

Town of Bridgewater



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2018 Annual Report

Town & School District

(For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018)

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Dedication



Thomas K. Standish

The Town of Bridgewater respectfully dedicates the 2018 town report to an individual who, over the past 20 years, has devoted much of his time making sure that all of our “boats float on the same level”. As a member of the Lister Board, Tom’s conscientious efforts, sound knowledge of numbers and statistics, extensive construction experience and legal advice saw the town through the first of our million-dollar tax appeals. Thanks to Tom the town prevailed in several tax appeals and grievance hearings during his years on the board. Tom’s goal has always been to ensure that everyone is assessed and treated equally and fairly. At this time, Tom continues to serve on the Lister Board in an advisory capacity and to assist with tax appeal hearings.

The Town thanks Tom for his dedication and unwavering commitment to Bridgewater.

Town Reminders:

Fast Trash at the Town Garage – Saturday mornings - 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Direct questions to: ABLE Waste Management 672-3569

- ❖ **January 01, 2019 - April 1, 2019** - Remember to License your Dog/Wolf Hybrid
Call the Town Clerk if you have questions.
- ❖ **February 25th, 2019 WCMUUSD Informational Meeting - 6:p.m.** @ Middle School Library,
Woodstock, VT
- ❖ **February 26, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. - Waste Water Treatment Facility Bond Vote Informational Meeting** @ Town Office, Bridgewater, VT
- ❖ **March 5, 2019** Town Meeting Day 9:00 a.m. @ Bridgewater Grange
**Town Office: Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District Budget
Waste Water Treatment Facility Bond**
Australian Ballot -7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **March 23, 2019 Rabies Clinic** - Saturday, March 23, 2019, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the Vermont Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society
At the Bridgewater Market Place Parking lot, with Kedron Valley Veterinary Clinic
Drive Up and Poke \$11.00
Please bring your prior proof of rabies vaccination for a 3-year certificate.
For more information or questions 802-672-5302
- ❖ **April 1, 2019** Property Assessment Date – Property is assessed each year as
of this date.
- ❖ **April 15, 2019** File State Form - HS 122 for residency declaration.
- ❖ **May 1, 2019** Liquor License Renewal Date.
- ❖ **June 2019** Lister Grievances
- ❖ **August 1, 2019** Tax Bills mailed.
- ❖ **November 6, 2019** Property Taxes Due – Please remember that taxes paid after
this date are considered late, and subject to interest & penalty charges.

Town Permits required:

PERMIT FEES:

Permit and application fees shall be established by the Selectboard of the Town of Bridgewater, and shall be assessed by the Selectboard or their representative.

ACCESS / CURB CUT AND RIGHT OF WAY EXCAVATION

(Creating a driveway or road or altering existing driveway or road which accesses on to a town road)

A. Permit Application and Inspection Fee	\$105.00
B. Modification of existing driveway	20.00
C. Culvert replacement/addition	20.00
D. Installation of water/power lines	20.00

*** SEPTIC**

As of July 1, 2007 – State Permits required- Call 802-885-8855 with any questions.

GUVSWD LANDFILL STICKER / COUPON

A. Windshield Sticker	20.00
B. Coupon	43.00

PERMIT TO BURN BRUSH

Ken Tarleton, Warden 672-3061

*** FLOOD ZONE** - You must apply to build or alter an existing structure in a flood plain area.

NO building in Flood Way Area.

Contact Town Office for Application & Permit Fee information.

*** Reminder**-Please keep your E-911 signs clean and visible. If your sign is missing, contact Steve Hill, our 911 Coordinator.

**Bridgewater Annual Town & School Meeting
March 6, 2018**

The 2018 Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. by Moderator, Bill Berry, who asked for nominations for a school moderator. Bill Berry was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Bill Berry.

Bill made the following announcements:

- * Location of exits and bathroom facilities. Refreshments provided by Historical Society and Grange.
- * Town Meeting procedure and reminded the audience that in order to vote, they must be checked off the checklist and stamped at the entrance. Will be following Roberts Rules of Order
- * Australian Ballot vote at the Town Office for the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District Budget. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. A rabies clinic will be held at the Bridgewater Mill on March 17th. From 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm.

Representative Jim Harrison spoke to the assembly regarding current happenings in the legislature; passing of recreational marijuana bill, saliva testing, wage increase, school safety and gun control, school funding and taxes to name a few. Jim noted that he puts out a weekly email update and would like to hear from people in his district at any time on any issues.

Bill thanked the Brewery for the use of the building for today's meeting.
The pledge of allegiance was said and a moment of silence was held.

School Portion of Meeting came to order at 9:15 am.

Article 2: Hank Smith moved and Lynne Bertram seconded to accept all reports of the School District.
Motion carried.

Article 3: Bridgewater Village School Director: Justin Shipman explained that this is a short-term position and will only last until end of this school year or until all business associated with this year has been completed. Justin's term is currently up and he would take the position for this short period if elected. Justin also noted that he is one of Bridgewater's members on the new Unified School District which formally takes effect in July. Selena Robinson nominated Justin Shipman as school director with a second by Perrin Worrell. Being no other nominations, the moderator asked the clerk to cast one ballot for Justin Shipman.

Article 4: Other business: This will be the last year of a Bridgewater School Meeting as in the future all school business will be conducted by Australian ballot or at the annual meeting held at the high school.
Justin Shipman thanked Seth Shaw for his years of service.

Being no further business, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn the school meeting at 9:30 am. Motion carried.

Town portion of meeting came to order at 9:35 am.

Article 1: Brian Bontrager moved and Jim Bulmer 2nds to nominated Bill Berry as town moderator.
Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Bill Berry.

Article 2: Bruce Seely moved and Jim Bulmer seconded to accept all reports as submitted. Motion carried by

voice vote.

Article 3: John Hiers moved and Patty Beda 2nd to see if the town will vote the sum of \$19,315.00 to the following social service agencies:

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| a. Visiting Nurse and Hospice of VT & NH | \$4,900.00 |
| b. Spectrum Teen Center | 750.00 |
| c. Woodstock Area Council on Aging | 5,865.00 |
| d. Woodstock Area Job Bank | 300.00 |
| e. Southeastern VT Community Action (SEVCA) | 1,000.00 |
| f. Norman Williams Library | 3,500.00 |
| g. Woodstock Recreation Dept. | 3,000.00 |

Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 4: Owen Astbury moved and Patty Beda 2nd. to see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$170,000.00 to purchase a new truck for the highway department to replace the 2012 Freightliner, to be paid from the equipment sinking reserve fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 5: Jim Bulmer moved and Hank Smith 2nd to see if the town will vote a budget for \$1,225,128.00 of which 669,460.42 shall be raised by taxes and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax sufficient to pay its current expenses and any part of its debt. No discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 6: Richard Beda moved and Owen Astbury 2nd. to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay current expenses. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 7: Hank Smith moved and Patty Beda 2nd to see if the Town will vote to place its taxes or any part thereof in the hands of the Current Tax Collector for collection on August 1, 2018 to be paid on or before November 1, 2018 (1st. Wednesday). Linda Maxham noted that the first Wednesday of November would be the 7th not the 1st. Bill Berry asked that the motion be amended to read that taxes be paid on or before November 7, 2018 (1st. Wednesday). Amendment was made and carried. Amended motion was then voted on and carried.

Article 8: The following Town Officers were elected as required by law.

- a. Selectboard (3 yrs.) Ellen Quinn nominated Norman (Nope) Martin. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Nope Martin. Motion carried
- b. Lister (3 yrs.) William Young was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for William Young. Motion carried.
- c. Cemetery Commissioner (3 yrs.) Paul Hutt nominated Jim Bulmer. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Jim Bulmer. Motion carried.
- d. Cemetery Commissioner (1 yr.) Lynne Bertram nominated Roy (Butch) Wardwell. Jim Bulmer nominated Charles Astbury. Vote was taken by paper ballot. 78 ballots cast: Wardwell-53 and Astbury-25.
- e. Joni Kennedy was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Joni Kennedy. Motion carried.
- f. Town Constable (1 yr.) Mike Sawyer is not running this year. Ed Earle was nominated and declined. Melissa Walker nominated Collen Doyle. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot.
- g. Town Agent (1 yr.) Seth Shaw nominated Jerry Oppenheimer. Jeanette Sawyer nominated Greg Robinson. Jerry Oppenheimer declined. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot for Greg Robinson. Motion carried.
- h. Grand Juror (1 yr.) Beth Robinson nominated Melissa Walker. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot.

Motion carried.

- i. Trustee of Public Funds (1 yr.) Henry (Hank) Smith was nominated. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried

Article 9: Other business – Beth Robinson gave a brief presentation about the Ottauquechee Health Foundation and encouraged Bridgewater residents to make use of the foundation.

Collen Doyle informed the body about a winter weatherization program through a local non- profit. Residents can get a free energy audit if they are signed up by end of March.

Being no further discussion, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting at 10:20 pm. Motion carried.

Approved by:

William Berry, Moderator

Norman Martin II, Selectboard Chair

Seth Shaw, BVS Director

104 legal voters were in attendance

Results of Australian ballot Questions: 82votes cast

Article 8: Appropriation of Funds (budget) Yes-48 No-34

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator:

William Berry	2018-2019
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Town Clerk:

Nancy Robinson	2016-2019
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Town-School Treasurer:

Victoria Young	2016-2019
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Selectboard:

Mary Oldenburg	2016-2019
Lynne Bertram	2017-2020
Norman Martin II	2018-2021

Woodstock Unified School District

Justin Shipman	2018-2019
Perrin Worrell	2018-2021 *
Matthew Hough	Appointed until Election in March 2019

Listers:

Victoria Young	2016-2019
Tom Standish	2017-2020
William Young	2018-2021

Cemetery Commissions:

Roy (Butch) Wardwell	2018-2019
Paul Hutt	2017-2020
Jim Bulmer	2018-2021

Delinquent Tax Collector:

Joni Kennedy	2018-2021
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Town Constable:

Collen Doyle	2018-2019 *
David Adams	2018-2019 (Appointed)

Grand Juror:

Melissa Walker	2018-2019
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Town Agent:

Gregory Robinson	2018-2019
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Trustee of Public Funds:

Henry Smith	2018-2019
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- Resigned

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Health Officer:

Ellen Quinn 2020

Road Commissioner:

Norman Martin II 2019

Fence Viewers:

Clifford Geno 2019

Andy Bird 2019

Owen Astbury 2019

Tree Warden:

Gerry Hawkes 2019

Poundkeeper:

Forest Fire Warden:

Kenneth Tarleton 2022 (state appointment)

Planning Commission: (4-year terms)

Owen Astbury 2019

Brian Bontrager 2019

Bruce Maxham 2020

Marge duMond 2022

Roy Wardwell 2022

E 9-1-1 Coordinator:

Steve Hill 2019

Emergency Management Coordinator:

Josh Maxham 2019

Representative to TROP:

Lynne Bertram 2019

Representative to GUVSWMD:

Lynne Bertram 2019

Board of Civil Authority/Justice of the Peace: (Terms Expire 2/01/21)

Gregory Jenne

Gloria Martin

Jerry Oppenheimer

Nancy Robinson

Donna Williamson

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING 2019

The legal voters of the Town of Bridgewater, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at The Bridgewater Grange Hall, located at 129 VT Route 100A, Bridgewater Corners, in said town on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

1. To elect a Moderator for the term of one year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to the sum of **\$20,790.00** to the following social service agencies:

a. Visiting Nurse and Hospice of VT & NH	\$4,900.00 (report on page 45)
b. Spectrum Teen Center	750.00 (report on page 46)
c. Woodstock Area Council on Aging (Thompson Senior Center)	6,040.00 (report on page 47)
d. Woodstock Area Job Bank	300.00 (report on page 48)
e. Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	1,000.00 (report on page 49)
f. Norman Williams Public Library	3,500.00 (report on page 50-51)
g. Woodstock Recreation Department	3,000.00 (report on page 52)
h. Senior Solutions	300.00 (New-report on page 53)
i. Ottauquechee Health Foundation	1,000.00 (New-report on page 54)
3. To see if the Town will vote to grant tax exempt status to the Bridgewater Grange #284 for a period of 5 years per 32 V.S.A. 3840.
4. To see if the Town will vote to grant tax exempt status to the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department for a period of 5 years per 32. V.S.A. 3840.
5. To see if the Town will vote a budget of **\$1,172,560.00** of which **\$696,148.03** shall be raised by taxes.
6. To see if the Town will vote to place its taxes or any part thereof in the hands of the Collector of Current Taxes for collection on or before August 1, 2019 and to be paid on or before November 6, 2019 (1st. Wednesday)
7. To elect all Town Officers as required by law:
 - a. Selectperson – three years
 - b. Town Clerk-three years
 - c. Town Treasurer-three years
 - d. Lister – three years
 - e. Cemetery Commissioner – three years
 - f. Town Constable – one year
 - g. Town Agent - one year
 - h. Trustee of Public Funds – one year
8. To do any other business that may legally come before this meeting (advisory or discussion only).

Dated at Bridgewater, VT this 22nd. day of January, 2019

Bridgewater Selectboard:
 Norman Martin II, Chairman
 Mary Oldenburg
 Lynne Bertram

Selectboard's Report

2018 was a very busy year for the town boards and committees. There were a number of ongoing initiatives that continued to be addressed as well as new federal and state mandates that required the towns attention.

The Bridgewater Highway Department under the direction of Randy Kennedy, Road Foreman continues to keep our roads well maintained. New legislative requirements involving storm water runoff will have an impact on Bridgewater in so far as how we dig out and line ditches. Due to these new regulations the Selectboard and Road Foreman have been developing and initiating a long-range plan to replace/upgrade culverts, grade and cut ditches as well as do some tree cutting where necessary on roads that have required repeated maintenance over the years. We currently have been awarded grants to do some stormwater projects in Chateaugay and on Atwood Lane in North Bridgewater. The Town has purchased a new excavator to use on the stormwater projects. This purchase was made using some of the FEMA reserve funds. We would also like to report that due to a larger than normal surplus in the highway account, we were able to pay off the 2017 Western Star truck, three years ahead of schedule. The Highway Department had a change in personal this past summer as Tyler Waters resigned and the board filled the position by hiring Joshua Clark.

The Selectboard has received notice from the Vermont Tax Department that the 2018 Sales Study (a three-year computation) indicates that the town's level of appraising properties has reached a level that will force the town to do a town-wide reappraisal this coming year. The town has contracted with VGSI (Vision) to complete this re-valuation which should be done for the 2019 Grand List. The last full reappraisal was done in 2007. Please read the Lister's Report for a more detailed explanation of the reappraisal.

The Planning Commission with the assistance of the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Planning Commission updated the town plan. This work took place during the spring and summer and was re-adopted in September. This plan will now be effective for 8 years and increase from the previous 5-year terms.

The select board has leased the Bridgewater Village School Building to the newly formed Bridgewater Area Community Foundation for a period of 5 years. The Foundation is applying for Planning Grants to complete a feasibility study to help determine the best use of the building and what if any, improvements need to be made to the building before it can be opened. The projected future use of the school building includes licensed childcare for infants and toddlers, enrichment programs, educational classes and cultural programs including yoga, dance and music.

The "New Building Committee" has been working with NBF Architects of Rutland and John Turner, Consulting (Willis) of Taftsville and have brought a building design and schematic drawing to the board for discussion and review. The "Committee" held a special meeting in December to bring this information to the public for review and comment. The committee plans to hold at least one more informational meeting this winter before asking the Selectboard to move forward with a bond vote later in the year.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to operate under the competent management of Simon Operating Services. The board has strived to maintain the annual user fee while keeping the treatment plant functioning properly and state compliant. As part our state compliance requirement we are in the process of completing a building and line assessment and capital asset plan. The board was recently informed that the wastewater treatment plant and pumping station are in need of several upgrades and renovations. The pumping station needs a complete "overhaul" to include replacing pumps, slide rails, vent pipes, level controls, telemetry control/monitoring system which will allow for remote monitoring and a new concrete hatch cover. The treatment plant facility is in need of repairs to the foundation, walls, floor, roof replacement and electrical equipment in the RBC room needs to be replaced.

The exterior of the building needs to be painted and trees along the south side of the building need to be trimmed. The main collection line is in good shape except for an infiltration/cracked pipe issue on the west end of the line. This will involve digging up a section of RT 4 to replace the pipe. To complete this work the town is bringing this to a bond vote of \$800,000.00 to be held on March 5th. The town will also be applying for Rural Development Grants to assist with this work. If the grants are awarded, the town may not need to use the bonded funds, but we have to have them in place in order to apply for the grants. The town will be holding an informational meeting on this project on February 26, 2019. Please watch for notices in the local newspaper and postings around town.

The Recreation Field is once again used by the Men's Softball League during July and August. We would like to report that we see an increase in the usage of the playground equipment and picnic area. The "boat" is a favorite for the children. The board will be sending out donation requests this spring to support the department as it is not funded by town tax dollars. Anyone wishing to send in donations may send them to the town office earmarked "Recreation Field".

The municipal website (www.bridgewater.vt.gov) remains an important resource for all residents. All meeting agendas, minutes and the town calendar are updated and posted to the site on a regular basis, as regulated by State Statute.

The town office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

The Bridgewater Historical Society, located at 12 North Bridgewater Road, continues to host informative and enjoyable lectures on the history of Bridgewater and its hamlets. The Historical Society invites you to explore their extensive collection of artifacts, maps photographs and data on area gold mines, civil war memorabilia and more. Monthly meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Their website can be found at www.bridgewaterhistory.org ,

The Fire Department and Neighbors Helping Neighbors continue to work together to plan and execute our annual Bridgewater celebration event in August of each year. They have been able to bring the community this event by getting donations from local businesses and generous supporters. We thank everyone for their support of this wonderful day!

Once again, the Selectboard owes a huge debt of gratitude to all of the employees, elected and appointed officials, volunteers, and you, the townspeople that make Bridgewater such a great town.

Respectfully submitted,
 Norman (Nope) Martin, Chairman
 Mary Oldenburg
 Lynne Bertram

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT 2018

I'd like to begin this year's report by sending condolences to the families of our former crewmember David Jenne who passed away last summer. DJ was a good man and a very hard worker. He is missed.

Our summer season began with stormwater runoff projects on Cox District Road, Grandma Am's Road, Bridgewater Center Road, and Bridgewater Hill Road. We rented an Excavator to do all the ditch and drainage work, stone-lining ditches and water turnouts. When Tyler Waters left the highway department for another job, Gene Westney was hired to work on graveling Dailey Hollow Road with Justin during the two weeks of my vacation. Josh Clark of Bridgewater was hired to fill Tyler's position. It's been hard to keep things running smoothly when I keep getting new help with very little experience to train. A highway job is a big commitment. It also requires a lot of skills and experience to do properly and safely.

Good news this year came when I was finally given permission to buy the Kubota Excavator and trailer that we have needed for years. We used the FEMA money reimbursed to the Highway Department for Irene repairs. Now we can do more of our storm water work in house at the lowest cost. The machine has already begun to pay for itself and is a big milestone for the Highway Department. We've done several culverts, many ditches, and dug up the tar on Mill Road with it before re-graveling.

We got two grants approved by the state for projects coming up next summer. One is on a section of the Chateaugay Road (several culverts and ditching) and the other on Atwood Lane (stone-lining stream banks). I have also applied for a Federal grant for a new sand shed. One of these days, it will probably be mandated that all sand be under cover due to salt runoff after rains. Hopefully, they'll approve my grant application and save us all a lot of money down the road.

Also coming up next summer will be a new concrete bridge deck and abutment work to bring the "Booth Bridge" on the Chateaugay Road back up to State standards. It was brought to our attention that the current bridge could only be rated for 3 tons and could not safely accommodate construction and/or emergency vehicles without major town liability. Fortunately, the cost for this upgrade can be covered by the existing highway budget bridge fund. Over the last twenty plus years, we have been trying to replace all the wooden bridges in town with concrete decks. Getting this project done will leave us with only two wooden deck bridges in town.

We also finished insulating the town garage in our "spare time" and have 3 new insulated overhead doors also. Nice to have the whole shop warm finally. A little bit of extra work every year has made all the difference on a project slowly done properly at the lowest cost to the town.

Well, that's about it. Considering the heavy wet snows, freezing rains, collapsing branches everywhere, high winds, equipment breakdowns, and general wear & tear, I guess we're hanging in there. I'd like to thank the Selectboard, Town office staff, Josh, and Justin for their help this year.....and of course you the taxpayers. Please Remember:

- Don't rake your leaves or anything else into our ditches.
- You must get a permit before working in the town right of way.
- Sign up if you'd like a load of cleanout material in case we have some to get rid of while working in your neighborhood.
- Most importantly..... Please slow down and be patient when meeting the town trucks or crew on the road. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randall "Randy" Kennedy
Bridgewater Road Foreman

REPORT OF THE LISTERS TO THE TOWN 2018

The Board of Listers report to the Town that:

- The Municipal Grand List decreased from **\$1,798,969.93 to \$1,783,756.80**
- The Education Grand List (Non-Resident) decreased from **\$1,764,532.82 to \$1,760,957.09**
- **The net result of assessed values in both Grand List was an overall increase of \$1,110,900.00**
- **Approximately 63 properties with changes. One of the main reasons for the decrease in the Grand List was due to a drop in our Personal Property values.**

For the 2018 Tax year – There were no Grievances.

We would report to the Town for the year 2018-According to the State Sales Study determination - that our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) has dropped from 92.93 to **91.41** -- indicating that our listed values of property in Bridgewater are generally listed for less than its fair market value. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) –determined by the State to be **21.93%** an increase from previous 19.33% for 2018. The resulting COD of 21.93% will force us to have a full reappraisal for 2019. The COD is an indicator that many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share and many are paying less than their fair share.

By Statute- if the CLA drops below 80% or the COD goes above 20% - the Town is mandated to do a full revaluation. The last full revaluation was done in 2007 – with a statistical Market Update done in 2013.

A full reappraisal is planned to begin this spring and will be completed by June 4th – with Grievances around June 18th. Due to the full reappraisal- there will be informal hearings before the actual formal grievances.

If you have any questions about this process- please give us a call at the Town Office. It has been 12 years since we had a full reappraisal-and it is time to bring our values/assessments back in line-so that “All boats float at the same level” so to speak. Here is the last 10 years of our CLA’s & COD’s:

Tax Year	CLA	COD
2008	93.21	6.04
2009	93.07	8.27
2010	91.94	16.78
2011	98.06	18.95
2012	94.05	21.17
2013	90.76	19.72
2014	92.94	13.24
2015	96.82	17.64
2016	92.16	17.02
2017	92.93	19.33
2018	91.41	21.93

As always, the objective of your Board of Listers is to maintain a fair and equitable system of property valuation and we encourage everyone to come in and review your assessment at any time.

Lister Board:

Thomas K. Standish

Victoria L. Young

William G. Young

DOG LICENSES
07/01/2017-06/30/2018

125 @ \$ 9.00 (Neutered)	\$1,125.00
72 @ 11.00 (Late Neutered)	792.00
26 @ 13.00 (Un-Neutered)	338.00
7 @ 17.00 (Late Un-Neutered)	119.00
Totals:	
230	\$2,374.00
Sent to State:	1,150.00
Town Share	\$1,224.00

All dog and wolf-hybrids, six months of age or older, must be licensed each year on or before April 1st. Proof of rabies vaccination, (a current rabies certificate), is required for licensing.

Cats and Ferrets are also required to have a rabies vaccination. Even though we do not license them, we do request a copy of the rabies certificate to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

LIQUOR LICENSES

4 @ \$ 70.00	\$280.00
4 @ \$115.00	\$460.00
Totals:	
8	\$740.00

Vital Statistics

DEATHS

NAME	AGE	DATE	BURIED/CREMATION
Fred David Worth	77	02/18/2018	Cremation
Sylvia A. Makkonen	77	03/14/2018	Cremation
Ida E. Cogswell	95	07/11/2018	Cremation
Ira Wade	89	07/11/2018	Cremation
Warren J. Blanchard Sr.	84	07/20/2018	Cremation
David N. Jenne	65	07/24/2018	Cremation

BIRTHS

(Names not listed due to confidentiality)

CIVIL MARRIAGES

NAME	NAME	DATE	PLACE
Whitney R. Martin	Warren John Blanchard III	07/17/2017	Bridgewater
Ashley M. Pinkham	Matthew J. Fenton	09/23/2017	Bridgewater
Christine L. Geisler	James M. Kelley	01/31/2018	Bridgewater
Michelle L. Gabardi	Troy A. Jillson	06/02/2018	Killington

*Please note the new Vital Records Law (Act 46) goes into effect on July 1, 2019. This information will assist you in obtaining certified copies of birth and death records.

The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records – namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2019.**

The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

Budget Summary	Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Budget 2019/2020	% Change
General Fund Expenses	622,660.00	611,733.24	639,613.00	615,320.00	3.80
Warned Articles:	20,700.00	20,700.00	19,315.00	20,790.00	7.64
Total Expenses:	643,360.00	632,433.24	658,928.00	636,110.00	
Non-tax Revenue	<u>(336,280.00)</u>	<u>(321,753.05)</u>	<u>(353,900.00)</u>	<u>(361,520.00)</u>	
Sub-Total	307,080.00	310,680.19	305,028.00	274,590.00	
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(44,238.05)</u>	<u>(44,238.05)</u>	<u>(42,271.88)</u>	<u>(8,231.72)</u>	
Amount to be raised in taxes:	262,841.95	266,442.14	262,756.12	266,358.28	1.37
Highway Expenses:	566,300.00	560,705.53	566,200.00	536,450.00	
Surplus/(Deficit)	(34,310.38)	(34,310.38)	(67,495.70)	(15,660.25)	
Non-Tax Revenue:	<u>(92,000.00)</u>	<u>(86,405.53)</u>	<u>(92,000.00)</u>	<u>(91,000.00)</u>	
Town Taxes to be raised:	439,989.62	439,989.62	406,704.30	429,789.75	5.68
Total General & Highway Expenses	1,209,660.00	1,193,138.77	1,225,128.00	1,172,560.00	
Non-Tax Revenue:	(428,280.00)	(408,158.58)	(445,900.00)	(452,520.00)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(78,548.43)</u>	<u>(78,548.43)</u>	<u>(109,767.58)</u>	<u>(23,891.97)</u>	
Town Taxes to be raised:	702,831.57	706,431.76	669,460.42	696,148.03	3.99
Schools:					
Payments to Schools	1,532,285.00	1,517,733.00			
Net to State	1,239,194.26	1,225,460.11			
Town Retains	<u>6,249.49</u>	<u>6,305.92</u>			
Total Schools:	2,777,728.75	2,749,499.03			

Tax Rates:	FY 2019	FY 2020
School Tax Rate:	1.7771	
Town Municipal Rate:	0.3759	*
Combined Tax Rate:	2.1530	* Estimated

*Due to the Town-wide Reappraisal scheduled for Tax Year 2019-FY 2020-
The Estimated Municipal Tax Rate is unknown at this time.

General Account	Budget FY - 2018	Actual FY-2018 Pd	Budget FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	FY - 19/20 Change
Current Taxes (Gen. Fund)	262,841.95	266,442.14	262,756.12	266,358.28	1.37%
Current Use Reimb.	70,000.00	73,276.00	73,000.00	70,000.00	
Current Use LUCT Reimb.	-	4,000.00	-	-	
Interest on Taxes	10,000.00	10,430.89	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Federal & State PILOT Pymt.	8,700.00	9,211.95	9,000.00	12,500.00	
Clerk Fees	13,000.00	9,993.00	12,500.00	11,500.00	
Traffic Fines	226,000.00	211,502.26	238,000.00	245,000.00	
Dog Licenses	1,300.00	1,224.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Liquor Licenses	700.00	740.00	670.00	700.00	
Interest on Investments	500.00	3,020.58	1,200.00	2,500.00	
Box Rent	80.00	80.00	80.00	70.00	
Flood Permits	-	-	-	-	
Act 68 -Town Retains	6,000.00	6,305.92	6,200.00	6,000.00	
Prev.Year Deficit/Surplus	44,238.05	44,238.05	42,271.88	8,231.72	-80.53%
Misc./Donation/Reimb.	-	200.17	-	-	
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Total Revenues:	643,360.00	640,664.96	658,928.00	636,110.00	-3.46%
WAGES					
Clerk Wages	36,400.00	36,400.00	36,400.00	37,310.00	2.50%
Treasurer Wages	36,400.00	36,400.00	36,400.00	37,310.00	2.50%
Selectmen	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Listers	4,000.00	1,814.40	4,000.00	5,000.00	25.00%
Constable	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	
Treasurer School Stipend	600.00	600.00	600.00	-	
Health Officer Stipend	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	
Fire Warden Stipend	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	
Misc. Wages	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Travel Reimbursement	500.00	776.41	500.00	700.00	4000%
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Total Wages:	82,300.00	80,390.81	82,300.00	84,720.00	2.94%
BENEFITS					
FICA-Medi	7,200.00	6,643.99	7,200.00	7,300.00	
Insurance	31,000.00	30,916.63	32,000.00	34,500.00	
VMERS	2,000.00	2,051.10	2,100.00	2,300.00	
Training/Seminars	550.00	470.00	550.00	550.00	
Work. Comp. Ins.	350.00	327.00	350.00	350.00	
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Total Benefits:	41,100.00	40,408.72	42,200.00	45,000.00	7%
OFFICE EXPENSE					
Gen. Office Supplies	3,000.00	2,438.97	2,800.00	2,800.00	
Clerk Supplies	3,000.00	2,814.23	2,800.00	2,800.00	
Treasurer Supplies	1,600.00	1,888.81	1,600.00	1,800.00	
Lister Supplies	350.00	179.80	350.00	300.00	

	Budget FY - 2018	Actual FY-2018 Pd	Budget FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	FY - 19/20 Change
Election Exp.	200.00	123.37	450.00	300.00	
Del. Collector Supplies	-	172.21	-	-	
Computer/Copier Contracts	6,500.00	7,861.71	6,500.00	6,000.00	
Telephone	2,000.00	2,085.33	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Electricity	9,000.00	7,618.86	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Heat	3,000.00	3,055.53	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Sewer Fee	1,590.00	1,590.00	1,590.00	1,590.00	
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Total Office Expense:	30,240.00	29,828.82	30,090.00	29,590.00	-1.66%
OPERATING EXPENSE					
Advertising	150.00	220.00	200.00	300.00	
Printing/Town Report Exp.	3,000.00	2,977.50	3,000.00	3,100.00	
VLCT Dues & Fees	2,100.00	2,102.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	
Legal Services	5,000.00	1,555.91	2,500.00	3,000.00	
Legal Fees-Tax Collection	-	-	-	-	
Flood Admin. Expense	-	75.00	-	-	
Audit Services	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Dog Pound	300.00	200.00	300.00	300.00	
Property & Liability Insurance	9,000.00	4,080.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Southgate House Maint.	6,000.00	4,306.50	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Southgate House Repairs	2,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Sewer Upgrade Bond Payment	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	-	
County Taxes	15,243.00	15,243.00	14,360.00	15,000.00	
GUVSWD Assessment	10,296.00	10,296.00	10,296.00	10,296.00	
Recycling Program	5,746.00	5,622.24	5,700.00	5,800.00	
Southgate House Reserved Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	
Memorial Day Flags	250.00	233.95	250.00	250.00	
Two-Rivers Regional Plan.	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,357.00	1,400.00	
Cemetery Fund Appropriation	28,000.00	28,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	
Planning Comm.	-	-	2,000.00	4,000.00	
Office Capitol Reserve	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Landfill Monitoring/Testing	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	
Green Up VT	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
Misc./Bank Fees	450.00	479.28	450.00	550.00	
Reappraisal/Maint. Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	
E-911 - Signs Reserves	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Southgate Project	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	
New Building Engineering	-	-	-	15,000.00	
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Total Operating Expense:	132,655.00	121,511.38	128,913.00	134,746.00	4.52%

	Budget FY - 2018	Actual FY-2018 Pd	Budget FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	FY - 19/20 Change
SHERIFF & CONSTABLE:					
Constable Exp./Travel	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Sheriff's Dept.	226,000.00	231,066.00	238,000.00	245,000.00	
Police Liab. & Work. Comp.	600.00	343.00	450.00	300.00	
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Total Sheriff & Constable:	226,750.00	231,559.00	238,600.00	245,450.00	2.87%
FAST SQUAD					
Fast Squad Appropriation	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Fast Squad Liab. Work Com	1,300.00	823.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Woodstock Ambulance Asses	29,955.00	29,952.00	30,888.00	31,824.00	
Ambulance Bills Uncollected	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00	
Dispatch Services	1,410.00	1,404.00	1,872.00	2,340.00	
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Total Fast Squad:	36,665.00	36,179.00	36,760.00	41,164.00	12.00%
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Fire Dept. Appropriation	12,250.00	12,250.00	12,250.00	12,250.00	
Fire Dept. Ins.	9,000.00	6,331.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	
Fire Dept. Work. Comp.	1,600.00	948.00	1,400.00	1,300.00	
Fire Truck Improvements	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Dry Hydrant Program	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
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Total Fire Department:	37,950.00	34,629.00	35,750.00	34,650.00	-3.00%
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Total Emergency Services:	301,365.00	302,367.00	311,110.00	321,264.00	3.26%
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Total General Fund Expenses:	587,660.00	574,506.73	594,613.00	615,320.00	3.48%
WARNED APPROPRIATIONS					
Woodstock VNA	4,900.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	
Woodstock Council on Aging	5,750.00	5,750.00	5,865.00	6,040.00	
Woodstock Recreation Dept	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Woodstock Job Bank	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Spectrum Teen Center	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	
Ottauquechee Comm. Partners	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	-	
SEVCA	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Norman Williams Public Li	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	
Ottauquechee Health Found	-	-	-	1,000.00	
Senior Solutions	-	-	-	300.00	
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Total Warned Appropriations:	20,700.00	20,700.00	19,315.00	20,790.00	7.63%
BVS OPERATING EXPENSE					
BVS Exp.	20,000.00	22,226.51	25,000.00	-	
Research & Engineering	15,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	-	
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Total BVS/Engineering:	35,000.00	37,226.51	45,000.00	-	-100%

	Budget FY - 2018	Actual FY-2018 Pd	Budget FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	FY - 19/20 Change
Total General Fund	643,360.00	632,433.24	658,928.00	636,110.00	-3.46%
Highway Fund:					
Current Taxes (Highway)	439,989.62	439,989.62	406,704.30	429,789.75	5.68%
St. of VT -Highways	92,000.00	91,138.78	92,000.00	91,000.00	
Grants-Receiveable	-	10,282.00	-	-	
Permit Fees	-	645.00	-	-	
Prior Year Surplus/(Deficit)	34,310.38	34,310.38	67,495.70	15,660.25	-76.80%
Misc.	-	-	-	-	
Total Highway Revenues:	566,300.00	576,365.78	566,200.00	536,450.00	-5.25%
Highway Expenses:					
Payroll & Benefits					
Highway Salaries	126,000.00	129,398.92	125,000.00	125,000.00	
FICA /Medi.	9,800.00	9,910.44	9,600.00	9,600.00	
Benefits	45,000.00	45,248.98	55,000.00	68,000.00	
Work. Comp. Ins.	11,500.00	9,846.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	
Unemployment	300.00	306.00	300.00	300.00	
VMERS	7,000.00	7,080.43	7,000.00	7,500.00	
Total Payroll & Benefits:	199,600.00	201,790.77	207,900.00	221,400.00	6.49%
GARAGE					
Phone	2,600.00	2,859.32	2,600.00	2,400.00	
Electricity	1,100.00	1,163.51	1,000.00	1,100.00	
Heat	4,500.00	5,474.53	4,500.00	5,000.00	
Bldg. & Liab. Ins.	8,400.00	4,331.00	6,500.00	5,000.00	
Equipment Ins.	7,400.00	5,200.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Prof. Liab. Ins.	2,500.00	1,685.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	
Mileage Reimb/Med Test	200.00	115.00	200.00	200.00	
Misc.	-	545.40	-	-	
Total Garage:	26,700.00	21,373.76	23,300.00	21,700.00	-6.86%
MAINTENANCE					
Equipment Hired	18,000.00	17,262.50	18,000.00	18,000.00	
Equipment Fuel	30,000.00	29,770.82	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Equipment Repairs	10,000.00	13,690.72	10,000.00	12,000.00	
Materials	100,000.00	65,928.28	100,000.00	80,000.00	
Equipment Maintenance	15,000.00	26,753.81	15,000.00	15,000.00	

	Budget FY - 2018	Actual FY-2018 Pd	Budget FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	FY - 19/20 Change
Class 4 Road Maintenance	5,000.00	3,900.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Storm Water Regulations	-	17,293.88	25,000.00	15,000.00	
BBR-Chateauguay Project	-	-	-	-	
Stormwater Fees	-	-	-	1,350.00	
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	
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Total Maintenance:	178,000.00	174,600.01	198,000.00	171,350.00	-13.45%
SPECIAL PROJECTS					
Yearly Projects	85,000.00	21,820.00	60,000.00	50,000.00	
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Total Special Projects:	85,000.00	21,820.00	60,000.00	50,000.00	-16.66%
CAPITOL SINKING					
Building Improv. Reserves	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Equipment Fund Reserves	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	70,000.00	
Bridge Fund Reserves	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
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Total Capitol Sinking:	77,000.00	77,000.00	77,000.00	72,000.00	-6.49%
Debt Service & Reserve Acct.					
Debt Service 2017 Freightliner (P)	-	63,479.27	-	-	
Debt Service 2017 Freightliner (I)	-	641.72	-	-	
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Total Debt Service:	-	64,120.99	-	-	0%
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Total Highway Fund:	566,300.00	560,705.53	566,200.00	536,450.00	-5.25%
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Surplus/(Deficit)	-	15,660.25	-	-	
Sewer Fund:					
SEWER DEPT. REVENUE:	-	-	-	-	
Quarterly Fees	78,096.69	78,466.50	81,500.00	82,044.67	67%
Delinquent Interest	500.00	829.37	915.00	1,000.00	
Sewer Permits	-	2,400.00	-	-	
Previous Year Surplus	3,488.31	3,488.31	885.00	2,605.33	194.39%
Misc.	-	-	-	-	
Legal Fees Reimb.	-	-	-	-	
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Total Sewer Revenues:	82,085.00	85,184.18	83,300.00	85,650.00	3.00%
SEWER DEPT. EXPENSES:					
Plant Labor	56,410.00	56,340.00	58,100.00	59,900.00	3.10%
Supplies	2,000.00	1,604.63	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Electricity	4,000.00	3,906.26	4,200.00	4,200.00	
Heat	750.00	907.69	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Phone	375.00	361.36	375.00	375.00	

	Budget FY - 2018	Actual FY-2018 Pd	Budget FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	FY - 19/20 Change
Administrative Fees	300.00	300.00	325.00	325.00	
Outside Testing	5,000.00	4,806.12	4,500.00	5,000.00	
Assessment Grant Expenses	-	4,110.11	-	-	
Chemicals	550.00	584.68	800.00	850.00	
Maintenance	4,500.00	2,953.50	4,000.00	4,500.00	
Sludge Disposal	5,000.00	4,462.50	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Property & Liab. Ins.	2,200.00	1,242.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Sinking Fund Appr.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	
Misc.	-	-	-	-	
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Total Sewer Expenses:	82,085.00	82,578.85	83,300.00	85,650.00	3.00%
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Surplus/(Deficit)	-	2,605.33	-	-	
Recreation Committee Fund					
Revenues:					
Donations	2,500.00	1,200.00	2,500.00	4,500.00	
Change in Investment Value	-	(922.73)	-	-	
Interest on Investments	2,610.00	3,318.59	2,610.00	800.00	
Misc.	-	-	-	-	
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Total Revenues:	5,110.00	3,595.86	5,110.00	5,300.00	4%
Recreation Committee Expenses:					
Account Maintenance Fee	50.00	50.00	50.00	-	
Rec. Field Electricity	250.00	284.37	250.00	250.00	
Insurance	100.00	33.00	100.00	50.00	
Grounds Maintenance	4,710.00	3,325.61	4,710.00	5,000.00	
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Total Expenses:	5,110.00	3,692.98	5,110.00	5,300.00	4%
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	(97.12)	-	-	
Cemetery Fund:					
Cemetery Fund Revenues:					
Appropriations	28,000.00	28,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	
Sale of Lots	1,000.00	2,450.00	-	2,000.00	
Cemetery Corner Stones	500.00	-	-	-	
Donations	-	100.00	-	-	
Cemetery Book Sales	-	-	-	-	
Misc.	-	-	-	-	
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Total Revenue:	29,500.00	30,550.00	29,000.00	31,000.00	7.00%

	Budget FY - 2018	Actual FY-2018 Pd	Budget FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	FY - 19/20 Change
Cemetery Fund Expenses:					
Mowing	26,000.00	25,998.00	27,000.00	29,000.00	7.41%
Maintenance/Clean up	1,000.00	1,385.40	2,000.00	-	
Corner Stones	-	-	-	-	
Repairs (Stones & Road)	1,500.00	-	-	2,000.00	
Misc./ Legal Exp.	1,000.00	1,533.14	-	-	
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Total Expenses:	29,500.00	28,916.54	29,000.00	31,000.00	7.00%
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Surplus/(Deficit)	-	1,633.46	-	-	

School Fund:

School Revenue:

Homestead Education Tax	782,082.11	782,082.11	747,177.47	-	
Non-Residential Education	735,650.89	735,650.89	631,878.53	-	
Non-Resident Ed Liab to State	1,225,460.11	1,225,460.11	1,400,291.47	-	
Retained by Municipality	6,305.92	6,305.92	6,343.11	-	
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	2,749,499.03	2,749,499.03	2,785,690.58	-	

School Expenses:

Payments to Schools	1,517,733.00	1,517,733.00	1,379,056.00	-	
ACT 68 - Net Pymt to State	1,225,460.11	1,225,460.11	1,400,291.47	-	
ACT 68 - Town Retains	6,305.92	6,305.92	6,343.11	-	
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	2,749,499.03	2,749,499.03	2,785,690.58	-	

**Bridgewater Village School Building
Expenses:****2017-2018
Budget \$20,000**

GREEN MT POWER	\$ 1,298.75
VTEL	\$ 884.49
DEAD RIVER	\$ 11,335.31
BRIDGEWATER SEWER DEPT	\$ -
MAINT (Mowing/Shoveling)	\$ 2,512.57
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$ 2,474.00
SPRINKLER SYSTEM	\$ 375.00
ELEVATOR	\$ 450.00
ALARM SYSTEM/MONTHLY MON	\$ 240.00
FIRE ALARM ANNUAL TESTING	\$ 369.00
PAYROLL	\$ 1,098.75
PLUMBING	\$ 186.11
MISC.	\$ 95.07
LEGAL (RFP)	\$ 387.53
KD Assoc. (Mold Testing)	\$ 550.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 22,226.51
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Designated Fund Balances:

Fund	General Fund:	Balance 07/01/17	Appropriations	Income	Expenses	Balance 6/30/18
A	Planning Comm.	4,453.43	-	-	-	4,453.43
B	e-911/Signs	2,281.48	1,000.00	-	877.85	2,403.63
C	Town Reappraisal	61,273.22	5,000.00	7,647.50	10,345.92	63,574.80
D	Landfill	1,157.16	4,000.00	-	3,658.06	1,499.10
E	Southgate House	33,184.17	10,000.00	-	-	43,184.17
F	Office Capitol	2,923.89	500.00	-	3,290.40	133.49
G	Fire Truck Improvements	118,143.42	15,000.00	161.65	-	133,305.07
H	Undesignated Fund Bal.	947.13	-	-	947.13	-
I	Veterans Monument	1,431.88	-	-	-	1,431.88
J	<u>BVS Building Reserve</u>	<u>77,585.74</u>	-	-	-	<u>77,585.74</u>
	Totals:	<u>303,381.52</u>	<u>35,500.00</u>	<u>7,809.15</u>	<u>19,119.36</u>	<u>327,571.31</u>

Fund	Highway					
CD	Excess Flood Money	183,804.74		734.84		184,539.58
K	Highway Equipment	27,059.63	75,000.00	-	48,361.99	53,697.64
L	Salt Shed & Buildings	16,848.91	1,000.00	-	7,252.00	10,596.91
M	<u>Bridge</u>	<u>139,433.72</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	-	-	<u>140,433.72</u>
	Totals:	<u>367,147.00</u>	<u>77,000.00</u>	<u>734.84</u>	<u>55,613.99</u>	<u>389,267.85</u>

Town Indebtedness:**Paid off:**

Compensated Absences 7,760.00

Sewer Upgrade Loan 8,750.00

April 2019

**BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2018
GENERAL ACCOUNT**

ASSETS:

Checking Account	483,224.34
Due to other funds:	-547,979.01
Health Equity	11,227.46
Pre-Paid Assets	24,072.31
Landfill Coupons	330.00
Landfill Stickers	0.00
Due from School Refund	14,324.00
Due from BCBS Refund	94.57
Petty Cash	100.00
AR-Delinquent Taxes due	<u>104,147.23</u>
Total Assets	89,540.90

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	16,347.45
AFLAC Deductions	128.43
Pre-paid Taxes	6,720.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	213.99
State of VT- Marriage Licenses	50.00
State of VT- Dog Licenses	75.00
Encumbered Roof Project	3,250.00
New Building Design Encumbrance	<u>9,893.75</u>
Total Liability	36,678.62

TOTAL FUND BALANCES

Fund Balance Prior Year	44,630.56
Total Fund Balance Current Year	<u>8,231.72</u>
Total Fund Balance	52,862.28

Total Liability, Fund Balance	89,540.90
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HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

Assets:

Due from General Account	-209.59
Flood-FEMA Reimb.CD	184,539.58
Highway Grants Receivable	<u>10,342.39</u>
Total Assets	194,672.38

Liabilities:

Encumbered Project Funds	<u>336.92</u>
Total Liabilities	336.92

Fund Balance Prior Year:	175,869.20
Undesignated Fund Balance	2,806.01
Fund Balance Current Year	15,660.25
Total Fund Balance	194,335.46

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	194,672.38
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SEWER ACCOUNT**Assets:**

Due from General Account	8,705.45
AR-Delinquent Sewer Taxes	33,286.75
Capital Assets-Infrastructure	<u>241,868.00</u>
Total Assets	283,860.20

Liabilities:

A/D Infrastructure	<u>241,868.00</u>
Total Liabilities	241,868.00

Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Prior Year	2,671.61
Fund Balance Restricted	<u>33,226.95</u>
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	35,898.56
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>6,093.64</u>
Total Fund Balance	41,992.20

Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	283,860.20
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RECREATION COMMITTEE ACCT.**Assets:**

Due from General Fund	9,677.80
Robert Thomas Sec. Investment	30,904.93
Fidelity Invest.	<u>40,901.05</u>
Total Assets	81,483.78

Liabilities:

None	<u>0.00</u>
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Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Prior Year	81,044.87
Undesignated Fund Balance	536.03
Total Prior Year Fund Balance:	81,580.90
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>-97.12</u>
Total Fund Balance	81,483.78
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	81,483.78

CEMETERY FUND**Assets:**

Due from General Fund	27,412.27
Total Assets	27,412.27

Liabilities:

Cemetery Reserved-Corner Stone's	<u>1,030.00</u>
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Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Prior Year	24,748.81
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>1,633.46</u>
Total Fund Balance	26,382.27
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	27,412.27

*The numbers presented in this report of FY 2017-2018 have been audited by Pace & Hawley CPA, the Town's contracted audit firm. The complete audit report is available for inspection at the Town Office.

**Explanation of 2017 Grand List
Town Fiscal Year 2017/2018**

Fair market and Listed Value of
Real Estate and Personal Property
Taxable Parcels: 777
Acres: 29,394.48

Municipal Grand List: 1,794,769.37
Education Grand Lists: 1,765,151.22

	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Resident	Total Education Listed Value:
Real Property	193,452,700	65,688,156	127,764,544	193,452,700
PP & Cable	3,973,123		428,452	428,452
(-) Vet Exempt.	40,000	40,000		40,000
(-) Vet Exempt >10K	40,000			
(-) Land Use Exempt.	17,252,930	3,556,500	13,696,430	17,252,930
(-) Non-Approved Contracts	195,900			
(-) Special Exemptions (2)			134,940	134,900
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Total Municipal Grand List:	1,798,969.93			
Total Education Grand List:		620,916.56	1,143,616.26	1,764,532.82

STATEMENT OF CURRENT TAXES

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2018

Resident Tax Rate: \$2.1541

Non-Resident Tax Rate: \$2.1117

Amounts to be Raised in Taxes:

Taxes Billed:

R.E. & P.P.	Tax Rate		Grand list	Taxes Raised
Local Agreement	.0023	+ / -	1,798,969.93	4,137.56
Municipal	.3907	+ / -	1,798,969.93	702,858.05
Homestead Ed.	1.7611	+ / -	620,516.56	1,092,791.71
Non-Residential	<u>1.7187</u>	+ / -	1,141,657.26	<u>1,962,166.43</u>
				3,761,953.75
				<u>3,378.45</u>

State Penalty's- Late Filed HS-122

Total Taxes Raised: 3,765,332.20

Resident Tax Rate: \$2.1541

Non-Resident Tax Rate: \$2.1117

Reconciliation of Taxes Paid:

School Taxes:	2,749,499.03
Highway Taxes:	439,989.62
Town Taxes:	<u>266,442.14</u>
Total Taxes Paid Out:	3,455,930.79
Municipal Portion of Credits:	- 11,758.97
State Tax Credits	<u>+320,768.69</u>
Net Taxes Difference:	391.69
2017 State Tax error/correction	- 237.34 (Returned in 2018)
Misc. adjustments	154.35
Net Taxes after adjustments:	3,765,332.20

*** Note: Due to ACT 68 - Amounts Billed and Amounts received change over the course of the year – Late filed HS 122's change the totals of the Grand List – thus changing the amounts due causing either a shortfall or collecting more than anticipated.**

Delinquent Tax Collectors Report

January 2019

Dear Bridgewater Residents,

I always like to take a moment to say thank you once again for the opportunity to serve as the Delinquent Tax Collector for the Town of Bridgewater. I thoroughly enjoy working with the taxpayers and community members and always enjoy meeting new people.

I'd like to share with you the progress that has been made in the collection of delinquent taxes. In November of 2017 \$160,985.12 in property taxes became delinquent for the fiscal year 2017-2018 and as of January 2, 2019 all but \$33,246.63 has been collected for that tax year. The balance on all the remaining delinquent property taxes which are listed in this year's town report (which lists totals as of June 30, 2018) is currently at \$33,335.87 as of January 2, 2019. This is the combined total for tax years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016. It is my hope to get these remaining balances paid off.

This past November 2018, the new property tax year for the fiscal year 2018-2019 became due. An amount of \$222,641.56 in property taxes became delinquent. This amount is up \$61,656.44 from last year's delinquent property taxes 2017-2018 which is listed above. As of January 2, 2019, over half of the amount due (\$101,503.10) has been collected over the past two months bringing the balance down to \$121,138.46 for this current tax year 2018-2019. Many of the taxpayers have arrangements or installment agreements to resolve these delinquent accounts.

I hope to continue to lower the amount of delinquent taxes in our town and continue to serve as the towns Delinquent Tax Collector for the Town of Bridgewater. If you ever have any questions or if I can be of any help please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joni Kennedy

Delinquent Tax Collector

P.O. Box 372

Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035

672-3402

Delinquent Sewer Report

Name	FY	Paid
Blanchard, Brian	18	pp
Boisvert, Gerald	18	pp
Flannigan, Patricia	18	pp
Goudreau, Shari	16-18	
Mattsson, Claus	15-18	
Old Mill Marketplace	17-18	
Total due for FY 2015:		1,951.97
Total due for FY 2016:		765.99
Total due for FY 2017:		11,659.63
<u>Total due for FY 2018:</u>		<u>18,908.25</u>
Total amount due as of June 30, 2018		\$33,285.84

Total Does Not Include Interest & Penalty Charges.

* = Paid in full after June 30, 2018

pp=partial payment

Delinquent Taxes due- breakdown by Year:

2013 – 1,538.50
 2014 – 6,206.50
 2015 – 12,621.22
 2016 – 21,559.55
 2017 - 62,221.46

Delinquent Tax Report – FY's 2013 - 2017

Delinquent Tax List	FY:	*
Almonte, John J.	2017	pp
Andrews, J.F.	2017	pp
Beda, Richard	2017	pp
Biamonte, David	2017	*
Bivens, Colleen	2017	
Bixler, Parker, McGonagle #06-020	2017	
Bixler, Parker, McGonagle #06-022	2015-2017	
Blanchard, Brian	2017	pp
Bridge, Edwin Est.	2017	*
Brooks, Rodney R.	2016-2017	*
Carbino, Theodore	2015, 2017	
Hoisington, Anthony	2013-2017	Pp
Josselyn, Seven Properties	2017	*
Joyce, Michael	2017	
Kelly William	2015-2017	*
Lewis, David, Daniel #01-113	2016	pp
Lupinetti, Stanley	2017	*
Makkonen, Sylvia	2017	*
Mattsson, Claes # 02-037	2014-2017	
McLeod, Andrew	2017	pp
Miller, William	2017	pp
Mingarelli, Ronald # 04-011	2016-2017	*
Mingarelli, Ronald # 04-011.006	2017	*
Morse, Ronald	2017	*
Ogden, Deborah W.	2017	
Peck, Allison	2017	*
Petillia, Alexandra	2017	pp
Prior, David	2015-2017	
Scholfield, Edward	2017	*
Teeter, Claudia # 03-027	2017	*
Testa, Glen #02-066	2017	pp
Total of All Years:	<u>104,147.23</u>	

Balance as of June 30, 2018

**Total Does Not Include Interest
 & Penalty Charges.**

=Paid in full after June 30, 2018-*pp= Partial**

Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report 2018

The BVFD responded to a total of 60 incidents in 2018. Forty-nine of these incidents were in Town with the remaining eleven being mutual aid to our neighboring towns. The in Town calls consisted of 10 motor vehicle accidents, 4 assist for the Bridgewater FAST Squad, 2 CO detector activations with CO, 3 CO detector activations without CO, 2 accidental fire alarms, 6 fire alarm activations, 6 fire alarm malfunctions, 5 power lines down, 1 transformer fire, 2 sprinkler alarm activations, 1 chimney fire, 1 LP gas odor, 1 gasoline spill, 2 good intent calls, 1 malicious call, 1 multi car accident, and 1 tire fire on a trailer for a total of 168 hours spent on scene. We received mutual aid from Woodstock Fire Department once. The BVFD logged 436 hours on training and 190 hours on maintenance of apparatus, our station, and dry hydrants.

The eleven mutual aid calls consisting of 4 calls to Woodstock for 2 structure fires, 1 missing person, and 1 call canceled en-route for a total of 87 hours. One call to Reading for smoke in a house for 4 hours. One call to Pomfret for a grass fire, canceled en-route for 1 hour. Five calls to Plymouth for 2 forest fires, 2 structure fires, and 1 grass fire for 149 hours.

Our member Kathrin Midgley recently completed a combined Firefighter 1 and 2 courses for a total of 300 hours of training, all nights and weekends. She is now certified to wear an air pack and go into burning buildings along with a myriad of other duties.

We would like to remind everyone to check the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well as the manufacture's date on them and replace the whole detector as needed, depending on the make and model it could need replacing between 5 and 10 years of age. Make sure your 9-1-1 address numbers are visible year-round as well, cutting grass and weeds in the summer and moving any snow in the winter. If we can't find you, we can't help you.

We would like to thank our Community for their continued support making it possible for us to continue to help support all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Zach Bowley, President

Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department 2018

RECEIPTS:

General Donations/Misc.	\$12,904.10
Fund Drives	\$18,355.00
Coin Drops	\$ 4,095.50
Chicken BBQ/Raffle	\$ 4,317.00
Ham Supper	\$ 2,101.00
Interest income	\$ 19.32
Fire extinguishers sales/service	\$ 1,316.60
Town Appropriation	\$12,250.00
Other fundraisers	\$ 69.00
Total Receipts:	<u>\$55,427.52</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Building repairs	\$ 4,170.30
Communications	\$ 440.94
Fire gear & equip, etc.	\$ 4,236.21
Bunker gear	\$ 15,365.78
Extrication tools	\$ 31,538.68
Fire extinguishers sales/service	\$ 1,082.00
Fund raiser expenses	\$ 2,770.36
Fund drive expenses	\$ 856.75
Insurance	\$ 312.00
Memberships/dues	\$ 389.00
Office expense/postage	\$ 1,017.75
Repairs/Maint. Equipment	\$ 535.23
Supplies	\$ 922.54
Telephone	\$ 1,248.61
Truck Expenses- Fuel, repairs	\$ 4,289.61
Electric	\$ 1,139.42
Fuel oil/propane	\$ 5,161.32
Sewer usage	\$ 530.00
Trash pick-up	\$ 291.00
New Building research	\$ 2,619.00
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$ 78,916.50</u>

BANK ACCOUNTS:

CHECKING- GENERAL:

Jan 1, 2018 Beg Balance	\$ 53,755.63
Receipts	\$ 55,427.52
Disbursements	\$ 78,916.50
Dec 31, 2018 End Balance	\$ 30,266.65

SCBA RESERVE FUND: \$ 4,000.00

BUNKER GEAR RESERVE FUND:

Jan 1, 2018 beginning balance	\$ 21,260.52
Receipts- Interest	\$ 10.14
Dec 31, 2018 ending balance	\$ 21,270.66

BUILDING FUND RESERVE:

Jan 1, 2018 beginning balance	\$ 46,237.86
Receipts - Interest	\$ 132.39
Dec 31, 2018 ending balance	\$ 46,370.25

AUXILIARY ACCOUNT:

Jan 1, 2018 beginning balance	\$ 3,943.84
Receipts	\$ 2,527.00
Disbursements	<u>\$ 1,909.16</u>
Dec 31, 2018 ending balance	\$ 4,561.68

BRIDGEWATER CEMETERY COMMISSION
2018 ANNUAL REPORT

There are 13 cemeteries in Bridgewater:

Six are under the Town's direct supervision (Baker Hill, Bridgewater Hill, Mendell, Mt. Pleasant, North Bridgewater and Topliff). An additional two are located at remote off-road locations (Angell & Kellogg), while the other five are Private, family owned, cemeteries (Josselyn, Martin, Pratt, White, and Woodward).

All 13 locations are inspected regularly and we invite you to visit these quiet resting places. The oldest section of Mt. Pleasant in particular dates back to the post-Revolutionary War period and contains monuments of Revolutionary War and Civil War veterans.

The Town pays for the mowing (a new 3-year mowing contract was signed this past fall) while the Cemetery Commission is responsible for the maintenance and repair of monuments. We invite contributions to the Bridgewater Maintenance Fund to help defer the cost of this upkeep.

At the 2018 Town Meeting, Roy (Butch) Wardwell was elected to fill the remainder of the term of recently resigned Commissioner, Coleman Hoyt.

This summer the sign at the Mendell Cemetery was repaired and repainted. Further, a special thanks to Robert Kirby for his generous contribution which facilitated the improvement of the appearance at Mendell Cemetery.

This past year, the Commission met numerous times reviewing and updating the Commission's by-laws. As part of the review it was determined that due to the increased cost of mowing and maintenance the price for burial lots effective January 1, 2019 be increased from \$350.00 to \$500.00.

Respectfully submitted

James Bulmer

Paul Hutt

Roy (Butch) Wardwell

Geno-Robinson American Legion Post # 11, Bridgewater, Vermont

Our purpose: To provide patriotic services for the Town of Bridgewater

Our history: Chartered August 1, 1919, one of Vermont's oldest posts

Named in honor of: William Geno of WWI and Clyde Robinson of WWII

Our membership includes Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force veterans of Bridgewater.

We place United States Flags on utility poles along Route 4 through Bridgewater, a service we began in 2015. We also placed gravestone flags on over 200 Veteran's graves in Bridgewater's 13 cemeteries in May (over 10% of Bridgewater's graves are occupied by veterans) and removed them in November.

It is our privilege and honor to perform Military Remembrance Burial Services for all Veterans with prayers by our Chaplain, our rifle salute, and presentation of a folded United States flag to next of kin. In 2018 we performed two services.

Our ranks are thinning due to age and we would welcome new members in Post 11 to help us be of service to our town and its citizens.

Richard Brackett, Commander
Coleman Hoyt, Chaplain and Adjutant
John Griggs, Past Commander

Bridgewater Historical Society 2018

This has been an active season at the Historical Society. We emphasized speaking programs this year and the results have been very rewarding. Opening the season was Sandra Palmer with “**Care of Quilts Old and New**”. The topic tied in nicely with our summer exhibit **A Stitch in Time: 150 Years of Creativity in Bridgewater**. The audience brought quilts and projects to the Society and received much appreciated advice from Sandy.

Thomas Giffen presented “**Restoration and Preservation of Our Cemeteries**”. The organization he is President of, **The Vermont Old Cemetery Assoc.**, is ready to help any group in Bridgewater that has a restoration project in mind. “**The Shays Settlement Project in Vermont**” with Steven Butz, tied the history of the Shay’s Rebellion to their flight to Vermont. Bridgewater is uniquely connected with Shay’s sister marrying a Perkins who’s descendent is Jeannette Sawyer!

Bill Mares presented “**Bees Besieged**” which attracted former and current beekeepers to the honey tasting afterwards. Leslie Askwith brought us a history of the Cobb family and life in the 1840’s in the area, as presented in her book “**Thunderstruck Fiddle**”. Continuing with the local history theme, John Atwood brought the history of the settlement of North Bridgewater alive with his talk and tour of the **North Bridgewater Cemetery**. **Gordon Tuttle** presented the Board with his research on the original town charter and borders.

All of these events have been very well attended, averaging 25 people. Most of those attending are from out of town. I’d like to thank the publicity committee for successfully publicizing the programs. Due to our web site, Facebook, Front Porch Forum, newspaper coverage and very attractive posters, our image is getting out there. We also had a table at the town-wide Bridgewater Celebration in August, with many enjoying the class photographs.

The Prosper Valley School visits annually and the children very much enjoy seeing a one- room school building as well as photos of their parents and grandparents. Ringing the school bell is an annual event for them.

This year’s gift calendar theme was “Post-Cards”, printed in time for Christmas. In addition, we are planning on republishing Gladys Adams “History of Bridgewater” in 2019.

The Historical Society prides itself on being financially independent from the Town. 2019 will continue in that vein with strong results from the Annual Fund. Our membership is growing and their interest and very kind donations of wonderful objects are very indicative of the loyalty and pride they take in their ancestry and their ties to Bridgewater.

Bridgewater Area Community Foundation Report

The Bridgewater Area Community Foundation (Formally known as the “Committee to Save the Bridgewater Village School Building”) is excited to report that as of January 22nd 2019 we are officially leasing the school building from the Town of Bridgewater and repurposing it as a **13,000 square foot Community Center**.

We have worked closely with the select board to ensure that the center will not cost nor increase taxes for any resident of Bridgewater. This is a wonderful opportunity for the town as it remains a town asset but the foundation will cover the cost of the building while working to improve and program it. We thank the select board for working with us to create such a great relationship with the town.

The town meeting has been held in the school house since 1948 and the Community Center will continue to offer the space for town meeting and an Emergency Shelter at no cost to the town.

Our mission is to provide a vibrant center where the people of Bridgewater and the surrounding towns can gather as part of a caring, diverse community of people from all ages and walks of life. The BACF fosters education, artistry, commerce, health and wellness, personal growth and connection. We strive to meet the basic needs of all citizens in a resilient space that will continue to serve, and function, when it is needed the most.

We will offer licensed childcare for infants and toddlers and eventually pre-school and after-school programing. We are excited to report that we have been awarded a grant to help with startup costs for this program. We would like to thank everyone involved in helping to make this grant happen.

The Bridgewater Community Center has been working closely with many organizations offering an exciting array of uses and satellite programing including:

Senior Programs, Cultural Arts and Music, Health, Wellness, Dance, Yoga, Enrichment and Life Skills Programs, Educational Classes, Social Services, Conferences and Meetings, Co-Working Space, Sustainable Emergency Shelter for the Town, Public access to Computers and Wi-Fi, Town Meeting and Community Space.

We are excited to offer these resources to the community as a hub for life enriching activities for all ages. From childcare to yoga classes, or town meeting to senior center satellite programing, the possibilities for this center are endless. Preserving and re-purposing old buildings is key to revitalizing small towns in Vermont.

We look forward to seeing you at our new “Place of Gathering”

Board of Directors:

Brian Bontrager, President
 Henry Smith, Vice President
 Joni Kennedy, Secretary
 Vicky Young, Treasurer
 Collen Doyle, Woolen Mill Comedy Club
 Charles Shackleton, ShackletonThomas
 Michael Caduto, Executive Director Sustainable Woodstock

Kathleen Dolan, Executive Director of ArtisTree Community Arts Center

NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE

The “Committee” spent the first months of 2018 working with the Selectboard to obtain contracts for Architectural and Engineering Services. In April a contract was signed with N.B.F. Architects to obtain schematic drawings for a 4-bay fire station with an attached community/event room with associated facilities including a conceptual cost estimate. In June a contract was signed with Willis Consulting for geotechnical investigation, subsurface soil boring exploration, groundwater runoff, site plans with parking, well location and sewer hookup.

The proposed new building design in keeping with the character of the neighborhood consists of a 4,800 square foot building, housing both the fire station and community meeting room to hold 150-200 people. The overall building is handicap accessible, with handicap accessible restrooms, large storage areas and a community kitchen. The entire building would be fully sprinkled as required by code, energy efficient and include a generator to power the facility if needed. The fire station includes 4 apparatus bays, small meeting room, gear and decontamination room, office space for the fire and rescue department and a work/storage area. Traffic would flow into the site from the current east end driveway and continue between the proposed new building and current town office. A parking lot would take up some of the field space with entry into the community room directly off from the parking lot. The estimated cost of this proposal is 2.2 million.

The “Committee” brought this information to the Selectboard in November and it was decided to bring this to the community to get a sense as to how they wanted to proceed before the Selectboard took any formal action. A community informational meeting was held in December with approx. 50 people in attendance. This was considered a good turnout considering the time of year and notification process.

Many questions and concerns were raised and addressed. A straw poll indicated that a majority in attendance favored a new fire house with and attached community room. However, a take-away from this meeting was to present this information again in the spring as well as gather additional information regarding a stand-alone fire station without the community room.

We would also like to report that as of this time the Committee has exhausted all of the funds that have been voted on and raised for this project. During the past two years, and initial amount of \$15,000 was approved and in the current year budgets an additional \$20,000 (for both committee’s) approved to proceed with this project for engineering and design. To date, \$27,500 of this money has been expended on both the architectural and civil engineering contracts. If this project is to proceed in any further direction, we have requested that the Selectboard continue to appropriate funds in the coming budget. It is our hope that we will bring this proposed new building to the community for further review and comment in the coming months and additionally onto voter approval later in the summer or early fall.

Please don’t hesitate to contact any member of the committee with questions, ideas or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Quinn, Bruce Seely, Steve Tarleton, Sr. Josh Maxham,
Bruce Maxham, Nope Martin and Nancy Robinson

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The GUVSWMD, established in 1992, comprises 10 Upper Valley towns. The District provides an integrated system for waste management for both solid waste and unregulated hazardous waste through recycling and reuse programs, food diversion and composting. GUV also provides special collection events for bulky and household hazardous waste, paint, electronics, tires, and fluorescent bulbs. In addition, the District offers technical assistance, outreach, and education programs to area residents, businesses, schools, and municipalities.

Direct services provided by GUV to Bridgewater and District residents in fiscal year 2018:

- Events were held in Norwich, Thetford, Sharon, Strafford, Vershire, Woodstock, and Hartford where we collected 15.6 tons of tires; 1.2 tons of scrap metal; 5.7 tons of electronics; 11.6 tons of “big” trash/construction & demolition debris; and thousands of fluorescent bulbs and batteries.
- 409 GUV residents (2 from Bridgewater) participated in household hazardous waste events held in Norwich in September 2017, Vershire in October 2017, and Hartford in June 2018. 11.1 tons of hazardous material were collected, including 1,456 gallons of paint. We would like to see greater participation by Bridgewater residents and we welcome suggestions for better promotion.
- In October GUV staff set out a 5-gallon bucket for household batteries and an A-frame sign promoting battery recycling at the Bridgewater Town Garage. We hope that residents will make use of this system for proper disposal of their batteries. The only batteries we can’t take are vehicle batteries.

In FY 2018, Lynne Bertram represented Bridgewater on the GUVSWMD Board of Supervisors. We thank her for her dedication and ongoing support of our work.

Tips to remember:

- The next household hazardous waste collection will be Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Hartford Recycling Center. Stay tuned for other 2019 HHW dates and locations.
- Recycle **paint, fluorescent bulbs, and all batteries** (except vehicle) at the transfer station. Visit www.paintcare.org or www.call2recycle.org/vermont/ for more info.
- Food scraps will be banned from residential trash as of July 1, 2020.

The District’s 2019 “What To Do With...” Guide and Collection Event Schedule will be available at Town Meeting, the Town Clerk’s office, or at www.guvswd.org. For information call Ham Gillett at 802-674-4474 or email hgillett@swcrpc.org.

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION (TRORC)

TRORC 2018 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2018:

Technical Assistance

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies, and assisted towns with Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) applications.

Creative Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC received a USDA Rural Development Grant to support the Region's creative economy. Staff hosted several Cornerstone Creative Community of Vermont (3CVT) steering committee meetings, as well as informational and networking events. TRORC also worked on several public health projects, including health planning and food access.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC conducted a Hazardous Materials Statewide Commodity Flow Study to inform and update emergency response plans, hazard analysis, and response procedures. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders and town officials continue across the Region. TRORC has been preparing the final municipal Hazard Mitigation Plans in the TRO Region. Staff participated in developing municipal Local Emergency Management Plans.

Municipal Energy Plans

During this second year of energy plan funding, TRORC assisted five more towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to further the state energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. Towns meeting Energy Planning Standards receive a Determination of Energy Compliance and receive Substantial Deference on their input under the Section 248 review process for electricity generation facilities.

Transportation

TRORC is managing the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)'s Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. We have 29/32 municipalities participating with \$460,000 grant funding in the Region to construct projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, improvement and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. TRORC continues to seek and obtain VTrans grants under many state grant programs.

Specifically in Bridgewater this past year, we assisted in updating your Town Plan, prepared a VTrans Transportation Alternatives Grant application for a salt shed, and selected Atwood Lane ditching for year two of the DEC's Municipal Roads Grants in Aid program.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

*Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard*



GREEN UP VERMONT

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Green Up Day marked its 48th Anniversary on May 5, 2018 with 22,700 volunteers participating and 225 tons of litter collected throughout the state. Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit private organization that relies on your town's help to continue the annual tradition of cleaning up our roadways and waterways, while promoting civic pride. The tradition of Green Up Day began in 1970 by Governor Deane C. Davis and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in May 2020.

Green Up Vermont also offers a statewide educational component for grades K-2 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and town's is an essential part of our budget, enabling us to cover fourteen percent of our annual operating budget. All town resident's benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for administrative and program support, which includes over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, an educational component, and promotional outreach.

Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate sponsors and individual donors. Individuals can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Keep in touch with Green Up Vermont news by joining our newsletter, liking us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and following our blog by visiting our website.

Save the dates: Green Up Day, May 4, 2019 and Celebrating 50th Anniversary, May 2, 2020. A Vermont tradition since 1970!

**Vermont Association of Conservation Districts
Rural Fire Protection Program
Financial Report - Fiscal Year 2018
(July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)**

Income	
Town Appropriations	9,075
VT Dept. of Public Safety	163,447
VT Dept. Forests Parks and Recreation	20,000
Northern VT RC&D (balance carried forward)	5,240
VACD	5,894
Sale of Dry Hydrant Spare Parts	<u>7,944</u>
Total Income	<u>211,600</u>
 Expense	
Personnel	63,341
Travel	5,858
Office and Services	25,786
Dry Hydrant Spare Parts	4,751
Rural Fire Protection Grants to Towns	<u>111,864</u>
Total Expense	<u>211,600</u>
Net Income	0

Windsor County Update
Assistant Judges Jack Anderson & Ellen Terie

FY 2019-2020 Budget

Once again the Assistant Judges have worked to produce a budget that is responsible and prudent while mindful of the tax burden upon property owners. The budget calls for \$ 448,185 to be raised by taxes, an increase of \$8,327 (.0189%) over the current FY 18-19 budget. The new budget calls for \$ 566,841 in total spending, an increase of \$25,816 (.0477) over the current FY budget. It should be noted that for the first time ever, the County will not be responsible for commissioning Notaries Public. This function has been taken over by the Office of Professional Regulation within the Secretary of State's Office. This will result in a loss of revenue for Windsor County of approximately \$17,000 over the next four years.

Pursuant to Title 24 Sect. 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1 requiring the tax to be paid in two installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5 (2017).

Courthouse Renovation Bond

2019 marks the sixth year of the \$2 million bond repayment. The bond was issued for ten years at 2.83%. This year, the amount to be billed to the towns will be \$235,751 (\$200,000 principal; \$35,731 interest). This billing is NOT part of the county budget, but a separate assessment.

Other News

On July 17 a sprinkler head failed on the second floor at the County Building at 62 Pleasant Street, over the Sheriff's front offices. It happened in the wee hours of the morning, but we were not aware of it until 6 AM, after thousands of gallons had flooded the building. Ceilings and walls were soaked through, and floors and rugs had to be ripped up. For a short while, power was out. Ceiling lights were ruined, and the Sheriff's Department's phone network was destroyed. There was a lot of water to clean up on the second floor, first floor and basement.

Our Building Superintendent, Bruce Page, oversaw the recovery effort and took responsibility for a lot of the work. The Sheriff's office, where most of the damage occurred, stayed open through the ordeal. The rehabilitation offered the opportunity to update and refurbish as well, and within a few short weeks all was repaired and back to normal. Fortunately, the County's property and casualty insurance covered 100% of the cost.

Many thanks to Bruce for his yeoman service and to the following vendors: Servpro, [Viking Electrical Services](#), [D. Burke Paint and Drywall](#), [Vermont Life Safety](#), [Carpet Mill USA](#) and [Green Mountain Plumbing and Heating](#).

Thanks also to our County Clerk, Pepper Tepperman, who worked with our insurance adjustor, kept track of invoices and payments, and generally kept us organized throughout. We Assistant Judges are fortunate to work with such dedicated staff and grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Windsor County.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2018 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 that is elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It 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. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 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 managing budgets, conducting elections, assessing property and maintaining roads to providing public 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 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. We represent cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and their needs are met. VLCT also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities, and directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.

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 2018 calendar year, *VLCT News* converted to a magazine style publication from its newsletter format, with the intent to provide more content and diverse information in each edition.

VLCT also finalized the details of moving its digital data to the "cloud," thereby increasing operational efficiency and enhancing cybersecurity and redundant protection of information. This move also reduced the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment. Improvements to the website are ongoing, and in concert with this effort is the research into a new customer relations management system, designed to help VLCT provide important information to members, but also to simplify ways that members provide information to VLCT that is shared among all municipalities.

VLCT conducted a series of Listening Sessions in 12 communities around the state to hear directly from local officials about services received from VLCT and whether any changes are needed, including whether new services should be initiated or outdated ones eliminated. Further discussions will be held with the Board of Directors. Members will be kept apprised of progress in setting future goals and priorities.

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.

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Bridgewater, VT

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

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 VNH made 492 homecare visits to 28 Bridgewater residents. This included approximately \$21,924 in unreimbursed care to Bridgewater residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 492 home visits to 28 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Davis', with a stylized, flowing script.

Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)



December 21, 2018

Spectrum Teen Center
70 Amsden Way
Woodstock, VT 05091

The Spectrum Teen Center has been serving teens for 22 years in grades 9-12. In 2017, we opened our program up to middle school. Our teens are from the six sending towns that make up the Windsor Central Supervisory Union.

In 2017, we tried something new and took teens into the community. We noticed that our attendance increased exponentially. We have worked to develop community connectedness with other groups, organizations and businesses in an effort to offer great teen events.

Over the past year we offered two Miniature Golf/Pizza Night where we had approximately 40 teens. Over 150 teens attended Ice Skating Night with the Union Arena with a DJ and strobe lights. Each month during the school year, we partner with Artistree and feature "Branch Out Teen Nights". We had several pizza nights at Pizza Chef where our average attendance was 40-50 teens. We featured a Comedy Night at the Woolen Mill Comedy Club in Bridgewater where professional comedians performed for upperclassmen. We partnered in several teen movie nights at the Town Hall Theater with Pentangle, offered a night of swimming at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center and more! All these events were **FREE for teens!!!!!!**

Enthusiastically,
Heather Rubenstein & Joni Kennedy

**The Woodstock Area Council on Aging
(The Thompson Center)**

Your First Resource for Aging in our Community

The Thompson helps seniors age well in our rural community. We provide timely support and services and are a resource and advocate on issues related to aging.

More than 100 Bridgewater residents benefited from Thompson services over the past year – through home-delivered meals, local and out-of-town rides, delicious lunches at the Center, exercise classes, social events, tax and insurance help, medical equipment, by volunteering, and much more! The Thompson prepared and delivered 2,589 meals to Bridgewater homes last year and provided more than 1,500 rides to residents.

As the local resource and advocate for seniors and their families in Pomfret, Barnard, Bridgewater, Woodstock, and surrounding communities, The Thompson is so much more than our building located in West Woodstock. Last year we launched our Aging at Home initiative to provide additional support to people where they want to be, at home. We provided hundreds of referrals to resources and vetted service providers as well as “days of service” for help with odd jobs for seniors at home.

The senior population in our area continues to grow in size and in age, and we see the utilization of Thompson services growing as well. Meals served increased again this past year to 19,801, and the rides provided increased from 4,014 to 4,805. Participation in exercise and other programs has increased as well. Only 15% of our funding comes the Federal Older Americans Act channeled through the State of Vermont by Senior Solutions. 11% comes from the combined towns that we serve and the remaining amount of our \$594,000 annual budget comes from fundraising, grants, and donations for meals and transportation. Your continued support will help to ensure the success of this valuable community resource. Together, we truly can enrich the experience of aging in our area.

Please contact us at info@thompsonseneiorcenter.org or 457-3277 with any questions or needs. You can also see the menu and program calendar online at www.thompsonseneiorcenter.org or find us on Facebook. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Jones, Executive Director

The Woodstock Area Job Bank

*"Bringing together people who need work
with people who need workers."*

Since 1974 the Woodstock Area Job Bank has helped people in our community by matching those looking for work with those having jobs to be done.

Today the jobs listed vary from full-time professional to hourly household work – and everything in between. This valuable referral service has always been offered free of charge.

What's happening at the Job Bank?

- We provide individuals in our community with valuable work experience, exposure to new work environments, and opportunities to sharpen their skills.
- We provide businesses and families the opportunity to connect with workers in our community and even serve as mentors on the job.
- We support volunteers! We're continuing our effort to promote volunteer opportunities in the area.
- We maintain an interactive website that allows employers to post jobs directly online AND the ability for job-seekers to register their skills online.
- We're collaborating with area nonprofits to better serve our community by developing and maintaining a "Bit Time" List of workers available for small- and one-time jobs.

How are we doing?

- Our requests for workers continue to grow each year. There are over 50 active job seekers on our list. In 2017 employers posted 580 jobs.
- The Job Bank serves job-seekers, volunteer-seekers and employers throughout the greater Woodstock area.

How are we funded?

This year our funding request to the Town of Bridgewater remains level with last year.

While we do receive some funding from area towns - Woodstock, Hartland, Bridgewater, Barnard, Pomfret and Reading - our budget is limited. These funds will help toward operating expenses as we continue offering in-person, online, and telephone resources and strive to expand service hours.

*The Woodstock Area Job Bank is a 501 c-3 organization
We thank the voters of Bridgewater for supporting
this worthy organization
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Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; and reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services/Crisis Intervention, (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Homelessness Prevention, Micro-Business Development, SaVermont (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Bridgewater, we have provided the following services during FY2018:

Emergency Heating System Replacements: 1 home (1 person) received a heating system Repair or replacement at a cost of \$4,701

Family Services: 9 households (22 people) received 51 services, valued at \$618 (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition information, forms assistance, referral to & assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 4 households (13 people) received 9 assists valued at \$4,792

Housing Assistance: 4 households (14 people) received 4 assists valued at \$5,566

Thrift Store Vouchers: 2 households (2 people) received goods & services valued at \$10

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of state, federal, private and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Bridgewater for their support.

Stephen Geller
Executive Director



Annual Report to the Town Of Bridgewater

Annual Report to the Town Of Bridgewater
For Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Mission:

The Norman Williams Public Library's mission is to enrich the intellectual and cultural life of the community by providing access to literature, culture, current information and technology; promote the love of reading; foster the free and open exchange of ideas; serve as a gathering place for people of all ages; and support lifelong learning for all.

The library works to improve the lives of the residents of Bridgewater. **Currently 129 Bridgewater residents have signed up for library cards. 16 are children and 113 are adults.** During fiscal year 2017-2018 the library counted 76,060 visitors. Visitors used the library for access to computers, to borrow books and other materials (70,855 items circulated), to join friends for events, games, crafts and programs, and to attend informational meetings, lectures or simply to enjoy a quiet place of refuge.

Helping children and teens succeed:

Librarians at Norman Williams Public Library are continually developing new programs and services to help youth learn literacy, computer, arts and other formative skills. In 2017-2018 the library expanded afterschool programs to include: arts and crafts with healthy snacks, tutoring and homework help, computer skills training, mentoring, child-led book club for grades 5-8, kids knitting club, "Culinary Kids" cooking classes. The library also continued to support early childhood literacy skills by offering daily Storytime's for preschoolers and babies. These library Storytime's provide excellent learning opportunities for the very young, and they also build supportive community networks for parents, pre-school teachers and caregivers. 3,441 children participated in library programs.

Life-changing technology tutoring for adults:

The library offers 7 computers, two printers, two copiers and a fax machine for public use. According to library records, 3,600 people made use of public computers in 2017-2018. The library also offers individual, one-on-one tutoring regarding use of computers, cell phones, tablets and other devices. 355 separate technology tutoring sessions were offered in 2017-2018. Norman Williams Public Library's technology tutoring improves lives and opens pathways for success. During the last year, library staff helped patrons update electronic resumes, store and organize family photos, communicate with grandchildren over Skype and Snapchat, and prepare required documents for local, county and state. A librarian helped one woman prepare her resume, send it via email and the library was pleased to learn that this woman got the job!

Enrichment and entertainment:

The library offered 437 programs themed for adults of all ages. 6,730 people enjoyed programs at the library. Adult programs included: weekly bridge games, weekly knitting groups, a monthly poetry reading group, and weekly Mah Jong games. The library offers a wide variety of book discussions, arts & crafts classes, musical experiences, lectures and author talks. Townspeople report that these interesting and entertaining activities expand their social networks and create more opportunities for people to go out and enjoy evening events.

Library extends beyond walls of our building:

In 2017-2018 library staff continued to offer programs and services beyond the walls of the library building. Staff took field trips to the Woodstock History Center and the Marsh-Billings Rockefeller National Park. Library patrons were treated to library field trips to the Hall Art Foundation. Children's librarians offered programs at the Woodstock History Center Old Time History Fair, the Rainbow Nursery School & Stafford Commons. Technology Tutoring is offered every other week at the Thompson Senior Center.

Improvements underway on library facility and grounds:

2017-2018 was a year of continuing to improve and invest in the historic library building and refresh the grounds. Chippers was hired to remove dead trees and underbrush from the back lot and will aerate, fertilize and repair the lawns beginning in spring of 2019. Library trustees are in the midst of fundraising to invest in important repairs to the HVAC system. Fundraising is also underway to invest in state-of-the-art audio visual equipment to benefit the entire community.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Merk, Executive Director

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Woodstock Recreation Center, INC.

The Woodstock Recreation Center (WRC) is 71 years old in 2018. There have been many positive changes over the years; I will give a brief timeline below:

- In August of 1958 the first “small” pool was built, with funding from the Woodstock Rotary club.
- In June 1968 the “big pool” was built
- In February 2007 a major renovation project was completed removing the bowling alley and adding a Fitness Center and dance studio where many fitness classes, dance classes, and other programs are taught today.
- Included in this renovation is a new teen center
(This used to be the old gym)
- In April 2008 the construction of a new “big pool” began.
- The small pool is still used today.
- In June 2009 the new “big pool” was ready for use.
- In 2010 the lower level of WRC was fully renovated with new bathrooms, showers, floors, walls, electrical, and plumbing.
- In August 2011 Tropical Storm Irene came through with flood waters filling the small pool with silt, entering the lower level of WRC and rising to 5ft. In the theater.
- This amounted to over 250,000.00 in damages.
- The lower level of WRC had to have all the recently completed renovations ripped out from 4ft and below due to water damage. This was all repaired within two months.
- The Theater had so much water and silt, all of the electrical, plumbing, and heat was ruined, the entire lower level had to be gutted from the ceiling down, there was no heat, or electricity in the building.
- In October 2012 all repairs to the theater were complete. The theater was again habitable and rainbow preschool moved back in and all classes resumed upstairs.
- In 2015 The original wood floors in the theater were refinished and the exterior side doors replaced.
- In 2016 the Carpet in the front office was replaced with wood, and we replaced two treadmills as well as two pieces of weight lifting equipment in the gym.
- In 2017 we replaced the lift station and sewer pumps in the theater, we also added two more treadmills to the gym, and two new spin bikes to the studio.
- In 2018 we added a step mill to the gym, we replaced the pump and several lines for the small pool, and we did some much-needed tree removal of dead trees.

The WRC is home the Options program. The options program is an alternative education program for Woodstock high school students where 12 to 15 students are taught daily. This gives students who have a difficult time learning in the school environment an incredible opportunity to learn in an environment that will enable them to do well and earn their diploma.

The Bridgewater community is a vital part of what we offer here at the Woodstock Rec Center, with a total of 12 Bridgewater resident children signed up for our summer camp program over 8 weeks, 6 in basketball, 9 in soccer, 9 in baseball, 4 in lacrosse, and numerous families in our swim lesson, swim team, and pool membership program. For adults and teens, we have an average of 40 Bridgewater residents using our fitness center and 15 who regularly take fitness classes.

Your continued community support and input is invaluable to us, we hope you continue to see the benefit in your partnership with the WRC. Please contact Gail Devine Executive Director, for further details or to offer your support, contribution, or expertise.

Current WRC Staff:

Gail Devine – Executive Director

Joel Carey – Assistant Director

Kerri Elkouh – Office Administrator

The staff and board of the WRC are committed to the goals that have been set forth and continue to strive toward improvements that will benefit the entire community.

Sincerely,

Gail Devine

Executive Director

Current Board members:

Chair, – Dave Doubleday - Vice, – Kent McFarland, Secretary, Emma Schmell – Treasurer, Jim Giller – Select board Rep. Butch Sutherland – board members at large: - Tom Emery - Barry Mangan.



ANNUAL REPORT

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont offers support services to elders and their families. Our mission is to promote successful aging.

This is a summary of services provided to **Bridgewater** in the last year (2017-2018).

Information and Assistance: Our toll-free Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 answered 24 calls from your town. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also detailed at www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org

Health Insurance: We helped 2 residents with Medicare Part D or Advantage Plan enrollment.

Case Management & Advocacy: We provided 4 elder residents with in-home case management to enable them to remain living safely in the setting they prefer. Often a few well-chosen support services can prevent premature institutionalization.

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

Senior Nutrition: Senior Solutions partners with the Thompson Senior Center in Woodstock for congregate and home-delivered meals. Our agency provides administrative oversight that includes background checks for volunteer drivers, a monthly menu review and feedback by a registered dietician and allocates funds that help support the program.

Transportation: We support transportation funding and helped to make special arrangements through the Thompson for non-Medicaid medical transportation.

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

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director

OTTAUQUECHEE HEALTH FOUNDATION

Who We Are:

For more than 20 years, the Ottawaquechee Health Foundation has fostered health and wellness in our communities through support for education and initiatives, and grants to help our neighbors meet their healthcare needs. OHF helps people with limited financial resources to access health and wellness services they might not otherwise receive, including medical care, dental care and dentures, hearing aids, eyeglasses, counselling and caregiver support. Today, as throughout its history, OHF is strengthened by the many people, organizations and businesses that make our efforts possible. We are honored by the participation of our members, the hard work of our volunteers, and the generosity of our donors. In 2018, OHF provided 241 grants through our Good Neighbor Grant Program, of which 12% were supplied to Bridgewater residents.

What We Do:

- OHF provides gap funding on behalf of individuals who are unable to pay for the high costs of health and wellness services. **Last year OHF approved more than \$124,000 in health and wellness grants.**
- OHF understands the importance of keeping abreast of the changing needs of our communities, and supporting those needs through education and pilot programs that focus on prevention. **OHF is currently planning multiple education forums and events as well as focusing on new initiatives for 2018/2019.**
- OHF works in partnership with area health providers and organizations to provide care coordination and support. **In addition, local health providers discount their services, to allow our neighbors to access health and wellness services at a more affordable rate. In fact, \$124,000 in 2017 grants enabled access to over \$165,000 in health and wellness services. We are your resource for health and wellness support!**

For more information call 802-457-4188 or visit our website: www.ohfvt.org

info@ohfvt.org

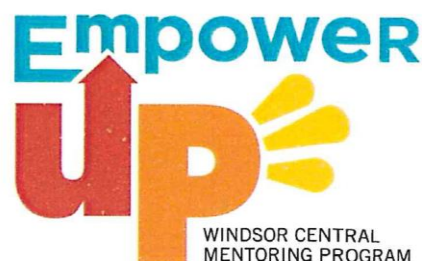
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As of June 30, 2018, OCP has ceased as an area non-profit and the WCSU now oversees the district's mentoring program. In addition, expanded programs at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and the Mt. Ascutney Prevention Partnership will ensure our community benefits from ongoing substance misuse prevention infrastructure and implementation activities.

Community members wishing to continue to support OCP initiatives are encouraged to make donations to WCSU with the memo: Empower UP mentoring.

2018 Annual Report

OCP worked closely with WCSU Administration to embed the mentoring program into the school district so that all students have equal access and opportunity to the program.

Highlights of work this past year:

- Continued to maintain mentoring matches and recruit / train caring, quality mentors
- Convened six meetings of the WCSU Prevention Team to identify priority issues related to our young people who are at risk and build a plan to increase healthy behaviors
- Distributed over 750 RX drug prevention materials through Woodstock Pharmacy
- Coordinated Drug Take Back Day with the Windsor County Sheriff whereby 594 pounds of medications were collected across the County
- Collaborated with Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission to further establish a Regional Health Advisory Council and work on Town Health and Wellness Committee

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Vermont Department of Health Local Report

BRIDGEWATER, 2019

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters.

Your local office is in [White River Junction](#) at the address and phone number above. Available to help individuals and families at worksites, schools, town meetings, or by appointment, we work hard to provide you with knowledgeable and accessible care, resources, and services. We also partner with local organizations and health care providers to ensure we're equipped to respond to the community's needs. In 2018, we worked in partnership with communities to:

- Increase capacity statewide to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana with [Regional Prevention Partnerships \(RPP\)](#).
- [Prevent and control the spread of infectious disease. In 2018 we spent \\$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers around the state to make sure children and adults are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. We also responded to 244 cases of infectious disease.](#)
- [Promote wellness](#) by focusing on walking and biking safety, reducing tobacco exposure, and increasing access to healthy foods through the implementation of local projects and municipal strategies.
- [Support healthy families by helping kids stay connected with providers and dentists following transfer into foster care.](#)
- [Serve families and children with the Women, Infants, and Children \(WIC\) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program. In 2018, we served over 11,000 families.](#)
- [Provide trainings on Help Me Grow to Healthcare and Early Childhood Education Providers to support improved access to resources and services for parents and families with young children.](#)
- Share new data and reports including the [Vermont Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Pilot Report](#) which is helping Vermonters understand and address the risk of lead in school drinking water, and the [Injury and Violence in Vermont](#) report, which is shedding light on the risk of suicide among youths.
- [Work with businesses in planning and starting worksite wellness strategies to improve on-the-job opportunities for health for local residents, including creating Breastfeeding Friendly locations to support growing families.](#)
- Work with local partners, including, schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a [public health emergency](#).
- Improve understanding of how to stay healthy at work, home, and in the community through initiatives and resources related to 3-4-50, Help Me Grow, WIC, Building Bright Futures, Be Tick Smart, 802Quits, and the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer project.

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov

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Joan Jenne Memorial Scholarship Fund

Balance July 1, 2017	\$ 2,614.54
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Interest Earned	\$	1.10
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CD Interest	\$	273.00
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Withdrawal from CD	
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	\$ 274.10
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Total Receipts:	\$ 2,888.64
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Disbursements:	
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17/18 Scholarships	\$	1,600.00
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Balance as of June 30, 2018	
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	\$ 1,288.60
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Assets:	
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Certificate of Deposit	\$26,000.00
1.05%	

Committee Members
David Jenne Henry
Smith
Nancy Robinson

Report from the Superintendent

The 2017-18 school year was a planning year for the new Windsor Central Unified District and the district became operational on July 1, 2018. Work began in the spring of 2018 will be continuing through spring of 2019 to develop a 5-year strategic plan for our district that will provide a roadmap and vision for the future. This plan will ultimately drive budget development and investment priorities for the merged district. This year, the following priorities were identified as the FY20 budget was developed:

Contractual Obligations - Moving to a single contract (\$755,000)

- 1) This budget moves all educators on to a single salary grid, removing the discrepancies that existed between districts prior to the merger, standardizes the number of days teachers work at all campuses, and covers the contractual 11.8% increase in health care costs.

Adjustments Related to Addressing Student Enrollment and Facility Issues

- 2) This budget integrates TPVS (The Prosper Valley School) students into WES but provides funding for maintaining TPVS facility.
- 3) This budget moves RES (Reading Elementary School) students in grades 4-6 to WES.
- 4) This budget removes 1.5 administration and nursing positions from TPVS but maintains .6 principal position for TPVS students
- 5) This budget removes 1.6 Administration positions from RES while adding an additional classroom paraprofessional position.
- 6) This budget reduces unified arts positions at both the elementary and WUHSMS levels to adjust for declining enrollment and for the consolidation of grade levels at the elementary level.

Investments Related to Improved Student Outcomes

- 7) This budget standardizes unified arts offering at the elementary level across campuses including Spanish 3 times per week in grades 4-6.
- 8) This budget supports investments in instructional coaching at both the elementary and WUHSMS level
- 9) This budget provides full-day free Pre-K programs at each of our 2019-20 elementary campuses (WES, KES, and RES).

Establishment of a Line Item for Capital Improvements

This budget establishes a \$150,000 line item for district capital investments.

Sincere thanks is extended to the many community members, educators, and students who are contributing to the dialogue around the vision and future of our district.

Warm Regards,
 Mary Beth Banios
 Superintendent, Windsor Central Supervisory Union

**WARNING FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WINDSOR CENTRAL MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union District (the "District"), comprising the voters of the Towns of Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock (all Grades PK-12), and the Town of Barnard (Grades 7-12), are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Woodstock High School/Middle School Teagle Library, located in Woodstock, Vermont, on Monday, March 11, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of transacting business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To elect a Clerk who shall assume office upon election, and serve a one year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Article 3: To elect a Treasurer who shall assume office upon election, and serve a one year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Article 4: To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid District officers.

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District authorize the board of directors under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

Article 6: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

MARCH 5, 2019 – AUSTRALIAN BALLOT QUESTION

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union District are hereby further warned and notified to meet at their respective polling places hereinafter named for the above-referenced towns on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, during the polling hours noted herein, for the purpose of transacting during that time voting by Australian ballot.

Article 7: The legal voters of the specified towns designated within this itemized Article shall elect the following:

- Barnard: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022
- Bridgewater: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022
- Bridgewater: one school director for the remaining two years of a three year term to expire 2021
- Plymouth: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022
- Plymouth: one school director for the remaining year of a two year term to expire 2020
- Reading: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022
- Woodstock: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022
- Woodstock: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend eighteen million, ninety five thousand, eight hundred thirty four dollars (\$18,095,834), 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 \$17,994 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3% higher than spending for the current year.

The legal voters of Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District are further warned and notified that an **Informational Meeting** will be held at the Woodstock Union Middle School library in the Town of Woodstock on **Monday, February 25, 2019**, commencing at 6:00 P.M., for the purpose of explaining the 2019-2020 proposed budget.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2019.


Jennifer Iannantuoni, WCMUUSD Board Co-Chair

POLLING PLACES

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Barnard	*	Barnard Town Hall	*	10 am – 7 pm
Bridgewater	*	Bridgewater Town Clerk's Office	*	8 am – 7 pm
Killington	*	Killington Town Hall	*	7 am – 7 pm
Plymouth	*	Plymouth Municipal Building	*	10 am – 7 pm
Pomfret	*	Pomfret Town Hall	*	8 am – 7 pm
Reading	*	Reading Town Hall	*	7 am – 7 pm
Woodstock	*	Woodstock Town Hall	*	7 am – 7 pm

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

The financial records are being audited by RHR Smith & Company for the year ending June 30, 2018.

Copies of the completed audit, when available, may be requested by calling the Finance Director of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union at 802-457-1213, extension 1089.

An itemized Windsor Central Unified District budget can be found at
www.wcsu.net

The Prosper Valley School

Serving the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District
Annual Report

The Prosper Valley School District merged on July 1, 2018 with surrounding communities to form the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District. This new district is comprised of the towns of Bridgewater, Killington, Pomfret, Reading, Plymouth and Woodstock. School choice was offered for the first time among these six towns, with students allowed to choose any elementary school in the new district.

The Prosper Valley School enrollment dropped from 90 students in the 2017-18 school year to 67 students in the 2018-19 school year, in part because of school choice, but also due to families moving out of Bridgewater and Pomfret, and a very small kindergarten class. The current enrollment consists of 21 students from Bridgewater; 41 students from Pomfret; and 5 students from other district towns.

The 2018-19 school year began in August with the unfortunate problem of non-toxic mold in the building. It was quickly determined that the building could not be inhabited until substantial work was done, including new foundation drains, sealing of frost walls, and possibly installing a dehumidification system. The decision was made to move all students and staff from TPVS to the Woodstock Elementary School building, where TPVS functioned as a school within a school. School opened three days late to accommodate the move to the Woodstock campus. Four classrooms were created -- Grades K/1, 2/3, 4/5, and 6. The classrooms with two grades had two teachers. The principal and administrative assistant shared the WES main office with that school's administrative team. The hospitality extended by the WES community was nothing short of amazing. Students, parents and staff have made the most of this most unusual school year.

Next year, 2019-20, TPVS will still exist at WES, but students and staff will be integrated into the WES structure. A district committee will put forth a recommendation in Summer 2019 regarding future use of the Prosper Valley site and building.

The Prosper Valley School District ceased to exist as of December 31, 2018. Many thanks to its final Board members for their tireless work leading up to the merger. Pomfret representatives Patti Kuzmickas, Jodi Eaton, and Seth Westbrook; and Bridgewater representatives Seth Shaw, Justin Shipman, and Joshua Gregg were outstanding in addressing a variety of challenges leading up to the opening of the new district.

Respectfully submitted by,
John Hansen
Principal
The Prosper Valley School

**The Prosper Valley School
Revenue Report
Through FY2018**

	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018	Actual 2017-2018
Local Revenues				
Tuition From Pupils/Parents			23,000	
Tuition From Other LEA's	18,000	27,000		34,500
Interest Earned	-	9		12
Prior Year Surplus Applied	62,000	62,572	16,343	17,890
Total Local Revenues	80,000	89,581	39,343	52,402
State Revenues				
Education Spending Grant	1,148,928	1,148,928	1,285,707	1,285,707
Small Schools Grant	125,805	98,462	127,547	143,971
State Transportation Reimb	29,420	29,361	29,420	29,520
Postage				
Total State Revenues	1,304,153	1,276,751	1,442,674	1,459,198
Sub-Total	1,384,153	1,366,332	1,482,017	1,511,600
Special Education				
Special Ed Excess Cost Revenue				1,933
Special Ed Block Grant	35,867	35,867		-
Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	90,000	100,933	168,678	-
Early Essential Education Grant	12,487	12,487		-
Total Special Education	138,354	149,287	168,678	1,933
Food Service				
Food Service Revenue	7,300	12,380		10,368
Subgrant - Annual State Match - LUNCH	250			
Subgrant - Annual State Match - BRKFST	100			
Subgrant - State Addt'l Breakfast	50	361		240
Subgrant - State Addt'l Lunch		782		559

Subgrant - Federal School Lunch	6,700	12,876	13,115
Subgrant-Federal Sch Breakfast/Start Up	1,000	4,350	4,989
St Of Vt Lunch Match	3,000		
Total Food Service	18,400	30,749	- 29,271
GRAND TOTAL	1,540,907	1,546,368	1,650,695 1,542,804

**The Prosper Valley School
Expenditure Report
Through FY2018**

	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018	Actual 2017-2018
Regular Instruction				
Teachers' Salaries	520,584	537,503	488,096	472,541
Aides' Salaries	19,520	19,526	-	6,375
ELL Salaries		9,475	12,300	9,720
Instruction - Substitute Salaries	5,253	9,325	5,384	58,911
Regular Instruction - Health Insurance	157,187	143,076	143,979	110,149
Health Reimbursement	-	-	-	20,946
Regular Instruction FICA	41,720	32,350	38,692	39,525
Municipal Retirement	1,261		492	-
New Hire VSTRS Retirement		4,388	-	4,511
Workers' Comp. Ins	2,591	5,272	2,403	4,606
Unemployment Compensation				38
Dental Insurance	3,720	3,464	3,255	3,266
Nature's Classroom		5,170	4,000	-
Regular Ed Excess Costs	4,000		4,000	
Purchased Educational Services	5,579	1,122		1,332
General Supplies	6,925	6,572	6,925	4,393

Pre-K Tuition	15,000	22,417	30,000	27,808
General Texts	-	143		-
Art Supplies	500	597	750	793
English Supplies	500	354	500	-
Foreign Language Materials	550	151	300	173
Phys Ed Supplies	450	34	450	435
Equipment	500		-	-
Math Supplies	750	928	750	121
Math Texts	500	1,705	1,500	3,805
Music Supplies	750	903	750	428
Music Dues & Fees	400	20	-	220
Purchased Educational Services	850	175	-	410
Science Supplies	900	753	900	537
Social Studies Supplies	700	544	700	381
Language Arts Supplies	2,000	3,816	3,000	1,129
Language Arts - Textbooks	1,000		1,000	58
Title I Supplies	-	5,153	-	-
Total Regular Education	793,690	814,937	750,126	772,610

Guidance

Counselor Salary	13,510	10,475	13,749	10,838
Health Insurance	2,846	2,642	2,977	2,107
FICA	1,033	727	1,052	758
Life Insurance	-	4		4
Workers' Comp. Ins.	64	126	65	125
Dental Insurance	84	79	101	77
Supplies	500		250	
Standardized Testing	1,000	666	1,000	688
Total Guidance	19,037	14,719	19,194	14,597

Health Services

Contracted Nurse Services

Nurse Salary	10,459	6,235	15,245	10,862
FICA	800	477	1,166	831
Workers' Comp. Ins.	50	97	72	139
Hearing/Vision Screening		46		-
Supplies	400	454	500	563

Total Health Services	11,709	7,309	16,983	12,395
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Instructional Staff Training

Professional Development - Stipends	-	203	-	450
FICA		12	-	34
Course Reimbursement - Teachers	5,000	3,549	5,000	85
Staff Conference	1,000	70	1,000	100
Professional Development - General	-	3,511		3,000
Staff Travel	250	766	250	278

Total Instructional Staff Training	6,250	8,110	6,250	3,947
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Education Media Services

Salary	20,566		12,315	
Assistant Salary			6,552	
Health Insurance	5,439		4,182	
FICA	1,573		1,443	
Workers' Comp Ins	98		90	
Dental Insurance	166		159	
Supplies	-			264
Library Books	1,200		1,200	701
Newspapers and Periodicals	500	970	500	-

Total Education Media Services	29,542	970	26,441	965
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Audio-Visual Services

Audio-Visual Materials	400		400	
Ed Media - Software	1,500	551	1,500	2,926

Total Audio-Visual Services	1,900	551	1,900	2,926
Technology				
Salaries		3,785	750	
Health Insurance		952	-	
FICA		290	57	
Municipal Retirement			30	
Workers' Comp Ins.		18		
Dental Insurance		19		
Purchased Technical Services	4,500	1,935	4,500	3,678
Repairs and Maintenance	400	-	400	553
Communications	3,700	2,088	3,700	888
Ed Media - Computer Supplies	200	-	200	82
Software	800	314	800	906
Equipment	1,000	1,270	4,000	7,171
Total Technology	10,600	5,607	18,664	14,114
Board of Education				
Legal Liability Insurance	4,000	3,961	4,080	4,025
Postage	300	-	300	-
Advertising	1,000	747	1,000	332
Supplies	300		300	
Expenses	350	94	350	830
Dues and Fees	850	984	984	-
Treasurer	600	-	600	-
Legal Services	750	342	750	143
Total Board of Education	8,150	6,127	8,364	5,329
Office of the Principal				
Salary	82,000	85,000	87,125	93,909
Secretary Salary	19,719	25,920	28,939	28,199
Health Insurance	33,726	37,074	35,274	23,624

FICA	6,273	5,983	6,665	7,155
Secretary Soc Sec	1,508	1,669	2,214	2,020
Municipal Retirement	789	1,037	1,158	1,128
Workers' Comp Ins.	484	948	551	576
Professional Development	1,500	435	1,500	450
Dental Insurance	800	768	768	497
Copier Lease	2,125	2,602	2,125	2,878
Postage	1,500	374	500	96
Travel	500	369	500	-
Supplies	500	2,328	750	1,135
Professional Dues	800	235	500	380

Total Office of the Principal	152,224	164,742	168,569	162,046
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Operation/Maintenance of Plant

Maintenance Salaries	11,852	12,399	12,148	14,179
Summer Salaries	5,000	-	5,000	-
FICA	907	758	929	1,085
Worker's Comp Ins	282	157	282	1,057
Water Testing	600	223	600	448
Disposal Services	2,500	2,255	2,500	2,056
Contracted Maintenance	43,000	51,639	18,000	52,296
Building Repairs		415	20,000	1,007
Service Contracts			30,000	16,088
Property Insurance	4,865	5,082	5,100	4,943
Communications	4,800	4,045	4,800	4,064
Maintenance Supplies	7,700	7,994	7,700	7,061
Electricity	17,000	18,405	17,000	15,445
Propane Gas	1,500	348	1,500	243
Heating Oil	19,500	10,615	14,950	10,434

Equipment	1,000	-	1,000	(2,106)
Furniture	1,600	2,309	2,600	2,150
Dues and Fees	400	360	-	295
Total Operation/Maintenance of Plant	122,506	117,004	144,109	130,744

Care and Upkeep of Grounds

Sewage Services	-			
Repairs and Maintenance	5,500	4,350	7,500	8,876
Supplies	800	113	800	-
Total Care and Upkeep of Grounds	6,300	4,463	8,300	8,876

Student Transportation

Contracted Services	60,971	63,596	65,186	65,186
Field Trips	4,570	3,344	7,000	2,257
Pentangle	-			
Total Student Transportation	65,541	66,940	72,186	67,443

Total Elementary	1,227,449	1,211,478	1,241,086	1,195,992
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Special Education

ESY Salary	-	-	-	2,846
Paraprofessionals	21,108	24,768	40,667	72,773
Health Insurance	7,115	7,920	14,522	33,430
FICA	1,615	1,483	3,111	5,419
Municipal Retirement	1,104	854	1,627	2,911
Workers' Comp	131	257	193	156
Dental Insurance	435	389	768	1,304
Excess Costs	-	30,747	33,237	64,875
Total Special Education	31,508	66,417	94,125	183,713

EEE Salary	6,500	9,863	-	
EEE FICA	497	603	-	
Total EEE	6,997	10,466	-	
WCSU Assessments				
Technology Integration	8,701	8,701	10,936	10,936
Executive Admin.	61,749	61,749	71,335	71,335
Special Ed	146,428	146,427	165,864	72,234
Special Ed - Other Exp	22,075	22,075	31,349	13,652
Administration Services	238,953	238,953	279,484	168,157
Food Service				
Contracted Services	36,000	49,938	36,000	45,394
Mileage	-	644		1,135
Supplies	-	516		382
Food Purchases	-	18,920		15,914
Equipment	-	1,500		1,350
Total Food Service	36,000	71,518	36,000	64,176
GRAND TOTAL	1,540,907	1,598,832	1,650,695	1,612,038

The Prosper Valley School
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2018 (unaudited)

Assets

Checking Account	\$ 15,599
Accounts Receivable	\$ 16,591
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 2,437

Total Assets	\$ 34,626
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 66,435
Due to Bridgewater & Pomfret (net)	\$ 8,458
Due to Other Districts (net)	\$ 32,979
Accrued Benefits Payable	\$ 1,180

	\$ 109,052
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Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ (74,426)
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Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2018	\$ (74,426)
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Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance	\$ 34,626
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Bridgewater School District

Bridgewater School District Expenditure Report Through FY2018

	Budget 2016- 2017	Actual 2016- 2017	Budget 2017- 2018	Actual 2017- 2018
REVENUE				
Prior Year Surplus Applied	52,255	52,255	-	-
Education Spending Grant	516,389	516,389	542,894	559,697
Interest Earned		199		124
Miscellaneous	3,000	719		798
Special Education Reimbursement				45,788
Contribution from Reserves			41,419	-
Total	<u>571,644</u>	<u>569,562</u>	<u>584,313</u>	<u>606,407</u>
EXPENSE				
Board of Ed Stipends		925		-
Board of Ed - Legal Services	3,000	-	-	-
Prior Year Deficit			17,263	-
Special Ed - Teachers Salary		-		-
Special Ed - FICA		-		-
TPVS Assessment	516,389	516,389	567,050	605,495
Prior Year Surplus to TPVS	<u>52,255</u>	<u>52,255</u>		-
TOTAL	<u>571,644</u>	<u>569,569</u>	<u>584,313</u>	<u>605,495</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	(7)	-	913

Bridgewater School District
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2018 (unaudited)

Assets

Checking Account	\$ 42,987
Petty Cash	\$ 100
Due from Other Districts	\$ 10,014

Total Assets	\$ 53,100
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Liabilities

Due to The Prosper Valley School	\$ 51,232
Due to Other Districts	\$ 515
Accrued Benefits Payable	\$ 440

	\$ 52,187
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Reserves

Other Designated Reserves	\$ -
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	\$ -
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Undesignated Fund Balance

Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2018	\$ 913
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	\$ 913
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Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance	\$ 53,100
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Bridgewater School District Reserve Fund Activity

Year Ending June 30, 2018

Reserve Fund	Balance 06/30/17	Revenues	Expenses	Balance 06/30/18
After School Program	\$ (1,267)		\$ 1,267	\$ -
Bottle Money	\$ 891		\$ (891)	\$ -
Box Top for Education	\$ 868		\$ (868)	\$ -
Building Maintenance	\$ 0		\$ (0)	\$ -
E-Rate	\$ 346		\$ (346)	\$ -
Fancher Trust	\$ 16,479		\$ (16,479)	\$ -
Health Reimb Accts	\$ 34,278		\$ (34,278)	\$ -
Technology Reserve	\$ 687		\$ (687)	\$ -
TPVS Kitchen Project	\$ 5,615		\$ (5,615)	\$ -
	\$ 57,898	\$ -	\$ (57,898)	\$ -

The Prosper Valley School Trust - 2018 Annual Report

The Prosper Valley School Trust provides funding for educational enrichment for the children of Bridgewater and Pomfret who attend The Prosper Valley School, beyond that which can be fairly and reasonably raised through local and state taxes. Originally founded in 1992, we are excited to celebrate our 26th year! The Prosper Valley School Trust is a private foundation that conforms to all provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the IRS.

Programs funded by the Trust in 2018:

- Band instrument scholarships were provided for three students in The Prosper Valley School Band. Long term rentals that cover the purchase of instruments will now become the property of TPVS. We also provide funds for repair and maintenance for school instruments.
- The Trust purchased cases and charging towers for the 15 iPads for grades K-2 purchased in 2017. This allows each student in grade 1 and 2 to have their own tablet as well as 5 for Kindergarten.
- New recess equipment was purchased for all grade levels.
- A mobile whiteboard was purchased for the temporary music room in Woodstock Elementary School. This space needed to be quickly set up due to the shifting classroom spaces when TPVS moved in.
- TPVS and Artis tree proudly presented Dreaming: A Speak Chorus at the ArtisTree grange theater in January and again at the Vermont State House in Montpelier in March. Our fifth and sixth graders read Brown Girl Dreaming, a Vermont Humanities book which explored themes of civil rights, family and place. The Trust funded the trip to the State House.

The Board of The Prosper Valley School Trust wishes to thank the community for its continued support to nurture excellence in education for our children.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Trustees: Michelle Hough, Nicola Shipman, Geraldine Fowler, Emily Harrington and Kate Overbay

The Prosper Valley School Trust - 2018 Annual Report

The Prosper Valley School Trust
 Financial Statement
 Reporting Period: 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018

Total Assets Forward 12/31/17 (checking, savings, investments)	\$114,157.22
Checking Account Balance Forward	\$5,402.80
Real Balance Forward (with \$750 outstanding check as of 12/31/18)	\$4,652.80
Total 2017 Assets Forward	\$113,407.22

Revenue

Direct Support - 2017 Annual Appeal posted 01/2018	\$1,300	
Savings Interest	\$8.08	
Total Revenue		\$1,308.08

Losses

Vanguard Depreciation	\$276.50	
Total Losses		-\$276.50

Operations

Food Purchase	\$27.77	
Total Operating Expenses		-\$27.77

Disbursements

iPad Purchases	\$649.88	
Speak Chorus Field Trip	\$300.00	
VINS (Spring Fling)	\$400	
Band - Scholarships/Instrument Repairs	\$1,004.40	
Whiteboard	\$229.99	
Fire Pit Outdoor Classroom	\$19.99	
Specialty Sports - Sports Equipment	\$211.00	
Total Disbursements		-\$2,815.26

Checking Account Balance (12/31/2018)	\$3,109.77
Savings Account Balance (12/31/2018)	\$16,151.84
Investment Portfolio Balance (12/31/2018)	\$92,334.16
Total Assets of The Prosper Valley School Trust (12/31/17)	\$111,595.77

**FYI
- Phone Numbers -**

Town Office	672-3334
Town Office Fax	672-5395
Town Highway Garage	672-5379
Health Officer-Ellen Quinn	(802) 281-0615
Town Constable-David Adams	(802) 829-8390
Bridgewater Corners Post Office	672-5345
Bridgewater Village Post Office	672-5166
Town Fire Warden – Ken Tarleton	672-3061
Town Fire Chief –Edwin Earle	672-5032
Emergency Phone Numbers:	
Fire, Police, Ambulance	911
State Police (Bethel Barracks)	(802)-234-9933

Town Meeting March 5, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Bridgewater Grange 129 VT RT 100 A, Bridgewater Corners, VT

Town of Bridgewater
7335 US RT 4
Bridgewater, VT 05034

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