

Town of Bridgewater



View from Bridgewater Hill

Vermont

**2019 Annual Report
Town & School District
(For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019)**

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Bridgewater Vermont Information

Country	United States
State	Vermont
County	Windsor
Chartered	1761
Settled	1779
Organized	1785
Area	
• Total	49.5 sq mi (128.3 km ²)
• Land	49.4 sq mi (128.0 km ²)
• Water	0.2 sq mi (0.4 km ²)
Elevation	1,040 ft (317 m)
Population (2010)	
• Total	936
• Density	19/sq mi (7.3/km ²)

Dedication



DEDICATION

2019

Mary R. Oldenburg

What does the word volunteer mean to us? The dictionary meaning of volunteer is a person who performs or gives of themselves willingly and without obligation. In Bridgewater, Mary Oldenburg is the epitome of this person. Mary has spent most of her adult life giving to the Town of Bridgewater as a Selectboard Member, Auditor, member of the Rescue Squad and Fire Department and has sat on numerous boards including Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Mary has spent countless hours in training and educational seminars; from learning how to take our blood pressure to keeping budgets under control. It has been common knowledge for years that when a call goes out for "help", Mary will be personally responding or working behind the scene to make sure our needs are met.

Mary- thank you for your many years of service and dedication to our town and community.

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, 2020 - April 1, 2020** - Remember to License your Dog/Wolf Hybrid
Call the Town Clerk if you have questions.
- ❖ **March 3, 2020** Town Meeting Day 9:00 a.m.
Location: Bridgewater Community Center – Multi-Purpose Room

Town Office: Australian Ballot - 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District Budget
New Fire Station Bond Vote
2020 Presidential Primary
- ❖ **March 21, 2020 Rabies Clinic -**
DRIVE UP & POKE RABIES CLINIC at the Bridgewater Mill Mall!
Saturday, March 21st, 12:30-2:00, - \$12.00 per shot. Register inside Bridgewater Mill Mall, RT 4.
Vaccinations given inside the safety of your car. Thanks to Dr. Philippa Richards, Kedron Valley
Vet Clinic. Hosted by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society 672-5302
- ❖ **April 5, 2020** Property Assessment Date – Property is assessed each year as of this date.
Dog License Renewals due before April 1, 2020
- ❖ **April 15, 2020** File State Form - HS 122 for residency declaration.
- ❖ **May 1, 2020** Liquor License Renewal Date.
- ❖ **June 2020** Lister Grievances
- ❖ **August 1, 2020** Tax Bills mailed.
- ❖ **November 4, 2020** Property Taxes Due – Please remember that taxes paid after
this date is 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	30.00
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 Meeting Minutes
Annual Town Meeting
March 5, 2019

The 2019 Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. by Bill Berry. First order of business or Article 1, to elect a Moderator. Bill Berry was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Bill Berry.

Bill read the Dedication which was to Thomas Standish. Tom was present and appreciated this very much.

Representative Jim Harrison, re-elected last November, thanked town for its support and thanked Mary Oldenburg for her many years of service to the town.

Spoke to the assembly regarding current happenings in the legislature: taxation and regulation of marijuana, increasing the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour, a mandatory paid family leave plan that would be funded by a new payroll tax, school mergers and the pension liability. Took questions from the voters regarding the payroll tax, second hand smoke from marijuana on children, plans to keep young people in Vermont.

Bill made the following announcements:

- * Location of exits and bathroom facilities. Refreshments provided by the 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 and the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Polls are open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. A rabies clinic will be held at the Bridgewater Mill on March 23rd from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm.

The pledge of allegiance was said and a moment of silence was held.

Article 2: Jim Bulmer moved and Andy Bird 2nd to see if the town will vote the sum of \$20,790.00 to the following social service agencies:

a. Visiting Nurse and Hospice of VT & NH	\$4,900.00
b. Spectrum Teen Center	750.00
c. Woodstock Area Council on Aging	6,040.00
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
h. Senior Solutions	300.00
i. Ottauquechee Health Foundation	1,000.00

Discussion of what does Senior Solutions do for town, seems to be a duplicate service of the Thompson Senior Center. Representative reported that they assist with case management and coordination of meals. Beth Robinson asked to amend the amount of 300.00 to \$500.00 as they help cover some expenses that the OHF is not able to. William Young seconded the motion. Voice vote to increase Senior Solutions to \$500.00. Carried. Original motion to vote to sum of \$20,790.00 was amended to \$20,990.00. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 3: Jim Bulmer moved and Linda Brackett 2nd 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. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 4: Andy Bird moved and Jim Bulmer 2nd 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. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 5: Hank Smith moved and Jim Bulmer 2nd to see if the town will vote a budget of \$1,172,760.00 of which \$696,348.03 shall be raised by taxes. (Increased by \$200.00 due to change in Senior Solutions appropriation). Discussion ensued of Woodstock Ambulance uncollected line item increasing from \$2,000 to \$5,000. New contract with the Woodstock Ambulance Dept. Dispatch Services increases each year, Sheriff's Department hired by the hour, ticket revenue generally covers contract. Motion to vote a budget of \$1,172,760.00 of which \$696,348.03 shall be raised by taxes carried by voice vote.

Article 6: Beth Fish moved and Jim Bulmer 2nd 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 August 1, 2019 to be paid on or before November 6, 2019 (1st. Wednesday). Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 7: The following Town Officers were elected as required by law.

- a. Selectboard (3 yrs.) Nominations: Brian Bontrager, Bruce Page & Josh Maxham (declined). Vote was taken by paper ballot. 128 ballots were cast. Brian B. – 91, Bruce P – 34, Mary Oldenburg – 1 and 2 spoiled. Brian Bontrager was elected Selectboard Member for 3 years.
- b. Town Clerk (3 yrs.) Nominations: Nancy Robinson and Melissa Walker. Vote was taken by paper ballot. 132 ballots were cast. Nancy Robinson – 72, Melissa Walker – 56, Spoiled – 4. Nancy Robinson was elected Town Clerk for 3 years.
- c. Town Treasurer (3 yrs.) Nominations: Vicky Young and Wanda Reifenberger. Vote was taken by paper ballot. 85 ballots were cast. Vicky Young – 66, Wanda Reifenberger – 19. Vicky Young was elected Town Treasurer for 3 years.
- d. Lister (3 yrs.) Vicky Young was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Vicky Young. Motion carried.
- e. Cemetery Commissioner (3 yrs.) Roy (Butch) Wardwell was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Butch Wardwell. Motion carried.
- f. Town Constable (1 yr.) David Adams was nominated. Being no other nominations, the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for David Adams. Motion carried
- g. Town Agent (1 yr.) Greg Robinson was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Greg Robinson. Motion carried.
- h. Trustee of Public Funds (1 yr.) Henry (Hank) Smith was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Hank Smith. Motion carried.

Article 8: Other business –

Wastewater Treatment Plant Bond – Current maintenance company has done a very good job of keeping the plant running considering it was built 40 years ago.

The Save the School House Committee was thanked and given a round of applause for all of their time and work on saving the school.

If anyone is interested in filling the three-year school board position, they should contact the Selectboard.

Status of Proper Valley School – A committee is being formed to investigate the future use of the building.

Being no further discussion, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting at 11:20 pm. Motion carried.

Approved by:

William Berry, Moderator

Jerry Oppenheimer, Justice of Peace

142 legal voters were in attendance

Results of Australian ballot Questions:

Wastewater Sewer Bond: 87 ballots cast. Yes-75 No-12

WCUUMSD 87 Ballots cast.

Budget- Yes-52 No-35

School Board Director: Matthew Hough (2-year term), School Board Director: Vacant (3-year term)

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator:

William Berry 2019-2020

Town Clerk:

Nancy Robinson 2019-2022

Town Treasurer:

Victoria Young 2019-2022

Selectboard:

Lynne Bertram 2017-2020

Norman Martin II 2018-2021

Brian Bontrager 2019-2022

Woodstock Unified School District

Matthew Hough 2019-2021

Vacant

Listers:

Tom Standish 2017-2020 * resigned

William Young 2018-2021

Victoria Young 2019-2022

Melissa Walker (Spear) 2019-2020 ** appointed

Cemetery Commissions:

Paul Hutt 2017-2020

Jim Bulmer 2018-2021

Roy (Butch) Wardwell 2019-2022

Delinquent Tax Collector:

Joni Kennedy 2018-2021

Town Constable:

David Adams 2019-2020

Town Agent:

Gregory Robinson 2019-2020

Trustee of Public Funds:

Henry Smith 2019-2020

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Health Officer:

Ellen Quinn 2020

Road Commissioner:

Norman Martin II 2020

Fence Viewers:

Clifford Geno 2020

Andy Bird 2020

Owen Astbury 2020

Tree Warden:

David Debeneditto 2020

Poundkeeper:

Forest Fire Warden:

Kenneth Tarleton 2022 (state appointment)

Planning Commission: (4-year terms)

Bruce Maxham 2020

Marge duMond 2022

Roy Wardwell 2022

Owen Astbury 2023

David Debeneditto 2023

E 9-1-1 Coordinator:

Steve Hill 2020

Emergency Management Coordinator:

Josh Maxham 2020

Representative to TROPIC:

Lynne Bertram 2020

Representative to GUVSWMD:

Lynne Bertram 2020

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
2020**

The legal voters of the Town of Bridgewater, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at The Bridgewater Community Center, located at 7313 US RT 4, Bridgewater, in said town on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 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 **\$21,750.00** 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)	6,600.00 (report on page 47)
d. Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	1,000.00 (report on page 49)
e. Norman Williams Public Library	3,500.00 (report on page 50)
f. Woodstock Recreation Department	3,000.00 (report on page 51)
g. Senior Solutions	500.00 (report on page 52)
h. Ottauquechee Health Foundation	1,500.00 (report on page 53)
3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to **\$190,000.00** to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department (to replace the 2014 Freightliner) to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund.
4. To see if the Town will vote a budget of **\$1,267,766.00** of which **\$763,546.94** shall be raised by taxes.
5. 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 5, 2020 and to be paid on or before November 4, 2020 (1st Wednesday)
6. To elect all Town Officers as required by law:
 - a. Selectperson – three years
 - b. Lister – three years
 - c. Cemetery Commissioner – three years
 - d. Town Constable – one year
 - e. Town Agent - one year
 - f. Trustee of Public Funds – one year
7. To do any other business that may legally come before this meeting (advisory or discussion only).

Dated at Bridgewater, VT this 28th day of January, 2020

Bridgewater Selectboard:

Lynne Bertram, Chair
Norman Martin II
Brian Bontrager

Selectboard's Report

2019 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 town's attention.

The Bridgewater Highway Department saw many changes this past year. There has been a complete turn over in the department. Jeff Sailer was hired this past September as Road Foreman and works with Zach Bowley and Chuck Thorburn. Please read Highway Report for more details regarding the highway department.

The Selectboard has struggled this year to keep the overall town and highway budgets under control while offering and receiving the best services available for our citizens. The general account is seeing a larger than expected increase this year due to increased costs to ambulance services (Woodstock Ambulance Service has increased from \$34.00 per capita to \$70.00 for 24/7/365 coverage, assuring the town of quicker response time and improved services), recycling costs, and the first payment of bond interest for the new fire station (which may alter the amount to be raised in taxes if the bond is defeated) The board has also needed to raise the rates of pay to be competitive in hiring and retaining qualified staff.

The Town Lister's and VGSI (Vision) have completed the town wide reappraisal which brought our Common Level of Appraisal up from 91% to 98% and the Coefficient of Dispersion down from 21% to 5%. The overall reappraisal went very well to the extent that there were not any appeals beyond the Lister Board.

The "New Building Committee" members have brought a building design and drawings to the board for discussion and review. The Selectboard voted to bring a bond vote in the amount of 1.8 million for a stand-alone fire station. The committee members have held an open house and a special informational meeting bringing building and bond details to the voters. An Australian Ballot Bond vote will be held on March 3rd from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Look for the next Informational Meeting which is expected to be held in late February.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to operate under the 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. A bond vote was held and passed in March of 2019 for \$800,000. The town has applied for a USDA Rural Development Grant for \$600,000 and are waiting to hear if it will be awarded. The town may also be able to apply for a Clean Water Grant as back up funding if the Rural Development offer is not sufficient to proceed with the project. We are hoping to receive the grant award this spring and plan to put out Requests for Bids for the project by summer.

The Recreation Field – The playground equipment and picnic area continue to be used by local families. This past summer the field was used to host several family picnics and reunions. The tennis court is scheduled to be repaired this spring which we hope will increase playing use.

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 Area Community Foundation is continuing to move forward with plans to open a registered day care in the late spring/early summer. Future renovations will be made to the building in order to open it as a community center.

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,

Lynne Bertram, Chair Norman (Nope) Martin II Brian Bontrager

HIGHWAY REPORT 2019

This report is somewhat different than reports that you have seen in the past due to several changes that have taken place within the highway department. Since last year's town report in March, the department has undergone a complete turnover in personnel. Road Foreman, Randy Kennedy left the town's employment last July. Justin Sterling and Josh Clark left the town's employment in the spring due to personal reasons. The town has since hired Jeff Sailer as Road Foreman and Zach Bowley and Charles (Chuck) Thorburn. The weather has not been kind to these new employees, they have had to hit the ground running!

The town replaced the 2011-350 Ford Truck with a 2019-F550 this past summer. We were able to get a decent trade-in considering that the 2011 truck needed major repair work. The truck was paid for from the equipment reserve fund.

The town roads continued to be maintained throughout this past summer with the assistance of two local men who came out of retirement. Donald Martin of Plymouth and Eugene Westney of Bridgewater graded and graveled most of the roads while we were working to re-staff the highway Dept.

The town received a grant to stone line a portion of the Chateaugay Road which was completed and grant funds reimbursed to the town. The Booth Bridge project was completed this past summer, leaving just 2 wooden decked bridges in town.

The town has been awarded a grant to build a new sand shed which is in the works with the assistance of Two Rivers Ottauquechee Planning Commission. The town has also been awarded a grant to pave the upper portion of the Bridgewater Center Road from Jenne's Road to the Hoisington Bridge. The Atwood Lane stone lining ditching project is expected to be completed this spring. The town has applied for additional grants to update the Bridge and Culvert Inventory and to do stone line ditching on a section of the North Bridgewater Road between Atwood Lane and Maple Valley Road.

The town garage buildings have been inspected by our insurance company and found to be in need of updated electrical work. This will be completed within the coming months.

The Selectboard would like to thank the past employees for their service to the town and the new for stepping up and taking on this job. The days and nights are often long and hard, but know that you are appreciated.

Brian and I (Lynne) would also like to thank Nope Martin for all of his time and highway expertise in getting us through these past few months.

The Bridgewater Selectboard:

Lynne Bertram

Nope Martin (Road Commissioner)

Brian Bontrager

REPORT OF THE LISTERS TO THE TOWN 2020

In the Spring of 2019, the town of Bridgewater underwent a town-wide reappraisal. Our last town wide reappraisal was in 2007. We hired an Appraisal firm, VISION, to inspect and determine new assessments for every parcel in town. All taxpayers were sent notification of the New Assessments in June 2019, and we conducted grievance hearings in the following weeks. There were six (6) Grievances filed- Five (5) were approved and one (1) was denied. No Grievances were brought before the Board of Civil Authority.

As a result of the reappraisal the Municipal Grand List increased from **\$1,783,756.80 to \$1,824,121.33**, the Education Grand List (Non-Resident) increased from **\$1,760,957.09 to \$1,793,499.33**, and the net result of assessed values in both Grand List was an overall increase of **\$4,145,600.00**

The Board of Listers most important duty is to produce a Grand List of all properties in Bridgewater. We are required by state statute to have all of the assessments in town at 100% of fair market value. In order to have a clear picture of the Bridgewater real estate market, we process all property transfers, and conduct an analysis of all sales which occur during the year.

Our CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) which is based on our reappraisal year is 98.21% (previously 91.41%), and our COD (Coefficient of dispersion-and indication of equity) was lowered to 5.9% (down from 21.93%)

We also oversee the Current Use Program for Bridgewater which currently has 107 parcels enrolled, representing 18,489.7 acres.

Another important part of our duties is to keep track of Homestead filings. **EVERY VERMONT RESIDENT IS REQUIRED TO FILE A HOMESTEAD DECLARATION FORM HS122 BY APRIL 15th EACH YEAR WITH THE TAX DEPARTMENT.** The Vermont Tax Department sends us weekly electronic reports as people file their HS122 forms which ensures that the correct tax rate is billed.

Bridgewater Listers are elected by you, and work for you, the taxpayer. We are required to work within the guidelines of constantly changing, and increasingly complex Vermont Legislation and mandates. Listers attend training sessions and seminars as offered by Property Valuation & Review (PVR), and participate in the Vermont Association of Listers and Assessors (VALA) to improve our knowledge, and meet with other listers, all to ultimately serve you better. We take an oath to be fair and equitable while we assess all real property at Fair Market Value. Each of us in the Listers office is a Bridgewater taxpayer and we understand the burden placed upon property owners.

Throughout the year, the Listers office is open Monday through Thursday from 8am. until 4pm. Our office is here to provide information and assistance to any property owners and we also assist appraisers, realtors, and attorneys doing research. We encourage property owners to come in and review your assessment at any time.

We have a wealth of information, including property files, sales information, and maps. In an effort to make the Listers office as accessible and user-friendly as possible, we are able to email a copy of the Grand list to you upon request. For anyone wishing to see a printed copy of the Grand List, they are available in the Listers office. You can also reach us at (802) 672-3334 or via email at twbridg@comcast.net

Respectfully Submitted:

Victoria L. Young, William G. Young, Melissa Spear

DOG LICENSES

07/01/2018-06/30/2019

117 @ \$ 9.00 (Neutered)	\$1,053.00
55 @ 11.00 (Late Neutered)	\$605.00
22 @ 13.00 (Un-Neutered)	\$286.00
11 @ 17.00 (Late Un-Neutered)	\$187.00
 Totals:	
205	\$2,131.00
Sent to State:	\$1,025.00
Town Share	\$1,106.00

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

3 @ \$ 70.00	\$ 210.00
5 @ \$ 115.00	\$ 575.00
 Totals:	
8	\$ 785.00

Vital Statistics

DEATHS

NAME	AGE	DATE	BURIED/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
Paula C. Maxham	71	02/07/2019	Cremation

BIRTHS

(Names not listed due to confidentiality)

CIVIL MARRIAGES

NAME	NAME	DATE	PLACE
George W. Spear	Melissa L. Walker	06/16/2019	Bridgewater

*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 FY- 2019	Actual FY - 2019	Budget FY- 2020	Budget FY- 2021	% Change
General Fund Expenses	639,613.00	625,396.93	615,320.00	691,716.00	12.42
Warned Articles:	19,315.00	19,315.00	20,990.00	21,750.00	3.62
Total Expenses:	658,928.00	644,711.93	636,310.00	713,466.00	
Non-tax Revenue	<u>(353,900.00)</u>	<u>(338,165.36)</u>	<u>(361,520.00)</u>	<u>(357,320.00)</u>	
Sub-Total	305,028.00	306,546.57	274,790.00	356,146.00	
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(42,271.88)</u>	<u>(42,271.88)</u>	<u>(8,231.72)</u>	<u>(2,680.97)</u>	
Amount to be raised in taxes:	262,756.12	264,274.69	266,558.28	353,465.03	33.08
Highway Expenses:	566,200.00	532,669.11	536,450.00	554,300.00	
Surplus/(Deficit)	(67,495.70)	52,218.09	(15,660.25)	(52,218.09)	
Non-Tax Revenue:	<u>(92,000.00)</u>	<u>(178,182.90)</u>	<u>(91,000.00)</u>	<u>(92,000.00)</u>	
Town Taxes to be raised:	406,704.30	406,704.30	429,789.75	410,081.91	4.59
Total General & Highway Expenses	1,225,128.00	1,177,381.04	1,172,760.00	1,267,766.00	8.10
Non-Tax Revenue:	(445,900.00)	(516,348.26)	(452,520.00)	(449,320.00)	
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(109,767.58)</u>	<u>9,946.21</u>	<u>(23,891.97)</u>	<u>(54,899.06)</u>	
Town Taxes to be raised:	669,460.42	670,978.99	696,348.03	763,546.94	9.65
Payments to Schools	1,379,056.00	1,379,056.00			
Net to State	1,356,445.25	1,356,455.25			
Town Retains	<u>6,379.04</u>	<u>6,379.04</u>			
Total Schools:	2,741,880.29	2,741,890.29	-		
					% Change
Tax Rates:	FY 2020		FY 2021		
School Tax Rate:	1.7425		1.7233	Estimated	
Town Municipal Rate:	0.384		0.4186	Estimated	9.01
Combined Tax Rate:	2.1265	Actual	2.1419	Estimated	0.72

Town Operating Budgets:	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	%
General Account	FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	Change
Current Taxes (Gen. Fund)	262,756.12	264,274.69	266,558.28	353,465.03	32.6%
Current Use Reimbursement	73,000.00	67,795.00	70,000.00	65,000.00	
Current Use LUCT Reimb.	-	3,681.50	-	-	
Interest on Taxes	12,000.00	24,345.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Federal & State PILOT Pym	9,000.00	12,853.28	12,500.00	13,000.00	
Clerk Fees	12,500.00	10,411.86	11,500.00	11,500.00	
Traffic Fines	238,000.00	210,353.85	245,000.00	245,000.00	
Dog Licenses	1,250.00	1,106.00	1,250.00	1,200.00	
Liquor Licenses	670.00	785.00	700.00	750.00	
Interest on Investments	1,200.00	3,020.89	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Box Rent	80.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	
Act 68 -Town Retains	6,200.00	6,379.04	6,000.00	6,300.00	
Prev. Year Deficit/Surplus	42,271.88	42,271.88	8,231.72	2,680.97	
Misc./Donation/Reimb.	-	44.91	-	-	
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Total Revenues:	658,928.00	647,392.90	636,310.00	713,466.00	12.13%
General Account Expenses					
WAGES					
Clerk Wages	36,400.00	36,400.00	37,310.00	41,860.00	
Treasurer Wages	36,400.00	36,400.00	37,310.00	41,860.00	
Selectmen	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Listers	4,000.00	3,671.25	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Constable	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	
Treasurer School Stipend	600.00	300.00	-	-	
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	451.40	700.00	600.00	
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Sub-Total:	82,300.00	81,622.65	84,720.00	93,720.00	10.62%
BENEFITS					
FICA-Medi	7,200.00	7,268.65	7,300.00	7,950.00	
Insurance	32,000.00	33,655.36	34,500.00	37,500.00	
VMERS	2,100.00	2,146.05	2,300.00	2,500.00	
Training/Seminars	550.00	435.00	550.00	600.00	
Work. Comp. Ins.	350.00	339.00	350.00	350.00	
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Sub-Total:	42,200.00	43,844.06	45,000.00	48,900.00	8.67%
OFFICE EXPENSE					
Gen. Office Supplies	2,800.00	3,016.02	2,800.00	2,800.00	
Clerk Supplies	2,800.00	1,739.19	2,800.00	2,800.00	
Treasurer Supplies	1,600.00	2,020.86	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Lister Supplies	350.00	751.61	300.00	500.00	

	Budget FY 2019	Actual FY 2019	Budget FY 2020	Budget FY 2021	% Change
Election Exp.	450.00	854.07	300.00	600.00	
Computer/Copier Contracts	6,500.00	7,581.95	6,000.00	10,000.00	
Telephone	2,000.00	2,291.01	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Electricity	9,000.00	6,446.04	9,000.00	7,500.00	
Heat	3,000.00	3,195.32	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Sewer Fee	1,590.00	1,590.00	1,590.00	1,590.00	
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Sub-Total:	30,090.00	29,486.07	29,590.00	32,590.00	10.14%
OPERATING EXPENSE					
Advertising	200.00	357.93	300.00	300.00	
Printing/Town Report Exp.	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,100.00	2,000.00	
VLCT Dues & Fees	2,200.00	2,175.00	2,200.00	2,400.00	
Legal Services	2,500.00	2,930.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Legal Fees-Tax Collection	-	3,692.89	-	-	
Audit Services	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Dog Pound	300.00	-	300.00	300.00	
Property & Liability Insurance	6,500.00	3,224.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Southgate House Maint.	6,000.00	7,310.23	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Southgate House Repairs	2,000.00	969.99	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Sewer Upgrade Bond Payment	8,750.00	8,750.00	-	-	
County Taxes	14,360.00	14,334.00	15,000.00	13,600.00	
GUVSWD Assessment	10,296.00	10,296.00	10,296.00	10,296.00	
Recycling Program	5,700.00	5,847.00	5,800.00	10,400.00	
Southgate House Reserved Fund	15,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Memorial Day Flags	250.00	-	250.00	250.00	
Two-Rivers Regional Plan.	1,357.00	1,357.00	1,400.00	1,432.00	
Cemetery Fund Appropriation	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	30,000.00	
Planning Comm.	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	-	
Office Capitol Reserve	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Landfill Monitoring/Testing	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	4,500.00	
Green Up VT	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
Misc./Bank Fees	450.00	551.30	550.00	550.00	
Reappraisal/Maint. Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	7,500.00	
E-911 - Signs Reserves	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	500.00	
New Bldg. Bond Payment (Int)	-	-	-	40,000.00	
New Building Engineering	-	-	15,000.00	5,000.00	
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Sub-Total:	128,913.00	114,845.34	134,746.00	161,078.00	19.54%
Emergency Services					
SHERIFF & CONSTABLE					
Constable Exp./Travel	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Sheriff's Dept.	238,000.00	238,788.00	245,000.00	245,000.00	
Police Liab. & Work. Comp.	450.00	267.00	300.00	300.00	
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	Budget FY 2019	Actual FY 2019	Budget FY 2020	Budget FY 2021	% Change
Sub-Total:	238,600.00	239,205.00	245,450.00	245,450.00	0.00%
FAST SQUAD					
Fast Squad Appropriation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Fast Squad Liab. & Work Comp	1,000.00	785.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Woodstock Ambulance Asses	30,888.00	30,888.00	31,824.00	65,520.00	
Ambulance Bills Uncollected	2,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Dispatch Services	1,872.00	1,872.00	2,340.00	2,808.00	
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Sub-Total:	36,760.00	36,545.00	41,164.00	75,328.00	82.99%
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Fire Dept. Appropriation	12,250.00	12,250.00	12,250.00	12,250.00	
Fire Dept. Ins.	7,000.00	6,082.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Fire Dept. Work. Comp.	1,400.00	1,220.00	1,300.00	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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Sub-Total:	35,750.00	34,652.00	34,650.00	34,650.00	0.00%
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Total Emergency Services:	311,110.00	310,402.00	321,264.00	355,428.00	10.63%
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Total General Acct. Expenses:	594,613.00	580,200.12	615,320.00	691,716.00	12.42%
WARNED APPROPRIATIONS					
Woodstock VNA	4,900.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	
Woodstock Council on Aging	5,865.00	5,865.00	6,040.00	6,600.00	
Woodstock Recreation Dept	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Woodstock Job Bank	300.00	300.00	300.00	-	
Spectrum Teen Center	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	
SEVCA	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Norman Williams Public Library	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	
Ottawaquechee Health Found.	-	-	1,000.00	1,500.00	
Senior Solutions	-	-	500.00	500.00	
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Total Warned appropriations:	19,315.00	19,315.00	20,990.00	21,750.00	-3.62%
BVS Exp.	25,000.00	25,196.81	-	-	
Research & Engineering	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	-	
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Total Expenditures:	658,928.00	644,711.93	636,310.00	713,466.00	12.13%
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Surplus/(Deficit)	-	2,680.97	-	-	

	Budget FY 2019	Actual FY 2019	Budget FY 2020	Budget FY 2021	% Change
HIGHWAY REVENUE					
Current Taxes - Highway	406,704.30	406,704.30	429,789.75	410,081.91	-4.59%
St. of VT -Highways	92,000.00	91,136.20	91,000.00	92,000.00	
Grants-Receiveable	-	18,752.00	-	-	
Permit Fees	-	340.00	-	-	
Prior Year Surplus/(Deficit)	67,495.70	67,495.70	15,660.25	52,218.09	
Misc.	-	459.00	-	-	
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Total Revenue:	566,200.00	584,887.20	536,450.00	554,300.00	3.33%
HIGHWAY EXPENSES:					
Payroll & Benefits					
Highway Salaries	125,000.00	118,559.60	125,000.00	152,500.00	
FICA /Medi.	9,600.00	9,069.74	9,600.00	11,700.00	
Benefits	55,000.00	57,383.45	68,000.00	44,200.00	
Work. Comp. Ins.	11,000.00	10,516.00	11,000.00	12,000.00	
Unemployment	300.00	198.00	300.00	250.00	
VMERS	7,000.00	6,567.05	7,500.00	9,150.00	
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Sub-Total:	207,900.00	202,293.84	221,400.00	229,800.00	3.79%
GARAGE					
Phone	2,600.00	2,624.91	2,400.00	2,000.00	
Electricity	1,000.00	1,292.17	1,100.00	1,300.00	
Heat	4,500.00	6,418.70	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Bldg. & Liab. Ins.	6,500.00	4,218.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Equipment Ins.	6,500.00	6,423.00	6,500.00	6,000.00	
Prof. Liab. Ins.	2,000.00	1,252.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Mileage Reimb/Med Test	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	
Misc.	-	1,408.41	-	-	
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Sub-Total:	23,300.00	23,637.19	21,700.00	21,000.00	-3.23%
MAINTENENCE					
Equipment Hired	18,000.00	14,536.25	18,000.00	18,000.00	
Equipment Fuel	25,000.00	29,313.10	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Equipment Repairs	10,000.00	15,567.78	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Materials	100,000.00	74,215.04	80,000.00	95,000.00	
Equipment Maint.	15,000.00	18,318.61	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Class 4 Road Maint.	5,000.00	4,900.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Storm Water Regs/Fees	-	2,190.00	1,350.00	1,500.00	
Grant Projects	25,000.00	10,697.30	15,000.00	15,000.00	
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Sub-Total:	198,000.00	169,738.08	171,350.00	186,500.00	8.84%

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	%
	FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	Change
SPECIAL PROJECTS					
Yearly Projects	60,000.00	60,000.00	50,000.00	45,000.00	
Sub-Total:	60,000.00	60,000.00	50,000.00	45,000.00	-10.00%
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	70,000.00	70,000.00	
Bridge Fund Reserves	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Sub-Total:	77,000.00	77,000.00	72,000.00	72,000.00	0.00%
Total Highway Expenses:	566,200.00	532,669.11	536,450.00	554,300.00	3.33%
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	52,218.09	-	-	
SEWER DEPT. REVENUE					
Quarterly Fees	81,500.00	78,466.50	82,044.67	85,236.16	
Delinquent Interest	915.00	6,393.27	1,000.00	1,000.00	
WW Grant Reimb.	-	30,000.00	-	-	
Previous Year Surplus	885.00	885.00	2,605.33	2,423.84	
Misc.	-	2.03	-	-	
Total Revenue:	83,300.00	115,746.80	85,650.00	88,660.00	3.51%
SEWER DEPT. EXPENSES					
Plant Labor	58,100.00	58,320.00	59,900.00	61,560.00	
Supplies	2,000.00	1,037.72	2,000.00	1,500.00	
Electricity	4,200.00	3,986.27	4,200.00	4,300.00	
Heat	1,000.00	960.34	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Phone	375.00	398.83	375.00	400.00	
Administrative Fees	325.00	200.00	325.00	250.00	
Outside Testing	4,500.00	3,762.86	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Assessment Grant Expenses	-	32,392.49	-	-	
Chemicals	800.00	704.73	850.00	850.00	
Maintenance	4,000.00	4,147.72	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Sludge Disposal	5,000.00	1,196.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	
Property & Liab. Ins.	1,500.00	1,216.00	1,500.00	1,300.00	
Sinking Fund Appr.	1,500.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	
Total Expenses:	83,300.00	113,322.96	85,650.00	88,660.00	3.51%
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	2,423.84	-	-	

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	%
	FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	Change
Recreation Committee Fund					
Donations	2,500.00	7,150.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Change in Investment Value	-	(817.13)	-	-	
Interest on Investments	2,610.00	4,029.64	800.00	800.00	
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Total Revenues:	5,110.00	10,362.51	5,300.00	5,300.00	0%
Recreation Committee Exp.					
Account Maint. Fee	50.00	50.00	-	-	
Rec. Field Electricity	250.00	229.12	250.00	250.00	
Insurance	100.00	36.00	50.00	50.00	
Grounds Maint.	4,710.00	3,925.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
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Total Expenses:	5,110.00	4,240.12	5,300.00	5,300.00	0%
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	6,122.39	-	-	
Cemetery Fund Revenues					
Appropriations	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	30,000.00	
Sale of Lots	-	3,500.00	2,000.00	-	
Cemetery Corner Stones	-	-	-	-	
Donations	-	100.00	-	-	
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Total Revenues:	29,000.00	32,600.00	31,000.00	30,000.00	0%
Cemetery Fund Expenses					
Mowing	27,000.00	27,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	
Maint/Clean up	2,000.00	47.02	-	-	
Repairs (Stones & Road)	-	-	2,000.00	1,000.00	
Misc./ Legal Exp.	-	97.94	-	-	
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Total Expenses:	29,000.00	27,144.96	31,000.00	30,000.00	0%
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	5,455.04	-	-	
School Revenue					
Homestead Education Tax	733,265.25	733,265.25	722,029.97	-	
Non-Residential Education	645,790.75	645,790.75	848,843.03	-	
Non-Resident Ed Liab to State	1,356,445.25	1,356,445.25	1,249,217.97	-	
Retained by Municipality	6,379.04	6,379.04	6,359.23	-	
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Total Revenues:	2,741,880.29	2,741,880.29	2,826,450.20	-	
School Expenses					
Payments to Schools	1,379,056.00	1,379,056.00	1,570,873.00	-	
ACT 68 - Net Payment to State	1,356,445.25	1,356,445.25	1,249,217.97	-	
ACT 68 - Town Retains	6,379.04	6,379.04	6,359.23	-	
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Total Expenses:	2,741,880.29	2,741,880.29	2,826,450.20	-	

Designated Fund Balances:

Fund	General Fund:	Balance 07/01/18	Appropriations	Income	Expenses	Balance 6/30/19
A	Planning Comm.	4,453.43	2,000.00	-	2,150.00	4,303.43
B	e-911/Signs	2,403.63	1,500.00	-	530.26	3,373.37
C	Town Reappraisal	63,574.80	5,000.00	7,191.50	67,382.63	8,383.67
D	Landfill	1,499.10	3,000.00	-	3,986.85	512.25
E	Southgate House	43,184.17	-	-	-	43,184.17
F	Office Capitol	133.49	500.00	-	-	633.49
G	Fire Truck Improvements	133,305.07	15,000.00	154.30	-	148,459.37
H	Record Restoration Res.	-	-	-	-	-
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:	327,571.31	27,000.00	7,345.80	74,049.74	287,867.37

Fund	Highway:	Balance 07/01/18	Appropriations	Income	Expenses	Balance 6/30/19
CD	Excess Flood Money	184,539.58		458.97	126,752.00	58,246.55
K	Highway Equipment	53,697.64	75,000.00	-	75,000.00	53,697.64
L	Salt Shed & Buildings	10,596.91	1,000.00	-	-	11,596.91
M	<u>Bridge</u>	<u>140,433.72</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	=	<u>54,577.50</u>	<u>86,856.22</u>
	Totals:	389,267.85	77,000.00	458.97	256,329.50	210,397.32

Town Indebtedness:

Compensated Absences 7,760.00

Sewer Upgrade Loan 8,750.00

Paid in Full:

April 2019

**BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2019
GENERAL ACCOUNT**

ASSETS:

Checking Account	349,057.93
Due to other funds:	-514,356.73
Health Equity	8,479.71
Pre-Paid Assets	22,381.12
Landfill Coupons	373.00
Interest Receivable -Property Tax	10,982.27
Interest Receivable -Property Tax-Adjustment	20,221.55
Petty Cash	100.00
AR-Delinquent Taxes due	<u>134,326.16</u>
Total Assets	31,565.01

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	23,618.75
AFLAC Deductions	65.29
Pre-paid Taxes	6,870.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	57.93
State of VT- Marriage Licenses	<u>125.00</u>
Total Liability	30,736.97

TOTAL FUND BALANCES

Fund Balance Prior Year	-10,084.93
Assigned to Subsequent Year	8,231.72
Total Prior Years Fund Balance:	-1,852.93
Total Fund Balance Current Year	<u>2,680.97</u>
Total Fund Balance	828.04

Total Liability, Fund Balance **31,565.01**

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

Assets:

Due from General Account	57,583.80
Flood-FEMA Reimb.CD	58,246.55
Highway Grants Receivable	<u>18,812.39</u>
Total Assets	134,642.74

Liabilities:

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

Fund Balance Prior Year:	124,033.72
Undesignated Fund Balance	84,806.01
Fund Balance Current Year	52,218.09
Adjustment to Fund Balance (Excavator)	-126,752.00
Total Fund Balance	134,305.82

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE **134,642.74**

SEWER ACCOUNT

Assets:	
Due from General Account	28,710.20
AR-Delinquent Sewer Taxes	43,154.74
Interest Receivable	9,237.00
Capital Assets-Infrastructure	<u>241,868.00</u>
WW Grant Receivable	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total Assets	295,549.54
Liabilities:	
A/D Infrastructure	<u>241,868.00</u>
Total Liabilities	241,868.00
Fund Balance:	
Fund Balance Prior Year	13,013.25
Fund Balance Restricted	<u>38,226.95</u>
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	51,240.20
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>2,423.84</u>
Total Fund Balance	53,664.04
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	295,549.54

RECREATION COMMITTEE ACCT.

Assets:	
Due from General Fund	12,637.68
Fidelity Invest.	43,531.37
Recreation Committee CD	<u>31,437.12</u>
Total Assets	87,606.17
Liabilities:	
None	<u>0.00</u>
Fund Balance:	
Fund Balance Prior Year	78,047.75
Undesignated Fund Balance	536.03
Fund Balance-Donations	2,900.00
Total Prior Year Fund Balance:	81,483.78
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>6,122.39</u>
Total Fund Balance	87,606.17
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	87,606.17

CEMETERY FUND

Assets:	
Due from General Fund	32,827.31
Total Assets	32,827.31
Liabilities:	
Cemetery Reserved-Corner Stone's	<u>990.00</u>
Fund Balance:	
Fund Balance Prior Year	26,382.27
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>5,455.04</u>
Total Fund Balance	31,837.31
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	32,827.31

*The numbers presented in this report of FY 2018-2019 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 2018 Grand List
Town Fiscal Year 2018/2019**

Fair Market and Listed Value of
Real Estate and Personal Property **Municipal Grand List: 1,783,756.80**
Taxable Parcels: 777 **Education Grand Lists: 1,762,971.09**
Acres: 29,394.48

	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Resident	Total Education Listed Value:
Real Property	193,933,200	61,554,553	132,378,647	193,933,200
PP & Cable	2,768,272		397,691	397,691
(-) Vet Exempt.	30,000	30,000		30,000
(-) Vet Exempt >10K	30,000			
Total Veterans	60,000	30,000		30,000
(-) Land Use Exempt.	17,868,492	3,459,160	14,409,332	17,868,492
(-) Non-Approved Contracts	397,300			
(-) Special Exemptions (2)			135,290	135,290

Total Municipal Grand List: 1,783,756.80				
Total Education Grand List:		580,653.93	1,182,317.16	1,762,971.09

STATEMENT OF CURRENT TAXES

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2019

Resident Tax Rate: \$2.1530
Non-Resident Tax Rate: \$2.0761

Amounts to be Raised in Taxes:

Taxes Billed:

<u>R.E. & P.P.</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>		<u>Grand list</u>	<u>Taxes Raised</u>
Local Agreement	.0022	+ / -	1,783,756.80	3,924.32
Municipal	.3737	+ / -	1,783,756.80	666,589.99
Homestead Ed.	1.7771	+ / -	580,353.93	1,031,347.03
Non-Residential	<u>1.7002</u>	+ / -	1,178,344.16	<u>2,003,420.79</u>
				3,709,530.10
State Penalty's- Late Filed HS-122				<u>4,247.97</u>

Total Taxes Raised: 3,709,530.10

Resident Tax Rate: \$2.1530

Non-Resident Tax Rate: \$2.0761

Reconciliation of Taxes Paid:

School Taxes:	2,741,880.29
Highway Taxes:	406,704.30
Town Taxes:	<u>264,274.69</u>
Total Taxes Paid Out:	3,412,859.28
Municipal Portion of Credits:	- 8,775.65
State Tax Credits	<u>+305,777.25</u>
Misc. adjustments	330.78
Net Taxes after adjustments:	3,709,530.10

* 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 2020

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 2018 - **\$222,641.56** in property taxes became delinquent for the fiscal year 2018-2019 and as of January 9, 2020 all but **\$30,732.94** 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, 2019) is currently at **\$50,622.80** as of January 9, 2020. This is the combined total for tax years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. We are planning to move forward with a Tax Sale this Spring in an effort to reduce that number. It is my hope to get these remaining balances paid off.

This past November 2019, the new property tax year for the fiscal year 2019-2020 became due. An amount of **\$226,531.89** in property taxes became delinquent. This amount is up **\$3,890.33** from last year's delinquent property taxes 2018-2019 which is listed above. As of January 9, 2020, over half of the amount due (**\$135,141.16**) has been collected over the past two months bringing the balance down to **\$91,390.73** for this current tax year 2019-2020. 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

Delinquent Sewer List	FY	PP/*
182 Rose Hill Inc.	19	*
Blanchard, Brian	19	*
Boisvert, Gerard	19	pp
Brownell, Seth	19	
Bruck, Gina	19	*
Caizzi, Lawrence	19	
Carr, Samuel	19	
Clark, Joshua	19	*
Doyle, Vernon	19	pp
Flannagan, Patricia	18 & 19	*
Flynn, Lori	19	
Gibson, Daniel	19	*
H2JP LLC	19	*
Herdegen, Gillian 99-002	19	*
Herdegen, Gillian99002.001		*
Mattsson, Claes	15-19	
Old Mill Marketplace	19	pp
Pedicino, Adam	19	
Reifenberger, Wanda	19	
Wheeler/Sprague, Angela	19	*
Total due for FY 2015:		1,951.97
Total due for FY 2016:		618.75
Total due for FY 2017:		7,106.85
Total due for FY 2018:		12,532.25
<u>Total due for FY 2019:</u>		<u>17,941.20</u>
Total amount due as of June 30, 2019		\$43,154.73

Total Does Not Include Interest & Penalty Charges.

* = Paid in full after June 30, 2019

pp=partial payment

Total Delinquent Taxes as of: June 30, 2019 - \$134, 218.20

2013 - \$1,462.76

2014 - \$6,206.50

2015 - \$12,616.80

2016 - \$13,049.81

2017 - \$27,620.93

2018 - \$73,261.40

Delinquent Tax Report

Parcel #	Name:	Tax Year:	*/PP
07-050	Alexander, Keith	2018	*
04-059.001	Alexander, Peter	2018	*
07-055.003	Almonte, John J.	2018	*
03-051.004	Andrews, J.F. Inc	2017-2018	pp
06-030.001	Beda, Richard	2017-2018	pp
02-009	Beech Park	2018	*
02-002.00B	Beech Park	2018	*
05-020	Biamonte, David	2018	*
02-059.001	Bivens, Colleen	2017-2018	
06-020	Bixler, Parker, McGonagle	2017-2018	pp
06-022	Bixler, Parker, McGonagle	2015-2018	
02-031	Blanchard, Brian	2017-2018	pp
03-033	Burton, Bonita	2018	*
07-013.001	Carbino, Theodore Estate	2015,2017,2018	
06-006	Della Bianca, Barbara	2018	*
06-017	Fowler, Nicholas	2018	*
06-067	Geno, Shane	2018	*
05-028	Godkin, Robert	2018	*
07-001	Hoisington, Anthony	2013-2018	pp
04-011.004	Hoyt, Eric	2018	*
04-017	Hoyt, Eric	2018	pp
01-071.002	Hummel, Rebekah	2018	*
03-040	Josselyn Seven Properties	2018	*
05-092	Joyce, Michael	2017-2018	*
04-043	Kelly, William	2018	*
01-113	Lewis, Daniel	2017-2018	*
01-113.002	Lewis, Daniel	2018	*
04-076.002	Lupinetti, Stanley	2018	*
04-035	Makkonen, Sylvia, Estate	2018	pp
02-094	Manning, Michael	2018	pp
02-037	Mattsson, Claes Arne	2014-2018	
07-056	McLeod, Andrew	2017-2018	*
06-088	Miller, William T.	2018	pp
04-011	Mingarelli, Ronald	2018	pp
04-011.006	Mingarelli, Ronald	2018	pp
07-060	Morse, Ronald	2018	pp
06-066	Ogden, Deborah	2017-2018	*
03-045	Prior, David	2015-2018	
08-067	Red Hawk Environmental	2018	*
07-019	Scholfield, Edward	2018	pp
04-018.002	Spring, Andrew	2018	pp
03-027	Teeter, Claudia	2017	*
07-003	Webb, Larry, Leon, Lorraine	2018	

Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department



The BVFD responded to a total of 48 incidents in 2019. Thirty-nine of these were in Town and the remaining nine were mutual aid to our surrounding towns. The in Town incidents consisted of 15 fire alarm activations, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 transformer fire, 2 brush fires, 4 carbon monoxide detector activations, 1 dumpster fire, 3 power lines down, 3 assist with the Bridgewater FAST Squad, 1 medical assist, 1 DHART landing, 1 controlled burn, 1 structure fire, and 2 service to the public for a total of 124 hours spent on scene. We received mutual aid from Woodstock Fire, South Woodstock Fire, Pomfret/Teago Fire, and Plymouth Fire. The BVFD logged 267 hours on training and 210 hours on maintenance of apparatus, our station, and dry hydrants.

Of the 9 mutual aid calls, we went to Killington for 1 smoke in a building, and 1 assist in bringing an injured hiker to the road, total of 30 hours. Plymouth for 1 structure fire for 31 hours. Responded to Woodstock for 1 fire alarm activation, 3 calls canceled enroute, 1 lift assist, and 1 structure fire totaling 32 hours.

We are looking forward to another year of hosting Father's Day fishing derbies, Chicken BBQs, and Pie Sales. Thank you to everyone that participates in these events.

Remember to check the batteries and dates of manufacture on all your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms regularly and make sure your 9-1-1 address numbers are visible from the road year-round. 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 2019

RECEIPTS:

General Donations/Misc	\$ 9,621.49
Fund Drives	\$ 33,525.00
Coin Drops	\$ 7,111.00
Chicken BBQ/Raffle	\$ 4,822.00
Interest income	\$ 40.55
Fire extinguishers sales/service	\$ 439.80
Town Appropriation	\$ 12,250.00
Other fundraisers	\$ 460.37
Transfer Bunker Gear Acct	\$ 100.00
	\$ 68,370.21

DISBURSEMENTS:

Communications	\$ 438.32
Dry Hydrant repairs	\$ 4,441.35
Fire gear & equip, etc	\$ 9,384.93
Fire extinguishers sales/service	\$ 807.85
Fund raiser expenses	\$ 1,334.46
Grant equipment purchases	\$ 1,093.14
Insurance	\$ 312.00
Memberships/dues	\$ 400.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 10.00
Office expense/postage	\$ 2,885.70
Polaris Ranger- Rescue vehicle	\$ 24,951.00
Repairs/Maint Equipment	\$ 390.00
Supplies	\$ 383.45
Telephone	\$ 1,335.06
Bldg Fund Memorial Donations	\$ 4,525.00

Truck Expenses- Fuel, repairs	\$ 6,761.57
Electric	\$ 1,008.81
Fuel oil/propane	\$ 3,863.25
Sewer usage	\$ 530.00
Trash pickup	\$ 285.00
New Building research	\$ 1,176.40
Total Disbursements:	\$ 66,317.29

BANK ACCOUNTS:

CHECKING- GENERAL:

Jan 1, 2019 Beg Balance	\$ 30,266.65
Receipts	\$ 68,370.21
Disbursements	\$ 66,317.29
Dec 31, 2019 End Balance	\$ 32,319.57

SCBA RESERVE FUND: \$ 4,000.00

BUNKER GEAR RESERVE FUND:

Jan 1, 2019 beginning balance	\$ 21,270.66
Receipts- Interest	\$ 12.49
Expenses- transfer to gen acct	\$ 100.00
Dec 31, 2019 ending balance	\$ 21,183.15

BUILDING FUND RESERVE:

Jan 1, 2019 beginning balance	\$ 46,370.25
Receipts- Interest	\$ 36.22
Donations-memory of Paula Maxham	\$ 4,525.00
Dec 31, 2019 ending balance	\$ 50,931.47

AUXILIARY ACCOUNT:

Jan 1, 2019 beginning balance	\$ 4,561.68
Receipts	\$ 3,349.00
Disbursements	\$ 2,478.23
Dec 31, 2019 ending balance	\$ 5,432.45

BRIDGEWATER CEMETERY COMMISSION
2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Of the thirteen cemeteries in Bridgewater, six are under the direct supervision of the Cemetery Commission - Baker Hill, Bridgewater Hill, Mendell, Mt. Pleasant, North Bridgewater, and Topliff. Two more are located in remote areas - Angell and Kellogg.

The remaining five are privately owned - Josselyn, Martin, Pratt, White and Woodward. We encourage you to visit these sites and appreciate their solitude and peacefulness. Further, we invite any and all contributions to the Bridgewater Monument Repair Fund to help defray the costs related to monument upkeep.

The Town cemeteries are mowed and maintained throughout the spring, fall, and autumn months. Each spring and fall there is a major clean up. Every three years the maintenance contract is put out for bids. The current contract expiring in the year 2021 will be put out for bids at that time.

The Commissioners have met regularly throughout the spring, summer and fall to review the ongoing needs of the cemeteries. This includes the sale of plots and addressing questions and maintenance issues as they arise.



AMERICAN LEGION GENO-ROBINSON POST 11, BRIDGEWATER, VT



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

Our history: Chartered August 1, 1919m 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 Village, 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 remove them in November.

It is our privilege 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 the next of kin. In 2019 we performed a service for our long time member and past commander, Coleman (Bill) Hoyt.

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 it's citizens.

Richard Brackett, Commander

Bridgewater Historical Society
Report to the Town
2019

The Bridgewater Historical Society is thriving. We have had a very successful season. Our speakers' programs have all been well attended to the point of having to turn people away. **Howard Coffin** opened with "Vermont and 1816, The Year Without A Summer". **The Vermont Civil War Heritage Trail Group** gave a presentation on their projects. **Steve Taylor** spoke on the history of the Grange Movement. **Carrie Brown** presented her book "Rosie's Mom – Forgotten Women of the First World War. **Cassie Horner** talked about her book "Lucy E - The Road to Victory". **Erwin Fullerton's** presentation of "Every Tool Has a Story" closes out our season with his presentation of antique tools.

The Society received an **Award of Merit in Publications** from the Vermont Historical Society for our bi-annual newsletter. The judges appreciated the research and historical content of the newsletter and the fact that we produce it twice a year. They were impressed with our coverage of 20th Century topics. All issues are available on our website.

Additional publishing news revolves around Robert Kirby and Gordon Tuthill's' publication of "**Chronicling Bridgewater**", covering their research into the original proprietors of Bridgewater. An interview with the Vermont Standard recognizes the years of work on Gordon's part and the copious ground and research covered by Bob. It is a valuable resource for any research into the early history of the town.

The Society was also able to reprint the very popular "**Bridgewater, 1779-1976**", by Gladys Adams.

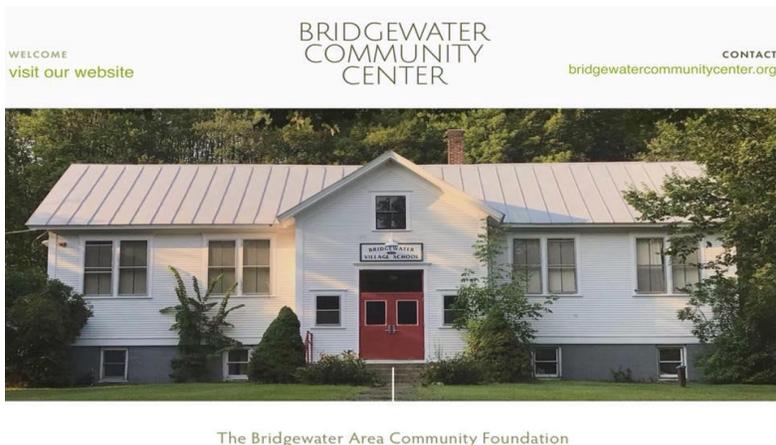
Our membership continues to be very generous not only with the annual fund but with donations to our collection. **Harold Booth** was kind enough to donate many items from his family's collection of photos, tools, and antique clothes. The Butternut wood desk and the Edison Victrola are just part of the family story involving the sawmill and stretcher mill his parents and grandparents ran.

The summer exhibits reflect two prominent citizens. "**Richard E. Thompson and the 302nd Motor Transport Corps**" and "**Harland Booth – Work, Family and Leisure**". We had many visitors stopping in to enjoy them as well as reminisce.

The summer season finished up with our participation at the annual Bridgewater Celebration in August. We always receive many visitors viewing our displays.

We look forward to next year and another busy season and welcome anyone who might be interested in doing research or helping with our events and exhibits.





Bridgewater Area Community Foundation Report

Bridgewater Community Center Mission Statement

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.

Progress is not always visible to the community but we have accomplished a great deal and made great strides in meeting our overall objectives in working towards repurposing the building and setting up a **Childcare Center** and a **Community Center**.

It's been about a year since the IRS formally approved us as the Bridgewater Area Community Foundation and the BACF signed a lease agreement with the Town of Bridgewater. This eliminates the burden of the expenses of the building to the taxpayers. This is a wonderful opportunity for the town as it remains a towns asset, but the foundation will cover the cost while working to improve and program it.

The Bridgewater Community Center Project, the adaptive reuse of the currently vacant former Bridgewater village school, represents an opportunity to strengthen community well-being, support economic development by creating affordable childcare for working families, while maintaining the historic resource and village center of the community. A building such as this is a living representation of the community, and having kids running around, having the lights on for evening events, being open for weekend special events, and people cycling in and out for business activities is the heartbeat that will keep this building alive.

We received a large planning grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the Vermont Community Development Program which we used to set up guidelines and do an expansive physical feasibility study for moving forward. Our next step will be applying for the Implementation Grant.

We raised over \$200,000 in grants and donations and have applied for a number of others grants which are in process right now. We have hired an Executive Director to manage the Bridgewater Community Center, an Architect, a Contract Manager, a Structural Engineer, a Historic Preservation Consultant, an Environmental Consultant, a Development Consultant, a Child Care Consultant and have teamed up with Creative Lives as a partner in developing and running the childcare center.

The full project is divided into two phases.

Phase I

Our objective is to create a high quality, licensed childcare center which will initially accommodate eight infants and six toddlers. The area located in the back of the building (1991 addition) will have access to an outdoor area and a large playground area and will have a small kitchen, bathroom and offices included with the large classroom space. We believe that a child care center will be a vital part of the Bridgewater community and continue to attract more families with young children. We will start by offering licensed childcare for infants and toddlers and eventually hope to expand and be able to offer pre-school and after-school programing. Bridgewater Community Childcare takes a holistic approach to early childhood and family wellbeing and we hope to open our doors by June 2020.

Phase II

In this phase the project will tackle needed structural, HVAC, accessibility, and finishes on the remaining portions of the building. The feasibility study is now complete and building permits are in hand for the first phase and design. The development and fundraising for the second phase will begin in early 2020, and overlap with the renovation and startup of the childcare center in the first half of the year.

- Large classrooms in the middle section of the building (1948) have been identified for community space for movement classes and larger events. Several community groups have expressed need for dance and yoga studio space
- The 1914 Original section of the building has two large classrooms which will be dedicated for enrichment and life skills programs, flexible community space, senior citizens programs, and health and wellness classes.
- The lower level of the building which has a very large open area in a commercial kitchen, will be used for the annual town meeting, serve as our town emergency shelter and to support other large community gatherings, conferences and classes.
- Other uses of the building include public access to computers and Wi-Fi

Our building philosophy is to make the building as environmentally energy efficient and resilient as possible through renewable energy, insulation, solar panels on the roof, battery backup, and an emergency generation system.

Part of the opportunity of this building is that the building can be adapted for the proposed uses with *relatively few structural, finish, or floor plan changes*. The challenges identified for the adaptation project are primarily related to needed HVAC, accessibility, and code improvements

This project has been seen as a model across the state in keeping old school buildings vital in the community.

We look forward to serving you!

Sincerely,

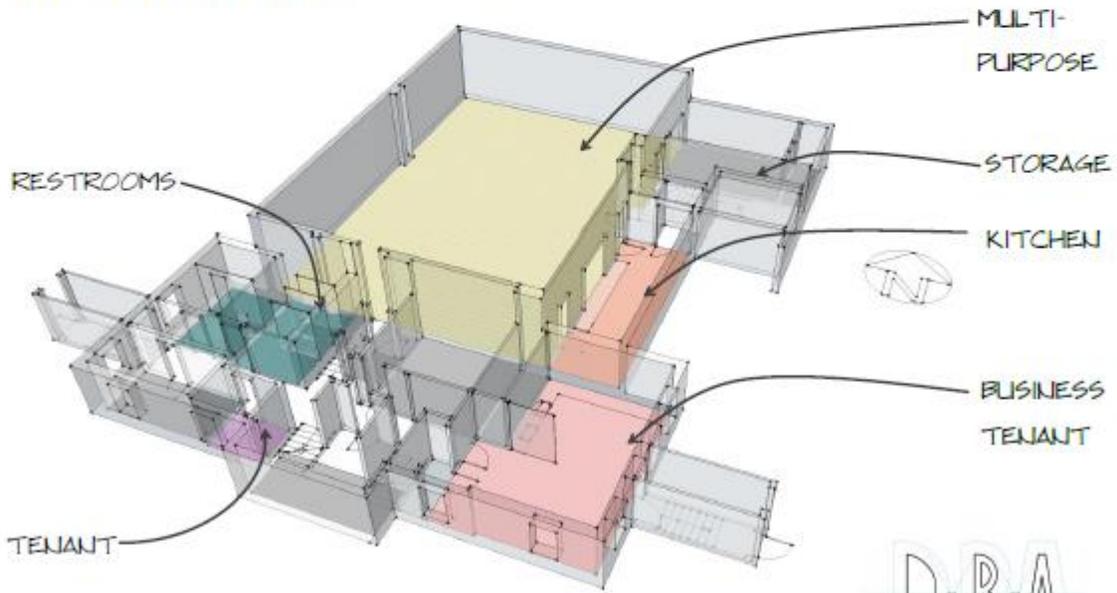
Board of Directors, Bridgewater Area Community Foundation

“PRESERVING AND RE-PURPOSING OLD BUILDINGS IS KEY TO REVITALIZING SMALL TOWNS IN VERMONT”

BRIDGEWATER AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: RENOVATIONS



UPPER FLOOR



LOWER FLOOR

MARCH 2020



NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE

At Town Meeting 2017 \$15,000 was approved for a study to research a new community building to include a handicap accessible meeting room, fire station and rescue squad. The Selectboard formed a committee consisting of firemen, town officials and community members in that summer. Much of 2018 was spent researching designs, exploring site options contracting architects, engineers and surveyors on preliminary plans.

The Committee had hoped to present its recommendations to the Select Board at the beginning of 2019. However, the sewer bond took precedent and delayed our presentation.

We utilized this time to:

- Research types of buildings- such as prefab concrete, steel, panelized.
- Explore private property building sites and existing buildings
- Surveyed town residents

The survey was conducted to get a sense from the community for their support of a new fire house and community room and for their willingness to pay for same. We sent out approx. 350 surveys, and received 185 responses. The results are below:

(Question 1) How do you feel an improved fire house/emergency services center is to the community of Bridgewater?

45% Very Important, **28%** Important, **12%** Low Importance, **15%** Not at All Important

(Question 2) Select the statement that best applies to you-

- *I/we **support** an improved fire house/emergency services center and understand it will **increase** my/our taxes. **54%***
- *I/we support an improved fire house/emergency services center, however, if it were to **increase** my/our taxes I/we would **no longer be supportive** of it. **27%***
- *I/we **do not support** an improved fire house/emergency services center, regardless of its effect on my/our taxes. **19%***

(Question 3) How important do you feel a multi-purpose, community space is to the community of Bridgewater?

36% Very Important, **19%** Important, **13%** Low Importance, **32%** Not at All Important

(Question 4) Select the statement that best applies to you-

- *I/we **support** an improved fire house/emergency services center with attached community room and understand it will **increase** my/our taxes. **48%***
- *I/we support an improved fire house/emergency services center with attached community room, however, if it were to **increase** my/our taxes I/we would **no longer be supportive** of it. **20%***
- *I/we **do not support** an improved fire house/emergency services center with attached community room, regardless of its effect on my/our taxes. **32%***

We presented our findings and our recommendations; *To build a new Fire House/Emergency Services Building with an attached Community Room*, to the Selectboard on November 19, 2019. The Selectboard voted to pursue a New Fire House/Emergency Services Building without an attached Community Room.

**GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FY2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

The GUVSWMD comprises 10 Upper Valley towns, overseeing a system for proper management of solid and hazardous waste, recyclables, and food scraps. GUV also provides special collection events for bulky and household hazardous waste (HHW), paint, electronics, tires, metal, and fluorescent bulbs. In addition, the District offers technical assistance, outreach, and education programs to area residents, businesses, schools, and municipalities.

- GUV collected 14.1 tons of tires; 4.2 tons of scrap metal; 7.3 tons of electronics; 12.9 tons of “big” trash/construction & demolition debris; 2.3 tons of batteries; and thousands of fluorescent bulbs.
- 331 GUV residents (21 from Bridgewater) participated in four household hazardous waste events. 11.1 tons of hazardous material were collected, including 1,230 gallons of paint.
- 28 people attended our backyard composting workshop at the Bridgewater Grange on May 9, 2019. Thank you to the Grange members for inviting us.
- **Food scraps will be banned from residential trash as of July 1, 2020.** Contact GUV with questions.
- 2020 GUV collection event dates will be posted on our website, Facebook page, town list serves, and in newspapers.
- Thanks to A.B.L.E. Waste for helping to manage a battery recycling bucket at the Town Garage and thanks to those who have dropped off batteries. ALL batteries are accepted except vehicle batteries.
- In FY 2019, Lynn Bertram once again represented Bridgewater on the GUVSWMD Board of Supervisors. We thank her for her dedication and ongoing support of our work.
- For information call Ham Gillett at 802-674-4474, email hgillett@swcrpc.org, or visit www.guvswd.org.

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION (TRORC)

TRORC 2019 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 members, 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 2019:

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

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.

Water Quality

TRORC staff was involved in the development of the White River Tactical Basin Plan as well as assisting with public hearings to gain input from community members. TRORC also completed several water quality grant projects with our town and non-profit partners that focused on stormwater master planning, scoping green stormwater infrastructure projects, and promoting watershed resiliency.

Creative Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding 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 continued to serve as the Zone Agent for the Vermont Art Council's Creative Network, and is on the Council's statewide steering committee. TRORC also worked on public health projects, including incorporating health-related goals and policies into town plans.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC conducted a statewide Hazardous Materials Flow Study to inform and update local emergency response plans. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials continued meeting the needs of our first responders. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Energy

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the state energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has begun working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont.

Transportation

TRORC is managing the 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. Funding provides for projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, up sizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Specifically in Bridgewater this past year, TRORC helped complete the Local Emergency Management Plan, completed a brownfields assessment at the Bridgewater School, and assisted with incorporating a Health Chapter into Town Plan.

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 49th Anniversary on May 4, 2019 with 22,000+ volunteers participating and over 43 tons of litter collected statewide. Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit private organization that relies on your town's support to execute the 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 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. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org for full details.

Support from cities and town's is essential to our budget, enabling us to cover fourteen percent of our annual operating costs. Funds help pay for administrative and program support, which includes over 65,000 Green Up trash bags, education, 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 up-to-date with Green Up Vermont by joining our newsletter, liking us on Facebook (@GreenUpVermont), following us on Instagram (greenupvermont), and by visiting our website.

Join us: Green Up Day, May 2, 2020 and help Celebrate our 50th Anniversary.



Windsor County Update
Assistant Judges Jack Anderson & Ellen Terie

FY – 2020/2021 Budget

The County held the preliminary budget meeting on December 11, and the final budget meeting on January 15. The 2020-2021 budget calls for the amount to be collected from countywide property taxes to be \$455,361, a slight increase of .016 % over the current year's amount of \$448,185. The tax rate will be .00486552 per hundred dollars. Last fiscal year, the rate was .0048571 per \$100 of valuation; the year before that it was .00483684 per \$100 of valuation. So, the rate is holding steady. What changes each year is the value of the grand list in the county, and in each town in the county.

For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, expenses are slightly down from FY 19-20 \$570,137 to \$568,333. Income is projected to be slightly up from FY 19-20 \$566,841 to \$568,333.

Pursuant to Title 24, § 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1 requiring the tax to be paid in two equal installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2020.

Construction Bond Repayment

The Windsor County Court House rehabilitation was completed in 2014. We are now in the sixth year of repayment of the bond. A rate of .00257238 is assessed to collect the total 2020 bond repayment of \$240,747. As with the county tax, towns may elect to submit this bond repayment in two payments, on or before July 5 and November 5, 2020.

Projects completed in the Past Year

The County completed the following projects on it properties at 12 The Green and 62 Pleasant Street:

The parking lot at the County Building was repaved and re striped;
 The courtroom lights were switched from metal halide bulbs to LED bulbs;
 We purchased and installed interior storm windows on the first and second floors of the Sheriff's office;
 The second story windows on the Court House were prepped and repainted;
 The entryway to WCTV 8 (our tenant upstairs at the County Building) was expanded and Hard packed;

In the works for the summer: a new roof membrane over the cell block in the rear of 62 Pleasant Street.

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

About the League

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports, and show that our positive net position continues.

Member Benefits

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member inquiries. In 2019, VLCT continued to provide members with timely legal and technical assistance, including answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing legal compliance guidance, templates and research reports, many of which are available to our members on our website.
- **Training programs on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out the duties required by statute or are directed by town meeting mandates. The League provided training on various topics related to municipal law and governance to more than 1,000 members this past year.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, reducing carbon emissions, and ensuring water quality. Members are also represented at the federal level primarily through our partner, the National League of Cities, as well as directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits Trust (VERB) provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs provide coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

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 progress we continue to make 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, visit the VLCT website at 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, 2018 and June 30, 2019 VNH made 333 homecare visits to 18 Bridgewater residents. This included approximately \$11,592 in unreimbursed care to Bridgewater residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 333 home visits to 18 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, 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,



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



January 2020

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to thank the Town for the generous support we have received over the years. We are always very grateful for the continued support.

Over the past year, we were able to offer a couple Miniature Golf/Pizza Night where we had approximately 40 teens in attendance at each. Teens play mini golf, card games at the picnic tables outside, gather and eat pizza and enjoy being out. One of our biggest events this year was partnering with Mon Verte Cafe. We had over 65 students in attendance and they had the cafe all to themselves. We featured an Ice-Skating Night with the Union Arena and had approximately 65-70 students in attendance. Each month we continue to partner with Artistree Community Arts Center where together we feature "Branch Out Teen Nights" which are offered once a month throughout the school year. We were able to offer several pizza nights at Pizza Chef where our average attendance is typically 40-50 teens. This year once again we offered a Comedy Night at the Woolen Mill Comedy Club in the Bridgewater Woolen Mill. We partnered in a number of teen movie nights at the Town Hall Theater with Pentangle, offered a night of swimming at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center and more! Once again, we offered our popular Ice Cream Social Night (twice this year) at Sweet and Salty where we had over 65 students come hang out, play games and enjoy ice cream! These are *some* examples of the types of events that we offer. All these events are provided for **FREE!!!!!!**

The Spectrum Teen Center has now been serving teens for 23 years in grades 9-12. In 2017, we opened our program up to middle school students. Our program serves teens from the towns that make up the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. We are under the umbrella of the WCSU.

In 2017, we took our programming out into the community. We found that connecting teens with their wider community helped teens experience new social settings, events, and activities, in a variety of venues creating new and different experiences. It helps teens establish relationships with area businesses and establishments while providing a safe environment and strengthening their connections within their community.

Thank you for supporting our program!

Enthusiastically,
Heather Vonada & Joni Kennedy
Co-Directors

The Woodstock Area Council on Aging (The Thompson Center)

Your First Resource for Aging in our Community

Special events, fun exercise classes, interesting programs, tax assistance, free gently-used medical equipment, creative arts programs, and delicious meals are just a few of the things you'll find at The Thompson Senior Center. Our building, staff, and volunteers provide a welcoming and fun environment for people of many ages and backgrounds to gather. But, we're even more than what happens at The Thompson. We have the resources and experience to assist you where you want to be, at home.

One Number to Call

One number to call for any need — Thompson staff and volunteers are happy to help with any question — from shower chairs to Medicare and everything in between.

Vetted Service Providers

We partner with a wide variety of businesses and individuals to bring you any service you need to AGE WELL at HOME! We check references and only suggest businesses or individuals who have happily agreed to be an Aging at Home service provider.

Age Well Education Series and Outreach

Monthly educational talks are presented on topics ranging from legal planning, fall prevention, funeral planning options, Smart Driver safety course, nutrition and cooking, downsizing, hospital to home transitions, advance directives, and more. Our Age Well e-newsletter is published every other month and provides readers with information on ways to age well at home and in their community through current and reliable information on health, lifestyle, diet, and resources.

More than 100 Bridgewater residents benefited from Thompson services over the past year. The Thompson prepared and delivered more than 2,500 meals to Bridgewater homes last year and provided more than 1,500 rides to residents.

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 from 19,801 to 21,076 meals. Participation in exercise and all other programs has increased as well. Only 17% 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 \$600,000 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

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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 2019 employers posted 470 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!*

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), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (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 FY2019:

Emergency Heating System Replacements: 1 home (2 people) received a heating system repair or replacement at a cost of \$3,172

Tax Preparation: 4 households (7 people) received tax credits and refunds totaling \$4,401 and services valued at \$838

VT Health Connect: 3 households (5 people) received assistance to make changes or enroll in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$1,116

Family Services: 8 households (20 people) received 31 services, valued at \$356 (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition information, forms assistance, referral to & assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 1 household (4 people) received 1 assist valued at \$1,241

Housing Assistance: 2 households (5 people) received 2 assists valued at \$4,154

Thrift Store Vouchers: 1 household (1 person) received goods & services valued at \$30

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



NORMAN WILLIAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 The Green, Woodstock, Vermont 05091 802-457-2295 normanwilliams.org

2019 Annual Report to the Town of Bridgewater

The staff and trustees of Norman Williams Public Library are proud to serve the people of Bridgewater, and we look forward to providing even more services, to more Bridgewater residents, in the coming year. Please think of NWPL as *your* community library.

In the fiscal year from July 2018 through June, 2019, 152 cardholders from Bridgewater checked out more than 3900 items, including books, CDs, and DVDs.

NWPL programs, including speakers on diverse topics, book discussion groups, art exhibit openings, weekly bridge and mahjong games, films, music, and children's activities, are open to everyone in the community at no charge. We design our programming according to the community's interests, so tell us what you'd like to see.

NWPL's public computers provide free access to the internet and a place to compose and print resumes and other personal documents. Our staff offers helpful tech support and coaching at no charge, and our librarians can connect patrons with a world of research and information resources.

And our reading room, open to all, is a quiet place to browse through a range of current and recent magazines and newspapers.

NWPL is an independent nonprofit organization, not a municipal library. Together the taxpayers of Woodstock and Bridgewater provide about one-third of our \$550,000 annual budget, while the rest of it is raised from generous donors, our annual spring gala, used book sales, income from our endowment, and fees charged to patrons outside of the contributing towns (individuals \$30/year and families \$50/year).

We appreciate your support and will continue building our relationship with the Town and people of Bridgewater. In 2020, we are requesting the same contribution — \$3500 — as you have provided in the last two years. Please contact us if you have any questions, concerns or ideas.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ron Miller
President of the Board of Trustees

Brenda Metzler
Trustee and Bridgewater resident

Woodstock Recreation Center, INC.

The Woodstock Recreation Center (WRC) is 72 years old in 2019. 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.
- In 2019 We had the slate roof repaired and parts replaced, the steps to the pool and the front of the main building completely redone, and upgraded all florescent bulbs to LED.

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



38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156

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 (2018-2019).

Information and Assistance: Our toll-free Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 answered **15** 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.

Senior Nutrition: In partnership with volunteers out of Bridgewater, **2,453** meals were delivered to seniors at home. We are also partners in providing the congregate community meals at the Thompson Senior Center in Woodstock.

Transportation: Special arrangements are made for non- Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

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.

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

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Senior HelpLine - (800)-642-5119*



The Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF) Supports the Health and Wellness Needs of Bridgewater

Who We Are:

The Ottauquechee Health Foundation strives to improve the health and well-being of people who live in our core towns through grants, community partnerships, education opportunities and support of wellness initiatives. We believe accessible health and wellness care is a vital part of any community.

We assist in the health and wellness needs of these core towns of Barnard, **Bridgewater**, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Quechee, Reading, and Woodstock.

About OHF's Good Neighbor Grant (GNG) program

Our GNG program makes grants on behalf of individuals who are unable to pay for their health and wellness needs that are not covered by health insurance such as dental care, physical therapy, counseling, hearing aids, eyeglasses, and more. Assistance is based on financial need and applicants must live in the OHF catchment area.

In 2018, OHF provided 28 grants to Bridgewater residents totaling over \$13,000. This equates to approximately 10% of our overall granting budget. Town support from Bridgewater is invaluable to us and allows us to better serve the Bridgewater Community.

Additionally, OHF continues to provide services from our Homecare Grants Program, as well as other wellness offerings, to the Bridgewater Community. These programs are all part of our commitment to providing access to health and wellness services while supporting overall community health. Together we can indeed create stronger, and healthier communities.

Our Funding Sources:

Our funding comes through bi-annual appeal donations, town appropriations, targeted program fundraising, grant writing, a modest draw from our investments, and fundraising events.

How to Contact OHF:

Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF)

802-457-4188 | www.ohfvt.org | director@ohfvt.org

PO Box 784 | 30 Pleasant Street | Woodstock, VT 05091

Vermont Department of Health Local Report

BRIDGEWATER, 2019

State of Vermont

White River Junction Local Health Office

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White River Junction, Vermont

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E-mail: AHS.VDHOLHWhiteRiverJunction@vermont.gov

Local Health Report for BRIDGEWATER

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is in White River Junction at the address and phone number above. We provide a wide range of resources and services to 22 Vermont towns of the Upper Valley to promote health and wellness for all Vermonters. For example, in 2019 we:

Supported health for everyone in the community: We worked on a variety of projects and programs in partnership with schools, worksites, town offices, and local providers. We also served individuals and families right in our office. Our focus is on health equity because all people should have a fair and just opportunity to be healthy.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: We served more than 900 residents of our district with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program, which provides individual nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables.

Ensured emergency preparedness: We worked 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.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: We investigated more than 90 infectious disease cases in our district. We also responded to New Hampshire's Hepatitis A outbreak by immunizing more than 125 vulnerable individuals in our region of Vermont against the disease.

Student health and youth empowerment: According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 61% of students in Windsor County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, we see efforts like mentoring and afterschool enrichment programs helping to ensure youth feel valued and included.

Substance misuse and abuse: Regional substance abuse prevention consultants worked with community groups, schools, human service agencies, hospitals, and law enforcement.

Learn more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction>

Join us on www.facebook.com/vdhwrj/

Joan Jenne Memorial Scholarship Fund

Balance July 1, 2018	1,288.60	\$	-	\$	1,288.60
Interest Earned	\$ 0.71				
CD Interest	\$ 273.00				
Donation	\$ 100.00				
Withdrawal from CD	\$ 1,000.00				
				\$	1,373.71
Total Receipts				\$	2,662.31
Disbursements:					
18/19 Scholarships	\$ 600.00				
Balance as of June 30, 2019				\$	2,062.31
Assets:					
Certificate of Deposit			\$		25,000.00
	1.05%				
Committee Members					
Nancy Robinson					
Henry Smith					

Report from the Superintendent

Superintendent's Message

The 2018-2019 school year was the first operational year of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District. This first year saw both successes and challenges as the new district and Board worked through the complexities and opportunities of six towns coming together to operate as a single entity.

Board members, community members, educators, and students engaged in collaborative work sessions to define the skills and dispositions that Windsor Central students should possess upon graduation. After productive debate and compromise, our district agreed on the following five essential outcomes for students:

- Achievement of **Academic Excellence**
- Ability to successfully engage in **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving**
- Demonstrate **Skillful Communication**
- Demonstrate **Self-Direction**
- Demonstrate **Stewardship** skills

Once the targeted outcomes were established, additional citizens and educators joined the work and came together as the Strategic Planning Design Team. This group of 30+ individuals from all member communities came together to help develop and advise on a strategic plan that would provide direction and guidance for how the Portrait of a Graduate outcomes would best be attained. On June 10, 2018, the merged Board unanimously voted to adopt the end result of this collaborative work: the 2020-24 Windsor Central Strategic Plan. This plan identifies five focus areas:

- **Student Success**
- **Learning Environments**
- **Community Alliance**
- **Culture**
- **Foundational Systems**

The full strategic plan can be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/30gv0Rf>

The Windsor Central Strategic Plan will serve as a map to guide and prioritize the work of the district. One area of focus and concern for many of our member communities is related to Learning Environments. There is a single goal under this focus area: “Our facilities serve as an exemplar for Vermont and meet or exceed nation best practices for school design.” The issue of repairing, remediating and replacing facilities was one that immediately required the Board’s attention during its first year of operation. The issues surrounding the WUHSMS and TPVS facilities are complex. So many invested people are working towards finding solutions that will serve all communities and taxpayers well.

As the district grows and evolves, the promise of a cohesive PreK-12 educational program continues to be in the forefront. Our vision is to ensure that all of our student’s graduate being prepared to follow their passions and interests, equipped with the needed skills and dispositions as they head down their chosen path. We continue to invite all community members to join and support this important work; *it takes a village*.

Woodstock Elementary School Principal's Report

The 2018-2019 school year continued the strong tradition of Woodstock Elementary School providing quality education to the children of Woodstock. Our school's mission continues to emphasize the school, families, and community working in partnership to ensure that each student experiences the joy and rigor of learning. Our goal is for all students to become enthusiastic, persistent, and competent learners that care about and demonstrate respect for themselves, others, and the environment. We are grateful for the many numerous community partner organizations, volunteers, and donors who make our work toward this mission possible.

2018-2019 was the first year WES offered full day PreK classes for students ages 3-5 years old. Our program was fully enrolled at 20 children for the morning session with some families opting for an extended afternoon program. Given the success of the model, the district fully funded full day PreK for the 2019-2020 school year. 2018-2019 was also the first year of school choice in the Windsor Central Unified District. WES welcomed approximately 15 students from other district towns via school choice. WES's total enrollment for 2018-2019 was 206 students PreK-6th grade. In addition to increasing enrollment in 2018-2019 with the addition of PreK and school choice students, WES opened its doors to the entire staff and student body of The Prosper Valley School. TPVS building was not able to open during the 2018-2019 school year due to moisture and mold issues, so two elementary schools ran parallel programs for the duration of the school year in the WES building. There were opportunities for collaboration between the two schools during this sharing of space.

The 2018-2019 school year was our second year implementing school-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) as a unifying school culture structure. Vermont PBIS recognized WES as a School of Distinction for our solid implementation of this program. In addition to adopting PBIS, WES also adopted a school-wide enrichment and intervention program called What I Need (WIN) to differentiate and individualize small group instruction for all students.

WES extends its gratitude and well wishes to Woodstock resident and longtime staff member Cindy Towne who is retiring from service on the WES staff at the close of the 2019-2020 school year. During her time at WES, Mrs. Towne has served as a paraeducator, crossing guard, library assistant, and technology support specialist. She leaves big shoes to fill.

While WES continues to pursue school-based initiatives to further the educational outcomes of our students, the school works in concert with the Portrait of a Graduate and Strategic Plan of the merged Windsor Central Unified District. We are optimistic about the future endeavors of our school and district!

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Town Fire Warden – Ken Tarleton	(802) 672-3061
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Town Meeting March 3, 2020
9:00 a.m.
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