swimming Pool - 2.7 acres	18,000
1952	Wilson Park - 0.50 acres Total (add'l .25 acres acquired by FEMA / Town Dec. 2015)	23,250
1951	Village Park - 55.9 acres	63,900
1928	Town Forest - Stebbins Land - 72 acres	72,300
2008	Pearo / Tuttle Lots	13,200
2016	Winnie Park - 0.50 acres	9,000
2017	Trayhan Property - 2.7 acres	9,400
	*BUILDINGS:	
1990	Village School	1,076,898
1988	Town Hall Addition and Vault	135,303
2015	Town Garage	993,856
2015	Salt Shed	22,875
1953	Grafton Public Library	5,000
1857	Town Hall	450
	OTHER ASSETS:	
1975	Hydrant System	230,900
1975	Street Lighting	23,700
	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT:	
2018	Western Star w/plow and sander	193,340
2016	Western Star w/plow and sander	159,298
2014	Chevy 2500	44,180
2014	Freightliner w / plow & sander (Trk 4)	143,419
2013	924 Cat Loader	174,500
2012	John Deere Backhoe	93,650
2010	Caterpillar Grader	173,900
1995	York Rake x 2	3,444
2003	Power washer x 2	4,495
2005	Chipper	7,500
2017	Case tractor w/mower & blower	130,548
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT:	
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58e	1,006
2013	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
2004	HP Laserjet 2300d printer	524
2011	IBM Personal Wheel Writer	330
1997	File Cabinets and Chairs	589
2015	Lenovo Laptop Highway Dept.	695
* Note: Improvements to buildings are not included in cost.		

TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL BUDGET CASH FLOW ANALYSIS				
	Actual			Actual
	Program	Actual	Actual	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	6/30/2019
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				
Highway Roadway Program	30,506	20,000	-	50,506
Highway Structures Program	65,934	-	-	65,934
Highway Equipment	118,516	100,000	(3,000)	215,516
Guardrails	8,000	4,000	-	12,000
Fire Truck	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Town Hall	11,239	-	-	11,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	10,000	7,000	-	17,000
Computer Replacements	7,000	3,000	(5,596)	4,404
Bridge Construction Program	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 251,195	\$ 149,000	\$ (23,596)	\$ 376,599
	Actual			Projected
	Program	Voted	Projected	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2019	2019-2020	2019-2020	6/30/2020
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	116,440	10,500	(79,111)	\$ 47,829
Highway Equipment	215,516	75,000	(47,086)	\$ 243,430
Guardrails	12,000	4,000	-	\$ 16,000
Fire Truck	-	15,000	(15,000)	\$ -
Town Hall	11,239	-	-	\$ 11,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	17,000	5,000	-	\$ 22,000
Computer Replacements	4,404	3,000	(2,500)	\$ 4,904
Bridge Construction Program	-	36,500	-	\$ 36,500
TOTAL	\$ 376,599	\$ 149,000	\$ (143,697)	\$ 381,902
	Projected			Projected
	Program	Proposed	Projected	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	6/30/2021
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	47,829	25,609	(46,000)	\$ 27,438
Highway Equipment	243,430	75,000	(23,198)	\$ 295,232
Guardrails	16,000	4,000	-	\$ 20,000
Fire Truck	-	15,000	(15,000)	\$ -
Town Hall	11,239	-	-	\$ 11,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	22,000	5,000	-	\$ 27,000
Computer Replacements	4,904	4,000	(8,000)	\$ 904
Bridge Construction Program	36,500	46,391	-	\$ 82,891
TOTAL	\$ 381,902	\$ 175,000	\$ (92,198)	\$ 464,704

TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL BUDGET TAX REVENUE				
	Voted	Voted	Voted	Proposed
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
TAX REVENUE				
Highway Roadway Program	20,000	20,000	-	-
Highway Structures Program	-	-	10,500	25,609
Highway Equipment	100,000	100,000	75,000	75,000
Guardrails	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Fire Truck	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Town Hall	-	-	-	-
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	5,000	7,000	5,000	5,000
Computer Replacements	5,000	3,000	3,000	4,000
Bridge Construction Program (Walker Bridge)	-	-	36,500	46,391
Total Tax Revenue	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 175,000
TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET				
			Projected	Projected
ASSETS	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021
Due from General Account	\$ 251,196	\$ 376,599	\$ 381,902	\$ 464,704
Accounts Receivable-State of VT				
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 251,196	\$ 376,599	\$ 381,902	\$ 464,704
FUND BALANCE	\$ 251,196	\$ 376,599	\$ 381,902	\$ 464,704
EXPECTED USE OF CAPITAL FUNDS				
Highway Roadway Program	30,507	50,506	-	-
Highway Structures Program	65,934	65,934	47829	27438
Highway Equipment	118,516	215,516	243430	295232
Guardrails	8,000	12,000	16000	20000
Fire Truck	-	-	-	-
Town Hall	11,239	11,239	11239	11239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	10,000	17,000	22000	27000
Computer Replacements	7,000	4,404	4904	904
Bridge Construction Program	-	-	36500	82891
FUND BALANCE	\$ 251,196	\$ 376,599	\$ 381,902	\$ 464,704

CEMETERY AGENT REPORT 2019

There was a total of nine burials in three of our working cemeteries in the township of Grafton, Vermont in 2019.

Three burials were full body burials with casket and vault and laid to rest in the Houghtonville Cemetery. The six remaining burials were cremations, 4 placed in the Houghtonville Cemetery and one each in the Burgess and Cobb.

As usual the cemeteries are closed to burials from now until June.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Donald Lawrence
Cemetery Agent
January 2019

TOWN OF GRAFTON TOWN CONSTABLE REPORT FOR 2019

This year:

- Vin Numbers checked - 0
- Checked on 7 wondering dogs and located owners
- Checked on possible racoon and fox but was not.
- Checked on one stray horse
- Followed up on unregistered dogs

Please remember to register and keep tags on your four-legged canine friends by April 1st. After that date, any dog is considered unlicensed and will be dealt with per order of the Town Ordinance. I will be traveling the roads in search of unlicensed dogs. Please write a phone number on your dog's collar in case the tags fall off, this makes locating the owners much easier.

Beware of strange acting animals. If you suspect an unhealthy critter, please contact me as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
Mike Waysville, Town Constable
Emergency Phone Number:
Home (802) 875-2240

TOWN OF GRAFTON FIRE WARDEN'S 2019 REPORT

We issued 105 fire permits this year. That number is a record, but the real deal is that this number is a clear statement about the co-operation of the people of Grafton. Thank you for your attention to the rules of open burning. This is what prevents destructive wild land fires.

If the ground is covered with snow no permit is required. That means COVERED with snow. If there is just a few patches of snow in the area of burning then it does not meet the no permit criteria and a burn permit is required.

You are reminded that we may only burn natural material. No painted or pressure treated wood or household trash should be burnt.

It's with great deal of thanks that this report is respectfully submitted.

William Brown, Grafton Fire Warden 843-2523 & 802-380-0131
Eric Stevens, Deputy Fire Warden 843-2568

TOWN OF GRAFTON

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

November 12, 2019

The Capital Budget Committee met on November 12, 2019 to discuss the recommendations for Capital appropriations for the fiscal year 2020/2021.

Based on the current projects identified and the current and projected fund balances available the Committee recommends funding the Capital Budget for the upcoming fiscal year at \$175,000 and as follows:

Highway Roadway & Structures Program: The Committee recommends \$25,609

Fire Truck Fund: The Committee recommends \$15,000

Highway Equipment Program: The Committee recommends \$75,000,

Guard Rails Program: The Committee recommends \$4,000

Town Hall Refurbishment: The Committee recommends \$0

Computer Upgrade Program: The Committee recommends \$4,000

Bridge Maintenance Program: The Committee recommends \$5,000

Bridge Construction Program: The Committee recommends \$46,391

Capital Budget Committee Members:

Hardy Merrill Chairman

John Gregory

Joan Lake

Cynthia Gibbs

Kim Record ex officio

Linda Robertson

Joseph Valente

Jason Archambault

TOWN OF GRAFTON CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

UPDATE NOVEMBER 2019

HIGHWAY ROADWAYS & STRUCTURES PROJECTS

There are no major roadway projects scheduled requiring capital funds identified in the coming year. This past year the town replaced Chester Road Culvert #1 our # 1 priority as identified by the Windham Regional Commission. The cost to the town was \$79,111.as no grants were available for this project. However in 2020 we do expect to receive a grant from the state for \$110,000 to replace Culvert # 11 on Hinckley Brook Road. Grafton's share for this project is expected to be \$46,000. To this end we are recommending \$25,609 be allocated towards Structures Projects.

FIRE TRUCK FUND

With this year's funding of \$15,000 the fire department is estimated to have a truck reserve close to \$132,000 by 6/30/21. In the coming year they will be reviewing all options for refurbishing /replacing the department's Ladder Truck. They will also identify any other equipment of a capital nature, other than trucks, that is needed in the performance of their duties.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

With additional town funding of \$75,000 in 2019/20 the Equipment Reserve will be adequately funded to cover the replacement of Freightliner Truck #4 in 2021 which is the next major piece of highway equipment scheduled to be replaced.

GUARD RAIL RESERVE

New State requirements call for guard rails to be installed anytime we repave an area where there is a significant drop-off. Accordingly \$4,000 is being allocated to this reserve as repaving projects in the coming year requiring the installation of new guardrails are anticipated.

TOWN HALL STRUCTURAL REPAIRS

With the establishment of the Town Hall Restoration Fund and a reserve of over \$11,000 in the Capital Projects Fund no additional funds are being allocated in 2020/21.

COMPUTOR UPGRADE PROGRAM

With the funding of \$4,000, needed upgrades to the town's information system network will be able to be completed.

BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Our bridges are continuing to age. The Road Foreman recommends continued funding for this program. \$5000 is allocated this year.

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The Town's 10% cost share for the Walker Bridge replacement is expected to be \$414,846. With the allocation of \$46,391 each year thru the 2025/26 Capital Budget year this obligation will be met.

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER'S SERVICES – 2019

1. The main function is to prevent and correct the spread of unhealthy situations.
2. All standing waters where mosquitos can accumulate should be investigated in spring, summer and fall until frost. This hopefully eliminates chances of WN EEE and possibly the ZIKA virus spread.
3. Testing of the Town of Grafton Swimming Pool was done in June and again in late August.
4. The Town Health Officer will assist in testing individual homeowner's water upon request.
5. The Town Health Officer will investigate property owners who allow odors or overflow from a failed septic system.
6. There have been reports and investigations by the Town health Officer into rental conditions that are not up to standards with refuse strewn all over the property. There is a Rental Agency that if need be we can refer to.

In the unlikely event that our requests are not followed, we can request a formalization of "The Grafton Town Board of Health" to investigate whether further actions by the town are necessary.

As a newly appointed Health Officer, I have attended three webinars. Most recently, I have been back and forth to the CIC building and have been corresponding with the involved State agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Thompson
Deputy Town Health Officer

Telephone: (802) 843-1334
Email: rjthompson@vermontel.net

**Town of Grafton
Lister's Report
For the year ending June 2019**

The 2019 Grand List was filed on June 3, 2019 then completed with revisions on July 2, 2019 with a Municipal Value of \$1,592,496 and a Total Education Value of \$1,609,523.

During the year approximately 42 properties were visited and/or reviewed by the Listers. Where appropriate, changes of appraisal were completed and mailed to the property owners on June 3, 2019. 4 grievances were filed by property owners. After review of the grievances the listers adjusted 4 properties.

There was no appeal to the Board of Civil Authority.

Currently there are 96 parcels in Current Use totaling approximately 14,900 acres which is about 66% of the town's total acreage. Total acreage is about 22,100 acres.

The Board of Listers is charged with maintaining the relative fairness of property values. To accomplish this, we try to review all parcels each year and update assessments according to changes made that have an impact on the value of the parcel. All property owners planning to construct a building or structure (or planning to make any additions to an existing building) with a cost greater the \$500 are requested to obtain a **Building Notification Form** at the Town Office, complete the form and file it in the Town Office.

During the year the Town contracted with New England Municipal Consultants to perform a town wide appraisal which will begin in the summer of 2020 and be completed for the Grand List of 2021. The last town wide appraisal was completed in 2009.

We welcome questions or concerns owners might have about their property. The speediest method of contact is via email listeners@graftonvt.org or just leave us a note on the lister's desk in the Town Hall. Our office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am to 1pm or by appointment. We can also be reached through the Town Clerk's Office at 802-843-2419. We will respond as quickly as possible.

Full time residents are reminded that state law mandates the filing of a Homestead Declaration HS-122.

We would like to thank Grafton property owners for their ongoing cooperation and patience as we fulfill the obligations of our job as Listers.

Respectfully yours,

Grafton Board of Listers
Hardy Merrill, Chair
Nancy Merrill
GailAnn Fisher

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

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	196	53,933,000	25,641,916	28,291,084	53,933,000
Residential II R2	154	70,859,500	30,999,000	39,860,500	70,859,500
Mobile Homes-U MHU	11	155,900	40,900	115,000	155,900
Mobile Homes-L MHL	17	1,442,400	590,300	852,100	1,442,400
Seasonal I S1	18	2,214,600	381,900	1,832,700	2,214,600
Seasonal II S2	62	19,104,100	724,700	18,379,400	19,104,100
Commercial C	32	15,251,000	0	15,251,000	15,251,000
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	2	3,820,000	0	3,820,000	3,820,000
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	2	1,388,200	0	1,388,200	1,388,200
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	21	1,832,900	0	1,832,900	1,832,900
Miscellaneous M	89	10,056,600	20,000	10,036,600	10,056,600
TOTAL LISTED REAL	604	180,058,200	58,398,716	121,659,484	180,058,200
P.P. Cable	1	181,034		181,034	181,034
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	181,034		181,034	181,034
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		180,239,234	58,398,716	121,840,518	180,239,234
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	2/2	20,000	20,000	0	20,000
Veterans >10K		60,000			
Total Veterans		80,000	20,000	0	20,000
P.P. Contracts	1	181,034			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	241,100	0	241,100	241,100
Non-Apprv(voted)	4/4	1,461,600			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	6/5	1,883,734	0	241,100	241,100
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	96/96	19,025,861	1,907,400	17,118,461	19,025,861
Special Exemptions	0		0	0	0
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		20,989,595	1,927,400	17,359,561	19,286,961
Total Exemptions		20,989,595	1,927,400	17,359,561	19,286,961
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		1,592,496.39			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			564,713.16	1,044,809.57	1,609,522.73
NON-TAX 16 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411					

TOWN OF GRAFTON
Development Review Board

On October 15, 2018, the Town of Grafton Selectboard established a Development Review Board (DRB) to assume hearing authority over land use and flood matters from the Grafton Planning Commission and the the Zoning Board of Adjustment, respectively. The Selectboard appointed to the DRB members Chris Wallace, Eric Stevens, John Plummer, Rachel Plummer and Jan Archambault, and alternate members Steve Fisher, John Gregory and Rodney Record.

The DRB organized November 7, 2018 electing Chris Wallace to Chair, Eric Stevens, Vice-Chair, and Jan Archambault Clerk.

During this report period the DRB heard and approved one request for a Minor(2-lot)Subdivision on Jan 28, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Wallace
Chair, Development Review Board

Grafton Planning Commission Annual Report

January 18, 2020

The biggest accomplishment of the Grafton Planning Commission (GPC) in 2019 was actually accomplished by the Selectboard and the Town's voters, and really happened in 2020. It was adoption of the Grafton Town Plan by Australian ballot on January 14, 2020. The previous plan had expired in August, 2018. The new Plan can be found on the Town's website and, unless amended, is in place until 2028. As of this writing, the Plan has not been approved by the Windham Regional Commission (the LAST step!) but the GPC is confident it will be.

The new Town Plan may look significantly different in appearance than the previous Plan but its intent is to continue to balance the requirements of the state and the needs of the community with the individual rights of land owners. The GPC believes the Plan supports state statutes, will make us eligible for grants that we were not eligible for without an adopted Plan, and will ensure 'substantial deference status' in future Act 248 and 250 proceedings, while at the same time maintaining individual property rights.

Most who have read the Plan, including every GPC member, have identified things they don't like in it. The consensus building process required to get the Plan approved led to many compromises by all sides. Now that the Plan has been adopted, the GPC's goal is to work to improve it through the amendment process. We have already begun reviewing the Plan with the goal of presenting a revised Plan to the Selectboard in the future. The GPC meets monthly and welcomes input from all Grafton residents as we proceed.

As part of the process of improving the Plan, the GPC plans to conduct a survey of the community. A draft has been developed with the intent to distribute it this summer. The GPC hopes to secure a 'Municipal Planning Grant' to help facilitate the dissemination and collection of the survey in order to maximize the number of returns. This will be your chance to voice your opinion!

As mentioned above, the new Town Plan was adopted by Australian ballot. Previous Plans were always adopted by the Selectboard. The adoption process was changed because a group of citizens submitted a petition in August to vote on whether to change the process from adoption by the Selectboard to 'adopt or amend municipal plans by Australian ballot'. A Special Meeting was held in November and the article passed. All future changes to the Town Plan will be required to be adopted through Australian ballot.

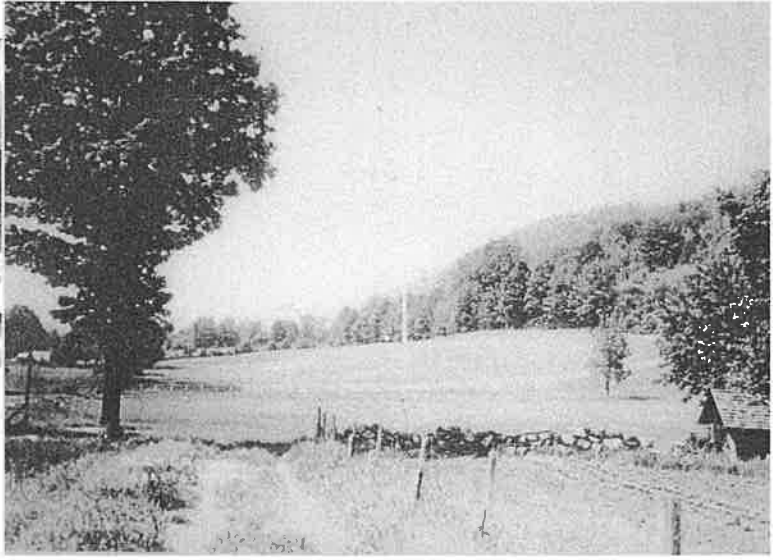
On a final note, in March, 2019, the Selectboard voted to reduce the GPC from seven members down to five; it was five until several years ago. The GPC agreed with this decision and want to thank the departing GPC members, Liisa Kissel and Kim Record, for all their time and effort over the years.

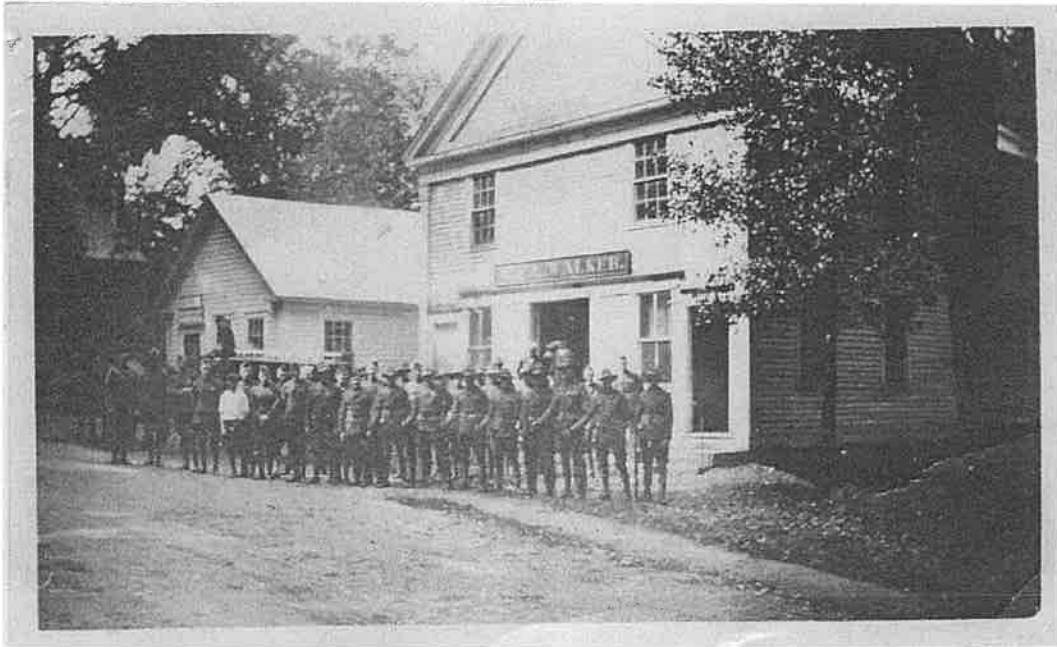
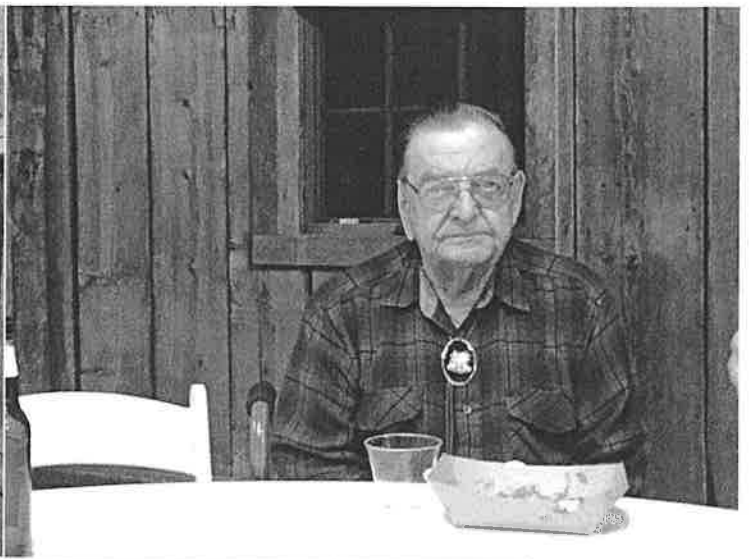
Respectfully submitted,

The Grafton Planning Commissioners,

Dave Culver, Chair
Eric Stevens
Valarie Rooney

Matt Siano
Chris Wallace





TOWN OF GRAFTON		
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP		
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		
Kim A. Record, Treasurer		
TOTAL FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP 6/30/19	\$ 106,235.72	
DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME, to June 30, 2019		
Dividends and Interest Received		
AMOUNT DESIGNATED FOR:		
Interest on Cemetery Maintenance Funds		\$ 8.41
Interest on Cemetery Lots and Graves Funds		16.39
Village Park		21.04
Wilson Memorial Park		(4,187.46)
Grafton Village Library		0.18
So. Congregational Church Society		0.18
Grafton Fund		19.05
Town School District		4.35
		\$ (4,117.86)
INVESTMENTS		
	Capital	Income
FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE		
Community Bank NA	\$ 16,422.96	\$ 8.41
FOR CEMETERY LOTS AND GRAVES		
Community Bank NA	32,921.64	16.39
FOR VILLAGE PARK		
People's United C/D #4606	6,000.00	21.04
FOR WILSON MEMORIAL PARK		
Community Bank NA	23,700.79	12.95
Community Bank NA		
G.E.Corp., Common Stock-1440 shares @ \$10.90	15,696.00	(3,902.40)
General American Corp., 17 shares @\$35.49	603.33	(298.01)
FOR LIBRARY AND CHURCH		
S. B. Jones Fund-Community Bank	700.92	0.36
FOR GRAFTON INDIVIDUALS		
Grafton Fund People's United C/D 29421	5,000.00	17.53
Grafton Fund People's United Savings Acct. 30630	3,054.80	1.52
FOR TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT		
Edward Walker Fund -Community Bank	1,035.28	0.49
Dean & Baker Fund-Chittenden Bank C/D 4596	1,100.00	3.86
	\$ 106,235.72	\$ (4,117.86)

TOWN OF GRAFTON							
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP-KIM A. RECORD, TREASURER							
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019							
	Cemetery	Sales-Lots	Wilson	Village	S.B.Jones	Grafton	Totals
	Care	and Graves	Park	Park	Library and Church	Fund	(Memo Only)
ASSETS							
Cash in Savings or Ck.Acct.	\$ 16,422.96	\$ 32,921.64	\$ 23,700.79		\$ 700.92	\$ 3,054.80	\$ 76,801.11
Certificates of Deposit				6,000.00		5,000.00	11,000.00
Common Stock			16,299.33				16,299.33
Interest Receivable							-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 16,422.96	\$ 32,921.64	\$ 40,000.12	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 700.92	\$ 8,054.80	\$ 104,100.44
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE							
Liabilities: Due to General Fund							\$ -
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for Endowment			\$ 16,299.33	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 700.92	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 28,000.25
Designated for Future Use	16,422.96	32,921.64	23,700.79			3,054.80	76,100.19
Total Fund Balances	\$ 16,422.96	\$ 32,921.64	\$ 40,000.12	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 700.92	\$ 8,054.80	\$ 104,100.44
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							\$ -
TOWN OF GRAFTON							
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP-KIM A. RECORD, TREASURER							
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (Cash Basis)							
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019							
	Cemetery	Sales-Lots	Wilson	Village	S. B. Jones	Grafton	Totals
	Care	and Graves	Park	Park	Library and Church	Fund	(Memo Only)
REVENUE:							
Interest on Investments	\$ 8.41	\$ 16.39	\$ 12.05	\$ 21.04	\$ 0.36	\$ 19.05	\$ 77.30
Unrealized Gain(Loss) on Investments			(4,200.41)				(4,200.41)
Common Stock Dividends			451.82				451.82
From Sales or Other Sources	150.00	1,950.00					2,100.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 158.41	\$ 1,966.39	\$ (3,736.54)	\$ 21.04	\$ 0.36	\$ 19.05	\$ (1,571.29)
EXPENDITURES:							
Transfers to General Fund			\$ 995.14				995.14
Transfers to Other Organizations	\$1,000.00						\$1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ (1,000.00)		\$ (995.14)	\$ 21.04		\$ 19.05	\$ (1,955.05)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES							
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/18	\$ 17,264.55	\$ 30,955.25	\$ 44,731.80	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 700.56	\$ 8,035.75	107,687.91
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/19	\$ 16,422.96	\$ 32,921.64	\$ 40,000.12	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 700.92	\$ 8,054.80	\$ 104,100.44

TOWN OF GRAFTON			
TRUST FUNDS FOR THE BENEFITS OF INDIVIDUALS			
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
RONALD F. CAREY TREASURER			
For the year ended June 30, 2019			
ASSETS	Campbell Fund	Woolson Fund	Totals (Memo Only)
Cash-Business Money Market	\$ 6,664.83	\$ 3,917.97	\$ 10,582.80
Certificate of Deposit-People's United	2,557.44		2,557.44
Money Market-Community BANK	9,064.55	6,037.36	15,101.91
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 18,286.82	\$ 9,955.33	\$ 28,242.15
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities			
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for Endowment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Unrestricted	13,286.82	7,955.33	21,242.15
Total Fund Balances		\$ 9,955.33	\$ 28,242.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 18,286.82	\$ 9,955.33	\$ 28,242.15
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES			
RONALD F. CAREY, TREASURER			
For the year ended June 30, 2019			
REVENUE:			
Interest on TD Bank Money Market	\$ 5.32	\$ 3.43	\$ 8.75
Interest on Comm Money Market	4.53	3.02	7.55
Interest on Peoples Certificate of Deposit	8.96		
Previous Year			-
Payment of Loan			
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 18.81	\$ 6.45	\$ 25.26
EXPENDITURES:			
Grants to Beneficiaries			
Grant			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
EXCESS(DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 18.81	6.45	25.26
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/18	\$ 18,268.01	\$ 9,948.88	\$ 2,816.89
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/19	\$ 18,286.82	\$ 9,955.33	\$ 28,242.15
David R.Campbell left \$5000 to the town in 1876 f/b/o individuals in need			
Amas Woolson left \$2000 to the town in 1924 f/b/o individuals in need			

Grafton Cares Town of Grafton 2020

Grafton Cares was established in 1993 by a group of townspeople concerned with providing help and support to their neighbors. Many new programs have been instituted in the past few years, along with efforts that have been in place for many years.

Wednesday Lunch at the Chapel

The Wednesday Lunch provides a great opportunity for folks to get out and meet friends and neighbors over a good, hot meal. This is what makes it a “community” lunch. We learn so much about “the news” as to who needs help, whose had a baby, etc., that involve many of our other programs. Think about trying your hand at cooking, including a full meal, a single dish, a salad, dessert or what have you. Grafton Cares reimburses expenses.

Community Suppers

Along with the weekly lunch, our monthly community suppers in Athens and Grafton continue from September through June. In Grafton, we want to include families who are unable to attend the Wednesday lunch. Coordinating with the Grafton Library, which offers an after school program before the supper, it has proven to be very successful. In Athens, our monthly suppers build community spirit as the word continues to spread. *The Athenian*, our local newspaper sponsored by Grafton Cares, is available at the suppers, online, or places around town. This is a way of keeping up with the local news in Athens and in our surrounding area.

Financial Assistance Committee

This committee, often working in collaboration with other organizations, offers a helping hand to those with a variety of temporary or long-term needs, ranging from transportation to medical appointments, to financial assistance for families or individuals with urgent needs. Grafton Cares also offers, for temporary or long-term use, a variety of medical equipment for special health needs. A Fuel Assistance Program that includes cordwood has been in operation for many years with the generous support of various donors. This program has filled an important niche by providing emergency fuel aid for those with a temporary need or who are awaiting more long-term support from other agencies.

Gas Card Program

The gas card program began many years ago with the generous contribution of gas cards from Old Tavern guests, via the Windham Foundation. Grafton Cares now funds this program. We distribute these cards to community members to meet emergency needs involving medical transportation issues or financial hardship.

Meals On Wheels

Meals On Wheels are available from Valley Cares. Delivered by Grafton Cares’ volunteer drivers, Meals On Wheels, is a USDA funded program, available through Senior Solutions (formerly the Council On Aging). Call Dennis Hunt at 869-2674 for more information.

Sunshine Baskets

Sunshine Baskets, filled with fresh fruit, are given to our older neighbors and to those who have had surgery just to give a boost to all. Board members enjoy visiting with these people as much as delivering the baskets.

Strong Living

Strong Living is a popular program where participants ages 40 and up attend two, one hour sessions per week. Led by trained folks through a series of stretching and weightlifting exercises, this program has become a fixed date on many participants' calendars and a great way to catch up on the local news. A donation is suggested to cover the cost of equipment and facilities.

Welcome Bags

The Welcome Bag Program has been greatly appreciated by recipients who are new to Grafton and Athens. It contains a variety of "goodies" and all kinds of information to welcome new folks to town.

Grafton Cares Knitters

A group of local knitters keeps busy with various projects such as beautiful shawls for those in need of comfort and baby blankets, which are combined with board books and a book bag from the Grafton Library, to welcome little ones born to area families.

Rides Coordinator

To facilitate the coordination of transportation needs, a rides coordinator can help with rides for medical appointments. If you or a family member requires transportation to medical appointments, you can give this program a try.

Additional Events

80+ Luncheon. Each Fall, we invite all 80+ year olds and guests from Grafton and Athens to our annual luncheon at the Chapel. Our goal is to celebrate their contributions to the quality of life in our two towns. The Sixth Grade joins us to help serve the meal and visit with guests.

Christmas Day Dinner. For the last few years we have sponsored a Christmas Day Dinner at 12:00 in the Chapel building. A good number of residents have attended this special meal.

For more information about Grafton Cares or any of its programs, contact Dennis Hunt, President of Grafton Cares at 869-2674.

Grafton Cares Treasurer's Report
June 30, 2019

	2019	2019	2020
	Proposed Budget	Actual Budget	Proposed Budget
INCOME			
Town of Grafton	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Athens Organizations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Senior Solutions-Lunch	\$ 700.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,200.00
Living Strong Donations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 645.00	\$ 1,000.00
Donations-Wed Lunch	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 6,172.09	\$ 1,000.00
Donations-Comm Supper	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 467.00	\$ 1,000.00
Other Fundraising	\$ 500.00	\$ 442.90	\$ 500.00
Fundraising Letters/Grant			
Interest earned	\$ 25.00	\$ 67.89	\$ 25.00
Interest on CD	\$ 10.00	\$ 13.19	\$ 10.00
Welcoming Center Fundraiser	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,449.56	\$ 1,200.00
Memorials	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 100.00
Gas Card Donations			
General Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,132.90	\$ 1,000.00
Reimbursements		\$ 560.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Income	\$ 12,085.00	\$ 23,430.53	\$ 10,035.00
EXPENSES			
Community Supper			
Food-Grafton	\$ 800.00	\$ 242.23	\$ 800.00
Food-Athens	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 682.50	\$ 1,200.00
Chapel Rent	\$ 300.00	\$ 463.14	\$ 500.00
Fuel	\$ 200.00	\$ -	
Paper products	\$ 400.00	\$ 193.97	\$ 400.00
Total Community Supper	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 1,581.84	\$ 2,900.00
Wednesday Lunches			
Food	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,226.82	\$ 2,000.00
Paper products	\$ 400.00	\$ 632.32	\$ 400.00
Equipment	\$ 400.00	\$ 607.96	\$ 800.00
Chapel Rent/Fuel	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,900.00
Total Wednesday Lunches	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 3,667.10	\$ 5,100.00
Living Strong			
Chapel Rent/Fuel	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
Instructor's Fee	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 1,200.00
Total Living Strong	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,700.00

Grafton Cares Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2019

Administration			
Insurance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,353.64	\$ 1,500.00
Postage	\$ 100.00	\$ 32.50	\$ 600.00
Office Supplies	\$ 150.00	\$ 239.64	\$ 150.00
Athenian office supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Misc. expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 89.00	\$ 500.00
Federal Filing		\$ 950.00	
Total Administration	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 2,664.78	\$ 2,850.00
Other			
Personal Assistance Expense	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,108.29	\$ 6,000.00
Community Outreach-Gas cards	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,120.00	\$ 5,000.00
Community Outreach-Children	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Food Shelf	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Community Donations	\$ 300.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 500.00
Welcome Center Expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.89	\$ 150.00
Welcome Basket Expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 73.20	\$ 150.00
Fundraising Expenses			
Memorial Bereavement Fund	\$ 250.00	\$ 30.74	\$ 250.00
Community special events	\$ 300.00	\$ 124.21	\$ 300.00
Knitters Expenses	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Sunshine baskets	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
Fire Victims		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Misc. equipment	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 15,750.00	\$ 15,932.33	\$ 17,900.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 28,950.00	\$ 25,286.05	\$ 30,450.00
BALANCES			
Checking Account	\$ 15,841.15		
MMA-Fin Asst	\$ 16,769.68		
CD	\$ 7,312.00		
Barbara Fisher Rogers Memorial Fund	\$ 50,509.54		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 90,432.37		
* Please note: We have combined the two MMA's into one			

Grafton Public Library – Report of the Trustees

Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The Grafton Public Library is a vital institution for a diverse population of residents, second-home owners, guests staying in town and visitors passing through the area. We remain very much a community resource, available to residents of all ages, while also providing services for the non-residents who are a vibrant part of our local economy and culture. Connection is at the heart of what we strive for at the local library.

Library staff and volunteers work diligently to create a welcoming and warm environment as they offer book recommendations, rotate displays to highlight new materials, and provide a place to drop by and catch up with friends. We are known in the area for our varied and up-to-date print book collection and it is most appreciated by residents and visitors to town alike. While print books still dominate the circulation in Grafton, we had 450 downloads from ListenUp! Vermont this year, as we meet the digital needs of patrons who prefer the convenience of an e-book or audio book. Patrons greatly enjoy on-going library programs, such as Lunch Box Book Group and Spanish Language Group, which not only provide intellectual stimulation and connections to literacy, but also strengthen a sense of community. In addition, the library hosts a number of local groups who use the building for non-library programs. For families, the Friday at the Library program gives parents an extended after-school opportunity for their children and connections to the library through crafts, stories and comradery. Because busy families need accessible resources, our Summer Reading Program this year took place at the Grafton Elementary School during summer school hours, with the librarian sharing books, rocketry experiments and a performance by the Summer Encore Theatre. We also continue to welcome newborns in Grafton with a Baby Book Bag, a lovely first connection co-sponsored with Grafton Cares. Finally, everyone appreciates the connection provided 24/7 by the library's free Wi-Fi, with a signal that extends to the porch, picnic table and into the driveway.

Our historic building received infrastructure attention this year with a major repair to the furnace, the installation of a new oil tank and new water heater—all important projects to take care of a building that makes so many connections possible.

The library is able to continue providing this level of service only because of the generosity of our many donors, and the hard work and dedication of our many volunteers. The Library Board wishes to extend our sincere thanks to each and every one of them, and we greatly appreciate your continuing support.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Grafton Public Library Board of Trustees

Deborah Toomey, Chair

Lucia Corwin, David Whittall, Mary Beth Culver and Patrick Spurlock

GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
Treasurer's Report
For Year Ended June 30, 2019

Operating Account

OPENING BALANCES July 1, 2018

Checking Acct	\$12,863.25
Petty Cash Acct	\$126.75
	<u>\$12,990.00</u>

RECEIPTS

Transfer from TIAA-CREF Trust	\$39,000.00
Transfer from TIAA-CREF JLS Memorial Fund	\$7,000.00
Transfer from TIAA-CREF Bond Fund	\$0.00
Directed Donations & Grants	\$2,700.00
Annual Appeal	\$15,810.00
Book Sale (Annual Labor Day)	\$2,242.00
Book Sale (Ongoing)	\$1,659.25
Copier, Overdue books, Coffee, Postcard Fees	\$221.87
Town of Grafton Tax Support	\$5,000.00
Town of Grafton Trust Funds	\$280.50
Miscellaneous Income	\$430.66
Petty Cash Adjustment	\$87.40
	<u>\$74,431.68</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$74,431.68

TOTAL: Beginning Balance Plus Receipts	<u>\$87,421.68</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS

Gross Salaries	\$30,812.00
Health Insurance	\$6,804.60
Payroll Taxes, Unemployment Insur. & Workers Comp	\$2,434.63
Total Salary Expense	\$40,051.23

Collection Expenses

Books	\$4,645.06
Periodicals	\$573.08
Audio-Visual (includes downloadable audio & ebooks)	\$675.65
Total Collection Expense	<u>\$5,893.79</u>

Library Services Expenses

Adult Programs	\$232.68	
Children's Program	\$682.54	
Office Supplies	\$73.34	
Postage (Inter-Library Loan Expenses)	\$585.85	
Misc. & Gifts	\$53.00	
Copier/ Printers, Coffee Station Supplies & Maint.	\$550.38	
Computer Software, Hardware and Subscriptions	\$591.87	
Automation Service and Supplies	\$439.00	
Total Library Services Expense		\$3,208.66

Building Expenses

Cleaning Services & Supplies	\$964.01	
Grounds	\$230.00	
Services and Supplies	\$981.03	
Snow Removal	\$755.00	
Repairs/ Improvements	\$5,315.19	
Electricity	\$943.70	
Heat (Fuel) & Service Contract	\$4,271.40	
Telephone	\$509.91	
Furniture and Fixtures	\$3,152.20	
Building Insurance (VLCT)	\$1,837.00	
Total Building Expenses		\$18,959.44

Other Expenses

Fundraising Expenses	\$375.06	
Accounting Expenses	\$210.92	
Total Other Expenses		\$585.98

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$68,699.10

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) \$18,722.58
DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFER

Checking Account Balance 6/30/19 \$18,685.45
Petty Cash Balance 6/30/19 \$37.13
TOTAL OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE 6/30/19 \$18,722.58

LIBRARY ASSETS

	6/30/2018	6/30/2019
TIAA-CREF TRUST MAIN FUND	\$910,498.16	\$915,725.23
TIAA-CREF TRUST JLS MEMORIAL FUND	\$157,676.88	\$159,681.87
TIAA-CREF MUTUAL FUNDS (Bond Fund)	\$15,716.58	\$16,342.42
Total Library Investments	<u>\$1,083,891.62</u>	<u>\$1,091,749.52</u>
End of Year Operating Account Balance	<u>\$12,990.00</u>	<u>\$18,722.58</u>
End of Year Total Library Assets	<u>\$1,096,881.62</u>	<u>\$1,110,472.10</u>

TIAA-CREF TRUST MAIN FUND

Beginning Market Value 7/1/18	<u>\$910,498.16</u>
Change in Market Value	\$21,419.73
Income	\$21,285.12
Capital Gains Distribution	\$6,943.30
Asset Transfers	-\$0.11
Transfer to Operating Account	-\$39,000.00
Financial Management Fees	-\$5,420.97
TIAA-CREF Trust Market Value 6/30/19	<u>\$915,725.23</u>

TIAA-CREF TRUST JLS MEMORIAL FUND

Beginning Market Value 7/1/18	<u>\$157,676.88</u>
Change in Market Value	\$5,645.94
Income	\$3,538.36
Capital Gains Distribution	\$775.16
Asset Transfers	-\$0.01
Transfer to Operating Account	-\$7,000.00
Financial Management Fees	-\$954.46
JLS Memorial Fund Market Value 6/30/19	<u>\$159,681.87</u>

TIAA-CREF MUTUAL FUNDS (Bond Fund)

Beginning Market Value 7/1/18	\$15,716.58
Change in Market Value	\$250.43
Transfer to Operating Account	\$0.00
Income	\$375.41
TIAA-CREF Bond Fund Market Value 6/30/19	<u>\$16,342.42</u>

GRAFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

This fiscal year 18/19 Grafton Fire responded to 58 911 generated emergencies and countless other non-emergency events. As always Grafton Fire is busy keeping up with training so as to better prepare our responders for that inevitable call in the middle of the night. Again this year we had two trainings a month and weekly equipment checks on top of calls to respond to emergencies, so there is always plenty to fill our volunteer time. This year we will be kicking off a fundraising campaign with the Grafton Fire and Rescue Auxiliary to address some steep challenges with the Fire Dept. building. After decades of use, the building needs repairs and upgrades and additional space. We hope to start resolving these issues this coming year.

This year, Grafton Fire applied for a FEMA AFG grant to replace all of our outdated and non NFPA compliant SCBA [self contained breathing apparatus]. As I write this letter, I just found out that we were indeed successful in being awarded a grant from FEMA in the amount of \$65,000.00, which will cover all the SCBA replacement cost without a penny of funds asked of Grafton's taxpayers for this mandatory equipment.

Also, this year we welcome Tammy Bonk to our group as an exterior firefighter. She will be going through firefighter 1 program soon to become an interior certified state first responder. Please share with me our thanks and gratitude to her and to all the officers and firefighters and their families, auxiliary members, executive board members and of course all in the community that support us.

OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE ALL IN THE COMMUNITY IN THEIR TIME OF NEED!

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Thompson
Grafton Fire Chief

Current Roster

Bonk, Tammy FF
LT. Hallock, Rob FF1
Haseltine, Matt FF 1
Hermiz, Keith FF AEMT
Mack, Stan FF
CAPT. Noyes, Nathaniel FF1 EMR
Rogers, David FF
Ross, Dave FF
Rushton, Kelsey FF
Rushton, Mark FF
Rushton, Sam FF
Schmidt, Dominick FF 1 EMT

Schmidt, Brian FF
ASST.CHIEF Sprague, Robbie FF1 EMT
Stevens, Eric FF EMT
LT. Stevens, Ivor FF1
Stevens, Lain FF
CHIEF Thompson, Rich FF1 EMT
Watson, William FF EMR

Junior Members

Powers, Austin
Squiers-Restino, Ty

GRAFTON FIRE ASSOCIATION					
OPERATING STATEMENT, as of June 30, 2019					
Albert C Matt, Treasurer					
			Variance		
	2018-2019	2018-2019	Favorable	Proposed	
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavor.)	2020-2021	
RECEIPTS:					
Town of Grafton-Operating Budget	\$ 26,000	26,000.00	\$ -	\$ 27,950	General Fund
Town of Grafton-Truck Fund	16,500	15,000.00	\$ (1,500)	\$ 15,000	Specific to Truck Replacement
Annual Fundraising	10,000	16,523.32	\$ 6,523	\$ 14,900	Auxillary Fundraising
Auxiliary Donation	12,000	6,500.00	\$ (5,500)	\$ 6,500	\$5,000 Truck Reserve, \$1,500 New Accounts
Donations	-	24,551.05	\$ 24,551	\$ 23,000	Appeal Letter, Memory of T Cannon, Ed McWilliam
Grafton Fire & Rescue	4,300	4,348.76	\$ 49	\$ 4,300	Rent & Wireless
Reimbursements	-	1,091.53	\$ 1,092	\$ -	Audit Adjustment, Sales Tax
Sales and Other Income	-	501.00	\$ 501	\$ -	Knox Box, Equipment
Grants	-	17,508.50	\$ 17,509	\$ 5,100	Training, Equipment
Interest	-	1,637.74	\$ 1,638	\$ 1,600	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 68,800	113,661.90	\$ 44,862	\$ 98,350	
DISBURSEMENTS					
Vehicle Fuel, Service & Maint.	\$ 3,500	4,130.53	\$ (631)	\$ 4,000	
Equipment Maintenance- Reserve	2,000	1,000.00	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Heat for Building	3,000	3,584.29	\$ (584)	\$ 3,500	
Electricity	1,500	1,285.84	\$ 214	\$ 1,300	
Telephone / Internet	1,500	1,663.09	\$ (163)	\$ 1,600	
Communications, Radio	2,000	808.04	\$ 1,192	\$ 800	
Repeater Site Maintenance	500	35.94	\$ 464	\$ 500	New Account
Repeater Battery - Reserve	500	500.00	\$ -	\$ 500	New Account
PPE Equipment	-	446.16	\$ (446)	\$ 2,500	
Building, Grounds	1,500	2,757.38	\$ (1,257)	\$ 3,000	New Account
Building - Reserve	1,000	3,000.00	\$ (2,000)	\$ 1,000	
Truck - Reserve	20,000	20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
Staff Training	2,000	0.00	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	
Fund Raising Expense	800	5,251.25	\$ (4,451)	\$ 2,500	
Fire Extinguishers & Testing	500	85.87	\$ 414	\$ 250	
Dues & Donations	200	497.00	\$ (297)	\$ 600	
Office Expenses	500	844.67	\$ (345)	\$ 800	
Loose Equipment	6,000	885.30	\$ 5,115	\$ 2,000	
Volunteer Recognition	1,500	780.25	\$ 720	\$ 800	
Compensation	-	3,000.00	\$ (3,000)	\$ 3,000	
Wireless Tech Support	-	812.30	\$ (812)	\$ 400	
Insurance	8,000	4,261.79	\$ 3,738	\$ 4,200	
Grant Spending	-	11,633.69	\$ -	\$ 5,100	WRV Training, Equipment
Auxillary Spending / Transfer	-	15,992.22		\$ 13,000	To Auxillary Account
Other	12,000	2,830.41	\$ 9,170	\$ 3,000	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 68,500	86,086.02	\$ 10,040	\$ 75,850	
NET		27,575.88		\$ 22,500	

GRAFTON FIRE ASSOCIATION						
BALANCES as of 6/30/2019						
	Operating Fund	Truck Fund	Auxiliary Account	Equipment Reserve	Repeater Batt. Reserve	Building Reserve
ASSETS BY ACCOUNT:						Totals
Current Assets:						
Operating Fund Checking Account	\$53,679.24					\$53,679.24
Debit Card Checking Account	\$2,578.78					\$2,578.78
Money Market		\$46,046.58	\$34,563.02	\$1,000.04	\$500.03	\$82,109.67
Truck Fund CD		\$51,781.30				\$51,781.30
						\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$56,258.02	\$97,827.88	\$34,563.02	\$1,000.04	\$500.03	\$193,149.06
ASSETS BY CLASS:						
Unrestricted-Operating Fund	\$56,258.02					\$56,258.02
Restricted-Reserves				\$1,000.04	\$500.03	\$4,500.14
Restricted-Truck Fund		\$97,827.88				\$97,827.88
Restricted Auxiliary Funds			\$34,563.02			\$34,563.02
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$56,258.02	\$97,827.88	\$34,563.02	\$1,000.04	\$500.03	\$193,149.06
Less Auxiliary Account						-\$34,563.02
FINAL NET ASSETS						\$158,586.04
MEMO: Restrictd Grants:	Holt*	Pollio	PACIF**	Totals		
Purpose	WRV Training	Air packs	Video Cameras			
Balance during the year	\$8,100.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,106.03			
Spent during the year	\$6,527.66	\$0.00	\$5,106.03			
Balance at the end of the year	\$1,572.34	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,572.34		
* Spending continuing in FY 2019						
** PACIF donors: Town of Grafton - \$2,408.52, Grafton Rescue - \$1,348.76, GFA - \$1,348.76						

Grafton Rescue Squad

Annual Report for the Year Ending June 2019

Your Grafton Rescue Squad responded to 77 9-1-1 calls and covered an additional 18 events for the year ended June 2019.

Medical 9-1-1 calls	77	Scheduled activities	18
Medical related	41	Training	11
Trauma related	21	Classes	1
Fire and police standby	11	Events	6
Service calls	4		

The term “medical related” belies the actual nature of that category of our work. Sometimes we respond to things that are obviously life threatening – people experiencing heart attacks or difficulty breathing. At other times the situation is subtler when we are called to a person possibly suffering side effects from a medication, or having a stroke or diabetic emergency. Finally, there are times that we find ourselves inserted into sad events such as being called to a residence where someone has likely passed away or a home where a loved one is suffering from psychological issues. We need to be prepared for this diverse set of emergencies – through our training, equipment and mental preparedness.

The Squad remains on a solid footing, having both the adequate staffing and funding to support its operations. That said, we should never take these for granted. For example, recent lifestyle changes among our members have made it more challenging to respond to weekday calls during typical work hours with a full crew. And while we have had a steadfast group of generous contributors who reduce the tax burden on the Town, the loss of a few of those donations could result in a funding gap.

On behalf of the Town, I thank the dedicated volunteers listed below for their unselfish service. Being an emergency medical responder or technician is challenging and satisfying. Please consider joining us. We would love to add you to our roster.

Respectfully,
Keith Hermiz, AEMT
President

Members:

Rachel Laliberté, AEMT
Nathaniel Noyes, EMR
Cathy Siano-Goodwin, EMT
Robbie Sprague, EMT
Eric Stevens, EMT
Bill Watson, EMR

Laura Mayer, AEMT, Secretary
Maureen Parker, EMT
Domenick Schmidt, EMT
Amber Stevens, EMR
Rich Thompson, EMT, Vice President
Jessa Westclark, EMT

Associate members:

Mary Ann Kearns, Treasurer
Dave Ross

Stan Mack

Rescue 2018-2019

	18-19 Budget	YTD	Difference	19-20 Budget	20-21 Budget
RECEIPTS:					
Town of Grafton	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Donations Annual	\$12,500.00	\$ 19,776.05	\$7,276.05	\$12,500.00	\$13,300.00
Windham Foundation	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Grants: IBM		\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
Ames Holt		\$ 15,000.00	\$15,000.00		
Repeater Site Income from Town	\$600.00	\$ 600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Interest Income		\$ 14.00			
Reimbursements		\$ 38.74	\$38.74		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$17,100.00	\$41,428.79		\$18,600.00	\$19,400.00
DISPURSEMENTS:					
Vehicle Operations/Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,459.53	\$40.47	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
covered by grant		\$ 1,104.34			
Occupancy	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
GFA Reimbursement (Camera)		\$ 1,348.76	\$1,348.76	\$0.00	
Communications	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
covered by grants (iPads)		\$ 739.00			
Medical Supplies & Equipment	\$3,000.00	\$ 2,779.23	\$220.77	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00
covered by grants		\$ 17,561.23			
Safety & Training	\$2,000.00	\$ 3,551.35	\$1,551.35	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
covered by grants		\$ 1,004.50			
Community Awareness	\$200.00	\$ 211.00	\$11.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Insurance:					
Life	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,990.56	\$990.56	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Town/VLCT	\$2,500.00	\$ 1,302.35	\$1,197.65	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Liability		\$ 966.00		\$0.00	
Workman's Comp		\$ 220.68			
Uniforms	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Annual Appeal Letter	\$500.00	\$ 535.70	\$35.70	\$500.00	\$750.00
Office Expenses	\$200.00	\$ 987.15	\$787.15	\$200.00	\$500.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$150.00	\$ 100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
Volunteer Recognition	\$750.00	\$ 678.51	\$71.49	\$750.00	\$750.00
Repeater Site Expense	\$600.00		\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 39,539.89		\$ 18,600.00	\$ 19,400.00
		Analysis of Accounts			
	Bal 7/1/18	Added	Withdrawn	Bal 6/30/19	
Checking Account	\$ 24,236.50	\$ 41,428.79	\$ 39,539.89	\$ 26,125.40	
CD	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 685.92		\$ 75,685.92	
TOTALS	\$ 99,236.50			\$ 101,811.32	

2020 Annual Report

The Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association (WHPA) was formed in 1992 to regain public access to the Pinnacle, the highest peak in Westminister, Vermont. Today, our mission is to conserve and make accessible the lands along the Windmill Ridge and neighboring areas. WHPA has conserved over 2100-acres including lands along the Windmill Ridge from Cambridgeport in the north and south to the Westminister town line. Other conserved lands are located to the west in Athens and Grafton, and to the east at the Bald Hill Reserve in Westminister. The lands we hold are protected in perpetuity through conservation easements, most held jointly by the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. WHPA is committed to making the reserves available as an educational and inspirational resource to individuals and to local public and private institutions.

The WHPA is a volunteer non-profit 501c3 organization with over 1225 members. WHPA maintains over 26 miles of public non-motorized trails, provides education programs for local children, guides walks for the public, and actively engages with like-minded organizations in southeastern Vermont. We deeply appreciate all the support we receive from all of our supporters! Thank you!

Accomplishments of 2019:

The 155-acre Goodridge property in Grafton and Athens was conserved by WHPA with an easement held by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. The parcel consists of upland forests and wetlands as well as numerous historic Soapstone Quarries. Significant areas of high-quality beech forest on this parcel provide excellent Black Bear habitat. The conservation of this parcel complements the adjacent State of Vermont Turner Hill Wildlife Management Area (1052 acres) and the 900 acres on Bear Hill owned by the Grafton Improvement Association.

A strategic planning process has begun to establish the vision and goals for the next five years, supported by funds contributed by donors and grantors. This process will be completed in 2020.

Continued removal of invasive shrubs has been supported by many hours of volunteer work. This long-term project (9 years) has support from a contract with the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Species targeted for control include buckthorn, barberry, honeysuckle, multiflora rose and bittersweet.

Ongoing trail maintenance by many dedicated and hard-working volunteers. Thank you!

An education program with third and fourth graders continues in the Westminister School system. Children go out of doors and onto lands of the WHPA to engage directly with the land and wildlife to be found there.

The Association continues to provide programs for the public including guided nature walks, a presentation by a prominent speaker at the annual member meeting, the "Grinder" biking event on Pinnacle trails in conjunction with the West Hill Shop, and "Accessibility Day", a September event which provides access for those who can no longer hike on their own to one of the scenic peaks on WHPA property.

For more information: email whpa@sover.net
or visit the website www.windmillhillpinnacle.org
To reserve the shelter at the Pinnacle overnight call 463 - 9226

Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District

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Reading • Rockingham • Springfield • Weathersfield • West Windsor • Windsor

www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org



The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves fourteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Grafton's representative is Cynthia Gibbs; Kim Record is the alternate.



The District hosted four backyard composting workshops in spring 2019 and we plan to continue that schedule in 2020. Attendees were able to purchase a composter for the greatly discounted price of \$30.00 (additional units were \$50). These prices will be offered again. All food scraps will be banned from the landfill as of July 1, 2020. The Rockingham Transfer Station accepts food scraps (including meat and bones) for free.



Five hundred and twenty-four people brought household hazardous waste to the District's three collections in FY19, including eleven Grafton residents.

The District will host two HHW collections in 2020 – dates and times to be determined.



Two retailers in Springfield accept unwanted paint year-round. Bring paint to Bibens Ace Hardware or Sherwin-Williams during regular business hours and dispose of it for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty – bring unlabeled, leaky, or rusty cans to an HHW collection).



AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, hearing aid, coin cell, tool, and rechargeable batteries are accepted at the Rockingham Transfer Station. Batteries are "special recycling" and do NOT go in with other recycling. There is also a convenient collection bucket at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kennedy
District Manager

Mary T. O'Brien
Recycling Coordinator

Ham Gillett
Outreach Coordinator





The Windham Regional Commission

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

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

We assist towns with a number of different activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; Act 174 town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycles, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

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

Past year highlights reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We have submitted an application for a VT Public Service Department Broadband Innovation Grant in collaboration with Valley Net and the Center on Rural Innovation to develop a feasibility analysis and business plan to improve access to high-speed broadband to underserved communities for the region as a whole. This work will be done in collaboration with towns. We've established a regional Emergency Management Directors (EMD) Roundtable, and have worked with EMDs and assistance agencies to create a Vulnerable Population Phone Tree to facilitate outreach to those most at risk during a disaster. We continue to help towns apply for grants to support compliance with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit compliance. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see your town's profile (<http://windhamregional.org/towns>). A video about the WRC is available on our homepage.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 5% of a \$2.32 million budget for FY 2020, a substantial portion of which includes our brownfields revolving loan fund and modern wood heat and renewable energy grant funds. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is \$1,611. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2020, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



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

December 23rd, 2019

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.

Respectfully;

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.
Associate Medical Center Director

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, 2019.**

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/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>



WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Mark R. Anderson
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Grafton Report

The year of 2019 has closed and it was one marked with a lot of change for the Windham County Sheriff's Office. On June 30th, 2019, Sheriff Keith Clark retired his star after nearly thirty years in law enforcement and over twelve years as Sheriff. He worked to restore many services to the county, he piloted various initiatives striving toward a better criminal justice system, and worked to rebuild the reputation, professionalism, and the infrastructure of the Sheriff's Office. While Sheriff Clark is onto a new adventure with his family, his focus on providing ever better law enforcement and community safety will continue.

Following Keith Clark's retirement, Governor Phil Scott accepted the recommendation of the Windham County Democratic Committee and appointed Mark Anderson to fulfill the remainder of Sheriff Clark's term. With nearly fifteen years' experience serving as a deputy sheriff in Windham County, Mark Anderson assumes this position with substantial operational and institutional knowledge of the sheriff's office. He is committed to strengthening the long-term relationships with the various stakeholders in Windham County. He is looking to improve access to emergency services, improve accessibility to rural policing, developing ways to aid towns with animal control, and working with education facilities to ensure the most modern plans are implemented to keep children safe.

Currently, the Sheriff's Office has joined forces with the interdisciplinary Consortium on Substance Abuse, working to resolve the opioid and substance use issues that have affected Windham County. The office is updating its information technology infrastructure to improve our services for all of Windham County. It has also been meeting with community groups and individuals to discuss fair and impartial policing in Windham County. One issue of particular concern is how to assure all county residents that they can access emergency services without fear that their immigration status will be used against them. We've also begun teaching the "Run, Hide, Fight" options based resiliency training to educate people how to protect them from harm. The Sheriff's Office continues to support the following programs and initiatives: coordination with the Windham County Highway Safety Task Force; daily Are You Okay? welfare check phone calls; Work Zone Safety Enforcement; Toys for Kids; and snow mobile patrols. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby, to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications. It is the continued support of Grafton and other towns which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

For the 2018 fiscal year (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019), Grafton contracted with the Sheriff's Office to provide a total of 96 hours of service throughout the year. The Sheriff's Office was able to provide 103 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The services provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to calls for service, or calls where response would not be provided by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During the contract period, we issued a total of 16 tickets with the potential net revenue for Grafton of \$1714. Additionally, deputies have issued 10 warnings and responded to 26 calls for service.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Grafton and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies. We are also accessible on our website at windhamcountyvt.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Mark R. Anderson



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Grafton, VT 05146-0226
Phone: (802) 843-2495
Fax: (802) 843-2911

Elizabeth Harty
Principal

December 15, 2019

Dear Athens and Grafton Communities,

This year marks our first year as the newly formed Windham Northeast Union Elementary School District (WNUESD). We have merged school boards with Westminster Community Schools. This has no negative impact on our daily learning, but allows us to collaborate and share initiatives that benefit all students. We are able to continue thriving as the unique community school that we are, while accessing programs that were not available to our students in years past (i.e. Studio Y).

GES has committed to our Farm to School efforts. We sent a team to the summer FEED conference at Shelburne Farms with staff from both schools. This conference helped us file a joint Farm to School grant application and grow our connection to our local food sources. GES has planted and harvested our school garden, conducted taste tests within classrooms, and hosted Harvest Lunches for families highlighting the Harvest of the Month.

With Westminster, we are currently in the process of applying for a 21Century grant. These funds will help build robust afterschool and summer programming, providing strong enrichment and academic opportunities for all students K-6.

GES has adopted a new reading system: Fountas & Pinnell Classroom. This is a resource that supports consistent and effective literacy instruction involving guided reading, phonics and word study, and interactive read aloud. Not only are teachers embracing this new resource, but students are devouring the new books! Students are benefiting from increased exposure to authentic text along with direct instruction at their instructional level.

GES benefits from the many parents and volunteers who enrich our learning experiences. Thanksgiving Feast, Holiday Bazaar, and the Circus Smirkus Residency are just some of our annual events that are successful because of our PTG and community partners.

Thank you, Grafton and Athens communities, for consistently supporting our school. I am privileged and humbled to serve our students, parents, and the community, and to work with many wonderful educators. I truly look forward to seeing the students come through the door each day.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Harty

GRADUATING KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2019



Back row: Kerry Aube (Teacher)

Front row: Moses Lupiani, Joseph Tenney, Navaeh Kingsbury, Caylee Archambault, Hunter Warner, Parker Webster, Malik Williams

GRADUATING SIXTH GRADE CLASS OF 2019



Back row: Kathryn St. George (Teacher), Jocelynn Rowe, Grace Pluff, Jacqueline Smith, Karen Vargas, Calli Sprague, Bryannah Crosby, Lilly Godden, Mrs. Chase

Front row: Nick Hall, Padraig Parker, Dakota Euber, Will Hallock, Caiden Hooke

**COMPARISON OF SCHOOL POPULATION FOR GRAFTON
GRADES K - 12**

YEAR	GRAFTON K-6	ATHENS K-6	GRAFTON 7 & 8		GRAFTON 9 - 12
2013-2014	47	36	L&G	2	5
			GM	9	12
			BF	2	6
			OTHER	1	2
			14		25
2014-2015	47	45	L&G	0	6
			GM	4	15
			BF	4	8
			OTHER	1	2
			9		31
2015-2016	44	48	L&G	0	6
			GM	6	14
			BF	5	8
			OTHER	2	1
			13		29
2016-2017	43	47	L&G	0	3
			GM	8	11
			BF	5	7
			OTHER	2	2
			15		23
2017-2018	38	35	L&G	1	2
			GM	5	9
			BF	5	13
			OTHER	4	3
			15		27
2018-2019	39	35	L&G	1	2
			GM	5	9
			BF	5	14
			OTHER	3	1
			14		26
2019-2020	23	26	L&G	4	0
	1 Westminster		GM	5	2
			BF	9	21
			OTHER	2	5
					28

Windham Northeast Supervisory Union Superintendent Annual Letter 2019--2020

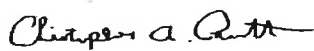
As Superintendent, I can honestly say without hesitation that as a Supervisory Union, we have some of the strongest, most dedicated faculty, staff, board members, parents, and administrators that I have ever worked with in my 26 years of education. As a Supervisory Union, Windham Northeast continues to move in the direction of transforming all of our schools into the 21st-century learning environments. Academic success for each student is the primary goal of every staff member and administrator in WNESU. We believe that every student achieves at the highest level, and we are prepared to offer more time and support to each and every student in order to prepare them to be innovative learners.

As Superintendent, I hope that the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union continues to advance in providing a 21st-century education for all students that reflects the collaboration from the community and schools. This approach is intended to prepare students to be innovative, productive citizens in an interconnected world. Your building Principals have worked diligently with myself and School Boards to present you with a school budget that is a reflection of the level of equitable education and vision that we need to provide to our kids.

To conclude, the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union is proud of all of our accomplishments and progress that we have made. As we move forward, we will continue to provide our students with an excellent education that the communities can be proud to have.

The proposed budgets reflect all of the skills and initiatives that we feel are crucial for a 21st-century education. Once again, thank you for the ongoing support of the schools in the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union.

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Pratt
WNESU, Superintendent of School

Grafton, Vermont
Results of Town and Town School District Meeting
March 5, 2019

Pursuant to a warning duly posted and recorded, the legal voters of the Town and Town School District met at the Grafton Elementary School in Grafton, Vermont on March 5, 2019 and took action on the following articles with these results (polls open from 9 am to 7 pm). Moderator David Ross called the 236th recorded Grafton Town Meeting to order at 10:04 am and invited Grace Pluff and Calli Sprague from the Grafton Elementary School to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance, noting they would also pass the microphones to speakers during the meeting. The Moderator asked for a moment of silence to remember those no longer with us. The Moderator thanked the town clerk and her staff, the town administrator, constable, the Board of Civil Authority, the school staff and the select and school boards. He noted that items of interest to voters were at the back of the room.

The Moderator said the Grafton Grange was offering lunch (including takeout) for a donation of \$5 per person.

The Moderator announced that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont and Robert's Rules of Order. He noted that voters may vote to overrule Robert's Rules and the Moderator, but not state law. He said that his role was to help voters accomplish the business they intend and urged all to ask clarifying or point-of-order questions. He said that if a voter wished to speak, he should raise his/her hand, be recognized, stand and identify himself/herself for the record before asking the question. He said that Town Meeting is a tradition dating back to at least 1783 and it is an opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of issues and reach the best possible decisions for the town; he urged voters to be respectful of each other. Persons who are not registered voters cannot vote and cannot address the meeting without permission by the voters and the Moderator asked non-voters to stand and be recognized. The Moderator said he would impose a five-minute limit for each speaker if there were no objection and that the reading of short quotes was allowable; however, lengthy reading would require special action by the body.

There were no suggestions or questions. There being no objection, the Moderator dispensed with the reading of the entire Warning.

ART. 1 It was moved by Glen Spurlock, seconded by Sandy Stevens, to choose all Town and Town School District Officers. Voting to be by Australian Ballot; polls open from 9 am to 7 pm.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. None was offered. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

Offices voted by Australian Ballot:

David Ross, elected Moderator for 1 year

GailAnn Fisher, elected Trustee of Public Funds for 3 years

GailAnn Fisher, elected Trustee of Campbell, Woolson Funds for 3 years

Mary Beth Culver, elected Trustee of Public Library for 2 years
Patrick Spurlock, elected Trustee of Public Library for 3 years
David Whittall, elected Trustee of Public Library for 3 years
Cynthia Gibbs, elected Auditor for 3 years
Josh Hearne, elected Selectman for 3 years
Stanley Mack, elected Selectman for 2 years
Kimberly Record, elected Town Agent for 1 year
Jack Bryar, elected School Director for 2 years
Pamela Johnson Spurlock, elected School Director for 3 years
[no candidate], elected School Director for 1 year
Jack Bryar, elected School Director for the Union High School for 3 years

ART. 2 It was moved by Suzanne Welch, seconded by Sam Battaglino, to act on the Auditor's Report.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. None was offered. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 3 It was moved by Jack Bryar, seconded by Joe Pollio, to authorize the Selectmen, the Town School Directors and the Athens/Grafton Joint Contract School District Directors to borrow money, respectively, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. None was offered. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 4 It was moved by Joe Pollio, seconded by Liisa Kissel, to raise nine thousand dollars and zero cents (\$9,000.00) for ambulance service.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Rescue Squad President Keith Hermiz explained the difference between this article, which addressed ambulance service, and the service the Rescue Squad provides.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 5 It was moved by Cathy Siano-Goodwin, seconded by Robert Donald, to raise twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars and zero cents (\$27,500.00) for the Firefighter's Association operating expenses.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Fire Chief Rich Thompson told the meeting that this request is a true interpretation of what it costs to keep the fire department and building in operation.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 6 It was moved by Suzanne Welch, seconded by Terry Pollio, to raise three thousand dollars and zero cents (\$3,000.00) for Grafton Rescue Squad operating expenses.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Keith Hermiz said that the article addresses a shortfall in the budget.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 7 It was moved by Joe Pollio, seconded by Allan Sands, to approve expenditures of any grant monies awarded for purposes named in such grant or grants for fiscal year 2019/2020.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Kate Muelrath asked what grants have been awarded, which grants were being applied for and who would be writing the grants. Select Board Chair Joe Pollio, Town Treasurer Kim Record and Town Administrator Bill Kearns said that there were a number of state grants that were regularly applied for to address town road maintenance and that Kearns would most likely prepare the proposals. The road foreman and town administrator research the possible grants and keep the select board apprised of opportunities and progress. Record said the town was always looking out for preservation grants to address the town hall building.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 8 It was moved by Allan Sands, seconded by Sam Battaglino, to grant tax exemption to the Grafton Improvement Association for their properties identified as Parcel Numbers 008144 and 009056.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Jason Archambault asked which two parcels this article addressed. Allan Sands said the parcels were the ballfield and property on Kidder Hill. He explained that this exemption had been in place and the article concerned the exemption renewal.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 9 It was moved by Liisa Kissel, seconded by Suzanne Welch to raise nine thousand seven hundred forty-one dollars and zero cents (\$9,741.00) for Humanitarian expenses. (Bellows Falls Senior Center - \$674; Grace Cottage - \$1,500; Grafton Cares - \$1,000; HCRS - \$600; Parks Place - \$100; RSVP - \$160; Senior Solutions - \$650; SEVCA - \$650; The Current - \$250; Valley Cares - \$1,052; Visiting Nurse Association - \$2,300; VCIL - \$105; Women's Freedom Center - \$600; Youth Services - \$100.)

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Cathy Siano-Goodwin spoke on behalf of Parks Place, Senior Solutions and The Gathering Place. In response to a question from Charlie

Gates, Kim Record said that the individual organizations requested specific amounts each year from the town and the select board voted to include the amounts in the article.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 10 It was moved by Joe Pollio, seconded by Allan Sands, to raise one hundred forty-nine thousand dollars (\$149,000.00) for the Capital Budget? (\$10,500.00 for Highway Roadway and Structure Projects, \$15,000 for Fire Truck Fund, \$75,000 for Highway Equipment Reserve, \$4,000 for Guard Rails Projects, \$3,000.00 for Computer Upgrade Program, \$5,000.00 for Bridge Maintenance Program, and \$36,500.00 for Bridge Construction Program).

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Robbie Sprague asked about the proposed lease of an excavator and said he thought the lease should be included in a separate article.

Joe Pollio explained new state legislation (Act 64) that required stone line ditching and the work was difficult to do with a backhoe. Last summer the town rented an excavator for \$10,000 in fees. Pollio said that the capital budget committee wanted to keep the budget level-funded and that the cost of a lease would most likely be the same as the cost of a three-week rental. Pollio said all towns have to comply with this legislation by 2026 and rented excavators were in demand. Cynthia Gibbs said that the funds in the article would go in an equipment fund and at the end of 2019, there would be over \$200,000 in that fund.

Robbie Sprague questioned the logic of leasing an excavator that would be used for only a few weeks in the summer. Pollio said that Act 64 was a long-term process and the excavator would be used for many years. He said that the select board had asked the capital budget committee if the town could afford to lease an excavator without increasing the capital budget and this was the committee's recommendation. Allan Sands said that the construction window is short and the town would be competing with other towns for equipment rentals because every town is in the same boat with regard to Act 64.

Rich Thompson asked if this was the first time the town would enter into a lease-to-purchase agreement. Cynthia Gibbs said she thought one of the loaders had been leased and that the town had also leased equipment from the state before purchasing it.

Russell Record said that while the excavator was more convenient, the work could be done with the town's backhoe and once Act 64's requirements were met, the excavator wouldn't be needed any longer. Pollio said that the ditches would have to be maintained even after the stone is laid. He said that all towns were facing the same issue (owning backhoes and having to rent or purchase excavators).

A motion was made to call the question. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

At this point in the meeting (10:53 am), there being no objections, the Moderator called for a recess for a presentation by Representatives Carolyn Partridge and Matthew Trieber. Among the

topics discussed by the representatives: dairy farmers and the low price of milk; replacing neonicotinoids; Act 46; broadband service; and reforming Act 250.

The Moderator called the meeting back to order at 11:21 am.

ART. 11 It was moved by Joe Pollio, seconded by Jack Bryar, to raise five hundred thirty thousand, four hundred dollars and zero cents (\$530,400.00) for the maintenance of highways and bridges.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. There was no discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 12 It was moved by Joe Pollio, seconded by Cathy Siano-Goodwin, to raise two hundred eighty-one thousand, three hundred and eighteen dollars and zero cents (\$281,318.00) for the Selectmen's Budget.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. There was no discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 13 It was moved by Allan Sands, seconded by Suzanne Welch, to establish a reserve fund to be called the "Grafton Village Park Maintenance and Renovation Fund" to be used for maintenance and renovation of Grafton Village Park in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Selectman Allan Sands explained that the article's intent was to set up a reserve fund and use the money from town timber sales for the Village Park, which has not been maintained for over 40 years, aside from periodic volunteer efforts.

There was a brief discussion about using the funds for other parks that have no dedicated funds; Sands said that parks such as Wilson Park do have designated funds. Kim Record said that Winnie Park is one of the parks that has no future funding.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 14 It was moved by Allan Sands, seconded by Joan Lake, to deposit the proceeds from timber sales on town-owned lands to fund the "Grafton Village Park Maintenance and Renovation Fund."

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Allan Sands said that the most recent timber sale generated approximately \$12,000 and that was the funding referenced in the article. Future logging is planned. The first timber sale proceeds went into the general fund because it hadn't been earmarked.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 15 It was moved by Robert Donald, seconded by Linda Robertson, for the town to pay property taxes to the Treasurer in Quarterly installments, with the due dates being Aug. 15, Nov. 15, Feb. 15, and May 15.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. There was no discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 16 It was moved by Phil Atwood, seconded by Allan Sands, to levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes on real and personal property of one (1) percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment for the first three months, and one and one-half (1 ½) percent per month or fraction thereof for every month thereafter, as provided for in 32 VSA 5136.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. There was no discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 17 It was moved by Edward Bank, seconded by Jack Bryar, to approve the Athens/Grafton Joint Contract School District Budget K-6 expenses of one million, two hundred ninety-eight thousand, three hundred thirteen dollars and nine cents (\$1,298,313.09) that includes five hundred dollars (\$500.00) compensation for each School Director.

The Moderator noted that this vote would be combined with the Athens' votes so a count would be needed before the outcome is determined. The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion.

School Board Chair Edward Bank said that the request was \$57,000 less than last year with the same number of students in the school. Sally Warren asked what was happening with the Athens school building and Bank said it was the town of Athens' property and there was no intention for the school to utilize the building. David Culver asked what would happen with the budget if Act 46 prevailed. Bank said that the budget would be null and void, but in case there's no resolution before July 1, the school needed an operating budget. Kim Record asked if Act 46 prevailed, where does the ownership of the Grafton School stand. Bank said it would depend on the articles of incorporation between the three school districts; the property would become the property of the new school district.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed with 67 "yes" votes and 0 "no" votes. (Motion was passed subsequently by a combined vote of 101 "yes" votes, 13 "no" votes.)

ART. 18 It was moved by Edward Bank, seconded by Jack Bryar, to approve the school board to expend nine hundred seventy-one thousand, one hundred forty-seven dollars and eighty-four cents (\$971,147.84) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of sixteen thousand, two hundred eighty-nine dollars and thirteen cents (\$16,289.13) per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.67% higher than spending

for the current year.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. Edward Bank explained that this article is the portion of the Athens/Grafton district paid by Grafton, depending on the student count on October 1, plus grades 7-8 tuition. Bank said the amount requested represented a reduction of \$32,000 from the previous year, due mostly to fewer students and the receipt of a financial stability grant. Last year's tax rate was \$.89; this year it will be \$.87.

Maureen Parker recommended double-checking the numbers on the revised tax sheets available at the back of the room.

David Culver asked how this article would work if Act 46 prevailed. Bank said this funding would also be null and void because this district would no longer exist, a new budget would be developed for the new district and a special town meeting would be called to vote on a new budget.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the article and called for a vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ART. 19 Non-binding business

It was moved by Edward Bank, seconded by Bill Kearns, that the voters of the Town of Grafton are opposed to the merger of the school districts of Athens, Grafton and Westminster as directed by the State Board of Education under the auspices of Acts 46 and 49.

The Moderator offered the opportunity for discussion. School Director Jack Bryar said that the school board was not only protesting Act 46 on principle; it would be detrimental to Grafton taxpayers' pockets, especially taxpayers of limited means.

There was no further discussion. The Moderator reread the non-binding resolution and called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Joe Pollio thanked Cynthia Gibbs for serving as a selectman.

Jack Bryar said that WNESU assistant superintendent Lynn Carey was present and would be available to speak to voters after the meeting.

The Moderator was asked about the Route 35 petition. Joe Pollio said that he had started the petition; it has 256 signatures (over 60 represent Chester residents). Pollio said he was trying to reach out to the chair of the Chester select board and would like to attend one of that board's future meetings with some Grafton residents to see what Chester will do for the road this year. Depending on Chester's response, Pollio said he may proceed to a court filing.

Bill Kearns explained that 19 VSA § 971 requires a town respond to a petition within three days.

Michael Parker asked if the former Unified Data is town property; he also asked about visible junk on the property across the river from his (on Parker Hill Road). Bill Kearns explained the

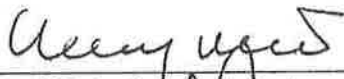
situation with junk vehicles and other debris on the former Unified Data property and what the property owner was doing to remedy the situation. Kearns said that as far as the Parker Hill Road property was concerned, junkyards are addressed under state law but that law would not be enforced by the state until the town had gone through the process required.

Kim Record thanked Edward Bank for his 12+ years on the school board.

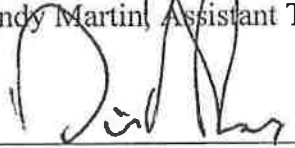
Cynthia Gibbs said she was selling tickets for the Grafton Historical Society's St Patrick's Day dinner on March 16.

There was no further non-binding business. It was moved by Walter Critchfield, seconded by Michelle Dufort, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Martin, Assistant Town Clerk



David Ross, Moderator



Selectman

A Glance at Grafton Improvement Association

Grafton Improvement Association's celebration of their 100th Anniversary highlighted the reason the organization was established – to “provide lasting memorials to our brave men in the First World War.” Projects of this 100th anniversary year included a reception for local veterans in November at Riverledge, a special edition of the Grafton News dedicated to 1919-era Grafton, the elementary school breakfast to honor local vets, and a public showing at Windham Foundation's Homestead of the film produced in Great Britain, “They Will Never Grow Old” highlighting WWI conditions and events. Also, the Grafton Historical Society had an exhibit dedicated to life in 1919, and a banner was hung across Main Street during the month of November to celebrate local veterans.

When the project of establishing memorials was complete after World War I, the organization changed its focus from World War I veterans to include honoring all Grafton veterans and funding projects which would benefit the Grafton community. To continue that mission, Forester Hayden Lake was hired to manage the 840 acres of land donated in 1975 from Hayden Brown to the GIA. Responsible harvesting provides funds for projects as well as improvement/maintenance of bird and mammal habitat. Funding from logging provides the funds for a Scholarship Program established in 2015, organization of Green Up Day held every May, maintenance of the ballfield, mapping of all recreation areas of Grafton and providing printed maps for the public (in collaboration with the Windham Foundation), and planting and annually decorating the Christmas Tree on the library lawn. The GIA also provides the land for the repeater tower for the communications system for the Fire Department and Rescue Squad and organizes Woods Walks through GIA land. This year it also organized and funded the removal of large debris in the Saxtons River which remained from the 2011 Tropical Storm Irene.