

Town of Barnet Vermont

Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2017

Town Meeting Day: March 6, 2018

10:00 AM Town portion

No School Meeting this year

Barnet Elementary School



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**Leigh
Larocque**

Family Man, Selectman,
Grange Member,
Vermont State Representative



Town of Barnet, Vermont
For Your Information:
Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Contact Information & Hours of Operation

Town Clerk's Office

Town Clerk: Benjamin Heisholt
Asst. Clerk: Catherine Roy & Sherry Tolle
Telephone: 633-2256
Fax: 633-4315
Email: townclerk@barnetvt.org
Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. – Noon & 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Town Website: www.barnetvt.org

Town Garage

Road Foreman: Mark Chase
Telephone: 633-4477

Animal Control Officer

Vacant
Contact Caledonia County Sheriff
or local Constables

Barnet Public Library

Librarians: Dylan Ford & Sherry Tolle
Telephone: 633-4436
Email: barnetpl@hotmail.com
Hours: Monday: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wednesday: 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday: 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Board of Listers

Telephone: 633-2256
Email: listers@barnetvt.org
Meetings: Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – Noon at the
Town Clerk's Office. Please call for an appointment.

Transfer Station & Recycling Center

Supervisor: Bruce Marston
Hours: Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
During summer from the first Wednesday after Memorial Day
until the last Wednesday before Labor Day open 3-7 p.m. on
Wednesdays.

Barnet School

Principal: Shawn Gonyaw
Telephone: 633-4978
Website: www.kidrow.net

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union

Telephone: 684-3801

Meetings

Selectboard

Second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the
Town Clerk's Office.

School Board

Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Barnet
Elementary School.

Planning Commission/Zoning Board

First Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Clerk's
Office.

Municipal Calendar

Mar. 6, 2018 – Town Meeting Day (Office* closed)
Apr. 1, 2018 – Dog Licenses due
May 27, 2018 – Memorial Day Services
May 28, 2018 – Memorial Day (Office closed)
May 30, 2018 – Transfer Station summer hours begin
Jul. 4, 2018 – Independence Day (Office closed)
Early August 2018 – Property Tax bills mailed
Aug. 29, 2018 – Transfer Station summer hours end
Sep. 3, 2018 – Labor Day (Office closed)
Mid-Oct. 2018 – Property Taxes due (see bill for date)
Mid-Oct. 2018 – Harvey's Lake water level lowered
Oct. 31, 2018 – Library Trunk or Treat Event
Nov. 22, 2018 – Thanksgiving Day (Office closed)
Nov. 23, 2018 – Office closed
Dec. 25, 2018 – Christmas Day (Office closed)
Jan. 1, 2019 – New Year's Day (Office closed)
*"Office" = Town Clerk's Office

Other

Dog Licenses

All dogs six months of age or older must be licensed annually
between January 1 through April 1. Licenses may be obtained
in person at the Town Clerk's Office or through the mail. A
current certificate of rabies vaccination must be presented.

Fees for license on or before April 1:

- \$9.00 for neutered/spayed
- \$13.00 for unneutered/unspayed

Fees for license after April 1:

- \$11.00 for neutered/spayed
- \$17.00 for unneutered/unspayed

**Town of Barnet, Vermont
Annual Report
Year Ending December 31, 2017**

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Section 1

General Town Information

Town Elected Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator	Dennis McLam	March 2018
Town Clerk & Treasurer	Benjamin Heisholt	March 2018
Selectboard	Gary Bunnell	March 2018
	Jeremy Roberts, Chair	March 2019
	Dylan Ford	March 2020
Listers	Christen Emerson	March 2018
	John Cook	March 2019
	Sarah Cook	March 2020
School Directors	Louis Bushey	March 2018
	Susan Roberts	March 2018
	David Warden	March 2019
	Eric Kierstead	March 2019
	Robert Farlice-Rubio	March 2020
Auditors	Carrie Dunbar	March 2018
	Jeffery Riley	March 2019
	Benjamin Gates	March 2020
Delinquent Tax Collector	Lisa Bowden	March 2018
1st Constable	Steve Mosher	March 2019
2nd Constable	David Stevenson	March 2019
Grand Juror	David Willis	March 2018
Town Agent	Steve Adler	March 2018
Trustee of Public Funds	William Hoar	March 2018
	William Graves	March 2019
	Merle Fitzgerald	March 2020
Library Trustees	Julie Roos	March 2018
	Rebecca Boardman	March 2019
	Susan Roberts	March 2020
	Ashley Wright	March 2021
	Susan Wood	March 2022
Justice of the Peace	Steven Adler	February 2019
	Shellie Samuels	February 2019
	Carrie Dunbar	February 2019
	Susan Jensen	February 2019
	William Graves	February 2019
	Dennis McLam	February 2019
	Maurice Roberts	February 2019

Town Appointed Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Beach Committee	Christen Emerson Daniel Pearl Kelly Glentz Brush Philo Marcotte	
Building Committee	William Graves, Chair Jeremy Roberts Gary Bunnell Dylan Ford Benjamin Heisholt Dennis McLam Stanley Robinson Laurajean Stewart Norman Stevenson David Warden Dana Young	
Dam Committee	Dylan Ford George Coppenrath Susan Coppenrath Donald Easter Joseph Mangiapane David Price	
Emergency Management Coordinator	Ronald Morse	
Fire Chief	Ronald Morse	
Fire Warden	Christopher Bunnell	
Health Officer	Theodore Faris	July 2018
Health Officer, Deputy	Maurice Roberts	September 2020
Librarians	Dylan Ford Sherry Tolle	
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Representative	William Douglas	
Road Foreman	Mark Chase	

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Town Clerk & Treasurer, Assistant	Catherine Roy	March 2018
	Sherry Tolle	March 2018
Transportation Advisory Committee Representative	Gary Bunnell	
Tree Warden	Stanley Robinson	March 2018
Zoning Administrative Officer	Shirley Warden	March 2019
Zoning Board/ Planning Commission	Dennis McLam, Chair	July 2018
	Shane Stevenson	July 2018
	Benjamin Adams	July 2019
	Gary Briggs	July 2019
	Bruce Denio	July 2019
	George Pierce	July 2020
	Mark Bowen	July 2020
	Vacant	July 2021
	William Biddle	July 2021

**WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MARCH 6, 2018**

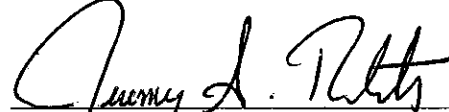
The legal voters of the Town of Barnet, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Barnet School on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles:

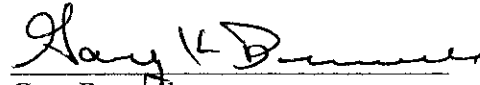
- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect all other Town Officers as required by law and additional Town Officers as approved by the voters.
- ARTICLE 3. To consider and act upon the report of the Town Auditors.
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to the American Red Cross of Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley Region?
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for maintaining the Goodwillie House?
- ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for conservation and preservation of collections of historical materials associated with the township of Barnet?
- ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) to Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice?
- ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$26,428.00) to CALEX Ambulance Service?
- ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Catamount Arts?
- ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) to Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium?
- ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Kingdom Animal Shelter?
- ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging?
- ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,775.00) to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.?


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- ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.?
- ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?
- ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00) to Rural Community Transportation?
- ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) to Umbrella Inc.?
- ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$280.00) to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
- ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to the West Barnet Senior Meal Site?
- ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town of Barnet include an appropriation for CALEX Ambulance Service, or any other ambulance service, in such amounts and for such periods as the Town Selectboard may from time to time negotiate, in the town's budget starting in the fiscal year 2019?
- ARTICLE 21. To see what arrangements the Town and Town School District will vote for the collection of its taxes and by what lawful official for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray the expenses and liabilities of the Town for the current year.
- ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

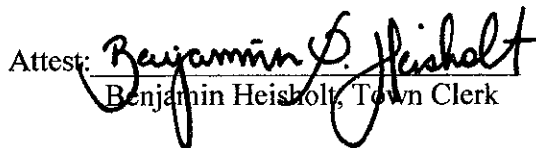
Barnet Selectboard:


Jeremy Roberts, Chair


Gary Bunnell


Dylan Ford

Attest:


Benjamin Heiskolt, Town Clerk

WARNING

NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

MARCH 6, 2018

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

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$760,519?

Joel Cury	Paula R. Routhage
Steve Duro	Gene A. Leblond
Jack Samberg	Preston Smith
Mina S. S. S.	
David S. S.	
Kevin F. S.	
John Keene	
Paul	
John D. S.	
W. S. S.	
Kevin W. S.	
David S.	
John D.	
John D.	
Heather B.	

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2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL as of 12/31/17	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$600.00	\$246.25	\$400.00
Audit – Financial	\$6,200.00	\$6,500.00	\$7,595.00
Audit – Waste Haulers	\$6,000.00	\$1,147.50	\$2,500.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Cleaning	\$2,100.00	\$1,765.04	\$1,600.00
Copier	\$1,900.00	\$2,021.36	\$2,000.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$3,000.00	\$6,081.58	\$5,000.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$1,438.51	\$1,500.00
Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$303.52	\$0.00
Liability & Casualty & Emp. Prac.	\$16,000.00	\$16,143.36	\$16,000.00
Planning	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Legal Fees	\$2,500.00	\$1,050.00	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$3,000.00	\$2,868.61	\$3,000.00
Office Supplies	\$3,600.00	\$4,934.77	\$3,600.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,200.00	\$3,213.47	\$3,200.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,000.00	\$865.10	\$1,100.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$52,200.00	\$48,589.07	\$50,595.00
Gross Wages	\$376,570.00	\$371,320.86	\$379,193.00
Overtime Wages-- Warehouse	\$5,000.00	\$3,078.81	\$5,000.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$23,347.00	\$23,055.60	\$23,820.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,460.00	\$5,392.10	\$5,571.00
State Unemployment Insurance	\$13,500.00	\$12,017.27	\$13,500.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$19,200.00	\$18,045.39	\$19,990.00
Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$32,000.00	\$39,846.64	\$34,000.00
Mileage - Employee	\$7,000.00	\$6,687.17	\$7,000.00
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$5,000.00	\$5,074.43	\$5,000.00
Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$500.00
Personnel Equipment	\$1,300.00	\$283.99	\$1,000.00
Training	\$1,500.00	\$795.00	\$1,500.00
Travel	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$490,477.00	\$486,347.26	\$496,174.00
BUILDING EXPENSES			
Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$505.92	\$1,000.00
Electricity	\$8,900.00	\$8,520.90	\$9,800.00
Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$902.78	\$1,000.00
Misc. Supplies	\$500.00	\$2,706.51	\$1,000.00
Trash Removal	\$3,600.00	\$3,032.16	\$3,000.00
TOTAL BUILDING	\$15,500.00	\$15,668.27	\$15,800.00

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2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2017	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
Purchases	\$500.00	\$18.18	\$500.00
Baler Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$8,176.59	\$6,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$5,530.94	\$6,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$2,900.00	\$2,412.68	\$2,200.00
Forklift Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$13,511.62	\$4,000.00
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$2,533.89	\$2,000.00
Skidsteer Fuel	\$600.00	\$624.78	\$500.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$5,742.78	\$3,000.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$4,171.99	\$1,500.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$18,000.00	\$17,863.63	\$18,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$17,076.94	\$10,000.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$55,500.00	\$77,664.02	\$53,700.00
PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$2,000.00	\$720.25	\$1,000.00
Permits & Fees	\$450.00	\$235.00	\$450.00
Composting	\$18,500.00	\$16,125.68	\$22,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$4,000.00	\$2,447.14	\$3,000.00
Dues & Subscription	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Education Outreach	\$14,000.00	\$18,022.46	\$15,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$27,000.00	\$28,095.62	\$24,000.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$4,547.60	\$4,000.00
Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$26,000.00	\$41,203.15	\$30,000.00
Special Collections	\$300.00	\$22.60	\$300.00
Supplies	\$600.00	\$913.90	\$500.00
Tire Disposal	\$9,000.00	\$15,612.00	\$9,000.00
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$105,850.00	\$127,945.40	\$109,250.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$719,527.00	\$756,214.02	\$725,519.00
DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS			
Interest			
Principal			
TOTAL DEBT REDUCTION			
CAPITAL FUND			
Capital Improvement Fund	\$36,000.00	\$34,470.00	\$35,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$36,000.00	\$34,470.00	\$35,000.00
TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$755,527.00	\$790,684.02	\$760,519.00
Grants--St of VT	\$59,000.00	\$62,499.00	\$59,000.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$40,000.00	\$35,565.00	\$35,000.00
Haz Mat/Paint Care (CEG Fees)	\$2,000.00	\$6,410.60	\$3,200.00
Interest Income	\$25.00	\$7.48	\$25.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$122.00	\$500.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,000.00	\$504.00	\$500.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$150,000.00	\$204,913.65	\$179,394.00
Compost Income	\$6,000.00	\$15,087.41	\$13,000.00
Electronics Income	\$21,352.00	\$27,446.52	\$22,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$4,000.00	\$16,202.25	\$10,000.00
Battery Income	\$3,500.00	\$6,143.75	\$3,750.00
Tire Income	\$8,000.00	\$14,302.60	\$9,000.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$460,000.00	\$457,110.58	\$425,000.00
TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$755,527.00	\$846,439.84	\$760,519.00

**MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MARCH 7, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Barnet Elementary School gymnasium by Moderator Dennis McLam. Mr. McLam announced that lunch would be served by the school cafeteria at approximately noon, and that the Annual School District Meeting would be held at 1:00 p.m. The Barnet Elementary School band played the National Anthem. Mr. McLam led the salute to the flag, then read the preamble of the warning.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.

- Moderator stated that one-year term of Dennis McLam is expiring.
- Dennis McLam nominated by Marvin Bailey.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Dennis McLam.

ARTICLE 2. To elect all other Town Officers as required by law and additional Town Officers as approved by the voters.

Selectboard

- Moderator stated that the three-year term of Dylan Ford is expiring.
- Dylan Ford nominated by William Biddle.
- Theodore Faris nominated by Marvin Bailey.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Dylan Ford spoke: I am interested in re-election because of love of Barnet, which means love of the people of Barnet. As such, my task is to represent all voices in Barnet, and do what is best for all: laying aside personal feelings and agendas. In the past three years as Selectboard Member, I have helped apply for an Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant to help with the cost of the boat wash program at Harvey's Lake, and coordinated a meeting with various stakeholders regarding the Harvey's Lake Dam. I am currently working on a grant for a solution to the problems at the outlet from the lake, and working with the Building Committee on a solution for new municipal offices. I am is available and easily found in various places in town.
- Theodore Faris spoke: I have been on Selectboard before: most voters know what I have done. I run a business in Barnet, and work with businesses in Barnet. Barnet is a good town, but it needs to be run with common sense and be a good place to live for all residents.
- Moderator stated that a ballot is required for this office. Paper ballots were then distributed and a paper ballot vote conducted. The paper ballots were tabulated by the Justices of the Peace as members of the Board of Civil Authority.
- Moderator announced the results of the paper ballot vote:
 - 258 total votes
 - 130 votes required to be elected

- Theodore Faris: 84 votes
- Dylan Ford: 174 votes
- Moderator announced that Dylan Ford is elected

Lister

- Moderator stated that the three-year term of Sarah Cook is expiring.
- Sarah Cook nominated by John Cook.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Sarah Cook.

Auditor

- Moderator stated that the three-year term of Benjamin Gates is expiring.
- Benjamin Gates nominated by Mona Marceau.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Benjamin Gates.

Auditor

- Moderator stated that this office is vacant, having one year remaining of a three-year term. Jonathan Smires, who held this office, resigned and no replacement was appointed.
- Shellie Samuels nominated by Mona Marceau.
 - Shellie Samuels declined the nomination.
- Rachel Siegel nominated by Roseann Leute.
 - Rachel Siegel declined the nomination.
- Carrie Dunbar nominated by Ronald Morse.
- Mona Marceau moved that nominations cease. Seconded. Approved by voice vote.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Carrie Dunbar.

Collector of Delinquent Tax

- Moderator stated that the one-year term of Lisa Bowden is expiring.
- Lisa Bowden nominated by Mark Gilleland.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Lisa Bowden.

First Constable

- Moderator stated that the two-year term of Steve Mosher is expiring.
- Steve Mosher nominated by David Stevenson.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Steve Mosher.

Second Constable

- Moderator stated that the two-year term of David Stevenson is expiring.

- David Stevenson nominated by William Biddle.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for David Stevenson.

Grand Juror

- Moderator stated that the one-year term of David Willis is expiring.
- David Willis nominated by Dorothy Robinson.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for David Willis.

Town Agent

- Moderator stated that one-year term of Steven Adler expiring.
- Steven Adler nominated by Mona Marceau.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Steven Adler.

Trustee of Public Funds

- Moderator stated that three-year term of Merle Fitzgerald is expiring.
- Merle Fitzgerald nominated David Warden.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Merle Fitzgerald.

Library Trustee

- Moderator stated that five-year term of Heather Counter is expiring.
- Susan Wood nominated by Susan Roberts.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Susan Wood.

Library Trustee

- Moderator stated that this office is vacant, having two years remaining of a five-year term. Mary Holley, who held this office, resigned and no replacement was appointed.
- Laurajeane Stewart nominated by Jane Casavant.
- Rebecca Boardman nominated by Sherry Tolle.
- Mona Marceau moved that nominations cease. Seconded and approved by voice vote.
- Laurajeane Stewart and Rebecca Boardman each spoke regarding her candidacy, each discussing her own willingness to serve, and the other candidate's qualifications to serve.
- A show-of-hands vote was taken by the Moderator, with Rebecca Boardman receiving a majority of the votes.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Rebecca Boardman.

ARTICLE 3. To consider and act upon the report of the Town Auditors.

- Dennis Kauppila moved to accept the report of the Town Auditors as it appears on page twenty-seven of the Town Report. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Marvin Bailey asked why a portion of page 20 of the Town Report, a copy of the 2016 Town Meeting minutes, was omitted.
 - The Selectboard responded that this section was omitted due to a printing error, and that the minutes are available for review at the Town Clerk's Office.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to the American Red Cross of Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley Region?

- Susan Persson moved the article as warned. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,00.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for maintaining the Goodwillie House?

- David Warden moved the article as warned. Seconded by Joseph Breidenstein.
- Roseann Leute, a member of the Barnet Historical Society, spoke: Townspeople are encouraged to visit the Goodwillie House, which is the oldest house in town. The historical society is making improvements to the building, archival improvements for artifacts, and showing new displays.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for conservation and preservation of collections of historical materials associated with the township of Barnet?

- David Warden moved the article as warned. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) to Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice?

- Celina Wright moved the article as warned. Seconded by Kaye Breidenstein.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$24,723.00) to CALEX Ambulance Service?

- Susan Persson moved the article as warned. Seconded by John Cook.
- Celina Wright, Representative of CALEX, spoke: The appropriation request to Barnet is based on \$14.50 per capita, which is the same rate requested from all Vermont towns that CALEX services.
- Shirley Warden spoke: The increase in request from 2016 to 2017 seems exorbitant.
 - Celina Wright responded: The Selectboard requested that CALEX make more frequent requests for smaller increases, such as Ms. Warden suggests. Increasing the

request, however, requires a significant effort by CALEX's volunteer staff to collect signatures for petitions. CALEX recommends that the Town incorporate the appropriation into the Selectboard budget to alleviate this problem.

- Joseph Breidenstein spoke in favor of the appropriation: If not for CALEX, I would not be here today.
- Richard Gilmour spoke: Why is Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice so much less expensive per trip than CALEX, considering that the two provide similar services? Also, what is the total budget of CALEX?
 - Celina Wright responded: The total budget is just over \$2 million in revenues. Government insurance pays a flat amount per service, regardless of what CALEX charges or what the service actually costs. The services provided by CALEX and Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice are very different: Home Health's patients are scheduled, whereas the bulk of CALEX's budget consists of having staff on duty and ready to respond twenty-four hours a day.
- Richard Gilmour spoke: The Town of Barnet should consider investing in its own ambulance service.
- Ronald Morse spoke: The cost for each service is higher for CALEX because they do not charge for all calls: only for those resulting in a transport.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Catamount Arts?

- William Biddle moved the article as warned. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) to Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium?

- Merle Fitzgerald moved the article as warned. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Robert Farlice-Rubio spoke: The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium thanks the voters of Barnet for their support in 2016. The appropriation entitles all Barnet residents to free admission to the museum.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Kingdom Animal Shelter?

- Mona Marceau moved the article as warned. Seconded by Joseph Breidenstein.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) to the Lake Harvey Association to be used for a boat monitoring/wash program dedicated to the prevention of milfoil and other invasive species at Harvey's Lake?

- Joseph Breidenstein moved the article as warned. Seconded by Thomas Flanagan.
- Joyce Evans asked how this appropriation will be effected by the grant for which the Town has applied to be used towards the boat monitoring/wash program.
- Steven Adler, representative of the Lake Harvey Association, spoke: The Town has applied for an Aquatic Nuisance Control grant. If approved, the grant would cover approximately half (\$8,500) of the total cost of the payroll for the program. The grant is a

municipal grant, so the Town would receive any funding gained thereby. It would not effect this appropriation whether the grant is approved or not, but if the grant is approved the effect of the increase in appropriation and the grant revenue would offset each other. The Town pays this appropriation through administration of the payroll associated with the program, meaning that the program employees are Town of Barnet employees. At the end of the season the Town bills the Lake Harvey Association for any expenditure in excess of the appropriation. The Selectboard has recognized the lake as a major asset to the Town and has therefore allowed this increased appropriation request without a petition. It is crucial that this program continue and expand because it is much less expensive to prevent invasive species than it is to attempt to control them once they have arrived.

- Werner Kohnke asked if any monitoring of the lake is done below the surface of the water.
 - Steven Adler responded: There is some monitoring done by property owners on the lake, but this appropriation is for the boat monitoring /wash program only.
 - Jacqueline Sprague spoke: Volunteers collect water samples to send to the State of Vermont for testing; others monitor submarine flora for invasive species.
- David Kristoff spoke: Is a fee assessed to boaters to offset the cost of the program?
 - Steven Adler responded: No fee is charged, as the lake is State waters and the State of Vermont does not allow the program to charge a fee. Also, boats access the lake from other points, where fees could not be assessed.
- Joyce Evans asked about safeguards against invasive species entering the lake at other points of entry, and about the equity of requiring all boaters except lake property owners to submit to boat monitoring.
 - Steven Adler responded: The Lake Harvey Association has worked with the Beach Committee to prevent boats from entering the lake from the public beach. The Lake Harvey Association makes great efforts to ensure that members comply with best practices to prevent invasive species.
- Dylan Ford spoke: The Town is encouraged to apply for the Aquatic Nuisance Control grant annually; the Lake Harvey Association hopes to leverage this funding to expand the program, including the possibility of future investment in divers to monitoring the growth of submarine flora.
- Thomas Melton moved to amend the motion to deny the appropriation until the result of the grant application is known. Seconded by David Kristoff.
 - Steven Adler spoke: The Lake Harvey Association approaches this appropriation as a request for the Town to pay the payroll for the Town employees employed at the boat wash station. Nobody in town has control of the grant approval process. Even if the grant is not approved, the boat wash/monitoring program is a bargain for the voters and taxpayers, compared with the costs of not preventing invasive species.
 - The amendment failed by voice vote.
- The original motion was passed by voice vote.
- Jeremy Roberts spoke: The Lake Harvey Association has approached the Selectboard with a proposal that the boat wash/monitoring program be incorporated into the Town budget, rather than voted as a special appropriation. Is this a change the voters would support?
 - The Moderator ruled discussion regarding this topic to be out of order at this time.

ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars

(\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging?

- Mona Marceau moved the article as warned. Seconded by Joseph Breidenstein.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,775.00) to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.?

- Mona Marceau moved the article as warned. Seconded by Joseph Breidenstein.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.?

- Mona Marceau moved the article as warned. Seconded by Dorothy Robinson.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?

- Mona Marceau moved the article as warned. Seconded by Dorothy Robinson.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00) to Rural Community Transportation?

- Mona Marceau moved the article as warned. Seconded by Thomas Flanagan.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) to Umbrella Inc.?

- Jay Sprout moved the article as warned. Seconded by Shellie Samuels.
- Joyce Evans asked if it is possible to know how many Barnet residents were served by Umbrella in 2016, considering that Umbrella serves anonymous clients.
 - Emily Bishop, who is an after-hours advocate for the program, spoke in support of the appropriation, stating that it helps to provide a safer environment for children and families.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$280.00) to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

- Susan Persson moved the article as warned. Seconded by Shellie Samuels.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to the West Barnet Senior Meal Site?

- The Moderator noted that there is a printing error in the warning, which indicates two different dollar amounts; the correct amount is \$4,000.
- Marvin Bailey moved to appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to West Barnet Senior Meal Site. Seconded by John Cook.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 21. To see what arrangements the Town and Town School District will vote for the collection of its taxes and by what lawful official for the ensuing year.

- Lisa Bowden moved that taxes become due and payable in hand to the Town Treasurer during business hours on or before October 21, 2017, with said taxes to be actually received by said Treasurer on or before the due date without regard to postmark; and thereafter said taxes shall be payable to the Collector of Delinquent Tax with interest at the rate of 1% per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months, and thereafter at the rate of 1 ½ % per month or fraction thereof, plus the collector's fee of 8% as provided by law. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

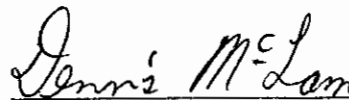
ARTICLE 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray the expenses and liabilities of the Town for the current year.

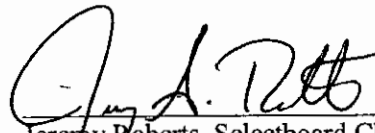
- Jeremy Roberts moved to raise the sum of \$1,467,150.16 for the General Fund budget. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Jeremy Roberts noted that his motion includes increases in appropriations from 2016 to 2017 for articles 8, 12, and 18. These account for the increase of \$15,473 over the sum listed as "Selectboard Budget Tax Appropriation" on page 49 of the Town Report.
- Jeremy Roberts spoke about major activities of the Selectboard in 2016, as discussed on page 26 of the Town Report.
- Marvin Bailey asked if the Building Committee has looked into the possibility of using the former McIndoe Falls schoolhouse as a location for new municipal offices.
 - Dylan Ford spoke: This property was sold at tax sale in late 2016. The owner has one year to redeem the property; otherwise the property will be conveyed to the highest bidder at the tax sale auction, Charles Somers.
- Mona Marceau asked if there is a statutory limit on how long a taxpayer can be delinquent on property taxes before a tax sale is conducted.
 - Lisa Bowden responded: There is no statutory limit, but my policies will not allow a taxpayer to be many years delinquent.
- David Warden spoke: Something needs to be done immediately about some of the delinquent taxes listed in the Town Report.
- Jay Sprout spoke: I appeared before the Selectboard in January to ask about the functions of the fire districts and the cost of electricity for street lights and maintenance of sidewalks. These two expenses are public utilities and should be included in the town budget so that the costs are fairly shared by all taxpayers. If these are the only functions of any fire district, there is no reason for these fire districts to continue to exist. Fire districts operating a water utility, if this be their only remaining function, should conduct their business under a name more in keeping with its function than "fire district." The Selectboard agreed to inquire into the legalities of dissolving fire districts or absorbing their functions into the municipality; it would be appropriate for this meeting to pass an advisory resolution to support the review of the function of fire districts with the goal of equitable taxation for public utilities and streamlining this level of bureaucracy if any fire district serves no other purpose. I paid over \$200 in fire district taxes in 2016: this is not a trivial matter.
 - Marvin Bailey spoke: There is difficulty in filling fire district offices in East Barnet due to small population: the town should take over this fire district.
 - David Warden spoke: Street lights will not be installed in rural areas: taxing all Barnet taxpayers is inequitable.

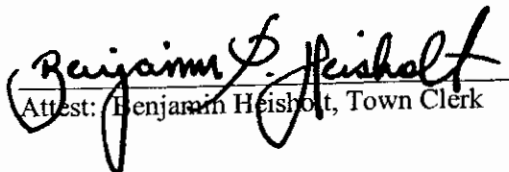
- Ronald Morse spoke: Finding individuals to serve in fire district offices is difficult. It would be possible for the town to set up a special tax rate for fire district taxpayers, which would allow the continuation of the status quo with regard to taxes, but alleviate the bureaucratic burden on small village populations.
- Werner Kohnke spoke: There are Vermont statutes that spell out the function and role of fire districts. Every village is unique: widespread changes should not be made.
- Roseann Leute spoke: West Barnet needs to have sidewalks. Everybody uses streetlights, not just village residents.
- A straw poll was taken by the Moderator on whether to review dissolving fire districts or keep the status quo with regard to fire districts. A show of hands vote favored keeping the status quo.
- Jeremy Roberts' motion regarding the General Fund budget was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

- Robert Farlice-Rubio spoke about an Extended Learning Opportunities raffle.
- State Representative Marcia Martel (a non-voter) spoke, with the voters' permission, regarding legislative matters, and answered several voter questions.
- State Representative Scott Beck (a non-voter) spoke, with the voters' permission, regarding legislative matters, and answered several voter questions.
- Caroline DeMaio spoke about Green Up Day.
- Mona Marceau discussed the town-wide reappraisal referenced in the Listers Report on page 28 of the Town Report, asking if it will cause property taxes to decrease.
 - The Moderator responded: The same amount of taxes will likely be raised, so regardless of grand list value decreases individual tax bills will remain relatively stable.
- Grace Gershuny spoke about a forthcoming ad hoc community resilience committee.
- Roseann Leute spoke about a Grange Hall event.
- Sarah Ball spoke about the reorganization of the Barnet Auxiliary in support of Barnet Fire & Rescue.
- Lisa Bowden spoke in reference to the discussion about fire districts, indicating that a tax rate increase in Barnet Village was thoroughly explained to taxpayers, and encouraging younger citizens to get involved in the fire districts.
- Jeremy Roberts spoke: In 2017 the Selectboard will assess fees at the maximum amounts allowed by statute for late-filed Vermont Homestead Declarations.
- Moderator Dennis McLam adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.


Dennis McLam, Moderator


Jeremy Roberts, Selectboard Chair


Attest: Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk

**MINUTES
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET
MARCH 7, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 1:22 p.m. at the Barnet Elementary School gymnasium by Moderator Dennis McLam.

ARTICLE 1 To elect a Moderator.

- Moderator stated that one-year term of Dennis McLam is expiring.
- Dennis McLam nominated by Marvin Bailey.
- William Biddle moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Dennis McLam.

ARTICLE 2 To elect a School Director for a term of 2 years.

- Moderator stated that the two-year term of James Schenck is expiring. Moderator stated that James Schenck has indicated that he does not seek re-election.
- Eric Kierstead nominated by James Schenck.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- James Schenck read a prepared statement written by Eric Kierstead, as Mr. Kierstead was unable to attend this meeting. The statement is summarized as follows: "Myself and my family have been residents of Barnet for five years. I currently work as a registered nurse at Dartmouth Hitchcock... I have two children in the Barnet School, and I am always impressed with the high level of education that this community extends to our children. I believe that as a school board member I can positively influence the vision that our community has for the Barnet school system, while working to maintain fiscal responsibility to alleviate any undue financial burden on our community members. The climate of education in Vermont is changing through legislation, such as Act 46, and I believe that I can work diligently and justly...to ensure the best possible outcomes...I believe that local participation in government is the best way to give back to my community..."
- Barbara Warden asked if the School Board can give a seal of approval for Eric Kierstead.
 - o Louis Bushey responded: Mr. Kierstead contacted me about the position, but I do not know him personally.
 - o Susan Persson spoke: I know Mr. Kierstead well. He is a good father and community member, and I heartily endorse him.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Eric Kierstead.

To elect a School Director for a term of 3 years.

- Moderator stated that three-year term of Robert Farlice-Rubio is expiring.
- Robert Farlice-Rubio nominated by William Biddle.
- Mona Marceau moved that nominations cease. Seconded.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Robert Farlice-Rubio.

ARTICLE 3 Shall the voters of the Barnet School District authorize the Barnet School Board Directors to approve the school board to expend \$4,745,753.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,347 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 7.7% higher than spending for the current year.

Note: Due to increased equalized pupils and a higher CLA (Common Level of Appraisal), the estimated homestead tax rate increase on this budget is \$.01 per \$100, or \$20.00 on a \$200,000 property value.

The Moderator announced that prior to discussion of this article, the School Board would present a slideshow presentation regarding the school budget and various other matters relating to School Board business. The lights were dimmed, and the School Board presented from the gymnasium floor, as summarized below.

- Louis Bushey presented slides regarding:
 - “Budget and Tax Comparison,” which compared the fiscal year 2018 budget and tax rates to the previous fiscal year.
 - Article 3’s discussion of increased per-pupil spending.
 - Major budget increases.
 - Robert Farlice-Rubio presented slides regarding:
 - Budget adjustments in the fiscal year 2018 budget.
 - Significant revenue changes in the fiscal year 2018 budget.
 - 2016 legislative action affecting the school budget and tax rate.
 - David Warden presented slides regarding:
 - The question of why the budget will result in education spending which is 7.7% higher than the current year, including a list of education spending increases.
 - Susan Roberts presented slides regarding:
 - The school tax rate from 2015 through the projected 2018 rate, including tax bill calculations for 2017 and 2018.
 - High school tuition rates.
 - Student population from fiscal year 2013 through fiscal year 2018.
 - Student and staff comparison from fiscal year 2008 through fiscal year 2018.
 - Fiscal years 2017 and 2018 classroom configurations.
 - School staff census from fiscal year 2014 through fiscal year 2018.
 - Student-to-staff and staff-to-student ratios from fiscal year 2008 through fiscal year 2017.
 - Louis Bushey presented slides regarding:
 - The membership of the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union (SU);
 - The services provided by the SU.
 - This concluded the slideshow. The lights were turned back on, and the School Board returned to the stage.
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- William Biddle moved to approve the budget as warned. Seconded by Susan Persson.
 - Mona Marceau spoke: As usual, the numbers provided in the School Board’s presentation were not included in the Town Report. I would much prefer to have this information available prior to Town Meeting.
 - Louis Bushey responded: Some of the numbers that are in the School Board’s presentation were added to the presentation as late as the morning of the meeting; not all of the numbers are available at the printing of the Town Report.
 - Linda Warnaar spoke: Why has special education money been taken out of the budget?
 - Robert Farlice-Rubio responded: The difference is that now revenues for special education do not flow through the Barnet School: they are administered through the SU. Barnet now just pays its portion of net special education spending.
 - Mona Marceau spoke: This arrangement sounds like a loss of local control.
 - Louis Bushey responded: The School still makes decisions about special education services locally.
 - David Willis spoke: It appears that the Barnet School’s cost per equalized pupil is still higher than the state’s standard, resulting in a Homestead property tax rate higher than the Non-Residential property tax rate. Is there a chance that this will be corrected in the future?

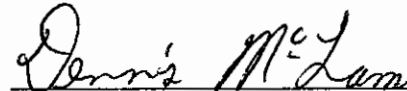
- Louis Bushey responded: Yes, the Homestead rate will be the higher of the two rates this year. The School Board perennially struggles with this issue.
- Joyce Evans spoke: How much of the budget results from State mandates?
 - Louis Bushey responded: Ultimately the entirety of the budget is state-mandated because the state requires that we educate our children. There have been increases in specific requirements mandated by law in recent years, however.
- The motion was passed by voice vote.

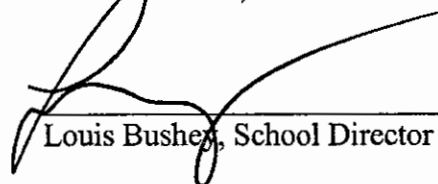
ARTICLE 4 Shall the School District authorize the Barnet School Directors to borrow money to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2018, in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes?

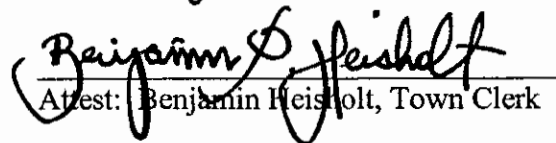
- Roseann Leute moved the article as warned. Seconded by Caroline DeMaio.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5 Shall the voters of the Barnet School District authorize the Barnet School Directors to transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting?

- Louis Bushey provided an update about the progress of the School Board in complying with the Act 46 legislation.
 - A discussion regarding the requirements of Act 46 and plans for its implementation in Barnet ensued, involving the School Board, State Representative Scott Beck (a non-voter who spoke with the consent of the voters), and the voters assembled.
- Hezzie Somers moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.


Dennis McLam, Moderator


Louis Bushey, School Director


Attest: Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk

2017 Fees for Mixed Solid Waste in Bags

13 gallon kitchen trash bag	\$1.00
30 gallon trash bags	\$2.00
42 gallon trash bags	\$3.00
55 gallon trash bags	\$5.00

2017 Fees for Tires

NOTE: **Tires must NOT be put in dumpsters! Please ask attendant where to put the tires.**

Without rims, but less than 16.5 inches	\$2.25
With rims, but less than 16.5 inches	\$4.25
Without rims, but larger than 16.5 inches	\$7.25
With rims, but larger than 16.5 inches	\$14.25

2017 Fees for Construction Debris

NOTE: **No charge for metal**

Per cubic yard	\$15.00
Bulkies (mattresses, furniture, roofing, etc)	\$15.00 each

PLEASE NOTICE THAT WE FILL OUR DUMPSTERS ONE AT A TIME IN ORDER TO SAVE MONEY. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO SHIP TWO HALF FILLED DUMPSTERS AS WE ARE CHARGED A \$230 PICK UP FEE PER DUMPSTER (WHETHER THEY ARE FULL OR NOT)!

Please recycle the following items . . .

(1) NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, SORTED OFFICE PAPER, JUNK MAIL

Includes catalogs, phone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored paper, white paper, junk mail, envelopes with or without windows and stick-on labels, printed or unprinted white or lined computer paper, office and copier paper and index cards as well as construction paper and holiday wrapping paper. **NO** paper with foil of any kind attached to it or foil wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, carbon paper, string or rubber bands.

(2) CORRUGATED CARD BOARD, BROWN KRAFT BAGS AND BOXBOARD

Includes macaroni, cereal, toothpaste, shoe boxes, etc. **NO** string or handles. **NO** foil covered boxboard. (Some toothpaste boxes and cascade dish soap boxes are not acceptable. **NO** wax-coated cardboard, boxboard or card board soiled with food waste. Egg cartons are **OK**. Please remove excess tape. Staples are **OK**.

(3) TIN CANS

Labels OK. Flattening is **NOT** required. Separate from aluminum cans (A magnet will stick to tin-coated and metal cans.) Please rinse clean of contents.

(4) ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS

Labels OK. Flattening is not required. These must be rinsed clean of contents. PLEASE NOTE: Potato chip bags and candy wrappers are **NOT** aluminum.

(5) GLASS (ALL COLORS)

Includes bottles, jars, plates, window glass, mirrors, ceramic items (including sinks and toilets broken up), Pyrex and drinking glasses also acceptable. Please rinse clean of contents.

PLEASE NOTE: No lids, metal, aluminum or hardware of any kind!

(6) PLASTICS (#1-#4)

Look for #1 through #4 on the container. Includes some but not all soft drinks, water and juice bottles, salad oil, some but not all yogurt containers, peanut butter jars, milk jugs, detergent, shampoo and household products bottles and bags*. Label are OK. Automotive product containers are acceptable as long as they are completely drained of fluid and have #1 through #4 on them. *Numbered plastic bags are kept in a separate box along with bubble wrap. (Bubble wrap is #2 or #4 but is almost never numbered!) Lids may be included. **Please NO STYROFOAM no matter what the number is!**

(7) AEROSOL CANS AND PROPANE TANKS

Aerosol cans and propane tanks MUST NOT be put in the trash compactor. We have a container in the Recycling Building for these items. Putting them in the trash compactor could cause serious injury AND HAS CAUSED DEATHS IN OTHER STATES!

Please note: If you have fluorescent light bulbs, LED bulbs, rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries, hard cover books, tires or scrap metal, we take those items, too. If you have any questions on an unlisted item or if you need more information, you may call the NE Kingdom Waste Management District at 802-626-3532 or Bruce Marston at 802-748-1374.

Thank you for recycling!

Bruce P. Marston

Revised: Jan 24, 2017

ACTUAL TAXES AND TAX RATES

2017 ACTUAL Taxes and Tax Rates							
Caledonia							
Town Name	Education Homestead Taxes	Education Non-Residential Taxes	Municipal Taxes	Education Homestead Tax Rate	Education Non- Residential	Municipal Tax Rate	Local Agreement Tax Rate
Barnet	1,569,217	2,050,739	1,467,178	1.4986	1.4278	0.5921	0.0029
<i>Barnet FD #1</i>	0	0	4,615	0	0	0.0575	0
<i>Barnet FD #2</i>	0	0	10,463	0	0	0.0755	0
<i>Barnet FD #3</i>	0	0	7,410	0	0	0.5000	0
<i>Barnet FD #4</i>	0	0	5,494	0	0	0.1100	0
<i>Barnet FD #5</i>	0	0	4,861	0	0	0.0250	0
Burke	1,478,111	2,539,499	1,259,745	1.5874	1.5227	0.4732	0.0011
Danville	2,446,617	2,035,350	1,340,916	1.5421	1.4808	0.4543	0
Groton	745,576	1,009,524	868,494	1.4853	1.4316	0.7188	0.0029
Hardwick	1,841,613	1,115,349	1,136,231	1.6488	1.5215	0.6192	0.5614
Kirby	549,421	395,889	252,880	1.6188	1.5922	0.4304	0.0018
Lyndon	2,944,008	2,617,185	1,232,341	1.4961	1.5324	0.3362	0.0046
<i>Lyndonville Village</i>	0	0	498,671	0	0	0.7173	0
Newark	515,317	838,338	505,637	1.4927	1.4085	0.5387	0.0029
Peacham	1,084,478	1,081,743	602,014	1.7398	1.3572	0.4244	0
Ryegate	992,452	943,976	799,719	1.5088	1.4543	0.6131	0.0028
<i>So Ryegate Vill</i>	0	0	5,308	0	0	0.0400	0
<i>Ryegate FD #2</i>	0	0	5,339	0	0	0.0700	0
Sheffield	467,777	438,540	90,365	1.6449	1.5168	0.0896	0
St. Johnsbury	2,889,055	4,452,549	4,595,246	1.2067	1.4226	0.8314	0.0018
<i>St. J Spec Serv Dist</i>	0	0	1,111,871	0	0	0.4524	0
Stannard	132,006	159,585	145,717	1.5131	1.6366	0.7900	0
Sutton	938,269	546,445	560,114	1.5295	1.3361	0.5495	0.0044
Walden	665,093	677,789	604,922	1.3441	1.5593	0.6527	0.0052
Waterford	1,402,448	1,450,872	764,493	1.5771	1.5552	0.4118	0.0022
Wheelock	581,932	353,325	397,371	1.5640	1.4423	0.6476	0.0054
County Totals	21,243,389	22,706,696	18,277,414				

Section 2

Reports of Town Officers, Boards & Committees

2017 Selectboard Report

At the conclusion of every year the selectboard will present a summary of the previous years projects or other areas of interest. This years report is no different in many aspects, we continue to maintain our roads and represent our citizens the best we can. The main focus of this year's report is the strong sense of community involvement we felt last year. As a Board we have always welcomed people's input on town projects, but sometimes we need to create sub committees to tackle our larger ones. Presently we have two such projects, Harvey's Lake Committee and Buildings Committee. These projects are moving forward because of the dedication and positive influence of the community members serving on the boards.

The first is our continuing pursuit of a solution to Harvey's Lake Dam issues. For the first time in many years we are beginning to take some positive steps forward. We presently have a town representative that works well with the state, selectboard and newly created board of community leaders to engineer a solution that will remedy our situation. Part of this process is to try and obtain alternate funding sources so to minimize the burden on our tax payers.

The second committee came about because community members felt a desire to look to the future while maintaining our landmark buildings. A couple years ago a buildings committee was formed to pursue the possibilities of moving the Town offices. The board has looked at numerous spots, spending countless hours trying to find the best fit for our town. Last year the board focused on McIndoes Academy receiving funding to pursue a feasibility study to explore the possibilities of turning the site into the future town offices.

Continuing the theme of community involvement, our Highway department dealt with another high water event that damaged numerous roads. We were very fortunate that within hours, local contractors drop what they are doing to help in any way that they could. The remaining part of last year was dedicated to paving projects and improving our roads with ditching and new culverts.

We would like to conclude this years report by showing our appreciation for the work Ben Heisholt does on a daily basis. By state statute the Selectboard is in charge, but we have a Town Clerk that is the true backbone of our town. We are very fortunate to have many generous people willing to donate their time for the betterment of our community. However, it takes a leader like Ben to coordinate, communicate and validate the offered assistance. Thank-you Ben for the time and effort you invest on our behalf!!!

Road Foreman's Report

2017 resulted in being another very busy year for the Barnet Highway Department.

On top of our regular road maintenance duties, including culvert replacement, ditch cleaning, grading, roadside mowing, gravel pit operation, winter maintenance, etc., we had yet another flood event in July which resulted in washed out roads, damaged and plugged culverts, and debris removal. With aid coming in from FEMA and from The State of Vermont, Barnet was able to replace, upsize, and even add culverts and rebuild and reopen Barnet's Highways in a very short time frame. Thank you to all who were involved, including contractors, all town employees and even volunteers to get this all accomplished in such a timely manner.

We have a few projects left to complete in the spring from this event, such as culvert work on Ferguson Road, West Barnet Road, and on Denio Road. Also, a retaining wall rebuild on Carter Street remains to be done.

Over the summer we also managed to do some asphalt work. Kitchel Hill was repaved, Town Forest Road was put back to all asphalt, and the construction project on Harvey Mountain Road was completed and repaved.

In the past year we lost one employee, Mark Fuller, and gained another, Tom Gould. Good luck to you both in your new positions.

Along with routine maintenance, the target for 2018 is to complete the flood event projects and perform more asphalt reconstruction.

Sincerely,

Mark Chase
Barnet Road Foreman

Town Auditor's Report


In accordance with Title 24, Section 1681 of the Vermont Statutes, we have examined the accounts and records of the Town of Barnet.

To the best of our knowledge the financial statements in the Town Report represent the financial position of the Town of Barnet as of December 31, 2017.

January 23, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffery Riley", written over the printed name.

Jeffery Riley

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Gates", written over the printed name.

Benjamin Gates

Barnet Listers Report

A town wide reappraisal will begin July 2018 and be completed in April 2020 by the New England Municipal Resources Corporation (NEMRC) based in Georgia, VT. The company was chosen by Listers and approved by the Board of Selectmen following Requests for Proposals sent to state certified reappraisal contractors.

During the contract period, NEMRC staff will inspect all real property in Barnet. This includes both exterior and interior inspections, as well as photographs of exterior and data collection to determine the value of properties.

Listers will mail notification prior to completing inspections in any given area. If the property owner is not at home at the time of the original inspection, a card stating that a visit was made, and how to make an appointment for an inspection, will be left at the time of each visit. The Barnet Listers office will contact property owners and make appointments for the property inspectors. If your telephone is not listed or cell phone only, we will need you to give us a contact telephone number. Near the end of the reappraisal, a notice may be sent to property owners that need an inspection with information on how to make an appointment.

After completion of data collection and data entry, NEMRC will complete a thorough field review of all parcels in Barnet. This will consist of a drive-by of parcels to review data entered into the CAMA system, and establish final values. After completion of the field review, a report will be generated to allow the Listers office to examine and question the final value determinations.

The tentative timeline for the completion of the reappraisal is as follows:

- July 2018 – April 2020-Data Collection and Data entry
- April - May 2020 - Final Review
- May 2020 - Pre-Hearings
- June 2020 – Lodge Grand List and Grievance Hearings

The objective of this reappraisal is to generate accurate, defensible estimates of the fair market value for every parcel in the town of Barnet, VT, as of April 1, 2020. In addition, the estimates shall be integrated into the NEMRC Microsolve CAMA system so that future construction, subdivisions, and changes to existing properties may be valued using the same formulas.

The town of Barnet has 692 residential properties, 77 seasonal homes, 117 mobile homes, 31 commercial, 10 utilities, 15 farms, 2 woodland parcels, and 175 miscellaneous properties, according to the 411 report produced 7/27/2017, and approved by the state district advisor Doug Lay.

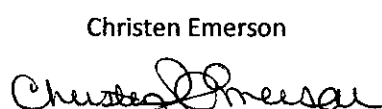
The total cost of the reappraisal will be \$100,800. Funds from the state, ear-marked for the reappraisal, are in a reserve account.

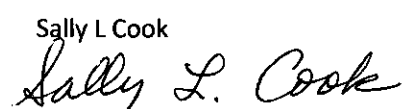
The Homestead Declaration and income sensitivity form must be filed ANNUALLY in order to receive the residential tax rate and (for those qualified) a school property tax reduction. The easiest way to remember to file the form is to do it at the same time your income tax is filed by April 15th. After that date there is a penalty that is added to your tax bill.

Grievance notices are automatically mailed to property owners who have a change in appraisal during the year. Property owners can also grieve their property value, without a change of appraisal, by notifying the Listers' office during the grievance period late spring or early summer. Notice of the grievance period will be posted in town offices and in the newspaper.

Please contact the Listers' office if you have any questions. The Listers meet Monday and Thursday mornings from 9 A.M. until noon.

John Cook


Christen Emerson


Sally L Cook




State of Vermont
Department of Taxes
 133 State Street
 Montpelier, VT 05633-1401

Phone: (802) 828-5860
Fax: (802) 828-2824

Agency of Administration

December 16, 2017

Town Clerk
 Town of Barnet
 PO Box 15
 Barnet, VT 05821

2017 Equalization Study Results

This letter serves as notification of the results of Property Valuation and Review (PVR)'s 2017 equalization study. Every year we are required to certify the equalized education property value (EPPV or EEGL) and coefficient of dispersion (COD) for each Vermont town. 32 V.S.A § 5406. This letter also communicates the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for your town and explains how it will impact your homestead and nonresidential education tax rates.

Education Grand List (from 411):	\$248,341,497
Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL):	\$224,696,769
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):	110.52 % or 1.1052
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):	17.41 %

The **education grand list** listed here is what was reported by your town to the state on the 411 form with your town's cable (if applicable) and tax increment financing (TIF) amounts (if any) included. This number represents the town's total property value that is subject to the education property tax (from the most recent grand list available) and serves as the numerator in the computation of the CLA. Please note: tax revenue from any TIF property value is subject to allocation. 32 V.S.A. § 5404a.

The **equalized education grand list (EEGL)** represents PVR's statutorily-mandated estimate of total fair market value of the education grand list in your town and serves as the denominator in the computation of the CLA. To find out more about how the equalization study is conducted, how to read the certified sales report, and additional instructions on how to appeal your results, please see the "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study" document at:

tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/reports/equalization-study

The **common level of appraisal (CLA)** is determined by dividing the education grand list by the equalized education grand list. 32 V.S.A. § 5401. A number over 100% indicates that property in your town is generally listed for more than its fair market value. A number less than 100% indicates that property is generally listed for less than its fair market value. A CLA below 80% necessitates a reappraisal. 32 V.S.A § 4041a. The homestead and nonresidential tax rates in your town will be adjusted by your town's CLA. 32 V.S.A § 5402. The nonresidential rate in your town will be the statewide



nonresidential rate divided by your CLA. The homestead rate will be the town homestead rate (which is determined by the per-pupil spending of any school district(s) to which your town belongs) divided by the CLA. A CLA greater than 100% will result in a downward adjustment of tax rates, and a CLA less than 100% will result in upward adjustment.

To get answers to many common questions about tax rates and how they are determined, please see: tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/tax-rates-and-charts/education-tax-rates/faqs

To see how the per-pupil spending of the district(s) to which your town belongs is calculated and how that, along with your town's CLA, makes the tax rates, please see the tax rate calculations link at: tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/understanding-property-taxes/education-tax-rates

The **coefficient of dispersion (COD)** is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within your town. It is calculated as the average of the (absolute) difference of each sales ratio (list price divided by sales price) in the study from the median ratio. That result is then divided by the median ratio to get the COD, which is expressed as a percent. 32 V.S.A. § 5401. A high COD means that within your town many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share and many are paying less than their fair share. A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal. 32 V.S.A. § 4041a.

Appeals: A municipality may petition the director of Property Valuation and Review for a redetermination of its EEPV and/or COD. 32 V.S.A. § 5408. All petitions must be in writing and signed by the chair of the municipality's legislative body. Petitions should contain a plain statement of matters being appealed and a statement of the remedy being sought. **Petitions must be received by PVR by the close of business on the 35th day after mailing of this letter.** Additional instructions on appeals can be found in the "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study" document at:

tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/reports/equalization-study

If you have any questions, please contact your district advisor or call 802-828-5860. For a copy of your town final computation sheet and certified sales report, please see:

tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/reports/equalization-study

Sincerely,



Jill Remick, Acting Director
Property Valuation and Review

cc: Chair, Board of Listers
Chair, School Board
Chair, Select Board
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the Trustees For Public Funds, 2017

After this report, you will find a detailed financial report for the Esden Funds, as shared by the Town and the School District per Oliver Esden's intent.

Our investment plan has been to protect the original, restricted principal while the funds have opportunity to grow both by unrealized gain or accumulated value, and by reinvestment of earned dividends and interest. This plan has served well—the Town's share of Esden Funds has reached a value of \$155,359.97 on December 31, 2017, and has gained \$23,100.04 since December 31, 2016, at a 17.43% rate of total return. Investment income for 2017 is \$3,295.74.

You will see that the School District's share of the Esden Funds was valued at \$109,410.41 on December 31, 2017, and has gained \$18,479.17 since December 31, 2016, at 20.32% rate of total return. Investment income is projected to be \$1,416.85 for 2017.

The beginning values over eleven years ago were \$53,168 for the Town, and \$53,168 for the School District. The Town's share of funds has increased by 2.92 times in these years. The School District's share now stands at an increase by 2.06 times after the use of \$45,259.12 of the gain from invested funds to finance the Barnet School playground.

The recent union of the Barnet, Walden, and Waterford school districts does not affect the Esden funds, The School portion can only be accessed and used for the benefit of Barnet citizens/residents/students. The Trustees have chosen to leave the fund management over these years with the local Edward Jones Company. As the public caretakers of the Funds, we have at times made suggestions to the private fund manager. We believe our roles have evolved, and we ask that our advice be sought before actual draws from the Esden Funds assets are made by either Town or School boards. These Boards have the choice and right by statute to spend any gains as may seem fitting.

The Trustees' original mission remains to hold sound investments for income and growth, while the original principal is always protected.

Merle Fitzgerald

William Graves

William Hoar

**Town of Barnet
Esden Fund
2017 Financial Reports**

Activity Summary

Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2016	132,572.92
Income:	9,285.68
Gain (loss) in value of investments:	13,092.70
2017 Net Earnings or (Loss)	22,378.38
Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2017	154,951.30

Balance Sheet

Assets:	Dec. 31, 2016	Dec. 31, 2017
Cash	20,482.91	3,220.21
Corporate Bonds	11,002.42	11,022.77
Government Securities	7,652.40	0.00
Unit Trusts	35,142.48	35,741.16
Mutual Funds	58,292.71	104,967.16
Total Assets	132,572.92	154,951.30
Fund Equity:		
Fund Balance - Non-spendable	53,168.58	53,168.58
Fund Balance - Unassigned	79,404.34	101,782.72
Total Fund Equity	132,572.92	154,951.30

Changes in Unit Trusts & Mutual Funds

	Dec. 31, 2016			Dec. 31, 2017		
	Number of Shares	Value per Share	Total Value	Number of Shares	Value per Share	Total Value
Van Kampen Build America Bonds	36.00	976.18	35,142.48	36.00	992.81	35,741.16
American Mutual Fund - Class C	761.28	36.35	27,672.38	1,089.47	40.23	43,829.38
Capital World Growth & Income - Class C	77.65	43.38	3,368.24	82.40	50.56	4,166.35
Growth Fund of America - Class C	493.80	39.31	19,411.28	1,017.26	45.95	46,743.23
New Economy Fund - Class C	67.98	32.85	2,233.14	74.07	40.19	2,976.79
New Perspective Fund - Class C	98.19	34.15	3,353.02	103.35	41.48	4,287.12
New World Fund - Class C	45.27	49.81	2,254.65	45.82	64.69	2,964.29
Totals	1,580.15	1,212.03	93,435.19	2,448.38	1,275.91	140,708.32

**Barnet School District
Esden Fund
Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Reports**

Activity Summary

Balance in Account Jun. 30, 2016	130,109.90
Income:	4,646.43
Gain (loss) in value of investments:	(35,373.32)
2017 Net Earnings or (Loss):	(30,726.89)
Balance in Account Jun. 30, 2017	99,383.01

Balance Sheet

Assets:	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017
Cash	14,820.68	463.95
Corporate Bonds	11,083.49	0.00
Government Securities	9,884.02	0.00
Unit Trusts	27,550.79	16,851.25
Mutual Funds	66,770.92	82,067.81
Total Assets	130,109.90	99,383.01

Fund Equity:

Fund Balance - Non-spendable	53,168.58	53,168.58
Fund Balance - Unassigned	76,941.32	46,214.43
Total Fund Equity	130,109.90	99,383.01

Changes in Unit Trusts & Mutual Funds

	<u>Jun. 30, 2016</u>			<u>Jun. 30, 2017</u>		
	Number of Shares	Value per Share	Total Value	Number of Shares	Value per Share	Total Value
FT Build America Bonds	2.00	953.02	1,906.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Van Kampen Build America Bonds	25.00	1,025.79	25,644.75	17.00	991.25	16,851.25
American Mutual Fund - Class C	771.07	34.87	26,887.18	819.19	38.42	31,473.09
Capital World Growth - Class C				107.37	48.47	5,204.18
Growth Fund of America - Class C	661.97	37.88	25,075.27	746.62	43.98	32,836.39
New Economy Fund - Class C				93.31	38.41	3,583.85
New Perspective Fund - Class C				134.76	39.77	5,359.48
New World Fund - Class C	310.32	47.72	14,808.47	62.13	58.12	3,610.82
Totals	1,770.36		94,321.71	1,980.37		98,919.06

2017 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE BARNET PLANNING/ZONING BOARD

The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Select Board, for four year terms, starting July first of each year. At present there is a one member vacancy.

The present Board Members are, Benjamin Adams, William Biddle, Gary Briggs, Mark Bowen, Bruce Denio, Dennis McLam, George Pierce, and Shane Stevenson.

William Biddle was reappointed in July, but Kathleen Crown chose not to be reappointed. At this writing that spot is still open. Thank you Kathleen for your years of service.

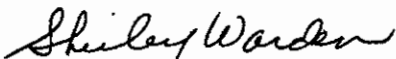
The Chairman is Dennis McLam, Vice Chairman is William Biddle and Shirley Warden, is appointed secretary by the Board.

The meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month as needed, at 7 p.m. in the Conference room of the Town Clerk's office. Public hearings are warned as required and notices appear in THE CALEDONIAN RECORD, are posted at the Town Clerk's office, the Barnet and Passumpsic post offices and the Town Web site "barnetvt.org". Draft minutes appear on the web site with in five days as required by State Statue. The approved minutes are recorded in the public records at the Town Clerk's office.

The Board met twelve times in 2017. The January meeting was postponed for lack of a quorum. The March meeting was canceled because of weather.

Fourteen applications were referred for Board action this year as follows; five shoreline setback waivers, granted; three conditional uses granted and one denied; two back lot applications one for addition to a dwelling and one for a 3 lot subdivision, both were granted, one setback waiver granted and 3 applications withdrawn after they were warned.

The Board also did two site visits and during the year worked on a new By Law with necessary up dates that should be ready for adoption soon.



Shirley Warden, Secretary
Barnet Planning/Zoning Board

2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BARNET ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

There were 41 completed Zoning Applications received in 2017, three were withdrawn and fourteen were referred to the Barnet Planning/Zoning Board, for consideration.

Permits were issued for 6 residential garages, 5 decks, 4 sheds, 3 tent platforms, 3 porches, 2 each; shed additions, dwelling additions, dwellings, foundation replacements, & 3 subdivisions; one each; play house, tree house, trampoline, pool, gazabo, carport, parking area, sign, home occupation/sign, home office/sign, barn, animal shelter, green house, root cellar, pavilion, privy, change a single family dwelling to a duplex, expand a retreat Center, add change of use of community center/yard sales & sign.

All structures over 50 square feet (5' X 10') with a few exceptions require a permit. A structure is defined as " an assembly of materials for use or occupancy". Some agricultural structures maybe exempt, but they MUST qualify with the VT Commissioner of Agriculture rules and MUST tell the "municipality" before building begins. I suggest you notify the Listers at 633-2256.

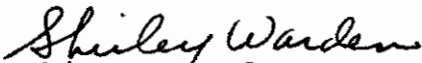
Application forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or on line at www.barnetvt.org. Please use a form dated September 2014 or newer and follow the two pages of instructions.

The permit fee is \$20.00 plus \$10.00 for recording. Public hearing applications, for (conditional uses, back lot, variance/waiver, site plan review or appeal) the fee is \$30.00 plus \$10.00 for recording. There is an additional \$10.00 recording fee for each additional page. The late fee is double the regular fee or \$40.00 or \$60.00. Four late fees were charged in 2017.

The Administrative Officer has 30 days to act on a completed application, and the permit is not valid for fifteen days after it is signed by the Administrative Officer or 30 days after Zoning Board Approval.

I may be reached at (802) 633-4993. Before 8:30 a.m. is best, other wise leave a message and I'll get back to you and try to answer all your questions.

I also issued twelve new 911 locatable address numbers this year, seven were for the cemeteries in Town.



Shirley Warden
Barnet Zoning administrative Officer

Town of Barnet 2017 Annual Report

Report of the Collector of Delinquent Tax Lisa J. Bowden, Collector December 31, 2017

<u>Year</u>	<u>Taxes Charged to Collector</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Uncollected Tax as of 12/31/17</u>
2008	\$ 1,439.16	\$ 1,439.16	-0-	\$ -0-
2010	275.48	275.48	-0-	-0-
2011	4,255.72	1,103.26	\$3,152.46	-0-
2012	19,504.85	3,341.06	102.58	16,061.21
2013	30,290.95	4,595.01	-0-	25,695.94
2014	27,335.76	335.45	-0-	27,000.31
2015	43,845.43	7,966.63	181.48	35,697.32
2016	120,950.64	67,638.54	186.12	53,125.98
2017	167,735.21	67,003.37	-0-	100,731.84
	<u>\$ 415,633.20</u>	<u>\$153,697.96</u>	<u>\$3,622.64</u>	<u>\$ 258,312.60</u>

Unpaid Tax Balances by Taxpayer::

2012

Kendall, James	\$ 7,637.18
Kendall, James/Michelle	8,424.03

2013

Kendall, James	\$8,023.83
Kendall, James/Jere	6,350.81
Kendall, James/Michelle	11,321.30

2014

Kendall, James	\$8,746.07
Kendall, James/Jere	6,594.75
Kendall, James/Michelle	11,659.49

2015

Alongi, Vito	\$ 466.87*
Bailey, Barbara	3,042.20
Fenoff, Cindy	706.28
Kendall, James	10,369.43
Kendall, James/Jere	6,756.68
Kendall, James/Michelle	11,104.57
Narey, Joyce	3,251.29

2016

Alongi, Vito	\$1,951.12*
Bailey, Barbara Estate	3,132.05
Bogie, Calvin Jr	1,499.14
Debarge, Theresa Estate	1,190.31
Grigg, William	232.18
Kendall, James	10,117.60
Kendall, James/Jere	5,873.81
Kendall, James/Michelle	9,419.93
Merchant, Donald Life Estate	2,261.99
Narey, Joyce	4,170.16
Noyes, Billy	818.59
Pilette, Joshua	2,214.95
Root, Jonathan	58.58*
Roy, Arthur	6,772.14
Stuart, Robert	3,413.43

2017

Alongi, Vito	\$ 1,929.75*
Bailey, Barbara Estate	3,141.41
Bradley, John	382.92
Broughton, Marc	3,655.43
Calcagni, Alex	424.79
Campbell, Kathleen	356.40
Cooper, Teresa	1.50+
Cooper, Teresa et als	7.60+
Debarge, Theresa Estate	1,177.27
Fogg, Alan	537.80+
Garand, Sandra	2,243.50
Goudreault, Wendy	5,139.94
Grigg, William	451.09
Hahr, Christopher	879.92
Hayes, Candace	1,487.29
Holt, Todd	521.33
Kendall, James	10,039.17
Kendall, James/Jere	5,789.60
Kendall, James/Michelle	7,480.14
Knights, Jonathan	724.16+
Labounty, David	1,721.41
Lahaye, Daren	34.39
Merchant, Donald Life Estate	2,237.22
Mitchel, Stephanie	3,386.29*
Ouellette, William	560.32*
Pilette, Joshua	898.12
Root, Jonathan	618.10*
Roy, Arthur	30,467.55
Roy, Christopher	289.27
Roy, Richard	214.42
Slayton, Stoddard	6.66+
Somers, Gilmore Estate	2,920.92
Stankiewics, Michael	7,670.46
Stone, Tracyann	214.52
Verrill, James	3,091.18*

+ Denotes paid in full by publication date

* Payment plan in effect

2017 REPORT OF BARNET FIRE & RESCUE

Barnet Fire & Rescue responded to 144 fire and medical incidents in 2017 compared to 134 for the previous year. The breakdown of the incidents responded to are 54% were for EMS (medical emergencies), 29% for various fire related emergencies, and 17% for motor vehicle accidents. We are currently operating with a roster of 19 members of which all are active and routinely respond to calls and attend meetings and training. Of those 19 members 5 are certified as EMS providers only. The remaining 14 members are either Fire/EMS trained or Fire trained. This low number makes it difficult to safely and effectively staff an incident especially during the daytime. To counter the shortage we have been relying on mutual aid coverage for routine incidents more than we have in the past. This is a trend that is not unique to Barnet, it is growing problem not only in our area but all over the country. We are always looking for new members who would be willing to serve the community and be part of a great brotherhood. If you are that person or know of someone contact any member or stop by the firehouse on any Tuesday evening for more information. Barnet Fire and Rescue provides all the training and equipment at no cost to it's members, we provide an hourly stipend for time spent on calls, and in addition to Workers Compensation we also provide an Accident & Sickness policy that provides coverage above workers comp.

The Air Trailer and Engine 2 required repairs this year that caused the vehicle maintenance line in our budget to run over considerably. The carbon monoxide monitor on the air compressor needed to be replaced as it was not reading correctly and could not be recalibrated. This is critical to provide safe breathing air in our cylinders as the monitor shuts down the compressor automatically when it senses the slightest CO in the air. The trailer was acquired on a VT Homeland Security grant and is considered a regional asset with the grantee responsible for its routine maintenance. I was however able to secure 50% of the \$2700.00 estimate from the VT Emergency Mgmt.'s Local Emerg.Mgmnt. Committee 9(LEPC9). The pump primer motor on Engine 2 failed and we were unable to draft water from any static source and were replaced the next day. Several discharge drain lines needed to be replaced as well as rebuilding a couple of valves that were allowing water to leak back into the pump which if not corrected could have led to the pump freezing on the way to an incident in the winter. To ease the overage on this budget line we did not use all the funds budgeted for equipment purchases and some of the repair parts were charged to the equipment line. Some items of equipment purchased were replacement of damaged training tables for the classroom, replacement of the department's laptop which was 12 years old and crashed last year, and an online training program to provide and track required OSHA and ISO training requirements which will be implemented this year. As this report goes to print I am working on a grant application for replacement of all of our breathing apparatus. The cylinders are approaching the end of their service life and a couple of units are out of service, also the units are two standards behind the current standard. The estimated cost of replacement is going to be between \$45000.00 and \$55000.00.

A final thought taken from www.fireserviceinfo.com :

What is a "Firefighter"? Some people might be surprised to discover what a "firefighter's" job entails. A few years ago (in the late 80's) a fire chief, in a lecture said, "The fire department is misnamed." He explained that the police had the job of "interpersonal conflict mitigation". It was their job to intervene in those situations where one person was intent on stepping on the rights of another. Based upon this, he felt that the fire department should probably be called, "The Department of Environmental Intervention." While no one would ever dream of changing the name, it does suggest what we really do. When disease, disaster, fire, injury, or accident threatens to impact negatively on another human, in any way, the fire department is called. So to review, Police- mitigating people to people problems, Fire Department -*EVERYTHING ELSE!* **If someone is having the most tragic or horrible day of their life, they usually call the fire department.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald L Morse, Chief

**Barnet Fire Rescue
2017 Treasurer's Report**

Balance on hand January 1, 2017 \$ 3,598.32

Income

Donations	\$ 6,604.50
911 Signs	\$ 15.00
Interest	\$ 2.64
Whitcomb raffle winnings	\$ 70.00
BBQ receipts	\$ 1,765.00
Dept T-Shirts & Sweatshirts	\$ 504.00
Total Income	\$ 8,961.14

January 1st balance plus income \$ 12,559.46

Expenses

VT State Firefighters Assoc.	\$ 310.00
Building Maint. Equip	\$ 55.17
Training	\$ 460.00
Fire Equipment	\$ 1,756.83
Advetising	\$ 72.00
Misc Meeting & Reception Refreshments	\$ 342.35
BBQ expenses	\$ 945.69
Postage & Box Rent	\$ 99.77
Donations	\$ 900.00
Dept T-Shirts & Sweatshirts	\$ 639.30
Total Expenses	\$ 5,581.11

Balance on hand December31,2017 \$ 6,978.35

Christopher Bunnell, Treasurer

Harvey's Lake Beach Committee- Town Report 2018

Summary of beach happenings for the year 2017

Activities

- Swimming lessons were held again this year. Over the course of two sessions, one in July and one in August, over 80 children received lessons. Barnet residents received lessons for free. Fees were charged for students from other towns, such as, Danville, Peacham, Waterford, Walden, Hardwick, St. Johnsbury, Topsham, and Newbury. We continue to explore the idea of adding the series of lessons necessary to become a lifeguard, so we can train local youth and potentially future beach employees.
- Our reserve fund, for playground improvements, continues to grow. We are hoping to add at least one new piece of equipment this year. Our fundraising efforts for this year were limited to the sale of popsicles and water. We are always interested in new fundraising ideas for the beach. Please contact any member of the committee to make suggestions.

Improvements

- The Barnet School 6th grade enjoyed their annual service learning trip to the beach again this year, they planted flowers, raked the beach, and picked up other debris. This is a huge help in getting the beach cleaned up and ready for opening day!
- We will continue to make any necessary improvements to the beach.

Other News

- We were so happy to have almost of full staff of returning employees, two staff as newly certified Lifeguards. We are hopeful for the return of most of them for the 2018 season.
- We currently have 2 vacant position on the Beach Committee. Please contact another committee member if you are interested in volunteering.
- Please be sure to check out our web page, [**harveyslakebeach.net**](http://harveyslakebeach.net), there you can find all that is happening at the beach: beach pass forms, pavilion rental forms, swim lesson forms, upcoming dates, contact information, and much more!

As always, THANK YOU, the town, for your continued support of the beach!

Committee Members: Christen Emerson, Philo Marcotte, and Danny Pearl

Building Committee Report 2017

For over two years, the Building Committee has been hard at work finding a new home for the Barnet Town Offices. For years the Selectboard has been contemplating the move as the current building, after its long service, is too small for Barnet's growing needs. We need more vault space, a larger meeting space, and the Listers and the Zoning Administrator need their own desks and storage.

The Building Committee, comprised of twelve Barnet residents, considered every town owned building: The Town Hall, Fire Station, Town Garage, School, and the Public Library. The committee explored the possibility of simply expanding the Town Clerk's building and of potentially purchasing an empty lot in town and building anew. It was at this point in our discussion, the group was approached by the Trustees of McIndoes Academy. They wanted to open a conversation about the Academy building. After lengthy meetings and careful deliberation, the Building Committee applied for a municipal planning grant for a feasibility study on McIndoes Academy.

Bids were taken and through the grant money received, the Committee hired the architectural firm of Arnold & Scangas of Saint Albans. We have been working with them over the past year to develop conceptual plans, analyze structural and mechanical integrity, and do a cost analysis for this project. We also plan on hiring an independent firm to deliver an independent cost analysis for both the McIndoes Academy offices and a basic new structure on a virtual lot somewhere in Barnet.

The Building Committee, though excited by the possibility of using the Academy, understands the need to explore a new building. Through our open houses and public forums, we have heard the community's need for comparative cost. However, the discussion between the two possibilities, we believe, is greater than just the dollar amount. New construction may give us a new Town Clerk's office, but the Academy would serve multiple purposes including a much needed community space.

One of the Academy's greatest features is its history; both as a school, and what it represents for our town. We chose to build a secondary school less than 100 years after the Rogers Rangers raid and only 60 years after the very first blackboard was installed in a Barnet School. The log business was booming and the population was 2521, more people than today. The Academy represents a time of great prosperity for our town and is indicative of the foresight of those who came before. The building would host the Town offices, along with the Historical Society Reading Room, a public meeting and community space, as well as a small museum and a library upstairs. The renovation of the Academy to the Town Offices could represent another example of looking ahead to the future while keeping roots in the past.

Be on the lookout for our upcoming open houses and public forums.

Stanley Robinson, William Graves, Dennis McLam, Benjamin Heisholt, Laurajean Stewart, Norman Stevenson, Dana Young, Gary Bunnell, Jeremy Roberts, David Warden, and Dylan Ford

Dam Committee

The Dam Committee was created by the Selectboard to advise the Selectboard on matters relating to the Harvey's Lake channel and dam. Its members were appointed by the Selectboard, and it serves at the pleasure of the Selectboard. Members are: Dylan Ford, George Coppenrath, Susan Coppenrath, Donald Easter, Joseph Mangiapane and David Price. The committee has met twice since October, 2017, the first to become familiar with the project and to approve the RFP; and the second committee meeting in November was to review submissions which resulted in the hiring of Inter-Fluve, Inc. to conduct the preliminary engineering phase of the project. Their engineering recommendations are due later this Spring which will be discussed at an open public meetings in May or June.

Background: The first dam at Harvey's Lake was built behind the West Barnet Garage (now Vt Mold & Tool) in 1908 to provide a large reservoir of water to store and control water for the purpose of using the energy for power. A new dam was built in 1970 by Green Mountain Power, which deeded the new dam to the Town of Barnet. This 1970 dam has created significant "backflow" into the lake resulting in water quality issues that affect fish and waterfowl, swimmers, boaters and other users of Harvey's Lake.

A study completed in 1983 stated that the lake would become eutrophic unless the nutrient/phosphorus load was reduced. Three of the four recommended steps were completed through the cooperation of the Roy farms, the LHA (Lake Harvey Committee) and the LPC (Lake Protection Committee). Diversion ditches, earth berms, wells and pipes have significantly reduced the pollution from the east side of the lake. The remaining major pollution contributor is the "backflow" into the lake from the dam. The "backflow" is responsible for silting along the campground property, along the beach, and a tremendous upsurge in the growth of algae and weeds in those areas. In addition this silting has made the channel practically impassable to boat traffic and caused the quality of the water in the lake to deteriorate.

Funding for this initial study will come from the State of Vermont (\$25,000) and the CRC (Connecticut River Conservancy) (\$5,000). This first phase of the project will require a feasibility/alternatives analysis, necessary permits, survey, geotechnical report, preliminary 30% engineering design, landowner agreement, and letter of commitment from the dam owner (Town of Barnet). Various ideas for a "water control structure" to maintain the level of the lake have been discussed. Dredging accumulated silt from various areas is a possibility, if the state permits it.

Please contact any members of the Dam Committee with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Dylan Ford, George Coppenrath, Susan Coppenrath, Don Easter, Joe Mangiapane, or David Price.



Librarian's Report 2017

The **Barnet Public Library** would like to report another great year of celebrating community. Thank you to all our loyal patrons; you are the reason we love our jobs! Our numbers suggest that we are a town of readers, of crafters, and of lifelong learners. We are kept on our toes here at the library always changing and expanding what we offer to Barnet. First and foremost we are your library and welcome thoughts and suggestions of classes, books, movies or events to better serve our town.

Art at the Library is still very popular. This past year we offered classes on How to Sell on ebay, felting, pop-up cards, wreath making, and Japanese flower arranging. Many thanks to our teachers: Jane Casavant, Rebecca Boardman, MaryJane Sheerin, Annette Hyder and LJ Stewart.

We continue to decorate and send Valentine's Day cards to Barnet seniors. Friends of the library spend Monday evenings in January gluing glitter and doilies while enjoying time together. Our **Valentines Cocoa Bar** warms almost 50 people on a cold day every February.

The Summer reading theme was **Build A Better World**. It offered the opportunity to explore the worlds of Magic with Marko the Magician, Space with Bobby Farlice-Rubio, Robotics by making Wobblebots with recycled materials, world music with Village Harmony, and Comic Book drawing with a graduate of the Center for Cartoon Studies. Marko drew over 100 people from Barnet and surrounding towns to a fabulous performance at the Town Hall. Wobblebots were a great success that inevitably led to Bot fighting in the library. We are already looking forward to Summer Reading 2018!

Trunk or Treat drew over 550 people this year in our new venue at Barnet School. The PTF worked with us to make the night a wonderful success with over 20 decorated cars and families from here and beyond.

Thank you all for another wonderful year. Come in and visit your library!

Dylan Ford & Sherry Tolle, Librarians [633-4436](tel:633-4436) / barnetpl@hotmail.com / barnetpubliclibrary.com or Facebook/[barnetpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/barnetpubliclibrary)

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Barnet Public Library
Budget 2018

Account	Budget
600-2000-01.00 Town Tax Appropriation	\$28,000.00
600-2000-02.00 Donations	\$1,500.00
600-2000-03.00 Grants	\$1,400.00
600-2000-05.00 Fundraisers	\$1,000.00
600-2000-22.00 Interest on Bank Accts	\$0.00
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	\$31,900.00
 600-3000 SALARIES	
600-3000-01.00 Gross Wages	\$22,000.00
600-3001 PAYROLL BENEFITS & TAXES	
600-3001-01.00 FICA Taxes (Soc. Sec.)	\$1,700.00
600-3001-08.00 Workshops	\$200.00
600-3003 INSURANCE	
600-3004 FACILITIES EXPENSES	
600-3004-01.00 Telephone	\$490.00
600-3004-07.00 Internet Service	\$490.00
600-3004-90.00 Maintenance & Renovation	\$400.00
600-3005 LIBRARY OPERATIONS	
600-3005-01.00 Audio/Video	\$300.00
600-3005-02.00 Adult Books	\$1,750.00
600-3005-03.00 Kid Books	\$1,250.00
600-3005-04.00 Magazines	\$200.00
600-3005-05.00 Membership Pass	\$50.00
600-3005-06.00 One Click Digital	\$400.00
600-3005-07.00 Website	\$300.00
600-3005-09.00 Automation	\$500.00
600-3005-99.00 Miscellaneous	\$0.00
600-3006 SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	
600-3006-00.00 Mileage	\$50.00
600-3006-01.00 Office Supplies	\$500.00
600-3006-02.00 Computer	\$500.00
600-3006-03.00 Postage	\$200.00
600-3007 SPECIAL PROGRAMS	
600-3007-01.00 Special Events	\$900.00
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	\$32,180.00

Barnet Waste Management Report 2017

We had another successful year of recycling in Barnet. We had help from Donald Nelson, Rusty Ehlers, Ken Dow, Tom and Sherri Tolle, and Dixie Burns (Call 2-1-1) who continues to offer her support in providing us with information needed for the Good Neighbor Fund to help others.

This year we kept over 114 tons of reusable materials, including metal, out of the landfill. And this figure includes 2.96 tons of food scraps (a.k.a. compost) in just the first 6 months of this program. The Barnet School also held back over 4 tons of mostly paper and cardboard. Our construction debris amounted to over 153 tons and we compacted almost 164 tons of household trash.

The Barnet Good Neighbor Fund has had another successful year and I'd like to thank everyone who has donated their returnable bottles to this worthy cause. Debbie King of the Barnet Village Store and West Barnet Quick Stop continues to provide help to families in our community with funds from the Good Neighbor Fund.

Tom and Sherri Tolle continue to help with the bottle redemption. Shirley Warden continues to go above and beyond helping with absolutely everything and if it wasn't for folks at Casella and The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District we would not be able to do any of this!

Our little dog pals are still enjoying a snack when they stop in for a visit. We are always sorry to hear about the loss of any of our four-legged friends and we wish that they lived longer than they do.

We still ***need*** more people to pay attention to cleaning articles before bringing them to the recycle center. When people don't follow the rules of recycling, it makes more work for the rest of us. Please do your **fair** share.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Marston

Memorial Flags

This is the 18th year that the Barnet School Students have taken part in placing flags on the Veterans Graves in our town. Patricia McLam and Lisa Bowden had charge of getting the flags and new standards from the Town Clerk. On May 24, 2017 they met the school bus at each cemetery and passed out the flags to the following 6th grade students and staff.

Students:

Jeremiah Burnett, Laurel Campbell, Aimee Crown, Emma Holt, Daniel Houde, Norah Lumbra, Caleb Pontti, Jacob Robinson, Liam Ryan, Brian Somers, Phillip Stevenson.

Staff:

Billy Jo Roberts and Cindy Mosedale.

The following is the number of flags placed at each cemetery. 79 at McIndoes, 27 at Walter Harvey, 32 at West Barnet, 73 at Barnet Center, 9 at Stevens and 90 at Pleasant View.

We would like to thank the students and staff at the Barnet School for their help and hope this tradition will continue.

Patricia McLam and Lisa Bowden

Memorial Day Remembrance 2017

On Sunday May 28th, 2017 the Town of Barnet held Memorial Day observances at the Monument in Passumpsic Village at 9:00 am and at the Monument in Barnet Village at 9:30 am. The ceremony started with Tom Flannigan from the Barnet Presbyterian Church saying a prayer. The speaker for the day was Dave Curtin, formerly of the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Dave spoke about the history of Memorial Day and its importance. Also participating was VFW Post 793 and the Woman's Auxiliary. This year playing taps was Louis Hannon (7th grade) accompanied by Sue Persson from the Barnet School and Dave Rock, who played bagpipes in Barnet Village.

We would also like to thank the community members who came out to observe the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony and to the people that keep our memorial parks maintained.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy S. Roberts

Section 3

Town Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report

A flood event once again did much to shape a year of Town finance. The rain event on July 1, 2017 resulted in great expense for repair of roads and mitigation of future damages. A total of \$178,255 was spent in extraordinary cash expenses for contract work and materials. These costs do not include Town labor and equipment costs in excess of normal use. It is notable that costs for highway salaries and equipment repairs were relatively on-target with budgeted figures in spite of road repair efforts. The Town expects reimbursement from various federal and state emergency funds. These reimbursements, none of which are yet received, are estimated to total \$364,900. The positive difference between the anticipated reimbursement revenue and actual cash flood expenses is the primary driver in the 2017 General Fund surplus.

Aside from the flooding expenses and revenues, the Town's finances were stable in 2017. Actual revenues and expenditures were generally on target with regard to the budget, and planned long-term goals steadily progressed. Several marginal over-expenditures and under-expenditures were the primary drivers of variance in the General Fund. Notably, diesel fuel expenditures, which are ever-difficult to predict, were under budget by \$28,000. The Town remains fiscally strong thanks to years of sound management; there remains a healthy accumulated surplus and no long-term notes payable. Both of these elements of Town finance result from the design of the Selectboard and the trust of the taxpayers.

In lieu of a discussion of fund activities and changes in this Treasurer's Report there is a brief discussion at the start of each fund's financial reports. These vignettes describe the function of the fund, significant activities in 2017, and anticipated activities in 2018.

Town financial documents are sometimes difficult for taxpayers to understand because they differ from those encountered in business or personal lives. Town finances are reported using Fund Accounting: monies are separated into various funds because the Town must demonstrate that expenditures comply with restrictions on the use of the money. These restrictions can be externally imposed, as when benefactors restrict the use of the principal in the Trust Fund – these balances are called *non-spendable* or *restricted*. Or the restrictions can be internally imposed, as with many of the Town's Reserve Accounts – these balances are called *committed* or *assigned* fund balances. Monies that can be expended without restrictions are referred to as *unassigned* fund balances. Fund accounting also allows the Town to demonstrate that the use of money complies with approved budgets, and with accounting standards imposed by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The following is a brief summary of the function of each of the Town's funds.

- **General Fund:** The general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources, except these required to be accounted for in another fund. The operating income and expenditures of the Selectboard, including the Highway Department, are included in the General Fund.
- **Reserve Fund:** Used to account for a collection of various accounts held in reserve by the Town for future projects. Most of these are set aside by the Selectboard, with the approval of the voters, to prepare for large future expenditures while incurring minimal debt. They are each reserved for specific purposes and generally cannot be used otherwise.
- **Trust Fund:** Used to account for various permanent trust accounts established for the benefit of the Town. In each of the three current accounts the principal donated is non-spendable.
- **Capital Assets Fund:** This fund maintains an accurate inventory of the value of land, building, vehicles, equipment, and infrastructure improvement, and their related depreciation.

- General Long-Term Debt Fund: Pursuant to government accounting standards, long-term debt must be recorded in a separate fund. This fund therefore records any loans for equipment, trucks, et cetera, having a term longer than one year.

The Treasurer's Office was fortunate to add two new employees in 2017. Catherine Roy was hired in March 2017 to serve in the regular position of Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer, filling the role held for many years by Cathy McLam. She is proving to be an asset to the office with her ability to quickly learn new skills and improve office operations. Sherry Tolle, who served very capably as interim Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer beginning in September 2016, agreed to remain on staff in a permanent, periodic assistant role. She has continued to be invaluable in her *semper paratus* way.

I continue to appreciate the confidence committed to the Treasurer's Office by the voters, and the assistance of the many volunteer officers that help make the Town's fiscal policy operate effectively. These officers, notably the Selectboard, work countless unpaid hours behind the scenes and are the true indispensable cogs and heroes of town government.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin P. Heisholt, Treasurer

General Fund Reports

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The operating income and expenditures of the Selectboard, including the Highway Department, are included in the General Fund. In 2017 the General Fund returned an operating surplus of \$234,573. The total General Fund surplus, including 2017 and prior years, is now \$443,530. The primary driver in the 2017 surplus was the positive difference between anticipated reimbursement revenue from July 2017 flooding and actual cash flood expenses. Fuel costs, another major budget-actual variance, are always difficult to budget for, as prices fluctuate and usage is dependent on weather. The Selectboard continued its focus on road infrastructure, budgeting and carrying through with a significant spending on road paving and construction projects in 2017. This involved jobs on four roads in the General Fund budget. Observing that there remain a number of urgent road construction projects, the Selectboard maintained its paving and construction budget at the same level for 2018. Many other items saw marginal inflationary increases in 2017, which are reflected the 2018 budget. Two Annual Appropriations line items were moved from their historic place with special appropriations (section 32) to incorporate them directly in the general fund budget: the Barnet Public Library, and the Lake Harvey Association. The Library's move reflects the Town's vote to adopt the library as a municipal library and an integral part of Town government. The Lake Harvey Association's move was based on a number of factors, and reflects the Town's financial administration of the boat wash and monitoring program at Harvey's Lake.

Town of Barnet, Vermont

2018 General Fund Budget

Selectboard: Jeremy Roberts, Gary Bunnell & Dylan Ford

(See pages following this report for schedules and notes)

<u>Section & Note</u>	<u>Former Section/ New Section</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
Revenues						
		<u>Selectboard Income</u>				
1		Taxes				
a		Selectboard Budget Tax Appropriation	1,443,783.25	1,467,150.16	1,465,351.52	1,507,375.01
b		Change in Deferred Property Tax Revenue	(15,013.08)		(29,156.05)	
		Total Taxes	1,428,770.17	1,467,150.16	1,436,195.47	1,507,375.01
2		Town Clerk's Office Fees				
		Recording Fees	11,325.50	14,000.00	12,805.00	14,000.00
a		General Office Fees	3,641.30	3,500.00	3,566.98	3,500.00
		Dog Licenses	1,639.00	1,500.00	1,655.00	1,500.00
		Dog Ordinance Violation Fees	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
		Liquor Licenses	40.00	210.00	210.00	210.00
		Other Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Town Clerk's Fees	16,645.80	19,210.00	21,236.98	19,210.00
3		Planning Commission & Zoning Board				
		Zoning Permit Fees	800.00	1,200.00	1,080.00	1,200.00
4		Transfer Station				
		Transfer Station Collections	37,874.55	40,000.00	43,343.00	40,000.00
5		Harvey's Lake Beach				
		Admission Charges	10,555.55	10,000.00	9,154.25	10,000.00
		Pavilion Rental	1,102.50	1,000.00	2,142.50	1,000.00
		Swimming Lessons Fees	1,360.00	2,000.00	2,117.50	2,000.00
		Concession Sales	220.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Harvey's Lake Beach	13,238.91	13,000.00	13,414.25	13,000.00

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<u>Section & Note</u>	<u>Former Section/ New Section</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
6		General Selectboard Income				
a		Late Filing Fees - HS-122 forms	0.00	0.00	3,887.74	0.00
		Interest - Delinquent Taxes	21,319.00	10,000.00	14,876.78	10,000.00
b		Interest - Savings & Checking	15,255.92	6,600.00	4,730.34	6,600.00
		Highway Access Permits	30.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
c		State of VT - Current Use Payment (Selectboard's share)	35,407.00	30,000.00	41,397.00	30,000.00
		State of VT - Current Use Change Tax			297.66	
d		State of VT - Fish & Game Land	8,143.71	8,300.00	7,898.94	7,900.00
		State of VT - Reimburse Legal Fees	8,243.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Electronics Recycling Credit	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
e		Rent - Barnet Public Library Building (formerly known as Village Partnership)	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
f		Tax Retainage Fee - Prior Year	7,008.94	7,000.00	7,033.31	7,000.00
		District Court of VT - Local Fines	360.00	100.00	48.84	100.00
		Forest Fire Expense Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Town Forest Logging	17,161.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Office Equipment Sales	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Various Other Income	(190.15)	800.00	(114.89)	800.00
		Total General Selectboard Income	120,088.75	70,200.00	87,265.72	69,800.00
7 a		Use of Prior Surplus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Selectboard Income	1,617,418.18	1,610,760.16	1,602,535.42	1,650,585.01
		<u>Highway Income</u>				
8		State Aid				
a		State Aid to Roads	185,466.85	185,000.00	185,381.22	185,000.00
		Total State Aid	185,466.85	185,000.00	185,381.22	185,000.00
9		Reserve Fund Proceeds				
a		Proceeds from Highway Construction Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Reserve Fund Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 a		Flood Repair Proceeds				
		July 1, 2017 Flooding Event - FEMA Projects - Federal Funds			196,350.00	0.00
		July 1, 2017 Flooding Event - FEMA Projects - State of VT Funds			19,635.00	0.00
		July 1, 2017 Flooding Event - FHWA Projects - Federal Funds			140,990.87	0.00
		July 1, 2017 Flooding Event - FHWA Projects - State of VT Funds			7,938.98	0.00
		Total Flood Repair Proceeds	0.00	0.00	364,914.85	0.00
11		Other Highway Income				
a		State of VT - Current Use Payment (Highway share)	35,407.00	30,000.00	41,397.00	30,000.00
b		Insurance Claim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Scrap Metal Sales	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
		Top Soil Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Equipment/Tool Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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		Various other receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Other Highway Income	35,407.00	30,500.00	41,397.00	30,500.00
12 a		Use of Prior Surplus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Highway Income	220,873.85	215,500.00	591,693.07	215,500.00
		Total General Fund Income	1,838,292.03	1,826,260.16	2,194,228.49	1,866,085.01

Expenditures

Selectboard Expenditures

13	Payroll Benefits & Taxes:					
	FICA Taxes (Social Security)	9,949.66	10,000.00	10,636.38	10,000.00	
a	Health Insurance	20,003.51	19,927.32	21,006.42	22,819.44	
b	Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	
	Reserve Fund Appropriation					
	Uniforms					
c	Retirement	2,817.28	2,500.00	3,290.36	2,500.00	
d	Unemployment Compensation	492.50	734.00	300.50	734.00	
e	Dental Insurance	548.44	700.00	381.11	700.00	
	Total Payroll Benefits & Taxes	34,111.39	34,161.32	35,914.77	37,053.44	
14	Town Clerk's Office (formerly "Office Supplies"):					
a	Salaries (See Schedule A)					
	Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk & Treas.	51,406.96	54,225.00	55,678.58	56,936.25	
b	Assistant Town Clerk & Treas.	14,043.55	18,000.00	13,710.45	18,000.00	
c	Substitute Town Clerk	131.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Total Salaries	65,582.26	72,225.00	69,389.03	74,936.25	
	Land Record Books & Supplies	1,321.57	1,200.00	401.28	1,200.00	
d	Copier Expenses	1,143.89	1,500.00	431.78	1,500.00	
	Tax Bills	249.00	250.00	250.55	250.00	
e	Software Service Agreement	2,008.81	2,000.00	1,376.96	2,000.00	
f	Computer Maintenance, Supplies	6,807.01	5,000.00	3,289.20	5,000.00	
	Postage	2,692.95	2,500.00	2,486.86	2,500.00	
	Postage Meter Rental	187.86	200.00	188.64	200.00	
	Advertising	794.90	800.00	824.20	800.00	
	Various Office Supplies	1,697.07	1,500.00	1,625.19	1,500.00	
	Total Town Clerk's Office	82,485.32	87,175.00	80,263.69	89,886.25	
15	Listers' Office:					
a	Salaries (See Schedule B)	12,138.30	12,500.00	10,872.00	12,500.00	
	Computer Maintenance & Supplies	1,868.30	1,500.00	977.05	1,500.00	
b	Software Service Agreement	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	
	Mileage	526.70	400.00	0.00	400.00	
	Training	0.00	300.00	354.60	300.00	
c	Tax Map Maintenance	3,050.00	3,500.00	3,879.62	3,500.00	
	Total Listers' Office	17,583.30	18,450.00	16,083.27	18,450.00	

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16		Planning Commission/Zoning Board:				
a		Administrative Officer Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
b		Wages - Secretary	920.70	1,000.00	1,472.50	1,000.00
		Administrative Officer Expenses	500.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
		Advertising	330.00	600.00	530.00	600.00
		E911 Administrative Expenses	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
		Other	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
		Total Planning Commission/Zoning Board	4,750.70	5,450.00	5,502.50	6,450.00
17		Auditors:				
		Salaries	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00
		Printing Town Reports	2,424.50	2,500.00	2,358.26	2,500.00
		Total Auditors	2,424.50	3,300.00	2,358.26	3,300.00
18		Landfill/Transfer Station:				
a		Salaries-Transfer Station (See Schedule C)	5,655.88	5,000.00	5,546.00	5,000.00
b		Environmental Compliance/ Post-Closure Testing	5,642.06	6,000.00	1,950.50	2,500.00
c		Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Annual Appropriation/Surcharge	6,517.69	7,000.00	8,095.43	7,000.00
		Supplies - Transfer Station	23.98	100.00	83.28	100.00
d		Dumping Fee	19,030.48	18,000.00	24,833.92	20,000.00
e		Hauling Fee	14,390.00	14,000.00	17,285.00	16,000.00
		Advertising - Transfer Station	67.50	150.00	60.00	150.00
f		Hired Equipment	300.00	250.00	300.00	250.00
		Equipment Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Capital Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Landfill/Transfer Station	51,627.59	50,500.00	58,154.13	51,000.00
19		Barnet Recycling:				
a		Salaries (See Schedule D)	7,133.31	6,500.00	7,561.00	7,500.00
		Disposal Fees			1,170.00	1,000.00
		Compost Tote Fees			412.50	400.00
		Total Recycling	7,133.31	6,500.00	9,143.50	8,900.00
20		Fire & Rescue:				
a		Volunteers' Reimbursement	5,272.86	5,000.00	5,885.16	5,000.00
b		Equipment & Supplies	11,993.07	12,100.00	10,607.02	12,100.00
c		Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	209.60	2,000.00	4,283.22	2,000.00
d		Mutual Aid Dues & Dispatching Service	3,898.86	4,000.00	4,449.95	4,000.00
e		Rescue Squad Expenses	2,737.11	3,200.00	3,125.60	3,200.00
		Other	540.57	600.00	414.98	600.00
		Total Fire & Rescue	24,652.07	26,900.00	28,765.93	26,900.00
21		Harvey's Lake Beach:				
		Salaries - Lifeguards & Gate Attendants (See Schedule E)	13,125.73	17,300.00	15,158.95	17,300.00
a		Swimming Lessons	800.00	1,100.00	300.00	1,100.00
		Employee Training	250.00	850.00	130.00	850.00
		Employee Background Checks	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
25		Utilities	1,236.56			
		Operating Supplies	277.75	400.00	185.25	400.00
		Rubbish Removal	973.32	700.00	1,254.15	700.00

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	25	Repairs to Dock/Bathhouse	0.00			
	25	General Maintenance	2,612.11			
		Advertising	231.52	300.00	135.68	300.00
		Concession Purchases	220.86	0.00	329.86	0.00
		New Equipment/Capital Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Harveys Lake Beach	19,727.85	20,850.00	17,493.89	20,850.00
22		Police Services:				
		Constable Charges - Dogs	100.00	200.00	56.60	200.00
		Constable Charges - Other	231.88	500.00	0.00	500.00
		Sheriff's Patrol	5,145.00	7,500.00	5,480.00	7,500.00
a		Other	438.50	400.00	404.13	400.00
		Total Police Services	5,915.38	8,600.00	5,940.73	8,600.00
23		Selectboard:				
a		Salaries (See Schedule F)	1,502.25	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
b		Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
		Total Selectboard	3,002.25	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
24		Elections Expenses:				
		Ballot Clerks	1,058.40	200.00	382.50	1,000.00
a		Moderator	250.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
		Advertising	738.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
b		Supplies/Equipment	91.83	50.00	0.00	50.00
c		Ballot Tabulator Expense	969.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Election Expenses	3,107.23	750.00	882.50	1,550.00
25 a		Buildings/Grounds Utilities & Maintenance				
		<u>Town Clerk's Office</u>				
a		Fuel Oil	1,049.27	3,000.00	977.05	3,000.00
		Electricity	1,177.60	900.00	1,196.48	900.00
		Water	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
		Telephone	1,117.54	1,000.00	1,138.47	1,000.00
		Internet	902.05	800.00	719.88	800.00
		Maintenance	2,946.66	3,000.00	1,949.77	3,000.00
		Total Town Clerk's Office	7,193.12	9,100.00	5,981.65	9,100.00
		<u>Barnet Public Library Building:</u>				
a		Fuel Oil	4,380.96	8,500.00	4,732.11	8,500.00
		Electricity	774.72	900.00	756.59	900.00
b		Water	1,333.88	1,400.00	1,565.54	1,400.00
		Carpet Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
c		Heating & Plumbing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Other Various	1,916.07	1,300.00	3,626.75	1,300.00
		Total Barnet Public Library Building	8,405.63	12,100.00	10,680.99	12,100.00
		<u>Town Hall</u>				
		Electricity	244.63	300.00	243.52	300.00
		Water	444.64	450.00	444.64	450.00
		Maintenance	900.00	1,000.00	1,399.98	1,000.00
		Total Town Clerk's Office	1,589.27	1,750.00	2,088.14	1,750.00
		<u>Transfer Station</u>				
		Electricity	1,602.87	1,300.00	1,700.94	1,300.00
		Telephone	0.00	650.00	0.00	650.00

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		Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Portable Toilet	0.00	55.00	0.00	55.00
		Total Transfer Station	1,602.87	2,005.00	1,700.94	2,005.00
		<u>Recycling Center</u>				
a		Fuel Oil	268.78	400.00	220.09	400.00
		Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Recycling Center	268.78	400.00	220.09	400.00
		<u>Fire & Rescue Station</u>				
a		Fuel Oil	2,888.48	5,000.00	3,283.92	5,000.00
		Electricity	1,718.62	1,800.00	1,565.20	1,800.00
		Telephone	1,907.44	1,200.00	1,736.99	1,200.00
		Internet	0.00	550.00	0.00	550.00
		Maintenance	3,359.13	1,900.00	1,617.62	1,900.00
		Total Fire & Rescue Station	9,873.67	10,450.00	8,203.73	10,450.00
		<u>West Barnet Fire Station</u>				
a		Fuel Oil	682.21	1,700.00	893.40	1,700.00
		Electricity	272.68	400.00	272.17	400.00
		Total West Barnet Fire Station	954.89	2,100.00	1,165.57	2,100.00
		<u>Harvey's Lake Beach</u>				
21		Electricity		200.00	250.08	200.00
21		Telephone		500.00	433.59	500.00
21		Portable Toilet		500.00	830.00	500.00
21		Maintenance		1,700.00	1,291.11	1,700.00
		Total Harvey's Lake Beach		2,900.00	2,804.78	2,900.00
		Total Buildings/Grounds Utilities & Maintenance	29,888.23	40,805.00	32,845.89	40,805.00
26		Insurance & Bonds:				
		Vehicles, Buildings & Town Officer Bonds	30,330.80	26,315.20	25,323.15	26,315.20
		Workers' Compensation	6,564.55	6,600.00	5,089.81	6,600.00
		Insurance Claim Settlement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
a		Fire & Rescue Insurance	1,206.00	1,250.00	1,189.00	1,250.00
		Total Insurance & Bonds	38,101.35	34,165.20	31,601.96	34,165.20
27		Legal Expenses:				
a		Tax Appeals	2,282.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
b		Tax Collectors Items	(4.64)	500.00	552.50	500.00
		General	0.00	1,000.00	875.00	1,000.00
c		Zoning	0.00	1,000.00	905.00	1,000.00
		Fire & Rescue	375.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Animal Control	1,550.00	0.00	2,199.10	1,500.00
		Legal Settlements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Legal Expenses	4,202.36	3,500.00	4,531.60	5,000.00
28		Interest on Loans:				
a		Tax Anticipation Borrowing	13,725.89	5,900.00	5,487.05	5,400.00
		Total Interest on Loans	13,725.89	5,900.00	5,487.05	5,400.00
29		Professional Services:				
a		Auditing	13,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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30 a		Capital Expenditures:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31		Tax Abatements:	0.00	0.00	3,944.02	0.00
32		Annual Appropriations:				
		American Red Cross	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
		Area Office on Aging	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
		Barnet Historical Society	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	34	Barnet Public Library	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	
		Caledonia Home Health Care	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
		CALEX Ambulance Service	17,050.00	24,723.00	24,723.00	24,723.00
		Catamount Arts	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
		County Tax	28,558.00	27,640.00	27,640.00	27,885.00
		Fairbanks Museum	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
		Kingdom Animal Shelter	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
a	35	Lake Harvey Association	10,000.00	17,000.00	16,675.45	
b		Memorial Day	1,014.00	500.00	909.00	500.00
		Northeast Kingdom Human Services	1,775.00	1,775.00	1,775.00	1,775.00
		Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
		Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
		Northeastern Vermont Development Association	1,281.00	1,281.00	1,281.00	1,281.00
		Rural Community Transportation	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
		Umbrella Inc.	400.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
		Vermont Center for Independent Living	280.00	300.00	280.00	300.00
		Vermont League of Cities & Towns	2,829.00	2,927.00	2,927.00	2,990.00
		West Barnet Senior Meal Site (formerly known as Volunteer Senior Meal Site)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
		Total Annual Appropriations	102,337.00	116,496.00	116,560.45	74,804.00
33 a		Cemeteries:				
		Stevens Cemetery - Misc. Mowing	425.00	400.00	442.00	400.00
		Palmer Cemetery	425.00	400.00	442.00	400.00
		Pleasant View Cemetery Association	4,750.00	4,750.00	4,750.00	4,750.00
		McIndoe Falls Cemetery	3,000.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,600.00
		Total Cemeteries	8,600.00	8,950.00	9,034.00	9,150.00
34		Appropriations to Other Funds:				
a		Fire Department Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
b		Municipal Buildings Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
		Harvey's Lake Dam Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
c	32	Library Fund				28,000.00
		Total Appropriations to Other Funds	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	93,000.00
35		Miscellaneous Selectboard Expenses:				
		Advertising	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
a		Fire Warden Charges	63.32	800.00	0.00	800.00
		Town Officers Meetings	1,186.63	1,000.00	735.00	1,000.00
		Health Officer Expense	22.95	200.00	0.00	200.00
b		Harvey's Lake Dam Maintenance	2,330.00	800.00	4,011.09	3,500.00
c		Harvey's Lake Dam Registration Fee	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
d	32	Harvey's Lake Boat Wash/Monitoring				17,000.00

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		Other Various	150.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
		Total Miscellaneous Expenses	4,102.90	5,650.00	5,096.09	25,350.00
36 a		Contingency:	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
37		Total Selectboard Expenditures:	535,478.62	551,102.52	537,604.23	568,613.89
		Highway Expenditures				
38		Salaries - General Maintenance (See Schedule G):	218,111.50	230,000.00	234,342.03	230,000.00
39		Parts & Supplies:				
a		Blades & Chains	4,083.71	6,000.00	10,559.35	6,000.00
b		Tools	4,124.25	5,100.00	3,189.95	5,100.00
		Safety Supplies	209.70	1,000.00	292.39	1,000.00
c		Shop Supplies	2,229.73	2,500.00	2,928.68	2,500.00
		Total Parts & Supplies	10,647.39	14,600.00	16,970.37	14,600.00
40		Payroll Benefits & Taxes:				
		FICA Taxes (Social Security)	17,481.14	20,000.00	17,726.54	20,000.00
a		Health Insurance	47,125.55	46,946.04	56,945.52	53,759.52
		Health Insurance Declination Stipend	10,400.00	10,400.00	7,039.00	10,400.00
b		Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
		Reserve Fund Appropriation				
		Uniforms	2,398.23	3,000.00	2,439.14	3,000.00
c		Retirement	12,168.75	12,000.00	13,991.81	12,000.00
d		Unemployment Compensation	492.50	734.00	300.50	734.00
e		Dental Insurance	1,233.72	2,100.00	1,454.52	2,100.00
		Total Payroll Benefits & Taxes	92,799.89	96,680.04	101,397.03	103,493.52
41		Town Garage				
a		Fuel	1,232.34	5,000.00	1,243.63	5,000.00
b		Electricity	2,794.89	2,500.00	2,767.20	2,500.00
		Telephone	1,235.78	1,100.00	1,235.11	1,100.00
c		Cellular Phone	540.00	550.00	585.00	550.00
		Internet Service	859.88	650.00	899.88	650.00
		Computer Maintenance & Supplies	431.18	500.00	566.18	500.00
		Building Maintenance	2,099.31	3,000.00	3,394.41	3,000.00
		Advertising	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
		Total Town Garage	9,193.38	13,500.00	10,691.41	13,500.00
42		Insurance				
		Vehicles & Buildings	22,626.43	17,693.72	16,606.46	17,693.72
		Workers' Compensation	22,374.22	18,233.88	18,627.33	18,233.88
		Deductible Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Claim Settlement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Insurance	45,000.65	35,927.60	35,233.79	35,927.60
43		Equipment Maintenance:				
		Dump Trucks	41,816.42	35,000.00	58,908.88	45,000.00
		Grader	11,953.67	10,000.00	3,836.02	10,000.00
		Loader (1991)	1,205.36	3,000.00	596.56	3,000.00
		Loader (2010)	5,065.50	3,000.00	2,870.24	3,000.00
		Backhoe	977.32	4,500.00	1,150.17	4,500.00
		Roadside Mower Tractor	3,722.55	2,000.00	978.73	2,000.00

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		Pickup (2015)	926.92	1,500.00	2,506.04	1,500.00
		Chainsaws	77.64	500.00	52.95	500.00
		Other Equipment	533.91	1,000.00	223.74	1,000.00
		Welding Supplies	897.73	1,200.00	705.56	1,200.00
a		Tires	10,900.10	10,000.00	11,613.60	10,000.00
		Stock Items	61.73	0.00	139.64	0.00
b		Repairs of Damaged Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Equipment Maintenance	78,138.85	71,700.00	83,582.13	81,700.00
44		Gas & Oil:				
a		Gasoline	196.35	1,000.00	231.78	1,000.00
b		Diesel fuel	46,354.13	85,000.00	56,764.87	75,000.00
		Oil	2,641.46	4,000.00	2,210.19	4,000.00
		Other Petroleum Products	1,429.09	2,000.00	2,006.61	2,000.00
		Total Gas & Oil	50,621.03	92,000.00	61,213.45	82,000.00
45		Contracted Services:				
a		Hired Equipment	2,377.50	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
b		Sweeping Roads	4,180.00	4,500.00	4,560.00	4,500.00
c		Screening Winter Sand	13,975.00	16,000.00	16,694.75	16,000.00
d		Overburden Removal - Sand	0.00	10,000.00	21,096.00	10,000.00
e		Crushing	59,861.34	75,000.00	73,757.13	75,000.00
f		Overburden Removal - Gravel	24,263.50	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
		Permitting				2,500.00
		Highway Department Education	510.00	750.00	525.00	750.00
		Total Contracted Services	105,167.34	122,250.00	116,632.88	124,750.00
46		Operating Supplies:				
a		Salt	63,875.79	45,000.00	58,492.77	55,000.00
		Cold Patch/Hot Mix	2,269.35	2,500.00	1,067.25	2,500.00
		Specialty Aggregate	785.46	1,500.00	2,950.18	1,500.00
		Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Culverts	10,091.27	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
		Chloride	27,080.54	24,000.00	19,368.92	24,000.00
		Guardrails	6,425.00	10,000.00	60.00	10,000.00
b		Erosion Control	472.48	500.00	393.99	500.00
		Sign Maintenance Program	4,425.31	3,000.00	597.77	6,000.00
		Total Operating Supplies	115,425.20	96,500.00	82,930.88	109,500.00
47		Bridge Repairs:				
a		Bridge Fund Appropriation	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
		Total Bridge Repairs	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
48		Highway Construction Projects:				
		Paving/Construction Projects (See Schedule H)	269,818.94	282,000.00	280,801.35	282,000.00
a						
b		Construction Fund Appropriation	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
		Total Highway Construction Projects	369,818.94	382,000.00	380,801.35	382,000.00
49		Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts:				
a		Equipment Account	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
b		Truck Account	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00

Town of Barnet 2017 Annual Report

<u>Section & Note</u>	<u>Former Section/ New Section</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
		Total Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
50		Other Projects:				
a		July 2017 FEMA Flood Repair Projects				
		Contract Work			125,378.77	
		Materials			52,876.80	
		Total Other Projects	0.00	0.00	178,255.57	0.00
51		Total Highway Department Expenditures	1,214,924.17	1,275,157.64	1,422,050.89	1,297,471.12
		Total General Fund Expenditures	1,750,402.79	1,826,260.16	1,959,655.12	1,866,085.01
		General Fund Surplus of (Deficit) (total general fund revenues less total general fund expenditures)	87,889.24	0.00	234,573.37	0.00

Town of Barnet
Schedules for General Fund Budget

Schedule A - Town Clerk's Office Salaries

Heisholt, Benjamin - Town Clerk & Treasurer	55,678.58
Roy, Catherine - Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	11,296.32
Tolle, Sherry - Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	2,414.13
Total	69,389.03

Schedule B - Listers' Office Salaries

Cook, John	4,131.00
Cook, Sarah	4,071.00
Emerson, Christen	348.00
Renfrew, Scott	2,322.00
Total	10,872.00

Schedule C - Transfer Station Salaries

Dow, Kenneth	4,558.00
Warden, Shirley	988.00
Total	5,546.00

Schedule D - Recycling Center Salaries

Ehlers, Daniel	2,926.00
Marston, Bruce - Supervisor	1,868.00
Nelson, Donald	2,767.00
Total	7,561.00

Schedule E - Harvey's Lake Beach Lifeguards & Gate Attendants Salaries

Beausoleil, Kylie	3,367.38
Byford, Daniel	3,165.76
Byford, Emily	2,829.77
LeLong-Douglas, Cora	2,898.21
Morrison, Alyssa	2,472.83
Salisbury, Dominique	425.00
Total	15,158.95

Schedule F - Selectboard Salaries

Bunnell, Gary	500.00
Ford, Dylan	500.00
Roberts, Jeremy	500.00
Total	1,500.00

Town of Barnet
Schedules for General Fund Budget

Schedule G - Highway Salaries

Bourtelle, Ernest	6,564.00
Chase, Mark - Road Foreman	57,947.65
Fearon, Glenn	44,439.80
Fuller, Mark	18,007.75
Gould, Thomas	10,096.94
LeClair, Jason	45,927.61
Moore, Donald Jr	3,100.00
Snow, Barry II	43,126.28
Tillotson, Dennis	5,132.00
Total	234,342.03

Schedule H - Highway Paving/Construction Projects

TH #8 - County Hill Road	1,674.53
TH #10 - Harvey Mountain Road	137,800.87
TH #14 - Town Forest Road	99,818.25
TH #23 - Kitchel Hill Road	41,507.70
Total	280,801.35

Town of Barnet, Vermont

2018 General Fund Budget Notes

Revenues

1. Taxes

- a. Net funds required for current-year operations for Selectmen's budget. For budget columns, this is the difference between total expenditures and non-tax revenues (including use of prior surplus).
- b. Actual amounts include adjustment for change in the balance of the deferred property tax revenue account.

2. Town Clerk's Office Fees

- a. Includes copier, fax service, vehicle registration fees, etc.

3. Planning Commission & Zoning Board

4. Transfer Station

5. Harvey's Lake Beach

6. General Selectboard Income

- a. Penalty paid to Town for late filers of Homestead Declaration forms that were due by April 15th. Beginning in 2012 the State gave Towns authority to waive this fee. Beginning in 2013, due to confusion caused by repeated statutory changes, the Selectboard elected to waive this fee for all late filers. Selectboard agreed to reinstate penalty beginning in 2017.
- b. Interest gained from savings accounts as a result of tax anticipation borrowing plus other accounts yielding interest of lesser sums.
- c. State payment to Town for loss in tax due to land enrolled in current use program. Uncertain funding due to legislative action. Divided evenly between Selectboard and Highway budgets.
- d. Payment from State of Vermont for Roy Mountain Wildlife Area.
- e. Rent paid by Karme Choling for second floor at library building.
- f. Percentage of state wide education tax that is paid to town for administration of the program.

7. Use of Prior Surplus

- a. Use of built-up surplus in the general fund to reduce overall tax request.

8. State Aid

- a. Funds received from State of Vermont based on mileage: Class 2 roads=52%, Class 3 roads = 48%.

9. Reserve Fund Proceeds

- a. Town share of construction projects transferred from reserve fund.

10. Flood Repair Proceeds

- a. Revenue for repair of road damage caused by declared disasters. Includes both funds received as of end of year and funds anticipated to be received in following year.

11. Other Income

- a. Current use payment is divided between Selectboard and Highway budgets.
- b. Funds from claims resulting from accidents with Town equipment.

12. Use of Prior Surplus

- a. Use of built-up surplus in the general fund to reduce overall tax request.

Expenditures

13. Payroll Benefits & Taxes

- a. Health Insurance: Beginning in 2014, new health insurance system (Vermont Health Connect, or "the exchange") originally intended to be mandatory for small businesses, allowing employees to choose plans. Delays in implementation caused the Town to enroll directly through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont (BCBS), with all employees assigned BCBS's "Platinum Standard" plan. This carries higher out-of-pocket exposure for employees.
- b. Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Reserve Fund Appropriation: To offset the above-referenced increased out-of-pocket exposure an appropriation is made to a reserve fund equaling \$2,500 for each full-time employee. These funds can be used by employees to cover out-of-pocket health care expenses.

- c. Mandatory for full time employees. Employees pay 4.5% of wages. Fund managed by State of Vermont and similar to state employees and state teachers' retirement systems. Town contribution rate increased to 5.625% as of July 1, 2018.
 - d. Paid to the Vermont League of Cities & Towns Unemployment Trust. Includes administrative fee of \$250 with the balance going into insurance fund to cover claims. The trust reimburses the State for any actual unemployment payments.
 - e. Town pays employee cost, employee pays for rest of family if they wish.
- 14. Town Clerk's Office (formerly "Office Supplies")**
- a. Beginning 2016 Budget changed title of this section from "Office Supplies" to "Town Clerk's Office." See notes below for line item changes related to this.
 - b. Cathy McLam through September 2016. The remainder of 2016, Sherry Tolle as interim. In 2017 Sherry Tolle as substitute/limited role; Catherine Roy hired as permanent part-time assistant.
 - c. Occasional employee to keep office open when both Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk are unavailable.
 - d. Includes: service contract on copier, copy paper, tax bills, toner.
 - e. Contract with New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) for service on municipal software (grand list, land records, accounting, etc.), offsite backup plan, and disaster recovery.
 - f. IT contract through RB Technologies, and various computer components and service.
 - 2017 Budget & Actual: Includes Assistant Town Clerk's computer replacement.
- 15. Listers' Office**
- a. John Cook, Christen Emerson, and Sally Cook.
 - b. Service on Listers' mapping software.
 - c. Contract with CAI Inc. for maintenance of digital mapping (tax maps, planning & zoning maps).
- 16. Planning Commission/Zoning Board**
- a. Wages are annual salary for Shirley Warden.
 - b. Secretary wages for Shirley Warden.
- 17. Auditors**
- 18. Landfill/Transfer Station**
- a. Gate attendant. Works 7 hours per week regularly, 11 hours per week during summer.
 - b. Post-closure monitoring required as part of closure plan. This work done by Endyne Inc. of Montpelier.
 - c. Fee paid to Waste District to run program.
 - d. Casella Waste Management - current rate at 68.00 per ton.
 - e. 235.00 per trip for MSW and for construction debris.
 - f. Mowing of former landfill to keep brush from growing.
- 19. Barnet Recycling**
- a. Total employee hours 8 hours per week regularly, 12 hours per week during summer.
- 20. Fire & Rescue**
- a. Wages for actual time at fires as submitted by Fire Chief paid at minimum wage.
 - b. Annual budget for equipment purchases by Fire Department.
 - c. Various minor repairs and maintenance to vehicles.
 - d. Dues paid to Twin State Mutual Aid System and Grafton County Sheriff's Department for dispatching services.
 - e. Equipment, supplies, medications, etc. used by rescue personnel.
- 21. Harvey's Lake Beach**
- a. Wages for certified swim instructor.
- 22. Police Services**
- a. Charges from veterinarians and animal control officer for boarding or destruction of dogs.
- 23. Selectboard**
- a. Selectboard each paid \$500 annually.
 - b. Selectboard each reimbursed \$500 for expenses.
- 24. Election Expenses**
- a. Annual moderator salary for Dennis McLam.
 - b. LHS Associates - miscellaneous supplies for tabulator and other elections items.
 - c. Fee for maintaining vote tabulator for two elections during even-numbered years. Fee for each election is based on number of offices and the number of candidates. Also includes service contract on tabulator.
- 25. Buildings/Grounds Utilities & Maintenance**

a. Prices:

- December 31, 2017: Fuel oil: 2.19 per gallon, Propane: 1.39 per gallon.

Town Clerk's Office

- a. Town Clerk's Office fuel usage: 457.4 gallons in 2017.

Barnet Public Library Building (formerly known as Village Partnership Building)

- a. Library Building fuel usage: 2,206.2 gallons in 2017.
b. Water from Barnet Water System.
c. Services to heating system; minor building repairs.

Town Hall

Transfer Station

Recycling Center

- a. Recycling Center usage: 59.5 gallons in 2017.

Fire & Rescue Station

- a. Bimson Road Fire Station usage: 1,529.5 gallons in 2017.

West Barnet Fire Station

- a. Propane gas for heat in building in West Barnet. Usage: 623.6 gallons in 2017.

Harvey's Lake Beach

26. Insurance & Bonds

- a. Accident & Sickness policy, a supplement to workers' compensation coverage.

27. Legal Expenses

- a. Town legal representation in appeals of tax assessments and in negotiations for transitional support payments from power company.
b. Usually consists of fees associated with tax sale proceedings.
c. Legal fees for general legal advice for zoning matters, or for defense of zoning decision in Environmental Court.

28. Interest on Loans

- a. Tax anticipation borrowing. See revenues for offsetting income amount.
 - 2017: borrowed \$327,251 from Passumpsic Savings Bank at a rate of 1.80%
 - 2018: to borrow \$320,078 from Union Bank at a rate of 1.69%

29. Professional Services

- a. Mudgett, Jennett, & Krogh-Wisner. 2016 Budget & Actual: 2015 financial statements audit performed.

30. Capital Expenditures

- a. Funds used to purchase fixed assets (assets with anticipated useful life beyond current budget year) other than those provided through reserve funds.

31. Tax Abatements

32. Annual Appropriations & Charges

- a. Appropriation paid primarily through Town administration of boat monitoring payroll. Town also pays minor expense for electricity. Beginning in 2018 Selectboard shifted this to general fund budget, rather than a special appropriation.
b. Appropriation paid through expenditures associated with Town Memorial Day observance. Includes flags and flagstaffs for cemetery markers and advertising for Memorial Day services in Passumpsic Village and Barnet Village.

33. Cemetery Appropriations

- a. Stevens Cemetery and Palmer Cemetery maintained through agreement by the town with local contractor. Pleasantview Cemetery and McIndoe Falls Cemetery as private cemetery associations are appropriated funds per their requests.

34. Appropriations to Other Funds

- a. Funds placed in reserve account for future purchase of fire truck.
b. Appropriation voted for funds set aside for future projects (salt sheds, town garage, Town Clerk's office, etc.).
c. Funds for operation of Barnet Public Library. Formerly a special appropriation.

35. Miscellaneous Expenses

- a. Fire warden equipment and forest fire expense. Approximately one-half of forest fire expense reimbursed by State.
b. For maintenance of dam and waterway above the dam.
c. Beginning in 2016 Budget, new fee from State of Vermont.

- d. Appropriation paid primarily through Town administration of boat monitoring payroll. Town also pays minor expense for electricity. Beginning in 2018 Selectboard shifted this to general fund budget, rather than a special appropriation.

36. Contingency

- a. Extra funds added to budget to cover unforeseen items.

37. Total Selectboard Expenditures

38. Salaries – General Maintenance

39. Parts & Supplies

- a. Blades, cutting edges, and chains for dump trucks.
- b. Small tools and parts replacements for small tools used in shop.
- c. Any minor supply, not having a specific category above, that is used up or used and disposed of within the budget year.

40. Payroll Benefits & Taxes

- a. Health insurance system (Vermont Health Connect, or “the exchange”) originally intended to be mandatory for small businesses, allowing employees to choose plans. Delays in implementation caused the Town to enroll directly through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont (BCBS), with all employees assigned BCBS’s “Platinum Standard” plan. This carries higher out-of-pocket exposure for employees.
- b. Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Reserve Fund Appropriation: To offset the above-referenced increased out-of-pocket exposure an appropriation is made to a reserve fund equaling \$2,500 for each full-time employee. These funds can be used by employees to cover out-of-pocket health care expenses.
- c. Mandatory for full time employees. Employees pay 4.5% of wages. Fund managed by State of Vermont and similar to state employees and state teachers’ retirement systems. Town rate increased to 5.625% as of July 1, 2018.
- d. Paid to the Vermont League of Cities & Towns Unemployment Trust. Includes administrative fee of \$250 with the balance going into insurance fund to cover claims. The trust reimburses the State for any actual unemployment payments.
- e. Town pays employee cost, employee pays for rest of family if they wish.

41. Town Garage

- a. Town Garage propane usage. 859.2 gallons in 2017.
- b. Two lines: telephone and dedicated alarm line.
- c. Road Foreman reimbursed for use of personal cell phone for Highway Department use – approximately \$45 per month.

42. Insurance

43. Equipment Maintenance

- a. Tires for dump trucks only.
- b. Repairs to Town equipment damaged in accidents resulting in insurance claims.

44. Gas & Oil

- a. Gasoline usage: 93.8 gallons in 2017.
- b. Diesel Fuel: 25,519 gallons in 2017. Price as of December 31 at 2.589 per gallon.

45. Contracted Services

- a. Various equipment and contractors used for brief periods in non-employee role.
- b. Sweeping roads by Little Acres Landscape.
- c. Screening of winter sand at Town pit. 2017 Actual: Chief Crushing & Excavation (7,765 cubic yards at \$2.15)
- d. Expenses incurred to remove overburden to access sand at Town pit.
- e. Crushing of gravel at Town pit. 2017 Actual: Chief Crushing & Excavation – 1” minus crushed gravel (10,068 cubic yards), 3” plant mix (3,031 cubic yards); all products at \$5.37 per cubic yard.
- f. Expenses incurred to remove overburden to access gravel at Town pit.

46. Operating Supplies

- a. Salt purchased from Cargill Salt Co. \$68.78 per ton for the 2017-2018 season.
- b. Road fabric, grass seed, drainage, etc. used to control erosion.

47. Bridge Repairs

- a. Added in 2009 for funds to increase bridge fund for future projects.

48. Highway Construction Projects

- a. Road construction projects including paving.

- b. Funds for highway reconstruction placed in reserve.

49. Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts

- a. Funds placed in reserve account to cover purchases of major road equipment other than trucks.
- b. Funds placed in reserve account for future purchase of trucks.

50. Other Projects

- a. Reported expenses are only extra-ordinary "out-of-pocket" expenses to Town; does not include employee labor and equipment use.

51. Totals

**Town of Barnet
General Fund Balance Sheet**

Assets:	<u>Dec. 31, 2016</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2017</u>
Checking Account	35,096.95	34,793.94
Checking Account ICS	7.44	64,083.57
PSB TAN ICS		15,786.82
Delinquent Tax Collector Checking Account	2.80	2.80
Petty Cash	300.00	293.90
Undeposited Funds	280,161.97	2,542.00
Uncollected Delinquent Taxes	247,897.99	258,494.08
Current Taxes Receivable	202.68	0.00
Due from FEMA for July 2017 FEMA Projects		196,350.00
Due from State for July 2017 FEMA Projects		19,635.00
Due from FHWA for July 2017 FHWA Projects		140,990.87
Due from State for July 2017 FHWA Projects		7,938.98
Various Accounts Receivable	23,875.94	18,113.25
Due to/from Other Funds	5,082.22	0.00
Total Assets	592,627.99	759,025.21
Liabilities:		
Tax Appropriation Due to School District	89,259.14	37,296.26
Payroll Withholdings Payable	773.31	(1,869.94)
Various Accounts Payable	81,735.69	40,110.06
Fees due to Delinquent Tax Collector	1,944.32	1,220.17
Due to Resident/Taxpayer	0.99	0.99
Sales Tax Payable	46.11	58.32
Due to/from Other Funds	(81.79)	(470.29)
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	209,994.01	239,150.06
Total Liabilities	383,671.78	315,495.63
Fund Equity:		
Fund Balance - Unassigned (Accum. Surplus)	121,066.97	208,956.21
Current Operating Surplus or (Deficit)	87,889.24	234,573.37
Total Fund Equity	208,956.21	443,529.58
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	592,627.99	759,025.21

**Town of Barnet
Statement of Taxes Raised
Year Ended December 31, 2017**

Grand List Computation:

Real Estate	262,849,600.00
Add:	
Personal Property*	80,500.00
Less:	
Veterans Exemptions	(480,000.00)
Land Use	(14,303,966.00)
Voted Exemptions	(655,700.00)
Net Real Estate & Personal Property	247,490,434.00
Net Grand List (1% of Net Real Estate & Personal Property)	2,474,904.34

<u>Department</u>	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Homestead Rate</u>	<u>Non-Residential Rate</u>	<u>Taxes Raised</u>
Town:				
Town General	2,474,904.34	0.5921	0.5921	1,465,351.52
Total Town		0.5921	0.5921	1,465,351.52
School:				
Homestead	1,076,075.24	1.4986	0.0000	1,612,606.43
Non-Residential	1,399,634.10	0.0000	1.4278	1,998,397.71
Local Agreement	2,474,904.34	0.0029	0.0029	7,177.25
Total Schools		1.5015	1.4307	3,618,181.39
Grand Total		2.0936	2.0228	5,083,532.91

Penalty added for late filing of Homestead Declarations: 3,887.74

Delinquent taxes for 2017: 167,735.21

*Personal property taxed at non-residential rate.

**Town of Barnet
Estimation of 2018 Tax Rates**

The following estimation of 2018 tax rates is based on the 2017 Grand List valuations and proposed budgets.

<u>Department</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Homestead</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Homestead</u> <u>Projected</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>2017 Non-</u> <u>Residential</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>2018 Non-</u> <u>Residential</u> <u>Projected</u> <u>Rate</u>
Town:						
General	1,465,351.52	1,507,375.01	0.5921	0.6091	0.5921	0.6091
Town Totals	1,465,351.52	1,507,375.01	0.5921	0.6091	0.5921	0.6091
School:						
Homestead	1,612,606.43	*	1.4986	*		
Non Residential	1,998,397.71	*			1.4278	*
Local Agreement**	7,177.25		0.0029	*	0.0029	*
School Totals	3,618,181.39		1.5015	0.0000	1.4307	0.0000
Grand Total	5,083,532.91		2.0936	0.6091	2.0228	0.6091

*To be determined by rates set by State of Vermont in June 2018.

**The Local Agreement Tax shown above under school is charged to every taxpayer to raise funds to cover taxes exempted by vote of the Town.

Town of Barnet
General Fund - Statement of Loan Transactions
Year Ended December 31, 2017

Tax Anticipation Loans:

Borrowed during 2017:

Passumpsic Savings Bank tax anticipation note (1.80%)	327,251.00
Repaid during 2017:	327,251.00
Balance as of December 31, 2017	0.00

General Fund - Surplus or (Deficit)
Year Ended December 31, 2017

2017 Surplus or (Deficit):

Income	2,194,228.49
Expenditures	1,959,655.12
General Fund Budget Surplus or (Deficit)	234,573.37

Statement of Changes - Accumulated Surplus Account (total of years prior to 2017)

Total Accumulated Surplus as of December 31, 2016	121,066.97
Add: 2016 Operating Surplus	87,889.24
Total Accumulated Surplus as of December 31, 2016	208,956.21

Reserve Fund Reports

The Reserve Fund is used to account for a collection of various accounts held in reserve by the Town for future projects. Most of these are set aside by the Selectboard, with approval of the voters, to prepare for large future expenditures. They are each reserved for specific purposes and generally cannot be used otherwise. This advance planning allows for such projects as the construction of the new Town Garage and highway construction projects to be completed without financing costs or inordinate inflation of the tax rate. The total fund equity of the reserve accounts was increased from \$1,142,778.54 at the end of 2016 to \$1,297,969.04 at the end of 2017. This increase in value was due largely to 2017 appropriations in excess of 2017 expenditures. The largest expenditure in 2017 was for the purchase of a new dump truck from the Truck Account. A municipal planning grant was used by the Building Committee to perform a feasibility study on the McIndoe Falls Academy; expenditures were mostly matched by grant revenue. The Municipal Buildings Fund continues to grow as Selectboard continues to work with the Buildings Committee on planning for renovation or construction of a new municipal office building. This process will be discussed further at Town Meeting. A town wide reappraisal of all properties will commence in 2018; the Act 60/Reappraisal Fund is well-positioned to cover the cost of this project.

Town of Barnet
2017 Reserve Fund Activities
 (See following pages for Income and Expense Schedules)

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Add Appropriation</u>	<u>Add Other Income</u>	<u>Add Interest</u>	<u>Less Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2016</u>
● 92 Surplus	78,573.66			1,439.66		80,013.32
● Act 60/Reappraisal Funds	123,346.33		11,020.00	2,306.08		136,672.41
● Bridge Fund	170,575.28	30,000.00		982.12		201,557.40
● Equipment Account	102,812.89	20,000.00		1,967.46		124,780.35
● Fire Department Account	68,438.66	10,000.00		1,295.77		79,734.43
● Harvey's Lake Beach Fund	4,790.83		471.76	91.90		5,354.49
● Harvey's Lake Dam	20,456.62	5,000.00		395.75		25,852.37
● Health Reimb. Acct. Fund	7,421.18	1,800.00	1,500.00	5.08	7,297.60	3,428.66
● Highway Construction	143,330.91	100,000.00		3,044.77	12,762.30	233,613.38
● Highway Maintenance	64,474.26			1,181.30		65,655.56
● Homeland Security	190.01			3.50		193.51
● Land Record Restoration	5,733.86		1,330.00	96.60	3,220.38	3,940.08
● Lister Education Funds	2,306.05			42.27		2,348.32
● Municipal Buildings Fund	322,158.41	50,000.00	196.80	6,111.11	400.00	378,066.32
● Municipal Planning Grant	(3.12)		14,000.00	8.46	14,517.50	(512.16)
● Town Clerk's Office Paving Account	1,563.74			28.64		1,592.38
● Truck Account	26,608.97	70,000.00		(113.75)	140,817.00	(44,321.78)
Totals	1,142,778.54	286,800.00	28,518.56	18,886.72	179,014.78	1,297,969.04

Town of Barnet
Schedules for Reserve Accounts

Schedule A - Other Income

Act 60/Reappraisal Funds

State of Vermont - Reappraisal funds & Grand List Study (EEGL)	11,020.00
Total	11,020.00

Harvey's Lake Beach Fund

Proceeds from Beach Committee fund-raisers & donations	471.76
Total	471.76

Health Reimbursement Account Fund

Funds remaining from 2016 plan	1,500.00
Total	1,500.00

Land Record Restoration Fees

Recording fee surcharge	1,330.00
Total	1,330.00

Municipal Buildings Fund

Donation from Milarepa Center (designated to Municipal Buildings Fund at election of Selectboard)	196.80
Total	196.80

Municipal Planning Grant Fund

State of Vermont - Municipal Planning Grant funds for feasibility study on McIndoe Falls Academy	14,000.00
Total	14,000.00

Total Other Income	28,518.56
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**Town of Barnet
Schedules for Reserve Accounts**

Schedule B - Expenditures

Health Reimbursement Account Fund	
Employee qualified health care expenses paid through HRAs	7,297.60
Total	7,297.60
Highway Construction Account	
Harvey Mountain Road project - Culverts and gravel materials	12,762.30
Total	12,762.30
Land Record Restoration Fees	
Kofile Preservation - Restoration of Land Records Books #14 & #21	3,220.38
Total	3,220.38
Municipal Buildings Fund	
Law Offices of Adler & McCabe - Legal services for Building Committee	400.00
Total	400.00
Municipal Planning Grant Fund	
Arnold & Scangas Architects - Feasibility study on McIndoe Falls Academy	14,517.50
Total	14,517.50
Truck Fund	
R.R. Charlebois, Inc. & Tenco Industries, Inc. - Dump Truck #002: 2018 Western Star 4700SF	140,817.00
Total	140,817.00
Total Expenditures	179,014.78

**Town of Barnet
Statement of Reserve Fund Loan Transactions
For Year Ended December 31, 2017**

Truck Account

2018 Western Star Dump Truck:	
<u>Union Bank</u>	50,000.00
Balance due August 15, 2018	50,000.00

**Town of Barnet
Reserve Fund Balance Sheet**

<u>Assets:</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2016</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2017</u>
Money Market Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	50,000.00	33,550.55
ICS Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	678,731.70	1,044,935.76
Passumpsic Financial Advisors - Cash	7,044.78	17,785.65
Passumpsic Financial Advisors - Investments	243,475.73	249,821.59
HRA Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	8,635.80	4,638.20
Due from Other Funds	173.00	6.00
Due from State of Vermont - Class 2 Roadway Grant	0.00	0.00
Due from State of Vermont - Structures Grants	161,014.37	(1,554.09)
Total Assets	1,149,075.38	1,349,183.66
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Loan Payable - Union Bank (dump truck)	0.00	50,000.00
Due to Other Funds	6,296.84	0.00
Accounts Payable	0.00	1,214.62
Total Liabilities	6,296.84	51,214.62
<u>Fund Equity:</u>		
<u>Restricted Fund Balances:</u>		
Act 60/Reappraisal Funds	123,346.33	136,672.41
Harvey's Lake Dam Renovations	20,456.62	25,852.37
Homeland Security Grants	190.01	193.51
Land Record Restoration	5,733.86	3,940.08
Lister Education Funds	2,306.05	2,348.32
Municipal Planning Grant Fund	(3.12)	(512.16)
Total Restricted Fund Balance	152,029.75	168,494.53
<u>Committed Fund Balances</u>		
92 Surplus	78,573.66	80,013.32
Highway Maintenance Fund	64,474.26	65,655.56
Municipal Buildings Fund	322,158.41	378,066.32
Total Committed Fund Balance	465,206.33	523,735.20
<u>Assigned Fund Balances</u>		
Bridge Fund	170,575.28	201,557.40
Equipment Account	102,812.89	124,780.35
Fire Department Account	68,438.66	79,734.43
Harvey's Lake Beach Account	4,790.83	5,354.49
Health Reimbursement Account Fund	7,421.18	3,428.66
Highway Construction Account	143,330.91	233,613.38
Town Clerk's Office Paving Account	1,563.74	1,592.38
Truck Account	26,608.97	(44,321.78)
Total Assigned Fund Balance	525,542.46	605,739.31
Total Fund Equity	1,142,778.54	1,297,969.04
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,149,075.38	1,349,183.66

Trust Fund Reports

The Trust Fund is used to account for various permanent trust accounts established for the benefit of the Town. In each of the three accounts the principal donated to the Town is non-expendable. The total balance in this fund consists primarily of the Esden Fund, which is invested under the recommendation of the Trustees of Public Funds. Please see their report in Section 2 of this Town Report for a discussion of this fund. Two cemetery funds of lesser sums form the remainder of the Trust Fund. These two accounts see annual activity only of the addition of a modest growth via interest.

Town of Barnet

Trust Funds

Transactions Detail

Esden Fund

(See separate report with Trustees of Public Funds' Report)

Steven's Cemetery Fund

Balance in account Dec. 31, 2016	1,248.90
Add: Interest on savings account	5.01
Balance in Acct. Dec. 31, 2017	1,253.91

Palmer Cemetery Fund

Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2016	750.33
Add: Interest on savings account	0.72
Balance in Acct. Dec. 31, 2017	751.05

Balance Sheet

	<u>Dec. 31, 2016</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2017</u>
Assets:		
Esden Fund Investments (Edward Jones)	112,090.01	151,731.09
Esden Fund Cash (Edward Jones)	20,482.91	3,220.21
Stevens Cemetery Fund - Savings	1,248.90	1,253.91
Palmer Cemetery Fund - Savings	750.33	751.05
Total Assets	134,572.15	156,956.26
Fund Equity:		
<u>Non-spendable Fund Balances</u>		
Esden Fund	53,168.58	53,168.58
Stevens Cemetery Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Palmer Cemetery Fund	350.00	350.00
Total Non-spendable Fund Balance	54,518.58	54,518.58
<u>Unassigned Fund Balances</u>		
Esden Fund	79,404.34	101,782.72
Stevens Cemetery Fund	248.90	253.91
Palmer Cemetery Fund	400.33	401.05
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	80,053.57	102,437.68
Total Fund Equity	134,572.15	156,956.26

General Long-Term Debt Fund Reports

Pursuant to government accounting standards, long-term debt must be recorded in a separate fund, rather than in a governmental fund such as the Reserve Fund, where it was previously recorded. This fund therefore primarily of any loans payable that were formerly recorded in the Reserve Fund. Also included is a new account - accrued compensated absences. This records the liability resulting from the Town's personnel policy, which commits to pay employees for accumulated vacation time under certain circumstances. The Town entered the year with no long-term debt other than accrued compensated absences, and did not incur any new debt; therefore the Town again concludes the year with minimal long-term debt. No additions to long-term debt are planned for the ensuing year.

**Town of Barnet
General Long-Term Debt Fund**

Balance Sheet		
	<u>Dec. 31, 2016</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2017</u>
Assets:		
Amount Provided for Long-Term Debt	4,854.54	7,231.52
Total Assets	4,854.54	7,231.52
Liabilities		
Accrued Compensated Absences	4,854.54	7,231.52
Total Liabilities	4,854.54	7,231.52
Fund Equity:		
Fund Balance	0.00	0.00
Total Fund Equity	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	4,854.54	7,231.52

Section 4

School Administration Reports

Town of Barnet Board of School Directors

163 Kid Row, Barnet, VT 05821 - Tel: 802-633-4978

January 21st, 2018

To the Esteemed Citizens of the Town of Barnet,

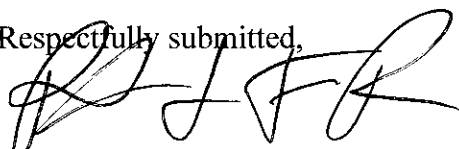
It has been a great honor to serve on the School Board for what I believe to be one of the finest schools in the State of Vermont: The Barnet School. You may have noticed that there is no Annual School District Meeting happening at Barnet's Town Meeting this year. Sadly, it is my duty to inform the town's residents that this is the final year of Barnet's School Board.

In accordance with the mandates of 2015's Act 46 School Consolidation Law, our board will be dissolved this year. A new school district, the **Caledonia Cooperative Unified Union School District (CCUUSD)** was approved by the voters in the towns of **Barnet, Walden, and Waterford** on May 23rd, 2017. This newly created entity will take over the responsibilities of our town's school board, and three of CCUUSD's nine School Directors will be faithfully representing our town.

Lou Bushey, Sue Roberts, and Dave Warden are Barnet's representatives on the new CCUUSD Board, and their first annual meeting is scheduled for May 1st, 2018 at a location yet to be determined. The new board intends on rotating the location of its annual and monthly meetings to ensure that they alternate between Barnet, Walden, and Waterford on an equal basis. The existing **Caledonia Central Supervisory Union (CCSU)** still encompasses Barnet and Walden, and has now added Waterford to its membership. Danville and Peacham also remain within the CCSU as separate school districts. My fellow Barnet School Directors and I will be making a brief presentation at this year's Town Meeting and we will be available to answer any of your questions about the new school district.

I hope that you will join me in extending a hearty welcome to the people of Walden and Waterford. Together, our united communities, with three unique schools, will be deciding how to provide the very best and most affordable educational opportunities for our schoolchildren. On behalf of my fellow School Board members, I humbly thank the citizens of Barnet for their continuing trust and for their unending commitment to the education of our children.

Respectfully submitted,



Bobby Farlice-Rubio, Chair, Barnet School Board of Directors



Town of Barnet 2017 Annual Report

BARNET SCHOOL A VT Rural Partnership School Community
163 Kid Row
Barnet, VT 05821

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Barnet School Mission Statement

Barnet School strives to be a supportive community of learners in which every member meets the highest standards.

BARNET SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT JANUARY 2018

A strong staff makes for a great school. This year our school has received recognition for a number of outstanding staff members. This summer I was awarded the Vermont Middle Level Principal of the Year by the Vermont Principals' Association. James Lamar was then honored as a UVM Outstanding Teacher based upon his excellent instruction, focus on social skills instruction and ability to bring his love of music into the classroom. Eric Bogie was recognized as the Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year through the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) organization. It was noted that Mr. Bogie inspires Barnet students to be at their best; not only are his classes engaging, but he is also responsible for building a lifelong love of physical activity through organization of the winter wellness program and through his work as athletic director. Just recently Angel Roy was named as Vermont's New School Counselor of the Year through the Association of Vermont School Counselors. She is recognized for caring deeply about the social and emotional needs of Barnet students through social groups, 1:1 conversations, student-focused electives and advocacy. Our staff includes many other talented individuals who were not given awards, but who are much deserving.



Barnet School is a Vermont Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) school. This means simply that we choose to recognize and celebrate the positive behaviors that students exhibit each and every day. In our tenth year as a PBIS school, we have many strategies for helping students who struggle to show positive behaviors, monitor, and change their actions. **I proudly report that this is the seventh year that our improved behavioral data has earned us recognition from the Agency of Education as being an exemplar school – a recognition that only two schools in our state have maintained for seven consecutive years 😊**

Barnet School Behavior Referrals 2009 – 2017								
2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
2,405	764	397	322	321	401	289	288	123 (to date)

All the schools within our Supervisory Union have adopted a rigorous literacy goal, which is **to have 90% of our students proficient in reading by the time they leave grade three**. This has sparked the Barnet staff to make some shifts in the way we teach and assess reading. A few years ago we adopted a model that allows each child to have reading instruction in a small group for 45-60 minutes daily; we also have put in place two full day preschools, increased teaching staff in the kindergarten classroom and designed a remedial program that gives access to students in PreK-3 who are not on track for meeting our goal. This year we maintained those pieces of our program and have begun to look at our delivery model for students with disabilities, analyzed the materials that we are using to teach reading and worked to incorporate our after school program (ELO) as a resource. The results thus far have been positive with more students reaching proficiency and maintaining that as they move to fourth grade and beyond. This is a tough goal to tackle, but one that is certainly worthy of our time and energy.



Use of our outdoor campus has continued to be a core value at the Barnet School. This year we expanded the number of outdoor classrooms, grew a garden, cooked in our bread oven, did studies of the river and used critical thinking and engineering skills while constructing structures (forts) in the woods behind the school. I must say that it is heartwarming to report that Barnet School students go outdoors in all types of weather and construct forts; I know that was a highlight for me growing up, but not a part of school! Teachers at our school are ever increasing their ability to utilize the outdoors as a way to engage students in the work that they do indoors.

Our site hosted the Extended Learning Opportunities summer program. We had students from Walden, Danville, Peacham and Barnet engaged in activities ranging from small reading groups to swimming. Each year the location of the summer program changes, so this next year Danville will be hosting. This program gives students a chance to incorporate fun with some necessary academic work.

There are too many great aspects of the Barnet School to mention in this letter. If you would like to find out more and keep current on the happenings in our school there are a few ways to do so. We have a Facebook page that highlights current happenings and can be found by searching for Barnet School on Facebook and liking our page. Our website, www.kidrow.net is a great source of information. There is a weekly school newsletter that you can receive electronically by sending a request to sgonyaw@kidrow.net (if a paper copy is preferred, please call the front office and we will gladly put you on our mailing list). The second Monday of each month the School Board meets to discuss our school's present state and to plan for the future. If ever you have questions, concerns, or comments about our school please feel free to contact me. I am always eager to talk with you and gain new perspectives.

In closing, I would like to express my excitement and joy in working as principal of the Barnet School. The phrase, "time flies when you are having fun" certainly applies to my experience at Barnet School. I appreciate the dedicated School Board; the talented and enthusiastic faculty; the supportive families and community; and most of all, the students who demonstrate a love of learning on a daily basis. I look forward to many more years of working with the Barnet community.

Respectfully submitted by Shawn Gonyaw



BARNET – DANVILLE – PEACHAM – WALDEN

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Town Report

January 24, 2018

Dear Citizens

Over the past several months all the school districts within Caledonia Central Supervisory Union have engaged in much discussion and debate over Act 46. The Act 46 process has been a daunting task for all the school boards, administrators and citizens throughout Caledonia Central Supervisory Union, but resulting in Waterford, Barnet and Walden forming the Caledonia Cooperative Unified Union School District (CCUUSD), with all three districts merging into one. Peacham joined the newly formed district in a state approved merger model called a 3x1. The new CCUUSD board will continue to meet and discuss creating opportunities for the community's children.

The Danville School Board has submitted a proposal for an alternative structure to the State Board of Education. As we move forward with Danville's alternative proposal, it will be crucial to continue discussions with St. Johnsbury Academy and Blue Mountain to determine what other possibilities can be created for our students in Danville. Much work still needs to be done here. I personally believe that Danville High School plays a very important role in the educational landscape in our region. It is my hope that we work collaboratively with all Danville's citizens to address the needs of the communities children.

Our discussions thus far with St. Johnsbury Academy have been fruitful. Danville High School and St. Johnsbury Academy have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding which offers Danville students access to extracurricular activities at the Academy, including Theater, FIRST Robotics, Scholars Bowl, Science Olympiad, Dance Club, Language Clubs, and Automotive Club and increased academic course offerings outside of the CTE courses in the areas of Japanese, Latin, Chinese and the performing arts (i.e. acting, dance).

There are many opportunities that can be explored in this partnership if the Danville community wishes to pursue them. For example, should Danville create academic programming that would be attractive to not only Danville students but St. Johnsbury Academy students as well, the Academy is willing to market Danville High School both nationally and internationally and to have a fluid relationship with Danville where students from the Academy attend Danville High School and Danville students attend the Academy. This relationship could possibly increase revenue flows to Danville, increase Danville's student population and opportunities for our students, also providing stability for the Danville School High School.

I look forward to all these discussions throughout our supervisory union in the hopes to create more opportunities for our communities children.

Best Wishes,

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Dr. Mathew G. Forest
Superintendent

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Donna Gaston, E.L.O. Project Director
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E.L.O. Director's Annual Report January 2018

The E.L.O. (Extended Learning Opportunities) program is about to wrap up the fifth year of after school and summer programming. We are currently preparing an application for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant to help fund the next five years. If the grant is awarded, the investment will be no more than 50% of the proposed budget. The remaining funds will come from the school budgets, fees, donations, and fundraising. The Waterford School is joining the Barnet, Danville, Peacham, and Walden Schools in the new application. The program goals will remain the same: to improve academic performance; to employ the 21st century skills of critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity; to offer activities that require these skills; and to increase individual health and wellness.

The cost per day per child will increase slightly in the next grant cycle to offset the decrease in the grant investment. The cost will be \$5 per day, or \$2 per day for students eligible for free or reduced lunch. The cost for the summer program will be \$60 per week, or \$30 per week for those who are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Full and partial scholarships will continue to be offered.

So far this year we have had 84 students enroll at Barnet, 54 at Danville, and 34 each at Peacham and Walden. Classes have been offered in computer programming, martial arts, 3-D printing, chemistry, comic books, math games, engineering, animation, science, crafts, swimming, art, music, fitness, and cooking. Classes where students from all four schools come together include Pen Pals, chess and Hunter's Education. Students at Barnet will be entering two state-wide competitions in March: the Jr. Iron Chef competition and the Be Money Wi\$e poster competition. Tutoring is also being offered through E.L.O. in all of the schools this year.

E.L.O. helps students be more successful in school, both academically and socially. In the words of one parent, "Daily he is experiencing the joys of learning new ideas without the pressure of a typical classroom setting... My son's life has been changed by the experiences and opportunities E.L.O. has provided him. I do not have the extra money to sign him up for anything outside of school. This program helps me provide him with experiences that otherwise would not be available. The benefits of this program are endless for us. The classroom growth he has seen in the past school year has been very exciting, and I believe that E.L.O. has been an instrumental part of that."

You are all invited to see exhibits and performances by the E.L.O. students at 5:00 on Wednesday, March 21st at the Danville School. All students will be coming to showcase their projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Gaston, Project Director

"It is the mission of the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union and its four member schools to create a learning community in which each individual can achieve the highest standards of excellence in intellectual growth and citizenship."

Section 5

School District Financial Reports

**Barnet School District
Revenue**

General Fund	Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Increase/ (Decrease)
Local			
1320 Tuition	71,584	73,024	1,440
1362 Tuition - Special Ed.	5,000	-	(5,000)
1510 Interest	2,000	3,626	1,626
1920 Donations - Winter Wellness	6,500	7,848	1,348
1941 Services to other districts	-	2,671	2,671
1980 Refund from prior year		768	768
1990 Miscellaneous		213	213
Total Local Revenue	85,084	88,150	3,066
State			
3110 General State Support Grant	4,256,425	4,256,425	-
3114 On Behalf Tech Ed	5,189	5,189	-
Education Spending	4,261,614	4,261,614	-
3150 Transportation Aid	63,301	67,309	4,008
3201 SE Mainstream Block Grant	109,028	109,028	-
3202 SEER Reimbursement	334,483	207,879	(126,604)
3203 Extraordinary Reimbursement		-	-
3204 Essential Early Education	24,589	24,589	-
3205 State Placed Students		82,454	82,454
Total State Revenue	4,793,015	4,752,873	(40,142)
Federal			
5900 E-Rate	22,470	12,084	(10,386)
Total Federal Revenue	22,470	12,084	(10,386)
Other			
5100 Bond Refinancing Savings Allocation	7,984	7,984	-
5200 Transfer from grant funds		15,088	15,088
5400 Adjustments to prior year		4,254	4,254
Total Other	7,984	27,326	19,342
SubTotal General Fund Revenues	4,908,553	4,880,433	(28,120)
plus Carry forward fund balance	137,780	38,148	(99,632)
	5,046,333	4,918,581	(127,752)

Barnet School District Expenses Fiscal Year 2016-2017

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1.6.1100.100	- Salaries	1,088,530	1,042,536	45,994
1.6.1100.200	- Benefits	399,864	326,713	73,151
1.6.1100.300	- Professional Services	15,917	39,461	-23,544
1.6.1100.400	- Purchases Property Svcs	1,000	1,142	-142
1.6.1100.500	- Other Purchased Svcs	1,467,881	1,469,768	-1,887
1.6.1100.600	- Supplies/Consumables	39,800	24,128	15,672
1.6.1100.700	- Furniture/Equipment	7,125	232	6,893
1.6.1100.800	- Fees/Debt Interest	16,335	1,907	14,428
	TOTAL: Direct instruction - regular ed - 1100	3,036,452	2,905,889	130,563
1.6.1200.100	- Salaries	183,962	206,227	-22,265
1.6.1200.200	- Benefits	68,541	41,684	26,857
1.6.1200.300	- Professional Services	276,090	271,942	4,148
1.6.1200.500	- Other Purchased Svcs	86,600	118,450	-31,850
1.6.1200.600	- Supplies/Consumables	4,000	2,288	1,712
1.6.1200.700	- Furniture/Equipment	2,500	433	2,067
	TOTAL: Direct Instruction - Special Ed. - 1200	621,693	641,024	-19,331
1.6.1410.600	- Supplies/Consumables	4,000	380	3,620
1.6.1410.800	- Fees/Debt Interest	1,400	4,197	-2,797
	TOTAL: Athletics - 1410	5,400	4,577	823
1.6.1420.800	- Fees/Debt Interest	2,500	7,451	-4,951
	TOTAL: Extra/Co-Curricular - 1420	2,500	7,451	-4,951
1.6.2120.100	- Salaries	41,333	40,833	500
1.6.2120.200	- Benefits	12,474	11,407	1,067
1.6.2120.300	- Professional Services	3,900	0	3,900
1.6.2120.600	- Supplies/Consumables	2,400	534	1,866
1.6.2120.800	- Fees/Debt Interest	150	45	105
	TOTAL: Guidance - 2120	60,257	52,819	7,438
1.6.2130.100	- Salaries	48,559	49,979	-1,420
1.6.2130.200	- Benefits	25,398	23,613	1,785
1.6.2130.300	- Professional Services	300	50	250
1.6.2130.600	- Supplies/Consumables	1,700	1,229	471
	TOTAL: Health/Nurse - 2130	75,957	74,871	1,086
1.6.2140.300	- Professional Services	13,500	22,468	-8,968
	TOTAL: Psychological Svc. - 2140	13,500	22,468	-8,968
1.6.2150.300	- Professional Services	66,178	63,713	2,465
1.6.2150.600	- Supplies/Consumables	1,000	814	186
1.6.2150.700	- Furniture/Equipment	99	0	99
	TOTAL: Speech & Language - 2150	67,277	64,526	2,751

Barnet School District Expenses Fiscal Year 2016-2017

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1.6.2160.300	- Professional Services	16,943	19,750	-2,807
	TOTAL: Occupational Therapy - 2160	16,943	19,750	-2,807
1.6.2170.300	- Professional Services	3,000	3,884	-884
	TOTAL: Physical Therapy - 2170	3,000	3,884	-884
1.6.2190.300	- Professional Services	1,200	1,205	-5
	TOTAL: Student Support - Other - 2190	1,200	1,205	-5
1.6.2210.100	- Salaries	7,700	1,400	6,300
1.6.2210.200	- Benefits	32,589	30,359	2,230
1.6.2210.300	- Professional Services	45,103	61,630	-16,527
1.6.2210.500	- Other Purchased Svcs	0	2,799	-2,799
	TOTAL: Staff Training/Prof Dev - 2210	85,392	96,187	-10,795
1.6.2220.100	- Salaries	28,016	46,770	-18,754
1.6.2220.200	- Benefits	15,143	23,349	-8,206
1.6.2220.300	- Professional Services	48,929	47,781	1,148
1.6.2220.400	- Purchases Property Svcs	27,077	22,625	4,452
1.6.2220.500	- Other Purchased Svcs	7,410	6,468	942
1.6.2220.600	- Supplies/Consumables	6,300	5,168	1,132
1.6.2220.700	- Furniture/Equipment	500	4,658	-4,158
1.6.2220.800	- Fees/Debt Interest	400	1,230	-830
	TOTAL: - Library Media/Technology - 2220	133,775	158,049	-24,274
1.6.2300.100	- Salaries	3,780	3,395	385
1.6.2300.200	- Benefits	296	260	36
1.6.2300.300	- Professional Services	11,000	2,722	8,278
1.6.2300.500	- Other Purchased Svcs	7,600	7,829	-229
1.6.2300.600	- Supplies/Consumables	1,000	510	490
1.6.2300.800	- Fees/Debt Interest	2,000	1,749	251
	TOTAL: General Admin. - 2300	25,676	16,464	9,212
1.6.2320.300	- Professional Services	101,169	100,658	511
	TOTAL: - Superintendent Office - 2320	101,169	100,658	511
1.6.2410.100	- Salaries	129,161	127,309	1,852
1.6.2410.200	- Benefits	20,440	20,679	-239
1.6.2410.300	- Professional Services	3,500	639	2,862
1.6.2410.500	- Other Purchased Svcs	700	1,538	-838
1.6.2410.600	- Supplies/Consumables	4,500	4,190	310
1.6.2410.700	- Furniture/Equipment	100	284	-184
1.6.2410.800	- Fees/Debt Interest	350	2,269	-1,919
	TOTAL: Principal Office - 2410	158,751	156,907	1,844

Barnet School District Expenses Fiscal Year 2016-2017

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1.6.2520.300	- Professional Services	77,794	75,968	1,826
1.6.2520.600	- Supplies/Consumables	0	109	-109
1.6.2520.800	- Fees/Debt Interest	1,000	2,578	-1,578
	TOTAL: Fiscal services - 2520	78,794	78,655	139
1.6.2600.100	- Salaries	115,342	109,850	5,492
1.6.2600.200	- Benefits	49,722	43,086	6,636
1.6.2600.300	- Professional Services	0	28	-28
1.6.2600.400	- Purchases Property Svcs	44,450	38,888	5,562
1.6.2600.500	- Other Purchased Svcs	26,900	25,761	1,139
1.6.2600.600	- Supplies/Consumables	88,800	63,003	25,797
1.6.2600.700	- Furniture/Equipment	0	649	-649
	TOTAL: Plant Operation - 2600	325,214	281,265	43,949
1.6.2640.400	- Purchases Property Svcs	5,743	9,260	-3,517
	TOTAL: Equipment - 2640	5,743	9,260	-3,517
1.6.2710.300	- Professional Services	157,720	167,018	-9,298
	TOTAL: - Transportation to/from - 2710	157,720	167,018	-9,298
1.6.2720.100	- Salaries	3,000	0	3,000
1.6.2720.200	- Benefits	230	0	230
1.6.2720.500	- Other Purchased Svcs	0	3,860	-3,860
	TOTAL: Transportation - Extra-curricular - 2720	3,230	3,860	-630
1.6.4000.400	- Purchases Property Svcs	0	4,500	-4,500
	TOTAL: Construction/Remodeling - 4000	0	4,500	-4,500
1.6.5310.900	- Debt Principal/Transfers	51,300	31,427	19,873
	TOTAL: Transfer to Food Service - 5310	51,300	31,427	19,873
1.6.5390.900	- Debt Principal/Transfers	15,390	15,390	0
	TOTAL: Transfers - other - 5390	15,390	15,390	0
	GRAND TOTAL	5,046,333	4,918,102	128,231

BARNET SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Teacher Contract Compensation
FY2018**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Contract</u>
Adams, Caroline	Teacher - MS Math	\$54,783
Bogie, Eric	Teacher - Physical Education	\$55,970
Botzjorns, Lars E	Teacher - Grade 3	\$55,663
Bushey, Melissa W	Teacher - Media Specialist	\$49,172
Clarke, Sean	Teacher - Grades 5-6 Math	\$40,289
Clayton, Margaret	Teacher - Tier II	\$66,087
Coleman, Audrey E	Teacher - Grades 7-8 Humanities	\$37,229
Fearon, Christina	Teacher - Grades 1-2	\$62,254
Gonyaw, Shawn	Principal	\$90,635
Jefferson, Shannon M	Teacher - Pre-K	\$37,229
Jensen, Susan	Teacher - Tier II	\$69,913
LaCoss, Lindsey A	Teacher - Grades 3-4	\$47,829
Lamar, James	Teacher - Grades 1-2	\$64,943
McCarthy, Beverly J.F.	Teacher - Art & Tier II Intervention	\$37,170
Mosedale, Cindy	Teacher - Grades 5-8 Science	\$57,983
Norton, Amanda D	Teacher - Grades 1-2	\$40,689
Persson, Susan	Teacher - Music	\$67,235
Pilner, Melinda	Teacher - Pre-K	\$51,315
Roberts, Billy Jo	Teacher - Grades 5-6 Humanities	\$57,095
Roy, Angel M	Teacher - Guidance	\$42,374
Rumball-Petre, Erica N	Teacher - Grades 3-4	\$40,689
Smith, Steven	Teacher - Kindergarten	\$40,289
Stevenson, Penny	Teacher - Kindergarten	\$69,530
Vaal, Ruth	Teacher - Nurse	\$48,948

**Barnet Town School District
Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Statement of Loan Transactions

Tax Anticipation Loans (General Fund)	
Balance as of June 30, 2016	0.00
Borrowed during fiscal year 2017	300,000.00
Repaid during fiscal year 2017	(300,000.00)
Balance as of June 30, 2017	0.00

Special Savings Accounts

Esden Estate Funds (Edward Jones)	
Balance as of June 30, 2016	130,233.05
Paid out toward playground	(45,259.12)
Increase in value of investments	14,409.08
Balance as of June 30, 2017	99,383.01

Note: The Esden Estate Funds are invested under the recommendation of the Trustees of Public Funds. See their report elsewhere in this Town Report.

Section 6

Reports of Organizations Requesting Appropriations

2017 AMERICAN RED CROSS REPORT – BARNET, VT

New Hampshire and Vermont Region

The American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont is on call to help our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. A local Red Cross volunteer is often the first "neighbor on the scene" after a disaster strikes – offering a hot cup of coffee, a warm blanket, and a glimmer of hope to those in need. Supported primarily by volunteers, the Red Cross provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood, and other disasters as well as instruction in health, safety, and aquatics courses. Whether we are helping one family recover from a devastating home fire, providing emergency shelter and supplies to hundreds of families after a major disaster, or food and water for first responders, we have historically been a vital part of the local community.

It was our privilege to continue to serve the residents of Barnet and surrounding communities in 2017. In the past fiscal year, we have:

- Responded to 254 disaster incidents in our region, providing essential support to 1,139 individuals. We responded to 1 incident and served 5 individuals in Barnet.
- Collected 92,469 pints of blood and blood products at over 3,200 drives. 35 of these drives were in Caledonia County where we collected 1,477 pints of life-saving blood.
- Empowered 1,100 trained volunteers to assist their neighbors during times of need..
- Trained 29,482 people in our various health and safety courses, including 2 courses in Barnet, where students learned lifesaving CPR and First Aid skills and techniques.
- Installed more than 2,200 free smoke detectors in homes and worked with families to create fire-evacuation plans. 357 of these smoke detectors were installed for your friends and neighbors throughout Northern Vermont, and we're working hard to install even more.
- Connected 628 military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department, including 11 Caledonia County veterans, residents who are currently serving, and their families.
- Proudly maintained an efficiency rating of 91%, meaning .91 cents of every dollar goes directly to support the programs and services provided by the American Red Cross.

Since the Red Cross is not a government agency, we rely on individuals, businesses and local communities to support our efforts in helping to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. Toward that end, we are asking each community for a donation to support our work. We would greatly appreciate your support in the amount of \$250.00 for the next year. Your partnership will help ensure that the American Red Cross has the resources to support communities throughout Vermont and New Hampshire when they need it most.

If you or someone you know experiences a fire, flood or other disaster and needs assistance, please call (802) 660-9130 option 1, anytime 24/7.

Sincerely,

Rachel Zellem
Development Specialist

For 2018 Town Report
Barnet Historical Society

It has been a busy for the Barnet Historical Society. At the organizational meeting last fall officers were elected and committees were formed for various tasks to ensure that the BHS Mission is well served.

In addition to winterizing our collection and closing down the building for the year, November found us planning for improvements of the Goodwillie House. We continue to work on new displays and interpretive signs for the town's 226 year old historical landmark. This year we added to the items in the heritage room on the second floor, in order to provide a space for research materials on and about our community. We have also added to our "schoolroom" display, created new interpretive signs, and we have begun to discuss the idea of opening a portion of the second floor ceiling in order to expose the original roof construction. We have also begun to discuss several big projects to improve the basement of the building including the possibility of recreating what we believe was the original "summer kitchen."

Outside we began the long job of re-caulking all of the Goodwillie building's windows. We have also been improving the grounds around the building by clearing over-grown areas, and opening the views to the building.

We had several open houses this year, including several private tours. Visitors from all over the country have come to the Goodwillie house, as well as friends and neighbors from our own community.

Your Barnet Historical Society published two newsletters, continued in our never-ending cataloging efforts, and received additional items to our collection.

With the possibility of a new town office location, the Historical Society will be able to better preserve and display our amazing collection of artifacts from our past.

This coming year will mark the 50th anniversary of the Barnet Historical Society. We look forward to additional improvements to the building, and to the further preservation and presentation of our collection as we seek to serve the history of the community via the showpiece of the wonderful Goodwillie House.

JohnFairchild, President

Caledonia Home Health & Hospice
Visit Statistics for 2018 Town Appropriations

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice (CHHC) is Northern Counties Health Care's (NCHC) certified Medicare and Medicaid comprehensive Home Care and Hospice division.

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice has proudly served the residents of Caledonia and Southern Essex counties since 1968. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families by providing compassionate, accessible and affordable patient-centered health services to our community.

In the last year, Caledonia Home Health and Hospice was honored to provide 636 visits to the town residents of Barnet, VT. Our staff visited 42 homes of community members living in the Barnet area.

While working with residents, we provided physical, occupational, and speech therapies. We provided skilled nursing, medical social work, personal care attendants, and even home makers. We work together with primary care physicians so that care is specific and structured to treatment goals.

2018 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics Barnet, VT

- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW) = **411 visits**
- Maternal Child Health= **51 visits**
- Hospice (Nursing, Therapy, Personal Care, Respite) = **97 visits**
- Long Term Care (Case Management, Personal Care, Respite) = **77 visits**

Total Visits in Barnet, VT = 636 visits

Testimonials

"In the past 11 years of my care giving, home health has been my support at all times. They are the best! I could not have done it without them... I'm glad to have them on my side. They are a great team. We need more like them."

"My Physical Therapist and Nurse were methodical, practical, and explained things to me in terms I could understand. They were friendly, courteous, good listeners, and punctual as well as professional."

"The staff is very kind and caring. They make you feel good by the way they treat you as a friend and not a patient. They are on time and call 1st to let you us know they are coming. Very knowledgeable in all areas of healthcare. Thank you!"

"People from home health care agency were kind, communicative, thoughtful, and patient. Nothing but good thoughts for those people."



Caledonia Essex Area Ambulance Service Inc.
2017 Town Report
Barnet
2017 CALEX Responses 94

Compassionate professionals delivering the highest quality emergency medicine, specialty care, and training to our providers and communities.

2017 was yet again a very busy year providing Emergency Services in our region. CALEX continues to provide the highest quality of pre hospital care to all the towns we serve providing 911 coverage at the Paramedic level 24/7/365. Serving 12 towns in Vermont & New Hampshire – Saint Johnsbury, Waterford, Barnet, Concord, Kirby, Victory, Danville, Peacham, Walden and in New Hampshire – Littleton, Sugar Hill, Easton.

Our volumes continue to rise overall for our system. We are slightly up in Barnet last year 90 responses this year 94. Our average response time to the scene for our entire service area in our VT operation is six minutes and 24 secs. Overall for our agency we both VT & NH we responded to 3,852 up from 3,667 responses over last year. CALEX provided 808 inter-facility transports throughout the year. Over 450 transfers were long distance which requires additional staffing hours to maintain adequate 911 coverage while the transferring crew is on the road. Average time for transfer to our tertiary care centers such as DHMC and UVMMC is 3-4 hours round trip. Many days we do several long distance transfers of patients requiring a higher level of care. We operate 6 Ambulances and our overall fleet mileage for 2017 was 143,744, average of 393 miles per day. We have started replacing some of our aging fleet of ambulances this year replacing another unit with a refurbished Osage box built on a new 2017 F-350. This unit saved us over \$45,000 as compared to a new one which costs anywhere between \$160,000-180,000.

We have begun discussions with all of our communities about switching over to contracts vs special appropriations. While some towns have fully supported this concept, others have been hesitant to take the choice away from the voter. I feel strongly we are a vital to public safety and we are an essential service to our communities. Similar to the Police Dept, Fire Dept, Highway Dept these are services we must support and provide within the town budget. CALEX is no longer a volunteer service, we are employer of 21 full-time & 18 per diem professional EMT, AEMT, Paramedic providers as well as Administrative staff. As you can see from our volumes above, we are busy. Our crews are working 24/7/365 to provide the very best pre hospital care as well as to provide you or your loved one to a higher level of care such as DHMC or UVMMC if needed. Emergency Medical Services is vital to our community and we need your support to maintain the high costs of provide necessary services. Unfortunately, due to the lack of insurance reimbursements, self-pay, along with high percentages of non-transports that are non-billable this creates increased costs of providing services. In 2017 we responded to over 600 911 calls for help that did not require transport to the hospital. These are situations such as falls with no injury, medical alarms, motor vehicle accidents without injury and other minor emergency that do not require transport to the hospital. We cannot bill for these responses, yet it is a "cost of readiness" to be available at a moment's notice to respond when needed. With our rising volume of both 911 and inter-facility transfers, CALEX has developed rapidly into the transition of a full-time based service. We are steadily seeing increases each year in our volumes for service both 911 and inter-facility transports.

As we look around to other similar towns across the state, CALEX even with our proposed increases over the next 3 years, we are far below what other towns are paying and some of these services do not provide the level of care we do. These per capita rates range from \$19.00 per capita to as high as \$60.00 per capita.

CALEX St. Johnsbury continues to serve as the area's American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Public Training Center. Classes are offered monthly to the public, they can also be arranged to be held privately, and are also held for large and small businesses throughout the Kingdom. For more information you can visit us at www.calexambulance.org. You can also sign up today to take a course and learn CPR / 1st aid.

As we end 2017, I look forward to another successful year of providing the very best of pre hospital care to our communities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced team providing care for when it is needed to anyone who may need our service in the communities we serve. We hope you will continue to support us and approve our funding requests so we can continue providing the very best Emergency Medical Care to the region.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our staff, their families, and the CALEX Board of Directors and our dedicated dispatchers for their continued support and dedication to the Agency's mission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Wright, NRP
Chief Executive Officer

Catamount Arts 2017

The residents and voters of Barnet played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts during 2017. Through the support at Town Meeting and by attending many of the films and performances offered throughout the year, the citizens of Barnet helped to keep the Arts vital and available to all of the residents of the Northeast Kingdom.

In the past year, Catamount has invited and encouraged the residents of Barnet to participate in many of its community offerings, including the Community Film Series, Independent Lens, the free Children's Summer Film Festival and gallery exhibits and receptions. In the Summer of 2017, thousands of residents found themselves on top of Dog Mountain each Sunday where Catamount Arts offered 10 free concerts in a music series. These free events were funded in large measure through appropriations from communities in our area.

During 2017, Catamount Arts was able to present more than 200 films and 100 live performances, in large measure due to the generosity of the voters of Barnet. Your appropriations helped to underwrite the costs of these presentations as well as helping Catamount pay for such general operating expenses as heating and electricity.

As part of our mission to promote lifelong community engagement in the arts, Catamount Arts offers a wide range of classes, workshops and camps for people of all ages. Learning opportunities at Catamount range from conga drumming, Claymation, and bookbinding, to tango, French and filmmaking. Catamount Arts partners with local elementary, middle and high schools to provide in-school and out-of-school creative learning activities. This year, inspired by El Sistema, Catamount Arts partnered with Northeast Kingdom Community Orchestra, Northeast Kingdom Classical Series, and the St. Johnsbury School District to pilot our EPIC Music program, which provides free music instruction (currently violin) to students in grades 1-5. We also partner with local Head Start programs to provide arts integration activities and professional development for teachers. In addition, more than 4,500 students and teachers enjoy shows by professional performers in our School-Time Performance series.

With the continuing growth of its many cultural offerings and Arts Education program, Catamount and its patrons also directly and indirectly contribute more than \$1,500,000 each year to the local economy while also securing a meeting space for local Masons for generations to come.



December 14, 2017

Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk
Town of Barnet
PO Box 15
Barnet VT 05821

Dear Mr. Heisholt:

The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2018 warning for Barnet Town Meeting:

"Shall the Town vote the sum of \$1,700 to support the operation of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Barnet residents?"

The Fairbanks Museum invites Barnet residents to take full advantage of their unlimited free general admission to the Museum to explore the nature, beauty, and wonders of our world. Your municipal appropriation provides essential support for the care of the Museum's historic building and the maintenance and exhibition of the most extraordinary educational collections in northern New England. These are among our region's most prized assets. Each year the Museum offers new opportunities for exploration and discovery, so do come for a visit! In 2018, the Museum will be powered with 90% renewables, energized with new hands-on science exhibits, and will once again open our exquisite native butterfly house for visitors to enjoy. As you know, the Museum also is fully engaged in community economic, educational, and cultural development initiatives and contributes significantly to the attraction of visitors to our region.

The Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers of the Museum are tremendously grateful for the support, encouragement, and collaborative planning that have marked the Northeast Kingdom's relationship with the Museum. We hope that the Museum, in turn, delivers services, programs, and a commitment to community development that benefit Barnet's residents and visitors of all ages and contribute to Barnet's remarkable quality of life.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Kane".

Adam Kane, Executive Director



Shall the Town of Barnet vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of Kingdom Animal Shelter to provide services to residents of the Town?

KINGDOM ANIMAL SHELTER MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of the Kingdom Animal Shelter is to facilitate the placement of stray and unwanted animals and pets in desirable homes; to establish and maintain an animal shelter and associated procedures that promote health, care and handling; and to prevent overpopulation and the prevention of cruelty to animals. The animals in our care, our guests, are never euthanized merely because we lack space or because the animal's stay with us has exceeded a predefined amount of time.

Kingdom Animal Shelter, Inc., is an **all-volunteer, no-kill, non-profit** 501[c]3 organization incorporated in 2003. We are a proud member of the Vermont Humane Federation, the HSUS (Humane Society of the United States), the ASPCA, the New England Federation of Humane Societies, and Best Friends.

We provide many services to the area, including accepting stray and unwanted cats to our shelter, rescues from abusive and hoarding situations, and trap/neuter/release (TNR) of feral and barn cats, a serious and ongoing problem in the communities we serve. We take in cats from St. Johnsbury, Lyndonville, Barnet, Peacham, Danville, Groton, Waterford, Concord, Kirby, Cabot, Hardwick, Sheffield, Burke and Ryegate. In 2017 we have checked in 165 cats and found homes for 134 of them as of December 4. We work with area schools to raise awareness of the importance of spay/neuter programs and the responsibilities of pet ownership. **We take, on average, calls from Barnet each year to help 2-5 cats. Each cat that comes to the shelter costs roughly \$300-\$500 for vaccinations, testing, spay/neuter, other medical treatment, food, and lodging.**

The cats in our care are with us until they are adopted. During their stay they are lovingly cared for, played with and socialized by our many volunteers. Any medical needs are tended to promptly and the cats are provided with vaccinations as appropriate. They are spayed or neutered, or a voucher provided for those who are adopted before they are of age. We welcome cats of a wide variety of ages, colors, and personality types.

Our volunteers work tirelessly to raise the funds necessary to meet our annual budget of approximately \$62,000 which pays for veterinary bills, food, rent, utilities, and supplies. Ongoing fundraising efforts include yard and bake sales, a calendar, raffles, and more. We also participate in and organize many community events in the area such as spay/neuter clinics, Subaru's *Share the Love*, Autumn on the Green, Cinco de Meow, Dime-a-Dip, St. Johnsbury Pet Parade/Bark in the Park, and others.

We operate with no federal or state funding, which means we depend on the generosity of towns and individuals to meet our operating expenses. We're asking for a contribution of \$500 (**unchanged from last year's request**) to assist us in our mission of finding homes for unwanted or abandoned cats, and providing quality care and a safe, clean shelter for our cats until they are adopted. We welcome any assistance given to help our animals in need. We greatly appreciate your interest and support.

Kingdom Animal Shelter Board of Directors:

Helen Morrison--President, Nancy Rivet, Klari Emmons, Rod Lauman, David Gile, Jennifer Smith, Deb Moore

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www.kingdomanimalshelter.com



For over 35 years, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging has been a trusted resource for older Vermonters to age in place. The Council on Aging is the go-to place for older Vermonters to gain assistance for aging well in their communities. We offer a Senior Helpline, health insurance counseling, staff specially trained to help people develop long range planning as they age, caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support in aging in place, as well as assistance applying for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs. Our nutrition programs partially fund meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal aid we provide solutions for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. In addition, our work is supplemented by 300 volunteers who serve as Senior Companions, Meals on Wheels drivers, lead wellness programs and assist people in their homes.

During this past year 122 residents of Barnet used the services of our organization to meet their needs. People called our Helpline for assistance with caregiving, programs like 3SqVt, Medicaid and Medicare, fuel assistance, transportation and many other topics.

We sincerely thank the residents of Barnet for their continued support to make a difference in the lives of the residents who are often the most vulnerable. As a private non-profit we are able to remain independent and put the focus on the consumers who need unbiased assistance.

We're just a call away... 800-642-5119

Meg Burmeister
Executive Director

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Serving the NEK
since 1960

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. (NKHS)

Annual Fiscal Year Summary: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

The mission of NKHS is to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives.

Emergency/crisis intervention care at NKHS is utilized 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Thank you, **Town of Barnet** voters, for your **\$1775.00** appropriation support last year toward our emergency/crisis services to residents in need in the NEK. The Emergency Services team responded to serve **506** individuals in fiscal year 2017. Family and friends of these individuals benefited from the support as well. Some of those responses were provided by the Embedded Emergency Crisis Services team dedicated to work alongside law enforcement responding to crisis situations at homes, businesses, barracks, and/or hospitals. Law enforcement and community members agree the positive impact embedded mental health crisis workers provide while responding directly to a scene or situation is invaluable. When unexpected tragic events occurred, our Specialty Team provided support at schools and businesses about how to deal with sudden grief and loss in the community.

NKHS served **59** individuals last year from the **Town of Barnet** out of a total of **3580**. Individuals utilized supports and programs in homes, schools, NKHS offices, and in the communities of the NEK. We could not do this without our 500+ dedicated employees, 13 of these from your town. As a 501(c)(3) private not-for-profit organization, our volunteer Board of Directors and Program Standing Committees provided oversight to support the agency's belief that human services should be cost effective, available to all no matter their age or ability to pay, and responsive to the needs of our local communities.

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

Sincerely,

Carol Boucher
Interim Executive Director

Mark Whitworth
President, Board of Directors

We're all about being human.

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services

NEKLS began with one woman, Eva Warner, teaching area residents to read at their kitchen table. It is *so much more* almost 50 years later.

It is our mission to inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond.

- **The High School Completion Program (HSCP)** collaborates with local schools to provide a path to a high school diploma for anyone 16 or older. Program participants may have left school or may still be enrolled in their partnering high school. **In FY 2017, NEKLS in collaboration with partnering high schools awarded 74 high school diplomas** in the tri-county region.
- **The General Educational Development Program (GED)** leads to a high school diploma equivalency. **In FY 2017, NEKLS awarded 21 GED's** in the tri-county region.
- **Adult Education and Literacy Programs** served **293 students for more than 9,649 hours in FY 2017 in the tri-county region.** In addition to HSCP and GED services, our teachers provided math, reading and writing skill development, job skills development, computer literacy and support in students' transition to work or college.
- NEKLS teaches English as a second or other language (**English for Speakers of Other Languages**) to students from around the world who have come to settle in our beautiful Northeast Kingdom. **In FY 2017, NEKLS served 8 ESOL students in the tri-county region.**
- NEKLS Community Learning Centers offer **group and individual computer training.** In addition to computer classes, an average of **81 community members a month** access email, search the web, perform job searches, complete online job applications, or apply for unemployment benefits at the **five Community Learning Centers in the tri-county region.**
- **Children's Integrated Services (CIS)** is Vermont's comprehensive approach to provide child development and family support services. **In FY 2017, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services Early Intervention and Family Support Specialists received over 300 referrals to EI and Family Support services.**
- **The Tutorial Program** provides one-on-one and group instruction to K-12 students at any number of locations including area libraries and town halls. **In FY 2017, NEKLS served 65 K-12 students in the tri-county region.**
- NEKLS also provides **prevention programming** aimed at reducing underage alcohol and tobacco use. **In FY 2017, NEKLS worked closely with the Newport Rotary Club and other community partners, along with grassroots organizations NEK End Addiction and NEK Stand Strong to address the area's opioid epidemic. These efforts resulted in a presentation by Brandon Novak at North Country Union High School, the Conversations of Hope panel discussion, and the Opioid Overdose Awareness & Memorial Walk.**

NEKLS has a staff of 57 dedicated professionals committed to serving the needs of the Northeast Kingdom. Please contact us at 1-844-GO NEKLS (466-3557) if you or someone you know has need of our services or at info@neklsvt.org.

Thank you for your generous support!

Town Report Summary

2017 NEKYS Served 70 in Barnet

***NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975
In 2017 NEKYS served 3160 individuals throughout Caledonia and Essex Counties***

NEKYS Family Programs Provide:

- Staff is available 24 hours/7days a week to support youth, families, and individuals.
- Supportive counseling for youth and families, case management, support for youth and families within their schools, and family mediation.
- Outdoor adventure opportunities that include kayaking, canoeing, hiking, swimming, and mountain climbing. The group works on learning coping skills and self-care strategies.
- Adult mentors once a week in the school for at-risk students in the 1st-8th grade. Adult mentors establish supportive relationships that result in improved academic performance and positive life choices.
- Summer Central Scholarship program offering scholarships for children to attend summer activities they otherwise could not afford.

NEKYS Youth Program Include:

- Staff is available 24 hours/7days a week to support youth, families, and individuals.
- Support to local young people ages 15-22 that are homeless or at risk of homelessness; have current or past involvement with foster care; are pregnant and/or parenting; experiencing mental health issues; struggling with substance abuse; have current or past involvement with the criminal justice system.
- Programs that utilize a positive youth development, trauma-informed approach that is tailored to meet the needs of young people. Encouragement for each young person is to identify their strengths and achieve goals related to housing, education, employment, and life skills.
- Access to short-term and long-term housing support that addresses the complex needs of young adults who are 18-22 years old. Young adults receive support which include in-home case management, rental assistance, landlord mediation, job skill development, and educational advancement support.

NEKYS Restorative Justice Programs Include:

- A voluntary and confidential alternative to court proceedings for individuals ages 10 through adult.
- Programs based on restorative justice practices that give the person who violates the law the opportunity to identify and repair the harm done to the victim, the community, and themselves.
- Opportunity for the individual who completes the requirements of the program to have his or her case closed in the legal system.
- Help for individuals to regain their driver's license while they pay off their fines and fees.
- Support for 16 to 21 year old youth who are referred to the program after receiving a notice to report from a police officer for possession and/or consumption of alcohol or marijuana.
- Assistance for youth ages 10 through 22 who have been adjudicated in Family Court, are on probation and require additional support by the Department for Children and Families.
- Pretrial Services – a new program involving risk assessment and needs screening.
- Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) – works with adjudicated youth to reduce/eliminate repeat offenses; works with at-risk youth using prevention techniques to keep them out of the juvenile justice system; truancy work with school systems.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services is a private, non-profit agency governed by a community-based, volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts, and appropriations from the towns we serve to continue our mission. Thank you for supporting families in our community. Please call our office at 748-8732 if you have any questions or concerns.

Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1677 Industrial Parkway
Lyndonville, VT 05851
Phone: 748-8170; Fax 751-8349

Town of Barnet
1743 US Route 5 South
PO Box 15
Barnet, VT 05821

Date: October 18, 2017

Re: Town Appropriation

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March 2018 for an appropriation in the amount of \$1,100.00. This is the same amount that was requested and appropriated last year.

RCT has been providing service in your community for over twenty five years and must reach out again for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community.

RCT is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public through a van/bus and volunteer service.

RCT transports people to, adult-day service facilities, senior meal sites and necessary medical treatments such as, dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical needs and other appointments. Last year RCT provided 266,776 rides throughout our service area.

RCT provided 22 Barnet residents with 990 trips travelling 31,066 miles at a cost of \$17,776; for an average cost of \$17.96 per trip.

We hope you will be able to assist us with this request and we look forward to continuing our service that is needed by the members in your community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Mary Grant

Mary Grant
Executive Director



Report of 2017 Activity for Barnet
Town Appropriation Request: \$ 1200

Umbrella exists to ensure that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties offer safety, support and options for self-determination to women and families. To this end, we provide the following services:

The Advocacy Program is the essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. We meet the needs of victims in crisis while also offering preventative programming to local schools and youth groups with a focus on gender respect, consent, and healthy relationships. **In 2017 we:**

- supported at least 683 individuals with direct advocacy
- housed 29 adults and 23 children in our shelter for a total of 2427 bed-nights
- reached 500 adults and 1,000 youth with our prevention programming

Kingdom Child Care Connection is the community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and Southern Essex counties. We are responsible for helping families find and pay for high-quality child care services while also increasing the availability and quality of child development services through professional development opportunities and targeted programmatic supports. **In 2017 we:**

- connected 479 families with the Child Care Financial Assistance Program
- offered 25 professional development opportunities to 77+ child care providers to ensure the people responsible for taking care of our youngest citizens have the tools and resources they need to do their best.

The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. **Last year we helped 75 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent.** Additional services such as therapeutic visitation, parenting education, and mediation can also be arranged in order to help families address their unique goals and needs.

Cornucopia is geared towards helping women-in-transition achieve economic self-sufficiency. This 17-week job-skills training program introduces women to the culinary arts as they prepare Meals-on-Wheels for Newport-area seniors. After completing the program women are assisted with securing employment with a local business, in a position that fits their individual strengths and interests. **To date, Cornucopia has provided over 31,000 nutritionally-balanced meals to Newport-area seniors and empowered 10 women through hands-on culinary and hospitality training.**

Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. **At least 20 households in Barnet and 2 child care providers were served directly by Umbrella in 2017,** and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs at schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals. Community support is critical to sustaining our programming and discovering innovative new approaches to the work we do. We are deeply grateful for Barnet's support.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee A.K. Swain
Executive Director

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

Request Amount: \$280.00

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'17 (10/2016-9/2017) VCIL responded to over **3,000** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **358** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **13** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **165** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **80** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **98** individuals with information on assistive technology; **45** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **534** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **49** people and provided **22** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

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

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

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

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

January 2, 2018

To: Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 15
Barnet, Vt. 05821

From: West Barnet Sr. Meal Site
P.O. Box 134
Barnet, Vt. 05821

Dear Friends,

Our meal site continues to be well attended with more than 10,000 meals served again this year, including both at the site and home delivered. We are grateful that our organization benefits so many in our communities.

We hope we can continue, as many of the people we serve are some of the most vulnerable both physically and financially. We would greatly appreciate your support again this year for our organization, and thank you in advance for that continued support.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David L. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent.

David Anderson, President

West Barnet Meal Site

Board of Directors

Section 7

Reports of Other Recipients of Town Funds

DEAN SHATNEY, SHERIFF
CALEDONIA COUNTY
1126 MAIN STREET SUITE 2
ST. JOHNSBURY, VT 05819
802-748-6666 FAX 802-748-1684
E-MAIL: dean.shatney@caledoniasheriff.net

ANNUAL REPORT

For 2017

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

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

Sincerely,
Sheriff Dean Shatney

2017 LAKE HARVEY BOAT MONITOR REPORT – Kathy Wirthwein

2017 monitoring began Friday May 26 before Memorial Day weekend and was ongoing 7 AM to 7 PM every day until September 10, the Sunday after Labor Day weekend. We then worked the busiest hours of 2 warm weather weekends. In addition to the statistics below we monitored 23 visitors including 3 from milfoil infested lakes.

The 2017 678 boat total included 550 visiting groups. 280 of the boats were kayaks brought by about 149 visiting groups. Many kayaks come in pairs or groups. □ In 2010 to 2015 we monitored 644 to 851 boats, plus 836 in 2016 with 665 vehicles. Among our 550 visiting groups almost 300 were last in Harvey's Lake either this year or last. The least risky visitors also included 40 new or first use boats.

Boaters came here from at least 70 different bodies of water. Almost all most off-the-beaten-track water bodies were visited by the kayaks or canoes. Twelve boats (up from 8 last year) came from Lake Champlain, which contains every aquatic nuisance. Four came from nearby Ticklenaked Pond, which now has milfoil. Other milfoil threats included Willoughby (11), Morey (3), Fairlee (5), Halls Pond (6), Memphremagog (5), Echo (4), and single boats from Fern Lake, Berlin Pond, and Shadow. The Connecticut River or Comerford Dam were used by about 20 boats. We need to watch the Connecticut River because it connects various lakes, and rivers flow.

This year the List of Vermont Water Bodies known to have “aquatic invasive species infestations” was updated May 2017. The Eurasian watermilfoil total is up by 1 to 98. There is now a long list of plants or animals termed “aquatic nuisance”. It is my personal observation that surprisingly few invasive species are listed in lakes not also containing milfoil. Were other previously dormant invasive species transported with the milfoil? Do the same (and changing) environments support many invasive species?

As of June 8, 2017, the Vermont legislature enacted new legislation regarding aquatic invasive species control. Four animals (Asian clam, Fishhook waterflea, rusty crayfish, spiny waterflea) have been added to the prohibited transport list. By law boat operators must visually inspect their own vessels and remove drain plugs, bailers, plugs (and all drainage control devices) while transporting a vessel. All draining of contained water must occur in a manner that avoids discharge into a water of the State. Boat inspection and decontamination is now mandatory at all authorized aquatic nuisance species inspection stations if a vessel is identified for decontamination. Additional training of people or stations monitoring boats will occur before summer of 2018. A key problem is that some invasive species can latch onto boats as invisible growth stages, especially the zebra mussels in Lake Champlain and Bomoseen. We have been instructing even kayak owners (because of sticky mud, and algae as well as milfoil) to clean boats between different lakes. Drying in the sun 5 days supposedly helps as well.

Meanwhile, this September, we noticed pollen-like blue-green algae (actually bacteria) slime floating next to shore on calm lake mornings during the heat wave. This “bacteria” (which exists everywhere) unpredictably releases toxins, and especially when monitored on Lake Champlain, may result in swimming areas temporarily being closed. A great reference is <http://digital.vpr.net/post/blue-green-algae-its-thing#stream/0>.

Our boaters are aware, conscientious and cooperative. Prevention is the only cure. We thank them for their part in keeping our waters pure. Go to the environmental link on our website www.lakeharvey.com for more information. Thank you for your support!

Executive Committee Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEKWMD Executive Committee



To the Voters of Barnet:

Since 1950, the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has been the regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. We are the only combined regional planning and economic development organization in Vermont, serving the largest geographic region of the state – the beautiful Northeast Kingdom.

Each year we request dues from our member communities. These funds are vital to us as they help defray the costs of providing direct assistance to the 50+ municipalities and scores of businesses in our region.

Local governance has become increasingly complex. NVDA has steadily expanded our service offerings, which now include, but are not limited to:

- Land use planning at the local and regional level – including town plans, zoning bylaws, and on-call technical assistance for local officials;
- Transportation studies, infrastructure inventories, and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS data services;
- Grant writing and administration for community and regional projects;
- Direct business support and referral services to employers in our region.
- Energy planning and water quality planning and implementation to help communities meet new statutory requirements;
- Emergency planning and assistance with flood hazard plans and regulations;
- Economic development planning to grow and strengthen businesses in our communities;
- Benchmarking and reporting for investments made in the region's USDA Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone – a program that has brought millions of dollars to the region;
- Maintaining a federal Foreign Trade Zone designation to improve the competitiveness of companies that import in our region;
- Municipal education and training opportunities for local officials.

How is this relevant to Barnet? In 2017, NVDA staff secured funding for an MPG grant to explore feasibility of locating town offices in McIndoe Academy, updated Barnet's Local Emergency Operations Plan and conducted a Road Erosion Inventory to comply with the Municipal Roads General Permit.

NVDA's municipal dues are based on a very affordable \$0.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$250. We take great pride in providing cost-effective professional services to the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom.

At our annual meeting Barnet was "confirmed" as a planning community by the NVDA board, which allows your community to benefit from a number of planning initiatives. We look forward to pursuing these opportunities with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2017 Overview
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 138 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

Local governments in Vermont provide essential services to residents and visitors alike. From maintaining roads to providing safety services, recreational programs, water and sewer infrastructure, street lighting, and libraries, the work carried out by appointed and elected officials and community volunteers is both critical and challenging. The demands on local government are complex and require resources that are not always available in every city, town or village in the state.

VLCT is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. The organization provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. VLCT represents cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and loudly, and also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities.

VLCT offers opportunities to purchase risk management products and services that directly meet the specific and specialized needs of local government through the VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust and the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF).

During the 2017 calendar year, in addition to providing responses to more than 3,700 telephone inquiries, holding 16 training sessions, and following approximately 300 separate pieces of legislation, 13 summer study committees, and developing VLCT's legislative platform with five municipal policy committees, VLCT celebrated its 50th anniversary. Throughout the year, VLCT recognized local officials and employees who have served a number of communities for 50 years, and highlighted some of the many successes of the organization and local government during the last 50 years. It was also an important year to look ahead, to consider new ideas, and to think about new programs and ways of delivering services to members that will address their changing needs in the coming years. VLCT launched a new website in June 2017 that, despite a few initial glitches, has functioned well and serves as a better connection point for members, thanks to consistent updates, new information, and easier navigation tools. VLCT has also moved the majority of its mission-critical IT systems to the "cloud" in an effort to provide more security for member information, greater protection against hacking attempts, and greater redundancy of access that will help the organization remain operational following a disaster scenario. The move to the cloud also reduces the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the continued progress being made in that effort. Members are welcome to visit the VLCT office anytime to review the operations of the organization, to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each individual official and employee carry out the important work of local government.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at www.vlct.org.

Section 8

Real Estate Transactions & Vital Records Reports

**Town of Barnet, Vermont
2017 Real Estate Transactions**

Date	Seller	Buyer	Description of Parcel
1/6/2017	Crane, Annie Boone	Alger, Fred & Frances	MHL Barnet Center Rd
1/12/2017	Ruggles, Lawrence G	Ruggles Trust	Dwl & land Roy Mtn Rd
1/17/2017	Bauman, John F	Bauman, John F Trust	Dwl & land Darling Ln
1/17/2017	Bauman, John F	Bauman, John F Trust	Dwl & land Garland Hill
1/23/2017	Barnet Hydro Company, LLC	Green Mountain Power Corporation	Bldgs & land US Rte 5 South
1/30/2017	Hartman, Ted E	Drews, Michael J & Jeanine G	Dwl & land Davidson Ln
2/10/2017	Andrews, David	Andrews, Timothy J etal	MHL off Mosquitoville Rd
2/15/2017	Abbotts, Philip S	Abbotts, Philip S & Deborah C	Dwl & land Bridge St
2/24/2017	Welch, Robert W	Welch, Robert W & Timothy	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
3/2/2017	Dugan, Susan R	Dugan, Susan Reis Rev Trust	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
3/8/2017	Berge, Wayne M	Case, Neko	MHL Groton Rd
3/8/2017	Somers, Hezzie & Marion	Duncan, Jonathan R & Papaleo, John Paul	Farm Somerhill Rd
3/15/2017	Conover, Marjorie W	Cartter, Christian & Butterfield, Dakota	Land County Hill Rd
3/16/2017	Roy, Bruce L & Catherine L	Roy, Moses L etal	Dwl & land Old West Rd
3/20/2017	P&G Farm Properties LLC	Hillside Farm, LLC	Farm Goodwillie Rd
3/20/2017	Roy, Bruce L & Catherine L	The Bruce L Roy & Catherine L Roy Family Trust	Land only Garland Hill
3/20/2017	Roy, Bruce L & Catherine L	The Bruce L Roy & Catherine L Roy Family Trust	Farm MacLeroy Ln
3/20/2017	Roy, Bruce L & Catherine L	The Bruce L Roy & Catherine L Roy Family Trust	Land only US Rte 5 South
3/22/2017	Byford, Judith M & Broderick, Janet M	Zevon, Crystal A Trustee	Dwl & land West Main St
4/7/2017	Zindel, Carol A, Amended & Rev Trust	Zindel-Lauterbach, Laura & Zindel, William	Dwl & land Pavilion Ln
5/4/2017	Gombas, Frederick A	Gombas, Sharon L etal	Dwl & land Morrison Hill
5/15/2017	Hale, Michael G & Margaret C	Hale, Daniel M & Lea M	Land only Gunnar Ln
6/5/2017	Belyea, Peter B & Wanda J	Dunbar, Chad W & Garry W	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
6/8/2017	Quinn, Norah M	Quinn, Norah & Bean, Jennifer A	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
6/20/2017	Achilles, Wayne K	Bank of NY Mellon	Dwl & land Schoolhouse Rd
6/20/2017	Salisbury, Dwayne A & Arcelina B	Wells Fargo Bank, NA	Dwl & land US Rte 5 So
6/21/2017	Morrison Family Trust	Cornelius, Karla M Rev Trust	Land only Harvey Mtn Rd
6/23/2017	Ovitt, Ann	Ovitt, Ann & Soos, Anthony M	Dwl & land County Rd
6/27/2017	Fogg, Alan G & Lorna C	Fresh Water Industries, Inc.	Dwl & land Old Carrick Ln
6/30/2017	Burke, Bruce & Eileen J	Pinto, Pamela J	Dwl & land Morrison Hill Rd.
7/3/2017	Rossi, Robert & Wanda	Haase-Dubosc, Gerard evocable Trust	Dwl & land Harvey Mtn Rd
7/5/2017	Picard, Omer J & Barbara J	Quimby, Jennifer	Dwl & land Comerford Dam Rd
7/6/2017	Wagner, Peter	Kelley, Peter J & Lynn	Dwl & land Darling Lane
7/19/2017	Walls, Toby L & Sarah R	Brugmann, James E & Curtis, Mildred B	Dwl & land Garland Hill Rd
7/19/2017	Bandy, Mabel E Estate	Gibson, Michael H & Francois, Belinda A	Dwl & land Anderson Street
7/25/2017	Perez, Julio & Denise	Schwien Perez, Denise	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South

Date	Seller	Buyer	Description of Parcel
7/25/2017	Calcagni, Alex & Renee	Schwieh-Perez, Denise	Land only US Rte 5 South
8/3/2017	Wells Fargo Bank NA	United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
8/7/2017	Dean, Jane M	Fournier, Shane R & Brown, Melissa E	MHL Smith Road
8/8/2017	Fournier, Richard	Pechaski, William & Judith G	MHL US Rte 5 South
8/14/2017	Ehrlich-Ingraham Family Trust	Jul 2 Land Stewardship LLC	Land only Little Scotland Rd
8/17/2017	Glentz-Brush, David C & Kelly A	Williams, Lassiter M	Dwl & land Harvey Mtn Rd
8/28/2017	Gould, Thomas & Susannah R	Swartz, Cynthia A	Land only Old West Rd
8/28/2017	Abbotts, Philip S & Deborah C	Dwyer, Bruce E	Dwl & land Bridge St
9/5/2017	Martland, Agatha M	Martland, Agatha M. Revocable	Dwl & land McLaren Hill Rd
9/12/2017	Fischer, John W	May, Jordan Brewer	MHL Roy Mountain Rd
9/13/2017	Ehrlich-Ingraham Family Revoc Trust	Young, Dana & Larney-Young, Kathleen	Farm & land Stuart Lane
9/19/2017	Evans, Jason K & Joyce C	Del Pozzo, Theresa	Small warehouse Bridge St.
9/21/2017	Ralph's Barn, LLC	Bushey, Louis & Melissa	Land only Harvey Mtn Rd
9/22/2017	Chase, Wayne C & Jean R	Dennison, Kelly & Varnum, Mack J	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
9/27/2017	McLaren, Robert D etal	Walley, Robert	Dwl & land Church St
10/2/2017	Secretary of Veterans Affairs	Flanders, Kevin	Dwl & land Sunnyside Lane
10/2/2017	McLaren, Jeanne Estate	McLaren, Robert D etal	Dwl & land Church St
10/3/2017	Sussman, Kenneth etal	Roy, Gary C Jr & Bobbie J	Land only Little France Rd
10/5/2017	Whitehill, Dennis J	Whitehill, Dennis J & Sheryl	Land only US Rte 5 North
10/5/2017	Whitehill, Dennis J	Whitehill, Dennis J & Sheryl	Land only US Rte 5 North
10/5/2017	Stewart, LauraJean	Stewart, LauraJean & Jack	Dwl & land Monument Circle
10/13/2017	Olsen, Gordon etal	Stynes, James T & Charlotte L	Dwl & land Woodland Lane
10/16/2017	Machell, Rodney L & Vicki L	Gajka, Cheryl A etal	Dwl & land Granger St
10/24/2017	Dunbar, Carrie S etal	Somers, Gilmore K Jr	Dwl & land Mosquitoville Rd
10/25/2017	Grady, William T & Lorna L Trust	Grady, Brian L	Dwl & land 997 Harvey Mtn Rd
10/27/2017	Pierce, George E & Doris L	Pierce, George E & Doris L Rev Trust	Dwl & land Pavilion Lane
10/27/2017	Pierce, George E & Doris L	Pierce, George E & Doris L Rev Trust	Land only Mosquitoville Rd
11/3/2017	Cesare, Beth A Estate	Phelps, Ethan R	Land only Demaio Lane
11/6/2017	Christie, Kevin Jay	Swanson, Candace E	Dwl & land Mosquitoville Rd
11/6/2017	Barnet, Town of Tax Collector	Bean, Jeffrey A	Land only Ferguson Rd
11/13/2017	Stevenson, Richard & Paula	Roy, Lane J & Angel M	Dwl & land Anderson St
11/16/2017	Cicerchia, Phyllis	Murphy, Matthew G & Mary Lisa G	Dwl & land Stetson Lane
11/17/2017	Stanton, Alexandra B	Stanton-Craven, Sascha	Dwl & land Morrison Hill
11/27/2017	Secretary of Veterans Affairs	Shattuck, Patrick M	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
12/14/2017	Weidmann, Janet E Estate	Stevenson, Shane	Dwl & land West Main St
12/15/2017	Bailey, Marvin O & Virginia S	Bailey, Daniel M etal	Dwl & land Us Rte 5 North
12/15/2017	Bailey, Marvin O & Virginia S	Bailey, Paul D	Land only Little France Rd.
12/18/2017	Stetson, Doris Revoc Trust	Perillo, Mary Ellen	Dwl & land Stetson Lane
12/18/2017	Bourgoin, Sandra M & Roland J	Somers, Gilmore K Jr & Cora C	MHL Mosquitoville Rd
12/19/2017	Patoine, Paul A & Annie L	Roy, Lane J & Angel M	Land only Anderson St

Date	Seller	Buyer	Description of Parcel
12/20/2017	Whitehill, Sheryl	Bunnell, Trevor etal	Land only US Rte 5 North
12/20/2017	Bunnell, William	Guibord, Justin etal	Easement off County Hill Rd
12/22/2017	Tilden, Nancy Jean Estate	Knights, Kevin M , Cody D & Serena A	Land only Knights Lane
12/22/2017	Knights, Roderick etal	Knights, Kevin M , Cody D & Serena A	Land only Knights Lane
12/26/2017	Narey, Joyce	Calamaio, Craig & Barabara	Land only US Rte 5 North
12/26/2017	Calamaio, Craig & Barbara	Narey, Joyce	Land only US Rte 5 North
12/27/2017	Faris, Aline T Estate	Faris, Theodore G	Dwl & land Mosquitoville Rd
12/29/2017	Roy, Lane J	Roy, Lane J & Angel M	Dwl & land Brook Hill Rd

2017 Vital Records

Births

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth	Father	Mother
Cates	Brantley	James	2/23/2017	Willey, Zachary Roy	Cates, Shanna Marie
Cohen	Everett	Russell	3/4/2017	Cohen, Tomas Alfredo	Cohen, Hillary Ann
Morgan	Dennis	Joseph III	3/23/2017	Morgan, Dennis Joseph II	Conklin, Catherine Anne
Kohl	Enkidu	Luigi	4/8/2017	Kohl, Jereme Alan	Kohl, Melissa Laurita
Smith	Hazel	Jeanne	7/7/2017	Smith, Matthew Emerson	Babcock, Amanda Marie
Roy	Evan	Francis	11/2/2017	Roy, Randy Gordon	Wood, Susan Kendal
Kendall	Kaeson	Roger	11/4/2017	Kendall, Kevin Ernest	Kendall, Tiffany Jane
Sherman	Lukas	Scott Emond	11/17/2017	Sherman, Scott Michael Stetson	Emond, Desiree Alice
Bourbeau	Cordelia	Mary	12/27/2017	Bourbeau, Shawn Paul	Bourbeau, Eleanor Noonan

Deaths

Last Name	First Name	Date of Death	Residence
Larocque	Leigh B	3/26/2017	Barnet
Somers	Gilmore Kenneth Sr.	4/6/2017	Mosquitoville
Shields	Arlene Betsy	4/17/2017	Barnet
Lowell	Thomas Allen	4/30/2017	Barnet
Sturgeon	James Edward	5/2017	Concord, VT
Bailey	Richard Charles	7/11/2017	McIndoes
LaBounty	Raymond Leo III	8/2017	St. Johnsbury
Hayes	Norma Jean	9/9/2017	Barnet
Prevost	Deborah Emmons	9/21/2017	Barnet
Larocque	Cortney Elizabeth	10/21/2017	Barnet
Warden	Barbara Lee	11/6/2017	Barnet Center
Jones	Patricia Helen	11/8/2017	West Barnet
Gombas	Frederick Allen	12/15/2017	Barnet

Civil Marriages

Applicant A	Residence of Applicant A	Applicant B	Residence of Applicant B	Date
Conklin, Catherine Anne	Barnet, VT	Morgan, Dennis Joseph Jr	Barnet, VT	7/6/2017
Neal, Hilary Anne	Barnet, VT	Walter, Wesly Michael	Barnet, VT	7/15/2017
Locke, Christina Marie	Oakland, CA	Iveli, Thomas Mackey	Oakland, CA	7/22/2017
Deming, Richard Allen	Barnet, VT	Dimick-Parker, Amanda Sue	Barnet, VT	8/19/2017
Gilmour, Richard D	Barnet, VT	Sinclair, Sharon G	Barnet, VT	9/3/2017
Benedict, Sarah Caroline	Barnet, VT	Lumbra, Skyler Edward	Barnet, VT	9/2/2017
Stone, Linwood Faris	Barnet, VT	Goss, Connie Claire	Barnet, VT	9/16/2017
Meacham, Emily Paula	Barnet, VT	Morin, Douglas Frederick	Barnet, VT	9/30/2017
McLam, Dennis Dean	Barnet, VT	Page, Jeanne Marie	Barnet, VT	10/7/2017
Morrison, Greg Anthony	Barnet, VT	Davis, Robyn Lillian	Peacham, VT	10/7/2017

Note: Not all births, deaths and marriages involving residents of Barnet, Vermont are reported here. Events occurring out of state are not reported unless requested by a resident who is party to the event, Also, it is the policy of the Town of Barnet to omit records from the Town Report when parties to the event request that we do so. No records, however, are omitted from the 2016 report. All vital records are public record and available for review and copying at the Town Clerk's Office