

2018 Annual Report

Town of Peru, Vermont
Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018



Town Report also available online at peruvt.org

Please note Town Meeting occurs at 10AM on Tuesday March 5, 2019

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Reflection

What's new in Peru?

- 1) Johnny See Saws is completed and running beautifully.
- 2) Jeremy Lapan and Heather Farrer were married in July on Jeremy's ancestral land under a fairy tale tent. No kidding; it was breath taking!
- 3) Will Murphy became the eighth Baldwin to bring his bride to the altar this fall.
- 4) The Peru Fair went off without a hitch with Laurie Gayda at the helm. Let's see who will be in charge next.
- 5) Speaking of the Fair, the Peru Church (kind of) won 3rd place in the scarecrow competition. The head was made of a volleyball and draped in tulle. Impressive!
- 6) Wild Wings has a new trail called, "Peregrine," which has delighted Nordic skiers. Thank you very much to Tracy, Chuck and Ian.
- 7) On a sad note, our longtime Road Commissioner, John Daley, passed away in October. In addition to his mechanical abilities, Jim was a curious scholar and would spend hours researching all manner of arcane facts and figures.
- 8) Carol Barkley of Londonderry took the baton on Christmas Eve and directed beautiful music for our choir for which we are most appreciative.
- 9) The Mission Committee was unfailingly committed to the community.
- 10) The Makery keeps on making. Thank you, Susanne.
- 11) JJ Hapgood continues to be a soft place to land and enjoy a cappuccino to sip as we sort out one beautiful season from another – even the one we are currently shivering through.

Finally, thank you for appreciating what a wonderful life we have here in Peru. It is a special place and we share it with one another gratefully.

Submitted by Pastor Margaret Dawedeit

Community Information

PERU TOWN OFFICE
P.O. Box 127 Peru, VT 05152

Open: Tues & Thurs 8:30am – 4:00pm
802.824.3065
peruclerk@gmail.com

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire	911
Rescue	911
State Police	911
Mountain Valley Medical Center	802.824.6901
First Town Constable, Stewart Beattie	802.824.3494
Animal Control Officer, Pat Salo	802.688.4020

SCHOOLS

Flood Brook Union School	802.824.6811
Burr and Burton Academy	802.362.1775
Burr and Burton Mountain Campus	802.824.4846
Green Mountain Union High School	802.875.2146

<u>PERU POST OFFICE</u>	<u>Hours of Operation:</u>	802.824.5472
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Window Service:	Monday-Friday 9:30-12:30PM & 1:30-4:30PM
	Saturday 8:30AM-11:30AM

Lobby Open:	Access to Boxes 24 hours, 7 days a week
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STATE OFFICIALS

Governor's Action Line	800.649.6825
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VERMONT STATE LEGISLATURE

Senators:

Brian Campion	e-mail: bcampion@leg.state.vt.us	802.753.7705
Richard Sears	e-mail: rsears@leg.state.vt.us	802.442.9139

Representative:

Linda Joy Sullivan	e-mail: lsullivan@leg.state.vt.us	802.768.8668
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FEDERAL OFFICIALS

Senator Patrick Leahy, Burlington Office	800.642.3193
Senator Bernie Sanders, Brattleboro Office	802.254.8732
Congressman Peter Welch, Burlington Office	802.652.2450

Townscape Preservation Board:

Susan Bradford, Barbara Ardell, Sally Ogden, Gail Acosta

Peru Town Meeting 2019 - WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Peru are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Peru Town Center on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the hour of 10:00AM to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 2: To elect Town Officers as the law directs.

Article 3: To see if the town will vote a tax to defray the expenses of the town for the fiscal year of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, as set forth in the budgets submitted in the 2018 Town Report, subject to such modifications as this meeting may vote. To authorize the selectmen to set the rate on the 2019 Grand List to meet the budgets voted. To establish the date of payment of such taxes. Previous years dates July 1- September 30.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions made by law for payment of taxes to the Town Treasurer.

Article 5: Shall the voters vote a sum of money to the following organizations which serve the community?

Bennington County Child Advocacy Ctr.(petition)	\$ 500.00
Project Against Violent Encounters	\$ 150.00
Mountain Valley Medical Center	\$3,000.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad	\$4,000.00
Visiting Nurse Assn. of VT/NH	\$2,700.00
Bennington County Conservation District	\$ 300.00
BROC	\$ 200.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 140.00
SW Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 200.00
Center for Restorative Justice	\$ 300.00
Neighborhood Connections	\$1,000.00
Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00
The Collaborative	\$ 750.00
Flood Brook Athletic Association	\$1,000.00
Peru Cemetery Commission	\$4,500.00
Green Mtn. Club-Bromley lookout	\$1,000.00
Rural Fire Protection Task Force	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

TOTAL	\$19,890.00
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Article 6: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at Peru, Vermont January 22, 2019

Todd Williams
Gail Acosta
Charles Black
Peru Selectboard

Minutes of Town Meeting, Peru, VT. March 6, 2018

Peru's Moderator, Gary Ameden, called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Gary welcomed everyone to the 2018 Peru Town Meeting and asked all those who are new to Town to stand and introduce themselves. Leslie and Michael Bacon, Brian Goodro, and Genie McGuire all introduced themselves. John Birch introduced his daughter Lilly, a 7th grader at Flood Brook School. Gary asked all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. He then read a poem by Marshall Squier titled "Community".

Warning: As read by Gary- The legal voters of Peru are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Peru Town Center on Tuesday March 6, 2018 at the hour of 10:00am to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers. John Maher made a motion to move the article and Ben Freeman seconded. As there was no discussion or comment Gary asked if those assembled were ready for the question. All in favor, motion passed.

ARTICLE 2: To elect Town Officers as the law directs.

Moderator: Todd Williams, Selectboard Chair, asked for nominations for Town Moderator. John Maher nominated Gary Ameden and Lorri Ameden seconded the motion. As no others were nominated all in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Moderator - 1 year Gary Ameden

Town Clerk: Donna Williams nominated Jill Braddish and Sally Ogden seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Garry Sharon and seconded by Jay Ouellette. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Town Clerk - 1 year Jill Braddish

Treasurer: Grant Braddish nominated Donna Williams and John Maher seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Roberta Baker and seconded by Lorri Ameden. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Town Treasurer - 1 year Donna Williams

Selectboard: Fran Stelz nominated Gail Acosta and Todd Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Grant Braddish and seconded by Garry Sharon. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Selectboard - 3 year Gail Acosta

Lister: Jack Pennypacker nominated Brian Goodro and Rebecca Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Grant Braddish and seconded by Garry Sharon. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Lister - 3 year Brian Goodro

Auditor: Chuck Black nominated Karen Utiger and John Maher seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Grant Braddish and seconded by Jillian Joyce. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Auditor - 3 year Karen Utiger

Cemetery Commission: Stewart Beattie nominated Robert Stelz and Jillian Joyce seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Todd Williams and seconded by Ben Freeman. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Cemetery Commission 5 years Robert Stelz

First Constable: Robert Stelz nominated Stewart Beattie and Garry Sharon seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Garry Sharon and seconded by Grant Braddish. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- First Constable - 1 year Stewart Beattie

Second Constable: Todd Williams nominated Chis Felion and Gail Acosta seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Roberta Baker and seconded by Lorri Ameden. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Second Constable - 1 year Chris Felion

Delinquent Tax Collector: Donna Williams nominated John Maher and Chuck Black seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Grant Braddish and seconded by Garry Sharon. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Delinquent Tax Collector - 1 year John Maher

Grand Juror: Gail Acosta nominated Hope Richardson and Todd Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Jillian Joyce and seconded by Jay Ouellette. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Grand Juror - 1 year Hope Richardson

Town Agent: John Maher nominated Tracy Black and Lorri Ameden seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Todd Williams and seconded by Jay Ouellette. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Town Agent - 1 year Tracy Black

Trustee of Public Funds: Barbara Petra nominated Mike Gayda and Ben Freeman seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Grant Braddish and seconded by Lorri Ameden. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Trustee of Public Funds - 1 year Mike Gayda

ARTICLE 3:

a) To see if the town will vote to defray the expenses of the town for the fiscal year of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, as set forth in the budgets submitted in the 2018 Town Report, subject to such modifications as this meeting may vote. Chuck Black moved to accept the motion and Lorri Ameden seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Iwanna Reed questioned the dates in the article. It was so noted the article should read “2017 Town Report”.

Ben Freeman inquired about the increase in maintenance expense for the Town buildings. Todd replied that the increase was due to the budgeting of several upcoming projects. One being the painting of the Town Office and the second responding to the loss control report received from PACIF detailing several areas where the Town will need to invest money in order to maintain our insurance coverage. For example, the Town will be required to install a fire monitoring system in all Town buildings.

Stewart Beattie asked in regard to upgrade and safety when will the fire escape be replaced at the Community House. Todd replied that the Fire Inspector reported we did not need a fire escape and therefore it is not on the Selectboard’s agenda to replace it. Jay Ouellette asked why there is a significant increase in line item 729, Equipment Rental on page 36. Todd explained that the Town has had trouble securing an outside contractor to do our road side mowing. As a result, the Town will be renting a tractor and mower to do our own mowing. The Road crew also plans to mow more frequently to combat the poison parsnip which has become very invasive.

John Birch questioned why the revenue from the Green Mountain National Forest is less. Chuck explained that the revenue is based on timber sales and the project is winding down.

Hearing no other questions, Gary ruled for a voice vote. All in favor, motion passed.

b) To authorize the selectmen to set the rate on the 2018 Grand List to meet the budgets voted. Chuck made a motion to move the article and Jay Ouellette seconded. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

c) To establish the date of payment of such taxes. Previous years dates July 1-September 30. Grant Braddish made a motion to move the article and Rebecca Williams seconded. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions made by law for payment of taxes to the Town Treasurer. Grant Braddish made a motion to move the article and Garry Sharon seconded. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters prohibit the Town constables from exercising any law enforcement authority, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1936a(a)(1)? Barbara Pierce asked how the statute reads and Gary proceeded to read it aloud. Iwanna Reed made a motion to move the article and Garry Sharon seconded. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

Gary asked that if there were no objections that the Town recognize Linda Joy Sullivan, our State Representative for the Town of Peru at this time. Hearing none, Linda took the floor. Linda advised the Town that many issues are being addressed, primarily education and tax reform. She would love to speak with everyone and is at JJ Hapgood the 1st Sunday of each month. She has distributed a report of what has been going on at the State level.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters vote a sum of money to the following organizations which serve the community

Mountain Valley Medical Center	\$3,000.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad	\$1,000.00
Visiting Nurse Assn. of VT/NH	\$2,700.00
South Londonderry Free Library	\$1,000.00
Bennington County Conservation District	\$ 300.00
BROC	\$ 200.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 140.00
SW Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 200.00
Center for Restorative Justice	\$ 300.00
Neighborhood Connections	\$1,000.00
Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00
The Collaborative	\$ 750.00
Flood Brook Athletic Association	\$1,000.00
Project Against Violent Encounters	\$ 150.00
Peru Cemetery Commission	\$3,700.00
Green Mtn. Club-Bromley lookout	\$1,000.00
Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless	\$ 500.00
Rural Fire Protection Task Force	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

Total	\$17,090.00
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Garry Sharon made a motion to move the article and Jillian Joyce seconded. Discussion ensued.

John Birch asked why the Peru Cemetery Commission request is so much? Stewart replied that it covers raking leaves, mowing, maintaining and cleaning the stones, and cutting tree limbs. Stewart explained that the Cemetery Commission can only use the interest earned from the perpetual care fund and as interest rates are down they needed to request more in appropriations.

Sandy Birch expressed that Neighborhood Connections is a great organization and is happy to speak with anyone about it.

Grant Braddish pointed out that there was no request letter for the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless in the Town Report. Todd said the money will be put aside if they request it otherwise it will be rolled back into the budget.

Gary asked for a vote to approve the article as written. All in favor, motion passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters support the following resolution:

WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, flooding, a rise in tick borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and world, and

WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:
 - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to energy pipelines;
 - b. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines: and,
 - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents with no harm to low-income people, people of color, or rural communities.
2. That the Town will do our part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:

- a. Protecting town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing town lands;
- b. Enlisting state support in weatherizing town buildings and installing alternative energy, such as roof top solar to town structures;
- c. Other initiatives to improve the quality of life while helping to reduce overall use of energy. (By petition)

Jay Ouellette made a motion to move the article and Jillian Joyce seconded. Discussion ensued.

Ben Freeman publicly voiced his support of this resolution.

Barbara Pierce asked who wrote this resolution. Jillian explained it was a cooperative effort of concerned citizens all over the State.

Rob Tobia would like 2.b. of the article to mention wind. No motion was made.

Genie McGuire wanted to know if there were any town initiatives going on regarding energy efficiency. Brian Goodro suggested the Town of Peru create an Energy committee to establish a town wide initiative. Hope Richardson commented that there was a committee and it dissolved because there was no interest. Sandy Birch asked if anyone would be interested in spearheading this committee.

Sandy Birch made a motion to move the article as written and Ben Freeman seconded.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Todd Williams wanted to take a minute to publicly thank Margaret Cobb for her years of service. She always had the public interest in mind. There was a big round of applause.

Jack Pennypacker wanted to thank Jan Georgette for her 20+ years of service. He also wants to let the public know that the Listers will be meeting at 9 am every Wednesday as needed and invites anyone to come. Jack also shared that the Town of Peru will be taking part in a statewide mapping project where tax maps will be available online. However, many other towns have gone beyond the statewide requirements and have also made available more detailed information including lister cards and the availability to access bordering properties as examples. This comes as an additional expense to the Town but if you are interested in this please give feedback to the Selectboard.

Hope Richardson expressed her personal mission to ban plastic grocery bags and urged everyone to use cloth bags.

Iwanna Reed asked if the Selectboard would consider moving the meeting to 9am rather than 10am so people could return to work sooner.

Julie Bacon asked about the feasibility of paving Lovers Lane. Todd agreed that the road does get bad during mud season especially the end near Route 11. However, there are alternative routes people can use and the Selectboard has prioritized roads that do not have any other alternate routes.

Stewart Beattie pointed out corrections to be made to the Town report on page 4. The Emergency number for the fire warden was not listed and the state police emergency number is 911.

Jay Ouellete introduced himself as a member of the Taconic and Green Board and offered to answer any questions regarding the budget.

Bob Stelz would like to see candidate night restored 2 weeks before Town Meeting.

Mary Schwartz talked about Neighborhood connections and how they are conducting a transportation survey. She encouraged people to fill out and return the survey.

Fran Tobia announced she is in charge of the Peru Fair and invites anyone looking to get involved to speak with her or email the Peru Fair Committee at perufair@gmail.com.

Stewart Beattie made a motion that the Selectboard include a provision in next year's warning to include an Australian ballot. Peter Berman seconded. Discussion ensued. Gary ruled for a voice vote. Nay's won.

Jennie Freeman gave a brief update on the West River Sports Association.

Jim Potter spoke from the standpoint of someone who lives in the center of Town, to the blatant disregard of the stop signs and speed limit in Town. Discussion ensued on ways to resolve this problem.

Todd spoke about The Kelton Family Community Fund which has been created by Art and Elaine Kelton. The fund was designed for the benefit of the Town of Peru to enhance the well-being of the community and its citizen's. Grants made from the fund will benefit education, community building, beautification, or provide a needed service or facility improvement for the residents of Peru. Recently, Barbara Petra applied for and received a grant to have historic pictures restored and framed. There are now on display at the Town Office. Todd read the following statement from the Art and Elaine Kelton:

"Elaine and I were very pleased to help restore and reframe these photos. I remember looking at the pictures at the Community House when I was a boy. We look forward to doing other projects to benefit the Town."

Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lorri seconded the motion. All in favor, Gary Adjourned the meeting at 11:31am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Braddish
Peru Town Clerk
Dated March 7, 2018



Elected Town Officers

Moderator:	<u>Term Expires</u>
Gary Ameden	2019

Town Clerk:	Jill Braddish	2019
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Treasurer:	Donna Williams	2019
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Select Board:	Chuck Black	2019
	Todd Williams, Chair	2020
	Gail Acosta	2021

Lister:	Rebecca Williams	2019
	Jack Pennypacker, Chair	2020
	Brian Goodro	2021

Auditors:	Melinda Beebe	2019
	Alex Sheets	2020
	Karen Utiger	2021

Cemetery Commission:	William Crandall	2019
	David Farnum	2020
	Stewart Beattie, Chair	2021
	Carl Holcomb	2022
	Robert Stelz	2023

First Constable:	Stewart Beattie	2019
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Second Constable:	Christopher Felion	2019
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Delinquent Tax Collector:	John Maher	2019
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Grand Juror:	Hope Richardson	2019
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Town Agent:	Tracy Black	2019
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Trustee of Public Funds:	Mike Gayda	2019
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Taconic & Green Regional School District	Jay Ouelette	2020
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Justices of the Peace*:
Gary Ameden, Tracy Black, Will Crandall, Karen Utiger, Olivia Rukat
* Terms: February 1, 2019 thru January 31, 2021

Select Board Appointed Town Officers

Planning Commission: Term Expires

Peter Robertson	2019
Lucas Hughes	2019
Stewart Beattie, Chair	2020
Ben Freeman (appointed)	2020
Paul Myers	2020
LJ Petra	2021
Mike Gayda	2021

Zoning Board:

David Utiger	2019
Charles Howard	2019
John Acosta	2020
Chuck Black	2020
Peter Bradford, Chair	2021

Zoning Administrator: Hal Wilkins

Sexton: Carl Holcomb

Town Service Officer: Margaret Dawedeit

Health Officer: Dr. Roger Fox

Deputy Health Officer: Hal Wilkins

Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer: Jennie Freeman

Road Foreman: Wayne Blanchard

Road Crew: Brian Bills

Emergency Manager: Chuck Black, Todd Williams

Select Board Report

During the Fiscal Year of 2018- 2019 the Town was presented with a Loss Control Report from our insurance provider, Vermont League of Cities and Towns. This report highlighted potential safety hazards in Town buildings. We have started correcting many of the hazards addressed in the report. As a result, we have seen a reduction in the Town's Liability Insurance premium. We look forward to continuing this process. The Select Board updated the Resident Animal Complaint Form, which is available on the Town's website or in the Town Office.

It is with regret that the Select Board has received a letter of resignation from Gail Acosta. Gail will not be spending as much time in Peru anymore and cannot commit to attending as many meetings. We appreciate Gail's effort and commitment to the Town for the last 4 years and wish her the best! Gail will resign on Town Meeting Day, March 5.

The Select Board dealt with many other issues which came before the board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd Williams
Gail Acosta
Chuck Black

Clerk's Report

Vital Statistics: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Marriages: 3
Births: 1
Deaths: 3
Burials: 3

Liquor Licenses: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

First Class Restaurant/ Bar:	3@	\$115	=	\$345
First Class Hotel:	0@	\$115	=	\$ 0
First Class Commercial Caterer:	1@	\$ 20	=	\$ 20
Second Class:	2@	\$ 70	=	\$140
Outside Consumption:	3@	\$ 0	=	\$ 0*
Tobacco:	1@	\$ 0	=	\$ 0*
Special Events	1@	\$ 0	=	\$ 0*
Total:				\$505

*Town receives no part of fee collected

Audit Report

The town auditors conducted our audit of fiscal year 7/1/17 – 6/30/18 using the audit checklist provided by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. This checklist provides a thorough approach to examining the internal controls and the accounts of all town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the town treasurer.

In our opinion, the financial statements presented in the Town Report present fairly the financial position of the Town of Peru as of June 30, 2018.

Karen Utiger, Melinda Beebe, Alex Sheets



Board of Listers Report

GRAND LIST: Each year, the primary role of the Listers is to maintain a fair and equitable Grand List for the purpose of town taxation. The Listers establish a Grand List specifying the value of taxable property as of April 1st. The Preliminary-Grand List must be filed with the Town Clerk on or before June 4th. Grievance hearings must begin no later than June 19th and the final Grand List must be lodged with the Town Clerk by July 25th. This year, there are 730 parcels in Peru, including 400 structures with land (including residential and commercial properties), 267 condominiums and 64 parcels with open land. One new house was built during the 2018 fiscal year. From April 2018 to April 2019, there were fifty-one property transfers in the town, a decrease from the previous year by six. Four parcel owners formally grieved their assessments this year. Twenty-one grievances were resolved at the pre grievance level. Twenty-five grievances resulted in an adjustment to the appraised value.

EQUALIZATION STUDY RESULTS: We are pleased to report that the results from the 2017 State Equalization Study for Peru are a Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) of 100.39%. The Common Level of Appraisal represents the measure of how close a municipality's local appraisals are to the actual fair market value. Our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 12.44%. This is the measure of uniformity of appraisals for all properties on the Grand List. The Vermont Department of Taxes has rated our scores as very good. For additional information please go to: <http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/understanding-property-taxes>.

USE VALUE APPRAISAL PROGRAM (CURRENT USE): Owners of agricultural and forest land may be eligible to have land taxed at the lower "use value" rate by enrolling in the Current Use Program. At least 25 acres are required for enrollment, but there are some special eligibility criteria for smaller active agricultural parcels. Farm buildings can also be enrolled in the program. We currently have 34 parcels enrolled in Current Use. For additional information and to file an application electronically, please go to: <http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/current-use>.

HOMESTEAD DECLARATION AND PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT CLAIM (FORM HS-122): By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont homestead must file a Homestead Declaration each year, 32 V.S.A. § 5410. Many people file their Homestead Declaration at the same time they file their Vermont Income Tax return. However, if you apply for an extension or even if you are not required to file a Vermont Income Tax return, the Homestead Declaration must still be filed. Penalties apply after the April deadline. Currently, there are 125 Homestead

declarations. For additional information and to file electronically, please go to:

<http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration>

VETERANS EXEMPTION: Veterans who own their home and declare a Vermont homestead may be eligible for a property tax exemption. We currently have no veterans registered for this exemption. For additional information and requirements, please go to: www.veterans.vermont.gov.

As a Board, we must abide by changing state statutes and fixed and constrained timetables. We are here to assist you with any questions or concerns that you may have. The Board of Listers meets on Wednesday morning at 9:00AM. If you have any questions or concerns about the appraisal of your property, feel free to call, stop in, or send us a letter with your concerns. Most issues are handled by a Pre-Grievance process in April and May. If you wish to formally grieve the assessed value of your property, please submit a letter in May describing the basis for your Grievance. The formal Grievance Day will be held within the first two weeks of June.

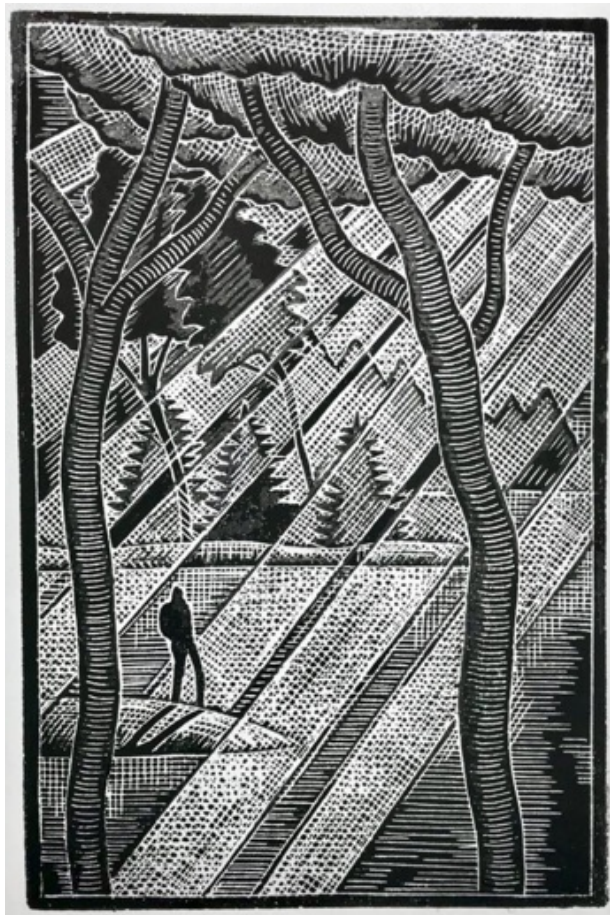
Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Listers

Jack Pennypacker, Chair

Brian Goodro

Rebecca Williams



Planning Commission Report

This year the projects that are still in the works are the completion of Seesaws Restaurant and Bromley's expansion plans on the old Best Farm. We also have received several applications for land subdivisions and building projects.

Seesaws Restaurant is now open. The other buildings have been totally rebuilt. This project was a large undertaking and is a positive addition to the town. The completion of the project is still in the works with the installation of the distillery in the lower level of the restaurant.

The Bromley expansion project while still in the planning stage will be a major addition to Peru with the potential addition of 200 condominium units, chairlift and trails.

Also, traffic circulation and parking in Peru village is still a problem. Some additional off-street parking areas have been implemented to help the situation, however improvements to these areas and more designated space is still needed.

If you have a project in the Town of Peru, stop in the Town Office and check with the Zoning Administrator to see if it needs a permit. Some of the projects that require a permit are any new construction, as well as changes to existing buildings, changes of use, subdivisions of property and customary home industry. Copies of the Peru Town Bylaws are available at the town office.

Respectfully submitted,
Peru Planning Commission

Stewart Beattie, Chairman
Peter Robertson
Paul Myers
Lucas Hughes
L J Petra
Mike Gata
Jon Mowry

Zoning Board of Adjustment Report

Issued a Conditional Use Approval for a change of use in the RR 5 zoning district.

Issued an approval for the construction of storage building in excess of 1,000 SF in the CR District

Denied a request for a sideline setback variance in the RR 5 zoning district

2212	Gardner Orton	Conditional Use	Granted, with conditions
2213	Bromley Mtn. Equity	Conditional Use	Granted with conditions

In both cases, the hearings were in FY 2017-18. The decisions were actually issued in FY 2018-19.

Zoning Administrative Officer's Report

The Vermont Planning Association held its annual summer gathering and board of directors meeting at the Bromley base lodge

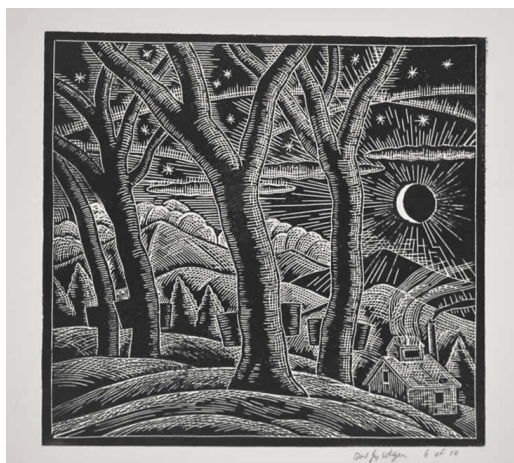
Several enforcement actions were initiated - in cooperation with the Selectboard - and are now in progress.

Numerous Certificates of Zoning Compliance were prepared for local attorneys and real estate offices.

The ZA worked closely with the Townscape Preservation Board (Sally Odgen, Susan Bradford, Barbara Ardell) on several permit-related matters in the Peru Village Historic Overlay District.

At the request of property owners and the State e911 Board, numerous site inspections were made to correct address and road name errors.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hal J. Wilkins, Zoning Administrator



Cemetery Commissioner's Report

Maintenance of Peru's three cemeteries, Village Cemetery, North Cemetery and Stone Cemetery has been on going through the year consisting of mowing and trimming grass, removal of leaves, cleaning and adjusting stones.

As with last year's low interest rates, income from accounts that we can only use the interest from for perpetual care is down . Due to the age of the trees in the cemeteries there has been more and expensive pruning required. Therefore, the Cemetery Commission is requesting that the appropriation from the Town be increased to \$4,500.00, so we can continue to adequately maintain the cemeteries and complete repairs as they become necessary.

This year we have had increased the price of graves to \$300.00 per gravesite. The mandatory nonrefundable fee of \$300.00 for perpetual care will stay at the same price.

To purchase a plot or for other Cemetery information, the Cemetery Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm from May thru November at the Town Office.

Anyone wishing to make burial arrangements or installation of stones and markers please contact Carl Holcomb at 802-824-3932.

Respectfully submitted,
Peru Cemetery Commission

Stewart Beattie, Chairman
William Crandall, Secretary
Carl Holcomb, Sexton
Bob Stelz
Jeremy LaPan

Peru Cemetery Commission Balance Sheet

Checkbook Balance, 6/30/17	\$ 1,717.21
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RECEIPTS:

Interest	\$ 21.77
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Dividends	\$ 1,213.84
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Town Appropriation	\$ 3,700.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 4,935.61
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Maintenance	\$ 4,113.00
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Other	\$ -
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Total Disbursements:	\$ 4,113.00
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Checkbook Balance, 6/30/18	\$ 2,539.82
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Assets Owned:

Berkshire Bank Municipal NOW	\$ 42,270.94
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Mutual Funds and Stock (at Market Value)	\$ 94,265.33
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Total Assets	\$ 136,536.27
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Note: With the exception of the balance of \$ 2,539.82 in the checking account all monies and investments of the Cemetery are dedicated to its perpetual care.

First Constable's Report

This year I received calls of building alarms, vehicle accidents and cars off the road. I have responded to wires and trees in the roadway, traffic control in the village and roadways for speeding and stop sign violations and assist people with disabled vehicles.

I also responded as Fire Police with the Peru Fire Department, assisted the Londonderry Rescue Squad on calls in the local area, and the State Police with traffic control at accidents on Route 11.

Due to the increased attendance to Church and events at the J.J. Hapgood store, parking is still a problem. Expansion of parking in the village area has helped to keep roadways open for emergency vehicles at high traffic events when there is traffic control. Additional attention is still needed to improve the surface of the designated parking areas.

If you see something suspicious around you, be sure to note license plate numbers and time of day and location, or if you need assistance please call me at **824-3494** and the State Police in Westminster at **802-722-4600** we will be happy to assist you.

Respectfully submitted,
Stewart N. Beattie, First Constable

Fire Department Report

The Peru Fire Dept. responded to 44 calls last year. Call breakdown is as follows; 5 motor vehicle accidents, 8 still alarms, 10 false alarms, 6 DHART assists, 1 chimney fire, 9 calls for mutual aid, 3 calls for wires down, and 2 service calls

In the past year, through fundraising, donations and grant writing, the members of the department purchased \$19,993 worth of equipment and donated it to the town. Thanks go to the Bromley Village Association, Vermont Country Store, and the Thrifty Attic for their continued support. The department has applied for a grant to upgrade our SCBA equipment, the grants will be awarded March 2019.

Chuck Black, Chief, Peru Fire Dept.

Fire Warden Report

In 2018 31 burning permits were issued. Permits are required for outside burning of brush any time there is not snow on site. I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents, that untreated wood is the only material that can be burned as per Vermont state law, trash burning barrels are NOT allowed.

Chuck Black, Forest Fire Warden

Road Commissioner's Report

During the Fiscal Year of 2017-2018 the Town received a Class 2 Highway Grant which paid for 80% of the pavement resurfacing and guardrail replacement between Hapgood Pond and Stone Place Road.

We have also received acceptance of a Town Highway Structures Grant to pay 80% of a new Concrete Box Culvert at Utley Brook on Little Michigan Road. This work will start summer 2019.

Hunter Excavating donated his equipment and an operator to install proper drainage at a section of the North Road.

Working together with the USFS and Crandall Logging, we were able to cut an abundance of trees at the beginning of Anderson Road.

There were many loads of gravel applied to Anderson Road and North Road Extension.

Ditching was completed on Lovers Lane as well as Moss Brook and Anderson Roads.

Culverts were replaced on Lovers Lane as well as Moss Brook and North Roads.

The Town is renting a roadside mower twice during the summer so that we can work to eliminate the invasion of Poison Parsnip.

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd Williams
Road Commissioner

Animal Control

DOG LICENSES: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

The State of Vermont requires that all dog/wolf-hybrid owners license their pets. Current rabies vaccination certificates are required at the time of licensing.

Total licenses sold 2017-18: 92

Revenue to Peru: \$ 746.00*

Revenue to State VT: \$ 460.00

Total Revenue 2017: \$1,206.00

2017 Fees:	<u>Before April 1st:</u>	<u>After April 1st:</u>
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Neutered/Spayed	\$ 12.00	\$ 17.00
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Unaltered Male/Female	\$ 20.00	\$ 29.00
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*Including late fees

Puppies must be registered by six months of age. New dogs to households may be registered any time without a late fee assessed. Please be advised that Peru has an Animal Control Ordinance. Section #3 prohibits animals from roaming and Section #4 prohibits animals against creating a nuisance. Our Animal Warden, Patrick Salo (802-688-4020), should be contacted to handle any complaint regarding problem animals, if your dog has gone missing or if a stray has been seen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Freeman, Assistant Town Clerk

Animal Control Officer

The Animal Control Officer is responsible for the enforcement of the Vermont State Laws pertaining to animals. The officer responds to complaints of violations of Animal Control laws by telephone and police dispatch. The officer also investigates complaints of vicious, diseased, neglected or abused animals. Impounded animals are cared for at the officers' kennel. Unclaimed animals are carefully evaluated before being placed for adoption.

The Animal Control Department makes every effort to insure that all functions of the department are carried out in the most economical manner with cost savings in mind, while providing the highest degree of professional service to the townspeople and

provides assistance to the community so that animals and people can co-exist safely and peacefully.

Unlicensed dogs: The Animal Control Officer is responsible for the enforcement of the dog licensing laws. A dog without tags will be considered unlicensed and unvaccinated and fines may be issued.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Salo, Animal Control Officer
200 VT Rte. 30, Bondville, VT 05340
Phone: (802)297-1032 Cell: (802)688-4020

Peru Fair Report

Close to 5000 people attended this year's Peru Fair held on September 22. As a result, we are pleased to report that a contribution of \$13,000 was made to the Peru Scholarship Fund, enabling each full-time Peru student pursuing a higher education beyond high school to receive a scholarship of \$1,000 per year.

It started out cool, but turned out to be a perfect fall day and a big success for attendees and vendors alike. None of this would have been possible without the volunteer efforts of over 70 area residents and the support of numerous local businesses.

We always welcome new volunteers and committee members. In addition to raising funds for the educational advancement of our young people, the Fair is a wonderful catalyst for bringing the Town together in a common pursuit. We will be working toward another successful fair in 2019.

-Fran Tobia, Peru Fair President

Receipts

Balance on Hand	
01/01/2018	\$5,488.51
Exhibitors Fees	\$11,929.70
Gates	\$23,282.75
Wagon Sales	\$3,447.83
Raffle	\$655.00
Donations	
Total receipts	\$44,803.79

Disbursements

Stationary	\$886.50
Advertising	\$3,871.66
Postage	\$222.22
Entertainment	\$3,559.99
Bus/Transportation	\$5,830.00
Sanitation	\$1,155.00
Wagon	\$1,621.66
Raffle	\$327.50
Security	\$4,337.57
Setup	\$3,129.99
Marketing	\$681.14
Insurance	\$535.00
Donation to Scholarship	\$13,000.00
Total Disbursements	\$39,158.23
Cash on Hand	\$5,645.56

- Ruth Ann Barrick, Peru Fair Treasurer

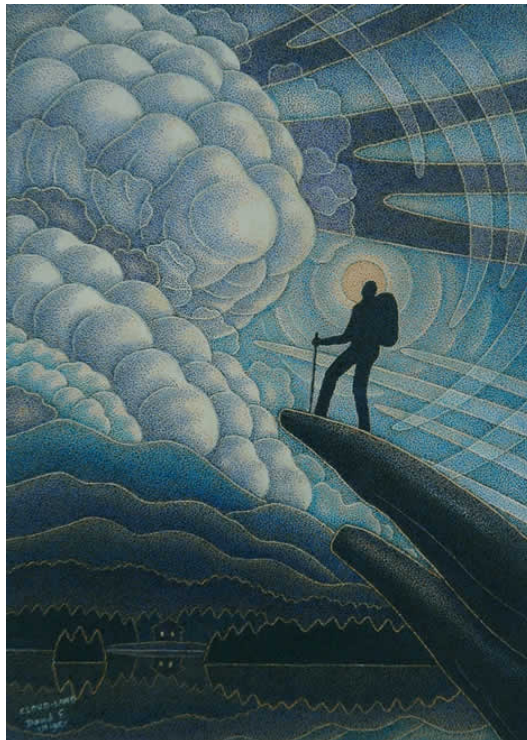
Peru Fair Scholarship Report

The Peru Fair Scholarship Fund is fortunate to have received continued funding from the success of the Peru Fair. In 2018 the Peru Fair contributed \$13,000.00 to the Scholarship Fund. The current balance on 1/9/2019 as reported by Berkshire Bank is \$ 47,612.78. This balance will decrease by \$7000.00 as January checks were mailed on 1/9/19 to the schools for the Upperclassman. The final balance once those checks clear will be \$40,612.78.

In 2018 the Peru Fair Scholarship was pleased to award \$1000 to each of the 9 recipients, which represented 2 high school graduates and 7 upperclassmen. The high school graduate awards were mailed to their respective schools in August 2018 and the upperclassmen awards were mailed in January 2019.

While it is hard to know the exact number of participants on a year-by-year basis, it appears as though the amount of recipients is expected to decrease slightly for the 2019 school year. The Peru Fair Committee continues to evaluate potentially raising the amount of the scholarship amount taking into consideration the balance in the bank coupled with the number of students expected to graduate over the course of the next 3-5 years.

Respectfully, Laurie Gayda



Taconic & Green Regional School District

The Taconic and Green Regional School District has produced an Annual Report that will be available to the public on Friday, February 15, 2019.

A Notice to Voters postcard was sent to the households of registered voters of Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland and Weston with annual meeting and report information at the end of January.

The report will include the following:

- Annual Meeting Warning
- School Board Report
- FY18 Year End Summaries for all Town School Districts
- FY20 Budget for the Taconic and Green Regional School District
- FY20 BRSU General Budget
- FY20 BRSU Special Education Budget
- BRSU Treasurer's Report
- Tax rate historical information for all towns
- Enrollment Report
- Audit Report
- Superintendent Report
- Principal Reports (Currier, Dorset, Flood Brook, Manchester, Sunderland)
- Board Member information
- Board Goals and Norms
- Minutes from the Taconic and Green District Meeting in February 27, 2018

The Taconic and Green Annual Report will be available at the following:

- Online at <https://goo.gl/6TTm4J>
- Request via info@brsu.org or 362-2452
- Local Town Office
- Manchester Library
- Pick one up at one of the following Taconic and Green schools – Currier, Dorset, Flood Brook, Manchester, Sunderland
- Pick one up at the BRSU Office – 6378 VT Route 7A, Sunderland, VT
- Shaw's in Manchester

Taconic and Green Regional School District Annual Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7pm
Manchester Elementary Middle School

Green Mountain National Forest Report

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors. The support the Forest receives helps to accomplish an extremely robust program of work. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000 acre GMNF. Receiving several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits annually, these visitors seek enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to the local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. Below is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

Peru: New campground kiosk signs were installed at all of the district campgrounds including Hapgood Recreation Area. In addition to the improved appearance, the signs provide better information regarding the area amenities and regulations. In partnership with GMC, a caretaker hosted visitors and maintained the Griffith Lake Tenting Area and Peru Peak Shelter and maintained surrounding trails. New information panels were installed on both the AT / LT Mad Tom Notch and Forest Road 58 Griffith Lake Trailhead kiosks providing improved information about area recreation opportunities and the Peru Peak Wilderness.

Londonderry Solid Waste Group

This past year has seen some changes for the Londonderry Solid Waste Group (LSWG). Cash has not been accepted at the Transfer Station since October of 2017. The new Punch Card Payment System is working well with punch cards available at all five town offices as well as Londonderry Hardware and Weston Marketplace.

Annual Transfer Station Stickers that allow access to the Transfer Station, whether you are recycling or disposing of trash, are now available at all five town offices.

LSWG conducted two Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events and one Electronics Collection Event in 2018. The 2019 HHW collections will be the first Saturday in June and the first Saturday in October. The group has an agreement with Rutland's year-round hazardous waste facility and members can bring their hazardous waste to that facility year-round. There is a fee for disposal. Please do not bring your electronics to the transfer station. You can dispose of them at any of the sites listed at www.vtrecycles.org or call 1-855-63-CYCLE

LSWG's Recycling Coordinator and TAM Solid Waste Inc. teamed up to conduct a trash sort at the Londonderry Transfer Station in September. The previous sort was done in 2013. While it isn't an exact science, the sort results were indicative of how much we have improved since then. There was more trash in the trash and less recyclables. The biggest loser was mixed paper that could have easily been recycled.

Textiles are once again accepted at the Transfer Station. Please bring them in bags and deposit them in the yellow bins.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs offer FREE disposal of architectural paint, batteries, electronics, mercury thermostats and mercury containing bulbs. To find out more about these programs and where you can dispose of these materials go to www.vtrecycles.com or call 1-855-63-CYCLE.

The LSWG reached out to schools and businesses in 2018 providing guidance on recycling, disposal of hazardous materials and diverting food scraps and organics from the landfill. If your school or business is interested in learning about ways to handle solid waste, organics, recyclables and other materials please contact recycle@londonderryvt.org.

Town of Peru, Budget

		Actual 17/18	Authorized 18/19	Proposed 2019/2020
3000	· REVENUE			
	316 · State of VT- Current Use	18,341.00	17,500.00	17,500.00
	318 · Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	9,864.67	9,000.00	9,000.00
	322 · Beverage License	485.00	550.00	550.00
	324 · Dog & Marriage Licenses	824.00	850.00	850.00
	326 · Zoning Permits	1,425.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	328 · Hunting/Fishing Licenses	65.50	25.00	25.00
	332 · Town Clerk Fees	13,665.73	10,000.00	10,000.00
	334 · Rental of Equipment	78.00	75.00	75.00
	336 · Rental of Facilities	100.00	75.00	75.00
	338 · Highway- State of VT	49,842.82	40,000.00	40,000.00
	340 · Interest Earned	8,431.43	4,300.00	4,300.00
	344 · Misc. Income	383.82	750.00	750.00
	346 · Green Mountain Forest	51,136.79	40,000.00	40,000.00
	Total 3000 · REVENUE	154,643.76	124,625.00	124,625.00
	Surplus to be applied to tax rate	150,000.00	150,000.00	185,000.00
	(To be) Raised by taxes	407,093.41	579,400.00	580,700.00
		\$711,737.17	\$854,025.00	890,325.00
4000	· ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
	400 · Town Clerk	15,678.23	17,000.00	17,600.00
	401 · Treasurer	12,289.20	15,000.00	15,500.00
	402 · Asst. Town Clerk	9,511.33	9,000.00	9,300.00
	403 · Asst. Treasurer	3,800.21	3,000.00	3,100.00
	404 · Select Board	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	405 · Auditors	643.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
	406 · Listers	2,358.23	5,000.00	5,000.00
	407 · Planning Commission	921.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	408 · Memberships / Training	3,643.80	3,800.00	3,800.00
	408.5 · Consulting	0.00	400.00	400.00
	409 · Legal Services	253.50	3,000.00	3,000.00
	410 · Town Report & Delivery	1,024.22	1,500.00	1,500.00
	411 · Town Meetings	162.33	250.00	250.00
	412 · Election Expense	0.00	300.00	300.00
	413 · Comp & Liability Insurance	25,419.50	32,000.00	25,000.00
	414 · Admin Misc/Travel	156.12	1,500.00	1,500.00
	415 · Zoning Board of Adjustment	75.00	500.00	500.00
	416 · Zoning Administrator	5,235.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	417 · Zoning Board/Administrator Misc	97.50	100.00	100.00
	418 · Delinquent Tax Collector	10,768.15	12,000.00	12,000.00
	Total 4000 · ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	97,036.82	119,850.00	114,350.00

4200 · OFFICE EXPENSE			
420 · Tax Bills	0.00	450.00	450.00
421 · Document Books	6,717.01	7,400.00	1,000.00
422 · Dog Tags & Registration	100.37	125.00	125.00
423 · Paper, Envelopes & Supplies	663.58	1,000.00	1,000.00
424 · Postage	1,235.42	1,000.00	1,500.00
425 · Office Misc/Supplies	560.88	800.00	800.00
426 · Bank Fees	0.00	100.00	100.00
428 · Media/Advertising	84.30	1,200.00	1,200.00
Total 4200 · OFFICE EXPENSE	9,361.56	12,075.00	6,175.00
4300 · OFFICE EQUIPMENT EXPENSE			
432 · Copier Expense	379.77	1,000.00	1,000.00
434 · Computer Expenses	7,670.57	4,000.00	5,500.00
436 · Equipment, furniture & fixtures	515.98	4,200.00	4,200.00
438 · Miscellaneous	0.00	250.00	250.00
Total 4300 · OFFICE EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	8,566.32	9,450.00	10,950.00
4400 · TOWN CENTER UTILITIES			
440 · Electricity	1,305.33	2,000.00	2,000.00
442 · Telephone	1,214.09	1,500.00	1,500.00
444 · Heating Fuel	3,019.94	4,000.00	4,000.00
446 · Furnace Maintenance	282.05	750.00	750.00
447 · Security Monitoring System	503.49	0.00	1,000.00
448 · Propane	159.42	300.00	300.00
Total 4400 · TOWN CENTER UTILITIES	6,484.32	8,550.00	9,550.00
4500 · TOWN CENTER JANITORIAL			
450 · Janitor Services	1,737.50	2,500.00	2,500.00
453 · Supplies	34.46	200.00	200.00
Total 4500 · TOWN CENTER JANITORIAL	1,771.96	2,700.00	2,700.00
4600 · TOWN CENTER MAINTENANCE			
463 · Supplies	0.00	500.00	500.00
464 · Capital Improvement/Maintenance	1,026.88	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total 4600 · TOWN CENTER MAINTENANCE	1,026.88	10,500.00	10,500.00
4700 · COMMUNITY HOUSE MAINTENANCE			
470 · Maintenance	14,279.68	5,000.00	0.00
473 · Supplies	168.85	150.00	150.00
474 · Electricity	264.25	500.00	500.00
475 · Capital Improvement/Maintenance	0.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
476 · Propane	0.03	250.00	250.00
Total 4700 · COMMUNITY HOUSE MAINTENANCE	14,712.81	15,900.00	15,900.00
4800 · TOWN GARAGE			
480 · Electricity	2,130.95	2,000.00	2,300.00
481 · Heating Fuel/Propane	3,402.42	4,000.00	4,000.00
482 · Supplies	5,719.42	4,000.00	500.00
484 · Uniform(contract services)	1,902.70	2,400.00	2,400.00
485 · Capital Improvement/Maintenance	2,350.00	10,000.00	14,000.00
486 · Telephone	385.20	500.00	500.00
Total 4800 · TOWN GARAGE	15,890.69	22,900.00	23,700.00

5100 · PAYROLL TAXES/BENEFITS				
	512 · Soc Sec/Medicare Tax	13,727.37	16,000.00	16,000.00
	517 · VT Dept of Employment & Training	0.00	250.00	250.00
	518 - County Tax	16,710.21	20,000.00	20,000.00
	519 - Payroll Processing Fee	704.50	0.00	800.00
Total 5100 · PAYROLL TAXES/BENEFITS		31,142.08	36,250.00	37,050.00
	626 · Landfill	24,327.53	32,000.00	32,000.00
	628 · Street Lighting	2,131.29	3,500.00	3,500.00
	634 · Constable Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	400.00
	636 · Animal Warden	2,746.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total 6200 · GENERAL SERVICES		30,404.82	40,200.00	39,400.00
7000 · HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT				
	700 · Gasoline	54.83	200.00	200.00
	701 · Oil	2,292.38	2,000.00	2,500.00
	702 · Diesel	16,792.83	20,000.00	20,000.00
	703 · Small Tools	423.60	2,500.00	2,500.00
	704 · Radio Repairs	432.92	500.00	500.00
	705 · Street Signs	576.38	2,000.00	2,000.00
	706 · Truck #1-Maint/Repairs	8,620.43	4,500.00	4,500.00
	708 · Truck #2-Maint/Repairs	1,475.02	4,500.00	4,500.00
	710 · Chipper Maint/Repairs	367.21	500.00	500.00
	710.5 · Truck #3 Maint/Repairs	183.58	3,500.00	3,500.00
	712 · Grader-Maint/Repairs	56.29	5,800.00	5,800.00
	714 · Sander-Maint/Repairs	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	716 · Small Equip-Maint/Repairs	483.54	500.00	500.00
	718 · Backhoe-Maint/Repairs	928.74	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total 7000 · HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT		32,687.75	52,500.00	53,000.00
7200 SUMMER ROADS (CLASS 2&3)				
	721 · Culverts	3,108.00	3,000.00	38,000.00
	722 · Cal. Chloride	3,472.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
	724 · Resurfacing Crushed Gravel	27,534.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
	725 · Contract Services	9,109.38	10,000.00	10,000.00
	726 · General Maintenance	1,620.02	2,000.00	2,000.00
	727 · Labor -1st Employee	22,943.25	30,900.00	25,000.00
	727.5 · OT Labor-1st Employee	0.00	600.00	600.00
	728 · Labor -2nd Employee	16,269.20	21,900.00	18,000.00
	728.5 · OT Labor-2nd Employee	0.00	500.00	500.00
	729 · Equipment Rental		10,000.00	10,000.00
Total 7200 · SUMMER ROADS (CLASS 2&3)		84,055.85	107,900.00	133,100.00
7400-WINTER ROADS (Class 2&3)				
	741 · Plow and Chains	5,196.41	4,000.00	4,000.00
	743 · Contract Services	1,232.50	1,250.00	1,250.00
	744 · Sand	26,796.00	28,000.00	28,000.00
	745 · Salt	31,427.18	36,000.00	40,000.00

	746 · Labor -1st Employee	24,771.50	25,000.00	27,000.00
	747 · Labor-2nd Employee	17,585.36	16,100.00	19,000.00
	748 · Overtime -1st Employee	9,812.04	9,000.00	9,500.00
	749 · Overtime-2nd Employee	5,746.59	6,000.00	6,500.00
	750 · General Maintenance	526.90	500.00	500.00
	Total 7400 · WINTER ROADS (CLASS 2&3)	123,094.48	125,850.00	135,750.00
	7700- BRIDGES			
	775 - Materials	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	776- Construction		2,500.00	2,500.00
	Total 7700 · BRIDGES	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
	7900 · HIGHWAY			
	791-Bereavement	0.00	0.00	300.00
	792 · Health Insurance	33,836.50	37,000.00	38,000.00
	793 · Retirement	7,775.67	6,000.00	8,000.00
	794 · Vacation Days	3,483.47	5,000.00	5,000.00
	794.5 · Holidays Paid	4,226.88	4,000.00	4,500.00
	794.8 · Sick Days	2,412.42	2,000.00	3,000.00
	Total 7900 · HIGHWAY	51,734.94	54,000.00	58,800.00
	8000- MISCELLANEOUS			
	800 · Approp -Comm Agencies	16,290.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
	803 · Select Board Discretionary Fund	100.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	804- Kelton Family Community Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
	805 · Reappraisal	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	806 · New Pavement Reserve	22,500.00	22,500.00	22,500.00
	807 · Highway Resurface Fund	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
	808 · Fire Engine Fund	20,000.00	22,500.00	25,000.00
	809 - Village Green	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	810 · Highway Equip Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
	817 · Digitize Maps	1,700.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
	852 · Town Tree Maintenance	0.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
	Total 8000 · MISCELLANEOUS	169,090.00	180,400.00	183,900.00
	9000 · FIRE DEPT			
	901 · Fire Dept. Insurance	7,990.75	10,000.00	9,000.00
	902 · Radios and Dispatch	15,599.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
	903 · Assoc. Dues and School Fees	150.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	904 · Engine and Equipment Maint	2,470.46	4,000.00	4,000.00
	906 · Propane	2,482.76	1,500.00	3,000.00
	907 · Misc. and Supplies	1,041.42	500.00	500.00
	908 · Capital Improvement/Maintenance	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
	909 · Payroll	4,941.50	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Total 9000 FIRE DEPT	34,675.89	51,500.00	52,000.00
		711,737.17	854,025.00	890,325.00

Town of Peru General Fund - Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Appropriations and Changes in Fund Balance

		AUTHORIZED 17-18	ACTUAL 17-18
REVENUE			
300	Taxes	\$ 556,500.00	\$ 555,677.62
	Surplus applied to Tax Rate	150,000.00	
316	State of VT Current Use	17,500.00	18,341.00
318	Penalties Delinquent Taxes*	9,000.00	9,864.67
322,324,325	License/ Dog, Beverage	1,400.00	1,309.00
326	Zoning Permits	1,500.00	1,425.00
328	Hunting/Fishing Licenses	25.00	65.50
332	Town Clerk Fees	10,000.00	13,665.73
334	Rental of TC Equipment	75.00	78.00
336	Rental of Facilities	75.00	100.00
338	State Aid Highways	40,000.00	49,842.82
340	Interest Income	4,300.00	8,431.43
344	Misc. Income	750.00	383.82
346	Green Mountain National Forest	40,000.00	51,136.79
Total Revenue		<u>831,125.00</u>	<u>710,321.38</u>
EXPENDITURES (See itemized accounts)			
400-418	Administration	118,750.00	97,036.82
420-438	Office/Equipment	21,325.00	17,927.88
440-487	Total Buildings	60,750.00	39,886.66
512-519	Taxes and Assessments	27,250.00	31,142.08
626-638	General Services	40,700.00	30,404.82
700-796	Highway & Roads	332,450.00	291,573.02
901-910	Fire Department	52,000.00	34,675.89
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>653,225.00</u>	<u>542,647.17</u>
APPROPRIATIONS			
803	Discretionary Fund	2,500.00	100.00
805	Reappraisal	5,000.00	5,000.00
806	New Pavement Reserve	22,500.00	22,500.00
807	Highway Resurface Fund	26,000.00	26,000.00
808	Fire Engine Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00
809	Village Green		2,500.00
810	Highway Equipment Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00
817	Digitize Maps	2,400.00	1,700.00
852	Town Tree Maintenance	1,000.00	0.00
853	Municipal Planning Grant Expense	0.00	0.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		154,400.00	152,800.00
WARNING ARTICLES			
800	Appropriations Community Services	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>16,290.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL		<u>827,625.00</u>	<u>711,737.17</u>
SURPLUS/DEFICIT		<u>0.00</u>	<u>(\$1,415.79)</u>
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE			
Opening Fund Balance July 1, 2017			416,190.75
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2018			<u>\$414,774.96</u>

Balance Sheets

	General Fund	Special Funds	Trust & Agency	Total
Assets				
Municipal NOW	\$410,652.25	\$553,737.50	\$42,270.94	\$1,006,660.69
Petty				
Cash	100.00			100.00
Stock/Mutual				
Funds			94,265.33	94,265.33
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	8,031.78			8,031.78
Total Assets	<u>\$418,784.03</u>	<u>\$553,737.50</u>	<u>\$136,536.27</u>	<u>\$1,109,057.80</u>
Liabilites				
Accrued Payroll & Payrol Taxes	\$4,009.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,009.07
Accounts payable				
Total Liabilites	<u>4,009.07</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,009.07</u>
Fund Balance				
Appropriated		553,737.50	133,996.45	687,733.95
Unappropriated	414,774.96		2,539.82	417,314.78
Total Fund Balance	<u>414,774.96</u>	<u>553,737.50</u>	<u>136,536.27</u>	<u>1,105,048.73</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$418,784.03</u>	<u>\$553,737.50</u>	<u>\$136,536.27</u>	<u>\$1,109,057.80</u>

Special Funds, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balance

	Equipment	Highway Resurface/Bridg	Fire Engine Equipment	Kelton Family Comm. Fund	Sewer Land	Peru Park	Village Green	Re-Appraisal	New Pavement	TOTAL
REVENUE										
From General Fund	\$75,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$151,000.00
From State of VT.								6,383.50		6,383.50
Sale of Brush Hog	4,000.00									4,000.00
Interest Income	53.03	9.00	84.03	4.04	9.61	1.40	1.59	30.41	59.32	252.43
From Kelton Family Fund				3,074.04						3,074.04
TOTAL REVENUE	79,053.03	26,009.00	20,084.03	3,078.08	9.61	1.40	2,501.59	11,413.91	22,559.32	164,709.97
EXPENDITURES										
Purchase Backhoe	100,500.00									
Grants from Kelton Family Fund Electrical and Excavating				1,178.00			24,342.92			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	100,500.00			1,178.00			24,342.92			126,020.92
Revenues in Excess of Expenditures (Deficit)	(21,446.97)	26,009.00	20,084.03	1,900.08	9.61	1.40	(21,841.33)	11,413.91	22,559.32	38,689.05
Fund Balance July 1, 2017	105,412.42	17,270.46	167,470.54	1,449.14	19,202.07	2,806.92	23,808.79	59,631.83	117,996.28	515,048.45
Fund Balance June 30, 2018	\$83,965.45	\$43,279.46	\$187,554.57	\$3,349.22	\$19,211.68	\$2,808.32	\$1,967.46	\$71,045.74	\$140,555.60	\$553,737.50

Statement of Taxes Raised & Distributed

Grand Lists:

Municipal Grand List	\$2,238,608.93	
Billed at	x	0.2488
		<u>\$556,965.90</u>
Less Credit		<u>\$2,299.28</u>
		\$554,666.62

	Resident	
Education Grand List	397,120.00	
Billed at	x	1.4084
		<u>\$559,303.81</u>
Less Credit		<u>220,916.43</u>
		338,387.38

	Non-Resident	
Education Grand List	1,748,941.71	
Billed at	x	1.5364
		<u>\$2,687,074.04</u>
		<u>2,687,074.04</u>
		3,580,128.04

State Adjustment based on final education Grand List	-30,026.30	
Post Grand List Adjustments (late-filed HS122, errors & omissions, etc)	<u>10,408.58</u>	

Total Tax Raised	<u>\$3,560,510.32</u>
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Distribution of

Taxes:

State Education Fund-Peru School District-FBUS	\$3,004,832.70
General Fund	<u>555,677.62</u>

Total	<u><u>\$3,560,510.32</u></u>
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Statement of Delinquent Taxes

Balance, 6/30/17	\$24,708.66
Collected	(20,991.86)
Abated Taxes	<u>(2,311.66)</u>
Sub Total:	1,405.14
Delinquent	<u>6,626.64</u>
Balance, 6/30/18	<u><u>\$8,031.78</u></u>

Funding Requests to the Town of Peru

Bennington County Child Advocacy Center & Special Investigation Unit

Dear Peru Selectboard:

The Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse (DBA: Bennington County Child Advocacy Center and Special Investigations Unit) would like to request funding support/appropriations in the amount of 500.00 from the Town of Peru. We submitted our petition to the Town Clerk on December 13, 2018. Please let us know if we need additional signatures.

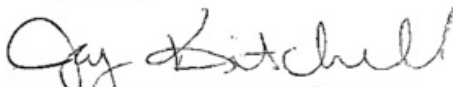
The Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse, established in 1989, is a non-profit, nationally accredited agency that provides support to all Bennington County residents. We were created to: help children and their families begin the process of healing after a child has been a victim of sexual abuse or egregious physical abuse; conduct quality investigations; reduce stress and trauma to the victim; and protect the victim in the community. Because of our continued efforts, we can anticipate and respond to the needs of children and their families more effectively, lessen the stress of the court process, and increase access to resources needed by the family.

What We Do

- Provide direct services to children and families upon the commencement of an alleged child abuse case, for as long as needed, regardless of judicial outcome.
- Provide direct services to adult victims of sexual abuse, for as long as needed, regardless of judicial outcome.
- House a child-friendly interview room and a private family waiting room.
- Ensure that our investigators and case coordinator stay abreast of current best practices
- Maintain a Multi-Disciplinary Team, which, promotes cooperative efforts between disciplines: law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, medical, mental health, victim advocacy, schools and child advocacy center staff.
- Provide school and community outreach.
- Serve as a resource to any adult working with children.

The Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse appreciates your consideration of our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at if you there is an interest.

Sincerely,


Joy Kitchell, Executive Director

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Bennington County Conservation District

November 1, 2018

Select Board
Town of Peru
PO Box 127
Peru, VT 05152

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Dear Select Board members:

Thank you very much for your support for the Bennington County Conservation District (BCCD) in 2018. I write to request that the Town again appropriate the sum of \$300 to support the conservation district's programs in the new year.

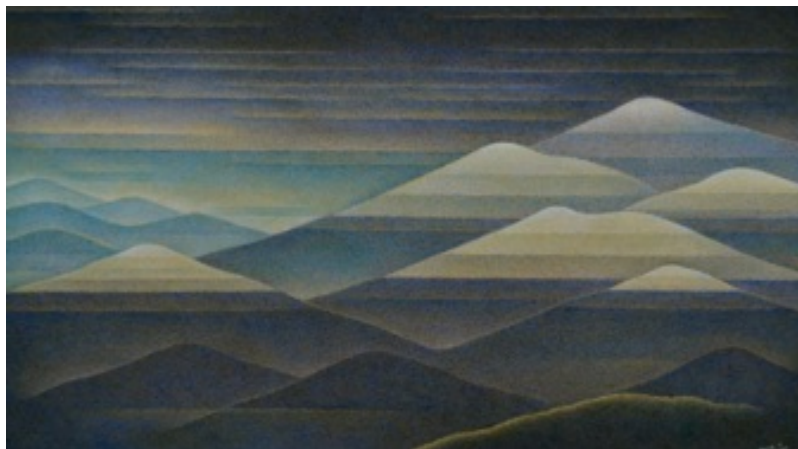
I enclose our annual report for the calendar year to date and our financial report for FY 2018. You will see that in the last year we've focused on education and projects related to forests, invasive plant species, and river-related projects.

Thank you again for helping make these activities possible through your citizens' support for BCCD. We look forward to working with you and for you in 2019.

Sincerely,



Shelly Stiles, district manager



Bennington Rutland Opportunity Center

To the Citizens of the Town of Peru,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us through over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

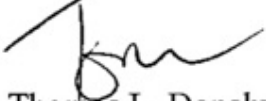
Over the past year, BROC Community Action has been available to residents in the Town of Peru. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$200.00.

We truly value our collaboration with Peru as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Donahue, CEO
tdonahue@broc.org

Cemetery Commission

As with last year's low interest rates, income from accounts that we can only use the interest from for perpetual care is down. Due to the age of the trees in the cemeteries there has been more and expensive pruning required. Therefore, the Cemetery Commission is requesting that the appropriation from the Town be increased to \$4,500.00, so we can continue to adequately maintain the cemeteries and complete repairs as they become necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
Peru Cemetery Commission

Stewart Beattie, Chairman

The Collaborative

Dear Residents of the Town of Peru:

First, let me say that we are absolutely thrilled for your support of our programs. Your recent payment of our \$750.00 appropriation means that you understand just how valuable it is to support our youth by promoting healthy alternatives, more informed choices, and wellness in our communities.

Your donation drives our programs and directly impacts young people right here in the Northshire and mountain communities.

A kindergarten boy struggled at the beginning of the school year in the Extended Day Program. But his parents knew that he needed a safe space for after school while they were at work. At EDP he receives a healthy snack, help with homework plus fun activities. This little guy's day was long and he missed his family. To help him adjust, our staff paired him with an older participant "mentor". Soon both were fast friends. Recently this kindergarten boy came up to me and firmly stated with a grin "I don't cry anymore, I love it here".

Although these victories may seem small to the average person, you know that they are not. That's why you gave to help these kids become confident and to learn valuable life skills.

We want you to be an active member of our community too. Please visit our website at www.thecollaborative.us to sign up for our emails and newsletters. Also, please watch for invitations to our other events.

Truthfully, we could not do this without you. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,

Maryann

Maryann Morris, Executive Director



Center for Restorative Justice

Dear Selectboard,

On behalf of The Center of Restorative Justice (CRJ), I am writing to request funding for our agency in the amount of \$300 for the upcoming year. CRJ is very grateful for the support it receives from the town and looks forward to continuing to serve the residents of Peru in the year ahead.

I have also enclosed an annual report. If you have any questions or need any additional information, I can be reached at 447-1595 or email leitha@bcnj.org. CRJ is very grateful for your continued support.

Thank you very much.

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Leitha Cipriano
Executive Director

Flood Brook Athletic Association

Residents, Taxpayers and Peru Town Select Board

December 2nd, 2018

The Flood Brook Athletic Association (FBAA) would like to thank all of the residents, taxpayers and the Town's select boards for all their support over the years.

FBAA is a community organization, whose mission is to provide positive, rewarding, and safe opportunities to participate in affordable sports programs for our area's youth. We are committed to providing athletic experiences that promote individual and team skill development, teamwork, and perseverance. We are comprised of volunteers who are dedicated to organizing our programs; raising funds for uniforms and equipment; and maintaining the dugouts, fields, and scoreboards at Flood Brook School and Pingree Park.

Throughout this past year, we've had 180 boys and girls participating in our various programs. Our basketball and baseball programs have had continued success and our summer basketball program and multiple tennis seasons, which are opened to the surrounding communities, have seen increased enrollment. Within the basketball program, we were able to increase our reversible uniforms, doubled the amount of teams that entered our 5th/6th grade tournament and began a Kindergarten intro to basketball program. Our baseball program hosted a "pitch, hit and run" event and we were able to upgrade the concession stand at Pingree Park. With these additions and improvements, we have increased our fundraising efforts and are currently planning to expand our dance, running, and tennis programs as well as invest in some facility upgrades. .

Our fundraising activities along with our registration fees are often not enough to cover the expenses our organization incurs. Many area residents and businesses have supported our efforts through volunteer services and donations; however we still fall short of our financial expectations. Therefore, we would like to humbly request to the residents, taxpayers and Peru Town Select Board to consider appropriating \$1000.00 to assist us in providing these valuable athletic programs to our area's youth.

In closing, we would like to thank the residents of Peru, parents, coaches, managers and local businesses as well as past and present members of the board, for all their many contributions to the youth of our community. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and needed.

Respectfully,
FBAA Board

Please consider supporting this worthwhile endeavor by joining the FBAA board, sharing your experience as a youth coach, or pitching in with other volunteer and fundraising efforts. Please join us at our monthly meetings, every second Wednesday of the month.



Reconstruction of the Bromley Observation Tower

The observation tower at the top of Bromley Mountain was taken down in June, 2012, due to structural and safety concerns. The Green Mountain Club, Manchester Section, has been fundraising to rebuild the tower. The location of the tower is within the Town of Peru, and the tower has been an asset to its citizens and visitors. We request that the Town provide a donation of \$1000 to the fund for reconstruction of the tower. Previous donations of \$500 and \$1000 were approved at town meeting in 2013 and 2018, respectively. Please note that other local towns (Dorset, Londonderry, etc.) have approved donations of \$2500 to \$5000.

History: In 1959 Fred Pabst had a chairlift built to the top of Bromley Mountain to serve the ski area in the winter and bring tourists to the summit in the summer. To provide a 360-degree view, with mountains in four states visible, a wooden tower was built between 1960 and 1962 at the top of the mountain on state land. The Bromley tower was removed in the spring 2012 after an engineering report declared it structurally unsafe for further use.

Current Effort: The Green Mountain Club is leading the effort to reconstruct the tower because of its importance to hikers of the Long Trail. The new tower will be built on state land approximately 20 feet north of the old location. The tower was and will be along the Long Trail, which the Green Mountain Club maintains. The Club has given formal support to the project; the Vermont State Agency of Natural Resources and Bromley Ski Area have given the Club verbal approval to construct the new tower.

The plan is to replace the historic wooden tower with a steel tower that will last for the next hundred years. The Club has been working with a builder who is able to take care of engineering, designing and building the tower. He has provided a cost estimate of \$262,000, our current fundraising goal. As of November 12, 2018, we have raised \$217,964.

Individuals and businesses may make tax-deductible donations as follows:

- Online at www.greenmountainclub.org/bromley.
- Mail a check to "Green Mountain Club" with "Bromley Tower Restricted Account" in the memo field. The address is 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Thank you for considering this request to support the Bromley Observation Tower reconstruction.

Sincerely,
Ruth Ann Barrick
Green Mountain Club
Bromley Tower Reconstruction Committee

Green Up Vermont

Dear Select Board/Town Clerk:

September 2018

Please consider Green Up Vermont's request for your community's financial support. We respectfully ask you to include the appropriate amount from the guide below in your budget for next year. This guide remains the same as in previous years:

For towns under 1,000 population	\$ 50
For towns over 1,000 and under 2000 . . .	\$100
For towns over 2,000 and under 3000 . . .	\$150
For towns over 3,000 and under 4000 . . .	\$200
For towns over 4,000 population	\$300

Sincerely,
Melanie Phelps
Interim President

Town report information for Green Up Day, May 5, 2018

(This is available for download at www.greenupvermont.org by clicking on the "About" page and scrolling down)

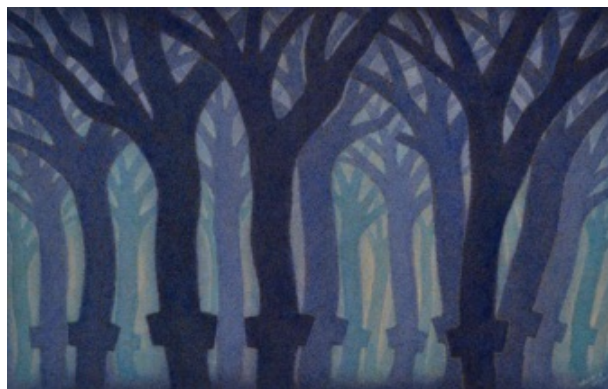
Green Up Day marked its 48th Anniversary, with 22,700 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit organization, not a state agency. With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to remove litter from Vermont's roadsides and public spaces. Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover fourteen percent of our operating budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and two part-time staff people.

Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online through our website.

Follow our blog for updates throughout the year! You can also link to Green Up Vermont's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages by visiting our website.

Save the date: Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Day is May 4, 2019. A Vermont tradition since 1970!



Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad

Dear Select Board:

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue is proud to provide emergency medical services to the Town of Londonderry along with the towns of Landgrove, Peru, Stratton, Weston, Windham and Winhall. Our dedicated squad of about forty members is available day and night for emergency calls. We are licensed EMS professionals on many levels who undergo extensive training, initially to gain our respective CPR, EMR, EMT, AEMT and Paramedic licenses, then to maintain them with additional hours of training on a bi-annual basis. Our rescue truck, MCI trailer and ambulances are equipped with medical equipment according to state and national standards. We stand ready to serve our communities at a moment's notice with no personal compensation whatsoever. No one is ever billed for our services; however, we do have significant expenses. This year we do have two requests:

First, for at least ten years we have asked Peru for the same donation of \$2,000.00. Due to the rising number of calls, and the increasing cost of medical equipment and supplies, we would like to increase the request to \$4,000.

Second, townspeople who listen to the fire and rescue emergency radio frequencies are aware of the dismal state of radio transmission clarity. It is common to hear dispatch say "Unit calling KEF-980, your radio is unreadable", or to hear our members ask for units to repeat their transmissions because one member could not hear what the other was saying. That is unacceptable in emergency situations. The radio is our lifeline.

LVRs radio equipment is maintained and up to date and we have no monetary requests. The problem seems to be the transmission facility on Stratton Mountain which is owned and maintained by Southwestern New Hampshire District Fire Mutual Aid. Peru's annual contribution to Mutual Aid is \$16,654.00 and the tri-mountain towns together contribute \$161,930.00 annually. We are not sure where the interference is coming from, but we think it is reasonable to have clear transmissions. We request, for our own safety and the safety of our community members and fire companies, that the towns band together and implore Southwestern New Hampshire District Fire Mutual Aid to find the problem and come up with a solution to fix it.

Sincerely,

LVRs Executive Committee

Mountain Valley Medical Center

Dear Select Board:

As you know when Mountain Valley Health Center joined Springfield Medical Care Systems, we became part of a Federally Qualified Health Center and this means all our patients are entitled to the medical care they need regardless of their ability to pay.

Mountain Valley Health Center set up an "emergency relief fund" to support patients in our catchment area who are struggling to pay for their medical care. We regularly fund office visits, prescriptions, copays, provide gas cards and many other circumstantial expenses related to medical care. The fund is used only for patients seen at MVHC and live in our catchment area. This money will not be used for any care sought outside MVHC or for any non-MVHC patients. This is exactly how the money was used in the past.

Due to decreases in donations, town appropriation amounts and less compensation for our services rendered added to additional expenses on our physical plant and lab, we are asking Peru for \$3,000 appropriation in this year's budget. This amount is in line with all other villages that we serve.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stephen Lyon, Board President

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Linda Bickford, Director

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Neighborhood Connections

Dear Select Board:

Neighborhood Connections, Inc. is a community-based nonprofit serving nine towns in southern Vermont, including Peru. Our focus is on people who have fallen through the cracks of governmental support systems. They may suffer from: poor health, inadequate housing, food insecurity, loneliness or depression amongst various other challenges. Too often they experience more than one of these challenges.

In order to enable us to continue providing supports for our neighbors, we are requesting \$1000 from Peru for use in our general operating budget. During the past year Peru residents accounted for over 70 services that were provided by both our Social Worker and Community Nurse Advocate. These visits have occurred both in our office or an individual's home. In addition to direct services, our community nurse advocate is instrumental in coordinating lifesaving emergency transports to Medical Care facilities and helps secure as needed in-home care for senior residents. This year alone, she facilitated 13 lifesaving emergency transports.

Some of the other services provided include (this is not an exhaustive list):

- | | |
|--|--|
| *Advocacy and referrals | *Short-term Financial Assistance |
| *Health Services, including both direct care & referrals | *Safety and wellness monitoring |
| *Food Assistance & Nutrition | *Access to Mental Health services |
| *Heating crisis and Funds for Repair | *Applications for Medicare and Medicaid enrollment |
| *Employment Counseling | *Crisis Intervention |
| *Tax Return Assistance | *Legal Referrals |

Protect Against Violent Encounters

Dear Peru Selectboard:

Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE), an agency serving the needs of victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence, is requesting \$150 from the Town of Peru for the FY 2019.

PAVE is committed to providing compassionate support, practical services and the pathway to healing and safety for countless victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout our communities. Our organization has grown from a domestic violence hotline to the multiple and comprehensive support services we now provide. These services include 24 hour hotline, court and social service advocacy, case management, emergency financial assistance, access to legal services, access to emergency housing, supervised visitation, parenting classes, community awareness, school –based prevention education and more.

The hotline is still where it often begins and our volunteers remain the backbone of the support we offer. In the past year, we provided four Peru residents with comprehensive services, all initially contacting us through the emergency hotline. These residents received advocacy services including emotional support and safety planning.

To stop the generational cycle of abuse, we must start early and invest in prevention strategies that provide healthy parent-child relationships, friendships and dating relationships. Through our education and empowerment programs - pre-kindergarten to college; Nurturing Parenting classes; Women's Support Groups; Healthy Mind, Body and Family workshops and Financial Literacy Program, we helped over children, teachers and other adults learn new skills and techniques.

We hope the town of Peru will once again be able to support the work of PAVE with a donation of \$150. Your support creates greater opportunities for the people impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence who need our services each year.

Respectfully submitted
Pam Lawton, Finance Coordinator

Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **20+ years** of the program, nearly **1100 grants** totaling **\$2.5 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

Over the past several years, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made a number of adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing RFP systems are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year. **In 2019, we will accept application for “drafting site” facilities.**

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2018 was \$211,600, of which \$111,864 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

Dear Selectmen,

This is a request from the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for \$200.00 in funding in your FY '20 budget. This is the same level of funding we requested and received last year. If approved, this funding will be used to help support the work we do on behalf of Peru elders.

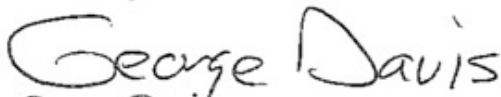
The enclosed document provides a brief description of the services the Council on Aging provided to elders in your community over the last year, and is designed for use in your town report. Please contact me if you have any questions about any of this information.

I would be glad to arrange for a representative from our agency to appear at any meeting set to discuss this request.

We sincerely appreciate the past support that we have received from the town of Peru, and we hope that we can, once again, count on support from your community.

Thank you for your consideration of this new request.

Sincerely,


George Davis
Board President

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



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

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

November 29, 2018

Dear Veteran,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Miraldi".

Laura Miraldi
Acting Medical Center Director

Vermont Center of Independent Living

Dear Ms. Cobb and voters:

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of Peru for our fiscal year 2019.

Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Peru in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).

We are requesting \$140.00 from the Town of Peru to help more people with disabilities in the coming year. Enclosed you will find a summary of VCIL's programs and services for the town and a copy of our FY'19 budget.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Sarah Launderville
Executive Director

Visiting Nurse and Hospice

Dear Selectboard and Citizens of Peru:

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) would like to express our gratitude to the Town of Peru for its longstanding support. Understanding the significant pressures on the town budget, we respectfully ask for your consideration of our request for funding in the amount of \$2,700.


VNH is an integral part of the community healthcare system in Peru. Without the services that we provide, there would be a significant gap in the community's continuum of care. Last year, VNH provided 281 visits to Peru residents of all ages and at all stages of life regardless of ability to pay. As the foremost team of hospice and home health experts for over 160 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire, VNH delivers nursing, hospice and rehabilitation services at home with proven effectiveness, integrity and compassion. Just as local families have counted on us since 1907, you can count on us today.

Our nurses, therapists, and social workers provide assessments, medical care, and education to assist people in maintaining their independence. In addition, we offer regular, free and low-cost blood pressure screenings as well as diabetic and non-diabetic foot care at our community wellness clinics. Patients, particularly our frail elderly and disabled, people with terminal illness, those recovering from major surgery or illness, and children with chronic medical needs, benefit through being able to receive the care they need in the familiarity and comfort of home. We urge you to consider the importance and cost-effectiveness of the work that VNH does to ensure the health and well-being of the community. Home healthcare is significantly less expensive than care provided in institutional settings.

Town funding and other contributions help close the gap between reimbursement for services provided and costs of those services. With adequate town funding, an affordable option for home healthcare is available to all Peru families in need. In order to continue meeting these needs, we urge the Town of Peru to budget continued financial support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire.

On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your consideration of this request.

With kind regards,



Hilary Davis

Director Community Relations and Development

Burr & Burton Letter from Headmaster

Dear Sending Town Voters:

We are pleased to submit to you our 2019-2020 sending town tuition of \$17,490, which constitutes a 2.49% increase from the current year. This compares with our tuition for non-sending towns of \$19,490.

We arrived at this sending town tuition number based on our strong desire to continue to be a source of strength to our sending communities. Our primary cost drivers, teacher salaries and benefits, will increase at 2.8% and over 11%, respectively, but we are

confident we can cover this gap through additional fundraising and prudent cost management.

BBA's tuition has increased 2.3% annually since the 2015-2016 school year, and over the last decade, the average increase is 2.74%. These figures represent not only our immediate sensitivity to the cost pressures faced statewide, but our long-term commitment to maintaining affordability.

During the past decade, thanks to our capital fundraising efforts, we have invested millions of dollars in facilities. We have created special programming at the Mountain Campus and the Dene Farm at Hildene, invested in sound and projection systems in our Riley Center for the Arts, purchased Steinway pianos, and more. We became an iPad school and have put iPads in the hands of every single student, expanded athletic offerings, constructed a state-of-the-art turf field, renovated our fitness center, and now we embark on a \$20 million building program to expand our capacity, enhance academic offerings, and provide more space together as a community.

In addition, most recently we raised \$100,000 at our fundraising gala in May to directly support public elementary schools by creating an education innovation fund. We raise close to \$1 million annually to support operations, and we augment annual fundraising with an endowment draw of approximately \$800,000. Additionally, we bring in students from around the globe to enhance cultural diversity and understanding while providing \$3 million in additional revenues.

BBA provides outstanding educational opportunities to young people in our communities. We strive to be a source of strength to our communities, and the support we receive from these communities is one of the greatest sources of strength for our school.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark H. Tashjian



Seth Bongartz

