

TOWN OF WALDEN, VERMONT



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FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

MARCH 6, 2018
Walden School Multipurpose Room

The town meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.
Australian Ballot voting will take place 10:00 a.m – 7:00 p.m.

Please bring this report to Town Meeting

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Caledonia County Sheriff	748-6666
Constable (dog issues)	839-9316 Luke Persons
Fish and Wildlife - St. Johnsbury	751-0100
Health Officer	563-2513 Valerie Covell
State Police, St. Johnsbury	748-3111
Superintendent's Office	684-3801
Town Clerk's Office	563-2220 waldentc@pivot.net
Town Garage	563-2504
Walden School	563-3000
Library	563-2195
Representative Chip Troiano	533-7712 chiptroiano@gmail.com
Senator Joe Benning	626-3600 beaner77@myfairpoint.net
Senator Jane Kitchel	684-3482 jkitchel@leg.state.vt.us

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CONTACTS

Linda Fox	563-2321
Crime Stoppers	748-2222
Vermont State Police	748-3111

Town Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday 9:00-4:00, Thursday 9:00-5:00
Open Fridays by appointment

Select Board Meetings

Second & Fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 pm
Town Clerk's Office

Library Trustee Meetings

Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
Walden Community Library

Fire Department

First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
Firehouse

GREEN UP DAY – MAY 5, 2018

WALK IN RABIES SHOTS (\$15.00) IN MARCH

HARDWICK VETERINARY CLINIC
SATURDAY'S 8:30-10 472-8400

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**WARNING FOR WALDEN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TO BE HELD ON MARCH 6, 2018**

The legal voters of the Town of Walden, Vermont in the county of Caledonia are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Walden School in said Walden, Vermont on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to act upon the following business for the Town. Voting for Town Officers will be by Australian Ballot. The polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior to the meeting by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.sec.state.us.

Absentee Ballots for voting for the Town Officers may be requested by the voter or an authorized person. Absentee Ballots will be available until 4:00 PM on Monday, March 5, 2018.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town to govern said meeting and for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following Town Officers by Australian Ballot: Town Clerk – 1 year term; Treasurer – 1 year term; Selectboard – 3 year term; Selectboard – 2 year term; Lister – 3 year term; Auditor – 3 year term; Auditor – 1 year term; Constable – 1 year term; Tax Collector – 1 year term; Town Agent – 1 year term; Grand Juror – 1 year term; Library Trustee – 5 year term; Cemetery Commissioner – 5 year term; Cemetery Commissioner – 1 year term.

ARTICLE 3: To see what action the Town will take in regard to the printed report of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to have property taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 8, 2018. Postmarks not accepted.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will approve total highway fund expenditures of \$500,308.00, of which \$365,543.01 shall be raised by taxes and \$134,764.99 by non-tax revenues, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. 17 V.S.A. 2664 (page 16-18)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will appropriate funds to the following organizations, in the amounts listed below. *(Amounts appropriated in FY 2018 are listed for reference) (page 41-43)*

	FY 2018	FY 2019
A.W.A.R.E.	\$1,000	\$1,000
Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	\$325	\$325
Danville Rescue Squad, Inc.	\$6,881	\$6,881
Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium	\$780	\$780
Green Up Vermont	\$50	\$50
Hardwick Area Community Justice Center	\$300	\$300
Hardwick Area Food Pantry	\$200	\$200
Hardwick Emergency Rescue Squad, Inc.	\$1,358	\$1,133
Joes Pond Aquatic Nuisance Control Project	\$500	\$500
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	\$982	\$982
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	\$200	\$200
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	\$100	\$100
Northeastern Vermont Agency on Aging	\$300	\$300
Northeastern Vermont Development Association	\$701	\$701
Rural Community Transportation (RCT)	\$500	\$500
Umbrella, Inc.	\$250	\$250
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts	\$100	\$100
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$145	\$145
West Danville Community Club	\$500	\$500
TOTAL	\$15,172	\$14,947

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will approve total general fund expenditures of \$360,596.00, of which \$218,147.56 shall be raised by taxes and \$142,448.44 by non-tax revenues, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. *(page 11-15)*

ARTICLE 8: To see if the municipality will adopt Australian ballot voting for the Highway and General budgets.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other proper business.

Dated at Walden, Vermont this 24th day of January, 2018.

Selectboard: Jon Augeri
Randolph Wilson

Town Clerk: Lina Smith

TOWN OFFICERS

	Elected	Term Expires
Moderator	Roger Fox	2018
Clerk/Treasurer	Lina Smith	2018
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	Diane Banister (appointed)	2018
Assistant Clerk	Dia Michaud (appointed)	2018
Selectboard	Jon Augeri	2019
	Jeffrey Pierpont (resigned)	2018
	Richard Degreenia (resigned)	2020
	Randolph Wilson (appointed)	2018
Listers	Diane Banister	2018
	Annette Foster	2019
	Dia Michaud	2020
Auditors	Wilhelm Woelfle (appointed)	2018
	Larry Hubner (resigned)	2019
	Judy Clifford	2020
First Constable	Luke Persons	2018
Delinquent Tax Collector	Lina Smith	2018
Library Trustees	Marie Batchelder	2018
	Anne Smith	2019
	Patricia Frain	2020
	Elizabeth Larrabee	2021
	Martha Bissell	2022
Cemetery Commissioners	Terri Persons	2018
	Vacant	2019
	Jamie Dailey	2020
	Lorraine Montgomery	2021
	Judith Clifford	2022
Justices of the Peace	Diane Cochran	Jan 31, 2019
	Michael Coffey	Jan 31, 2019
	Annette Foster	Jan 31, 2019
	Roger Fox	Jan 31, 2019
	Annie Galliard	Jan 31, 2019
Town Agent/Grand Juror	Elizabeth Wilkel	2018

Appointed By Selectboard

Forest Fire Warden	Robert Hatch	563-3022
Health Officer	Val Covell	563-2513
Pound Keeper	Cheryl McQueeney	563-2912
E911/Emergency Management Coordinator	Marvin (Butch) Greaves, Jr.	563-2332
Inspector of Lumber	Ralph Bissell	
Weigher of Coal	James Teuscher	
Representative to CVSWD	Vacant	
Tree Warden	David McMath	
Green Up Coordinator	Richard Degreenia	

SELECTBOARD REPORT

The Board regretfully accepted two resignations in 2017, the first being Jeff Pierpont and the second Richard Degreenia. We would like to thank them both for their service to the Town of Walden. Randolph Wilson was appointed to fill one vacancy.

In early 2017 the Board decided to reduce the road crew from three members down to two. The road crew adjusted to working as a two member team while the Board searched for a candidate to replace the third member. The new arrangement has gone very well and is a large cost savings to the Town. In the summer, a third driver was needed for several projects and the town used per-diem help from Earl Shatney who is paid hourly with no benefits. This included work on Rock Road, a Better Roads Grant project that improved drainage, cleared brush, and improved the crown. A 3 ft. culvert that had failed was replaced with a 5' steel culvert. Louis Patoine has been hired on a contractual basis to assist plowing smaller roads during heavy storms.

Further cost savings were found when the Board decided to refurbish the town loader and replace the body on the smaller town truck. The loader repairs included new pins, bushings and hydraulic work. The town should see a longer life of the machine and possibly higher trade in value when the time comes for replacement. A stainless steel body was purchased for the smaller town truck. This truck hauls salt most of the time and the original steel body was failing. The truck sees less use with a two member crew and the life of the truck is expected to be longer than first anticipated.

The Harrington Hill Bridge project is complete. The road crew is on schedule to complete upgrading 0.6 miles of the road over the next 2 years to class 3 status. This bridge was identified as the largest hydrological issue in town. The new bridge is slated to withstand major flooding and mitigate potential wildlife issues. The largest identified hydrological issue in town now is a culvert on the Cabot Road. The culvert itself is currently in good shape, but is undersized for major flooding and does not allow for natural fish and wildlife migration. The Caledonia Conservation District is working with federal fish and wildlife officials and other agencies on funding a suitable replacement.

The Town will be required to apply for a Vermont Municipal General Roads Permit due to State legislation passed in 2015. The permit is part of the State's effort to mitigate phosphorus run-off to major waterways. Road run-off can contain large amounts of sediment which binds with phosphorus in waterways and contributes to declining water quality. All road segments in close proximity to any waterway will be subject to standards surrounding ditching, berms, and road crown. Stone lining some ditch segments will be required. An official evaluation of Walden's roads took place last fall and identified trouble spots in need of attention. Grants are expected to ease direct taxpayer burden, and grant work has been completed on Cobb Road, Maple Lane, and Keene Road. In the short term the town will focus on steeper grades as the timeframe for meeting standards is shorter on these segments. The board and road crew are working with the Caledonia Conservation District, Northern Vermont Development Association, Vtrans, and the Department of Environmental Conservation on these projects.

The Board has been working on the proposed fiscal year 2019 budget for several months and is pleased that a decrease in Walden's tax rate of \$21 per \$100,000 of assessed value is expected. The proposed budget includes anticipated road projects including work on Davidson Drive and paving Route 215. Davidson Drive is in need of improved drainage work to reduce run-off and

SELECTBOARD REPORT (continued)

help with spring mud. It was decided that paving of Route 215 in fiscal year 2019 is in the best interest of the town. No major purchases are scheduled and the fire truck loan will be paid off. The board plans to move \$30,000 of the \$65,648.20 surplus from the 6 month 2017 budget to the capital improvement fund and the rest of the surplus has been used to reduce taxes. Winter sand was discussed at length and it was decided to include a line item for purchasing half of the needed sand for 2019. After 17 years, the Town sand pit surrounding the garage is nearing the end of its supply. In the coming years purchasing all needed winter sand requires consideration. Increased law enforcement coverage was also discussed and included in the proposed budget. Services have been provided by the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department to reduce speeding and crime.

Efforts by the Select Board to follow best municipal practices led to the adoption of several policies. A Fraud Prevention policy was adopted at the recommendation of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns as well as the accounting firm that performed the Town's official audit. This policy is intended to protect the Town from fraudulent activity by employees and others paid by the Town. A Conflict of Interest policy was also adopted under the same recommendations that defines conflicts that the Town will not tolerate. A Highway Department Winter Operations policy was adopted that explains the plowing process and what travelers can expect. All policies are available at the Town Office.

The board receives information from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns on a regular basis concerning all aspects of best municipal practices. After reviewing information concerning salary averages from surrounding towns it became evident that employees averaged nearly 6% less than comparable towns. The board decided to raise salaries to meet averages and an additional 5% salary increase is included in the proposed budget. The board also receives an annual insurance inspection from VLCT which assists in managing a safe working environment for employees and volunteers as well as reducing town liabilities. The town is continually working on these recommendations.

The Town of Walden is in need of a representative to serve on the Central Vermont Solid Waste District Board. The District is involved with recycling a wide variety of waste, household hazardous waste, and programs such as composting and education in local schools. Most services are free to member Towns.

The board has included Article 8; To see if the municipality will adopt Australian Ballot for voting the Highway and General budgets. We chose to do this because of the low voter participation at town meeting.

The Walden Select Board meets twice per month, currently the first and third Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and welcomes public comment. All are invited to attend. Time is scheduled at the beginning of each meeting for public comment.

WALDEN SELECTBOARD:

Jonathan Augeri
Randolph Wilson

TOWN OF WALDEN
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WINTER OPERATIONS POLICY

1. Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic and school bus routes first. After these are open and cleared, the remainder of the roads will be plowed at the discretion of the Highway Foreman, taking into account traffic volume, steepness and curves.
2. The Town of Walden has two full time and one call in contractor to do winter maintenance on approximately 49 miles of town highways. Each employee has a specific route that takes approximately 4-5 hours to complete. Generally these routes will vary only for emergency situations such as fire and ambulance calls.
3. The Town will enforce NO Parking at all times on the travelled portion of all highways within the town's right-of-way, town parking lots and in school bus and plow truck turnarounds. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
4. The town does not plow any private roads or Class 4 Highways.
5. The town crew usually starts their day at 3:30 AM during a snow storm in order to have major traffic and bus routes open and clear by 7 AM. In most cases there will be no winter maintenance between the hours of 8:00 PM and 3:30 AM in order for town personnel to get required rest.
6. The Town of Walden does not have a bare roads policy. Travelers who use town roads should exercise due care and reasonable caution during changing weather conditions. Plan for your own safe travel including maintaining your vehicle with proper snow tires.
7. Salt will be applied to paved roads as necessary.
8. Sand will be applied on all gravel roads as necessary. Sand may contain particles as large as 9/16 inches in size and may cause windshield damage. Travelers should maintain a safe driving distance when following other vehicles or town trucks. The town will not pay for any vehicle repair such as replacement of windshields.
9. Objects in the town's right-of-way are placed at the owner's risk and the town assumes no responsibility for any damage to objects placed in violation of the state's statutes. Common items are trees, fences, flowers, stone walls, and mailboxes. The town is not responsible for damage to mailboxes.
10. State law (23 V.S.A. section 1126a) prohibits plowing snow or shoveling snow from a private road or drive across or onto town or state highways. Violators may be subject to a fine or penalty.

Adopted by Walden Selectboard on January 10, 2018 and is effective immediately.

Jonathon Augeri
Randolph Wilson

TREASURER'S REPORT

The town has finished its transition from a calendar year to July 1-June 30 fiscal year. The following reports include the January 1-June 30, 2017 transition (6 months), FY 2018 proposed, 7 months of 2018 actuals to date and the FY 2019 proposed.

The fiscal year change has been a bit confusing but there will be advantages going forward. The one advantage I am most thankful for is the extra time it has given me to prepare the town report. In the past, the town report could not be assembled until the auditors had done their job in January. Meeting the deadline for town report printing at the end of January was sometimes difficult. This year, the auditors were able to meet after the year end in June giving them more time to get their job done as well.

Another advantage is that we are now voting at town meeting on a budget year that begins July 1 instead of operating 2 months into a budget that has not yet been approved. For budgeting purposes it is also beneficial to be operating on the same fiscal year as the State of Vermont and the school.

HOMESTEAD DECLARATIONS: We would encourage you to file your homestead declaration before April 17. Note that you don't have to file your taxes to file your homestead declaration. It can be done online at the Vermont Department of Taxes. **Filing on time makes sure you don't receive a penalty.**

Historically, the tax due date in Walden has always been the last Friday in October. In Article 4 of the warning, we are proposing the date be changed to Thursday, November 8, 2018. The timeline for state payments to be downloaded to the town is now November 1, therefore in some cases, they were not received before taxes were due.

Town finances are reported using Fund Accounting to separate various monies. This is because there are various restrictions on different types of funds. The following is a brief summary of the function of each fund.

GENERAL FUND is the general operating fund of the Town.

HIGHWAY FUND is the operating fund specifically for Highway Maintenance. State law dictates that taxes raised for the maintenance of highways must be used only for that purpose.

RESERVE FUNDS are designated for specific purposes. The Town has a reserve Highway Equipment and Major Repair Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, Sale of Town Garage Fund and a reserve Reappraisal Fund. Once voters have approved monies to be designated to the fund the Selectboard has authorization to spend it for those purposes.

TRUST FUND: The Cemetery Perpetual Funds are a trust fund and the principal is not to be spent. The interest earned on this fund is used for the maintenance of the cemeteries

Respectfully submitted,

Lina Smith, Clerk/Treasurer

GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

	2017 Proposed (6 mo)	2017 Actuals (6 mo)	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals (7 mos)	FY 2019 Proposed
2015 Surplus or (Deficit)	76,793.19	76,793.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
2016 Surplus or (Deficit)	0.00	0.00	(36,457.01)	(36,457.01)	0.00
2017 Surplus or (Deficit) 6 mo	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	65,648.44
HRA Balance	0.00	1,799.04	250.22	250.22	0.00
Property Tax Revenue					
Municipal Property Taxes	0.00	0.00	305,639.79	147,302.89	218,147.56
Prepaid Taxes	0.00	10,562.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Delinquent Taxes	40,000.00	64,952.67	0.00	73,537.25	0.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	4,000.00	6,299.95	9,000.00	4,179.08	9,000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalty	3,500.00	5,217.75	9,000.00	5,900.70	9,000.00
Reconciliation from State	0.00	25,647.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Property Tax Revenue	47,500.00	112,679.73	323,639.79	230,919.92	236,147.56
Other Income					
FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,927.22	0.00
Fines	0.00	146.50	0.00	396.00	0.00
Green Up Income	600.00	511.00	800.00	0.00	800.00
Hazard Mitigation Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,518.54	0.00
Hold Harmless	0.00	0.00	26,000.00	22,358.71	26,000.00
Interest	20.00	138.46	300.00	366.54	200.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	162.66	200.00	0.00	0.00
Parcel Payment from State	0.00	6,983.00	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
Tax Penalties	0.00	0.00	500.00	688.15	500.00
Town Clerk Fees	3,000.00	7,375.00	10,000.00	5,124.53	10,000.00
School Reimb for Town Report	0.00	391.20	800.00	0.00	0.00
Steam Mill Brook (PILOT)	0.00	0.00	14,300.00	21,576.88	14,300.00
Transfer from Reappraisal Fund	5,205.00	110.43	6,550.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Cemetery Fund	1,850.00	1,923.06	0.00	2,047.00	0.00
Transfer from Library Fund	0.00	387.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Recreation Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.73	0.00
Total Other Income	10,675.00	18,128.85	66,450.00	72,049.30	58,800.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	134,968.19	209,400.81	353,883.00	266,762.43	360,596.00

GENERAL FUND (continued)

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

	2017 Proposed (6 mo)	2017 Actuals (6 mo)	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals (7 mos)	FY 2019 Proposed
Salaries & Benefits					
Town Clerk & Treasurer	19,900.00	20,653.96	40,994.00	23,182.03	44,000.00
Asst Clerk/Treasurer	4,250.00	5,060.75	10,815.00	6,299.19	11,000.00
Assistant Clerk	100.00	273.00	500.00	210.00	500.00
Auditor	600.00	532.00	600.00	336.00	600.00
Board of Civil Authority	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	480.00	1,000.00
Constable	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	3,500.00	5,163.64	9,000.00	5,954.78	9,000.00
E911 Coord/Emergency Mngmt	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Fire Chief Stipend	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Forest Fire Warden	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Health Officer	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Selectboard Stipend	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
HRA Employer Contribution	500.00	88.25	1,500.00	262.32	1,500.00
Dental Insurance	450.00	451.57	790.00	461.89	559.00
Health Insurance	8,871.00	7,952.70	16,064.00	9,529.67	11,900.00
Mileage	150.00	188.87	300.00	185.25	300.00
Life Insurance	135.00	128.58	270.00	171.44	270.00
Pension	1,143.00	1,032.63	2,286.00	1,165.36	2,450.00
Training	200.00	110.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Social Security/Medicare	2,425.00	2,831.50	5,270.00	2,875.25	5,400.00
VT Unemployment Insurance	120.00	121.00	140.00	166.02	145.00
Workman's Comp	277.00	303.75	405.00	-175.83	523.00
Total Salaries & Benefits	48,621.00	50,892.20	96,234.00	51,603.37	95,447.00
Town Clerk Office Operations					
Ads & Notices	150.00	543.12	300.00	-108.25	300.00
Dues and Subscriptions	2,500.00	3,341.53	6,100.00	1,523.95	6,100.00
Electricity	600.00	788.39	1,300.00	603.84	1,300.00
Heating Fuel	1,000.00	1,027.92	3,000.00	1,792.47	3,000.00
Office Equipment - New & Repair	250.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	2,500.00

GENERAL FUND (continued)

	2017 Proposed (6 mo)	2017 Actuals (6 mo)	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals (7 mos)	FY 2019 Proposed
Town Clerk Office Operations continued.....					
Office Supplies	2,200.00	2,317.06	4,500.00	2,145.46	4,500.00
T.C./Firehouse Repairs	500.00	565.00	1,000.00	402.25	1,000.00
Telephone Expense	750.00	1,010.58	1,500.00	1,032.76	1,500.00
Town Report Printing	1,000.00	1,859.03	1,000.00	0.00	800.00
Total Town Clerk Office Operations	8,950.00	11,452.63	19,200.00	7,392.48	21,000.00
General Expenses					
Animal Control	150.00	0.00	300.00	100.00	300.00
County Taxes	0.00	0.00	11,569.00	11,352.00	11,340.00
Forest Fire Warden Supplies	200.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	500.00
Generator Maintenance	1,200.00	77.31	1,200.00	950.49	1,200.00
Grader Payment	0.00	0.00	41,141.00	41,140.83	41,141.00
Green Up	1,500.00	1,637.62	1,500.00	0.00	2,000.00
Hazard Mitigation Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	6,000.00	6,321.00	9,698.00	3,737.25	7,100.00
Loan for 2017 6 month budget	0.00	0.00	20,802.00	20,802.17	20,802.00
Interest Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Law Enforcement	500.00	420.00	3,000.00	2,580.00	5,000.00
Professional Fees	500.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Total General Expenses	10,050.00	8,455.93	90,010.00	80,662.74	89,883.00
Cemetery Commission (see page 38-39)					
Cemetery Care	1,850.00	1,850.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Cemetery Labor	0.00	1,781.00	0.00	2,047.50	0.00
Social Security/Medicare	0.00	136.24	0.00	44.94	0.00
Supplies	0.00	5.82	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cemetery Commission	1,850.00	3,773.06	9,000.00	11,092.44	9,000.00
Library (see page 35-37)					
Wages	0.00	360.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
Social Security/Medicare	0.00	27.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operations	3,500.00	3,500.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Total Library	3,500.00	3,887.54	7,000.00	7,300.00	7,000.00

GENERAL FUND (continued)

	2017 Proposed (6 mo)	2017 Actuals (6 mo)	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals (7 mos)	FY 2019 Proposed
Listers Office					
Lister Wages	2,000.00	1,426.92	2,500.00	502.11	2,500.00
Lister Social Security/Medicare	30.00	109.16	200.00	0.00	200.00
Lister Supplies	150.00	2,896.00	2,400.00	342.75	2,400.00
Lister consultant/Contract Services	3,000.00	3,800.00	8,400.00	4,000.00	8,800.00
Lister Travel Reimbursement	25.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Total Listers Office	5,205.00	8,232.08	13,550.00	4,844.86	13,950.00
Fire Department (see page 31)					
Fire Department Operations	20,000.00	20,102.74	50,000.00	7,468.03	55,000.00
Fire House Loan	0.00	0.00	7,448.00	7,448.18	7,448.00
Fire Truck Loan	0.00	0.00	32,671.00	32,671.47	32,671.00
Insurance	962.00	952.50	1,300.00	592.00	1,200.00
Tanker Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Truck Fund	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Workman's comp	800.00	973.50	1,298.00	1,027.75	1,400.00
Total Fire Department	21,762.00	22,028.74	98,717.00	55,207.43	103,719.00
Approp. To Reserve Accounts					
Reappraisal Fund	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total Approp. To Reserve Accounts	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Recreation Committee (see page 33-34)	500.00	500.00	2,500.00	2,448.05	3,150.00
Appropriations					
AWARE	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Caledonia Home Health	0.00	0.00	325.00	325.00	325.00
Danville Rescue	0.00	0.00	6,881.00	6,881.60	6,881.00
Fairbanks Museum	0.00	0.00	780.00	780.00	780.00
Green Up Vermont	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Hardwick Area Community Justice	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Hardwick Area Food Pantry	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Hardwick Emergency Rescue	0.00	0.00	1,358.00	1,358.46	1,133.00
Joe's Pond Association	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00

GENERAL FUND (continued)

	2017	2017	FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2019
	Proposed (6 mo)	Actuals (6 mo)	Proposed	Actuals (7 mos)	Proposed
Appropriations continued					
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Serv.	0.00	0.00	982.00	982.00	982.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Serv	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Northeast Kingdom Youth Service	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Northeast Vermont Devel. Assoc.	0.00	0.00	701.00	701.00	701.00
Rural Community Transporation	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Umbrella	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
VT Assoc. of Conservation Districts	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
VT Ctr for Independent Living	0.00	0.00	145.00	145.00	145.00
West Danville Community Club	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Total Appropriations	0.00	0.00	15,172.00	15,173.06	14,947.00
 TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	 100,438.00	 109,222.18	 353,883.00	 238,224.43	 360,596.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	134,968.19	209,400.81	353,883.00	266,762.43	360,596.00
TRANSFER TO HIGHWAY FUND	34,530.19	34,530.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
Surplus or (Deficit)	0.00	65,648.44	0.00	28,538.00	0.00

HIGHWAY FUND

HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE

	2017 Proposed (6 mo)	2017 Actuals (6 mo)	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals (7 mos)	FY 2019 Proposed
2015 Surplus or (Deficit)	5,627.72	5,627.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
2016 Surplus or (Deficit)	0.00	0.00	52,338.45	52,338.45	0.00
2017 Surplus or (Deficit) 6 month	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3,235.01)
Highway Property Taxes	0.00	0.00	298,627.81	298,627.81	365,543.01
Loan	100,006.53	100,206.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pacif Equipment grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	547.50	0.00
Hold Harmless (current use)	0.00	0.00	26,000.00	29,638.29	29,600.00
State Highway Aid - Class 3	18,949.56	24,935.88	49,800.00	38,218.73	50,900.00
State Highway Aid - Class 2	25,000.00	18,760.02	37,500.00	28,088.40	37,500.00
Structures Grant (Noyestar Culvert)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Structures Grant (Harrington Hill)	0.00	0.00	0.00	161,082.00	0.00
Better Back Roads Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Misc. (Scrap Metal)	0.00	0.00	0.00	224.40	0.00
School Plowing	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from General Fund	34,530.19	34,530.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE	184,114.00	184,059.81	466,516.26	628,765.58	500,308.00

HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits

Labor - Highway	59,000.00	46,352.07	118,000.00	61,354.85	105,668.00
Dental Insurance	1,604.00	1,596.56	3,208.00	1,633.04	2,650.00
HRA Employer Contribution	2,250.00	1,260.43	4,500.00	91.88	3,000.00
Health Insurance	28,000.00	23,157.60	55,078.26	27,749.60	50,500.00
Life Insurance	360.00	257.94	720.00	343.92	550.00
Mileage	200.00	169.18	400.00	178.27	400.00
Pension	2,655.00	1,854.09	5,310.00	2,102.16	4,800.00
Training	45.00	30.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Social Security/Medicare	4,500.00	3,545.94	9,100.00	4,693.64	8,000.00
Uniforms	2,100.00	1,642.22	4,300.00	1,568.20	3,000.00
VT Unemployment	500.00	363.00	600.00	355.98	600.00
Workman's Comp	5,000.00	7,279.50	9,300.00	4,862.08	9,000.00
Total Salaries & Benefits	106,214.00	87,508.53	210,716.26	104,933.62	188,368.00

HIGHWAY FUND (continued)

	2017 Proposed (6 mo)	2017 Actuals (6 mo)	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals (7 mos)	FY 2019 Proposed
Town Garage					
Electricity	900.00	1,261.70	1,700.00	988.85	1,700.00
Garage Maintenance	1,000.00	645.01	10,500.00	6,044.53	5,000.00
Heating Fuel - Propane	2,200.00	3,092.10	3,000.00	2,758.45	3,000.00
Insurance	4,000.00	4,013.25	5,500.00	2,484.50	5,500.00
Telephone	300.00	350.71	600.00	350.34	600.00
Total Town Garage	8,400.00	9,362.77	21,300.00	12,626.67	15,800.00
 Highway Maintenance					
Asphalt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bridge Materials	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Brushing/Chipping	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Chloride	4,500.00	3,147.12	20,000.00	14,657.50	20,000.00
Contracted Labor	0.00	2,705.00	0.00	450.00	2,500.00
Culverts	2,000.00	1,874.80	4,000.00	3,929.26	4,000.00
Diesel	9,000.00	18,676.17	35,000.00	14,859.40	35,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	23,000.00	24,280.76	40,000.00	16,557.90	40,000.00
Equipment Rental	1,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	3,300.00	4,000.00
Gravel (merged with Crushed Stone)	20,000.00	19,729.50	45,000.00	23,435.00	50,000.00
Guard rails	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Ice Control	9,000.00	13,510.17	15,000.00	7,595.27	15,000.00
Mowing	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	5,800.00	5,000.00
MRGP permit fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,640.00
Mulching Hay & Seed	0.00	500.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Sand/Screening	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	2,570.00	1,500.00
Signs	1,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	250.20	2,000.00
Winter Sand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Total General Highway Maintenance	69,500.00	84,423.52	175,500.00	93,404.53	201,140.00

HIGHWAY FUND (continued)

	2017 Proposed (6 mo)	2017 Actuals (6 mo)	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 2018 Actuals (7 mos)	FY 2019 Proposed
Construction Projects					
Better Roads Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,785.20	20,000.00
Harrington Hill Bridge	0.00	6,000.00	14,000.00	172,980.00	0.00
Municipal Grants-In-Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,607.16	0.00
Noyestar Road Culvert Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Construction Projects	0.00	6,000.00	14,000.00	193,372.36	20,000.00
Approp. to Reserve Accounts					
Capital Improvement Fund	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	35,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Total Approp to Reserve Accounts	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	75,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES	184,114.00	187,294.82	466,516.26	449,337.18	500,308.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE	184,114.00	184,059.81	466,516.26	628,765.58	500,308.00
Surplus or (Deficit)	0.00	(3,235.01)	0.00	179,428.40	0.00

AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Title 24, Section 1681 of the Vermont Statutes, we have examined the records as presented to us by the town officers for the fiscal year January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

To the best of our knowledge the financial statements represent the financial position of the Town of Walden as of June 30, 2017.

Judy Clifford
Larry Hubner
Wilhelm Woelfle

TOWN OF WALDEN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES June 30, 2017

Assets

Delinquent Tax Due	\$ 70,727.87
Town Real Estate	\$ 640,600.00
Town Equipment	\$ 722,112.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 10,014.92
Town Clerk's Account	\$ 285.02
Sale of Town Garage Funds	\$ 30,004.93
General Fund Balance	\$ 65,648.44
Highway Fund Balance	\$ (3,235.01)
Highway Equipment Fund	\$ 29,198.10
Neighborhood Watch Fund	\$ 485.91
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 7,005.16
Emergency Services Checking Acct	\$ 3,371.85
Emergency Services Truck Fund	\$ 12,903.17
Emergency Services Trucks & Inventory	\$ 762,227.00
Recreation Committee Fund	\$ 45.73
Cemetery Commission Accounts	\$ 29,475.99
Community Library Funds	\$ 12,282.61
Total Assets	\$2,393,153.69

Liabilities

Loan for 6 month transition	\$ 104,010.85	(paid in 2021)
Fire House Loan	\$ 29,792.72	(paid in 2020)
Fire Truck Loan	\$ 98,014.41	(paid in 2019)
Grader Loan	\$ 205,704.15	(paid in 2021)
Total Liabilities	\$ 437,522.13	
Net Worth of the Town	\$1,955,631.56	

TOWN REAL ESTATE AND TOWN EQUIPMENT

TOWN REAL ESTATE (2017 Grand List Values)

Picnic Ground - Coles Pond	\$	114,500.00
Town Forest - South Walden	\$	20,200.00
Emergency Services and Town Office Building	\$	189,500.00
Emergency Services and Town Office Building Lot	\$	28,700.00
Recreation Field	\$	16,100.00
Sand Pit	\$	50,000.00
Town Garage	\$	221,600.00
Total	\$	640,600.00

TOWN EQUIPMENT

Office Equipment	\$	15,000.00
2016 John Deere Grader	\$	260,000.00
2013 International Truck with wing	\$	100,000.00
2003 John Deere Loader	\$	60,000.00
2016 International Truck with wing and sander	\$	150,862.00
2010 Freightliner with wing, plow and side dump body	\$	100,000.00
Rock Rake	\$	1,200.00
Small Tools	\$	15,000.00
Two-Way Radios (8)	\$	7,000.00
Pressure Washer	\$	1,000.00
Culvert Thawer	\$	6,500.00
10 Ton Trailer	\$	2,000.00
Lawn Tractor and Trailer	\$	1,500.00
Cemetery Trailer	\$	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Cemetery Equipment	\$	550.00
Total	\$	722,112.00

TOWN SALARIES JANUARY 1-JUNE 30, 2017

Auditor	Nicholas Beaudoin	266.00
	Judith Clifford	266.00
Cemetery	Roy Hopkins	1,781.00
Clerk/Treasurer	Lina Smith	20,653.96
Clerk/Treasurer Assistant	Diane Banister	5,060.75
Clerk Assistant	Dia Michaud	273.00
Constable	Lucas Persons	500.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	Lina Smith	5,163.64
E911/Emergency Management	Marvin Greaves Jr.	1,000.00
Fire Chief	Paul Greaves	1,000.00
Lister	Diane Banister	957.92
	Dia Michaud	259.00
	Annette Foster	210.00
Library	Martha Bissell	360.00
Road Foreman	Robert Bell	27,075.15
Road Crew	Scott Palmer	19,276.92
Selectboard	Jonathan Augeri	1,000.00
	Jeffrey Pierpont	1,000.00
	Richard Degreenia	1,000.00
	Total	87,103.34

2017/18 TAX RATE

Residential Tax Rate		Non-Residential Tax Rate	
Municipal	\$0.6527	Municipal	\$0.6527
Local Veteran Exempt	\$0.0052	Local Veteran Exempt	\$0.0052
Homestead Education	\$1.3441	Non-Residential Education	\$1.5593
Total	\$2.0020	Total	\$2.2172

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Real Estate	101,129,300
Veterans Exemptions	-360,000
Land Use	-8,089,400
 Net Grand List	 926,799 (1% of Net Real Estate)

	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Residential Rate</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Taxes Raised</u>
Town				
Municipal	926,799.00	0.6527	0.6527	604,921.79
 School				
Non-Residential	442,092.14		1.5593	689,354.27
Homestead Education	484,706.86	1.3441		651,494.54
Local Veteran Exempt	926,799.00	0.0052	0.0052	4,819.42
Total School		1.3493	1.5645	1,950,590.02
 Penalties Billed				275.57
 Grand Total				1,950,865.59

STATE OF VERMONT PAYMENTS:

Steam Mill Brook (PILOT)	21,576.88
Hold Harmless (Current Use)	51,997.00
Total in Lieu of Taxes	73,573.88

ACREAGE:

Steam Mill Brook	5,855.21
729 Taxable Parcels	17,863.22
24 Non Taxable Parcels	64.00
Total Acres	23,782.43

Note: The town borrowed money for the Jan 1, 2017–June 30, 2017 6 month transition budget.
No taxes were billed.

GRAND LIST AND TAX RATE COMPARISON

Year	Grand List	Municipal	Veterans	Education Tax		Total Tax Rate	
				Homestead	Non Residential	Homestead	Non Residential
2008	848,106	0.5148		1.1041	1.3432	1.6189	1.8580
2009	851,312	0.6017	0.0028	1.1153	1.4190	1.7198	2.0235
2010	857,386	0.5648	0.0029	1.1891	1.4957	1.7568	2.0634
2011	864,215	0.5030	0.0029	1.2013	1.6158	1.7072	2.1217
2012	858,729	0.5830	0.0025	1.4296	1.6699	2.0151	2.2554
2013	864,914	0.5584	0.0034	1.5503	1.7049	2.4487	2.6033
2014	908,684	0.6275	0.0040	1.5029	1.6727	2.1344	2.3042
2015	914,395	0.6577	0.0033	1.2584	1.5668	1.9194	2.2278
2016	920,365	0.6293	0.0023	1.3397	1.5854	1.9713	2.2170
FY2018	101,129,300	0.6527	0.0052	1.3441	1.5593	2.0020	2.2172



HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Income	2017(6 mo)	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 29,176.15	\$ 29,198.10	\$ 44,238.10	\$ 84,278.10	\$ (25,681.90)	\$ 14,358.10	\$ 54,398.10	\$ (55,561.90)	\$ (15,521.90)
Appropriation From Town	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Grader Loan									
Miscellaneous									
Interest/misc.	\$ 21.95	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Total Income	\$ 29,198.10	\$ 69,238.10	\$ 84,278.10	\$ 124,318.10	\$ 14,358.10	\$ 54,398.10	\$ 94,438.10	\$ (15,521.90)	\$ 24,518.10

Expenses	2017 (6 mo)	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
2016 International									
2013 International							\$ 150,000.00		
2010 Freightliner				\$ 150,000.00					
Loader - 2002		\$ 25,000.00							
Grader 2016									
Fire Truck									
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Balance	\$ 29,198.10	\$ 44,238.10	\$ 84,278.10	\$ (25,681.90)	\$ 14,358.10	\$ 54,398.10	\$ (55,561.90)	\$ (15,521.90)	\$ 24,518.10

The equipment fund is designed to lessen the impact of equipment purchases and repairs and will not cover the entire replacement cost
Town trucks are traded every 10 years and Fire trucks every 20 years, smaller trucks every 6 years (i.e. 2013 International)

RESERVE FUNDS

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 01/01/2017		\$ 29,176.15
Income		
Interest	\$ 21.95	
Balance 6/30/2017		\$ 29,198.10

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Union Bank @ .150% matures 11/19/2017 earned 7.40 in interest	\$ 10,014.92
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SALE OF TOWN GARAGE FUND

Balance 1/1/2017	\$ 30,000.00
Interest	\$4.93
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	
Passumpsic Bank @ .40% matures 6/16/2018	
Balance 6 30/2017	\$ 30,004.93

REAPPRAISAL FUND

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Balance 01/01/2017	110.43
Transferred to General Account	
Balance 6/30/2017	0.00

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Balance 1/1/2017	6,994.64
UNION BANK CD matures 9/12/2017 at .30%	
Interest earned \$10.52	
Fund Total 6/30/2017	7,005.16

TRUST FUNDS

CEMETERY PERPETUAL FUNDS

UNION BANK CD matures 11/23/17 at .3%	\$12,982.88
UNION BANK CD matures 8/12/19 at .6%	\$14,129.67
Balance 6/30/2017	<u>\$27,112.55</u>

TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNT

Checkbook	\$ 319.79
Cash	\$ 50.00
Balance 01/01/2017	\$ 369.79

Income

Copies	\$ 762.75
DMV	\$ 1,387.00
Dogs	\$ 2,178.00
Interest	\$ 0.98
Misc.	\$ 98.50
Vault	\$ 90.00
Total Income	\$ 4,517.23

Expenses

DMV	\$ 1,294.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 808.00
Transfer to General Account	\$ 2,500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 4,602.00

Checkbook	\$ 235.02
Cash	\$ 50.00
Balance 6/30/2017	\$ 285.02

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FUND

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/2017	\$ 470.67
Donation	\$ 15.00
Interest	\$ 0.24
	<u>\$ 15.24</u>
Balance 06/30/2017	\$ 485.91

WALDEN WATCH SIGNS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE - \$5.00 each

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

YEAR	Delinquent Taxes Due	Taxes Collected	Taxes Uncollected
2010	\$ 714.26	\$ 714.26	0.00
2011	\$ 456.86	\$ 456.86	0.00
2014	\$ 1,321.47	\$ 1,321.47	0.00
2015	\$ 32,784.34	\$ 19,689.71	\$ 13,094.63
2016	\$ 100,403.61	\$ 42,770.37	\$ 57,633.24
	<u>\$ 135,680.54</u>	<u>\$ 64,952.67</u>	<u>\$ 70,727.87</u>

TAX COLLECTIONS	\$ 64,952.67
8% COLLECTORS FEE	\$ 5,217.75
INTEREST - 1% FEES	\$ 6,299.95
Total Remitted to Treasurer	<u>\$ 76,470.37</u>

Delinquent Tax List as of Town Report Printing:

2015 & 2016 Delinquent taxes (as of Town Report Printing)

Estate of Karen Conway
 Anna Angolano
 Curtis Archer Jr. et al
 Katherine Cates
 Derrick Dunbar
 Alphonse & Sonja Foster
 Wanda Gauthier
 Jeannine Greaves
 Richard Gutzmann
 Brenda & William Huntoon
 Gary & Tammie Ireland

Christopher Jennett
 Donald Listro
 Kim Merriam
 Corey & Kristen Millard
 Linda Rogers
 Priscilla Spencer
 Charles Thygesen Jr.
 Gerry & Kimberly Vogan
 Steven & Cynthia Wheeler
 Angela Wilkie

Respectfully Submitted
 Lina Smith

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY REPORT

It's been a quiet year for the Walden Board of Civil Authority (BCA), which is composed of Walden's elected justices of the peace, select board members, and town clerk. Our responsibilities include reviewing the voter checklist, overseeing and staffing elections, and hearing "tax appeals" of property valuations. We also serve as the Board for the Abatement of Taxes, along with the town listers and treasurer.

In 2017 BCA members helped conduct the March annual town and school district elections, and the May vote to join the proposed Caledonia Cooperative Unified Union School District with the Barnet and Waterford school districts, and elect representatives to its board of directors.

As has typically been the case in recent years, the BCA received no property valuation appeals. Late in the year we received a tax abatement request, which we will consider in 2018.

In August we performed our biennial review and purge of Walden's voter checklist, as required by state statute. In this process we go over the checklist name by name, and vote to challenge the active status of persons whose current residency can't be vouched for by any BCA member.

At year-end Walden had 670 registered voters, of which 57 were provisional whose status remains unconfirmed (this includes a number of people who no longer reside in Walden but haven't registered to vote elsewhere or requested removal, and must be retained on the checklist through two subsequent general elections.) These voter totals compare to 693 and 35 a year ago. Note that Vermont provides various ways to register to vote, including online or when applying for a driver's license or motor vehicle registration, and new voters may register at any time up to and including the day of an election. More information is available at the Vermont Secretary of State's website: <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters/registration.aspx>

The BCA meets prior to elections as necessary, and convenes during the summer if tax appeals have been filed. Our meetings are open to the public, except for deliberations leading to written appeal and abatement decisions. Meeting notices are posted in advance at the town clerk's office and the Corner Stop-Inn Shop in South Walden.

Respectfully submitted,

The Walden Board of Civil Authority

Jon Augeri	Diane Cochran	Michael Coffey
Annette Foster	Roger Fox	Annie Gaillard
Lina Smith	Randolph Wilson	

WALDEN BOARD OF LISTERS

The Board of Listers has completed the first three year cycle of inspections. Our approach included regular, scheduled inspections of both interior and exterior facets of properties in Town. The Town was divided into thirds and visits were scheduled to properties within each third with the owners' advanced notice. This has become a cyclical schedule in which we strive to have appraisers visit each property once every three years. If there are changes to your property, please let us know by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 563-2200.

The inspections were, and will continue to be, handled by NEMC (New England Municipal Consultants) and overseen by the Board. We have inspected and photographed approximately 200 properties each year and NEMC will continue to do all new construction inspections in addition to the scheduled third. All interior inspections are done by appointment only. We never arrive unexpectedly.

Our cyclical inspection process helps us track market value on an ongoing basis and enables the Town to be ready to do a statistical reappraisal if a potentially damaging CLA (common level of appraisal) is anticipated. We can predict changes in October of each year, before the actual CLA is issued in late December. PVR (Property Valuation and Review) allows for any town to perform a statistical reappraisal under specific guidelines. The primary requirement is a cyclical, ongoing inspection program for the purpose of keeping data current. The State requires a full reappraisal if a town's CLA falls below 80%. Walden's common level of appraisal increased from 98.44 in 2016 to 101.72 in 2017.

The Board is again pleased to report that we have received excellent feedback from residents regarding the inspections and the appraisers who perform them. We are committed to continuing to improve our communication with property owners and to expand upcoming inspection appointment options to better accommodate owners' schedules.

Walden has no permitting process, and desires to keep it that way, so the Board of Listers has no first-hand knowledge of alterations that are made to properties. Therefore there will always be discrepancies in the Grand List. In the past, some changes were missed and some others were hidden. This will continue to be the case and so this fact is unavoidable. In an attempt to minimize the impact, the Listers make note of any changes we learn "through the grapevine" and send the independent appraisers from NEMC to inspect each year.

We all understand the importance of correct, just, and unbiased assessments. The Board feels this cyclical inspection method is keeping information as accurate as possible and maintaining the fairness and equitability of the Grand List.

Respectfully submitted,

Walden Board of Listers

Diane Banister
Annette Foster
Dia Michaud

EMERGENCY SERVICES

I am pleased to report that The Walden Volunteer Fire Department has had another successful year. We responded to a total of 65 emergency calls including 26 medical and 40 fire calls in 2017. On September 9th 2017 we held our 6th annual Open House at the Walden Emergency Services Building. It was a great success with many town residents stopping by. We had activities for children that included a bouncy house, art table, and the Smoke House provided by The Vermont Department of Public Safety. Smokey the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog also paid a visit. Danville Rescue supported the event by lending us their popcorn machines and provided hotdogs and snacks to all of those in attendance.

We are still selling 911 signs as a fundraiser and to help ensure that houses are well marked, making it easier to find your residence in time of an emergency. They hang easily on your mailbox or a post at the end of your driveway. They sell for \$15 each and we are willing to assist in hanging them if needed. Contact any member of the department if you are interested. We are always on the lookout for new members. Without new members this service is in jeopardy. If you live in Walden or on the outskirts of town we are asking for your help. We're hoping to find honest, able-bodied, caring, and responsible individuals to join us in the Fire Department as firefighters and/or emergency medical responders. We would love to have you come join us in looking after our neighbors and their homes.

There is an application process to join, including a background check, which must be successfully completed by any applicant. All training and equipment is supplied, and paid for, by the Walden Fire Department. We ask only for your time and effort.

Our Department meeting is at 6:30 on the first Tuesday of each month.

Fire training is at 6:30 on the third Tuesday.

Medical training is at 6:30 on the fourth Wednesday.

These meetings all take place at the Walden Emergency Services building at 12 VT Route 215 in Walden, at the corner of VT Routes 215 and 15. Please feel free to talk to a current member, stop by and check us out, or email us at: waldenvfd@gmail.com

We would also like to reach out to the people that have gone solar or planning on going solar. It would be a great help to step forward and let us know about your systems. If we are unaware of the solar panels and accidentally come into contact it can put firefighters and EMS personnel in a life threatening situation. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to check the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors and make sure that your chimneys are cleaned regularly and ashes are taken care of properly. Please make sure that all 911 numbers are clearly displayed at the end of your driveways. First responders are having a hard time finding residences due to the lack of numbers on mailboxes or signs. Some of our personnel are not from the area so we can't count on old land marks and such for directions. Numbers should be visible on BOTH sides for view from either direction of approach. These few simple tasks could make a difference between life and death.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Greaves
Chief, Walden Fire Department

EMERGENCY SERVICES (Continued)

	2017 Proposed (6 mo)	2017 Actual (6 mo)	FY 18 Proposed	FY 18 Actual (7 mo)	FY 19 Proposed
Fire Department Operations					
Department Apparel	500.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Communications Repair & Maint	900.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Pagers	0.00	55.00	0.00	959.10	0.00
Portable Radios	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dispatch	7,000.00	5,107.18	10,000.00	5,566.84	15,000.00
Dues	250.00	250.00	800.00	571.00	800.00
Equipment Fuel	700.00	28.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Maint & Repair	0.00	0.00	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00
Compressor	250.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Fire Extinguishers	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Jaws	250.00	0.00	600.00	(5,353.00)	600.00
Portable Pump	2,500.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
SCBA	300.00	1,318.05	600.00	143.85	600.00
Trucks	1,500.00	27.47	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
2015 Engine	0.00	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rescue Truck	0.00	0.00	0.00	257.93	0.00
Tanker	0.00	45.62	0.00	265.94	0.00
Generator A	25.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Generator B	25.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Generator C	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Chainsaws	25.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Fire Extinguishers	50.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Facility					
Maintenance	50.00	0.00	0.00	317.95	0.00
Supplies	100.00	122.22	500.00	420.21	500.00
Telephone	400.00	527.39	800.00	465.82	800.00
Fire/EMS Training	500.00	35.00	1,850.00	727.23	1,850.00
Hose Down Community Event	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Incident Supplies	50.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Insurance - Accident & Dismb	700.00	9,893.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Medical Supplies	500.00	490.57	5,000.00	26.28	5,000.00
New Equipment	2,500.00	1,682.48	5,000.00	680.00	5,000.00
Open House	0.00	0.00	0.00	282.42	0.00
Personal Protective Equipment					
Cleaning	100.00	46.20	200.00	0.00	200.00
Purchases	475.00	428.60	4,000.00	2,136.46	4,000.00
Subscriptions	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total Fire Department Operations	20,000.00	20,102.74	50,000.00	7,468.03	55,000.00

EMERGENCY SERVICES (Continued)

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHECKING

Balance 1/1/2017		\$ 2,321.85
Donations	\$ 1,050.00	
Balance 6/30/2017		\$ 3,371.85

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK FUND

Balance 1/1/2017		\$ 12,896.70
Interest	\$ 6.47	
Balance 6/30/2017		\$ 12,903.17

Fire Trucks & Equipment

1997 Ford Rescue Pumper	\$ 80,000.00
2000 International V-Tec Tanker	\$ 105,000.00
2014 International Pierce responder	\$ 275,000.00
34 Sets of Turnout Gear	\$ 52,000.00
Communication Equipment	\$ 55,200.00
Breathing Apparatus, Bottles, and Air Compressor	\$ 64,142.00
Generators and Portable Pump	\$ 9,000.00
Thermal Imaging Cameras	\$ 21,600.00
Jaws and Airbags	\$ 31,900.00
Nozzles and Hose	\$ 10,000.00
Hand Tools	\$ 9,800.00
Miscellaneous Equipment	\$ 26,485.00
Total	\$ 740,127.00

Emergency Medical Service Inventory

Item	Each	Total
5 Zoll Defibrilators/Pads/Batteries	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
7 Oxygen Tanks/Regulators/Bags	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,050.00
8 Oxygen Tanks	\$ 70.00	\$ 560.00
4 Backboards with Straps	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,200.00
1 Kendrick Extrication Device	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00
1 Stokes Stretcher	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
4 Rescue Rope Bags	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
1 Mass Casualty Incident Triage Kit	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00
7 Responder Equipment Setups	\$ 800.00	\$ 5,600.00
Medical Supplies		\$ 4,000.00
Training Supplies		\$ 1,100.00
Total		\$ 22,100.00

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Last year the Walden Rec committee asked for \$2500.00 to replace the aging and dangerous fencing and backstop behind the baseball field. With great appreciation to Dave Brown, George Gattone, Bill Half, Pete Hipko, and Lloyd Rowell in constructing the new backstop at the old rec field behind Harry's Repair Shop. Thanks to Jason Larabee of Larrabee's Building Supply in donating concrete for the posts and to the Walden highway department for dumping some fill on the hillside behind the backstop. The old backstop was erected in 1982 and Dave Brown was involved in that one as well. Thank you so much!

Our next project for the coming year will to purchase plastic for an ice skating rink at the Watson Field. Including the plastic and monies to fund the programs for our children we are asking the town for \$3150.

The Walden Recreation Committee appreciates the continued support of our community members. Volunteer coaches and adult mentors are a valuable resource and the Walden Recreation Committee wishes to thank everyone who gave their time and energy in creating a successful town recreation program.

Winter/Fall Activities 2017:

Basketball

Erika White, Eric Kittredge and Rob Montgomery coached the 3-4 co-ed team.
Justin White coached the 5-6 co-ed team.

Thank you to Rob Montgomery and Justin White for referring games. Thanks also to Eric Stratton, Erika White and Kate Davis for running the scoreboard.

Soccer

Eric Stratton ran a K-2nd grade soccer clinic this year on the old soccer field.

Walden fielded two soccer teams this year. Erika White and Eric Kittredge coached the 3-4 co-ed team and played on the old field. The 5-6 co-ed team was coached by Justin White and player on the Roy Watson field.

Thanks to Erika White and Justin White for lining the fields and thank you to Eric Kittredge, Justin White, Erika White, Darren White and Eric Stratton for referring games.

Thank you to Bill Half for fertilizing the new field.

Spring Activities 2017:

Baseball

Alissa Harvey and Jeff Badore coached the Transitional team.
Eric Stratton and Amanda Stratton coached the Minors team.
Big thanks to Bill Half and George Gattone for umpiring games.

We are looking for other community members who would like to help us. Give us a call or talk with us at town meeting.

Walden Rec Committee
Alissa Harvey, Bill Half & Erika White

RECREATION COMMITTEE (continued)

	2017 Actuals (6 mo)	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 18 Actuals (7 mo.)	FY 19 Proposed
Beginning Balance	4179.44	0.00	45.73	0.00
Income				
Appropriation from Town	500.00	2500.00	2500.00	3150.00
Baseball Dues	400.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Total Income	5079.44	3000.00	2545.73	3650.00
Expenses				
Equipment/Supplies	489.65	500.00	420.00	500.00
New Equipment	2849.86	0.00	0.00	400.00
Field Maintenance/Improvements	1064.20	2000.00	1912.27	1500.00
Hardwick Little League	580.00	250.00	0.00	600.00
Tournament	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Porta - Toilets		200.00	0.00	600.00
Tranferred to General Account			45.73	
Total Expenses	5033.71	3000.00	2378.00	3650.00
Ending Balance	45.73	0.00	167.73	0.00

WALDEN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Library has had a good year. The book discussion session was well attended and enjoyed, and we are looking forward to another interesting topic of discussion this year. *Universal Class* is a resource to take various online classes at no cost through the Vermont Department of Libraries website, and the use of this resource by our local community has increased. If anyone is interested and would like more information please contact the library.

There are some shelving repairs or replacements that need to be made this year. We have set aside some money for that in our savings account as noted.

The automation is still an ongoing process. The changes to the Vermont State Department of Libraries Services has made it necessary for us to increase the local resources available for units of study within the school. We are also attempting to update our biography and adult non-fiction sections.

We appreciate the donation of numerous books from some of our community families.

Our Tuesday evening hours are 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and by appointment as needed. We always welcome volunteers if anyone is interested. If there are any suggestions for other library programs, please contact us.

Respectfully submitted by the Walden Community Library Trustees:

Martha Bissell – Chairperson and Children’s Librarian

Anne Smith – Librarian

Patricia Frain – Magazines

Elizabeth Larrabee - Secretary

Marie Batchelder – Support

WALDEN COMMUNITY LIBRARY (Continued)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 1/1/2017	7,812.49
Income	
Interest	3.86
Miscellaneous	15.00
Book Replacement	8.95
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	7,840.30

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Gates Grant - for computers	1,299.47
Children's Books & Programs	89.84
For desk repairs & new Equipment	2,000.00
Cleaning	500.00
Book Supplies	488.41
Automation Grant money	3,462.58
TOTAL	7,840.30

FAMILY HISTORY FUND

(Donations to be used for library enhancements)

Beginning Balance 1/1/2017	1,139.77
Interest	0.57
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	1,140.34

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

(Grant Funds to be used for automation)

CD matures 6/10/22 at 1.24%	
Beginning Balance 1/1/2017	1,658.58
Interest	13.52
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	1,672.10

WALDEN COMMUNITY LIBRARY (Continued)

	<u>2017 Actuals (6 mo)</u>	<u>FY 18 Actuals (7 mo)</u>	<u>FY 19 Proposed</u>
Checking Beginning Balance	1,537.29	1,629.87	0.00
Income			
Town Appropriation	3,500.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Donation			
Book Sale			
Replacement Book			
Total Income	3,500.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Expense			
Books	459.22	275.53	850.00
Children's Books	538.14	749.68	1,000.00
Magazine	192.18	284.91	300.00
Fuel	738.01	319.64	1,700.00
Programming (Book Discussion)	300.00	0.00	500.00
OPAL	0.00	150.00	150.00
Computers	15.00	0.00	0.00
Service Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer to General Fund for Automation	387.54	0.00	0.00
Transfer to Savings	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage, Supplies & Repairs	178.61	453.21	1,300.00
Telephone & Internet	598.72	702.65	1,200.00
Total Expense	3,407.42	2,935.62	7,000.00
Checking Ending Balance	1,629.87	5,694.25	0.00

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Your Walden Cemetery Commission has been busy working in the many Walden cemeteries.

We cleared trash and faded remembrances and replaced flags before Memorial Day. During the summer, the fences at Heights, North & South Walden were repainted. There were three burials opened and closed this year with two being in newly purchased lots. A deep sag in the Noyesville Cemetery has been filled with material provided and smoothed by Walden's road workmen. Trees and brush have been removed from South Walden and Houston Hill.

The by-laws have been updated and posted at the Noyesville, Heights and South Walden Cemeteries where burials are allowed.

In placing our request from taxpayers in 2018, we intend to continue the progress we've been making: more brush trimming, stone cleaning, stump grinding, filling sags to smooth for mowing and building a fence at Houston Hill.

The Commission thanks Bob Bell and Scott Palmer for annual mower prep each spring for summer's work. We are extremely appreciative of the leaf raking, lawn mowing and everyday upkeep of the Walden Cemeteries by Roy Hopkins. We receive many compliments about his work.

As you drive by the South Walden Cemetery, you will notice a number of vacant spots along the roadside where trees have been removed because of dead and falling limbs or center rotting. We are suggesting that Walden Residents might wish to purchase and plant new young maples along the fence line, perhaps in memory of Walden family members. If this idea appeals to you, please contact a Cemetery Commissioner to act within the team plan.

Maple firewood is available for purchase and removal.

Terri Persons
Judy Clifford
Jamie Dailey
Lorraine Montgomery

WALDEN CEMETERY COMMISSION INVENTORY - 2017

Wells Fargo 14' tandem axle drop-tail enclosed trailer, no wheels, on blocks
2 Craftsman riding mowers, LTX1000, XT4000
Echo Weed trimmer, Model SRM-225
John Deere dump cart
Craftsman push mower
Lawn Boy push mower (parts)
Wheelbarrow
Posthole digger
28" pruning shears
Hand pruning saw
Leaf rake
Double-headed ax
3 gas cans, 5 gal, 1 ½ gal, 1 ga
Fence building materials; pressure treated posts, primed plank

CEMETERY COMMISSION (Continued)

	2017 Actuals (6 mo)	FY 2018 Proposed	FY 18 Actuals (7 mo)	FY 19 Proposed
Beginning Balance	4,291.16	2,200.00	2,363.44	0.00
Income				
Appropriation from Town	1,850.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
CD Interest	0.00	50.00	78.09	140.00
Checking Account Interest	3.20	0.00	4.17	3.50
Cornerstones	30.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
Cremation Burial	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cemetery Lot	100.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
Grave Openings	0.00	0.00	1,560.00	0.00
Upkeep	400.00	0.00	800.00	0.00
Total Income	2,683.20	9,050.00	11,702.26	9,143.50
Expenses				
Association Dues	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
Burial costs	0.00	0.00	1,860.00	0.00
Cemetery Labor & Payroll Taxes	1,917.24	5,000.00	2,203.64	4,500.00
Cemetery Supplies	408.45	500.00	439.13	613.50
Equipment Repairs	35.23	2,000.00	94.45	200.00
Fence Painting/Repairs	0.00	0.00	590.00	0.00
Flag Grave Markers	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Stone Cleaning	2,250.00	500.00	0.00	2,000.00
Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Tree/Brush Removal	0.00	3,000.00	6,300.00	1,700.00
Cost of Collections/Olin Buska	0.00	0.00	61.16	0.00
Total Expenses	4,610.92	11,250.00	11,548.38	9,143.50
Ending Balance	2,363.44	0.00	2,517.32	0.00

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Date	Name	Parents
March 25, 2017	Arabella Ruth-Helene Burbank	Jessica Jamie Carr
April 22, 2017	Mavis Sway Shatney	Majorca Leigh Tomasine & Mitchell Earl Sha
May 3, 2017	Drift Cassidy Sacco-Cohen	Emily Sarah Sacco & Brian David Cohen
May 28, 2017	Walter John Gulka Millard	Allison Jane Gulka & Matthew John Millard
August 14, 2017	Augustus Paul Dall-Anair	Jessie Lynne Dall & Alfred George Anair Jr.
August 18, 2017	Oliver Wiley Lacey	Ashley Lynn Foster & Levi Wiley Lacey

CIVIL MARRIAGES

May 13, 2017	Sharon Melinda Edson	<i>and</i>	Carl Wayne Emerson
July 1, 2017	Anna Maria Laggis	<i>and</i>	Daniel John Greaves

DEATHS

April 15, 2017	Mary Louise Stender	91 Years
September 9, 2017	Theodora Jane Arnell	86 Years
December 2017	Robert Lyons	68 Years

Permission has been granted to include the individual information listed above and represent a portion of the certificates on file in the Walden Town Clerk's office.



Stevens Hill Cemetery

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS
(Full letters are on file at the Town Clerk's Office)

A.W.A.R.E (\$1,000): During the past year AWARE served 196 women, men and children, who were directly affected by violence, 111 children who were exposed to violence, answered over 2100 hotline and in-person assistance requests and educated over 1200 community members. Those served by AWARE received services such as crisis intervention, legal support and advocacy, information and referrals, safety planning, emergency provisions, housing assistance, transportation, support groups and education.

Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice (\$325): Provides home health and hospice services. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families by providing compassionate, accessible and affordable patient-centered health services to the community. A review of the past year indicates that our appropriation request continues to match the utilization rate for your town.

Danville Rescue Squad (\$6881.00): See letter on page 44-45.

Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium (\$780): The Fairbanks Museum invites Walden residents to take full advantage of their unlimited free general admission to the Museum to explore the nature, beauty, and wonders of our world. Your municipal appropriation provides essential support for the care of the Museum's historic building and the maintenance and exhibition of the most extraordinary educational collections in northern New England. In 2018 the Museum will be powered by 90% renewables, energized with new hands-on science exhibits, and will once again open our exquisite butterfly house for visitors to enjoy.

Green Up Vermont (\$50): Support from cities and towns has been an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover about 15 percent of the budget. Funds help pay for supplies, including 48,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education and services of two part-time employees. Help us continue Vermont's unique annual tradition.

Hardwick Area Food Pantry (\$200): The food pantry serves people in need primarily from Hardwick, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Stannard, Walden, Albany & Wolcott. From January through September 2017, HAFP provided food for an average of 300 clients per month... that's 859 households or 2,702 individuals. We very much appreciate your support in the past and hope you will continue this support.

Hardwick Emergency Rescue Squad (\$1,133.14): As 2017 draws to a close our call volume is 512 calls. The appropriation is, as usual, based on the number of calls in each town, averaged over the last five years.

	PRO-RATED 2017		PRORATED 2018	
Hardwick	43.78%	\$21,888.69	46.01%	\$23,006.88
Craftsbury	15.25%	\$7,624.89	14.00%	\$7,001.21
Greensboro	15.51%	\$7,756.35	14.77%	\$7,385.67
Standard	1.10%	\$547.77	1.13%	\$566.58
Walden	2.72%	\$1,358.46	2.27%	\$1,133.14
Wolcott	12.49%	\$6,244.52	12.75%	\$6,373.94
Woodbury	9.16%	\$4,579.32	9.07%	\$4,532.58
		\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS (continued)
(Full letters are on file at the Town Clerk's Office)

Hardwick Area Community Justice Center (\$300): The HACJC serves a vital role in statewide efforts to make restorative alternatives to the criminal justice system available to people effected by crime and to those responsible for causing harm to individuals and the community.

Joe's Pond Aquatic Nuisance Control Project (\$500): Monitoring program for inspection of visiting boats to prevent the infestation of milfoil and other invasive aquatic plants which would severely impact swimming, boating and fishing at Joe's Pond. In 2017, over 200 boats were inspected that had previously been launched in over fifty different waterbodies.

Northeastern Kingdom Council on Aging (\$300): The Council on Aging is the go-to place for older Vermonters to gain assistance in their communities. We offer Senior Helpline, Medicare counseling, staff specially trained to help people develop long range planning as they age, caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support in aging in place, as well as support to apply for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs. 10 Walden residents used the services.

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. (\$982): A private not-for-profit organization serving Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties driven by our mission to enrich the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives. In 2017 we served 10 from your community.

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (\$200): For almost 50 years, NEKLS has been serving residents of Orleans, Essex and Caledonia counties. Services are provided to people of all ages wanting to earn a high school diploma or GED, to learn basic computer skills, or to improve college and career readiness skills. Our Adult Education program provides a wide variety of free services.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services (\$100): NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975. In 2017 NEKYS served 3160 individuals throughout Caledonia and Essex counties and 11 from the Town of Walden.

Northeastern Vermont Development Association (\$701): Each year the NVDA works closely with the 50+ communities of the Northeast Kingdom by providing vital professional technical assistance, along with a full range of planning and economic development services. In 2017 our staff assisted with Walden's Local Emergency Operations Plan which has been adopted and assisted with Grants-in-Aid project. Municipal appropriations are based on a per capita amount of \$0.75 with a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$3500.

Rural Community Transportation (RCT) (\$500): RCT is a non-profit corporation providing transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public through a van/bus and volunteer service. Last year RCT provided 8 Walden residents with 230 trips traveling 5,935 miles at a cost of \$3,139.

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS (continued)
(Full letters are on file at the Town Clerk's Office)

Umbrella, Inc. (\$250): Umbrella exists to ensure that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties offer safety, support and options for self-determination to women and families. We provide the following services: The Advocacy Program is the essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. Kingdom child care connection is the community based-child care resource and referral center for Caledonia, The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children and Cornucopia our newest program geared towards helping women-in-transition achieve economic self-sufficiency; Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. At least 3 households and 2 childcare providers were served in Walden.

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (\$100): VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

Vermont Center for Independent Living (\$145): VCIL is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the state helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives.

West Danville Community Club (\$500): The club operates and maintains the public beach at Joe's Pond, one of the few free public beaches remaining. The beach had increased use this season since it has become a Trailhead for the LVRT from West Danville to St. Johnsbury open to pedestrians, bikers, and horses.





Danville Rescue

Danville Rescue has been serving the community's emergency medical needs for 50 years, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Although the method in which we were able to provide emergency medical services to our community has changed, we still take great pride in our ability to ensure the emergency medical care of our community members has been met.



When Danville Rescue was started 50 years ago by a small group of community members, it was created as a community service organization. Neighbors helping neighbors, friends and families coming together to help each other in times of need. Since then, there have been many, industry changing advancements in the way medical care is delivered in the community, especially in a rural area like the one in which we live. Danville Rescue has worked diligently throughout the years to adapt to the federal, state and local changes presented to us in the EMS field, and in many cases, were the first service to be able to implement those changes thanks to the generous support of the community members which we serve. Each of you deserve a great deal of credit for your efforts in supporting our ability to provide care for the last five decades.

As we charge forward into the twenty-first century we are struck with the reality of a continuously evolving industry, an increase in financial demands, and a general decline in volunteerism, Danville Rescue was forced to make some difficult decisions about how emergency medical care was provided to our communities. We have worked hard for the last seven years to pilot a management contract allowing us to bring in staffing and resources from both Lyndon Rescue and CALEX Ambulance Service. Although there were some bumps along the way, the overall evaluation of the management contract has been successful. CALEX Ambulance has been very supportive in helping us through this process, and working with us to make improvements in our service model.

In response to the success of our contract with CALEX Ambulance, The Membership, Executive Committee and the Danville Rescue Board of Directors have been meeting regularly to discuss how we could change our organization, built on community and volunteerism, to meet the growing staffing, regulatory and financial demands on emergency medical services. After over two years of work we were not able to find a financially solvable solution.

It is with a great deal of sadness that we announce Danville Rescue will no longer be providing emergency medical services after June 30, 2018.



We at Danville Rescue feel strongly the community's needs must come before our own. We have worked closely with CALEX Ambulance Service setting up a successful model for them to continue providing services where we will be leaving off. We have every confidence you will continue to receive the best possible care. By in large there will be very few noticeable changes in how emergency medical care is provided to any of our communities. Our requested appropriations will be handed over to CALEX Ambulance to cover the costs of operating for the full year. The existing coverage model for all of our service area will remain the same unless the towns wish to discuss changes. Danville Rescue has made arrangements to gift to the Town of Danville our property and building on Brainerd Street to secure the availability of an ambulance locally without additional housing costs. Equipment will either be liquidated, or donated to other new, or struggling services in the same manner in which we received many of our first start-up items.

All cash assets will be placed in a scholarship fund held by the Town of Danville. This fund will be managed by a committee of appointed individuals from each town. The purpose of the Danville Rescue Scholarship fund is to encourage not just volunteerism, but also to support our communities in building a strong foundation in providing emergency medical care. Candidates eligible for scholarship money will reside in the town of Danville, Peacham or Walden, be sponsored by an emergency medical service and be willing to provide medical care in the community he or she lives or works in through an emergency medical service provider.

It was incredibly difficult to make this decision; however, as one of the oldest services in the state we feel we have reached the end of our organization's ability to continue to provide the best service at the best price. Our communities have always been at the center of

decision making and we want to ensure that is the case from start to finish. It has been an honor for us to serve our communities for this long. Through the years we have met many great people, and said good-bye to many more. It is now time for us to say good-bye, and thank you, for allowing us to be a part of your communities and families.

"We would rather be called and not needed than needed and not called."

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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health (VDH) Report for Walden

Your Office of Local Health (OLH) is in St. Johnsbury and can be reached at the above address or telephone numbers. Please feel free to visit or give us a call if you have any questions or concerns regarding health in your town. VDH staff work every day to ensure all Vermonters have access to a healthy environment. There are 12 district offices around the state and our central office and state laboratory are in Chittenden County; all delivering a wide range of public health services and support to your community. In 2017, the Health Department worked on several state-wide initiatives many of which specifically served your community.

The Health Department's 3-4-50 initiative aims to engage multiple sectors – business, education, municipalities – in implementing policies and strategies that will reduce the three (3) behaviors of tobacco use, physical inactivity and poor diet that lead to four (4) chronic diseases of cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes and lung disease that result in more than 50% of deaths in Vermont. The local office is working to engage partners to sign-on to 3-4-50 and make a commitment to take action that will help reduce chronic disease across the state.

OLH served 1,298 pregnant women and children to age five in Caledonia and Lower Essex Counties through the WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) program. WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling, education and breastfeeding support; and, we partner closely with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

In 2017, our staff responded to 43 cases of infectious disease in Caledonia and Lower Essex Counties. Each reported case is investigated to minimize the exposure and/or effect of disease. We also provided 13,868 doses of vaccine for preventable diseases to healthcare providers statewide totaling \$737,916.94 in Caledonia county alone. Our local office also offers quarterly trainings to each Town Health Officer to help increase their knowledge, skills and comfort level when dealing with potential health issues.

Prevention is one of the health department's primary concerns. Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide are actively working on programs in our district to help increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, reduce prescription drug and marijuana use and/or misuse. Drug Take Back days, Red Ribbon week, programs and educational opportunities embedded in many schools and newly formed prevention coalitions are all examples of the work our staff and local community members have brought to our area.

The Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) is actively recruiting and working with volunteers to train and prepare for, not only major emergency events, but to be available to support those first responders that serve your town on a regular basis.

The local health department staff are trained to respond to a variety of events and available to assist in arranging and supporting programs and training in your town. Please do not hesitate to contact our office to discuss issues or concerns.

Help us help your community to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all Vermonters.



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

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2018.**

The most notable changes are:

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

For text of Act 46, go to

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

CVSWMD FY 2017 Report for Walden

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents to reduce and manage solid waste. The representative seat for Walden is vacant on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors. Contact your Selectboard to become a Board member and represent your town. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates and providing information and resources to our member communities.

In FY17, CVSWMD provided \$7,363 in School Zero Waste and Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Grants and \$4,534 in Green Up Day Grants to businesses and schools in member municipalities. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring.

After 14 years, CVSWMD is no longer in the business of hauling food scraps from schools and businesses in central VT. Our efforts, and those of our partners, kept 12,112 tons of food scraps out of the landfill! In 2017, CVSWMD successfully transitioned all organics hauling routes to Grow Compost of Moretown. CVSWMD will continue to provide resources and technical assistance to businesses to reduce and divert food waste from the landfill to comply with state law.

The District continues to provide award-winning programming, including:

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins and kitchen compost buckets at cost to district residents. CVSWMD also offers free workshops about backyard composting.
- **School Programming:** Our School Zero Waste Program works with all 27 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries and more. In FY17, we led a waste audit with students at Walden School and classroom lessons at Hazen Union. School Program Coordinators work with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on site and mentor student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.
- **Special Collections:** In 2017, 9 events were held, in which CVSWMD collected hazardous waste, paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs.
 - Two collection events in Hardwick, one for household hazardous waste and another for paint, batteries and bulbs, served a total of 70 households.
- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** The ARCC, at 540 N. Main St. in Barre, is open M, W, F noon-6pm and the third Sat. of each month, 9-1pm. The ARCC is a recycling drop-off for over 40 hard-to-recycle materials, cvswmd.org/arcc. Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.

Web Site: CVSWMD posts useful information including what can be recycled, what can be composted, how to dispose of hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste, composting, Act 148, details of our special collections, and an “A to Z Guide” listing disposal options for many materials in the alphabet.



Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District

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ANNUAL REPORT
For 2017**

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

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

Sincerely,
Sheriff Dean Shatney

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT



A DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR SENIORS AND VETERANS

To be eligible for a passport, a person must be:

A legal resident of Vermont and is

- ♦ 62 years of age or older or
- ♦ A veteran of the uniformed services

Use your passport for free admission to Vermont State Parks (overnight camping and other park fees **are excluded**), Vermont State Historic Sites, and events which are fully State sponsored.

To receive a **Green Mountain Passport**, just fill out an **application** at your local **City or Town Clerk's Office** and pay a \$2.00 fee.

(The Green Mountain Passport Program began in 1973 by enactment of the General Assembly.)

Vermont Agency of Human Services
Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671-1601
802-871-3344
June 2013

If you'd like information about services and benefits for Seniors, contact your local Area Agency on Aging by calling the Senior HelpLine at:
1-800-642-5119

MINUTES OF TOWN OF WALDEN SPECIAL MEETING - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order by select board chair Jeffrey Pierpont at 10:01 a.m.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Pierpont to nominate Judy Corso as the moderator for the meeting. It was noted that the elected moderator Roger Fox was not available. Voted and passed.

The moderator led the Pledge of Allegiance and explained Roberts Rules of Order.

Article 1: The motion was made by Jeffrey Pierpont and seconded by Bruce Pratt to approve total general fund and highway fund expenditures of \$284,552.00 of which \$100,206.53 shall be raised by taxes or borrowing and \$184,345.47 by non-tax revenues, for the period of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. After discussion, voted and passed.

Article 2: The motion was made by Dia Michaud seconded by Tom Muth to borrow \$100,206.53 in lieu of raising taxes for the period of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 for the period of not more than 5 years. After a lengthy discussion, the article was voted and passed.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Muth seconded by Tom Duvall and was approved without opposition. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

We attest that these are the minutes of the Town of Walden special meeting held Saturday, November 5, 2016

Jeffrey Pierpont
Richard Degreenia

Lina Smith, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF WALDEN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - MARCH 7, 2017
(Condensed report: complete minutes on file at the Town Clerk's office)

The 224nd annual Walden town meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by moderator Roger Fox at the Walden School Multipurpose room. Announcements were made. New residents or new attendees of town meeting introduced themselves. Roberts Rules were explained.

ARTICLE 1: Sarah Lyons nominated Roger Fox for moderator. Roger Fox was elected on voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: Voting for town officers was by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 3: The motion was made by Judy Clifford, seconded by Paul Greaves, to accept the printed report of the town officers. Discussion: Lina Smith explained that due to a calculation formula error, \$1,537.42 was not included in the total revenue on page 20. Since the amount was so low, it did not seem necessary to make an adjustment to the amount to be raised in the General budget. Liz Wilkel asked about special funds referred to in the professional auditor's report. Lina Smith explained that this is a change that has been made now as a result of the audit. Carolyn Greaves asked about the minutes of the special meeting in December to borrow for the January through June 2017 6-month budget and where the 6-month budget accounting would show up. Lina Smith explained that at the time of this year's report, the town was only 1 month into the budget so it could not be reported yet. She noted that it would be in the next report and she will include the meeting minutes as well. Voted and passed.

The meeting recessed to hear State Representative Chip Troiano report on issues at the Vermont Legislature. Topics covered were Act 46, Health Care, the Clean Water Act, the opiate crisis, corrections issues and the marijuana bill.

ARTICLE 4: The motion was made by Tom Muth, seconded by Bruce Pratt, to have taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before 5:00 pm Friday, October 27, 2017, postmarks not accepted. No discussion. Voted and passed.

ARTICLE 5: The motion was made by Lina Smith, seconded by Tom Muth, to see if the town will approve mailing postcards at least 30 days before the annual meeting in lieu of mailing town reports, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1682(a)(2). After discussion Voted and passed.

ARTICLE 6: The motion was made by Lina Smith, seconded by Marie Batchelder, to approve total highway fund expenditures of \$466,516.26, of which \$328,627.81 shall be raised by taxes and \$137,888.45 by non-tax revenues, for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. A motion was made by Lina Smith seconded by Tom Muth to amend the amounts in the main motion to \$298,627.81 shall be raised by taxes and \$167,888.45 by non-tax revenues, for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Discussion: Lina Smith explained that she became aware of a calculation error between the time the warning was signed and the town report was going to print. Tom Muth made the motion to amend the amount to add \$30,000 to purchase stay mat to upgrade the roads. Motion failed for lack of a second. After further discussion, amended motion Voted and Passed.

ARTICLE 7: The motion was made by Marisa Neyenhuis, seconded by Sarah Lyons, to appropriate a total of \$15,172.00 to the organizations and in the amounts listed in Article 7 of the Warning. After discussion, voted and passed.

ARTICLE 8: The motion was made by Paul Greaves, seconded by Tom Muth, to approve total general fund expenditures of \$353,883.00 of which \$305,639.79 shall be raised by taxes and \$48,243.21 by non-tax revenues for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. After discussion, voted and passed.

Roger Fox asked the Selectboard to report on the fiscal year change. Jeff Pierpont noted that the town voted to borrow the money at a special meeting in December and he thought it was going well.

ARTICLE 9: Jeff Pierpont reported that the Northern Border Regional Commission announced the availability of grant funds for Caledonia County. This is a Federal/State partnership looking for grant applications from public bodies or non-profit groups. He plans to attend an upcoming information session and invited anyone who might be interested in spear heading this. He noted that there are 71 small businesses in Walden. The money could be used to support existing small businesses and incubate new ones. The grant could be used for transportation, telecommunications, basic public infrastructure, work force development, entrepreneurship, technology, business development, resource conversation, tourism or recreation or renewable energy development. He noted that the

MINUTES OF WALDEN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - MARCH 7, 2017 (Continued)

Town of Craftsbury received a grant last year and used it to run fiber optic cable and upgrade internet access. Bill Half asked for an update on the Harrington Hill Bridge. Jeff Pierpont noted there is a meeting scheduled with the State Engineer and the plan is to get the bridge done this summer.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Muth, seconded by Paul Greaves, and was approved without opposition. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

We attest that these are the minutes of the annual Walden Town Meeting held on March 7, 2017.

Roger Fox, Moderator
Jeffrey Pierpont, Select Board Chair

Lina Smith, Town Clerk



Mary Louise Annereau Stender

Born: 3-6-26

Died: 4-15-17

Born in Toledo Ohio, Mary and her husband John Stender visited Vermont for many years. They retired and moved to Jeffersonville Vermont in 1987. Mary spent her final years in the home of her son-law and daughter Tom and Sharon Muth who reside in Walden.

**WALDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2017**



Cheever Hollow Falls photo courtesy of Diane Banister

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SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We are happy after a lot of hard work, that voters in Walden, Barnet & Waterford voted to approve our school district merger, Caledonia Cooperative Unified Union School District in November. We're excited to work with our new partners and even though changes are on the horizon, many things will remain the same. We are committed to providing our children a great education at a reasonable cost. Your current school board members will continue to serve on the new board. In the meantime the Walden Board remains affective until June 30, 2018.

Our new board will meet the first Monday of each month and rotate alphabetically from one town to the next. We remain members of the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union with Danville & Peacham. Legal notices, meeting agenda & minutes will continue to be posted in the same locations.

Contact board members with any questions or concerns.

WALDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator	Roger Fox	2018
School Director	Raymond Lewis	2018
	Judith Clifford	2019
	Rusty Shedd	2020

BARNET – DANVILLE – PEACHAM – WALDEN

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
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Town Report

January 24, 2018

Dear Citizens

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

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

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

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

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

Best Wishes,

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Dr. Mathew G. Forest
Superintendent

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Gaston, Project Director

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

Walden School Reserve Accounts

School Facility Fund		Deposits	Income	Transfers	Balance
Beginning Balance - 7/1/2016	\$14,202.50				
Interest			8.72		
Transfer to General Fund					
Ending Balance - 6/30/2017					\$14,211.22

Watson Fund - Income for Science		Deposits	Income	Transfers	Balance
Union Bank CD 60909198					
Beginning Balance - 7/1/2016	\$4,476.50				
Interest			10.11		
Ending Balance - 6/30/2017					\$4,486.61
Union Bank CD 60908654					
Beginning Balance - 7/1/2016	\$7,554.87				
Interest			22.69		
Ending Balance - 6/30/2017					\$7,577.56
Union Bank CD - 60908510					
Beginning Balance - 7/1/2016	\$43,620.18				
Interest			1,172.75		
Ending Balance 6/30/2017					\$44,792.93
Total Watson Fund Balance			1,205.55		\$56,857.10

Marion Dubuque Art Fund		Deposits	Income	Transfers	Balance
Beginning Balance - 7/1/2016	\$143,697.15				
Income			8,151.34		
Used for Artist Residency					
Ending Balance - 6/30/2017					\$151,848.49

Utlely Fund Income for Food Service		Deposits	Income	Transfers	Balance
Beginning Balance - 7/1/2016	\$33,574.43				
Income			604.56		
Dividends			2,864.48		
Transfer to Hot Lunch Fund				-604.56	
Ending Balance - 6/30/2017			3,469.04	-604.56	\$36,438.91

Debt Service Schedule

Walden School District has no long term debt as of June 30, 2018

Walden School District FY17 Wages

Teachers

<u>Name</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Benoit, Richard M	1.0	Teacher - Math & Literacy Support (grant funded)	\$24,560
Donahue, Jayne H	0.2	Teacher - Art K-8	\$9,754
Fielder, Rebecca	0.3	Teacher - Music K-8	\$11,578
Fox, Stacey J	0.2	Teacher - Health K-8	\$7,574
Fox, Stacey J	0.6	Teacher - Physical Education K-8	\$22,721
Henry, Abigail	1.0	Teacher - Grade 3/4	\$5,878
Hill, Travis	1.0	Teacher - MS Math	\$47,100
Hoffmann, Linda	0.3	Teacher - Nurse K-8	\$13,505
Langmaid, Marie	1.0	Teacher - K	\$67,774
Larose, Kimberly	1.0	Teacher - Grade 3/4	\$39,788
Larose, Kimberly	1.0	Teacher - Literacy Support (Grant Funded)	\$11,052
Lowe, Randi M	1.0	Teacher - Grade 1/2	\$31,718
Murray, Deanna	1.0	Teacher - Pre-K	\$38,589
Russell, Tammy	0.5	Teacher - MS Math	\$23,865
Russell, Tammy	0.5	Teacher - MS Science	\$23,865
Thompson, Tamara	1.0	Teacher - MS Humanities	\$35,637

Administrative

Benoit, Elizabeth A	1.0	Principal	\$80,204
Andre, Stacy		Admin Assistant	\$959
Lamberton, Helen	1.0	Secretary	\$21,120

Support Staff

Brooks, Dale	1.0	Paraeducator	\$15,733
Dunklee, Katelyn E	1.0	Paraeducator	\$28,931
Stebbins, Nicole	1.0	Paraeducator	\$28,174
Greaves, Paul	1.0	Custodian	\$35,183
Youens, Alison		Summer Services	\$401
Fitzgerald, Karen		Water testing	\$438
Stevenson, Cheryl		Water testing	\$845

ELO and Farm to School Grant

Fox, Stacey		ELO Site Coordinator	\$6,156
		ELO Staff	\$8,408
Benoit, Elizabeth A		Farm to School Grant	\$780
Fitzgerald, Karen		Farm to School Grant	\$780
Russell, Tammy		Farm to School Grant	\$780
Benoit, Elizabeth A		Farm to School Grant	\$780

Substitutes

Aremburg, Edith	\$66	Hussey, Riley	\$504
Brooks, Dale	\$1,013	James, Diane S	\$101
Cabot-Case, Aubrey	\$66	Lowre, Richard	\$86
Chamberlain, Mariah	\$794	Mackenzie, Diane	\$516
Curley, Michelle	\$486	Morse, Danielle	\$837
Dailey, Cynthia	\$192	Nester, Kathryn	\$210
Demaio, Caroline	\$89	Pastula, Katharine	\$168
DeShone, James	\$303	Prescott, Shantelle	\$66
Farnham, Lynette	\$24	Schneider, Kimberly	\$96
Fielder, Rebecca	\$186	Spencer, Priscilla P	\$30
Gaston, Howard	\$186	Thody, Hannah	\$1,397
Harvey, Lydia	\$2,700	White, Erika	\$2,446
Horne, Allison	\$6,542	Youngbaer, Jane E	\$503
Hudson, Jessica	\$253		

Treasurer

Bellavance, Constance	\$500
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**Walden School District
Revenues Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Actual FY17</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Local			
1510 Interest earned	600	889	289
1990 Miscellaneous	500	1,083	583
FY16 Fund Balance forward	60,000	98,663	38,663
Total Local Revenue	61,100	100,635	39,535
State			
3110 Education Fund Payments	1,829,292	1,829,292	-
3114 On Behalf Voc Ed	41,262	41,262	-
Total Education Spending	1,870,554	1,870,554	-
3145 Small Schools Grant	110,465	110,465	-
3150 Transportation Aid	17,819	17,061	(758)
3201 SE Mainstream Block Grant	55,181	55,181	-
3202 SEER Reimbursement	107,780	189,240	81,460
3203 Extraordinary Reimbursement	159,183	147,341	(11,842)
3204 Essential Early Education	8,325	8,325	-
3205 State Placed reimbursement	29,890	34,273	4,383
Total State Revenue	2,359,197	2,432,440	73,243
Other			
5990 E-Rate	9,660	7,980	(1,680)
Total Federal Revenue	9,660	7,980	(1,680)
Other			
Transfer from Capital Reserve	7,500	-	(7,500)
Transfer from grants		14,308	14,308
5400 Prior Year Adjustment		1,829	1,829
Total Other Revenue	7,500	16,137	8,637
Total GF Revenues	2,437,457	2,557,192	119,735

Walden School District Expenses Fiscal Year 2016-2017

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1.6.1100.100	Salaries	409,440	406,934	2,506
1.6.1100.200	Benefits	172,266	179,035	-6,769
1.6.1100.300	Professional Services	0	10,604	-10,604
1.6.1100.500	Other Purchased Svcs	728,015	740,478	-12,463
1.6.1100.600	Supplies	16,950	14,024	2,926
1.6.1100.700	Equipment/Furniture	200	0	200
1.6.1100.800	Interest, Dues & Fees	2,083	290	1,793
	TOTAL: Direct instruction - regular ed - 1100	1,328,954	1,351,366	-22,412
1.6.1200.100	Salaries	56,970	64,677	-7,707
1.6.1200.200	Benefits	5,448	6,066	-618
1.6.1200.300	Professional Services	140,906	197,140	-56,234
1.6.1200.400	Property Services	500	0	500
1.6.1200.500	Other Purchased Svcs	259,419	301,475	-42,056
1.6.1200.600	Supplies	1,000	166	834
1.6.1200.700	Equipment/Furniture	3,000	1,769	1,231
	TOTAL: Direct instruction - Sped - 1200	467,243	571,293	-104,050
1.6.2120.300	Professional Services	29,330	29,330	1
	TOTAL: Guidance - 2120	29,330	29,330	1
1.6.2130.100	Salaries	15,266	15,266	0
1.6.2130.200	Benefits	1,561	1,411	150
1.6.2130.600	Supplies	250	211	39
1.6.2130.700	Equipment/Furniture	200	0	200
	TOTAL: Health - 2130	17,277	16,887	390
1.6.2140.300	Professional Services	5,000	20,798	-15,798
	TOTAL: Psychological Svc. - 2140	5,000	20,798	-15,798
1.6.2150.300	Professional Services	42,210	51,595	-9,385
1.6.2150.600	Supplies	500	57	443
	TOTAL: Speech & Language - 2150	42,710	51,653	-8,943
1.6.2160.300	Professional Services	7,367	8,667	-1,300
	TOTAL: Occupational Therapy - 2160	7,367	8,667	-1,300
1.6.2170.300	Professional Services	0	1,142	-1,142
	TOTAL: Physical Therapy - 2170	0	1,142	-1,142
1.6.2190.300	Professional Services	0	1,318	-1,318
	TOTAL: Student Support Services - 2190	0	1,318	-1,318
1.6.2210.100	Salaries	0	100	-100
1.6.2210.200	Benefits	11,000	13,057	-2,057
1.6.2210.300	Professional Services	20,846	27,261	-6,415
	TOTAL: Staff Training - 2210	31,846	40,419	-8,573
1.6.2220.300	Professional Services	22,428	22,298	130
1.6.2220.400	Property Services	1,976	1,976	0
1.6.2220.500	Other Purchased Svcs	1,875	1,632	243

Walden School District Expenses Fiscal Year 2016-2017

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1.6.2220.600	Supplies	1,880	2,173	-293
1.6.2220.700	Equipment/Furniture	10,000	8,769	1,231
	TOTAL: Library Media & Technology - 2220	38,159	36,847	1,312
1.6.2300.100	Salaries	935	0	935
1.6.2300.200	Benefits	72	0	72
1.6.2300.300	Professional Services	7,000	1,607	5,393
1.6.2300.500	Other Purchased Svcs	4,000	4,518	-518
1.6.2300.600	Supplies	500	0	500
1.6.2300.800	Interest, Dues & Fees	2,450	2,022	428
	TOTAL: School Board - 2300	14,957	8,147	6,810
1.6.2320.300	Professional Services	56,490	56,490	0
	TOTAL: Superintendent Office Total - 2320	56,490	56,490	0
1.6.2410.100	Salaries	104,704	106,028	-1,324
1.6.2410.200	Benefits	25,920	25,483	437
1.6.2410.400	Property Services	3,100	4,444	-1,344
1.6.2410.500	Other Purchased Svcs	1,200	174	1,026
1.6.2410.600	Supplies	2,700	1,363	1,337
1.6.2410.800	Interest, Dues & Fees	710	0	710
	TOTAL: Principal Office - 2410	138,334	137,492	842
1.6.2520.100	Salaries	0	500	-500
1.6.2520.200	Benefits	0	38	-38
1.6.2520.300	Professional Services	42,634	42,634	0
1.6.2520.800	Interest, Dues & Fees	2,090	1,621	469
	TOTAL: Fiscal services - 2520	44,724	44,793	-69
1.6.2600.100	Salaries	35,683	36,366	-683
1.6.2600.200	Benefits	3,360	3,434	-74
1.6.2600.400	Property Services	17,100	18,051	-951
1.6.2600.500	Other Purchased Svcs	18,060	18,080	-20
1.6.2600.600	Supplies	39,825	31,769	8,056
1.6.2600.700	Equipment/Furniture	0	500	-500
	TOTAL: Plant Operation - 2600	114,028	108,199	5,829
1.6.2710.300	Professional Services	77,030	69,473	7,557
	TOTAL: Transportation Total - 2710	77,030	69,473	7,557
1.6.2720.500	Other Purchased Svcs	1,000	1,026	-26
	TOTAL: Transportation - extra-curr - 2720	1,000	1,026	-26
1.6.5310.900	Debt Principal & Transfers	23,008	5,377	17,631
	TOTAL: Transfer to Food Service - 5310	23,008	5,377	17,631
	TOTAL:	2,437,457	2,560,717	-123,260

MINUTES OF WALDEN ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING – MARCH 7, 2017
(Condensed report: complete minutes on file at the Town Clerk's office)

The Walden School District annual meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m. by moderator Roger Fox at the Walden School Multipurpose room.

ARTICLE 1: Since no nominations were offered for school moderator, Roger Fox agreed to preside over the meeting in his capacity as the previous year's elected moderator.

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the report of the board. The motion was made by Judy Clifford, seconded by Connie Bellavance, to approve the report of the Walden School Board. Discussion: Ray Lewis circulated a page with additional information about high school tuition that was left out of the town report. Voted and passed.

ARTICLE 3: Voting for School Director for a term of 3 years was by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 4: Voting for School District Treasurer for a term of 1 year was by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 5: Voting for the proposed budget of \$2,139,289 was by Australian ballot.

ARTICLE 6: The motion was made by Judy Clifford, seconded by Rusty Shedd, to authorize the School District's Board of Directors to borrow money with which to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and the receipt of other funds to be used for those purposes. Voted and passed.

ARTICLE 7: Judy Clifford updated everyone on the status of Act 46 deliberations. Barnet, Waterford and Walden are discussing merger plans.

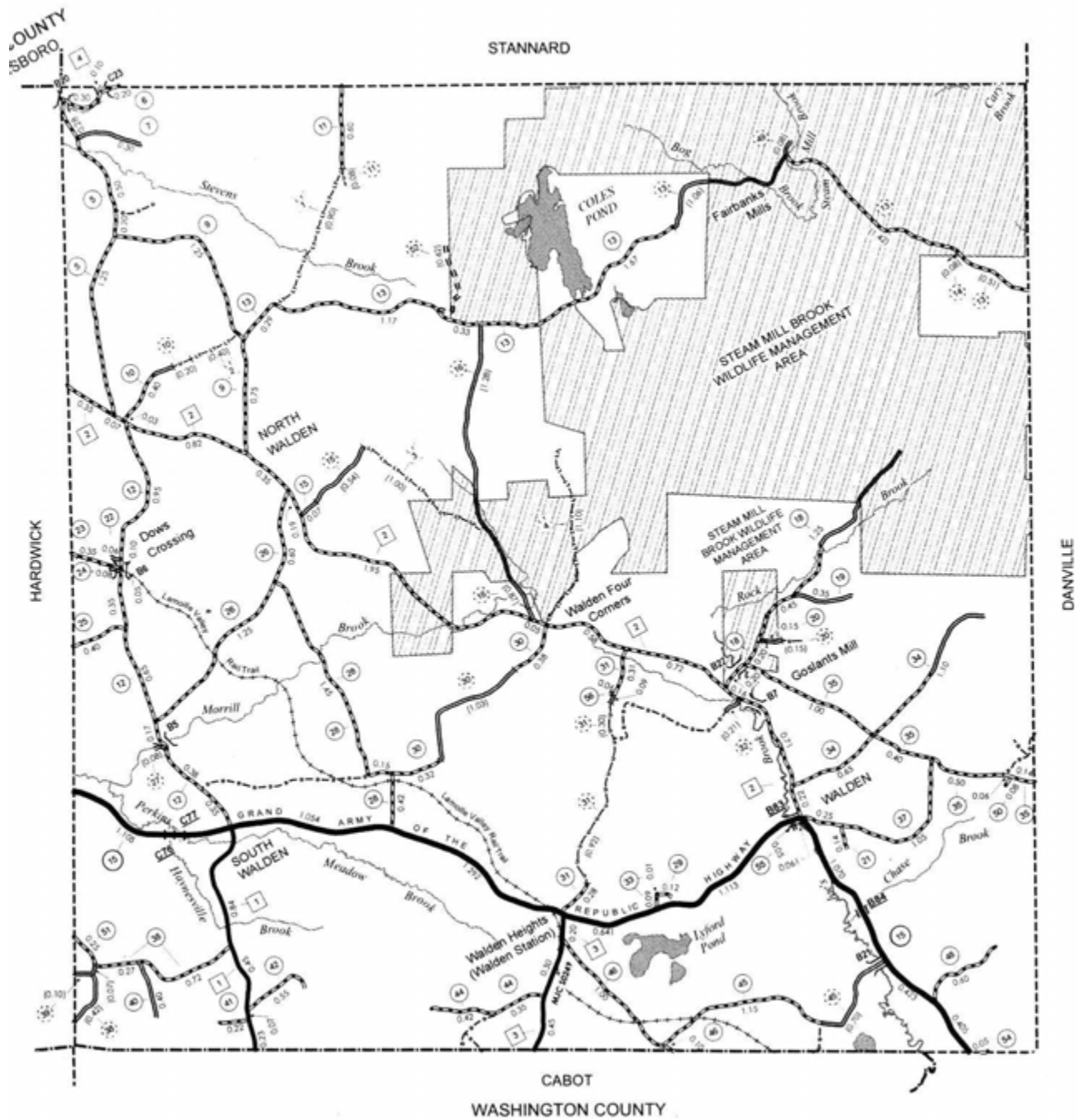
The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Perley Greaves, seconded by Bud Clifford, and was approved without opposition. Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

We attest that these are the minutes of the annual Walden School District meeting held on March 7, 2017.

Ray Lewis

Lina Smith, Town Clerk

Roger Fox



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