

**TOWN OF
SUNDERLAND, VERMONT
AND
SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2017**

NOTICE

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING: MARCH 5, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.

TOWN BUSINESS MEETING: MARCH 5, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.

AT SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

98 BEAR RIDGE ROAD

BALLOT BOXES OPEN FOR AUSTRALIAN BALLOTING

MARCH 6, 2018 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

AT SUNDERLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICES

104 MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD

SUNDERLAND TOWN WEBSITE.....Sunderlandvt.org

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.....KERRY OLSON..... 375-1179

BCRC.....442-0713

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.....LUCILLE MORSE.....375-6991

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR.....KATHLEEN MORSE...375-6745

EMERGENCY CALLS – RESCUE SQUAD – FIRE – POLICE.....911

STATE POLICE (other than emergency).....442-5421

FIRE DEPARTMENT (other than emergency).....375-2323

FIRE WARDEN.....PAUL ENNIS.....375-6003

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE GLORIA ALEXANDER 375-1281
 JAMES AYREY 375-6952
 SALLY AYREY 375-6952
 ROSE STONE 375-2258
 SALLY STONE 375-2258

LISTERS.....PETER VANVLECK.....375-9390

TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE.....375-6106
 Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday . 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Fridays by appointment only

TOWN GARAGE.....375-2865

BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION.....362-2452

SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.....375-6100

ARLINGTON POST OFFICE.....375-6904

MANCHESTER POST OFFICE.....362-1170

MANCHESTER CENTER POST OFFICE.....362-3070

MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY.....375-6153

STRATTON TOWN CLERK.....896-6184

TRANSFER STATION.....362-4082
 Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 7:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Sat. 7:30 am to 11:30 am.

STATE FIRE PERSON LARS LUND 483-2727
 AIR QUALITY PETER ETTER 241-3847
 CHRIS JONES 241-3840
 ENFORCEMENT DON GALLUS 786-5909

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**TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS
2017-2018**

TOWN MODERATOR (1 year term)	Sally Ayrey
TOWN CLERK (3 year term) Expires 2019	Rose Keough
TREASURER (3 year term) Expires 2019	Rose Keough
SELECT BOARD:	
Term Expires 2018 (1 year term)	Steven Bendix
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term)	Mark Hyde
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term)	Jon French
Term Expires 2020 (3 year term)	Richard Timmerman
Term Expires 2018 (1 year term)	Vacant
FIRST CONSTABLE (1 year term)	Jesse Stone
SECOND CONSTABLE (1 year term)	Renee Tobin
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (1 year term)	Kathleen Morse
LISTERS:	
Term Expires 2020 (3 year term) appointed until 2018	Neil Humphrey
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term)	Peter VanVleck, Jr.
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term)	Vacant
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:	
Term Expires 2020 (3 year term)	Kathleen Johnston
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term)	Lucille Morse
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term) appointed until 2018	Neil Humphrey
AUDITORS:	
Term Expires 2017 (3 year term)	Vacant
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term)	Vacant
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term)	Vacant
TOWN GRAND JUROR (1 year term)	James S. Ayrey
TOWN AGENT (1 year term)	James S. Ayrey
SCHOOL DIRECTORS:	
Term Expires 2020 (3 year term)	Melanie Virgilio
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term)	Kristen Kimball
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term)	Mary Van Vleck
Term Expires 2019 (2 year term)	Heidi French
Term Expires 2018 (2 year term)	Arden Jorolemon
SCHOOL MODERATOR (1 year term)	Allison Grzyb

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD
(One year term unless otherwise noted)
2017-2018

Animal Control Officer & Pound Keeper	Kerry Olson
telephone: (802) 375-1179	
Emergency Management Coordinator	Michael DiMonda
Green-Up Chairman	Richard Timmerman
Health Officer	Selectboard
Deputy Health Officer	Vacant
<u>Selectboard:</u>	
Selectboard Chairman	Mark Hyde
Selectboard Clerk	Jon French
Selectboard Road Liaison	Richard Timmerman
Selectboard Recording Secretary	Stephanie Wells
Service Officer	Samuel Liss
Telephone: (802) 375-9510	
Town Forest Fire Warden	Paul Ennis, Sr.
Telephone: (802) 375-6003	
Tree Warden	Selectboard
Webmaster	Mark Hyde
e-mail address: <u>mhyde@sunderlandvt.org</u>	
Zoning Administrator	Melissa Johnson
e-mail address: <u>zoningadmin@sunderlandvt.org</u>	
<u>Bennington County Regional Commission Representatives:</u>	
Term Expires March 2020	Edward Bove
Term Expires March 2019	Steven Bendix
<u>Planning Board:</u>	
Term Expires March 2020	Edward Bove
Term Expires March 2019	Scott Magrath
Term Expires March 2020	Tucker Kimball
Term Expires March 2020	Lewis Herbert
Term Expires March 2019	Vacant
<u>Zoning Board:</u>	
Term Expires 2018	Robert Alexander
Term Expires 2020	Robert Faley
Term Expires 2020	Peter Van Haverbeke
Term Expires 2018	Vacant
Term Expires 2018	Peter Van Vleck, Jr.
<u>Justice of the Peace: Elected November 8, 2016</u>	
Gloria Alexander	(802) 375-1281
James Ayrey	(802) 375-6952
Sally Ayrey	(802) 375-6952
Rose Stone	(802) 375-2258
Sally Stone	(802) 375-2258

**2018-2019
PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SALARIES, WAGES
AND ALLOWABLE EXPENSES**

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$ 225.00	monthly
AUDITORS	\$ 15.00	hourly
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY	\$ 15.00	hourly
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	\$ 500.00	annually
CONSTABLES	\$ 10.00	hourly
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	Fees	
EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COORDINATOR	\$ 15.00	hourly
EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COORDINATOR DEPUTY	\$ 15.00	hourly
HEALTH OFFICER	\$ 15.00	hourly
HEALTH OFFICER DEPUTY	\$ 15.00	hourly
LISTERS	\$ 15.00	hourly
LISTER,CHAIRMAN	\$ 20.00	HOURLY
MODERATOR	\$ 100.00	meeting
PLANNING BOARD - MEMBER	\$ 700.00	annually
RECORDING SECRETARY (SELECTBOARD & PLANNING BOARD)	\$ 16.08	hourly
ROAD FOREMAN	\$ 24.95	hourly
ROAD HELPER	\$ 18.50	hourly
SELECTPERSON - CHAIRMAN	\$ 2,000.00	annually
SELECTPERSON - MEMBERS	\$ 1,500.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	\$ 23,000.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	Fees	
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	\$ 15.00	hourly
TOWN TREASURER	\$ 18,000.00	annually
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER ASSISTANT	\$ 12.85	hourly
WEBMASTER	\$ 1,200.00	annually
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	\$ 30.00	hourly
ZONING BOARD - CHAIRMAN	\$ 350.00	annually
ZONING BOARD - SECRETARY	\$ 300.00	annually
ZONING BOARD MEMBER	\$ 200.00	annually
MILEAGE	Federal Rate	per mile

REGULAR MEETINGS OF TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS

SELECTBOARD:

1st and 3rd Monday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 6:30 PM.

SCHOOL BOARD:

3rd Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Elementary School at 6:30 PM.

CEMETERY COMMISSION:

2nd Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 3:30 PM.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

4th Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 6:30 PM.

TAX RATES

General Fund Amount \$251,208.00 + Grand List of \$1,565,389.15

Rate = \$.1605

Municipal Building Debt of \$26,000.00 + Grand List of \$1,565,389.15

Rate = \$.0166

Highway Fund Amount of \$310,175.00 + Grand List of \$1,565,389.15

Rate = \$.1982


Cemetery Fund Amount of \$9,569.00 + Grand List of \$1,565,389.15

Rate = \$.0062

Local Agreement Amount of \$5,277.00 + Grand List of \$1,494,413.49

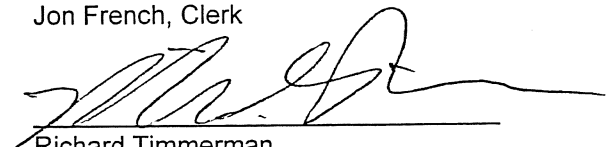
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By authority, duly granted by T.17 Sec. 2664 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, we do hereby establish the foregoing rates of taxation for the 2017-2018 fiscal year which concludes June 30, 2018


Mark Hyde, Chairman


Steven Bendix

Jon French, Clerk


Richard Timmerman

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Sunderland, Vermont in the County of Bennington are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sunderland Elementary School at 98 Bear Ridge Road in said Town on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian Ballot, and on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the Sunderland Town Office at 104 Mountain View Road in said Town at 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

To be acted upon on Monday, March 5, 2018:

Article 1. Shall the voters of Sunderland authorize the Selectboard to establish the salaries, wages and other compensation of the employees and other officers of the Town?

Article 2. Shall the voters of Sunderland authorize the payment of the personal and property taxes to the Town Treasurer in equal installments with the payments to be in the hands of the Treasurer by October 15th and April 15th?

Article 3. Shall the voters of Sunderland establish a Sunderland Hill Road Safety Reserve Fund and transfer the **\$31,000.00** approved last year for a proposed VTrans Grant to this fund?

Article 4. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the transfer of any Highway Fund surplus on June 30, 2018 to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article 5. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article 6. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?

Article 7. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?

Article 8. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund?

Article 9. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guardrail Reserve Fund?

Article 10. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Article 11. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.** (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 12. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the support of **Burdett Commons, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 13. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the support of **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 14. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the support of the **Recreation Park in Arlington** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 15. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$7,500.00** for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the town?

Article 16. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** to provide elder services to the residents of the town?

Article 17. To transact any other non-binding business that may come before this meeting.

To be voted upon by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 6, 2018:

Article 18. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$ 13,700.00** for the Cemetery Maintenance Budget?

Article 19. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$ 340,690.00** for the General Fund Budget?

Article 20. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$360,460.00** for the Highway Fund Budget?

Article 21. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

Auditor – 1 year term

Auditor – 3 year term

Cemetery Commissioner – 3 year

First Constable – 1 year term

Lister – 1 year term

Lister – 3 year term

Selectboard Member – 1 year term

Town Agent – 1 year term

Town Moderator – 1 year term

Auditor – 2 year term

Cemetery Commissioner – 2 year term

Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term

Second Constable – 1 year term

Lister – 2 year term

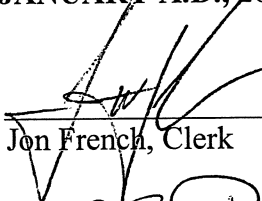
Selectboard Member - 1 year term

Selectboard Member – 3 year term


Town Grand Juror – 1 year term

DATED THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2018


Mark Hyde, Chair


Jon French, Clerk


Steven Bendix


Richard Timmerman

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

TAX DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/1/2016	\$	1,610.65
Delinquent Taxes	\$	2,012.68
Interest- Checking	\$	129.29
Late Payments	\$	1,056.23
Overpayments	\$	6,176.72
Real Estate & Personal		
Property Taxes 2016 - 2017	\$	2,162,417.60
Property Taxes 2017 - 2018	\$	929.18

Disbursements:

Delinquent Taxes	\$	2,012.68
Overpayments	\$	6,176.72
Transfers- Cemetery Fund	\$	6,235.00
General Fund	\$	55,000.00
Highway Fund	\$	322,130.00
School District	\$	1,781,692.41

TOTAL RECEIPTS

AND DISBURSEMENTS **\$ 2,174,332.35** **\$ 2,173,246.81**

Cash in Bank 6/30/17 \$ 1,085.54

TOTAL \$ 2,174,332.35 \$ 2,174,332.35

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT, SAVING & TRUST ACCOUNTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Balance 7/1/2016	Interest	Transfer Out	Transfer In	Balance 6/30/2017
Cemetery Trust	\$ 74,162.58	\$ 463.45	\$ (463.45)	\$ 800.00	\$ 74,962.58
National Forest Account	\$136,017.00	\$ 2,305.39	\$ (75,740.90)	\$ -	\$ 62,581.49
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ 145.61	\$ (115,574.48)	\$ 189,307.89	\$ 73,879.02
Housing Re-Hab Fund	\$ 6,061.02	\$ 34.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,095.55
Landfill Litigation Fund	\$ 12,296.05	\$ 76.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,372.32
Office Building Maint Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Paving Reserve	\$ 28,735.35	\$ 9.01	\$ (151,013.84)	\$ 123,683.20	\$ 1,413.72
Pedestrian & Bicycle Study	\$ 3.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3.17
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 93,566.73	\$ 571.52	\$ (4,371.80)	\$ 5,908.00	\$ 95,674.45
Tri-Centennial Fund	\$ 283.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 283.14
State Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve	\$ 25,277.38	\$ 165.77	\$ (4,987.48)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,455.67
Guard Rail Reserve	\$ 6,161.84	\$ 43.55	\$ (277.11)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,428.28
Road Projects Reserve	\$ 17,101.93	\$ 141.00	\$ (14,353.58)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,889.35
TOTAL	\$399,666.19	\$ 3,956.10	\$ (366,782.64)	\$ 342,699.09	\$ 379,538.74

No. R-1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF VERMONT
TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

\$351,000

The Town of Sunderland (hereinafter called the "Municipality"), a body corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Vermont, promises to pay to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, or registered assigns, the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Dollars (\$351,000) in installments on November 15 of each year as set forth below, with interest on each installment at the rate per annum set forth below opposite the year in which the installment becomes due:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2013	\$-0-		2029	\$17,550	4.444%
2014	\$17,550	0.804%	2030	\$17,550	4.504%
2015	\$17,550	1.174%	2031	\$17,550	4.574%
2016	\$17,550	1.564%	2032	\$17,550	4.624%
2017	\$17,550	1.934%	2033	\$17,550	4.644%
2018	\$17,550	2.324%	2034	\$-0-	
2019	\$17,550	2.654%	2035	\$-0-	
2020	\$17,550	2.924%	2036	\$-0-	
2021	\$17,550	3.214%	2037	\$-0-	
2022	\$17,550	3.464%	2038	\$-0-	
2023	\$17,550	3.634%	2039	\$-0-	
2024	\$17,550	3.804%	2040	\$-0-	
2025	\$17,550	3.984%	2041	\$-0-	
2026	\$17,550	4.104%	2042	\$-0-	
2027	\$17,550	4.214%	2043	\$-0-	
2028	\$17,550	4.334%			

The interest rate of each installment shall run from the date of the original delivery of this Bond to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank and payment therefor and until payment of each installment and such interest shall be payable semi-annually on November 15 and May 15 of each year. Both principal and interest on this Bond are payable in lawful money of the United States at U.S. Bank, N.A., in the City of Everett, State of Massachusetts, or at its successor as Trustee under the General Bond Resolution of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. Final payment of the interest and principal of this Bond shall be made upon surrender of this Bond for cancellation at the bank or trust company at which this Bond is then payable.

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:		
Cash in Bank 7/01/2016	\$ 133,766.75	
Less Highway Fund	\$ (731.52)	
TOTAL Cash In Bank		\$ 133,035.23
Fees - Beverage License	\$ 230.00	
Copier	\$ 22.50	
Dog Licenses/Penalties	\$ 962.00	
Zoning	\$ 4,480.30	
Fines - Traffic	\$ 2,061.18	
Interest - Checking	\$ 394.56	
Delinquent Taxes	\$ 4,284.01	
Investment Account	\$ 2,229.13	
Reimbursement- School Annual Meeting	\$ 741.71	
State of Vermont:		
Current Use Tax	\$ 33,670.00	
Fish & Wildlife Tax	\$ 863.73	
Railway Tax	\$ 17.29	
Taxes - Current	\$ 55,407.86	
Delinquent	\$ 137,187.73	
Overpayment	\$ 29.24	
State of Vermont	\$ 9,346.60	
Trash Hauler Permits	\$ 100.00	
Disbursements:		
Orders Paid - General Fund		\$ 281,167.15
Inter-Fund Transfer (Building Maintenance Reserve)		\$ 1,500.00
Inter-Fund Transfer (Highway Taxes)		\$ 65,930.00
Payroll Expense		\$ 7,314.66
Total Receipts & Disbursements	\$ 385,063.07	\$ 355,911.81
*		
Cash in Bank 6/30/17		\$ 29,151.26
TOTAL	\$ 385,063.07	\$ 385,063.07

*Note

The following amounts are to be carried over to FY 2017-2018
\$ 29.24 Overpayment
\$ 2,655.42 Sale of Property Excess

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019**

	BUDGET	EXPENSED	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	7/16 to 6/17		7/17 to 6/18	BUDGET
				7/18 to 6/19
Ambulance/Rescue Services	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,750.00
Animal Control	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,399.98	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Appropriations(Green Up)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Audit	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 9,750.00
Bennington County Court	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,625.79	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,500.00
Benn. County Regional Comm	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,411.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,550.00
Dues	\$ 2,005.00	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,115.00
Fire Protection	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 39,937.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
Fire Warden	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Health Insurance	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,341.36	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 8,700.00
Insurance	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,975.25	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Landfill	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,112.47	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 19,525.50	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,500.00
Legal	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,503.40	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Legal Warnings	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 537.02	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 28.08	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Office Building Alarm System	\$ 900.00	\$ 932.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Office Building Electric	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,049.23	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,100.00
Office Building Heat	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Office Building Janitorial	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,640.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Office Building Maintenance	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,417.97	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Office Building Payment	\$ 28,506.00	\$ 28,809.90	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 28,100.00
Office Equipment/Lease	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,808.36	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,898.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Payroll	\$ 77,025.00	\$ 74,948.87	\$ 86,025.00	\$ 97,500.00
Planning	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Public Communications(GNAT)	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
Retirement	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,594.80	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
Solid Waste Fees -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,683.18	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Tabulator Programing	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 2,688.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 3,000.00
Technology Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,412.19	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,875.00
Town Meeting Officials	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,500.00
Town Reports	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,681.46	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 310,736.00	\$ 272,981.81	\$ 326,475.00	\$ 340,690.00
Appropriations Voted	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 16,400.00
Municipal Office Bldg Reserve	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
TOTALS	\$ 327,736.00	\$ 289,981.81	\$ 344,375.00	\$ 358,590.00
Highway Fund Tax Transfer		\$ 65,930.00		
TOTALS		\$ 355,911.81		

ANTICIPATED GENERAL FUND INCOME
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

Cash in Bank 7-01-18	\$	-
Fees - Beverage Licenses	\$	230.00
Dog Licenses	\$	800.00
Photocopies	\$	10.00
Zoning	\$	4,500.00
Fines- Traffic	\$	2,100.00
Interest - Checking	\$	150.00
Taxes - Current Use	\$	35,500.00
Fish & Wildlife	\$	735.00
Railway	\$	15.00
Total General Fund Anticipated Income	\$	44,040.00
 General Fund Budget	 \$	 340,690.00

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON

Arlington Area Childcare (Article 9)	\$	700.00
Burdett Commons, Inc. (Article 10)	\$	1,000.00
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Serv. (Article 11)	\$	1,500.00
Arlington Recreation Park (Article 12)	\$	5,000.00
Martha Canfield Memorial Library, Inc. (Article 13)	\$	7,500.00
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (Article 14)	\$	700.00

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Arlington Fire Protection	\$	42,000.00
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$	26,750.00
GNAT	\$	2,100.00
Green Up Vermont	\$	50.00

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

HIGHWAY FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/16	\$ 67,946.12	
From General Fund	\$ 731.52	
TOTAL Cash in Bank		\$ 68,677.64
Interest Earned - Checking	\$ 431.79	
Miscellaneous	\$ 2.00	
National Forest Revenue	\$ 56,604.00	
Permits - Excess Weight	\$ 155.00	
Road Cut	\$ 50.00	
Reimbursements		
School District - Fuel	\$ 2,759.72	
State Aid to Highways	\$ 83,740.50	
Taxes	\$ 388,060.00	

Disbursements:

Orders Paid - Selectmen	\$ 215,665.95
- Road Orders	\$ 104,781.23
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 114,946.12
Guard Rail Reserve Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Paving Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000.00
Road Projects Reserve	\$ 15,000.00
State/Town Bridge Co-Op	\$ 5,000.00
Payroll Expense	\$ 8,015.65
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 514,908.95
Cash in Bank 6/30/17	\$ 85,571.70
 TOTAL	 \$ 600,480.65
	\$ 600,480.65

The following amount is to be carried over to FY 2017-2018
\$ 1,600.00 Building Maintenance & Supplies

HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018

	BUDGET	EXPENSES	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
	7/16 to 6/17		7/17 to 6/18	7/18 TO 6/19
Building Maintenance & Suppl	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,620.05	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Chloride	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,040.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00
Cold Patch	\$ 500.00	\$ 280.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Culverts	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,042.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Diesel	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 18,996.36	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
Electric	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,291.74	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,360.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 37,835.67	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Erosion Control	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 689.48	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Gravel	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,015.79	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Insurance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,239.25	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Insurance Dental	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,141.42	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Insurance - Health	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 14,682.72	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 17,400.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 4.49	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Pavement Marking	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,126.31	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Payroll	\$ 114,300.00	\$ 108,650.66	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 128,000.00
Radio/Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ 728.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Retirement	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,146.22	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 5,800.00
Road Signs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 959.84	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Salt	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 48,196.49	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Sand	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 11,817.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Stone - Tailings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 759.93	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
Storm Water Runoff Fee	\$ 200.00	\$ 305.60	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Storm Water State Permit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Sublet Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Telephone/Computer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,171.75	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Tools/Safety	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,360.31	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 500.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Trash	\$ 300.00	\$ 383.18	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Uniforms	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,562.26	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Weed Control	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 340,250.00	\$ 307,797.02	\$ 352,500.00	\$ 360,460.00
Better Back Roads Grant	\$ -	\$ 7,062.13	\$ -	\$ -
PACIF Equipment Grant		\$ 658.04	\$ -	\$ -
PACIF Equipment Grant (Town Share)		\$ 658.04	\$ -	\$ -
Pavement Marking (2015 - 20	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Paving Grant (Town Share)		\$ 9,287.60	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 340,250.00	\$ 328,462.83	\$ 352,500.00	\$ 352,460.00
Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 114,946.12	\$ 114,946.12	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Guardrail Reserve Fund	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Paving Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Salt Shed Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
VTRANS Grant(Safety Improv	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 526,696.12	\$ 514,908.95	\$ 535,000.00	\$ 544,960.00

**ANTICIPATED HIGHWAY FUND INCOME
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019**

Cash in Bank 7-01-18	\$	-
Excess Weight Permit	\$	150.00
Checking Account Interest	\$	400.00
National Forest Revenue	\$	57,865.00
Road Cut Permit	\$	50.00
State Aid To Highways	\$	83,635.00
Total Highway Fund Anticipated Income	\$	142,100.00
Highway Fund Budget	\$	360,460.00

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON

Sunderland Hill Rd Safety Reserve	\$ 31,000.00
Equipment Reserve Fund (Article 5)	\$ 65,000.00
Paving Reserve Fund (Article 6)	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserve Fund (Article 7)	\$ 15,000.00
State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund (Article 8)	\$ 5,000.00
Guard Rail Reserve Fund (Article 9)	\$ 1,500.00

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/16	\$ 6,014.95
Corner Stones	\$ 175.00
Interest - Checking	\$ 27.98
Interest - Investment	\$ 463.45
Taxes	\$ 6,235.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid -Cemetery Commissioners:

Corner Stones	\$ 175.00	
Cutting Brush	\$ 350.00	
Headstone Cleaning	\$ 500.00	
Mowing	\$ 8,050.00	
Payroll	\$ 1,000.00	
Supplies	\$ 33.42	
Payroll Expenses	\$ 76.50	
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 12,916.38	\$ 10,184.92
 Cash in Bank 6/30/17		 \$ 2,731.46
 TOTAL	 \$ 12,916.38	 \$ 12,916.38

CEMETERY BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019

Cleaning Stones	\$ 1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 200.00
Repairing Headstones	\$ 1,000.00
Salaries	\$ 1,500.00
Sublet Mowing	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,700.00

LUCILLE MORSE
KATHLEEN JOHNSTON
NEIL HUMPHREY

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND

TOWN CLERK'S STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSE SALES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

2016

3 2016 Neutered Males @ \$9.00	\$ 27.00
2 2016 Spayed Females @ \$9.00	\$ 18.00

2017

138 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @ \$9.00	\$1,242.00
16 Male & Female @ \$13.00	\$ 208.00
33 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @ \$11.00	\$ 363.00
4 Male & Female @ \$17.00	\$ 68.00
36 Fines @ \$10.00	\$ 360.00
Less Town Clerk Fee 196 @ \$2.00	\$ 392.00
Less State of Vermont 196 @ \$5.00	\$ 962.00

Amount Deposited in Town General Fund	\$ 962.00
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Selectboard Report 2017

The town is always in need of residents to get involved. We still have open positions in town, Listers, Auditors, Zoning Board Members, Planning Board members and more. Come to a meeting, talk to a selectboard member or contact us at selectboard@sunderlandvt.org

Sunderland Safe Roads Committee: The town applied for but did not receive a grant for improvements to Sunderland Hill Rd. Voters will be asked to decide on what to do with the \$31,000 earmarked for these improvements at Town Meeting. Some options will be to create a fund to hold this money with the intention of reapplying for a grant or to have the Town Highway Department use the money to make improvements without a grant. Another option will be to turn this money back to voters, which is the default action when money is not spent in a fiscal year.

Town Highway Department: The Highway crew continue to do an excellent job of maintaining and improving the town roads. 2017 was a very busy and productive year for the Sunderland Highway Department. Below are some of the highlights and accomplishments for the year.

- With the help of a state grant, North Road Bridge had a new deck installed.
- Grant money allowed us to pave Hill Farm Rd.
- The northern portion of North Road was paved using funds out of our paving reserve.
- Re-shouldered all the paved roads in town.
- Replaced culverts on Kelly Stand Road.
- Applied for and received a grant to replace a box culvert on Sunderland Hill Road. This work will be done this summer.
- Completed the Water shed study.
- Purchased a truck mounted York rake to enhance road grading operation.
- Numerous trees were removed along town roads that were either dead or too close to the road.

Sunderland Zoning and Energy Plan: The Sunderland Planning Board has been working hard on a complete rewrite of the Zoning Regulations as well as drafting a Town Energy Plan. There will be public meetings in 2018 with both the Planning and Selectboard as these plans go through the approval process.

Sunderland Reappraisal Results: The Sunderland Listers performed a town wide reappraisal in 2017. The Vermont Department of Tax sent a letter evaluating the reappraisal indicating that everything was satisfactory, and the town is now in compliance.

Town Website: The town places any relevant information on the site, warnings of upcoming meetings, meeting minutes, meeting videos, a calendar with meeting times and locations and all town regulations and permits.

Front Porch Forum: This website was setup for residents of Sunderland, Arlington and Sandgate. You typically receive no more than one email a day and it is free to all at www.frontporchforum.com.

Animal Control: As required by **Vermont State Law**, all dogs must be licensed by **April 1st** each year. Please register your dog at the Town Clerks office before this date, to avoid a fine. Kerry Olson is our Animal Control Officer.

Sunderland Selectboard meets at 6:30PM on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at the Sunderland Town Hall, 104 Mountain View Rd. Meetings are also videotaped by GNAT-TV and can be found at <http://gnat-tv.org/sunderland/>

Sunderlad Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/17

Parcel #	Property Owner	2016	2015	2014
835	Allen, Phylis	93.03	46.58	
160	Bouchereau, Jean	1,475.23	1,477.36	709.02
567	Cole, Gene	887.13	447.86	452.36
403	Dern, Claude	2,001.87		
383	Ennis, Donna	3,465.47		
245	Hinrich, Johnny	33.12	32.88	
832	Porcaro, Barbara	3,998.75	354.62	
487	Samuelson, Joshua	2,239.75		
421	Tych, Adele	988.47		
		<u>15,182.82</u>	<u>2,359.30</u>	<u>1161.38</u>

This was an average year for collection of delinquent taxes. Including a successful tax sale, I collected \$154,426.75 in taxes and \$7,351.21 in interest. Four properties did not go for sale because they entered into payment plans. However, since they failed to stay with the plans, they will be going for sale before the end of this fiscal year.

I appreciate the support of the Select Board and the Treasurer and encourage any property owner to contact me promptly if you are experiencing difficulty in paying your taxes.

Thank you.



Kathleen C. Morse

Sunderland PC for town report.

The Sunderland Planning Commission added three new members in 2017 and continues to work closely with the general public, Zoning Administrator and Selectboard. We would like to thank the three departed planning commissioners Peter Luca, Lily Van Haverbeek and Scott York for their years of service to the board and dedication to the town.

The Planning Commission met monthly in 2017 and reviewed approximately one dozen development proposals, ranging from the commercial/agricultural redevelopment of the former Basketville site on Route 7A, to business changes of use in the industrial district off of South Road. We also met with potential applicants to discuss future projects in the town at various sites.

The Planning Commission also spent time updating the zoning regulations and the energy chapter of the Sunderland Town Plan. Both of these documents will be up for re-adoption in 2018.

If you have any questions regarding land use, development or permitting within the town, please join us at one of our meetings. They are held the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6PM in the town office.

The Sunderland Planning Commission

VITAL STATISTICS - 2017

BIRTHS

NAME	DATE
EDMUNDS, Henry Earl	4/13/2017
GAULT, Taylor Elizabeth	4/25/2017
JONES, Lila Marion	12/20/2017
PEACOCK, Graeme Richard	12/16.17
SHORT, Ayla Natalie	8/31/2017
ZOUFALY, Grady Louis	7/27/2017

DEATHS

NAME	DATE
BRACE, SR, Robert Theodore	9/22/2017
COULTER, Nancy L.	1/10/2017
EVANS, Aula Joann	9/23/2017
EVANS, John Herbert	10/29/2017
FEDORKA, Rita M.	10/29/2017
HON, David S.	4/10/2017
JENKS, Samuael Edward	6/15/2017
REED, Ruth M.	12/16/2017
ROSS, JR, Clarence Merle	8/31/2017
SECOY, JR, Robert D.	12/19/2017
WINCHELL, SR, Dennis Milo	6/27/2017

MARRIAGES

Applicant A Applicant B	DATE
HEATH, Gretchen Macauley LANTERMAN, Evan Daniel	1/7/2017
WHITAKER, Bruce Paul PILAPIL, Shieley Butron	3/16/2017
SCHWARTZ, Jessica Lauren DIAZ, David Anthony	7/1/2017
OLSON, Kerry Lee TOWNE, Dianne Lynn Magisano	7/1/2017
GOLDSTEIN, Whitney Renne O"BRIEN, Sean Lawrence	7/22/2017
SCELSI, Michael George BARSUKOV, Marina	8/23/2017
OGOWETSKY, Adam Jason KALBFELL, Emily Julia	9/16/2017
DROWN, Deborah A. Hale SWEENEY, Chistopher L.	9/23/2017

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6 & MARCH 7, 2017**

Moderator Sally Ayrey called the Town of Sunderland and the Sunderland Town School District meeting to order at 7:00 PM with approximately 65 people in attendance. Moderator Sally Ayrey recessed the Sunderland Town School District meeting until the end of the Town of Sunderland meeting. Moderator Sally Ayrey introduced Selectboard members Richard Timmerman, Jon French, Mark Hyde, Steven Bendix and John Williams and Town Clerk/Treasurer Rose Keough. Moderator Sally Ayrey had everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Ayrey read an invocation from the Town of Danville to remind everyone to think clearly and to be respectful of each other. Moderator Sally Ayrey reminded everyone that the conduct and procedures of the meeting would be under Robert's Rules of Order 11th edition and according to Vermont State law.

Selectboard Chairman Mark Hyde announced that the reassessment for the town has been completed and the Town Listers are working on compiling all the information for the new grand list as of April 1, 2017.

Hearing no objections Moderator Sally Ayrey dispensed with the reading of the warning.

Article 1. Shall the voters of Sunderland authorize the Selectboard to establish the salaries, wages and other compensation of the employees and other officers of the Town?

Moved by: James Ayrey

Seconded by: Janet Wilson

With no discussion article one was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 2. Shall the voters authorize the payment of its personal and property taxes to the Town Treasurer in equal installments with the payments to be in the hands of the Treasurer by October 15th and April 15th?

Moved by: Harriet Welther

Seconded by: Sally Stone

With no discussion article two was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 3. Shall the voters of Sunderland provide notice of the availability of the annual town report by postcard, mailed to all registered voters at least 30 days before the annual meeting in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report to the voters of the town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1682?

Moved by: John Williams

Seconded by: Colleen York

John Williams explained that the law does not say we have to change the way the town distributes the Annual Report but this would be more economical with a first year savings of about \$1200.00. John Williams explained that a postcard would be mailed to the voters letting them know that the reports are available and they can either pick one up at the Town Clerk's Office, call and have one mailed to them or view the report on the website of sunderlandvt.org. Nancy Wolf asked what would happen to the difference of the money budgeted and the amount spent if this article passes and if the budget would reflect the savings the following year. Rose Keough explained that any remaining funds at the end of the fiscal year would go back to the taxpayers by reducing the tax rate and the next budget would show a drop on that line item. Harriet Welther stated that it is a wonderful idea and would save a lot of paper. Michael Hall asked for the breakdown of the savings. John Williams stated that the current cost for the printing of the report was \$1740.00, postage was \$311.40 and the bulk rate permit was \$225.00. John Williams explained that the new amounts would be \$870.00 for printing, postage \$25.00 and about \$150.00 for the postcards. Brian Bushee asked if there would be an additional cost if more reports had to be printed. Rose Keough explained that she would print them from the computer and not go back to the printer. Dineen Squillante suggested that only one postcard be sent to each household. Joshua Volovik stated that he thought it is a good idea and there could be an electronic version and allow people to be taken off the mailing list if requested. Moderator Sally Ayrey stated that the report is available on the website. Article three was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 4. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate, for a proposed VTrans Grant, the required 20% match in the sum not to exceed **\$31,000** to improve roadway safety with the construction of a paved shoulder on Sunderland Hill Rd, from the town garage property to property 2539 Sunderland Hill Rd, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

Moved by: Marie Litowinsky

Seconded by: Harriet Welther

Marie Litowinsky, Chairperson for the Safe Roads Committee, explained Act 158 and how putting a four foot shoulder on the most dangerous part of Sunderland Hill Road would be added protection for all users of the road. Marie Litowinsky explained that typically these grants are a twenty percent match and should the town receive a \$150,000.00 grant the town would have to pay \$31,000.00. Marie Litowinsky stated that if the article is approved the committee would have to apply for the grant by July and should know if it is approved by the fall of 2017. Kevin Keough asked how they are going to get around the culvert in the dip of the road. Scott York stated that the engineering report stated that would not be a problem. Michael Hall stated that he was not opposed to the idea but the Legislators have to look at how they are going to fund these laws and not put it on the back of the property owners. Michael Hall stated that because of the lack of funding by the lawmakers he is opposed to the project at this time. Matthew Vernon stated that it was a good point but the grant funds are going to go to somebody and we need to decide if it goes to other communities or ours. Matthew Vernon noted that the road is very dangerous and an accident waiting to happen. Phyllis Warren asked what would happen to the \$31,000.00 if we do not receive the grant. Marie Litowinsky explained that it could be rolled over to next year or it could be returned to the taxpayers. Harriet Welther stated that because the state recognizes the safety factors that it is a good sign for us and she agreed that it is a very dangerous road. Robert Faley noted that the four foot shoulder would be on the right side of the road heading south. Robert Faley asked if the idea of maybe removing guardrails as a safety concern has been considered. Scott York stated that the guardrails are not a problem. Weiland Ross stated that we just voted to save maybe \$300.00 by not mailing town reports and now are looking to spend \$31,000.00 which is counterintuitive for something that may or may not contribute to the safety of the town. James Ayrey moved to call the question and Rose Stone seconded the motion. The motion to end the discussion was approved by a voice vote.

Article four was approved by a voice vote.

Article 5. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Equipment Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fun Budget by this amount?

Moved by: Weiland Ross

Seconded by: Scott York

With no discussion article five was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 6. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund, and if so voted, authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

Moved by: Marlyn Couture

Seconded by: Sally Stone

Nancy Wolf asked if this money was for a current paving project or is it to be used for future projects. Richard Timmerman stated that the board is trying to build up the fund primarily for class three roads which do not qualify for grants. Richard Goddard stated that the fund was originally set up for class three roads. Marc Johnston explained how the fund has been utilized since he was hired and felt that the town is just hanging in there so the money is needed to try to keep up on the "ten year" plan. Michael Hall noted that asphalt prices are right now at the lowest and we have not seen these prices since the 1990's and feels that the fund should be continued and well-funded.

Article six was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 7. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

Moved by: Jennifer Rosenthal

Seconded by: Carl Graves

With no discussion article seven was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 8. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

Moved by: Kimberly Clark

Seconded by: Rose Stone

With no discussion article eight was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 9. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guard Rail Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

Moved by: Melanie Virgilio

Seconded by: Patricia Rutkins

With no discussion article nine was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 10. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase in the General Fund Budget by this amount?

Moved by: Janet Wilson

Seconded by: Carl Graves

Michael Hall asked what the fund would encompass, would the town garage be included. Mark Hyde explained that it would strictly be used for the municipal office building. Mark Hyde explained the reason for the reserve fund is for the long term such as replacing siding or roof and other items for long term maintenance of the building. Michael Hall questioned whether this was enough money. Mark Hyde stated that hopefully the money would not be required for fifteen or more years. Melanie Virgilio asked how much is in the fund now. Rose Keough stated \$1,500.00 which was approved last year. Carl Graves asked if the money could be switched over as the town grows for an addition to the building. John Williams assured everyone that the building is large enough and it was built to be large enough for at least fifty years. Article ten was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 11. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of Arlington Area Childcare, Inc. (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the Town?

Moved by: John Williams

Seconded by: Lily Van Haverbeke

Joshua Volovik asked what are the services the Arlington Area Childcare provides. Kimberly Clark stated that Happy Days provides daycare, preschool classes, after school care and summer daycare. Moderator Sally Ayrey noted that the annual report for Happy Days is on page eighty-seven of the Town Report and will provide more information. Stephanie Wells noted that Happy Days also provides special education services. Tammy Reilly stated that Happy Days has a lot of special programs and they are a great organization.

Article eleven was approved by a voice vote.

Article 12. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the support of **Burdett Commons, Inc.** to provide services to residents of the Town?

Moved by: Colleen York

Seconded by: Patricia Rutkins

With no discussion article twelve was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 13. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the support of **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.** to provide services to residents of the Town?

Moved by: Nancy Wolf

Seconded by: Marie Litowinsky

With no discussion article thirteen was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 14. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the support of the **Recreation Park in Arlington** to provide services to residents of the Town?

Moved by: Scott York

Seconded by: Janet Wilson

With no discussion article fourteen was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 15. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$7,500.00** for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the Town?

Moved by: Alyson Grzyb

Seconded by: Rita Bendix

With no discussion article fifteen was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 16. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging**, to provide elder services to the residents of the town?

Moved by: Matthew Vernon

Seconded by: Carl Graves

With no discussion article sixteen was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 17. To transact any other non-binding business.

Weiland Ross stated that the Selectboard should get a microphone for the head table so people are able to hear what is being said.

Town Clerk Rose Keough made a correction to the minutes of February 29 and March 1, 2016 to clarify that James Ennis was not against the "share the road" program. James Ennis had stated that he was **aware** of the "share the road" program.

Moderator Sally Ayrey adjourned the town portion of the annual meeting at 8:15 PM.

The ballot boxes were declared open on March 7, 2017 at 7:00AM by Town Clerk Rose Keough and closed at 7:00 PM. The results follow:

Article 18. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the total sum of \$12,300.00 for the Cemetery Maintenance Budget?

YES	184
NO	21
BLANK	10
TOTAL	215

Article 19. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the total sum of \$326,475.00 for the General Fund Budget?

YES	180
NO	22
BLANK	9
TOTAL	215

Article 20. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the total sum of \$352,500.00 for the Highway Fund Budget?

YES	180
NO	25
BLANK	9
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	215

Article 21. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

Auditor -1 year term

WRITE-IN Weiland Ross	1
BLANK	214
TOTAL	215

Auditor -2 year term

WRITE-IN Kathleen Johnson	1
WRITE IN Kathleen Yanez	1
BLANK	213
TOTAL	215

Auditor- 3 year term

WRITE-IN Leslie Perra	1
BLANK	214
TOTAL	215

Cemetery Commissioner -3 year term

KATHLEEN JOHNSTON	174*
BLANK	41
TOTAL	215

First Constable -1 year term

JESSE STONE	180*
WRITE IN	1
BLANK	34
TOTAL	215

Lister -2 year term

WRITE IN James Ennis	1
WRITE IN Neil Jacobson	1
WRITE IN John Stuermer	1
WRITE IN Peter Van Vleck	1
BLANK	211
TOTAL	215

Selectboard Member -3 year term

RICHARD TIMMERMAN	174*
BLANK	41
TOTAL	215

Town Agent -1 year term

JAMES S. AYREY	176*
BLANK	30
TOTAL	215

Town Moderator- 1 year term

SALLY AYREY	176*
WRITE-IN Alyson Grzyb	1
BLANK	38
TOTAL	215

Cemetery Commissioner -2 year term

WRITE IN James Ennis	2
WRITE IN Clem Morse	1
WRITE IN Kathleen Morse	1
WRITE IN Lucille Morse	1
BLANK	210
TOTAL	215

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR – 1 year term

KATHLEEN C. MORSE	170*
BLANK	45
TOTAL	215

Second Constable -1 year term

RENEE STONE	172*
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TOTAL	215

Lister - 3 year term

BLANK	215
TOTAL	215

Selectboard Member -1 year term (vote for 2)

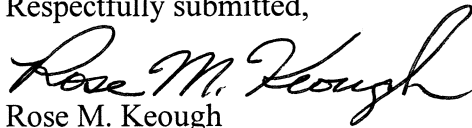
STEVEN BENDIX	174*
WRITE IN BILL BOWEN	1
BLANK	255
TOTAL	430

Town Grand Juror -1 year term

JAMES S. AYREY	178*
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TOTAL	215

The meeting was adjourned after announcing the results at 8:15 PM. *(denotes elected)

Respectfully submitted,



Rose M. Keough
Sunderland Town Clerk

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/16	Checking	\$ 7,572.01
	Impact Aid	\$ 1,749,671.22
After School Program		\$ 26,584.00
Donations		
	Box Tops	\$ 8.00
	Hannaford	\$ 93.00
Fundraiser	Playground	\$ 130.00
Grants	BRSU	
	Federal Breakfast Reimb.	\$ 1,204.78
	Federal Lunch Reimb.	\$ 13,767.42
	Federal Snacks	\$ 513.97
	FFV Grant	\$ 239.33
	Grant	\$ 2,124.02
	State Breakfast Adj.	\$ 58.50
	State Breakfast Match	\$ 27.94
	State Lunch Adj.	\$ 262.00
	State Lunch Match	\$ 415.11
Grant	Efficency Vermont	\$ 300.00
Grant	Youth Literacy	\$ 3,000.00
Interest		\$ 10,310.72
Lunch Revenue		\$ 14,060.35
PL 874 H.E.W.		\$ 226,461.43
Reimbursements	Arlington School Dist	\$ 2,844.07
	BRSU	\$ 683.53
	Library Book	\$ 44.00
State of Vermont		\$ 578,528.40
Student Field Trip Fees		\$ 279.00
Taxes		\$ 1,781,692.41
Transfer	Bus Reserve	\$ 23,066.81
	Impact Aid	\$ 74,478.27
Tuition	Private	\$ 3,809.14

Disbursements:

Regular Orders	\$ 2,154,104.77
Playground	\$ 70,537.50
Payroll Orders	\$ 633,135.50
Payroll Expenses	\$ 49,529.98
TOTAL RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 4,522,229.43
	\$ 2,907,307.75

Cash in Bank 6/30/17 (Checking)	\$ 1,614,921.68
TOTAL	\$ 4,522,229.43

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

	Balance 7/1/2016	Incoming Transfers	Interest Earned	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/2017
Bockwith Fund (Donated)	\$ 166.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 166.68	\$ -
Buildings & Grounds Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bus Fund	\$ 23,032.11	\$ -	\$ 34.70	\$ 23,066.81	\$ -
Impact Aid (Bank of Benn.)	\$ 74,450.90	\$ -	\$ 27.37	\$ 74,478.27	\$ -
SAVINGS					
Student Activity Account	\$ 9,348.29	\$ -	\$ 4.67	\$ -	\$ 9,352.96
TOTALS	\$106,997.98		\$ 66.74	\$ 97,711.76	\$ 9,352.96

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 6 and MARCH 7, 2017**

With approximately 65 people in attendance at 8:17 PM School Board Chairman Melanie Virgilio brought the Sunderland Town School District annual meeting out of recess and stated that the first order of business was to nominate a moderator from the floor for tonight's meeting.

Nancy Wolf nominated Alyson Grzyb as the moderator. Melanie Virgilio hearing no other nominations called for a vote and the nomination of Alyson Grzyb passed.

Article 1: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018?

Moved by Harriet Welther and seconded by Sally Ayrey. With no discussion article one was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 2: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to transfer the balance of the Impact Aid Reserved for Tax Relief Fund as of March 6, 2017, an amount anticipated to be 1,467,978. To the General Fund and close the Impact Aid Reserved for Tax Relief Fund?

Moved by Nancy Wolf and seconded by Colleen York. Melanie Virgilio explained what the Impact Aid is and the effect it may have with the merger of school districts. Melanie Virgilio stated that there is currently about 1.5 million dollars in the fund. Matthew Vernon asked if Sunderland paid a \$1.00 tax rate where would the money come from to make up the difference. Melanie Virgilio stated that that was not clear. Matthew Vernon stated he wanted to make sure we were not digging a hole we could not get out of. Harriet Welther stated that if this article fails and the merger vote passes then all the money would end up being given to the new merged district. Harriet Welther also inquired if we could save part of the funds to help with the next year's rate. Melanie Virgilio stated that we could not but article three addresses part of the money. Heather Faley stated that we could use less money for tax relief and put the rate above \$1.00. Melanie Virgilio stated that that was true however the general feeling was that the money was to give tax relief to those currently paying taxes and should be used for that purpose now. Heather Faley stated that as a parent she would prefer to use the money for improvements to the building and grounds instead of such a large tax relief. Wade Devlin-Scherer noted that if the merger was not approved that we would have the \$200,000.00 coming in the following year. Melanie Virgilio stated that yes we would and it seems more appropriate to use the money as it comes in each year rather than putting it in a reserve fund. Jennifer Rosenthal concurred with Melanie Virgilio. Wade Devlin-Scherer asked what the rationale was on keeping the money. Jennifer Rosenthal stated that it was the concern of the possible influx of tuition students. Mary VanVleck stated that in the past ten years the elementary enrollment has more than doubled which would mean that the tuition students would then double and the Impact Aid money would be used at that point instead of taking money away from the elementary programs. Mary VanVleck also stated that because Act 46 came along it toppled the plan of trying to keep a level tax rate. Peter VanVleck, Town Lister, stated that he has done some rough calculations and without using any Impact Aid money our tax rate would go up about 8% or to \$1.32. Peter VanVleck stated that the Board has done a lot of work on Act 46 which, in his personal opinion, is a convoluted and inappropriate law that has been shoved down our throats. Peter VanVleck asked who is making up the thirty two cent difference if the Impact Aid is used. Melanie Virgilio asked Superintendent Jacquelyne Wilson to address the question. Moderator Alyson Grzyb stated that a motion to allow the Superintendent to speak was needed. Sally Ayrey moved to allow Superintendent Jacquelyn Wilson to speak and Kimberly Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. Superintendent Jacquelyne Wilson stated that Vermont has a stated education funding system. Superintendent Jacquelyne Wilson stated that Sunderland has brought their rate down to \$1.00 which is great for Sunderland however the State will have to make up the difference and not the merged districts. Heather Faley stated that she advocates putting more money into the facility for the lack of attention over the last several years. Mary VanVleck stated that for the past eight years things have been updated such as the heating system, the windows, the flooring, the closets and the lighting. Mary VanVleck also stated that article three is asking for \$400,000.00 to be set aside for the facility. Mary VanVleck stated that the money has been used but not on ten or fifteen things each year. Mary VanVleck noted that many things cannot be accomplished with the children in the classroom and it is not possible to do a massive physical expansion

within the available time. Heather Faley respectfully disagreed because contractors can accomplish many things in a very short period of time. Heather Faley stated that she advocates spending more on the facility to advance the education of our students today and in the future. Matthew Vernon spoke in advocacy of the motion in order to keep the money here and not in the hands of a larger district. Richard Goddard inquired if it was possible to change the Impact Aid Reserve Fund to a General Reserve Fund. Sally Ayrey stated that on the assumption that the merger vote is approved this will be the last time we will meet as the Sunderland School District and the last time we will be voting on a Sunderland School District budget. Sally Ayrey stated that any money in the Sunderland School District accounts as of June 30, 2018 will go to the new district. Sally Ayrey stated that if we do not give the money back to the taxpayers and do some improvement the money is gone and can be used by the new district. Sally Ayrey stated that she is going to vote in favor of the merger and she does not want us to throw away one and a half million dollars. Richard Goddard asked for a yes or no on his question of putting the money in a general reserve account. Melanie Virgilio stated no. Kevin Keough moved to call the question and the motion was seconded by Colleen York. The motion to call the question passed. Article two passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to transfer from the General Fund Surplus on June 30, 2017 any amount in excess of \$854,377, an amount estimated to be \$404,134, to the Building and Grounds Improvement Reserve Fund?

Moved by Colleen York and seconded by Kimberly Clark. Perter VanVleck asked what improvements are planned. Melanie Virgilio stated about \$222,000.00 is planned to be expensed on the parking lot paving, pocket lunch tables, exterior steps, ramp replacements, replacing bathroom floors, exterior lighting, additional storage and handicap bathroom improvements. Dineen Squilante expressed concern with the need to fix the septic fields. Robert Faley questioned how that the money has been approved for the general fund and if there is any way to defer the spending until after the vote on the merger tomorrow. Melanie Virgilio stated that there would be a vote on the budget should the merger fail and the money could then be reallocated except for any money put into the Building and Grounds Reserve Fund, that money would remain in the fund. Robert Faley asked if the deferment of the money on article three could be voted on tonight. Melanie Virgilio stated that the voters could postpone the vote on article three. Sally Ayrey stated that the money is already in the general fund. Sally Ayrey stated that if the vote is postponed then a whole new meeting would have to be convened. Robert Faley stated that his concern was that if the merger does not go through and we spend the Impact Aid money for tax relief we will have no safety net. Patricia Rutins inquired that with the money already in the general fund does it have to be used for tax relief. Patricia Rutins inquired if the merger vote fails can the board reallocate any of the money for other things. Melanie Virgilio stated that the budget has been done using the money for tax relief and should the budget fail to pass then the budget would have to be redone and changes could be made. Leslie Perra noted that the Town Meeting reflected any money left over would be given back to the taxpayers and asked if that would be the case here. Rose Keough stated that the education laws are different than the towns. Erik Rutkins asked if the merger should fail the 5% guarantee would not be available. Melanie Virgilio stated that was correct. Wade Devlin-Scherer noted that there is a difference of about \$229,000.00 with the transfers requested and asked where that money is going. Melanie Virgilio stated that is the amount of the anticipated deficit for this year. Heather Faley stated that she is an advocate of this article to have money in the Buildings and Grounds Reserve Fund. Matthew Vernon stated that he also advocates this article for approval. Colleen York moved to end the discussion on article three. Michael Perra seconded the motion. The motion the end the discussion passed unanimously. Article three passed unanimously by a voice vote. Moderator Alyson Grzyb explained that articles four and five would be discussion only and the vote will take place on Tuesday.

Article 4: To discuss the budget to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Article 7).

Moderator Alyson Grzyb read article 7. Harriet Welther asked why the equalized spending per pupil is lower than last year. Melanie Virgilio stated that it is because the Impact Aid money is applied to the budget.

Article 5: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Peter Van Vleck stated that money has been talked about all night but how does the merger help the education of our kids. Melanie Virgilio moved to allow Principal Skyler LaBombard to speak at tonight's meeting. Matthew Vernon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Article 6. Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr & Burton Academy in the amount of \$16,700 for the 2017-2018 school year for those pupils in Grades 9 through 12 who are residents of the Town of Sunderland and who attend Burr Burton Academy or Long Trail School?

YES 188
NO 25
BLANK 2
TOTAL 215

Article 7. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$2,724,513, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$10,076 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 26.9% lower than spending for the current year.

YES 186
NO 24
BLANK 5
TOTAL 215

Article 8. To elect School District officers and directors as follows:

School District Moderator, for 1 year

SALLY AYREY 5
ALYSON GRZYB 9*
WRITE IN OTHERS 3
BLANK 198
TOTAL 215

School Director, for 2 years of 3 year term

THOMAS TOWSLEE 4
OTHER WRITE-INS 2
BLANK 209
TOTAL 215

School Director, for 1 year of a 3 year term

KRISTEN KIMBALL 167*
BLANK 48
TOTAL 215

School Director, for 2 years

HEIDI FRENCH 179*
BLANK 36
TOTAL 215

School Director, for 3 years

MELANIE VIRGILIO 173*
BLANK 42
TOTAL 215

Article 9: Shall the voters of the Sunderland Town School District vote to form the Taconic and Green Regional School District ("Union School District") on the following terms:

1. The districts listed below shall all be identified as "necessary" for the formation of the Union School District:

The Dorset Town School District

The Manchester Town School District

The Mountain Towns Regional Education District

The districts listed below shall be identified as "advisable" for the formation of the Union School District.

The Danby Town School District

The Mt. Tabor Town School District

The Sunderland Town School District

Union School District #23 (Currier Memorial School)

2. The Union School District will operate schools in Grades Kindergarten through Eight (K-8)

Principal Skyler LaBombard stated that if the merger occurs then all schools would have to be equitable and should a school offer languages Sunderland could benefit from that. Principal Skyler LaBombard also stated that pre K services that are offered at other schools would be offered at Sunderland. Principal Skyler LaBombard believes that Act 46 was not done to benefit our students as much as the governance of all schools. Mary VanVleck asked where our school is ranked. Principal Skyler LaBombard stated that on the "School Digger" website Sunderland is ranked eleventh out of one hundred seventy four schools with the state testing scores.

Melanie Virgilio stated that it is unclear how Act 46 is going to play out but the goal is to make sure all students have the availability for the same educational opportunities. Kimberly Clark stated up until about a week ago she was on the fence about the merger. Kimberly Clark stated that

- 1.) The merger is going to cost us a lot
- 2.) Sunderland will lose the 7th & 8th grade choice and many families moved to Sunderland for that choice.
- 3.) The break on our tax rate we would get for the next five years will then go way up
- 4.) The newly formed board of the merged district cannot tell us where our students will attend 7th & 8th grade once the merger happens
- 5.) The board cannot tell us how our students are going to get to the assigned school
- 6.) Ties with Arlington will be severed
- 7.) We are being asked to make a decision on something that we do not have all the facts on

Kimberly Clark stated that we can wait to see how things play out before we take the step to merge with any district. Peter Luca asked if anything was built into the merger to assure that after five years the school would not be shut down. Melanie Virgilio stated that the law states that no school would be closed within the first four years of the merger. Melanie Virgilio stated that the newly formed board could then after hearings close the school if $\frac{3}{4}$ of the board agrees. Melanie Virgilio stated that the decision would be taken out of the hands of the Sunderland voters and be up to the newly formed board. Carl Graves stated that he understands that the school gets money from the National Forest and if we do not merge we will lose that. Melanie Virgilio stated that Sunderland does receive the money in the form of a grant from the Federal Government for the property owned by the National Forest and we will continue to receive the money in the foreseeable future however if the merger is passed the money will go to the merged district once it is formed. Patricia Rutkins stated that we currently receive a small schools grant and what date will that stop if the merger does not pass. Melanie Virgilio stated that the \$80,000.00 grant would stop by July 2017 if no merger is done by then. Melanie Virgilio stated that if the merger passes we will continue to receive the grant under a different name as a merger grant. Dineen Squillante asked about merging with Danby. Melanie Virgilio stated that if the merger fails we do have the option of forming a RED with Currier, Mount Tabor and UD 23. Phyllis Warren asked what UD 23 is. Melanie Virgilio stated it is Mount Tabor and Danby. Superintendent Jacquelyne Wilson stated that in order to form a RED it would have to be done by June 30, 2017 and giving the limited time that would not be an option. Shirley Letiecq asked if the other towns involved with the merger have the same concerns as we do and that working together on this with as much care about the education of the children as we do. Melanie Virgilio stated that the goal of all the districts is to continue to have quality education for all our students. Anna Bushee asked where our choice for 7th & 8th graders would be. Melanie Virgilio stated that the merged district will allow us to keep 9 -12 choice but the 7th & 8th graders will have to go to Manchester, Dorset or Floodbrook. Melanie Virgilio stated that the new board would decide which school each student would attend. Erik Rutins spoke in favor of the merger vote as it stands. Patricia Rutkins asked where the annual meeting would be held if the merger passes. Melanie Virgilio stated that an informational meeting would probably be held in Manchester and this would be the last School District meeting for Sunderland.

With no other business Moderator Alyson Grzyb adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM.

The ballot boxes were declared open, on March 7, 2017, at 7:00 AM by Town Clerk Rose Keough and declared closed at 7:00 PM. The results follow:

and tuition students in Grades Nine through Twelve (9-12) to provide education for all students in the Union School District.

3. The Union School District Board of Directors shall be composed of thirteen (13) directors if all advisable districts vote in favor of the merger. Directors shall be nominated from the legal voters of each forming town and shall be elected on an at-large basis by Australian Ballot vote by the voters of the Union School District. Directors shall have equal votes and shall be allocated as based on the following merger scenarios:

- a. All advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4

TOTAL 13

- b. All advisable districts except Danby and Mt. Tabor vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	3

TOTAL 10

- c. All advisable districts except Sunderland vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4

TOTAL 12

- d. None of the advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1

WESTON
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER

1
3

TOTAL 9

4. Real Estate and Personal Property

A. No later than June 30, 2018, the forming districts will convey to the Union School District, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, all school-related real estate and personal property owned by them, including all school-related land, buildings, and contents.

B. Disposal of Real Estate. In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the forming districts is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall convey such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the town in which it is located, except as provided below for any properties conveyed to the Union School District by either the Mountain Towns Regional School District or Union School District #23.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by the Mountain Town Regional School District is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall sell such real property, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors, and return the proceeds of any such sale to the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, and Weston in amounts equal to the relative proportion of the population of these towns.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by Union School District #23 is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall first offer to sell such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the Town of Danby. If the Town of Danby does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District shall then offer to sell the property to the Town of Mt. Tabor under the same terms and conditions. If the Town of Mt. Tabor does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District may sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

The conveyance of any school properties to a town shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the Union School District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the Union School District and prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the Union School District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

5. Transfer of Funds

a. Capital Debt. The Union School District shall assume all capital debt of forming districts, including both principal and interest, as may exist at the close of business

on June 30, 2018.

- b. Operating Fund Surpluses and Deficits. The Union School District shall assume any and all general operating surpluses and deficits of the forming districts that may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the Union School District and will be applied for said purpose unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.
- c. Specified Funds. The forming districts will transfer to the Union School District any preexisting school district specific endowments or other restricted accounts that may exist on June 30, 2018. Scholarship funds or like accounts held by school districts prior to June 30, 2018, that have specified conditions of use will be used in accordance with said provisions.

- 6. Australian Ballot. The Union School District voters shall vote on the budget and other public questions by Australian ballot with polling places provided in each member town. Ballots will be delivered to the Union District Clerk and commingled for counting.
 - 1. The provisions of the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016, which is on file at the offices of the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, shall govern the Union School District.

YES 134
NO 67
BLANK 14
TOTAL 215

Article 10: To elect the following directors to the initial board of directors of the Taconic and Green Regional School District:

Danby 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021
LAURALEE VAN OMMEN KLOEKE 112
BLANK 103
TOTAL 215

Dorset 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
JAMES SALSGIVER 115
BLANK 100
TOTAL 215

Landgrove 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
JEFF CLEARY 112
BLANK 103
TOTAL 215

Londonderry 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021
DICK DALE 110
BLANK 105
TOTAL 215

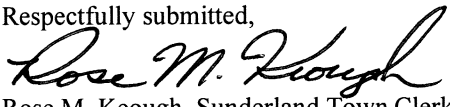
Manchester 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021
MARK KAPLAN 123
BLANK 92
TOTAL 215

Mt. Tabor 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
HERBERT G. OGDON 111
BLANK 104
TOTAL 215

Peru	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020	
	JAY OUELLETTE	109
	BLANK	106
	TOTAL	215
Sunderland	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020	
	MELANIE VIRGILIO	161
	BLANK	54
	TOTAL	215
Weston	1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021	
	DEBRA LYNEIS	109
	BLANK	106
	TOTAL	215
Danby		
Dorset		
Londerry	4 Directors for one (1) year term expiring in March 2019	
Manchester		
	GEORGEANNE E. BONIFANTI	108
	DAVID CHANDLER	113
	JOE HOFFMAN	111
	JESSICA STONE-WATSON	105
	BLANK	423
	TOTAL	860

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM after announcing the results. (*denotes elected)

Respectfully submitted,



Rose M. Keough, Sunderland Town Clerk

SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

RESULTS

3/7/2017

ARTICLE A: FOR SVRTSD BOARD

(Vote for not more than THREE)

ROBERT BAHNY	56
JESSICA GULLEY-WARD	108
RICKEY L. HARRINGTON	83
JOHN G. MACDONALD	100
BLANK	298
SPOILED	
TOTAL	645

Article B: Shall the voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend \$3,457,114, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

YES	166
No	28
Blank	21
TOTAL	215

Article c: Shall the voters of the Service Region of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District increase the existing Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements and existing Reserve Fund for Equipment by the sums of \$60,000 and \$20,000 respectively?

YES	155
No	34
Blank	26
TOTAL	215

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO V009
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 5TH AND MARCH 6TH, 2018**

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Service Region (consisting of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, North Bennington, Pownal, Readsboro, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford) are hereby warned to meet at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington, Vermont, at 6:30 in the evening, on Monday, March 5, 2018 to transact the following business from the floor.

- ARTICLE 1: To establish the annual salaries of the District Directors at \$1,000 each.
- ARTICLE 2: To establish the annual salary of the District Treasurer at \$13,800.
- ARTICLE 3: To establish the annual salary of the District Clerk at \$1,200.
- ARTICLE 4: To establish the annual salary of the Assistant District Clerk at \$600.
- ARTICLE 5: To establish the annual salary of the District Moderator at \$10.
- ARTICLE 6: To authorize the School District Board to borrow money in anticipation of revenues to meet current operating expenses of the District.
- ARTICLE 7: To hold a public informational hearing on articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on March 6, 2018.
- ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business found proper when met.

The legal voters of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District #V009 are hereby WARNED FURTHER to meet on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, when the polls will be open to transact business by Australian Ballot as follows:

ARTICLE A: To elect 4 (Four) School Directors, who are legal residents of the Service Region as listed above in accordance with the bylaws of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District for 3 (three) year terms.

ARTICLE B: Shall the voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend \$3,424,190, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

ARTICLE C: Shall the voters of the Service Region of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District increase the existing Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements and existing Reserve Fund for Equipment by the sums of \$60,000 and \$20,000 respectively?

Voting at the meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 shall be at large by Australian ballot. The polls will be open as indicated below for each respective town, as follows:

Residents of Arlington vote at the MACK Performing Arts Center AMHS, 529 East Arlington Road, Arlington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Bennington vote at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Dorset vote at The Dorset School, Morse Hill Road, Dorset, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Glastenbury vote at the Shaftsbury Fire House, Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Manchester vote at the Manchester Town Hall, Manchester Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of North Bennington vote at the Village Offices, Main Street, North Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Pownal vote at the Pownal Center Fire House, Route 7, Pownal Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Readsboro vote at the Readsboro Central School Gym, Readsboro, Vermont.
Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Sandgate vote at the Sandgate Town Hall, Sandgate Road, Sandgate, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Searsburg vote at the Searsburg Town Offices, Searsburg, Vermont.
Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Shaftsbury vote at the Shaftsbury Fire House, Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Stamford vote at the Stamford Elementary School, 986 Main Road, Stamford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Sunderland vote at the Sunderland Town Office, 104 Mountain View Road, Sunderland, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Woodford vote at the Woodford Town Office Building, Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Register to Vote: Residents of Member Towns may register to vote at their Town Clerk's Office or online at www.olvr.sec.state.vt.us. Eligible residents registering on Election Day must do so at the polling place where they will cast their Town Meeting ballot.

Interpreting services for this meeting will be provided upon request. If this service is required, please notify SVRTSD at 447-0220, at least three (3) days before the meeting.

Signatures

Rickey Harrington, Chair

Edward Letourneau, Vice Chair

Jackie Kelly, Clerk

Robert Bahny

Jon Gauthier

Jessica Gulley-Ward

Art Haytko

Leon Johnson

Francis Kinney

John MacDonald

Kenneth Swierad

Received for recording this 2 day of February 2018
Cassandra Barbeau, Clerk or

Kayla Thompson, Assistant Clerk SVRTSD,

Vermont Department of Taxes

**NOTICE of
EDUCATION TAX RATES for FISCAL YEAR 2018
BASED ON 2017 REAPPRAISAL DATA**

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND

Prepared: **August 21, 2017**

NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE

Non-Residential Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 1.5200

HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 0.9902

The Homestead Education Tax Rate is based in part on the education spending per equalized pupil of all the pupils residing in your town. Many town districts are also members of union school districts. Each town and union school district will have a tax rate based on its spending per pupil. For towns with multiple school districts, the tax rate is a combination of those rates.

Town-specific information on education tax rate calculations will be available on the Department of Taxes website at:

<http://www.tax.vermont.gov>

By law, the legislative body in each municipality shall bill each property taxpayer at the homestead or non-residential rate as determined by the Commissioner for their municipality.

32 V.S.A. Sec. 5402(b)(1)

If you have questions about your education tax rates, please call the Vermont Department of Taxes at (802) 828-5860.

ORIGINAL: Chair Selectboard / City Council

COPY: Town / City Treasurer

FIRST ANNUAL TACONIC AND GREEN TOWN REPORT NOTICE

As you know, on March 7, 2017, voters from Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland, and Weston overwhelmingly approved the merger of their school districts. The new entity for these communities, the Taconic and Green Regional School District, becomes officially operational as of July 1, 2018.

Please note that the launch of the Taconic and Green Regional School District will create some changes to the normal flow of information that you receive in advance of the annual town meetings. Let's review the distribution process for this year. Please call 802-362-2452 ext. 1528 if you have any questions.

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

- Annual Meeting Warning (Note that a postcard will be sent to all residents of the towns listed above by the end of January.)
- FY19 Budget for the Taconic and Green Regional School District
- FY19 BRSU General Budget
- FY19 BRSU Special Education Budget
- BRSU Treasurer's Report
- Tax rate historical information for all towns
- Audit Report
- Enrollment Report
- Superintendent Report
- Principal Reports (Currier, Dorset, Flood Brook, Manchester, Sunderland)
- Taconic and Green School Board Report
- Taconic and Green Board Member information
- Taconic and Green Board Goals and Norms
- Minutes from the Taconic and Green District Organization Meeting in June 2017

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

- Online at <https://goo.gl/xFSLgr>
- 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

The Taconic and Green Annual meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7pm at the Flood Brook School. Bus transportation will be provided for the public from the following schools: Currier, Dorset, Manchester and Sunderland. The buses will leave at 6pm. Light refreshments will also be provided at the annual meeting.

Your 2017 local town report includes the following information:

- Town School District Warning
- FY17 Actual Budget for reference purposes (Note - the FY18 anticipated and FY19 Budget is available in the Taconic and Green Annual Report)
- Superintendent, Audit and Enrollment Report
- Board/Principal Reports for Districts operating a school: Dorset, Manchester and Sunderland

NOTE: Next years budget (2018-2019) will only be discussed at the Taconic and Green meeting on February 27, 2018. Your attendance is very important.

SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Sunderland Town School District, Sunderland, Vermont are hereby notified and warned that the District will hold an annual meeting which will commence at the Sunderland Elementary School on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. to transact any business which may legally come before the voters.

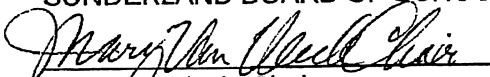
The meeting will then adjourn until Tuesday, March 6, 2018 on which date the polls will open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. at the Sunderland Town Office at 104 Mountain View Road to vote on the following article by Australian ballot:

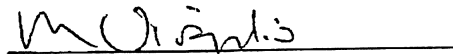
Article 1: To elect two school directors for a term that will expire on the date the District ceases to exist pursuant to the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016.

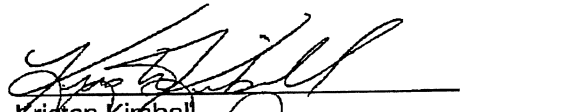
Absentee voting will be permitted on all matters to be voted upon by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 10:00AM until 7:00PM on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

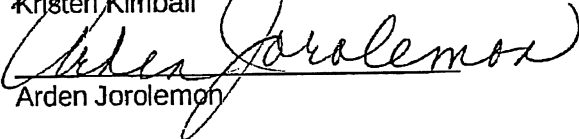
Dated this 11th day of January 2018.

SUNDERLAND BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS


Mary Van Vleck, Chair


Melanie Virgilio, Clerk

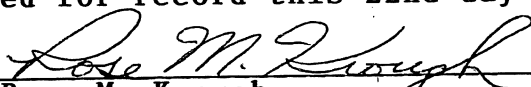

Kristen Kimball


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Heidi French

SUNDERLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Received for record this 22nd day of January A.D., 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

ATTEST: 
Rose M. Keough
Sunderland Town Clerk

Sunderland School District FY17 Year End Summary

	FY17 Budget	FY17 Anticipated	FY17 Actual	Budget to Actual Variance Fav/(Unfav)	Anticipated to Actual Variance Fav/(Unfav)
EXPENDITURES					
Early Education	\$40,196	\$43,288	\$42,935	(\$2,739)	\$353
Elementary Program	702,491	706,758	706,612	(4,121)	146
Secondary Program	849,573	931,910	929,630	(80,057)	2,280
Health Services	30,148	28,948	27,903	2,245	1,045
Library/Media	40,829	42,980	40,206	623	2,774
Board	13,936	13,138	10,111	3,825	3,027
Treasurer	323	323	323	0	0
Superintendent's Office	54,787	54,787	54,787	0	0
School Administration	181,648	160,995	163,234	18,414	(2,239)
Fiscal Services	11,424	11,424	11,788	(364)	(364)
Plant and Grounds Operations	112,805	172,386	144,797	(31,992)	27,589
Vehicle Operation Services	23,020	88,250	61,029	(38,009)	27,221
Special Education	638,768	652,958	644,356	(5,588)	8,602
Extracurricular	33,055	30,231	29,882	3,173	349
Foodservice Program	<u>30,250</u>	<u>33,460</u>	<u>31,093</u>	<u>(843)</u>	<u>2,367</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO BE VOTED	\$2,763,253	\$2,971,836	\$2,898,686	(\$135,433)	\$73,150
Warned Articles	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$2,778,253</u>	<u>\$2,986,836</u>	<u>\$2,913,686</u>	<u>(\$135,433)</u>	<u>\$73,150</u>
REVENUE					
Local	\$19,200	\$11,573	\$21,073	\$1,873	\$9,500
State/Federal	113,056	111,745	105,807	(7,249)	(5,938)
Special Education	383,878	408,482	405,557	21,679	(2,925)
After School Program	21,055	18,231	27,263	6,208	9,032
Foodservice Program	<u>21,450</u>	<u>31,400</u>	<u>31,647</u>	<u>10,197</u>	<u>247</u>
Revenue Subtotal	\$558,639	\$581,431	\$591,347	\$32,708	\$9,916
Education Spending	<u>1,973,779</u>	<u>1,973,779</u>	<u>1,973,779</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS	<u>\$2,532,418</u>	<u>\$2,555,210</u>	<u>\$2,565,126</u>	<u>\$32,708</u>	<u>\$9,916</u>
Transfer from Impact Aid Reserve Fund	343,500				
Prior Year Surplus Used/(Deficit) Raised	<u>(97,665)</u>				
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$2,778,253</u>				
Overall Anticipated to Actual Favorable Variance				<u>\$83,066</u>	

	General Fund	Impact Aid Reserved for Tax Relief	Bus Reserve	Bldg & Grounds Imprvmnt Reserve	Technology Reserve
FUND BALANCES					
Actual Balance June 30, 2016	<u>(\$121,341)</u>	<u>\$1,585,017</u>	<u>\$52,652</u>	<u>\$65,632</u>	<u>\$8,277</u>
Actual Revenue FY17	\$2,565,126	\$226,461			
Actual Expenditures FY17	(2,898,686)			(\$11,412)	(\$13,277)
Transfers from Reserves	343,500	(343,500)			
Transfers - Voted 3/16	(15,000)		\$10,000		5,000
Warned Article - Voted 3/17	<u>980,778</u>	<u>(1,467,978)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>487,200</u>	
Actual Balance June 30, 2017	<u>\$854,377</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$62,652</u>	<u>\$541,420</u>	<u>\$0</u>

The district anticipated a surplus of \$1,258,511 at the end of FY17. Any actual surplus over \$854,377 was voted to be transferred to the Building and Grounds Improvement reserve fund and the \$854,377 was applied to the FY18 budget to reduce the FY18 tax rate. The year ended with a surplus of \$1,341,577, a favorable variance of \$83,066, due mainly to savings in the building repairs & maintenance line as projects were postponed to FY18, and the delay of the bus purchase until FY18 due to the delivery date. Additional savings were noted in special education, and revenues increased in tuition and the after school program.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Jacquelyne Wilson

January 2018

This year has been a year of transition for the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU). Last March, voters from nine of our communities (Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland, Weston) voted overwhelming to merge their school districts and form the Taconic and Green Regional School District. Since July, the Taconic and Green School Board, chaired by Herb Ogden, has worked tirelessly to meet the go live deadline of July 1, 2018. On July 1, 2018, the town school districts will cease to exist and the Taconic and Green will serve as the governing body.

It has been a pleasure for me to work with Taconic and Green Board to create a new school district. They are a dedicated, visionary Board and their actions demonstrate commitment to all our children. I have every expectation that in future years we will be able to offer more program opportunities for our learners, without increasing cost. For example, we have talked about the possibility of creating innovative programs that students across schools could access via in-district school choice. With year one of transition almost behind us, the Board will turn its attention to educational policy. Next fall, the Board will be seeking engagement from parents and community members to inform their policy development. We hope that many of you will choose to participate in this exciting work.

While the Taconic and Green Regional School District is somewhat sheltered from significant tax increases throughout the merger incentive phase, which expires in FY23, we are planning for the future by taking a close look at our student to staff ratios. Vermont spends a lot to educate its students and over time we have come to accept micro classroom sizes as the norm. The Taconic and Green Board has agreed to use staff attrition to move away from micro class sizes and strive for small classroom sizes of 15-18 in grades K-3 and 18-24 students in grades 4-8. Communities can expect to see more multiage classrooms in the future. For the past five years the BRSU has been focusing on developing a personalized approach to learning, where every child has the opportunity to learn at their level and at their speed. Multiage classrooms foster a personalized approach while enabling the school to better use its resources.

The Pawlet and Rupert communities have also been focused on merger work this year. It has been a very challenging journey for these two communities as they wrestle with moving away from their long-standing practice of designation to New York schools for students in grades 7-12 to offering choice. This past November, the communities of Pawlet and Rupert did vote to merge and offer choice to grades 7-12 students but this was a close vote. In December, some Rupert citizens petitioned for reconsideration of the vote and this vote will occur in February. Given the uncertainty regarding who the governing body will be in FY19, we were not able to produce a budget. After the reconsideration vote, we will begin the budgeting process and bring a budget forth for approval in April.

The Winhall School District continues to be open to merging with other K-12 non-operating districts but this has proven to be a challenge for them. At one point they were part of a merger study committee with Sandgate and Stratton but this committee dissolved. The dissolution was largely due to the fact that Winhall has a high tax rate and this has made merging with them unattractive to other districts. Winhall's tax woes are the result of an unusual number of new students. This year, the Board budgeted for 10 additional students but instead 29 enrolled. In a choice district, every additional student results in an additional tuition payment, hence the dramatic impact on the budget. Winhall's merger future is unknown at this time. They have filed the required Section 9 proposal with the Vermont Agency of Education, which outlines their merger work thus far, and will await a decision from the Agency and State Board of Education regarding their future. If there are no viable partners for them, it is possible that they will be allowed to remain as a stand-alone in the BRSU but there are no guarantees.

In addition to all of the merger work, this year we also negotiated and implemented new health care plans for all our employees in the BRSU. The new health plans are ACA (Affordable Care Act) compliant and have much larger out of pocket deductibles than our previously offered plans. The health care negotiation process was very positive and I believe that all parties are satisfied with the end result and we have been able to reduce costs.

In July, two key positions were filled by educators from within the BRSU. Sarah Reed, previously the Asst. Principal at the Flood Brook School, was hired in July as the Director of Curriculum. Sarah has been working non-stop with principals and teachers to revise curriculum, analyze performance data, and put systems in place to support personalized learning. The BRSU will be moving towards a proficiency-based system of learning and reporting out and much of Sarah's work has been focused on this initiative. Over the next year we will be sharing this work with you as it develops. Randi Kulis stepped into the role of Asst. Superintendent. Randi was previously the Director of Student Services for the BRSU. Randi still oversees special education, but she also provides instructional leadership to all the principals and does some governance work.

My sincere thanks to all the Board members who have served on all our boards. It has been a complicated year and you have been incredibly supportive and flexible.

I look forward to FY19 and hopefully getting on the other side of Act 46 and merger work. While it has been a great learning experience, I'm ready to give more time to educational leadership and less time to governance.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT
SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLMENT: DECEMBER 1, 2017**

Sunderland Elementary School

	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Enrollment	-	8	14	13	12	17	10	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	85
Non-Resident	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total	0	10	14	13	12	17	10	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	87

Sunderland Enrollment

School	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Arlington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	3	2	4	15
Burr & Burton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	9	7	27
Dorset School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Long Trail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	1	1	2	10
Manchester	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	-	-	-	-	10
Maple Street	-	8	14	13	12	17	10	11	1	1	-	-	-	-	87
Other	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
TOTAL	10	8	14	13	12	17	10	11	14	9	9	10	12	13	162

SUNDERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT

The Sunderland Board of School Directors engaged RHR Smith & Company, CPA's, Buxton, Maine, to conduct an audit of its FY17 financial statements. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection at www.brsu.org or by calling the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union at 362-2452.

SUNDERLAND SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

March 2018

The changes occurring in the educational structure, in Vermont's school systems, has been the driving force across our State since 2015. As a result of these changes our school district will become part of a larger district as dictated by the State of Vermont's Act 46. Sunderland School will become part of the Taconic and Green School District beginning July 1, 2018. The majority of voters approved this merger in March 2017. The board members currently on the new T&G Board are working hard to form a district which will provide equal educational opportunities for all students. They are developing policies and reviewing curriculum applicable to all current districts and everything should be in place when the T&G becomes operational on July 1. Achieving educational excellence is a primary objective for all the students in the new T&G School District. Currently, our school is considered number eight in the State of Vermont based on these educational standards. It is our belief the educational standards which our students are currently achieving in Sunderland will continue and improve in the years ahead under the T&G district board.

The budget you will be voting on this year is for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. It has been prepared by the new T&G Board and the BRSU. This year's budget reflects all the costs from the merged districts of Dorset, Manchester, Danby-Mt Tabor, Sunderland, and the Regional Educational District (Londonderry, Weston, Landgrove and Peru). Although a much larger budget than we would normally vote for it does reflect all the costs across all the school districts which have merged. It is important to keep this in mind when reviewing the T&G budget presented. In addition, every voter must understand the merger undertaking will not save us money. Although our state legislators presented Act 46 on a platform of providing equal educational opportunity for all students and considerable fiscal savings, the later will not apply to our Supervisory Union or our school district. The budget is far greater than anything we have voted for in the past, but the circumstances which created the merger and this budget does warrant your support.

The SES Board approved updating and improving the school facilities over the past year in order to spend down the Impact Aid monies in our educational budget. One of the larger improvements was the parking lot being paved. It will now accommodate parking for more vehicles, in addition to a paved area for our bus. A complete overhaul was done to our handicap bathroom. The tables for our lunch program were replaced for a safer more stable model for use in our multipurpose room. Additionally, a shed was added to provide more storage space.

A large portion of the monies was used to lower the tax rate for the taxpayers. According to the rules of Act 46 our tax rate cannot be increased more than five percent every year for four years. So for the next three years our tax rate should not increase more than the five percent from the previous year's rate. However, the fifth year there will be a substantial increase which will reflect a tax rate more in line with our neighboring town's school tax rate.

With the merger there comes an abundance of additional work especially on the part of our BRSU. Our Superintendent, Jackie Wilson, Assistant Superintendents and all support personnel have been working extremely hard across all academic, administrative and fiscal areas. They Superintendent has been working with the T&G Board on policy development. In addition, the BRSU has been working on implementing student assessment across all grade

levels. The faculty in all schools, within the BRSU, underwent training in Performance Based Learning (PBL). This method of learning has students demonstrate what they have learned rather than repeating back information they memorized. Students demonstrate their knowledge through activities showing their skills, and the ability to work creatively and independently. The teacher assesses the work of each student and their performance is calculated on a scale of one to four, with four being the best.

We are one of the top performing schools in the state of Vermont, last count we were eighth. In the past decade we have grown from a small school of 39 to a school of 84. Our school district has managed growth in our student population while other districts have seen a decrease in their student population. The board has maintained a level tax rate and managed to improve the educational environment for our elementary students. These two factors, fiscal stability and a growing student population, has made us an anomaly in the State of Vermont. Our school district name will disappear but not our school spirit or the educational wealth we deliver to our students. In the past decade these things have remained constant within our facility. Schools live on in communities no matter what they are called. It is true there will no longer be a local Sunderland School Board, but the T&G Board will address all school building issues when warranted. I am hopeful the transition will be easy and seamless for our school community. I know many of you have asked me what will become of our school? No one can predict the future. I have faith in the educational values our school has embraced, the performance of our students, our faculty, administrators, the continuous support from the community and our BRSU office has proven invaluable. The Sunderland School community has set the bar for educational excellence and I will expect not only as a Board member, but as a member of the T&G community, for this excellence to be maintained and improved in the new T&G school district. Education is one of the most important aspects of a child's development. Educational consistency and stability are important components to a student's life and our school continues to provide our students with both. As Board members we are expecting T&G to carry on these components and to ensure academic excellence in all the districts who merged to become the T&G. The Sunderland School Board wish our school the best in all future endeavors and we are hopeful Sunderland will continue to be a shining star in academic excellence not just within our Supervisory Union but in the State of Vermont as well.

With the deepest respect and heartfelt thanks,

The Sunderland School Board

Mary Van Vleck, Chairperson, Melanie Virgilio, Heidi French, Kristen Kimball and Arden Jorolemon

Sunderland Elementary School

Principal's Report

January 2018

Sunderland Elementary School remains committed to creating and sustaining a learning environment where students experience academic success through setting high level expectations and personalized learning. The dedication that the teachers and support staff have for our current population of 86, K-6 students, is admirable. Their passion, skill, support of parents, school board, and community, makes Sunderland Elementary the outstanding learning environment that it is for our students. Collectively, the involvement of all community stakeholders helps to take our students to new heights.

This past spring we dedicated our new playground to the memory of the late Sunderland teacher, Dean Magarian. It was a wonderful event that brought out many members of the greater school community and provided them an opportunity to reminisce about their experiences with Mr. Magarian and see current students enjoying the new equipment.

The playground is one of many building improvements that has occurred over the past year. We have purchased a new top of the line International school bus, installed building security cameras, improved building egress, installed new lunch tables, renovated bathrooms, as well as paved the previously dirt parking lot and driveway. Perhaps the most visible improvement came in the form of the replacement of an aging school sign by the roadside. The new sign now features the school colors, mascot, and slogan, all of which were voted on by community stakeholders. As a result of these changes, the student experience has been improved and the feeling of school pride is at a high point.

Teachers at Sunderland Elementary are continuously working to move our school to the next level. Each of them seeks to hone their craft through participating in Supervisory Union-wide content teams currently tasked with developing student proficiencies for our transition to proficiency-based reporting. Additionally, many teachers engage in professional learning through enrolling in college courses aimed toward deepening their knowledge of student development and strengthening their instructional repertoire. Currently, our 5th and 6th grade teachers are working closely with representatives from the UVM affiliated Tarrant Institute for Innovative Education (TIIE) to develop and implement Project-Based Learning (PBL) units as part of Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union's three year plan to provide students with a proficiency-based educational experience. This work assists teachers in encouraging students to develop transferable skills that are applicable outside of the classroom. We are fortunate to be a party to the partnership with TIIE and our students will benefit greatly from their expertise.

All students at Sunderland Elementary continue to develop Personalized Learning Plans (PLPs). This task is achieved through working with their teachers to identify specific goals in academics, dispositions toward learning, and civic ethics. Teachers are able to utilize data garnered from Measured Academic Progress (MAP) testing and teacher generated assessments, to identify strengths and areas in need of improvement for each student. This information is then used to assist individual students in setting personal goals. These goals are revisited regularly to ensure student progress, maintain focus, and increase student engagement with the curriculum. PLPs allow for a rich dialogue during our student led conferences.

Sunderland is in its first year of fully implementing the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system. PBIS is a comprehensive system for supporting behavioral and emotional needs utilized by 53% of Vermont schools and has been proven to be an effective approach to help meet student needs, improve school culture, and reduce overall behavioral challenges. This past Spring, we sent a team of four to a four day training to develop a Universal PBIS system specific to Sunderland and rolled it out to staff, students, and families as soon as the school year began. We have since been recognized as a VTPBIS "School of Distinction" for our work in implementing the system. We will continue to work with representatives from VTPBIS to improve our student supports and have a positive impact for students both behaviorally and academically.

It is an honor to be an educational leader in this community. I look forward to celebrating the continued success of Sunderland Elementary School students.

Respectfully Submitted,
Skyler LaBombard, Principal

Sunderland Town Report

Arlington Area Childcare dba Happy Days Playschool

In our 34th year of providing quality early care and education, Arlington Area Childcare continues to focus on the family centered approach to providing an early care and education program for the community. A Strengthening Families grant continues to support us in developing relationships with families through information, education and support. Through this funding our administrative staff can help families with car seat safety training, transportation, applying for subsidy, and many other support services. **Happy Days provided services to 121 children, from 89 families, this year; 75 Arlington, 12 Sunderland, 4 Sandgate and 30 from other towns.**

Each year Happy Days strives to bring families together by hosting individual classroom family events, fundraisers, and center-wide gatherings. Events are planned throughout the year to help strengthen families and build a community amongst children, staff and guardians. Each family event is geared towards encouraging family bonding between our children and the ones who care for them. Spending quality time as a family promotes better communication, improves relationships between caregivers and children while also providing a designated time for families to concentrate on each other with limited distractions.

During the early spring of 2017, Happy Days hired Kayla Croft as the *Events Coordinator* to plan family events. Kayla Croft, who is a long time member of the Happy Days staff and an Arlington resident, was chosen to design, organize and host family events to help bring our community together with the help of the Director, Administrative Assistant and staff. Kayla and staff planned 9 events during the spring and summer of 2017, some for individual classrooms and some for center wide families. Over 50% of our families attended some or all of these events. This allowed us coordinated planning of many of the activities crucial to our mission.

With the new state early education regulations coming in to affect September 1, 2017, Happy Days decided to kick start the process of having all staff meet new qualifications by September, 2018. A Fundamentals course is required to be considered an assistant teacher. This course provides a foundation of the early education field while introducing various topics to help early educators provide a safe, healthy and age appropriate atmosphere for children. Students of the fundamentals course dove into child development, ways to support physical growth, how to teach social and behavior skills and were introduced to the “art” of observation and recording behavior. During this 45 hour course, participants learned the value in building relationships with families and the impact family involvement has on a child’s development. This course is a wonderful jumpstart to the world of early education and prepares assistants for their current work, as well as preparing them to become a head teacher in the future. In 2016-2017 Happy Days financially supported 6 staff members to take part in the Fundamentals course offered in Bennington County.

The Board of Arlington Area Childcare has been challenged this year to find interested and involved community members to be on our board. As we embark on our search for new leadership in the next year or two, the decisions to be made will impact how Happy Days moves forward in the future. New board members bring new and exciting ideas and strategies for change and can have a huge impact on our mission and purpose. Any interested community members are welcome to attend a Board meeting or ask questions by contacting Ellen Fisher, Board President, ellenfisher01@comcast.net

Thank you to the Sunderland Community for continuing to support our programs, goals and mission.

Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service
PO Box 62
Arlington, VT 05250

November 7, 2017

John Williams
Town of Sunderland, Vermont
104 Mountain View Road
Sunderland, VT 05250

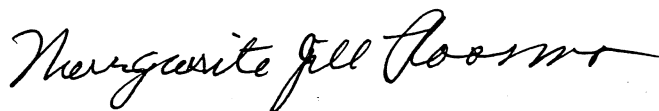
Dear John,

Thank you for your recent letter advising me of the policy of your Selectboard in regards to funding requests to your Board asking for the same request as the last year, which was \$1500.00 for the year of 2017.

Our request for 2018 will remain the same as last year in the amount of \$1500.00.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marguerite Jill Roosma".

Marguerite Jill Roosma, President
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.

Arlington Volunteer Fire Department

2017 Annual Report

The Arlington Volunteer Fire Department responded to 142 calls for assistance in 2017.

By Town, the calls were;

Arlington 75,	Sandgate 18,	Sunderland 29,	Manchester 6,
Shaftsbury 6,	Shushan, NY 6,	Stratton 1,	Bennington Rural 1

By type, the calls were;

Structure/Chimney Fires 8,	Motor Vehicle Accidents 16,	Alarms 32,
Grass/Brush Fires 11,	Good Intent 3,	Car Fire 2,
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 10,	Rescue Squad Assist 17,	Powerlines 13
Furnace Malfunction 3,	Wilderness/Water/Cave rescue 4,	

The Volunteer Members of the Fire Department performed in excess of 880 hours of training last year. Initially we have 3 members enrolled in the State Firefighter 1 program in Manchester which is approximately 190 hours of basic skills training.

We have recently begun the task of spec'ing out a replacement truck for our oldest truck a 1990 custom pumper. This process averages 2 years of time including meetings with manufacturers, trips to inspect other trucks nearby, putting out proposals for bids and build time for the winning manufacturer. We hope to place an order by the end of the year with a delivery in early 2020.

The Members have also been involved in the search for a location to build a new Emergency Services Station. As times change so do our needs and the requirements for our building. Our current firehouse in East Arlington has become a challenge in terms of safety, location (flood zone) and space. Moving ahead we are in need of more training space, office space, an exercise area, equipment storage, and larger truck bays with an exhaust system, updated computer / internet access, and community space for local functions. We have inquired about several properties and will be meeting to discuss possibilities in the coming months. We are interested in any input the community has for a new location.

In closing please remember to **change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors** and test them regularly. Also please **post your 911 numbers in a visible location from the road** so time is not wasted responding to your emergency. **Dial 911 for an emergency** and 802-375-2323 for non-emergencies.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fire Chief 2017
James Paustian

Arlington Rescue Squad

The Arlington Rescue Squad would like to once again thank the residents of Sunderland for their continued financial support through the generous Town appropriations. Town appropriations help the rescue squad remain financially solvent and provide us the means to respond to emergencies calls 24 hours a day with a team of highly dedicated and trained emergency medical professionals. We are asking for a slight increase in town funding to help offset the ever increasing costs of running our organization. We have not had an increase in town appropriations in many years. We are asking for \$26,750.00, up from \$25,000.00.

Arlington Rescue responded to a total of 471 calls in 2016-17 ARSI fiscal year, 84 of those responding to a variety of medical emergencies in the Sunderland area. Not only does Arlington Rescue respond to medical emergencies and auto accidents in the Sunderland area, but we are there to assist the Arlington Fire Department with stand-by assistance for structure and/or brush fires.

With the generous support of our local communities, we have been able to do some long overdue building repairs and paving of our parking lot. We also needed to replace an aging ambulance that has been 3 years overdue to be replaced at a cost of over \$190,000 which will now need to be paid off over the next several years. The cost of new required EMS equipment and supplies keeps increasing and there is no way would be able to continue providing our services without community financial support.

Moving toward the future, the Arlington Rescue Squad is not only looking to provide emergency medical services to the communities that we serve, but are looking to becoming more pro-active in our community with some new and exciting programs including a new Explorers Post program which will be the first EMS Explorers post in the state. Designed to teach important life and career skills to young people from all backgrounds through immersive career experiences and mentorship provided by ARSI, community and business leaders. This program will help equip young people with character, leadership and life skills that can be used both today and in their future careers. This program is a co-ed program open to all area youth ages 14-20. We are also looking at providing more training opportunities for the general public including CPR/AED and Basic First Aid.

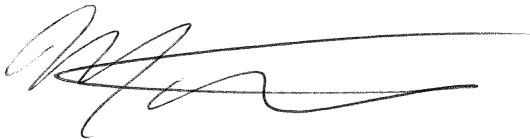
Arlington Rescue has a dedicated mix of paid and volunteer staff that provide emergency medical coverage 24 hour per day, 7 days a week. We have a staff of 3 full time employees

working Monday thru Friday from 6am – 6pm , and our volunteers provide coverage overnights and on weekends. All staff continually train and update their skills to provide the highest quality care available and they are dedicated to maintaining a high level of proficiency in the field of emergency medicine. Unfortunately, it is getting harder and harder to build and even maintain our volunteer ranks. The decline in volunteers is tied to changing work patterns, and perhaps a lower level of civic engagement — but it's also a reflection of the fact that EMS training is a lot more difficult now than it was years ago. We encourage anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity to contact us. There is nothing more rewarding then helping your neighbour in a time of need.

Finally, please remember that in order for emergency agencies to find you and your residence, house numbers must be clearly posted. If you have a long driveway, please have your numbers by the road. Number signs are still available at the rescue squad building.

The Arlington Rescue Squad non-emergency telephone number is 802-375-6589 between the hours of 6am – 6pm Monday thru Friday. In the event of an emergency dial 911.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Marty Irion', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marty Irion, Executive Director

Bennington County Regional Commission

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region. The BCRC plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests.

In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials and volunteer boards and commissions, the BCRC serves as a regional center for work in community development, transportation, healthy community design, energy, environmental conservation and protection of water quality, solid waste management, and emergency management. The BCRC regularly conducts and sponsors public meetings and workshops on these topics throughout the region (www.bcrcvt.org for more information).

During the past year, the BCRC has worked to implement its comprehensive plan and has supplemented that document with a new regional energy plan which supports efforts to conserve energy and plan for renewable energy development. Economic development planning in the region is now being coordinated through a collaboration between the BCRC and the Bennington County Industrial Corporation (BCIC). The BCRC is providing staff support to help BCIC conduct economic development planning and to support business retention, growth, and recruitment. An outgrowth of this economic development work involves cooperation within the region and with Windham County to advance the goals of the Southern Vermont Economic Development Zone. The BCRC also is providing staff support for a major downtown redevelopment project in Bennington that grew from brownfields and community development work overseen by the Commission. Other important accomplishments have included: assistance with updates to several municipal comprehensive plans and bylaws, new village center designations, implementation of the regional solid waste management plan in cooperation with the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance, management of several bicycle and pedestrian projects, and planning and project management to assist municipalities with water quality improvement projects.

Special initiatives to be undertaken in the coming year include: work on a Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, development of a regional cultural resources plan, assistance with enhanced municipal energy plans, workforce and business development initiatives, support for local water quality management plans and improvement projects, further expansion of bike-ped facilities, and assessment and support for redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the region.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and several elected commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. Our office, located at 111 South Street in Bennington, is open Monday through Friday. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: www.bcrcvt.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sullivan, Director

Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford

Solid Waste Implementation Plan and the Universal Recycling Law: In December of 2015, the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance adopted a solid waste implementation plan or “SWIP” to comply with both the Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) and the materials management plan developed by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. The SWIP describes how the member towns will increase recycling, reduce the amount of materials sent to landfills, and provide outreach program for residents, schools, businesses and institutions to assist them in recycling. The Alliance provides information on their website (www.bcswavt.org) and Facebook page as well as in local newspapers.

School and Business Outreach: This past year, the Alliance provided outreach to Burr and Burton, Pownal Elementary and Stamford Elementary schools including assisting Pownal Elementary with on-site composting. The Alliance provided outreach to over 40 businesses on ways to increase recycling, manage food scraps, and properly dispose of hazardous materials.

Funding and Grants: The member towns provide most of the funding for programs. From July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 the Alliance received over \$25,000 in grants from the Agency of Natural Resources and from the Agency for Agriculture and Markets for sales of compost bins and for household hazardous waste events. The Alliance also received \$4,000.00 from the High Meadows Fund to assist the towns of Pownal, Searsburg, Shaftsbury and Stamford in starting food scrap collection at their transfer stations.

Programs and Events: The Alliance sponsors and supports many programs to assist residents, businesses, schools and institutions to properly dispose of materials. The following are some of our major programs.

- **Household Hazardous Waste Events:** The Alliance held two household hazardous waste (HHW) events in the spring and fall of 2017. The spring event was sponsored by the Town of Bennington and held at the Bennington Transfer Station. The fall event was managed by the Bennington County Regional Commission and held at the Dorset School. Over 400 households participated in the two events. In 2018, the Alliance will again hold two events for the 13 Alliance towns. One will be held in Bennington on May 12, 2018 and the second at the Dorset School on September 15, 2018.
- **Electronics Collections:** The Vermont E-Cycles program provides for free disposal of electronic devices including computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals, and televisions, regardless of brand, age, or condition, for consumers, charities, school districts, and small businesses. Free collection locations in Bennington County include the Bennington, Northshire (Dorset), Pownal, Searsburg, and Sunderland Transfer Stations and

other sites listed at <http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/product-stewardship/electronics>. The Dorset School also holds annual E-Waste Collection events.

- **Fluorescent Bulbs**: Vermont has also implemented a plan to accept used fluorescent bulbs and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's) at various retail. These bulbs contain mercury, which is a hazardous substance. Residents can dispose of bulbs at several hardware stores and other retail establishments and at several of the transfer stations. More information is available at <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/fluorescent-bulbs/>.
- **Paint Collections**: PaintCare Inc. is a non-profit organization established to assist paint manufacturers to plan and operate paint stewardship programs in the United States, including Vermont. Both latex and oil-based paint have been collected at HHW events and at special PaintCare events, and several local hardware stores accept paint. To find a location, residents may visit <http://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-locations/>.
- **Battery Recycling**: Primary (alkaline) batteries and rechargeable batteries are now accepted at many retailers and at the Bennington, Northshire, Sunderland and Pownal Transfer Stations. You can find locations at: <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/battery-recycling/>. For more information, visit Call2Recycle at <http://www.call2recycle.org/what-can-i-recycle/>.
- **Textiles**: The Bennington, Northshire, Sunderland, Shaftsbury and Pownal transfer stations have textile boxes where residents can donate clothing and shoes. Boxes are also located throughout the Alliance area. Visit www.bcswavt.org for locations. Goodwill in Bennington also accepts clothing donations as well as other household items, books and used electronic devices. Visit them at <http://www.goodwill-berkshires.com/>.
- **Leaf and Yard Waste, Food Scraps and Other Organics**: All transfer stations accept leaf and yard waste, clean wood and food scraps. Visit <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/transfer-stations/> for information on your transfer station.
- **Construction and Demolition Debris**: All transfer stations accept construction and demolition debris from builders and do-it-yourself homeowners. The TAM Pownal facility also accepts construction and demolition debris from residents and businesses.
- **Prescription Drugs**: Prescription drugs should be properly disposed when they are no longer needed as they can make their way into water sources and can pose a hazard in the home. The Bennington Police Department, the Manchester Police Department, the Bennington County Sheriff and Southwestern Vermont Medical Center accept prescription drugs. Go to <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/disposing-of-prescription-drug/> for more information.

Burdett Commons
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burdettcommonsinc@yahoo.com

December 29, 2017

Town: Sunderland, VT
Appropriation Request: \$1000.00

Burdett Commons of Arlington has been in operation since 1999 servicing the towns of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate. Although we have changed throughout the years we are committed to providing the communities we serve with opportunities.

We offer several programs for the youth. Currently we run school vacation camps when school isn't in session such as holidays and week long breaks. In 2018 we will be offering a program on Wednesdays so the children that do not participate in JISP have an alternative option. A new program we offered in December that was well received was a parent shopping day where the kids made holiday gifts, watched a movie, and enjoyed playing together. We are working on providing more programs for the older kids of our community.

Burdett has continued to provide the local artisans and vendors of our communities several options. We continue to hold a summer market on the 1st and 3rd Saturday June-September in front of the Arlington Community House. We also hold an annual Holiday Food and Craft Fair at Fisher Elementary School. We also offer a monthly adult craft where we have a different instructor each month teach a group of adults a craft or skill.

Burdett Commons has two major fundraisers for the year which gets several community members involved. We hold a Basket Party at Sunderland Elementary School and our annual Haunted House which takes place at the Arlington Community Club.

We would like to send a special thank you to the Arlington Community Club for providing us with a home. We would also like to thank Sunderland Elementary School, Fisher Elementary School, and the Federated Church for providing us with a space when needed for larger events. We would also like to thank the several volunteers both child and adult that have helped us throughout this past year, without the support of the community we would not be able to do nearly as much as we wish.

Thank you for the continued support of our organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Caples, Director



Mt. Abraham and fall colors on display in Lincoln, Vermont – Green Mountain National Forest

Green Mountain National Forest

Town Meeting 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:

Forest Road Maintenance: Maintained 82.5 miles of National Forest System roads in the Towns of Ripton, Rochester, Chittenden, Goshen, Lincoln, Hancock, Mount Tabor, Peru, Somerset, Sunderland, Woodford, Winhall, Stamford, Wallingford, and Readsboro. This work included grading, ditching, culvert cleaning, mowing and brushing.

Recreation Programs

Local Efforts:

Sunderland: In partnership with VAST, extensive trail restoration work was done on the South Mountain snowmobile trail. GMC's Volunteer Long Trail Patrol replaced over 100' of puncheon on the Branch Pond trail.

Environmental Planning

In calendar year 2017, Forest staff completed 26 site-specific National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decisions and analysis documents for multiple resource projects designed to implement the GMNF Land and

Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). Highlights to note include the decisions to relocate the Branch Pond Trail within the Lye Brook Wilderness in the towns of Sunderland and Winhall; replacement of the Village Chairlift at Sugarbush Ski Resort in the town of Warren; and release of apple trees across the Manchester Ranger District in the towns of Somerset, Searsburg, Readsboro, and Wilmington. The majority of decisions in 2017 provided permitted authority to use National Forest System lands for Recreation and Lands Special Uses such as private land access, outfitter and guide activities, maple tapping, and powerline utilities.

Watershed Improvement

Biologists and Technicians monitored fish populations throughout the GMNF in 2017. This monitoring is part of a long term data collection effort to understand Forest fish populations. Additional sites were sampled to support the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Streams in the following towns were sampled during the 2017 field season: Glastonbury, Somerset, Sunderland, Landgrove, Weston, Peru, Pawlet, West Pawlet, Rochester, Chittenden, and Granville.

Fish Stocking to support recreational fisheries occurred in the following area ponds: Griffith and Big Mud in Mount Tabor; Stratton in Stratton; Little Rock in Wallingford; Hapgood Pond in Peru, and Branch, Bourn and Beebe Ponds in Sunderland as well as King's Pond in Rochester. The Stocking at Hapgood and Kings Ponds benefitted two annual fishing derbies in Peru and Rochester respectively. The GMNF in cooperation with Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife continued the aerial stocking of native eastern brook trout in high mountain wilderness ponds in the towns of Wallingford, Mt Tabor, Stratton, and Sunderland. High elevation ponds are desirable as a brook trout recreational fishery, provide a unique experience in remote wilderness areas, and could help in establishing viable fish populations.

Wildlife Habitat Improvement

In another partnership with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, GMNF staff has instituted a long-term program to monitor the federally-threatened Canada lynx through the use of camera traps. This program began in response to two confirmed lynx sightings in 2016 near GMNF lands. The goal is to determine if a breeding population occurs on the GMNF while also collecting valuable data on other carnivores. Camera traps were established across the GMNF in the towns of Chittenden, Hancock, Glastenbury, Granville, Killington, Leicester, Lincoln, Manchester, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Peru, Readsboro, Ripton, Searsburg, Somerset, Stamford, Stratton, Sunderland, Wallingford, Wardsboro, Warren, Weston, Wilmington, Winhall, and Woodford.

Soil / Water Monitoring

The Forest sponsored its first GeoCorps program intern which assisted an environmental scientist and soil scientist in a surface water monitoring project in and near the Lye Brook Wilderness Area in partnership with Vermont's DEC. Water quality in and around the Lye Brook Wilderness Area has been monitored since 1980 in an effort to document the effects of acid deposition on sensitive lakes.

Best Management Practice (BMP's) monitoring was initiated on two Forest Service activities; permanent opening creation for the Wildlife program and prescribed fire used in the maintenance of permanent openings. The National BMP Program integrates water resources protection into management activities across the landscape. The program is intended to demonstrate compliance with the Clean Water Act, which is required by the EPA and administered by the states, through rules and regulations, including Vermont's AMPs for logging jobs, and Vermont water quality standards.

Again, thank you for your support of your National Forest. Together, we will continue to maintain and improve this valuable treasure for generations to come. Our offices are open Monday through Friday from

8:00 AM until 4:30 PM. You can also visit us at our website on-line: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmfl>. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenMountainFingerLakesNF/>

David Francomb District Ranger, South Half - Manchester Ranger District 802-362-2307	Christopher Mattrick District Ranger, North Half - Rochester & Middlebury Ranger Districts 802-767-4261
 <i>/s/ John A. Sinclair</i> <hr/> JOHN A. SINCLAIR Forest Supervisor Rutland -- Supervisor's Office 802-747-6700	

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Entire report is available at the Sunderland Town Clerk's Office

Martha Canfield Library Town Report for Year ending Dec. 31, 2017

It has been an exciting year the Martha Canfield Library. We added additional insulation to the building, upgraded to heat pumps for the Russell Collection for heat and air conditioning, and finished up our Efficiency Vermont Deep Energy Retrofit project by switching all our light bulbs to LED. And with the demise of our furnace, we upgraded to a high efficiency model.

With the assistance of our many lovely volunteers, we started a series of children's programs for kids on Wednesday afternoons for those kids who do not go to JISP. Children had an opportunity to observe animals in winter, watch a movie, make a book, create a painting, and learn basic photography techniques. And in collaboration with the Arlington Rec Park, families built fairy houses along the walking path, and we put up a storywalk, where families could walk along and stop periodically to read a page from a picture book. In the fall we started a Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award Book Club.

The Canfield Gallery had a face-lift, by adding a new hanging system for art works and a fresh coat of paint, thanks to volunteers. The Gallery then held a series of Art Talks by local artists in conjunction with the exhibits. And don't forget to watch for some special, exciting exhibits, coming in 2018.

Significant and interesting donations received by the Russell Vermontiana Collection in 2017 included memorabilia of the Yankee Doodlers, Drum, Bugle, and Baton Corp; a photograph and advertisement for the Kelley Stand Band; Tom Weakley's research and final article on the St. Albans Raid; 34 Sunderland town reports for the period 1914-1952; and memorabilia from Vermont writer Zephine Humphrey and her husband, artist Wallace Fahnestock. Additional material was donated and added to existing family collections, including the Cullinan family of Arlington and the Lawrence family of Sunderland. Research requests presented to the Russell Collection included local genealogy questions, house research from Black Hole Hollow to East Arlington, and several queries on local artists and writers, including Norman Rockwell and Dorothy Canfield Fisher. There was particular interest regarding Fisher and her role in the Vermont eugenics movement. The Russell Collection compiled a resource notebook for local residents who wanted more information. The only major exhibit was the annual display on the USS Bennington air craft carrier for Bennington Battle Day week.

Along with state parks passes, we added passes to several local museums. So, with all the programs for all ages, the quilt group, story-times for pre-schoolers, free computer use, help finding information, books, movies, games and puzzles to borrow for long winter nights (and hot summer days), or researching your family history, there's always something to do at the library. Or, with your free library card from home, you can go on our website and look up magazine and local newspaper articles, learn a new language, take an online course, check our catalog to see if we have the latest bestseller, and download an e-book or audiobook. We're always happy to answer your questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Skidmore, Director
Alyson Grzyb, President, Board of Trustees

Report to the Citizens of Sunderland

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to older adults who reside in Sunderland. The service period reported is from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017:

Senior Meals

SVCOA provided 260 home delivered meals in your community, through the Meals on Wheels program. In addition, 8 Sunderland older adults came together with others at a luncheon site located in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others. Through this site, 51 meals were served to older adults in your community.

Case Management Assistance

SVCOA case management staff helped 13 older adults in your community. A case manager works with an older adult, privately in the individual's home or at another agreed upon location. The case managers assess each person's specific situation in order to tailor a plan unique to that individual. Case managers will work with the older adult to identify their needs and discuss possible services available to address these areas. If the individual desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help older adults connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail older adults facing the possibility of long-term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support

SVCOA also provided a host of other services to support older adults in your community. These services included:

- 1) "Senior HelpLine" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to older adults and others, who need information about available programs and community resources;
- 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program (SHIP);
- 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project;
- 4) Information about elder issues via the "60Plus" column appearing in the Rutland Herald;
- 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician;
- 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound older adults;
- 7) Outreach services to older adults dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. SVCOA cooperates with Rutland County Mental Health to provide this service;
- 8) Transportation assistance; and,
- 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to older adults in need of assistance.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2016 Annual Report

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

2016 was an active and productive year for the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, marked by the growth of services established in 2015, an increase in attendance at workshops and trainings, and a focus on a myriad of critical legislative and administrative policies. Led by a fully engaged Board of Directors and implemented by a committed and dedicated staff, the events and services offered learning and networking opportunities and a chance to continue to assist local officials who work every day to make local government in Vermont better and more responsive to its citizens.

It continues to be very exciting to be a part of an organization that works with all 246 Vermont cities and towns that are members of VLCT, along with 137 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. It is inspiring to witness the dedication of local officials and employees to their residents and the long-term public service that is the culture of local government in Vermont.

VLCT Services

VLCT comprises several departments and points of contact available to local officials that offer programs and resources designed to further the goals of Vermont municipalities. The following services were provided to VLCT member cities and towns in 2016 to help them provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

Legal, consulting, and education services. VLCT's Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) provides training, information, and assistance to municipal officials to help them carry out their roles and responsibilities. In 2016, attorneys and staff responded to more than 4,000 inquiries from municipal officials about their statutory duties and about best practices in municipal governance. Over 1,000 municipal officials attended 13 day-long workshops on topics ranging from municipal budgeting to human resources and employment law. Additionally, MAC conducted 13 on-site trainings at municipal offices covering Open Meeting Law compliance and effective property tax appeal hearings, among other topics. Attorneys and staff provided 13 municipalities with legal review of ordinances and policies, finance advice, meeting facilitation, and other specialized consulting services. MAC staff helped five municipalities recruit town managers and senior staff. Many municipalities received technical assistance concerning water quality and stormwater management related to the passage of Vermont's Clean Water Act. Grant funding also supported floodplain management assistance and Town Health Officer training. Model ordinances and policies, technical papers, handbooks and past newsletter articles – more than 1,000 documents – are available on VLCT's website, www.vlct.org.

In addition, with PACIF and VERB collaboration, a new member program, established in 2015 to assist members with their human resource needs and inquiries and to deliver quality HR services in an innovative and cost-conscious manner, has been very successful. Activities have included 150 direct member contacts, the creation of documents, templates and policies, participation in meetings and trainings and updates to the HR material on the VLCT website.

Advocacy. VLCT staff advocated at the state and federal levels in support of Vermont municipalities and municipal services, including funding to support those services and mandates passed by the state and federal government. VLCT was a leader in 2016 in advocating to enhance local voter authority in governance decisions, in municipal efforts to clean up Vermont's lakes and rivers pursuant to the Clean Water Act, in addressing the siting of renewable energy facilities, and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs, the last of which totaled \$64.64 million in FY 2017.

Risk Management Services. VLCT's two member-owned risk sharing trusts are governed by separate boards of directors and are operated by the League's Risk Management Services Department (RMS). Together, these trusts offer a wide range of insurance products and related services that were established by and tailored to municipal needs and priced competitively to provide member groups with the best long-term value. In 2016, the trusts were responsible for \$25 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits Trust, Inc. (VERB) was created in 2015 through the merger of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust (founded in 1978) and the VLCT Health Trust (founded in 1982). In 2016, the Unemployment Insurance program's operations continued smoothly, and its fund remains financially strong. VERB continues to provide a wide range of group employee benefit programs and assistance with health benefit plan management.

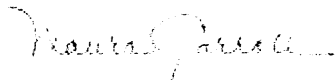
The VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF), established in 1986, provides broad coverage – including workers' compensation, property, automobile, crime, general liability, public officials' liability, employment practices liability, and much more – in one convenient package. PACIF also offers members an array of no-additional-fee risk management and best practices support. Operationally, PACIF continually seeks ways to provide useful services in a cost-effective manner. In 2016, in addition to its regular operations, PACIF:

- held a day-long 21st Century Policing Seminar in partnership with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP);
- continued workers' compensation cost control through partnerships with Best Doctors Occupational Health Institute, Express Scripts, and Procura;
- worked with our Employee Assistance Program vendor partner to provide a mental health best practices program for members with first responders;
- continued the Employment Practices Liability Referral Program for its third year; and
- returned \$700,000 to members in the form of contribution credits and equipment grants.

Conclusion

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns is an organization committed to its mission of serving and strengthening Vermont local governments. Due to the hard work and involvement of the Board of Directors, the professional talent, focus, and commitment to service of the VLCT staff and the many members who serve in local government, VLCT achieved its mission in 2016 in new and innovative ways. I extend my personal thanks to everyone involved in the organization's success. All of us at VLCT look forward to serving the members and the mission throughout 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



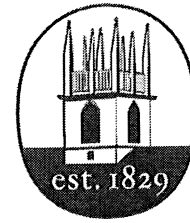
Maura Carroll, Executive Director

Approved by the VLCT Board of Directors, April 6, 2017

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors comprising municipal officials from across the state, elected by the membership. VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at www.vlct.org.

BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY

OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER



March 2018

Dear Sending Town Communities:

We are pleased to submit our tuition for the 2018-2019 school year. BBA continues to be a driver of economic and population growth for our region, and as our enrollment has grown, we are able to offer broader programming while keeping tuition increases to a minimum. Our tuition for the upcoming school year will be \$17,065, a 2.2% increase from its current level.

As we all know, we have faced various challenges in the political arena, most recently from the State Board of Education, which sought to implement rules that would have been detrimental to our role within our sending communities. Thanks in no small part to the tremendous showing of support from residents throughout BBA's sending towns, the proposed rules were rescinded and a study committee was formed to ensure that any changes protect the unique relationship of BBA and other independent schools serving our surrounding communities.

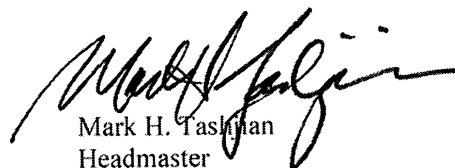
As a school, we continue to reflect on the rapidly changing nature of education in the 21st century. Our faculty is deeply engaged in addressing the question, "How great does/can learning get at BBA?" and we are thinking forward about the people, programs, facilities and technology that we need not only to serve our students today, but to constantly improve and adapt so our students are prepared to face the uncertainties and opportunities of the future. Through it all, our overarching objectives are to be a school that brings out the best in each and every student and to be a source of strength to all our sending towns.

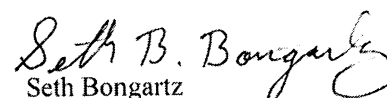
We recognize the long-term financial challenges faced throughout the state as our education system grapples with declining student enrollment, increasing education costs, and tax rates that many find challenging. The creation of the Taconic and Green Consolidated School District is a major step forward in ensuring access to a BBA education while creating opportunities to manage educational costs. In addition, we will continue to fundraise, draw funds from our endowment, and attract international students creating over \$3.5 million in additional revenue above and beyond town tuition. Thus, in a very meaningful way, you get much more than you pay for at BBA.

In presenting a modest tuition increase, we are working to maintain educational affordability while upholding the very high-quality standards that this community needs and deserves.

We thank you for your support and partnership.

Respectfully submitted,


Mark H. Tashman
Headmaster


Seth Bongartz
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Burr and Burton Academy Budget

	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018	Budget 2018-2019
OPERATING REVENUES AND GAINS			
Domestic tuition and fees	\$ 11,411,710	\$ 11,679,205	\$ 11,936,148
International tuition and fees	2,632,970	2,933,400	3,040,176
Food service	376,908	415,000	415,000
Contributions and grants	992,975	900,000	900,000
Endowment draw	805,267	759,590	760,000
Other	101,847	137,200	75,000
Total revenue	16,321,677	16,824,395	17,126,323
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and wages	8,589,994	8,939,352	9,254,017
Employee benefits	<u>3,134,754</u>	<u>3,256,645</u>	<u>3,375,838</u>
Total personnel	11,724,748	12,195,997	12,629,856
Advertising	21,635	23,250	25,000
Commissions, fees and subscriptions	352,000	326,085	350,000
Depreciation of buildings, technology equip and software, f&f, equipment & vehicles	1,337,296	1,391,736	1,379,783
Equipment and leases	127,607	145,857	150,000
Insurance	198,019	214,959	210,000
Interest	54,922	55,000	55,000
Professional development	94,191	127,985	100,000
Professional fees	143,999	61,200	100,000
Purchased services and service contracts	811,810	793,060	800,000
Repairs and maintenance	185,945	250,000	250,000
Room and board	205,325	249,400	265,000
Scholarships and awards	31,475	58,531	59,000
Supplies	776,975	821,330	800,000
Telephone and postage	78,687	82,317	80,000
Transportation and travel	362,400	492,973	475,000
Utilities	281,364	351,560	310,000
Total operating expenses	16,788,398	17,641,240	18,038,639
TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ <u>(466,721)</u>	\$ <u>(816,845)</u>	\$ <u>(912,315)</u>

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LONG TRAIL
SCHOOL

January 2018

Dear Residents of Sunderland,

We raise heroes. We expect our students to shape the arts, sciences and commerce of tomorrow, to build families and communities, and to make a difference. We here at Long Trail School, as students, faculty, staff, families and volunteers, look at ourselves not only as members of a school family but as stewards of the future.

For more than four decades, we have offered our students opportunities to self-challenge, learn and grow. Today we educate nearly 200 students from over 43 towns and 5 countries. Families seek us out for our unparalleled creative and intellectual challenges and embrace our respectful learning environment. A plurality of our students will be the first in the family to attend college.

As Vermont's first IB World School, we work to help all students embrace the world as learners who are:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

These qualities and skills will serve our students – and our communities - as they move beyond our campus. We strive every day to imbue students with a sense of purpose and place. In this regard, student organizations work with local agencies and faith groups to assist others. Fundraising for particular causes supplements volunteer hours to clean roadsides, spread holiday cheer and connect with town members. Our students team with community leaders to make a difference. They are becoming meaningful world citizens.

Thank you for caring about our students and school. We invite you to visit our campus. Please email Irene Goyette (igoyette@longtrailschool.org) to set up a convenient time for you. You are welcome to reach me directly at slinfield@longtrailschool.org or 802.867.5717.

Grateful for the commitment of tuition funding from area towns, we remain committed to the children of this region who benefit greatly from the compelling educational experiences we offer. Your investment in a Long Trail education is an investment in the future of our communities and in the children of our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Seth Linfield, Head of School

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