

VERNON TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING 2017
VERNON, VT



CELEBRATING LOCAL
ARTISANS



PACEM POTTERY

Bronna Zlochiver, potter and owner of Pacem Pottery at 69 Newton Hill Road in Vernon, has been making beautiful, functional, affordable, wheel thrown and hand built stoneware pottery for more than 48 years, beginning with her first ceramics class in college in 1969.

From August 2009 to April 2014, Bronna was affiliated with the Brattleboro Clayworks, a relationship that enabled her to get to know the local craft scene and network with many local potters and other artisans. Bronna set up her home studio and founded Pacem Pottery in 2012. She says that her studio's name was inspired by a recording of a Taize chant, "dona nobis pacem," which is Latin for "give us peace."

Bronna loves working at home; she divides her time between making pots, working around her house and garden, and volunteering. As she creates mugs, bowls, soap dishes, sponge holders, tea hearts, and much more, she envisions the pleasure her customers have when they use her pots.



My mechanical sculptures are visual and tactile and beckon you to touch them, turn gears and cranks. My yard sculptures are whimsical and made to make you smile as with the 15 ft high giraffe in front of the town hall. I love making steampunk and abstract pieces that I hope cause people to want to look and touch because that's what sculpture should do. My passion is in the surprise of art creation and my construction skills background and love of tools allows me to have the most fun ever in my studio shop. My work can be found in downtown Brattleboro in the ArtRageus1 gallery on Eliot Street and I will be exhibiting in March at the Key Bank. I am developing my website: www.facebook.com/dancingsheepskins

FROM THE COVER

Thomas Pereira

*To send light into the darkness
of men's hearts - such is the duty
of the artist.” Schumann*

The 2017 Vernon Town and School District Annual Report is dedicated to our local Artisans. Thank you for bring our community a little more beauty, a bit of whimsy and your varied talents. Thank you for sharing your work and for showing us all the value of art in our lives. We appreciate the hard work and imagination that goes into each projects. Sharing your joy in your professions and hobbies along with your experiences with the next generation will ensure continued appreciation and enjoyment of the arts well into the future.

**ANNUAL REPORT – VERNON, VERMONT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2017**

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO TOWN
MEETING**

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

AND

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

**6:30 PM AT THE
VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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VERNON TOWN OFFICE HOURS*

TOWN CLERK

Monday through Thursday 7:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
and by appointment

TOWN TREASURER

Monday through Thursday 6:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

LIBRARY

Mon. & Thurs. 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
& 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Friday Closed
Saturday 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

*Subject to Change

SHERIFF	254-6962
FIRE	254-2425
TOWN OFFICES	257-0292
VERNON ELEMENTARY	254-5373
VERNON FREE LIBRARY	257-0150
TOWN GARAGE	254-9428
RECREATION AREA	254-9251
HEALTH OFFICER	254-4485
FIRE WARDEN	254-2279
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	254-6962

REGULAR MEETINGS*

BRATTLEBORO UNION HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

First and Third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

SCHOOL BOARD

Second and Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

SELECTBOARD

First and Third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Second Monday of each month at Noon-Potluck
(Business Meeting)

Fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 P.M.
(Blood Pressure and Birthday Social)

VERNON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION (WRC)

Last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (WSWMD)

Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

FIRE EXPLORERS POST MEETING

Each Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

FIREFIGHTERS – REGULAR MEETING

Each Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

*Subject to Change

TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN OFFICERS 2017-2018

TOWN MODERATOR

Timothy Arsenault 2018

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

Timothy Arsenault 2018

TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

Timothy Arsenault 2019

TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Cindy Turnley 2018

SELECTPERSON (3 year term)

Joshua Unruh 2018

Sandra Harris 2019

Jean Carr 2020

SELECTPERSON (2 year term)

Stephen Skibniowsky 2018

Jeff Dunklee 2019

LISTERS

William Hammond 2018

Carol Hammond (Ch) 2019

Jeremiah Sund 2020

1ST CONSTABLE

Peter Crossman 2018

2nd CONSTABLE

Scott D. Lane 2018

TOWN AGENT

Christiane Howe (appointed) 2018

GRAND JUROR

Paul Fantini (appointed) 2018

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Marylynn Scherlin 2018

SCHOOL DIRECTORS (3 year term)

Michael Hebert 2018

Walter Breau 2019

Deborah Hebert 2020

SCHOOL DIRECTORS (2 year term)

Sandy Morrison 2018

Kerry Amidon 2019

UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Michael Collier 2018

WINDHAM-5 DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Michael Hebert

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Bronna Zlochiver (Ch.) 2018

Janis Pereira 2018

Melissa Ferris 2020

Ellen Hardy 2019

Ruth Kibby 2019

MARSH FUND COMMITTEE*

James Brown Barbara Mosely

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE*

Peter & Angela Miller

**Voted at Town Meeting*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Susan Arsenault Timothy Arsenault

Tom Rappaport Sandra Harris

Deborah Hebert Michael Hebert

Christiane Howe Patricia O'Donnell

Annette Roydon Lynda Starorypinski

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

Susan Arsenault Timothy Arsenault

Michael Hebert Deborah Hebert

Christiane Howe Patricia O'Donnell

Annette Roydon Lynda Starorypinski

Tom Rappaport Sandra B. Harris

Stephen Skibniowsky Jean Carr

Joshua Unruh Jeffrey Dunklee

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Town Clerk Patricia Blum

Assistant Treasurer Katherine Walker

SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR Michelle L. Pong

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mayrlynn Scherlin (Ch) Janet Rasmussen (V.Ch)

Melissa Ferris (Clerk) Sandra B. Harris

Christiane Howe Barbara Moseley (Ad hoc)

SENIOR SOLUTIONS Marylynn Scherlin

DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING Roland Walker

E-911 CONTACT

Timothy Arsenault Roland Walker

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT David Emery

HEALTH OFFICER Mark Snow
Annette Roydon & Heather Frost (Deputy)

POUND KEEPER Windham County Humane Soc.

ELDERLY ASSISTANCE BOARD

Marylynn Scherlin (Ch) 2018
Sandra Harris 2020
Linda Shippee 2018
Sharon Richardson 2020
Kevin Turnley 2019
Cindy Turnley 2019
Janet Rasmussen 2020

FARMLAND PROTECTION ADV. COMMITTEE

Arthur Miller (Ch.) Skip Baldwin
Jeff Hardy Madeline Arms
Ellen Hardy

FENCE VIEWERS

Annett Roydon...Christiane Howe...Rory Underwood

CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE

Tom Rappaport (Ch.) Lynda Starorypinski
Rita Mudd Joyce Goodnow

GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR.....Emily Vergobbe

INSPECTOR OF WOOD, SHINGLES & LUMBER

Annette Roydon Christiane Howe

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.....Brattleboro Reformer

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM.

Robert Spencer (Ch.) Jeffrey Dunklee
Janet Rasmussen Martin Langeveld
Patricia O'Donnell Madeline Arms
Jessica Freeman-Earp

RECREATION DIRECTOR Seth Deyo
Assistant Ian Deyo

RECREATION BOARD

Joshua Unruh (Ch.) Emily Vergobbe
Steven Bird Melissa Ferris
Martha Missale

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Bob Spencer Heather Frost (Ch.)
Emily Vergobbe

RESCUE INC. REPRESENTATIVE

ROAD COMMISSIONER..... Roland D. Walker Jr.

SELECTBOARD SECRETARY Michelle Millerick

TOWN ATTORNEY Salmon & Nostrand

TOWN FOREST SUPERVISOR Seth Deyo
Assistant Ian Deyo

TOWN SERVICE OFFICER Marylynn Scherlin

TREE WARDEN

Roland Walker Jr. Annette Roydon

TOWN BUS DRIVERS

Reita Lashway George Lagro

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Joshua Unruh Chad Mulverhill

WEIGHER OF COAL

Annette Roydon Christiane Howe

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REP

Timothy Franklin Emily Vergobbe (Alt.)

VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Todd Capen
Assistant Chief Keith Franklin
Captain/EMT John Wheelden, Jr.
Lieutenant/EMT Tiffany Capen
Lieutenant/EMT Jonathan Hall
Safety Officer/EMT Mike Pratt
Chaplin Bruce Burks

FIRE FIGHTER

Chris Kempf Travis Franklin
George Pond Robert Miller
Matt Vose Joshua Griffus
Jason Willette Jesse Jobin
Tyler Harrison

FIRE FIGHTER/EMT

Harley Laundry Alanna Bellville

EMT

Victoria Hall Tasha Cross

SUPPORT STAFF

Tina Franklin Faith Jobin
Laurie Griffus Mindy Hemingway
Cait Foley

EXPLORERS

Tyler Pratt Thomas Raymond
Nick Spinner Isaac Weeks
Andrew Fornier

FIRE WARDEN John Wheelden, Jr.
Asst. Todd Capen & Jesse Jobin

SENIORS

President Betty Chamberlin
Vice-President Arlene Castine
Secretaries Kathleen Harrison & Sallie May
Treasurer Nancy Durborow
Co-Treasurer Carol Moore

TOWN PROPERTY INVENTORY

BUILDINGS AND LAND

Town Office Building
Gazebo
North School
South School
Fire Station
Recreation Area
Garages & Salt Shed
J. Maynard Miller Forest
Cemeteries
Miscellaneous Land Parcels

TOWN OFFICES

Computers & Printers
Photocopiers
Safes
Office Equipment & Furnishings
Sound System
Custodial Equipment
Vote scanning machine

LIBRARY

Computers
Printer, Copier/fax machine
Equipment & Furnishings
Books, DVDs, audios, etc.

RECREATION

Area Equipment
Pool Equipment
Tools & Equipment
Games & Activity Equipment
Mowers
Office Equipment & Furnishings

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2010 Diesel Int'l Dump Truck w/ Tenco Dump
w/ body, plow & wing
2013 Diesel Int'l Dump Truck w/ Tenco Dump
body, plow & wing
2008 Case 580 Super M& Series III Backhoe
2004 International 7600 Dump Truck, MG Dump
body, Frink Plow w/ Henderson Wing
2003 Ford One ton Truck, Dump body w/plow

and Torwell Sander

1988 Caterpillar Grader w/ plow & wing
1997 Case Loader Model 621B
2015 John Deere 6501D w/ Tiger Bengal
mid mount mower 60"
1994 Morbark Chipper
1991 Sweepster Model P84
Radios
HTC Shoulder Machine
Dell Computer & Printer
Miscellaneous Garage, Office & Highway equip.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2000 Custom KME Pumper Truck – Engine 3
2015 Ford F-350 Rescue Vehicle 1
1994 Freightliner Pumper/Tanker – Tanker 1
2015 E-One Pumper Truck – Engine 1
1974 Ford Brush Truck – Brush 1
Bauer Breathing Air Fill Station
1 Base Radio
10 Mobile Radios
26 Portable Radios
3 Desktop Computers
2 Laptop Computers
Atmospheric Monitoring Equipment
Thermal Imaging Camera
20 Scott Air Packs and 40 Cylinders
6 Automatic External Defibrillators
20 sets of turnout gear
Fog machine
Life Pac 12, 2 Batteries
8 AEDs 1000

VERNON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Stationary Communications Equipment
Winco Generator (siren)
Portable Radios
Siren & Signal Box
Office Equipment & Furnishings
Dell Computer; Canon Fax; HP Jet Printer

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

1998 Chevrolet Pickup Truck
2008 Ford E350 Goshen Coach Van





Proven Expertise and Integrity

January 9, 2018

Board of Selectmen
Town of Vernon
Vernon, Vermont

We were engaged by the Town of Vernon, Vermont and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Vernon, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017. A complete copy of the audited financial statements which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town

RHR Smith & Company

Certified Public Accountants

3 Old Orchard Road, Buxton, Maine 04093
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www.rhrsmith.com

TOWN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS REAPPRAISAL FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	210,029.66
ADD:		
Interest	\$	262.22
Net Investment Gains		315.22
State of Vt. Listers Training		8,778.00
State EEGL Assistance		8,395.40
Town Meeting Appropriation		<u>20,000.00</u>
		37,750.84
DEDUCT:		
Net Investment Losses	\$	264.00
Training Expense		<u> </u>
		(264.00)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	247,516.50

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

TOWN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	54,439.19
ADD:		
Interest	\$	49.43
Net Investment Gains (Realized & Unrealized)		<u>228.97</u>
		278.40
DEDUCT:		
Net Investment Losses	191.78	
Unemployment payments	<u>7,982.07</u>	(8,173.85)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	46,543.74

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

J. MAYNARD MILLER FOREST FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	182,300.59
ADD:		
Interest	35.26	
Investment Gain	<u>2,094.37</u>	2,129.63
DEDUCT		
Investment Loss	1,754.12	(1,754.12)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	182,676.10

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

FARMLAND PROTECTION FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	398,508.17
ADD:		
Interest	53.20	
Investment Gain	<u>4,919.51</u>	4,972.71
DEDUCT:		
Investment Loss	4,120.27	(4,120.27)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	399,360.61*

*Of this amount, \$2,720.57 is left to be used for expenses of the Farmland Protection Advisory Committee, as voted at Town Meeting on March 6, 1984.

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

DOG FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	22,094.88
ADD:		
Interest	22.05	
Licenses	\$ 3,569.00	
Impound Fees	<u>75.00</u>	3,666.05
DEDUCT:		
Tags & Supplies	\$ 208.17	
Wind. Cty. Humane Society	550.00	
State of VT – Licenses Fees	<u>2,014.00</u>	(2,772.17)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	22,988.76

DOG Licenses: All dogs six months old or older should be licensed annually by the Town Clerk on or before April 1st.

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

TOWN CLERK RESTORATION RESERVE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	15,803.39
ADD:		
Interest	17.52	
Town Clerk Remittance	<u>5,057.00</u>	5,074.52
DEDUCT:		
Records restoration	\$ <u>4,457.95</u>	(4,457.95)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	16,419.96

This reserve fund is to be used only for the purpose of record preservation.

This Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

TOWN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	156,278.95
ADD:		
Interest	\$	267.20
Net Investment Gains		511.61
Town Meeting Appropriation		<u>50,000.00</u>
		50,778.81
DEDUCT:		
Net Investment Losses		<u>428.49</u>
		(428.49)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	206,629.27

At Town Meeting, March 1, 1999, this fund was established by Article 11 with the remaining monies from the Act 60 Legal Services appropriation that had been raised under Article 2 in May, 1997.

The purpose of the Professional Services Fund is to represent the Town of Vernon's position on issues relating to utilities.

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

VERNON ELDERLY ASSISTANCE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	36,631.67
ADD:		
Interest	\$	21.97
Resident Reimbursement		3,300.00
Twn Mtg Appropriation		<u>20,000.00</u>
		23,321.97
DEDUCT:		
Assistance to Residents	\$	11,450.51
Postage/Supplies		21.89
Brattleboro Senior Meals		<u>500.00</u>
		(11,972.40)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	47,981.24

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	100,922.77
ADD:		
Interest	\$.97
Net Investment Gains		<u>1,421.67</u>
		1,422.64
DEDUCT:		
Rescue Subscriptions	\$	180.00
Net Investment Losses		<u>1,190.70</u>
		(1,370.70)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	100,974.71

At Town Meeting, March 2004, Article 20 voted to change the policy for Rescue Inc. reimbursements so that the Town not pay for the first service but rather encourage households to purchase subscriptions every year and for the Town to pay for subscriptions out of this Fund for households that cannot afford the cost of the subscription.

At Town Meeting, March 2011, Article 32 voted to change the policy to allow for EMS program expenses of the Vernon Fire Department as authorized by the Selectboard.

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.



JAMES CUSICK SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOWN OF VERNON REQUIREMENTS

The James Cusick Scholarship Fund was established by the 1977 Vernon Town Meeting, as the town higher education fund, designed to help residents afford the cost of college. In 1990, the fund was renamed after the death of Vernon resident and former Windham Southeast Superintendent James Cusick. While additional money for the fund was rejected at the March 2017 Town Meeting, there was sufficient money to provide scholarships for the current school year.

This year, 43 Vernon residents applied and, subject to verification, will be supported through the fund. The Committee is made up of School Board Chair Michael Hebert, School Principal Mary Ross and Selectboard Chair Joshua Unruh.

Timothy Arsenault
Committee Clerk

REQUIREMENTS

1. An application shall be submitted to the Selectboard Chairperson or the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 P.M. or the close of normal business hours on July 1st of each year.

2. Any Vernon resident as determined by V.S.A. 16: 1075 may apply for a scholarship for assistance for up to a total of four years, each year the resident may reapply. The purpose of the scholarship fund is for the resident to further their education or training upon receipt of a high school diploma or an equivalent as determined by the Vermont Department of Education. The resident shall become eligible for the scholarship upon receipt of the application by the Selectboard Chairperson or the Town Clerk within six years of the date of graduation. A resident becomes ineligible at the end of the sixth year from when his/her high school diploma or equivalent certificate was awarded.

3. Applicant must have been eligible to attend the Vernon School system for a minimum of five academic years as a resident immediately prior to receipt of the high school diploma or the equivalent.

4. Each full-time resident recipient shall receive \$1,000.00 (or the amount voted) for two semesters at an institution of higher learning, a certified training center, or a vocational school. If the amount of the appropriation is not sufficient, it shall be divided equally among the students selected.

5. For less than a full-time post-secondary status, a pro-rata reduction in the amount of the scholarship will be made, but in no case will a less than 50% status for an academic year, as determined by the school, be eligible for the scholarship.

6. The student is responsible to provide verification to the Town Clerk by January 15 that they have completed the first semester and are enrolled for the second semester. Acceptable forms of verification are:

Verification form provided by the Town Clerk

Student grade report

Tuition bill

Letter of enrollment

Other official document form from the school that satisfies the enrollment verification.

7. Checks will be issued each year during the last two weeks of January, payable to the Vernon resident and mailed to the student's home address unless otherwise stipulated.

8. Any scholarship recipient, whose status changes during or before the academic year, is fully responsible for notifying the Town Clerk of the change. Any scholarship recipient who receives an award for which they are ineligible due to said status change, residency, or other requirements outlined above, will be responsible for reimbursing the town within ninety days.

9. The Selection Committee is the Chairperson of the Vernon School Board, Chairperson of the Vernon Selectboard, and the Principal of the Vernon Elementary School. All decisions of the Committee shall be by majority vote. The Selection Committee will review applications no later than July 15th. Students will be notified within five days of the Committee's decision.

Any request for reconsideration must be made in writing within ten calendar days following the initial decision. The request must be made by the resident and must cite the specific details needing to be reconsidered. Any reconsideration of the Committee's decision must be made by a majority vote of the Committee and the decision of the Committee is final.

Application forms are available at the Vernon Town Clerk's Office.

TOWN OF VERNON—JAMES CUSICK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$80,014.34
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ADD:

Interest	\$ 21.56
Net Investment Gains	981.19
Mar. 2015 Town Meeting	
Appropriation	<u>40,000.00</u>
	41,002.75

DEDUCT:

2015/2016 Scholarships	\$(26,750.00)
Net Investment Losses	<u>(821.79)</u>
	(27,571.79)

BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$93,445.30
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At Town Meeting, February 28, 2011, it was voted by Article 20 that the following restriction be placed upon this Fund:

No more than \$40,000.00 shall be disbursed in any year and after five (5) years the Selectboard shall review the disbursement guidelines, as well as the appropriation disbursement levels.

Applications and guidelines are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

EMERGENCY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	1,819,849.87	
ADD:			
Interest	\$	50.66	
Net Investment Gains		<u>23,185.52</u>	
			23,236.18
DEDUCT:			
Capital Fund Appropriation		170,675.56	
Rec Pool Repair		14,071.29	
Net Investment Losses		<u>19,093.45</u>	(203,840.30)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	1,639,245.75	

Creation of the Fund

At Town Meeting in March 2000, through Article 31, the voters established an Emergency Capital Reserve Fund to provide perpetual funds for emergency capital replacements or repairs and to help defray the cost of the annual appropriation for the Capital Plan. Through Article 32, this new fund received a total of \$1,755,002.02 by transferring the monies from two existing funds: \$790,346.99 in the Town Building/Facilities Major Repair and Upgrade Fund and \$964,655.03 in the Vehicles/Equipment Major Repairs and Replacement Fund. It was envisioned that the Town would be able to fund future capital purchases exclusively through investment income generated annually by the balance in the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund, without having to raise the monies through taxes.

Operation of the Fund

All normal capital purchases or refurbishments are to be included in and funded by the Capital Plan. Failure to plan and include required purchases into the Capital Plan does not constitute an emergency, and the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund shall not be used for such purposes.

The Selectboard was authorized to approve, by a majority vote, emergency capital expenditures of \$10,000 or more from the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund. All amounts so expended shall be replenished through an article presented to the next Annual Town Meeting.

If the emergency expenditure exceeds \$100,000, the Town Meeting voters may authorize replenishment over several years.

It was voted that each year all interest and dividends earned by the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund shall be applied to reduce the cost of the annual appropriation for the Capital Plan. Careful management of the Capital Plan should allow preservation of the principal of the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund. This Fund is invested with Edward Jones.



TOWN PARKING LOTS MAINTENANCE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	62,424.78	
ADD:			
Interest	\$	73.86	
Town Meeting Appropriation		2,500.00	
Investment Gain		<u>5.68</u>	
			2,579.54
DEDUCT:			
Investment Losses		<u>4.76</u>	(4.76)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	64,999.56	

At Town Meeting in March, 2011, Article 26 voted to establish a Town parking Lots Maintenance Fund for maintenance of Town owned parking lots.

This Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

VERNON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	67,455.80	
ADD:			
Interest	\$	16.06	
Pay As You Throw Income		66,699.99	
Town Meeting Appropriation		26,962.00	
Net Investment Gains		<u>482.22</u>	
			94,160.27
DEDUCT:			
Wind. Solid Waste Mgmt			
District Assessment	\$	26,959.36	
Supplies		6,431.00	
Rebate on Bag Sales		187.50	
Refuse Collection		76,506.70	
Tipping Fee		31,961.85	
Net Investment Losses		<u>363.22</u>	(142,409.63)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	19,206.44	

This Fund was established in March 1987, for the purpose of funding a future study, operation, purchase or development of a landfill dump or other means of solid waste disposal.

At Town Meeting, March 7, 1989, Article 36 voted that expenditures of less than \$10,000.00 may be authorized by the Selectboard; greater expenditures will require town meeting approval.

This Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

TOWN ROAD UPGRADING FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	493,606.61	
ADD:			
Interest	\$	638.25	
Net Investment Gains		1,541.15	
Class 2 Hwy Grant		127,760.61	
State Aid to Highways		58,449.05	
Structures Grant		104,837.45	
GR118 (Bridge) Grant		9,461.00	
Town Meeting Appropriation		<u>100,000.00</u>	
			402,687.51
DEDUCT:			
Culverts	\$	201,647.00	
Sak Road Maintenance		9,059.29	
Yrly Road Maintenance		166,367.31	
Net Investment Losses		<u>1,290.77</u>	
			(378,364.37)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	517,929.75	

At Town Meeting, March 7, 1989, Article 38 voted that all restrictions be removed and replaced with the following restrictions: This Fund will be used solely for the necessary surveys, land acquisitions and construction costs required for widening or upgrading existing town roads. Disbursement from this fund shall only be authorized by the Selectboard.

This Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

VERNON CAPITAL FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$	1,326,398.49	
ADD:			
Interest	\$	1,106.99	
Net Investment Gains (Realized & Unrealized)		11,138.79	
Capital Sales: Fire Truck		5,000.00	
Town Meeting Appropriation		<u>170,675.56</u>	
			187,921.34
DEDUCT:			
Town Office Computers		8,888.68	
Net Investment Losses		<u>9,329.17</u>	
			(18,217.85)
BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$	1,496,101.98	

At Town Meeting, March 6, 1990, Article 35 voted to establish a Vernon Capital Fund for the purpose of providing funding for the items authorized in the Vernon Capital Plan.

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

POLICY ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF

THE VERNON CAPITAL PLAN

1. Definitions:

Capital Plan

The list of all capital additions or replacements of a value greater than or equal to \$10,000, **required** for the continued maintenance of town services. It is essential that the Capital Plan include only 'need' items not 'want or nice to have' items. All items in the plan shall be reviewed by the Capital Plan Committee and Selectboard and approved by the Town at the annual Town Meeting. No capital purchase of \$10,000 or more (unless an unforeseeable emergency) will be made, unless it is processed through the Capital Plan. It is essential that aggressive and thorough planning and review by the sponsoring department be made on the recommendation for items to be included in the plan. The Capital Plan cannot be allowed to become a wish list for last minute major purchases. It is expected that at a minimum, the year prior to a planned purchase a detailed bid specification will be developed by the requesting department, considering the best long-term interest of the town. The plan is reviewed and updated every year and shall look at a minimum of five (5) years in the future. Only items included in the approved plan can be funded by the Capital Fund. Items in the Plan will have a planned need date and an expected cost in the need year. The addition of items to the Capital Plan shall be accomplished through the Capital planning guideline.

Capital Fund

A pooled fund established to provide the necessary resources to pay for items authorized in the Capital Plan. Annual appropriations will be made to the fund based on the previously issued and approved Capital planning guidelines. The money appropriated for any particular item shall be retained in the fund until that item is either cancelled or purchased. All unused money for any particular item shall be retained in the pooled fund and classified as excess funds for use on other items or to reduce the amount of money needed to be raised for future appropriations. Any money raised from the resale of capital Plan items shall be returned to the Capital Fund as excess funds. Once an item has satisfied a bid specification and has been paid for from the Capital Fund, no further expenditures can be made from this fund for accessories or enhancements to the purchased item. Last minute additions are indicative of poor planning and anticipation and should be funded by the sponsor agency's operating budget, when funds are available for such discretionary expenses.

Excess Funds

Resources available in the Capital Fund after all planned purchases for that year have been completed. In order to provide protection for some unanticipated increases in the cost of a Plan item, funding for items will try to be as conservative as possible. Because of this it is anticipated that actual purchase cost of items will be lower than the projected cost appropriated for in the fund. These unused funds along with interest and dividends earned, returns from resale of capital items, and cancellation of items from the Capital Plan partially funded in prior years, will constitute excess funds in the Capital Fund. For management purposes a small amount of excess funds will intentionally be left in the Capital Fund every year to allow for unexpected cost overruns of authorized items. All other excess funds will be applied to help defray the amount of money needed to be raised every year to fund the necessary annual appropriation.

2. Establishing the Plan:

Every year, the Capital Plan Committee will review with the various town departments, the expected needs for that department for the foreseeable future. Any previously existing item in the plan will also be reviewed to assure that the need still exists, and that the details of the item description are still what the department needs. The Capital Plan Committee will then make an assessment on the appropriateness of the need request and vote to either include, delete, or modify the item requested to be added to the Capital Plan. For all items identified to be included in the plan, the committee will establish the required funding, including annual appropriations necessary to assure that the resources are available in the Capital Fund when the item is required to be purchased. The completed Capital Plan will be presented to the Select Board at one of their regularly scheduled meetings for review and acceptance. Prior to the Annual Town Meeting a public hearing will be warned and held to present and explain the Capital Plan to the interested townspeople. Formal approval of the plan will be made by warned article to the Annual Town Meeting.

Prior to January 15 of every year, the Capital Plan Committee shall provide the following reports for inclusion in the Town Report:

The Capital Plan Summary, which is a brief summary of all items proposed for inclusion in the Capital Plan with the need year and projected total cost identified.

The Capital Plan Funding Projections, which is a minimum five (5) year projection of the annual allocations necessary to fund the items approved in the Capital Plan. These projections will utilize the planning guidelines as the basis for balancing allocations and cost distribution.

The Capital Fund Status, which is a detailed year end accounting of all Capital Fund appropriations and expenditures, with Capital Plan committee assessments of which funds are excess, and a recommendation for the use of these excess funds to help defray expenses for the following year's appropriation.

3. Making purchases from the Plan:

For all plan items, the requesting department will prepare a detailed bid specification for presentation to the Select Board. At the Select Board's discretion, a member of the Capital Plan Committee may be requested to be present at the board meeting where reviews of Capital Plan purchase specifications are conducted. This Capital Plan Committee member will provide confirmation to the board that the item requested is consistent with the item described in the approved Capital Plan. Once all bids are received for the item to be purchased, the Selectboard will make the choice that best fits the town's needs. The targeted cost for each Capital Plan item was established conservatively high, so adequate funds should be available to cover the cost of the item. If the best price received still exceeds the targeted cost included in the Capital Fund for the item, and the item is as described in the Capital Plan, then the use of excess funds may be applied to the purchase of the item. Mid year determination of the availability of excess funds can be made by consultation with the town treasurer and members of the Capital Plan Committee. If sufficient excess funds are not currently available, then the purchase will have to be delayed until later in the year when additional excess funds are made available, or deferred to the following year. Deferral of purchases to the

following year will allow for additional appropriations to be made for the item. If the item's purchase cannot be deferred to later in the year or the following year, then the Select Board may allow the purchase to made creating a shortfall in the Capital Fund. This shortfall will then be restored by increasing the money to be raised in the following year.

4. Capital Planning guidelines:

a. All capital expenditures must be submitted for inclusion in the Capital Plan in advance of the need based on the projected future cost and the following minimum schedule:

Projected cost	Years in Advance of Need
\$10,000-\$20,000	2
\$20,001-\$30,000	3
\$30,001-\$40,000	4
\$40,001-\$55,000	5
\$55,001-\$75,000	6
\$75,001-\$95,000	7
\$95,001-\$115,000	8
\$115,001-\$150,000	10
\$150,001 -	15

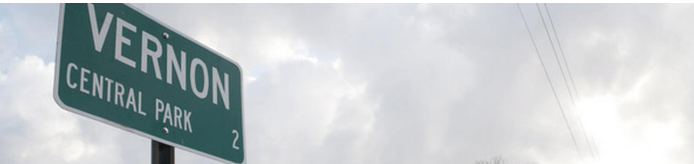
Exceptions to this schedule will be considered for unusual circumstances on a case by case basis.

b. All equipment replacement need dates will be based on projected end of useful life. The requesting department will be responsible to establish quantifiable measures to determine when end of useful life is achieved (i.e. annual repair cost, out of service time, mileage, operating house, etc.). The Capital Plan Committee and the Department will mutually agree on the acceptability of the proposed end of useful life indicators. Irrespective of when an item on the Capital Plan is projected to be purchased (need date), it will not be authorized for purchase until the actual end of useful life.

c. Funding for all approved Capital items will be pro-rated from the need date based on a minimum schedule consistent with that identified in paragraph 4a, above.

5. Sale of items being replaced:

As stated in paragraph 4a, items being replaced under the Capital Plan have been determined to be at the end of useful life and thus serve no purpose or benefit for the Town and should be sold as soon as possible. It is preferable to trade these in toward the purchase of the new item. If the Selectboard and Capital Plan Committee determine that it will benefit the Town to sell outright rather than trade, then it should be done as follows: The Department Head will put such items out to bid with Selectboard approval within 30 days. The sale will be completed within 60 days and funds received through this sale will be put in the Capital Plan Fund as excess funds as stated in Paragraph 1 under Excess Funds.



FY2016-2017 CAPITAL FUND STATUS

Item	Need Year	Previous Bal.	FY16/17 Appropriation	Total Available	FY 17 Expenditures less Income	Fund Balance	Used to Offset FY17-18 Approp	Excess Funds
Town Van	2022/2023	12,500.00	12,500.00	25,000.00		25,000.00		
Town Office Tractor (lawn and snow)	2012/2013	16,900.00	5,000.00	21,900.00		21,900.00		
Engine #1 (1985 Ford Replace)	2015/2016			-				
Brush #1	2017/2018	44,844.00	4,031.00	48,875.00		48,875.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2004)	2016/2017	172,351.00	16,324.00	188,675.00		188,675.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2009)	2021/2022	153,304.00	19,339.00	172,643.00		172,643.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2012)	2024/2025	111,996.00	17,965.00	129,961.00		129,961.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2016)	2028/2029	65,199.00	17,908.00	83,107.00		83,107.00		
Front End Loader (1997 Replace)	2017/2018	175,515.00	16,642.00	192,157.00		192,157.00		
3/4 Ton Pick-up Truck (1998)	2012/2013	35,000.00	6,500.00	41,500.00		41,500.00		
Two Ton Dump Truck (2003)	2015/2016	85,000.00	6,500.00	91,500.00		91,500.00		
Tractor & Rotary Mower	2017/2018	17,189.00		17,189.00		17,189.00		17,189.00
Town Garage Roof	2021/2022		18,000.00	18,000.00				
Records Restoration	2011/2012	10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00		
Tanker #1 Replace	2024/2025	180,000.00	30,000.00	210,000.00		210,000.00		
Engine #3 Replace (2000 KME)	2031/2032							
Rescue #1 Replace (95 Intl)	2025/2026	3,734.25		3,734.25				
Fire Station Roof	2021/2022							
Replace SCBA Bottles	2017/2018	33,000.00		33,000.00		33,000.00		
Replace SCBA Air Packs	2017/2018	67,500.00		67,500.00		67,500.00		
Computers - Replacement	2016/2017		10,000.00	10,000.00	(6,389.00)	3,611.00		3,611.00
Computer Server	2017/2018		5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00		
Records Storage Room	2016/2017		10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00		
Tennis Court Resurfacing	2018/2019		6,600.00	6,600.00		6,600.00		
Recreation Lawn Tractor	2017/2018		5,750.00	5,750.00		5,750.00		
Used to offset FY17 Appropriation				-		-	\$ 116,507.00	
Interest							496.00	718.00
Capital Sales: Fire Truck								5,000.00
Subtotals		\$ 1,184,032.25	\$ 208,059.00	1,392,091.25	\$ (6,389.00)	\$ 1,363,968.00	\$ 117,003.00	\$ 26,518.00

2018- 2019 TOWN OF VERNON CAPITAL PLAN PROJECTIONS

	Need Year	Bal 6/30/17	FY2017/2018	FY2018/2019	FY2019/2020	FY2020/2021	FY2021/2022	FY2022/2023	FY2023/2024	Projected Cost	Comments
<u>Town Transportation</u>											
(2008) Town Van	2022/2023	25,000	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500		100,000	Buy diesel & No CDL
<u>Highway Department</u>											
(1998) Pick Up Truck 3/4 Ton	2019/2020	41,500	3,250	1,625	1,625					48,000	Pushed back one year need
(2004) Dump Int'l 7600 Diesel	2019/2020	188,675	8,163	4,081	4,081					205,000	Pushed back one year need
(2003) Dump Ford 1 ton	2019/2020	91,500	3,250	1,625	1,625					98,000	Pushed back one year need
(1997) Fmt End Loader Case 621B	2017/2018	192,157	16,643							208,800	Needs Repl. - costly to fix
(2010) Dump Truck Int'l Diesel	2021/2022	172,643	19,339	19,339	19,339	19,340	17,846	17,846	17,846	250,000	
(2013) Dump Truck Int'l Diesel	2024/2025	129,961	17,965	17,846	17,846	17,846	15,280	15,280	15,280	255,000	
(2008) Back Hoe Case 580SuprM	2029/2030			15,280	15,280	15,280	15,280	15,280		168,000	Will review yearly
(1991) Town Garage Road	2024/2025	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000					90,000	
(2015) Tractor & Rotary Mower JD	2035/2036									110,000	20 yr life exp. (\$93,525)
Fuel Tanks - inground	2028/2029						10,000	10,000	10,000	200,000	Catholic Project, Monitoring
<u>Fire Department</u>											
(1974) Brush 1 Ford	2020/2021	48,875	4,031	4,031	4,031	4,032				65,000	
(2015) Engine 1 Pumper											2015 purchase (\$200,344)
(1994) Tanker 1 pumper/tanker Frontline	2024/2025	210,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	450,000	
(2000) Engine 3 - KME in 2002	2031/2032			21,430	21,430	21,430	21,430	21,430	21,430	300,000	Repl in 14 years (\$292,455)
(1996) Fire Station Roof	2021/2022									38,000	Jim Brow to advise
(2014) Fire Station Furnace										12,000	Sandri - 20 yr life expectancy
Replace SCBA Air Packs	2017/2018	67,500	22,500							90,000	
Replace SCBA bottles	2017/2018	33,000	11,000							44,000	
<u>Town Office</u>											
Computers	2016/2017	10,000	2,500							12,500	\$8,888.68 spent
Computer Server	2017/2018	5,000	5,000							10,000	
Records Storage Room	2021/2022		2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000			10,000	Rolling shelves
Electronic Key System	2018/2019		5,000	5,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	120,000	Insulation
Energy Efficiency Upgrades	2022/2023										
<u>Recreation Department</u>											
Swimming Pool Refurbish											Motor replaced 2016
(1999) Tennis Court Resurfacing	2018/2019	6,600	6,700	6,700						20,000	
Lawn Tractor	2021/2022	5,750	5,750							11,500	
<u>Library</u>											
Bins, shelving, furniture - Children	2018/2019		5,000	5,000						10,000	
Totals:		\$ 1,246,161	\$ 198,591	\$ 189,457	\$ 177,757	\$ 170,428	\$ 129,056	\$ 127,056	\$ 114,556	\$ 2,935,800	
Interest & Gains:											
Returned/Excess Funds:				(718)							
Capital Sales (Fire Truck):				(3,611)	Computers						
				(5,000)							
Grand Total To Be Appropriated:				\$ 180,128							
Less Income from ER Capital Reserve Fund:				(180,128)							
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES:				\$0.00							

NOTE: Review yearly North School, Museum, Twn Off Cap, Plan Repairs

TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Trust Funds Trustees - Selectboard	TYLER	NORTH	SOUTH	ALEXANDER PERRY
June 30, 2017- Shares (held by Town and on Deposit)				
Mass. Investors Trust	3,669,165			
George Putnam Fund	275.000			55.000
American Mutual Fund		151.516		
Investment Co. of America		298.088	102.084	
Balance July 1, 2016				
Edward Jones				
Original Deposit	\$ 2,815.11	\$ 1,747.15	\$ 222.16	\$ 239.78
Accumulated Income	49,239.62	34,872.38	5,848.65	3,324.91
	\$ 52,054.73	\$ 36,619.53	\$ 6,070.81	\$ 3,564.69
ADD: 2015 Receipts				
Dividends & Capital Gains	1,020.48	792.39	188.34	11.66
Bank Interest	5.75	2.91	2.70	2.10
Cemetery Lots Sold	550.00	1,450.00	1,100.00	
Investment Gains	610.39	460.07	32.00	
DEDUCT: Cemetery Expenses				
Replace Marker & Cornerstones		\$ -		
Landscaping Services			\$ -	
Investment Losses	\$ (511.22)	\$ (385.32)	\$ (26.79)	
Total Expense	\$ (511.22)	\$ (385.32)	\$ (26.79)	\$ -
Balances June 30, 2017				
Original Deposit	\$ 2,815.11	\$ 1,747.15	\$ 222.16	\$ 239.78
Accumulated Income	50,915.02	37,192.43	7,144.90	3,338.67
Polly A. Lee Cemetery Lot				
Edward Jones	Deposit	Interest		
Balance July 1, 2016	\$ 125.00	\$ 478.65	\$ 243.31	
2016 Interest & Income		0.60	0.24	
Balance June 30, 2017	\$ 125.00	\$ 479.25	\$ 243.55	
Trustees	Treasurer		Selectboard	
Whithed Cemetery Fund				

DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR POLY LEE MARKER

About 1770, a large family of Lees moved to the wilderness of what is now Newton Road. They soon needed to establish a family cemetery. Enclosed by a stone wall and entered through a wrought iron gate, burials included children, a Revolutionary War hero, and many family members. As time passed it fell into disrepair and finally, a farmer owning the property plowed it under.

Vernon's Cemetery Committee would like to have a marker made to honor and remember those whose resting place was destroyed. By law, the Town Appropriations cannot be used on a private cemetery.

Checks may be made out to the Town of Vernon, noting its purpose: Polly Lee Cemetery Memorial Fund and sent to the Treasurer, 567 Governor Hunt Road, Vernon, VT 05354.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

TOWN OF VERNON GRANGE #228 SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2016 \$ 29,019.29

ADD:

Interest	\$.05
Net Investment Gains		<u>412.73</u>
		412.78

DEDUCT:

Scholarship		
Net Investment Losses		<u>345.69</u>
		(345.69)

BALANCE June 30, 2017 \$ 29,086.38

Guidelines and applications are available at the Town Clerk's office.

This Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

GUIDELINES FOR TOWN OF VERNON GRANGE #228 SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Who is eligible?

Any Vernon resident who has resided in town for at least six years who is attending or has been accepted in an agricultural program* at a post-secondary institution.

OR

A Vernon High School Senior who has been accepted in an agricultural program* at a post-secondary institution and has attended Vernon schools for at least six years.

How much are the awards?

\$500.00

For less than a full-time student, a pro-rata reduction in the amount of the scholarship is made.

How are they awarded?

Award is based on completion of application form plus a personal resume which will include the following:

1. Brief life history of the applicant
2. Financial need
3. Educational and vocational goals

Deadline:

Application and resume must be received in writing by the Town Clerk's office on or before 4:00 p.m. on May 1st. Applications received after that date will not be eligible for consideration.

When will the awards be presented?

Checks will be issued each year in August.

Selection Committee:

Member of Selectboard
Member of Farmland Committee
Town Resident

**Besides dairy farming, agriculture may also include landscaping, forestry, green house, aquatic farming, fruit farming, etc.*



ALICE J. BROOKS FUND

Mrs. Alice J. Brooks left \$5,000 in 1941, for the relief of poor children and aged persons in the Town of Vernon. The Selectboard were instructed to invest this, and interest or income alone, could be used per the will.

Total Shares 1957-2016		
Mass. Investors Trust	2,024,997	held on deposit
George Putnam Fund	896.858	held on deposit

Edward Jones

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$ 19,280.57
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ADD:	
Interest	\$ 6.71
Dividends	748.29
Investment Gain	<u>-89.79</u>
	<u>844.79</u>

DEDUCT:

Resident Assistance	\$
Investment Loss	<u>75.19</u>

(75.19)

BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$ 20,050.17
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Trustee—Selectboard

MARSH FUND

This fund was a result of a \$2,000 legacy to the Town of Vernon in the will of Mrs. Anna Marsh in 1835. The interest is to be appropriated annually for the "Preaching of the Gospel in said Town." Each year a committee is chosen at the Annual Meeting for disbursement of the fund.

Total Shares 1957-2016

238.096 held on deposit in American Mutual Fund.

Edward Jones

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$ 1,155.88
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ADD:	
Interest	\$.45
Dividends	<u>380.96</u>

381.41

DEDUCT:

Advent Christian Church	\$ 163.14
Seventh Day Adventist Church	163.14
Vernon Union Church	<u>163.14</u>

(489.42)

BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$ 1,047.87
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Trustee—Selectboard



SCOTT & NOYES MEMORIAL FUND

The executor for the Mary A. Scott estate was directed by Probate Court, October 29, 1927, to pay \$10,513.18 to the Vernon Town Treasurer. This was to be held in trust and invested with income only to be used annually for preaching the Gospel and for the Advent Christian Home at South Vernon.

After a committee representing the beneficiaries met to investigate changes in disbursement, it was recommended in 1976, that the Trustee's judgment be used regarding disbursement in accordance with the will.

Total Shares 1957-2016		
Mass Investors Trust	866.070	held on deposit
George Putnam Fund	424.000	held on deposit

Edward Jones

(base sum non-expendable-\$217.18)

BALANCE July 1, 2016	\$ 373.43
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ADD:	
Interest	\$.17
Dividends	<u>89.90</u>
	90.07

DEDUCT:

Advent Christian Church, Inc.	\$ 20.39
Advent Christian Homes, Inc.	20.39
Seventh Day Adventist Church	20.39
Vernon Union Church	<u>20.39</u>

(81.56)

BALANCE June 30, 2017	\$ 381.94
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Trustee – Town Treasurer

STATEMENTS OF TAXES RAISED

July 01,2016 – June 30, 2017

2016-2017 Grand List			
Appraised Value - Town	\$	329,847,095.00	
1% of Grand List	\$	3,298,470.95	
2016-2017 Municipal Tax Rate		0.4728	
2016-2017 Local Agreement Tax Rate		0.0015	
Total Municipal Tax Rate		0.4743	
2016-2017 School Grand List (as determined by state)			
Homestead Education	\$	1,350,215.86	
Non-Residential Education		2,694,206.85	
2016-2017 School Tax Rates (as determined by state)			
Homestead Rate: 1.2794		1.7537	
Non Residential Rate: 1.2192		1.6935	
Taxes to be raised per Town Meeting Feb. 29 & March 1, 2016			
School Budget Expenditures	\$	3,610,573.00	
State Spending Grant		0.00	
Total School Taxes to be Raised			\$ 3,610,573.00
Homestead Education Raised		1,727,466.16	
Non-Residential Education Raised		3,284,777.07	
Grand Total School Taxes to be Raised			\$ 5,012,243.23
Total Town Taxes to be Raised			
Municipal Grand List	\$	1,559,505.15	
Local Agreement		4,947.89	
Grand Total Town Taxes to be Raised			\$ 1,564,453.04
Total Town and School Taxes to be Raised			\$ 6,576,696.27
Late Filed HS-121			1,736.93
Entergy Vermont Yankee			750,000.00
Lister's Error			(4,847.94)
Total Taxes Billed			\$ 7,323,585.26
Current Taxes Raised - 5-04-2017			\$ 6,912,908.76
Total Delinquent Taxes Paid 16/17			44,946.53
Total Delinquent Taxes Owed 16/17			54,095.29
Tax Credits: School			316,623.20
Refund State Payment FY 16/17			(2,843.47)
Refund Overpaid Taxes FY 16/17			(1,192.34)
NSF Check			(952.71)
Total Taxes Accounted For			\$ 7,323,585.26

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Outstanding Taxes July 1, 2016	\$ 63,642.76
ADD: 2016/2017 Delinquent Taxes	99,041.82
LESS: 2016/2017 Collections	(85,931.58)
Total Delinquent June 30, 2017	\$ 76,753.00

	To Collector	July 16-June 17 Collections	Balance June 30, 2017
2016/17	99,041.82	44,946.53	54,095.29
2015/16	42,504.75	29,257.67	13,247.08
2014/15	10,211.69	6,965.80	3,245.89
2013/14	5,450.47	767.88	4,682.59
2012/13	4,069.15	2,587.00	1,482.15
2011/12	<u>1,406.70</u>	<u>1,406.70</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	\$ 162,684.58	\$ 85,931.58	\$ 76,753.00

The following Delinquent Taxes are charged against the names below on the Tax Collector's books as of June 30, 2017. Several payments have been made since that fiscal year ending date.

Unless the Auditors are notified to the contrary, it will be assumed the tax amounts listed are correct. Penalties are added by the Tax Collector according to the Vermont Statutes.

1 % interest is also added monthly per vote at Town Meeting, March 1996.

ANY PAYMENT RECEIVED AFTER JUNE 30, 2017, IS NOT REFLECTED IN THIS LISTING.

2016/2017

Bailey, Philip & JoAnn	1,588.32
Bratt. Area Comm. Land Trust	406.86
Buisa, Mario C.	768.09
Casey, Jean A. (Estate)	2,010.18
Chamblee, Marcus C.	60.89
Chase, Charles E.	4,596.15
Clinche, Marian E. & Rose M. (Estate)	690.93
Casey, William & Jean A.	
Connolly, Mary L.	1,160.82
Cross, Suanne	2,078.79
Davis, Roland Jr. & Spicer, Beth	869.25
Dawson, Roy J., Jr.	1,632.27
Dunham, Jeffrey	2,521.62
Dunham, Jeffrey & Raymond, Mark J.	487.71
Federal Nat'l Mortgage Association	2,501.86
Fox, Thomas C. & Lisa M.	109.20
Frink, Lyle H. & Joan E.	59.30
Frink, Timothy	
Gilbert, Shenandoah	11.12
Green, Sarah	1,365.03
Hebert, Michael & Deborah	3,100.21
Hendricks, Thomas Sr.	683.04
Holmquist, Duane C. & Susan B.	1,144.58
Howe, Christiane A.	1,305.93

Kellom, Denise	1,614.36
Lee, Jackie B. & Robert E.	1,364.97
Lee, Robert	47.28
Looman, Melissa A.	1,991.56
Lynch, Jerome P. & Diane P.	1,783.74
Lynch, Shirley A & Lynch, Jesse F.	
McAllister, Daniel H. & Kelly A.	2,155.80
Mayock, Louisa A.	1,290.92
Mercier, Terry J.	680.35
Moore, Rodney A.	1,923.61
Nesbitt, Cameron	2,028.81
Putnam, Craig K. & Lori	631.65
Rausch, Peter Joseph	16.76
Miller-Rausch, Michelle Ann	
Schneeberger, Kerry M.	1,427.20
Tyson, Deborah J.	2,081.28
Walsh, Harriette H.	8.44
Walsh, Casey B.	975.60
Waters, Dakota L. & Samantha	3,627.63
Williams, Arnold & Melanie	1,293.18

2015/2016

Bratt Area Comm Land Trust	213.14
Casey, Jean A. (Est)	1,711.76
Clinche, Marian E. & Rose M. (Est)	588.36
Casey, William & Jean A.	
Dawson, Roy J. Jr.	1,065.53
Dunham, Jeffrey	1,985.85
Dunham, Jeffrey	415.32
Raymond, Mark J.	
Green, Sarah	1,058.03
Hebert, Michael & Deborah	2,875.25
Kellom, Denise	858.10
Lee, Robert E.	35.48
Mockler, Richard J. & Marilyn J.	527.69
Moore, Rodney A.	657.61
Nesbitt, Cameron	1,254.96

2014/2015

Casey, Jean A	1,617.76
Cliché, Marion E. & Rose M. (Est)	556.06
Casey, William & Jean A.	
Dunham, Jeffrey	432.73
Dunham, Jeffrey	318.82
Raymond Mark J.	
Green, Sarah	206.58
Williams, Arnold & Melanie	113.94

2013/2014

Casey, Jean A.	1,667.26
Cliché, Marion E. & Rose M. (Est)	573.08
Casey, William & Jean A.	
Jensen, Donald F. & Patricia G.	2,442.25

2012/2013

Jensen, Donald F & Patricia G	1,165.37
Nesbitt, Cameron	316.78

Balance Delinquent June 30, 2017	\$ 76,753.00
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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017			
CURRENT ASSETS			Solid Waste Fund	8,746.60	9,862.10
Cash on Hand or in Bank			Town Road Upgrade Fund	1,477.50	
Town Checking Account	44,000.00	44,000.00	Elderly Assistance Fund	124.74	
Invested Sweep Account	181,124.74	2,140,672.35	Professional Services		
Treasurer's Change Fund	100.00	100.00	Vernon Free Library	3,058.13	3,053.72
Treasurer's Office Petty Cash	50.00	50.00		\$ (70,845.59)	(1,863,377.08)
Town Clerk's Petty Cash	50.00	50.00	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 256,070.53	\$ 482,612.09
Emergency Mngmt. Petty Cash	50.00	50.00			
Inventory Gas and Diesel	30,193.35	30,829.43	CURRENT LIABILITIES	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017
Grant Recivable		43,236.75	AND FUND BALANCE		
	\$ 255,568.09	\$ 2,258,988.53	Accounts Payable	46,613.01	43,138.28
Delinquent Taxes Receivable			Accrued Salaries & FICA	18,385.33	21,548.87
Real & Personal (Prior Years)	61,642.76	76,753.07	Prepaid Taxes	9,408.79	6,922.49
Interest Receivable	5,386.68	4,839.52	Fees Due Tax Collector	4,318.59	5,408.05
Penalty Receivable	4,318.59	5,408.05	Employee Property Tax		
	\$ 71,348.03	\$ 87,000.64	Withholding	950.00	400.00
Accounts Receivable			BSCS Insurance Liability		
Vernon School District			Aflac		23.47
Gas	181.15	95.49	Overpaid Taxes	599.30	
Treasurer's Supplies	278.53		Deferral of 12' VRERP Award		
Treasurer's Dental	480.30		Deferred Revenue		43,236.75
RE Taxes Owed to Town	-		Deferred Rec. Income	12,593.00	13,709.00
Miscellaneous	-		Deferred Tax Revenue	66,700.00	60,300.00
Recreation Income	-	1,674.85		\$ 159,568.02	\$ 194,686.91
ASP Income	502.00	858.00	Total Liabilities & Appropriations	\$ 159,568.02	\$ 194,686.91
Prepaid Expense	-		Designated Funds (Reserves)	45,561.84	52,917.59
Vernon Free Library	12.40		Fund Balance	50,940.67	235,007.59
State of Vermont			Net Fund Balance	50,940.67	235,007.59
Delinquent Taxes Due Town	8,331.92	11,875.68	Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ 256,070.53	\$ 482,612.09
Delinquent Tax Interest Due Town	762.90	1,143.08			
Due Town For Del. Tax Collector	656.92	875.02	NOTE: The Town of Vernon has no long term indebtedness; therefore,		
Prepaid Taxes		1.39	a schedule of maturities is not included.		
Town Picnic	604.00	150.00			
Miscellaneous Income: PD	65.00				
VLCT Property & Casualty		4,411.00			
Town Clerk Remittance		10.00			
WCHS	25.00	50.00			
Adjustment per Outside Audit	(8,395.40)	(653.06)			
Due From Other Funds					
Capital Fund		(712,438.37)			
Culvert Fund		(140,067.98)			
Dog Fund	(15,775.66)	(22,988.77)			
Farmland Protection Fund	(53,118.57)	(53,251.45)			
Parking Lot Maintenance Fund		(64,599.95)			
Polly Lee Cemetery Fund	(602.75)	(604.25)			
Professional Services		(170,635.42)			
Reappraisal Fund		(225,341.20)			
Restoration Fund	(22,063.02)	(16,419.96)			
Reserve Fund		(50,208.01)			
Town of Vernon Grange #228	(47.27)	(47.39)			
Town Road Upgrade Fund		(409,503.69)			
Unemployment Fund		(30,434.36)			
Whithed Cemetery Fund	(242.95)	(243.55)			
Unemployment Fund	4,092.94				

	FY16	FY17
Designated Fund Balance:		
Leader Program	991.05	991.05
EOC Budget Reserve	13,523.65	13,540.42
Fire Pond Maintenance	2,006.40	8,765.40
Pre-school Fundraiser	9,623.66	9,623.66
Tax Listing	2,435.00	2,435.00
Town Picnic	4,836.31	5,416.29
FY 15 Budget Reserves (voted by Select Board)	-	
Recycling bin	197.60	197.60
Pre-school Scholarships	11,948.17	11,948.17
Total Designated Fund Balance	45,561.84	52,917.59

SELECTBOARD BUDGET FY 2018-2019

	Budget	Actuals	Receipts	Budget	Budget	Proposed Budget
	FY16-17	FY16-17	FY16-17	Balance	FY17-18	FY 2018-2019
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE						
Town Clerk's Salary	49,024.00	49,023.52		0.48	49,967.00	49,024.00
Assistant Town Clerk's Salary	25,018.00	27,127.58		(2,109.58)	18,667.00	11,825.00
Ballots	-			-		
Town Clerk's FICA	5,665.00	5,544.32		120.68	5,250.00	4,655.00
Health Insurance	13,653.00	13,299.54		353.46	13,582.00	14,798.00
Dental Insurance	627.00	569.76		57.24	627.00	627.00
New/Replace Office Equipment	1,700.00	442.51		1,257.49	200.00	200.00
Ballots	100.00	-		100.00		
Postage for Ballots	300.00	98.98		201.02		300.00
Vote Scanner Equipment				-	800.00	1,800.00
Travel & Conferences	1,000.00	873.60		126.40	600.00	600.00
Miscellaneous (elections)	1,000.00	862.23		137.77	500.00	600.00
Marriage License Quarterly Return*		250.00				1,000.00
Income			15,388.30	15,388.30		
	98,087.00	98,092.04	15,388.30	15,383.26	90,193.00	\$ 85,429.00
*New for FY 2016-2017						
TOWN TREASURER'S OFFICE						
Treasurer/Finance Director Salary	51,930.00	51,929.80		0.20	52,929.00	51,930.00
Assistant Treasurer	28,923.00	31,130.77		(2,207.77)	17,585.00	17,254.00
Treasurer/Finance Director's FICA	6,186.00	6,003.99		182.01	6,000.00	5,293.00
Health Insurance	17,067.00	16,549.86		517.14	13,582.00	14,798.00
Dental Insurance	1,254.00	854.42		399.58	627.00	627.00
New/Replace Office Equipment	200.00			200.00	200.00	
Travel & Conference	250.00	30.00		220.00	250.00	100.00
Income			987.50	987.50		
	105,810.00	106,498.84	987.50	298.66	91,173.00	\$ 90,002.00
LISTERS' OFFICE						
Listers' Salaries	44,848.00	31,255.08		13,592.92	42,400.00	43,059.00
Listers' FICA	3,431.00	2,398.61		1,032.39	3,244.00	3,295.00
Health Insurance	6,695.00	4,842.12		1,852.88	6,695.00	6,695.00
Dental Insurance	627.00	569.76		57.24	627.00	627.00
Travel & Conferences	1,500.00	1,284.27		215.73	1,500.00	1,200.00
	57,101.00	40,349.84		16,751.16	54,466.00	\$ 54,876.00

SELECTBOARD

Select Board Salaries	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Town Administrator	50,000.00	50,000.08	(0.08)	50,962.00	50,000.00
Select Board 's Administrative Assistant	15,042.00	2,021.50	13,020.50	6,000.00	6,000.00
FICA (Sel Bd, Secretary, Del Tax Coll.	5,741.00	5,075.64	665.36	5,673.00	5,049.00
Health Insurance (Administrator)	19,181.00	9,836.97	9,344.03	13,108.00	14,280.00
Dental Insurance (Administrator)	675.00	427.32	247.68	627.00	627.00
New/Repl Equipment/Supplies	500.00	359.99	140.01	500.00	500.00
Printing of Town Report	1,400.00	1,584.51	(184.51)	1,000.00	1,500.00
EOC Building Expenses				3,500.00	3,500.00
Postage for Town Report	400.00	180.93	219.07	100.00	200.00
Legal Services	20,000.00	16,623.69	3,376.31	20,000.00	20,000.00
Safety Committee Recommendations	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00
Travel	500.00	1,477.05	(977.05)	500.00	1,000.00
Outside Audit	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	14,000.00	13,000.00
Miscellaneous		2,355.82	(2,355.82)		
Misc. Expense (Town Picnic)		6,000.00	(6,000.00)		
Contributions & Gifts	200.00	166.22	33.78	700.00	200.00
Green-up	200.00	92.17	107.83	150.00	150.00
Appreciation Activities					500.00
Emergency Repair/Replacement	15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00
Welcome Signs: Maintenance/Landscaping	450.00	450.00	-	250.00	450.00
457(b) Contribution	12,500.00	10,390.56	2,109.44	12,500.00	10,500.00
Flags	500.00	356.79	143.21	100.00	100.00
Hiring Expenses					100.00
	172,789.00	137,399.24	35,389.76	155,170.00	\$ 148,156.00

GENERAL EXPENSES

Secretary Service (Floaters)	1,200.00	124.91	1,075.09	400.00	
Webmaster	600.00		600.00		
FICA	130.00	9.39	120.61	30.00	
General Office Supplies	8,500.00	5,771.33	2,728.67	5,000.00	5,500.00
Advertising	2,600.00	1,101.07	1,498.93	1,000.00	1,000.00
Telephone	13,000.00	13,173.44	(173.44)	15,000.00	14,000.00
Postage	3,500.00	3,278.71	221.29	4,000.00	3,500.00
Dues & Subscriptions	900.00	312.45	587.55	1,000.00	500.00
VT. League of Cities and Towns	3,377.00	3,377.00	-	3,495.00	3,500.00
County Tax	22,000.00	41,461.00	(19,461.00)	22,145.00	52,300.00
Contracts Maint. & Repair	11,000.00	15,384.70	(4,384.70)	15,000.00	15,500.00
Technology Upgrades	5,000.00	2,119.50	2,880.50	4,000.00	5,000.00
Insurance & Bonds	115,000.00	110,221.00	4,779.00	118,399.00	121,000.00
	186,807.00	196,334.50	(9,527.50)	189,469.00	\$ 221,800.00

PLANNING

Postage, Misc.	225.00			225.00	225.00		225.00
Windham Regional Planning Commission	6,400.00	6,364.37		35.63	7,000.00		9,000.00
Professional Assistance	150.00			150.00	685.00		685.00
Travel & Conference	1,000.00			1,000.00			
Clerical Assistance	-	-	-	-			
	7,775.00	6,364.37	-	1,410.63	7,910.00	\$	9,910.00

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Director's Salary	48,860.00	48,860.00		-	50,343.00		49,631.00
Assistant Director's Salary	36,628.00	36,743.27		(115.27)	37,333.00		36,805.00
Maintenance Foreman	6,375.00	3,583.60		2,791.40	6,807.00		5,307.00
Water Safety Instructors	29,458.00	25,157.85		4,300.15	31,331.00		29,331.00
Day Camp Staff	13,726.00	12,109.65		1,616.35	13,906.00		13,906.00
Customer Service	6,678.00	3,727.10		2,950.90	6,994.00		5,494.00
Pre-school Director	30,993.00	25,593.41		5,399.59	29,590.00		28,086.00
Pre-school Assistant	25,604.00	28,637.98		(3,033.98)	29,732.00		28,325.00
Weekend Supervisor	2,500.00	2,091.50		408.50	2,500.00		3,000.00
FICA	15,363.00	13,579.07		1,783.93	15,954.00		15,954.00
Heath Insurance	70,717.00	68,891.82		1,825.18	70,352.00		76,653.00
Dental Insurance	2,508.00	2,279.04		228.96	2,508.00		2,508.00
Supplies	21,550.00	21,669.32		(119.32)	20,430.00		19,930.00
Utilities/Fuel Oil	8,700.00	8,040.42		659.58	7,000.00		8,700.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,240.62		159.38	500.00		1,300.00
Dues & Subscriptions	150.00	-		150.00			
Contracts & Rentals	1,590.00	2,053.55		(463.55)	1,590.00		1,590.00
New/Replace Equipment	-	460.02		(460.02)			
Repairs and Maintenance	5,750.00	6,275.16		(525.16)	1,050.00		1,050.00
Programs	8,600.00	5,578.93		3,021.07	25,100.00		25,100.00
After School Program	16,500.00	14,080.62		2,419.38			
Travel & Conference		437.50		(437.50)			
Income (Reg)			142,807.68	142,807.68			
Income (After School)			20,517.00	20,517.00			
	353,650.00	331,090.43	163,324.68	185,884.25	353,020.00	\$	352,670.00

Pre-school Partnership		40,584.30		(40,584.30)			
Pre-school Fundraiser		260.35		(260.35)			
Income (Pre-school Partnership)			78,846.00	78,846.00			
Income (Pre-school Fundraiser)			4,227.31	4,227.31			
	353,650.00	371,935.08	246,397.99	228,112.91			

RECREATION SCHOOL RENTAL

	217,785.00	217,785.00			221,270.00		232,848.00
	217,785.00	217,785.00		-	221,270.00	\$	232,848.00

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Maintenance Foreman Salary	38,824.00	42,931.67	(4,107.67)		
Maintenance Assistant	10,000.00	1,015.10	8,984.90		
FICA	3,735.00	3,427.58	307.42		
Health Insurance	13,653.00	6,649.77	7,003.23		
Dental Insurance	627.00	-	627.00		
Uniforms	-	-	-		
Groundkeeping				6,000.00	
Cleaning				8,000.00	8,000.00
Snow Removal				2,500.00	2,500.00
Supplies	5,000.00	2,586.61	2,413.39	1,000.00	1,000.00
Grounds	2,500.00	1,323.50	1,176.50		
Custodial Equipment	1,000.00		1,000.00	100.00	100.00
Fuel Oil	13,000.00	6,716.15	6,283.85	9,000.00	9,000.00
Electricity - Town/Lib/North	17,000.00	14,158.95	2,841.05	15,000.00	15,000.00
Repairs to Equipment	1,000.00	464.83	535.17	500.00	500.00
Building Repairs and Maintenance	8,000.00	8,023.26	(23.26)	8,000.00	8,000.00
Travel & Conference	-	-	-		
	114,339.00	87,297.42	27,041.58	50,100.00	\$ 44,100.00

Approved Carryover (North School Roof)

9,500.00	8,000.00	1,500.00
123,839.00	95,297.42	28,541.58

CEMETERIES

Caretaking	17,000.00	17,000.00	-	9,180.00	16,200.00
Tyler Cemetery Fund					(8,320.00)
North Cemetery Fund					(500.00)
Supplies	500.00	541.76	(41.76)	500.00	500.00
Repair & Maintenance	4,000.00	935.50	3,064.50	5,000.00	3,000.00
	21,500.00	18,477.26	3,022.74	14,680.00	\$ 10,880.00

VERNON SENIORS

Activities	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,350.00	2,550.00
	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,350.00	\$ 2,550.00

TOWN VAN

Van Driver Salaries*				10,873.00	10,873.00
FICA*				831.78	832.00
Gasoline*				1,500.00	1,000.00
Van Maintenance*				1,000.00	1,000.00
				14,204.78	\$ 13,705.00

*Moved from Highway Budget

HISTORIANS SOUTH SCHOOL MUSEUM

Electricity	500.00	431.22	68.78	450.00	450.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance	500.00	754.80	(254.80)	280.00	250.00
Grounds	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	2,231.00	1,500.00
Historic Record Preservation & Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	800.00	800.00
	3,500.00	3,686.02	(186.02)	3,761.00	\$ 3,000.00

Carryover per Selectboard	2,287.93	2,287.93
	5,787.93	2,101.91

CONTRACTED PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

WCS Contract Services	225,720.00	225,720.00	-	232,960.00	70,000.00
Income		7,660.22	7,660.22		
	225,720.00	225,720.00	7,660.22	7,660.22	232,960.00
				\$	70,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Stipend	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Lost Wages	800.00		800.00	800.00	800.00
FICA	444.00	382.52	61.48	444.00	400.00
Uniforms	1,000.00	1,147.25	(147.25)		1,000.00
Inoculations	750.00	735.14	14.86	500.00	500.00
Physicals	1,000.00		1,000.00	500.00	500.00
EAP	425.00	356.40	68.60	400.00	400.00
Supplies	1,500.00	1,096.44	403.56	1,500.00	1,200.00
EMS Rescue Supplies	4,000.00	884.57	3,115.43	4,000.00	3,000.00
New/Replace Equipment	15,000.00	10,996.43	4,003.57	15,000.00	13,000.00
Public Education	1,000.00	999.97	0.03	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fuel Oil	5,000.00	6,716.15	(1,716.15)	8,000.00	8,000.00
Electricity	4,000.00	2,814.17	1,185.83	3,000.00	3,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	900.00	798.84	101.16	900.00	900.00
Southwest Mutual Aid	28,468.00	28,468.00	-	28,000.00	30,000.00
Gasoline	4,500.00	1,406.28	3,093.72	3,000.00	2,500.00
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	7,000.00	2,932.15	4,067.85	7,000.00	6,000.00
Truck Repair & Maintenance	8,000.00	8,464.11	(464.11)	8,000.00	8,000.00
Fire Pond Maintenance	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance	4,000.00	4,099.44	(99.44)	4,000.00	4,000.00
Training, Travel & Conferences	2,000.00	109.14	1,890.86	1,500.00	1,000.00
Training, Travel & Conference: Rescue	2,000.00	873.50	1,126.50	2,000.00	1,500.00
Travel Reimbursement	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Income		2,070.00	2,070.00		
	102,787.00	78,280.50	2,070.00	26,576.50	100,544.00
				\$	97,700.00

RESCUE'S OPERATING BUDGET

Monthly Payment	49,922.00	49,921.78	0.22	49,922.00	51,422.00
	49,922.00	49,921.78	0.22	49,922.00	\$ 51,422.00
OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY					
Health Officer	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
FICA	306.00	306.02	(0.02)	306.00	200.00
Fire Warden - Permits	500.00	365.00	135.00	500.00	500.00
Deputy Health Officer	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	
Siren's Maintenance/Batteries	2,325.00		2,325.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
	7,131.00	4,671.02	2,459.98	7,206.00	\$ 5,600.00
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE					
Equipment Rental	7,000.00	7,437.35	(437.35)	5,500.00	5,500.00
Guard Rails	1,100.00	1,100.00	-	1,100.00	1,100.00
Culverts	6,000.00	5,284.65	715.35	5,500.00	5,500.00
Gravel	9,000.00	4,804.92	4,195.08	8,000.00	8,000.00
Chloride	7,000.00	5,674.27	1,325.73	7,000.00	7,000.00
Asphalt	1,500.00	1,015.52	484.48	1,500.00	1,500.00
Salt	46,000.00	40,006.40	5,993.60	46,000.00	46,000.00
Sand	8,000.00	7,950.78	49.22	8,000.00	8,000.00
Tree Warden	2,300.00	2,215.00	85.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Stormwater Run-off Permits	2,000.00	1,124.80	875.20	4,400.00	4,400.00
RSMS/Culvert Inventory	400.00		400.00	400.00	400.00
	90,300.00	76,613.69	13,686.31	89,700.00	\$ 89,700.00
TOWN GARAGE OPERATION					
Road Commissioner's Salary	60,270.00	60,442.20	(172.20)	61,333.00	60,271.00
Equipment Operator's Salary	40,749.00	39,963.70	785.30	41,296.00	40,592.00
Equipment Operator/Mechanic's Salary	42,105.00	41,932.99	172.01	43,641.00	42,897.00
Part-time Operator's Salary	7,000.00	1,444.40	5,555.60	5,000.00	5,000.00
Van Driver*	10,873.00	8,179.90	2,693.10		
FICA	12,317.00	10,956.09	1,360.91	11,573.00	11,381.00
Health Insurance	46,483.00	45,285.00	1,198.00	46,245.00	50,387.00
Dental Insurance	1,881.00	1,709.28	171.72	1,881.00	1,881.00
Uniforms	2,500.00	2,153.54	346.46	2,500.00	2,500.00
Drug & Alcohol Testing	600.00	220.00	380.00	500.00	500.00
Supplies	4,800.00	4,159.13	640.87	4,800.00	4,800.00
Fuel Oil	15,000.00	6,716.15	8,283.85	15,000.00	11,000.00
Electricity	4,000.00	2,810.55	1,189.45	3,000.00	3,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	600.00	72.51	527.49	500.00	300.00
Gas & Diesel	17,500.00	13,153.29	4,346.71	16,000.00	16,000.00

Road Tools & Supplies	4,500.00	3,542.87		957.13	4,000.00	4,000.00
Safety Equipment	3,000.00	2,735.53		264.47	3,000.00	3,000.00
Building Repair & Maintenance	7,000.00	7,698.42		(698.42)	4,000.00	4,000.00
Travel & Conferences	1,000.00	126.00		874.00	500.00	400.00
Dumpster Fee					1,000.00	1,000.00
Bus Pass Expense (Gas for Van)		459.75				
Income			495.65	495.65		
	282,178.00	253,761.30	495.65	28,912.35	265,769.00	\$ 262,909.00
*Moved to Town Van Budget						
ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINT.						
Trucks	13,000.00	17,320.47		(4,320.47)	10,000.00	10,000.00
Grader	2,500.00	569.85		1,930.15	2,500.00	2,500.00
Tractor	1,000.00	156.88		843.12	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Van	1,000.00	791.96		208.04		
Snow Plows & Sanders	3,000.00	2,075.42		924.58	3,000.00	3,000.00
Front End Loader	2,500.00	332.15		2,167.85	2,500.00	2,500.00
Small Equipment	2,400.00	1,723.02		676.98	2,400.00	2,400.00
Radios	1,000.00			1,000.00	500.00	500.00
	26,400.00	22,969.75		3,430.25	21,900.00	\$ 21,900.00
Carryover per Statute, 2015	86,852.82	86,852.82		-		
	113,252.82	109,822.57	-	3,430.25		
Misc. Income			91,656.32	91,656.32		
TOTAL BUDGET	2,126,081.00	1,998,657.65	364,655.98	492,079.33	2,015,767.78	\$ 1,869,157.00
Deduct Estimated Income	(230,000.00)				(273,700.00)	\$ (315,550.00)
Interest on Del. Taxes						
St of VT: Current Use Payment						
St of VT: Agency of Natural Resources						
St of VT: Railroad Tax						
School Tax Billing						
Interest on General Fund						
Bus Pass Income						
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	1,896,081.00				1,742,067.78	\$ 1,553,607.00

ESTIMATED INCOME

Interest on Del. Taxes	10,000.00	10,000.00
St of VT: Current Use Pmnt	30,000.00	32,000.00
St of VT: Agency of Natural Resources	8,000.00	8,000.00
St of VT: Railroad Tax	2,500.00	3,000.00
School Tax Billing	13,500.00	13,500.00
Homestead Late Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00
Town Clerk Remittance	15,250.00	15,250.00
Interest on General Fund	800.00	800.00
Treasurer's Income	1,000.00	1,000.00
Recreation Income	138,000.00	190,000.00
After School Program Income	17,000.00	
Partnership Income	30,000.00	32,500.00
Highway Income	500.00	500.00
Police Income	4,000.00	6,000.00
Bus Pass Income	1,000.00	1,000.00
Building & Grounds Income	150.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME	273,700.00	\$ 315,550.00

SELECTBOARD ANNUAL REPORT LETTER

The Selectboard has been honored to serve the Town of Vernon this past year. We owe a debt of gratitude to the many volunteers that give their time and talents to the boards and commissions that do a lot of work to and research to move the town forward. A big thanks to our employees who work diligently to run the day to day operations of town government. And unlimited appreciation for our residents and businesses that make Vernon a wonderful place to live and work.

The Selectboard proposed budget is contained in this report. As is the case each year, the budget is a delicate balancing act between community needs and tax implications. Understanding our fiscal responsibility to the residents of Vernon the Selectboard took a long hard look at the bottom line. Encouraging a 5% cut from each department, the board set out with the goal of bringing Vernon's bottom line closer to towns similar in size, services and grand list. In an effort to keep up with rising education costs and decreased revenues we have reduced the municipal budget by 20% over the last few years. Despite our efforts, taxes continue to rise. Without strict fiscal management of our municipal dollars, living in Vernon could become too expensive for our longtime residents, and unattractive for families looking for a new home.

The Selectboard maintains responsibility for the proper and effective management of municipal resources toward the best interest of all residents. Your elected officials will continue to look for efficiencies in spending that will maintain or decrease the bottom line. We look to residents for guidance on what services and needs are most fundamental to maintaining our community character, balanced against what resident are willing and able to pay for through property taxes.

We urge residents to attend Selectboard meeting and express your concerns, your complaints and your compliments to the board. We represent the residents of Vernon and we are proud to serve you.

Respectfully,

Joshua Unruh, Chair

Sandra Harris, V. Chair

Stephen Skibniowsky, Clerk

Jeffrey Dunklee

Jean Carr

MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS

	Transfers and Appropriations	Expenses 2016/2017	Balance
MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS			
Library Administration & Operation	106,607.00	(106,607.00)	-
Outside Organizations	17,420.00	(17,420.00)	-
Elderly Assistance Fund	20,000.00	(20,000.00)	-
James Cusick Scholarship Fund	40,000.00	(40,000.00)	-
Town Road Upgrade Fund	100,000.00	(100,000.00)	-
Professional Services Fund	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	-
Reappraisal Fund	20,000.00	(20,000.00)	-
Parking Lot Maintenance Fund	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	-
Solid Waste Fund	26,962.00	(26,962.00)	-
Emergency Management	15,000.00	(2,937.79)	12,062.21
Culvert Fund	10,000.00	(10,000.00)	-
Cemetery Headstone Replacement	5,000.00	(4,600.00)	400.00

Balances as of June 30, 2017 do not include appropriation amounts voted at March 2017 Town Meeting

2016-2017 GRANT AWARDS AND EXPENDITURES

	Estimated Revenue/ Beginning Balance	Expenditures in FY17 in FY17	Received	Unused
Emergency Management				
FY16-17 EOC Grant	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Recreation Department				
Preschool Partnership	78,846.00	40,584.30	78,846.00	38,261.70
Town Office				
PACIF Equipment Grant	742.28	1,548.75	742.28	
Highway Department				
GR1108 Bridge Grant	9,461.00		9,461.00	
VTrans Structures Grant	175,000.00	286,800.00	175,000.00	
Library				
2016 Courier Grant	240.00	457.40	240.00	(217.40)
2017 Courier Grant	180.00		180.00	
2017 Summer Performer Grant	200.00	100.00	200.00	100.00

BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONS

VERNON TOWN CLERK

This year's Town Clerk report is dedicated to my former assistant Aina Lindquist, who retired this past May after 46 years of local government service in Vermont, the last 11 in Vernon. Both our town, and I owe her a huge debt of gratitude, as she carried a huge knowledge base, plus a terrific attitude to the job and always went out of her way to help our citizens. Aina's retirement left huge shoes to fill, and I'm pleased to have appointed Patricia, (Padi) Blum to the job. Be sure to stop in to say hi.

In this past year, we have embarked upon a digitization of land records, with help of new software from the New England Municipal Resource Center, otherwise known as NEMREC. When we are not doing other business, both Padi and I are inputting data into the system, and the software package included file conversion for the record scans done in past years.

A big part of our job is keeping up with changes to Vermont state law, including updates to the state election laws passed this year, how property transfers are communicated to the state tax department, and an update of how births, deaths and marriages are handled, which is set to take effect in July.

Our office handles voter registrations, elections, dog licensing, motor vehicle registration renewal, marriage licenses, liquor licenses, birth and death certificates, plus recording of the town's property records. We sell the Green Mountain Passport, which allows both veterans and seniors free admission to state parks and historical sites. We sell the pay as you throw trash bags, and this winter have begun selling the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers trail permits for the Vernon Trailbreakers. We post meeting agendas in at least three locations around town, and help administer the unofficial town Facebook group.

This years tasks included holding the annual March election, plus two school budget revotes and a Union high school district withdrawal vote, working with 237 property researchers, and filing over 12 hundred pages of new land records plus 58 property transfer forms. We have handled 125 motor vehicle registration renewals, 369 dog licenses, plus processed 40 death certificates, 14 birth certificates and sold 20 marriage licenses. In all, our office handled over 27 thousand dollars worth of regular business, plus sold more than 35 thousand dollars in pay as you throw bags during the 2017 calendar year.

Our pledge to you is efficient, cheerful and friendly service, both during our regular hours of 7-5 Monday through Thursday, and weekends either by appointment or for emergencies. It continues to be a special privilege to serve the citizens of my home town.

VT DEPT OF HEALTH REPORT

At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community.

For example, in 2017 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: 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 59% of death in Windham county. The local office is working to get these sector partners to sign-on to 3-4-50 and make a commitment to take action that will help to reduce the chronic disease in our state. **Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families:** We served 47 pregnant women and children to age five in Vernon with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner 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. WIC Clinics are held in Wilmington, Brattleboro, Townshend and Westminster.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2017 (January-November) we responded to about 96 cases of reportable diseases in the District. In 2017, \$15,014,203 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, including \$938,595 in the Brattleboro District.

Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse: Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. In the Brattleboro Health District, we are fortunate to work with 5 prevention coalitions who, in collaboration with other community partners, educate the community through forums, meetings and trainings about the importance of substance abuse prevention. The work includes working with youth and schools, medical practitioners and pharmacists. It supports efforts across the continuum of care including treatment, recovery and maintenance. For more information on your local coalition, visit:

<http://www.healthvermont.gov/local/brattleboro/alcohol-and-drug-abuse-prevention>

Other: The district office supports Town Health Officers by providing annual training. This year twelve area Town Health Officers attended a training on hoarding disorder and how to best help the person in a hoarding environment.

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Transfer Station: WSWMD offers a regional drop-off center for landfill materials; recyclables; organics; construction & demolition debris; scrap metal; white goods; electronics; and year-round collection of certain hazardous waste such as paint products, batteries, and used motor oil. WSWMD Board of Supervisors voted to limit use of the transfer station to residents and businesses from member communities only and require the purchase of an access sticker.

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only one that is kept local is food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 4th year of operation and is the 2nd largest facility in Vermont. In 2017, WSWMD composted approximately 1,600 tons of organic materials. WSWMD's "Brattlegrow" Compost is distributed through 4 retail distributors. In addition, WSWMD donates compost for town projects, school, and community gardens.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): WSWMD MRF closed in July 2017, but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled (no sorting required) and sold. Eight towns continue to utilize the District's recycling roll-off containers and offer drop-off recycling services in their communities. Towns contract with private haulers to provide recycling services. Currently, WSWMD Supervisors are considering future uses of the MRF building and some of the equipment is being sold.

Trucking: WSWMD retained one staff member with a Class A CDL license that allows WSWMD to self-haul recyclables, scrap metal, and wood chips for the composting operation.

Solar Array: WSWMD signed a 20-year lease at \$102,000/year with Sky Solar Holdings to develop a 5 megawatt solar array on the District's closed landfill in Brattleboro. The project will be the largest group net metering project in the state, and has contracted for 20 years with 9 towns, 5 school districts, and 3 institutions. The project will provide significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished year-end FY 2016/2017 with a deficit of \$73,653. However, since closing the MRF in July, WSWMD has been favorable to its budget for the first five months of FY 2018.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) Mandated by Vermont Agency of Natural Resources:

Re-TRAC Reporting: WSWMD tracked tonnages of recyclables collected under the District's collection services for member towns.

SWIP Annual Requirements: Towns/solid waste entities are required to implement state materials management policies and meet a set of standards, deliverables, and Universal Recycling requirements.

WSWMD is responsible for managing SWIP requirements. Highlights from 2017 include:

- Free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion, was offered to over 150 businesses in 19 member communities;

- Conducted 8 free workshops for residents and businesses to promote food scrap diversion through back yard composting and transfer station drop-off;
- Implemented a multi-media public outreach campaign; and
- Provide event recycling containers to 15 public/private events

Programs:

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: WSWMD held 3 household hazardous waste collection events, as mandated by VT ANR Materials Management Plan. Collections were held in the Towns of Brattleboro, Dover, and Wilmington, with 215 households from 19 towns participating! Total cost for the events including advertising, site setup fee, disposal costs, and staffing was approximately \$30,000. This year the Board of Supervisors voted to implement a \$5.00/household fee to participate in the event. In addition, WSWMD obtained signed agreements with the Rutland County Solid Waste District and the City of Keene, which allows residents, and conditionally exempt generators, to use their year-round and seasonal hazardous waste depots for a fee. This means there is year-round access to a hazardous waste depot if you cannot wait for one of our collection events.

Event Recycling: WSWMD owns 20 event-sorting stations that are available to towns, businesses, residents and institutions for use at fairs, festival, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help make events "Zero Waste." This year WSWMD was contracted to provide waste diversion and recycling services at Strolling of the Heifers, and recycled 60% of all waste generated.

Grants:

Backyard Compost Bin Grant: WSWMD was awarded a grant to promote backyard composting and food scrap drop-off at transfer stations. Eight free workshops were held promoting food scrap diversion and attendees were able to purchase backyard compost bins for \$19.95.

Business Outreach: WSWMD was awarded a grant to provide each transfer station with food scrap collection totes or bear-proof dumpsters, signage, and transfer station attendant training. To date, all of the transfer station attendants have received training for organics collection. Currently, the grant is being revised to accommodate each Town's food scrap collection needs. Only four of the District's transfer station towns have requested totes or bear-proof dumpsters

Food Waste Anaerobic Digestion: Sky Solar Holdings, in conjunction with WSWMD, was awarded a \$50,000 grant from Windham Regional Commission Clean Energy Development Fund to conduct a feasibility study for development of an organics pre-processing center and anaerobic digester at WSWMD in Brattleboro.

Robert L. Spencer
Executive Director

SENIOR SOLUTIONS

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont -- has served the residents of Vernon and the Southeastern Vermont region since 1973. Our main office is located at 38 Pleasant Street in lower level of the Nolin-Murray Center building. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Many of our services are available regardless of income or assets. However, we target our resources to those older adults with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. Senior Solutions can help caregivers assess their family's needs and options, connect with resources and local programs that meet their needs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for family members.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Vermont is the second oldest state in the country (median age) and within Vermont the highest concentration of elders is in Windsor and Windham counties. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has been largely stagnant for many years. This means that financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. This past year these included grants from the Christopher Reeve Foundation to serve people with paralysis, from Efficiency Vermont to conduct home energy visits and help older adults save money on their electric bills and from the Holt Ames Fund to increase our outreach to vulnerable elders. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. We also seek receive from the public and have established a planned giving program.

We strive to develop new programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year we trained instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention and started a new program, aquatics for people with arthritis. We provide financial support to volunteers interested in starting new evidence-based wellness programs.

This is a summary of services provided to Vernon residents in the last year (9-1-16 through 8-30-17).

Information and Assistance: 104 Calls and Office Visits. Our toll-free Senior HelpLine (1-800-642-5119) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers.

Medicare Assistance: 49 residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP).

In-Home Social Services: We provided 9 elder residents with in-home case management or other home based services for 13.75 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes.

Nutrition services and programs: 12 Vernon seniors received 1,770 meals at home and many received congregate meals from the Gibson Aiken Center through Vernon Meals on Wheels.

Caregiver Respite: Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases. We had 2 elders receive this grant.

Other Services: Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities and home-based mental health services. Senior Solutions has a flexible "Special Help Fund" that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available. Our agency is enormously grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Vernon.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.

WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and Southern Windsor Counties. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community. During the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,700 crisis telephone calls and provided hundreds of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to 638 women, 17 men, and 478 children who had been abused. These figures include at least 5 survivors and their 2 children from Vernon. In addition, we provided over 200 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops throughout Windham County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,
Vickie Sterling

WINDHAM WINDSOR HOUSING TRUST

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County. WWHT's mission is *to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

Homeownership Center

The **Home Repair Program** provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. These include repairs necessary to bring a home up to code and make it a safe place to live. Our rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project. We assisted 24 homeowners in 2017 with home repair projects.

One-to-one Counseling helps renters and homeowners understand and navigate their options and make smart financial decisions. The program is available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, financial literacy training and credit counseling. In 2017, 79 of our clients were able to purchase a home.

The **Shared Equity Program** provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes. Grants are used toward the purchase price of the land underneath the home, lowering the cost to the homebuyer. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust retains ownership of the land and ensures long-term affordability through special ground lease provisions. 135 homes are in the shared equity program.

Rental Housing Development Program-In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. WWHT works with towns to plan for meeting local affordable housing and community development needs. In 2017, WWHT began renovation of a historic apartment building and broke ground on 18 new apartments in Putney, as well as breaking ground on 22 micro-apartments for the homeless in Brattleboro.

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT owns 707 rental apartments with over 1,074 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.



CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE

The Capital Plan Committee assists the Town of Vernon and the Selectboard in identifying large, necessary future capital expenditures and planning for them as part of the overall annual budgeting process. Its duties are described generally in the *Policy on the Administration of the Vernon Capital Plan*.

In working on the 2018-2019 Capital Plan funding projections, we spoke with each town department head or supervisor, in many cases conferring with them in duly warned public meetings. We discussed each department's projected capital expenditures and considered them in light of established Capital Plan policies. Our main considerations are whether the anticipated expenditures are necessary and whether equipment being replaced can reasonably be used for a further period of time before an expenditure has to be made. After completing that process, we revised our funding projections and reviewed them with the Selectboard. We have continued to be impressed by the thoroughness of various departments in maintaining their vehicles and other equipment and their ability to extend the equipment's useful life. In accordance with the procedures for approving purchases made through the Capital Plan, the Selectboard will ask one member of the Capital Plan Committee to be involved with the bids for such purchases.

This year, maintenance issues concerning several town-owned buildings came to our attention during the review process. As a result of that, the Capital Plan Committee recommended to the Selectboard that the Town of Vernon engage the services of a qualified building inspector to assess the condition of all town-owned buildings and advise on maintenance and repair priorities.

During this year, we also discussed with the Selectboard the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund, which plays a key role in the overall operation of the Capital Plan. This fund was established and funded by the voters at town meeting in March 2000 for two specific purposes: (1) to provide emergency funds to cover unforeseen capital replacements or repairs, and (2) to reduce the burden on the taxpayers by applying all of the interest and dividend income earned by the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund each year to reduce the size of the annual appropriation needed to fund the Capital Plan. To bring this important town asset back to the prominence it deserves, a revised and more complete description of the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund has been included in this year's Town Report.

LYNDA STARORYPINSKI, Chair
TOM RAPPAPORT
JOYCE GOODNOW
RITA MUDD

VERNON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This year has been relatively quiet for the Emergency Management Office. We are still in the process of redirecting our energies, rewriting plans to meet the “All Hazards” type of plan. We are hoping to have more training and practical exercises for the team as the plan becomes intact.

One of our biggest challenges is relocating the Emergency Operation Center to a different building. As Vermont Yankee continues to down size, we will be asked to leave our present site at 298 Governor Hunt Road. I am in the process of gathering more information as to our options, the emergency management team will review them and decide which to present to the selectboard.

The two options so far, is a move to the town offices or the Vernon fire department. We will be reviewing both the Pro’s and Con’s of each site. We will be evaluating the criteria and needs for the Emergency Management team operate and perform their duties, while keeping the safety of the Vernon Residents their top priority.

Vermont Yankee not producing power and the reactor shut down, our focus on VY has changed drastically. The fuel is still on site and is in various stages of decay, however emergency planning for the plant is still in the foresight of this office, and will be, as the decommissioning, structure demolition and the process of removing buildings are finished over the next few years. It is important that we don’t let our guard down as this is a critical time and a large industrial hazardous material site.

We have become part of the school’s safety committee and will be providing assistance to them in updating the VY plan, as well as fire or chemical evacuation, active or a hostile event, and general safety of our precious occupants of the school. We have been working with the Fire Department assisting with updating their operational plans, preplans in places of concern, such as Vernon Green, the railroad with reviewing freights and passenger trains. We will help coordinate training with staff in the event of a derailment or a mass casualty event.

We work with the Highway Department and assist with any risk analysis for road closures, such as routine maintenance or storm related issues, or emergencies. We will be devising a plan on when to activate the emergency sirens in town and educating the residents about what to do when they hear them. They are not just for a VY incident, but may be sounded for a severe weather warning, or any life threatening event. We are available to work with the Sheriff’s Office in a Unified Command role, providing assistance and in coordination with the general public.

Two very important messages! We are asking **ALL** residents to sign up for **VT-ALERT**. It is a free service, and will **NOTIFY YOU**, via phone, text, email (*or all of them*) about emergencies that affect you and your loved ones. Alerts are relevant and localized, based on home/work addresses, as well as your current

location. **DON’T WAIT, SIGN UP NOW!** Go to; www.vtalert.gov

We will continue to maintain a **CONFIDENTIAL** list of residents who may need assistance in the time of an emergency with evacuation of your home or area evacuations. We will be mailing a card to all Vernon residents or you can call the Emergency Management office at 802-257-0709 and leave a message.

I would like to thank the members of the team; they have done a fine job in preparing for emergencies while keeping the needs of the Vernon residents in the forefront, the town Administrator Michelle Pong, the town personnel and the selectboard for your support. I look forward to serving this community and continuing to make Vernon a safe place to live. Safety is the responsibility of all of us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, at **802-257-0709** or email at, vernonemd@gmail.com

David J. Emery Sr.
Emergency Management Director

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

The role and main duties for Local Health Officers is to investigate complaints and abate any existing and/or potential public health hazards as outlined in the Environmental Health Handbook for Town Health Officers. Duties include, but are not limited to, administering and enforcement of the State Rental Housing Code; handling animal bites, investigate failed septic systems, and any other potential public health hazard.

The Rental Housing Code is a general rental sanitation code that applies to any rented property or any property occupied by someone other than the owner where the occupant is occupying the premises in exchange for some return. Health Officers are responsible to investigate reports of failed septic systems for potential health hazards and to ensure potential health hazard related to a failed system are abated. When dealing with animal bites, a Health officer is responsible to confine, isolate, and monitor the animal that bit for ten (10) day period for any odd behavior.

For additional information on Health related questions/concerns, visit the Vermont Department of Public Health Department’s web site at <http://healthvermont.gov/>

For local questions or concerns you may contact either Health Officer Mark Snow at telephone #(802)451-6842, Deputy Health Officer Annette Roydon at #(802)254-0004 or Deputy Health Officer Heather Frost at (802)258-4841

Mark A. Snow
Vernon Health Officer

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

“To promote recreation services that will foster and encourage the development of a healthy lifestyle for the community”

It is hard to believe that I am once again sitting down to provide a summary of yet another completed year! Sure that opening statement may not be a headliner in terms of grabbing you, the reader’s, attention, but it speaks the truth. To me that brings greater value than something more sensational such as, “After 365 days Recreation Director speaks” or “Recreation Report will self-destruct, review quickly!”

It brings greater value because it highlights the fact that we here at the Recreation Department have been afforded the opportunity to once again provide the community of Vernon with our services. These services fill the needs of many families. That need may come in the form of child care, early learning, exercise, competition, or perhaps most importantly mental well-being.

It would not only be foolish but entirely irresponsible for us to sit back and think, “Well, the communities’ needs are met. No reason to change anything”. With that thought in mind, we have worked to develop new ideas and new programs. Some born from the need to reduce our impact on the tax payer and others designed to enhance previously existing assets.

Our annual Halloween party plans where transformed into Vernon’s First Trunk or Treat. While this event did not take place in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 the planning aspect did. The evening was a great success with many different social circles coming together. Partnering with the Fire Department and their Halloween festivities made it even more enjoyable!

The J. Maynard Miller Municipal Forest, a long time area for both recreational hikers and nature observers was in need of some maintenance. This process continues as we update signage, clear existing trails, create new ones, and construct a new picnic/vista area, making the forest more user friendly.

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of the opportunities we have is watching young people working hard to learn, bettering themselves, and reaching goals they set. This may come in the form of athletic achievement as the 5th & 6th Boys Basketball team won the Vernon Invitational tournament for the second time in its 15-year history. It may come in the form of a creative endeavor such as the Day Camp planning and building carnival games out of recycled material. It may come in the form of a Preschooler learning to be a good friend or write their name. However it comes I would be remiss to not include an emphatic, “Thank You” to all those that make these events possible. Whether a staff member or volunteer all that you do does not go unnoticed!

In conclusion a, “thank you” to you the community for your continued support! Now caution as this report will self-destruct in 3,2,1....

Respectfully Submitted By:

Seth Deyo
Town of Vernon
Recreation Department Director



This year we offered 34 programs with over 1,700 participants:

Adult Basketball	15-25
Adult Swim	4-6
Adult Volleyball	10-15
Aerobics	10-15
After School Program	55
Archery	34
Baton	8
Baseball/Softball	69
Basketball	82
Basketball Tournaments *	
Boys	9 Teams
Girls	7 Teams
Camp In	29
Christmas Crafts	36
Cooking	22
Craft Fair	50 vendors
Day Camp	225
Diving Lessons	20
Easter Egg Hunt	100
Family Swim Passes	116
Gymnastics	21
Gym Rentals	3
Halloween Party	200
Line Dancing	10-15
Open Gym	10-25 daily
Parent/Toddler Swim	10
Pool Party/Campout	18
School Break Open Gym	20-25 daily
Soccer	97
Sports Camp	20
Swim Lessons	105
Teen Swim	20-25
Turkey Shoot	98
Vernon Preschool	28
Water Aerobics	5-10

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's office once again saw changes during FY16-17. The Assistant, Kathy Walker's hours were cut from 29 hours per week to 20. After three years the Select-board opted to hire a new Auditing firm, RHR Smith and Company out of Buxton Maine replacing Sullivan, Powers and Company out of Montpelier Vermont. This could prove to be challenging as Vermont has many different requirements and laws compared to Maine. We thank Sullivan, Powers and Company for the three years of service they provided.

It was voted at last year's Town Meeting to continue collecting taxes in three installments for FY17-18, but please note that is perfectly acceptable to pay the entire bill at any time. Our office also makes available the option of making smaller payment throughout the year to help meet your financial needs. Additionally, it is important to remember that the Homestead Declaration must be done each year no later than April 1st.

As you look at this year's proposed budget please note that $\frac{3}{4}$ of your tax bill is the School; only a small percent is the Town budget. As long as the school taxes continue to rise, your taxes will continue to go up. This cannot be changed simply by cutting taxes on the town side. At some point, in the very near future, we as town employees will have to make the very difficult decision to cut services. This is not a decision we make lightly, nor is it a direction we want to see the town go. Unfortunately, it is rapidly becoming a reality.

Since there continues to be questions regarding the effect the closing of Vermont Yankee has or will have for tax payers, the following is the 2014 legislative decision. Vermont Yankee pays State electric generating tax, and, because the Town of Vernon hosts the plant, those who own property in Vernon paid just 75% of the state's education tax. With the closure of Vermont Yankee, that tax break was placed in danger and that would have created a sudden and significant jump in property taxes for Vernon homeowners. As the 2014 legislative session came to a close, lawmakers agreed on a bill that would phase out Vernon's 25% break in statewide property tax by 2019. The legislature agreed to the following phase out structure: Property owners would continue to pay 75% of the statewide education tax rate in 2015 and 2016, as if nothing had changed with Vermont Yankee. In 2017, the rate raises to 83%, followed by another increase to 91% in 2018. The following year, the Vernon residents will pay the same state education tax rate that property owner throughout Vermont pay.

Town Meeting gives you the opportunity to make your voice heard, please make every effort to come to this year's Town Meeting.

CINDY TURNLEY, Treasurer and Finance Director
KATHY WALKER, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Finance Director

VERNON TOWN HIGHWAY

In addition to normal summer maintenance, we replaced thirteen culverts on Huckle Hill Road. The paving bid was awarded to Mitchell Sand and Gravel. Because it was so late in the year the project has been scheduled in the Spring of 2018.

Our roadside mowing was completed late into the fall due to our new mowing Tractor breaking down.

With new storm water regulations taking effect we rented a blower to clean fall debris out of the ditches without having to dig them out.

The highway department also got the new computer to do state inspections on Highway department equipment.

The highway department is proud to serve the Town of Vernon. budget. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at the Highway Department, 254-9428.

R. David Walker Jr.

ELDERLY ASSISTANCE BOARD

Mission statement: Using EAB guidelines to assist in giving Vernon senior residents the ability to safely stay in their homes

The main purpose of The Vernon Elderly Assistance Board is to provide help to those who need it. At this time, the basic criteria for assistance is that you have limited finances, are at least 65 years of age or disabled, and have been a resident of Vernon for one year. Your request for assistance is shared only with the Board members for approval and funding, and with any necessary agency or volunteer in order to complete the request.

Our major expense continues to be snow removal. Please remember that our contractors work full time jobs so we appreciate your patience during storms in getting your driveways and walk ways cleared. We extend a HUGE thanks to our contractors for keeping our senior residents safe.

We would like to thank the voters who approve the funds so that we can continue to provide assistance to those in need. We are always looking for volunteers to provide the services needed, if you are interested in volunteering contact a member of the board.

If you are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact a Board member.

MARYLYNN SCHERLIN, Chairperson
JANET RASMUSSEN
SHARON RICHARDSON
CINDY TURNLEY, Clerk

SANDRA HARRIS
LINDA SHIPPEE
KEVIN TURNLEY

"Love is in the Air"

He searched for her for days, intent in his mission despite the dangers he faced. At any moment he could be hit by a passing car, as he traveled at night blending into the darkness. He knew he had competition. Her scent drifted in the air and he, as did other males, would follow her with no regard for safety. If their paths crossed, there would be a battle, not ending well for either. But they were looking for the same creature.

On the other end of town, she reluctantly went home after wandering the neighborhood for hours that night, crying. It was still winter. Usually she preferred to be curled up by the fire, but this year was different. She felt drawn to wander at dark, seeking something undefined.

Her family regretted allowing her outside, but they were beside themselves with anxiety listening to her moaning. Their sweet Kathleen, nicknamed 'Kit' seemed to have transformed overnight. She had moments resembling the sweet, loving, playful 'Kit' they had known since birth, but now she was a teenager. New emotions confused her.

Outside he caught her scent and called out. Creeping through fields he came close to her home. Finally, he saw her inside - his new love! She seemed to be crawling, singing a mournful song. She turned and saw him at the window watching, he wanted in.

To her family at first her behavior was unusual, somewhat comical for one so young, but after a while, it became disturbing. It was up to them to 'fix' this situation before it was too late.

In the morning their veterinarian was called to schedule an appointment to spay Kit, who was only four months old. They learned that her heat would always continue and the chance of mammary cancer increased as she got older if left unspayed. The same applied to female dogs.

They made an appointment for her admirer, too, as he had taken up residence near their home. Just one male will impregnate dozens of cats, resulting in hundreds of kittens. The likelihood of developing testicle cancer increased if he wasn't neutered, and that also applied for dogs. The cats soon became best friends.

For low income Vermonters, the solution may be the VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program, "VSNIP". Participating veterinarian offices throughout Vermont are the heroes of this wonderful program!

For applications send a S.A.S.E. to VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034, or download and print: VSNIP.VT.GOV or VVSAHS.org. Cost per cat/dog is \$27.00, including a rabies vaccination and one distemper series. The balance is paid through a designated fund, collected by a nominal fee of \$4.00 added to the registration of dogs. REGISTER and tag by April 1st! The ability to identify your dog in event of loss, and to be sure that animals (and people) are protected from rabies is critical.

New Hampshire offers a similar program through the Department of Agriculture. Call 603-271-3677.

Sue Skaskiw, 802- 672-5302 Director, VT Volunteer Services for Animals H.S./ Administrator, VSNIP



IS YOUR DOG LICENSED

According to Vermont law, all dogs 6 months and older must be registered with the Town on or before April 1st of every year. If your dog turns 6 months old after April 1, you STILL need to register. The license fee is \$13.00 for dogs that have not been spayed or neutered and \$9.00 for spayed or neutered dogs.

Rabies shots are required and you must present the original rabies certificate. The date the shot is needed is shown on your license.

IF YOU NO LONGER HAVE YOUR DOG(S) PLEASE CONTACT US AT 802-257-0292 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE MAY UPDATE OUR RECORDS.

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION (SEVCA)

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services/Crisis Resolution (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts (asset building & financial literacy), Income Tax Preparation, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Vernon we have provided the following services during FY2017:

Weatherization: 4 homes (7 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$16,647

Micro-Business Development: 2 households (5 people) received counseling, technical assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$3,522

Individual Development Accounts: 2 participants (2 in households) earned \$3,731 in matched savings, received \$2,000 in matched savings, and received financial literacy education services, valued at \$3,680

Tax Preparation: 1 household (4 people) received tax credits and services valued at \$6,457

VT Health Connect: 16 households (43 people) received assistance with enrolling in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$1,930

Family Services: 12 households (27 people) received 45 services valued at \$433 (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 4 households (12 people) received 5 assists valued at \$2,888

Homelessness Prevention: 1 person received assistance to prevent homelessness valued at \$364

Thrift Store Vouchers: 1 household (5 people) received goods & services valued at \$38

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

Stephen Geller, Executive Director
Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)



THE CURRENT

The Current has been southern Windsor and Windham County's public transit provider since 2003. Our mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the 27 towns we serve. As a private non-profit 501c3, we rely more than ever on local contributions to deliver rides and to provide the required local match for replacement vehicles.

The Current is funded by state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares on some routes, and contributions from our human service partners. We operate bus routes and senior or disabled transportation services via our fleet of 36 buses, vans, and a network of over 50 very dedicated volunteer drivers.

Our operating expenses last year were \$5,164,289. With that we provided 282,102 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 910,711 miles over 50,096 hours.

In Vernon we operate van and volunteer services which last year provided 956 rides at a cost of \$18,727.

We are requesting a \$600 contribution from the Town of Vernon this year. We hope you will once again support us.

We are always seeking your input to improve our services. Please contact me by email (rgagnon@crtransit.org); phone (802) 460-7433 x 201; or visit us at www.crtransit.org to let us know how The Current may improve service in your community.

Rebecca Gagnon
General Manager

VERNON HISTORIANS, INC.

The Vernon Historians, Inc. was established in 1968 by a group of Vernon residents. Articles of Association lay out the Corporation's overall purpose to preserve and present history, especially the history of Vernon, Vermont. Founders believed, "understanding the history of one's community is basic to the democratic way of life, giving a better understanding of one's state and nation, and promoting a better appreciation of one's American heritage."

The Vernon Historians, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3), volunteer run organization with a foundational structure outlined by Historian Founders in a By-Law Document. Meetings are held four times each year in January, April, July, and in October for an annual business meeting. Meeting speakers this year included:

- Master Diver, Annette Spaulding returned for her second presentation, sharing her experiences and discoveries while diving in the Connecticut River, including very interesting information about the Elephant Bridge.
- First Lieutenant, Jay H. Karpin a decorated World War II Bombardier and Nose Gunner shared his war stories and experiences.
- Sandy Morrison, who grew up in Vernon and has been a long-time resident shared about her memories of Vernon and growing up on the Williams Farm.

Historians own and maintain the 1860's Pond Road Chapel, as well as the historical contents of the town-owned Museum and Annex Buildings on Fort Bridgman Road in South Vernon. A large percentage of Historian monies are obtained through fund-raising. One of our main fund-raisers for the past several years has been our annual Election Day Food Sale. We greatly appreciate and are thankful to all members and non-members who work the sale each year and donate a variety of food items to sell.

Our 2017 Memorial Day Service at the Pond Road Chapel was well attended again this year. The service was dedicated to the "Greatest Generation," those brave Americans who served so nobly in World War II. The featured speaker was First Lieutenant, Jay H. Karpin a decorated World War II Bombardier and Nose Gunner. Participants also included the Vernon Girl Scouts and representatives from the American Legion.

The Vernon Historical Museum is open Sunday afternoons, 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the months of June through September. We had a very successful "Opening Day Pie Sale" fund-raiser again this year. We sold 22 donated pies as well as other baked goods. Thank you to all who worked the sale and donated pies! Another successful Museum event this year was our annual "Mums and More Sale," held late in August. Each year the sale has featured pots of beautiful garden mums from Griffin Gardens of South Windham, Vermont.

The Vernon Historical Museum is hosted by volunteers each weekend. We would like to thank all who give their weekend

time on Sunday afternoons to make the opening of the Museum possible. We also want to thank Steve King of Steve's Septic Service in Vernon. To help with town budget cuts, Steve has generously donated a port-a-potty for the Museum during open months for the past several years. Thank you Steve!

Many of you know Barbara Emery Moseley, one of the original founders of the Historians. She is known by many as "Vernon's Historian." Barbara grew up in Vernon many, many years ago and she is a great history resource and story teller on a wide variety of subjects related to Vernon. Look for her writings in the monthly Vernon Newsletter.

Membership dues and donations also help to cover the costs associated with the Historians. Please consider joining us as we continue with our mission. New members and supporters are always welcome!

Annual Membership Dues:

Adult Member- \$10.00, Sustaining Adult Member - \$20.00, Junior Member (under 18) - \$2.00, Institutional Member - \$25.00, Life Member – one-time payment - \$100.00.

Officers for 2017-2018:

President: Dale Gassett, Vice President: Chad Mulverhill, Treasurer: Phyllis Newton, Secretary: Carol Hammond. Trustees: Chair: Heather Frost, Vice Chair: Sally May, Secretary: Carol Hammond, Sandy Morrison, Jan Peduzzi, Barbara Moseley, Pam Cersosimo, Rita Mudd and Nancy Gassett.

VERNON SENIORS

The Seniors held monthly business meetings accompanying lunches. We also held birthday celebrations each month followed by programs, such as a speaker from Senior Solutions, Mike Hebert, the visiting nurse, making Christmas centerpieces, playing bingo or just socializing with each other. Some extra special times included the summer picnic, Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas dinner.

We held four fundraisers: I-91 Welcome Center Coffee, Grandma's Casserole sale, 50/50 raffle and Everything Apple. We did Keene shopping monthly and made trips to various malls. We also supported Dummerston, Newfane, Townshend and Williamsville Senior lunches. Some special trips included the Boston Flower Show, King Arthurs Flour, Calvin Coolidge Home, Mark Twain House, Harriet Beecher, Mount Auburn Cemetery and the Joseph Smith Memorial.

The activities listed here are just some of the highlights of what we do. For some of our seniors it is their only means to socialize with their peers and get out and do things. We are an important part of our seniors lives by helping them maintain their independence, providing an outlet for socialization with peers and providing a place to learn about available services.

WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Windham County Sheriff's Office provided an augmented police service to the people of Vernon FY2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) in the amount of \$225,720, or approximately 7300 hours of service for the year. Our office was able to provide 7336 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The service provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to 1674 calls for service, or calls where response would not be provided by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During FY17, we issued a total of 138 tickets. Under Vermont law, the town could receive up to \$7256 in fund disbursement from the Vermont Court Administrator's Office/Vermont Judicial Bureau from this ticket revenue. Additionally, 432 warnings were issued and 1674 calls for service were answered.

As many have noticed, our deputies have been equipped with body worn cameras. Each deputy has been equipped with this technology to provide them with an investigatory tool, while ensuring the accountability of the activities our agency is involved in. We've continued to maintain our fleet of cruisers by replacing two vehicles with 2017 Ford Interceptor Sedans. It is with joy, and sadness, that we report the conclusion of our Electronic Monitoring pilot program, as of June 30th, 2017. We successfully and effectively demonstrated a way to operate an actively monitored system, which resulted in a cost savings of \$300,000 in incarceration expenses over the life of the project.

The pilot program was merged into the state's Department of Corrections, where we hope they realize the same successes that we did.

As in year's past, we provide several programs to the citizens of Windham County. These programs are provided by leveraging grant funds and other sources of funding, and are not charged to the contracted towns or villages. These programs include Click It or Ticket, Are You Okay?, DUI campaigns, the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, Work Zone Safety Enforcement, Toys for Kids, and snow mobile patrols. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby, to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications. It is the continued support of Vernon and other towns which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Vernon and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheriff Keith D. Clark



RESCUE, INC.

Rescue Inc continues to be a leader in EMS delivery, during the last year our staff of seventy-five dedicated EMTs, advanced EMTs, Paramedics and specialized rescue technicians answered more than 5000 calls, providing critical care level treatment to our residents, medical standby for our fire and law enforcement partners, wilderness search, water rescue and supported industry with confined space rescue. Our training staff has educated community members, teachers and students as well as doctors and nurses in the art of CPR and first aid.

As an industry leader we understand the evolving needs of our communities and patients. We understand that you! our health care delivery system is changing every day and know that the community needs high quality emergency services more than ever. High quality emergency medicine is our mission and are proud to serve the communities where we live. Everyday our staff responds in moment's notice to countless heart attacks, strokes, car accidents and falls. Every day our Board Certified Critical Care Paramedics treat the sickest members of our communities, providing the critical link between our local hospitals and lifesaving treatment in Dartmouth, Springfield or Boston. Every day our training department teaches CPR to someone for the first time and trains the next generation of first responders.

Many of you read about the mental health and addiction crisis in our region, our staff experience it firsthand every day. We see the self-destruction and despair, we know the patients and families. In the last year our system has had to expand at times to meet the demand, treating more than a dozen overdoses in a single shift.

We join our communities in mourning for victims of violence and disaster. As first responders we ask that you acknowledge the sacrifice of the men and woman across this country and around the world that have responded to these horrific events. As an agency we continue to prepare by upgrading equipment and training. We continue to plan for these horrific events and stand ready to respond to these disasters.

We are committed to providing the highest quality EMS and rescue services available. It is truly an honor to serve our friends and neighbors. Thank You.

VERNON FREE LIBRARY 2017 REPORT

Due to a 36% decrease in its budget, the Library has experienced major changes in the second half of 2017. As a result, the Library has reduced its staff by more than 50% while trying to maintain services. This has proved to be a daunting task as one person is left doing the work of more than two people. We have developed a core of hard working, dependable volunteers to keep the Library running.

While maintaining all the established programs (Reading Group, Knitting Group, Cribbage Club, and Rhyme Time) the Library has added a Coloring Club to their programs. There are also Floral Arranging Workshops throughout the year that are enjoyed by many! Thank you to Nancy Renaud for sharing her time and talents with the community! Many of these programs are being run by our volunteers.

Patrons, numbering over 725 (about 33% of Vernon residents), borrowed over 9,293 items from a collection of approximately 19,300. Our digital library, Listen Up Vermont, which offers 4,658 downloadable audio books and 8,515 e-books, was used 1,327 times by our patrons.

The summer reading program theme was BUILD A BETTER WORLD. The children were able to explore how bridges, castles, lunar landers, and more are built. A weekly paper bag challenge gave the children an opportunity to build a specific project with the materials provided. We had some great projects created and displayed in the Library! And every week there was a new Bedtime Math problem to solve to keep those math skills working.

Fifty-four children and nine young adults registered for the summer reading program. The children read approximately 754 books last summer! It's important to prevent the "Summer Slide" and keep the children reading all summer. Children who do not read during the summer can lose up to *two months* of learning by the time they return to school in the fall!!

Children completing the summer reading program were treated to a pizza party and the "From Trash to Tunes" program by Dennis Waring (paid for in part by a grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries).

The children received their Reading Certificates and a gift card to Everyone's Books. Every week throughout the summer, the Director visited the Recreation Department Summer Camp, reading to the children and bringing books for the children to check out and take home. There were 145 children seen and 172 books checked out!

AVAILABLE AT VERNON FREE LIBRARY:

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES & PERIODICALS. DVDs for all ages including History Channel, PBS series, TV series and general movies.

PUBLIC USE COMPUTERS using FIBER OPTIC connection with printing & assistance as needed. FAX, COPYING, SCANNING & **WIFI** using high speed Fiber Optic Internet Connection.

Coloring Club: Every Monday from 1 – 2 pm

Cribbage Club: Every Wednesday @ 11 am

Knitting Group: Every Wednesday from 1 – 2 pm

Rhyme Time: Every Monday at 10:30 am for children ages 0 – 3 years & siblings with caregivers

Listen Up! Vermont: Downloadable audio and e-books

Universal Class: Over 500 online non-college credit Continuing Education Courses for library members' personal enhancement

Vermont Online Library (VOL): Online resource for library members (adult and children) that includes but is not limited to: Heritage Quest, Health, Language Learning, Chilton's DIY Auto Repair, Job Seeker, Small Business Owners, Travelers tools, Reference Databases and Periodicals

We are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers at the library. Without them, the library would not be able to function. The volunteers have also played a huge role in our fund raising programs and successes.

Thank you to all of you who have given so generously of your time and talents to keep the Vernon Free Library functioning!

DIRECTOR: Jean Carr

LIBRARY ASSISTANT: June Turner

VOLUNTEERS: Kathy Korb Joanne Leveille Rita Mudd
Aaron Slade

Vernon Free Library	F/Y 16/17	F/Y 17/18	Revised 17/18	F/Y 18/19
Gross Wages	\$74,616	\$68,151	\$34,394	\$47,949
FICA	5,709	5,214	2,736	\$3,669
Subtotal Payroll	\$80,325	\$73,365	\$37,130	\$51,618
Insurances	11,000	11,000	7,300	8,030
Supplies	1,100	1,400	1,400	1,400
Books	12,700	12,700	12,700	12,700
New Equipment	200	1,485	1,485	1,485
Leased Equipment	1,100	0	0	0
Periodicals	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Audio/Video	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Internet Access	700	700	700	700
Software	0	0	0	0
Marketing/Fund Raising	0	600	600	1,000
Electronic Resources	50	250	250	250
Postage	800	800	800	800
Dues	170	170	170	170
Technology	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Miscellaneous	40	40	40	40
Programs	500	500	500	500
Program Supplies	1,375	1,375	1,375	1,375
Travel & Conference	150	150	150	1,000
Subtotal Expenses	\$35,285	\$36,570	\$32,870	\$34,850
Totals	\$115,610	\$109,935	\$70,000	\$86,468

SOUTHEASTERN VT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (SEVEDS)

Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) is an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) that grew from a 2008 grassroots effort, initiated by BDCC, to reverse the economic decline of the Windham Region and plan for the economic impacts from the closure of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant. In 2014, after years of regional input, education and data gathering, SeVEDS submitted the Windham Region's federally recognized 5 year S.M.A.R.T. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The implementation of this strategic action plan for growing our economy has been nationally and internationally recognized and the State of Vermont's Agency of Commerce and Community is modeling their "Vibrant Regional Hubs", one of their five economic growth strategies, on the work we all have been collaborating on across the Windham Region and Southern Vermont.

SeVEDS board members and BDCC staff have been meeting regularly with municipal boards and officials throughout the Windham Region since 2012. This has been a tremendous experience for us and a great opportunity for towns to learn more about the progress of the regional economic development efforts underway. Those efforts include: the expansion of rural economic and workforce development networks through the Southern Vermont Economy Project, the growth of our regional paid college internship program and of Fast Tracks to Success, our high school career awareness program, as well as support and programming for entrepreneurs and small businesses through INSTIG8, the Southern Vermont Business Accelerator and the creation of the award winning green building and services Ecovation Hub. This past year alone, 180 Windham County high school Sophomores participated in the Sophomore Summit, 200 Windham County high school students participated in Fast Tracks visits to local employers, 23 interns placed were placed in paid internships with Windham Region businesses, and 35 young adults earned post-secondary credentials and obtained jobs at Grace Cottage, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, GS Precision and The Hermitage.

In 2018 SeVEDS, will partner with the Bennington Regional Commission to complete the first ever, Southern Vermont CEDS encompassing the Southern Vermont Economic Zone, a region designated by the Vermont Legislature in 2015 as having significant economic development needs. This Zone CEDS development will serve as the five year renewal and expansion of the existing Windham Region CEDS due in 2019. Over the next 18 months stakeholders across Southern Vermont will be invited to data presentations, discussions analyzing trends and conditions, and to refine the long term economic goals and objectives of Southern Vermont into 2024. Ongoing participation in the planning process from community leaders, municipalities, businesses and town residents has enabled our progress in implementing programs and aid to overcome our very real demographic and economic challenges.

For more information on SeVEDS visit
<http://brattleborodevelopment.com/> or www.seveds.com
BDCC/SeVEDS Annual Report:
<https://brattleborodevelopment.com/fy17-bdcc-seveds-annual-report/>
BDCC/SeVEDS Newsletter Sign-up:
<https://brattleborodevelopment.com/join-mailing-list/>
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:
<https://brattleborodevelopment.com/ceds-overview/>

REPORT OF THE LISTERS

Listers in the State of Vermont have two basic duties:

To appraise all personal and real property at Fair Market Value

To produce a defensible Grand List
Listers strive to maintain equity among properties. To do this, analyzing and interpreting sales data is necessary. We process the Property Transfer Forms, read deeds, and make the necessary changes to our files and the computer to keep on top of things. We do a 'drive though' of the town each year to pick up the new houses, garages, additions, etc. which have been constructed since the previous year. This information is then entered into our computer, new values are generated, changes in appraisals are mailed, the grievance process is followed, and finally the Grand List is set. The Grand List is then used for setting the town and education tax rates. Again this year, there was an increase in the number of transfers of property. From January to December, 2017, we processed 80 property transfers. This included sales, transfers between family members, estate settlements, foreclosures, and tax sales.

While it is absolutely necessary for property owners to file their homestead declarations by April 15th, the State usually lags behind in processing some of them. This year there have been many people who filed on time, but we did not get notification of their timely filing until later in the summer. In some cases, tax bills had already been mailed using the wrong tax rate because the homestead declarations had not yet been processed. Therefore, when you get your tax bill in August, please check to make sure that you were billed correctly as either a resident or nonresident. If you filed a homestead, and the tax bill shows you as non-resident, don't file again. Make sure that you or your tax preparer did indeed file appropriately and then contact the Vermont Tax Dept. at 802-828-2865 to get the billing corrected.

One final note: the Listers are responsible only for the assessment of properties, we do not set the tax rate. That is the result of what is voted at Town Meeting to meet the expense of operations, divided into the Grand List. If anyone has any questions about the homestead declaration or assessment of their property or would like to see their property tax card, please give us a call or come into our office. We will do our best to help you.

VERNON LISTERS
WILLIAM HAMMOND
JEREMIAH SUND
CAROL HAMMOND

FRIENDS OF VERNON CENTER

During the "Town Visit" visioning program carried out in Vernon during 2016 by the Vermont Council on Rural Development, Vernon residents, in a collaborative process, settled on a number of initiatives they would like to see carried out to move the town forward economically and socially.

These initiatives include the development of a village center — the town does not currently have a traditional village cluster of homes and businesses — as well as the development of a store, café and gathering place. The area between and surrounding the Vernon Elementary School and the Town Office Building was selected as the preferred location for a village center to be developed.

The task forces that were formed to pursue the village center and store/café merged early in 2017, and created a non-profit organization, the Friends of Vernon Center, Inc., for the purpose of pursuing both goals.

The Friends are chaired by Arthur Miller, co-owner of the Miller Farm. Officers are Martin Langeveld, Vice President; Tom Rappaport, Secretary; and Kathy Korb, Treasurer. In addition the following residents serve on the organization's board: Jessica Butterfield, John Butterfield, Jean Carr, Peggy Farabaugh, Heather Frost, Jeff Hardy, and Kerry Mulverhill.

The Friends worked with the Vernon Planning Commission and the Selectboard to apply to the Vermont Downtown Development Board for designation of the area in question as an official Vermont Village Center. That designation also entailed an amendment to the Town Plan.

The Downtown Board voted for the designation at its meeting on September 25 in Montpelier. (There are about 140 designated village centers in the state.) The designated area includes the Town Office Building, the Elementary School, the Governor Hunt House, a number of residential properties and some undeveloped land.

Village Center Designation brings a number of benefits including financial incentives, training and technical assistance to help attract new businesses and vitality; qualifies towns and property owners to apply for historic tax credits to help finance development projects; and permits the town to apply for grants for purposes such as master planning.

The designation does not create zoning or other restrictions on property owners.

Following the designation, the Friends again worked with the Town to apply for a 2018 Vermont Municipal Planning Grant from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of master planning for the village area. Town Administrator Michelle Pong authored and submitted the grant application in September, and in December the town was notified by Katie Buckley, Commissioner of the department, that the grant had been approved.

In congratulating the town for receiving the grant, Buckley (who lives in Guilford) said: "Vernon is undergoing a transformation unlike any other Vermont town. From my perch as neighbor and state official, it is so exciting to watch your local leadership and broader community embrace change with a clear vision and positive approach."

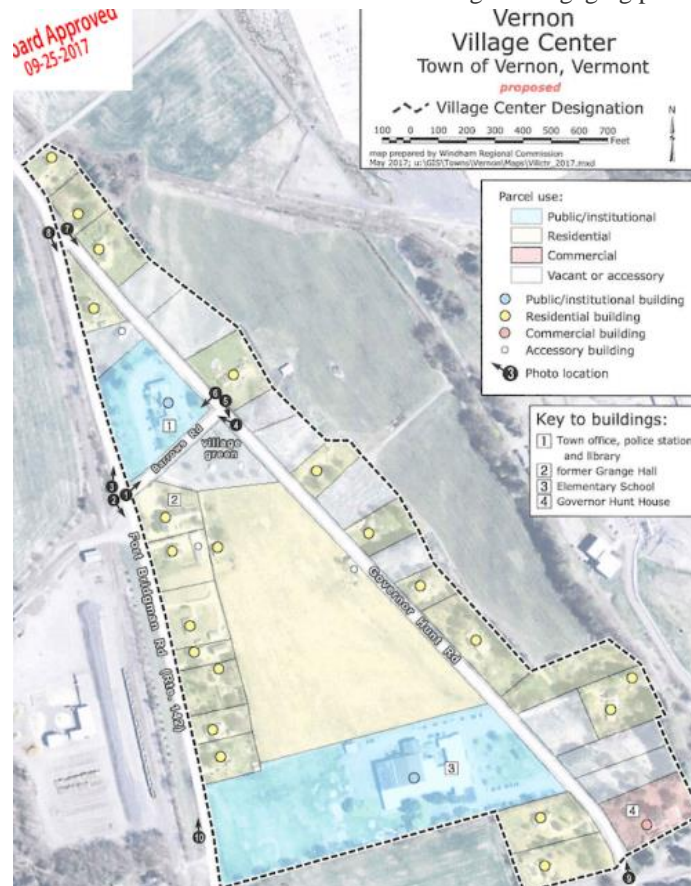
The town, in partnership with the Friends of Vernon Center, will use the grant to prepare a conceptual master plan, including a detailed action plan to bring new businesses, homes and vitality to the village. The process will incorporate multiple opportunities for residents to offer their ideas on the types of development to be pursued.

The state's grant is for \$20,000, which will be matched with \$4,000 from the Friends of Vernon Center, and \$2,000 from the budget of the town's Planning and Economic Development Commission, for a total project cost of \$26,000.

In January, the Town and the Friends began the process of finding and engaging planning consultants. It is hoped that the conceptual plan can be completed in mid-2018.

Meanwhile, the Friends have also worked on options for the creation of a combined café, store and gathering place (similar to the Guilford Country Store) and hopes to make progress in that area during 2018.

Meetings of the Friends board of directors are held quarterly and are open to the public — watch for announcements in the events listings on the VernonVermont.org website and Vernon Community News email newsletter. The Friends also have a website: www.VernonCenter.org, and a Facebook page.



VERNON PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The Planning Commission had a very active year, including the resignation of Brett Morrison who moved out of Town, and the appointment of Jessica Freeman-Earp. We appreciate the hard work that Brett put into his years of service and look forward to working with Jessica and getting a new perspective on ongoing projects.

The seven member commission has been working hard to protect, and hopefully enhance, Vernon's interests in the proposed sale of the Vermont Yankee site from Entergy to Northstar Services Group, who would decommission the 125-acre site by 2030, decades sooner than the "Safe Store" approach. The Planning Commission is a recognized Intervenor in the process and as such has, and will continue to participate in public and private meetings between all other recognized parties and the Vermont Public Utility Commission. A radiological consultant, and legal counsel, were hired to work exclusively for the town to assure the property will be cleaned-up so it can be safely re-developed for industrial and commercial purposes that will provide jobs, tax revenue, and recreational access to the Connecticut River.

The Town Plan is undergoing another revision to meet new state mandates, and plan for reuse of the Vermont Yankee site. With assistance from Michelle Pong, Town Administrator, the town applied for and received a state Municipal Planning Grant of nearly \$14,000.00, and is receiving professional planning and mapping services from the Windham Regional Commission. The Planning Commission is working to ensure that major development projects in Vernon are consistent with the goals and vision that our residents hold most important. The process includes multiple public meetings where input and suggestions are welcome from our community. Please take the time to attend a meeting and let us know what you would like to see happen in Vernon over the next 20, 40 or 100 years. The Town Plan will continue to be updated as the primary means for having input into future development activities at the Vermont Yankee site, and throughout the Town..

Additionally the Planning Commission has teamed up with the newly formed Friends of Vernon Village Center to draft a master plan for the proposed Village Center. After receiving input from the community at a series of meetings in 2016, the Vermont Council on Rural Development helped Vernon identify our goals and vision for the future. Priorities developed during the process included the establishment of a Village Center, a local store/café, and trails and access to the Connecticut River. In 2017, with assistance from Michelle, the Town applied for and received state approval for Village Center Designation of an area encompassing the Town Office Building, Elementary School, Governor Hunt House, a number of residential properties, and some undeveloped land.

Village Center Designation brings a number of benefits including financial incentives to help attract new businesses. The Friends of Vernon Village Center worked with Michelle and the Planning

Commission to apply for and receive another Municipal Planning Grant of \$20,000.00 to hire planning consultants to develop conceptual drawings of the a new Village Center in 2018. Public participation in this process is part of the planning grant. See more on this under "Friends of Vernon Village Center" in the annual report.

Bob Spencer, Chair
Janet Rasmussen, Vice Chair
Maddy Arms
Jeff Dunklee
Jessica Freeman-Earp
Martin Langeveld
Patty O'Donnell

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

We, once again, spent a lot of time and effort researching cemetery deeds and tallying amounts paid for individual lots over the course of several decades. We also analyzed the financial instruments in which the funds from each cemetery have been invested. Working with an independent investment firm, we were able to realign fund investments and decrease the total Cemetery budget by 17% over last year. We intend to continue to monitor these funds very carefully in order to manage them as efficiently as possible.

We are also continuing to make plans to erect a suitable monument to Polly Lee, who, many years ago donated land and a small endowment for a cemetery in Vernon. While the cemetery no longer exists, committee members decided to use the small amount left in the fund to purchase a marker to be appropriately placed in town. We thank Barbara Moseley for her efforts in spearheading this project, providing us with an invaluable historical perspective that will assure the project's success.

Part of our duties are to monitor each cemetery to assess any work that may be needed. We continued to work through our list this year, contracting for as much maintenance work as we could with available funds. As always, we rely on our residents to inform us of any damaged stones that they see, in order to arrange for repairs as quickly as possible.

Howe's Lawn Care in Winchester, N.H. once again provided excellent care to our cemeteries and we would like to thank David and his crew for their outstanding work. We appreciate the care he has taken to make sure that the appearance of our cemeteries are something the Town can be proud of.

We invite you to contact a committee member with any suggestions or concerns that you may have and we look forward to serving the Town and keeping our cemeteries in good order in the coming year.

MARYLYNN SCHERLIN, Chairperson
JANET RASMUSSEN, Vice Chair
MELISSA FERRIS, Secretary
SANDRA HARRIS
CHRISTIANE HOWE

TOWN OF VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT



FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2017

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I am honored to have been hired for the hard but rewarding work of overseeing the schools in Windham Southeast Supervisory Union. Every day broadens my depth of knowledge and perspective. It is a goal of mine to ensure that I visit schools often and continue to work with administrators and teachers to provide the best possible education for our students in a safe environment.

The face of education looks very different today from what it did just a few years ago. Schools are looking at proficiency-based graduation requirements to both assess how our students are progressing but also to help create more independent learners. As educators, we know that we need to respond to the changing needs in the workforce. We are accomplishing this through transferable skills. We know our students need to be good problem solvers, work together with a variety of people, integrate information from many sources and be responsible, involved citizens.

We address the above-mentioned needs through flexible pathways. Students show their knowledge and understanding in many different ways: presentations, research papers, hands-on activities, quizzes and tests, projects and internships throughout the community, to name a few.

At all levels, we are helping students learn how to set goals, both personal and classroom. As students enter seventh grade this expectation becomes more formalized through a personalized learning plan. Each student in grades seven through twelve is creating a plan to set goals and then track progress toward meeting those goals. Included in the plan are ideas for college or careers and a place in the workforce and how a student might meet those goals.

Budgeting is always important to school administrators. We work hard with school boards to create responsible budgets that ensure that students are receiving the education and services they need at a cost that taxpayers can afford.

Students are coming to us with greater needs than ever. Responsibilities for educators in WSESU now include seeing that students are fed, clothed, safe and receive the best possible education. The supervisory union continues to provide professional development to teachers to reflect a changing society.

Part of the change for students and families is creating more opportunities for pre-school education. This past year, pre-K classrooms were added to Guilford and a combination Head Start/pre-K classroom at Oak Grove. WSESU has become a model of these programs in part, because of a very successful program at Putney Central School. We will continue to look at the feasibility of adding more pre-k classrooms to other schools.

As this year continues, I look forward to working closely with community partners as well as working to provide the supports our families need. Additionally, I look forward to meeting more community members and families in all our WSESU communities.

Sincerely,

Lyle Holiday
Superintendent of Schools

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There were big changes that marked the end of the 2016-2017 school year. This summer, we said good-bye to two veteran members of our school community, Tim Walsh and Carole Rayl. Mr. Walsh retired from feeding countless children while running the school lunch and breakfast programs and was also a highly involved community member and coach. Mrs. Cindy Strong has taken his place after serving as an assistant to Tim, joined by Mrs. Cheryl Brown. Mrs. Rayl, our Guidance Counselor, retired after 14 years of service to Vernon School. Mrs. Jamie Card was hired to replace Mrs. Rayl as our new Guidance Counselor. Mrs. Card brought her rich background working in Guilford and Bellows Falls to the position and she is a great asset to our school community! We also have a new custodian, Mr. James McDonald. His previous experience in Putney aligned nicely with our custodial and maintenance needs. Our school nurse, Mrs. Christine Kierstead joins the team full time for 2017-18 after substituting as a school nurse in the spring of 2017. She cares deeply for students and keeps them healthy and warm, sharing clinical expertise, health education and extra winter gear with all children.

During the spring of 2017, Vernon students in grades 3-6 were administered the ***Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)***. The ***Smarter Balanced Assessment*** replaced Vermont's previous state test, the NECAP, which was introduced in 2005. This assessment of *English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics* asks students to demonstrate and apply their knowledge and skills in areas such as critical thinking, analytical writing and problem solving. Students in grade 4 also took the ***Science NECAP*** tests.

Beginning in the fall of 2017, all classrooms K-5 implemented the ***Engage NY*** math curriculum and ***Reading Street*** curriculum. The math curriculum is rigorous and innovative and engages children in flexible thinking in solving problems using multiple strategies that, in time, has been shown to improve number sense.

Every year we thank the PTC for contributing so generously to our students and this year is no exception. The PTC provides valuable "extras" for the school. Their fundraising energy is impressive and they support many of the programs we have come to enjoy over the years at Vernon School like artist in residence, field trip assistance and holiday pop up shop.

As always, we want to thank the community, teachers, staff, students, parents and members of the Vernon Town School Board for their continued support throughout year. We are grateful to the parents and families who support the school through their involvement in numerous social and fundraising events and to the many who have volunteered their time and talents to improve the Vernon School community. We appreciate all that you do to make this school such a wonderful place. We also want to acknowledge our dedicated students who make us proud every day. The accolades they receive are hard-earned and well-deserved.

For more information about Vernon Elementary School, please take a moment to check out our website, www.vernonschool.org.

Mary Ross, Principal

2017-2018 ENROLLMENT VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BAMS AND BUHS

TOTAL	BOYS	GIRLS
Kindergarten	10	10
Grade 1	12	12
Grade 2	9	9
Grade 3	13	3
Grade 4	14	16
Grade 5	12	14
Grade 6	12	13
Grade 7	13	8
Grade 8	16	6
Grade 9	10	12
Grade 10	14	13
Grade 11	9	8
Grade 12	7	9

Vernon Elementary – 159

Brattleboro Area Middle School – 43

Brattleboro Union High School – 82

2017-18 Other Tuition – 23



CHILD FIND NOTICE

All children have a right to a public education. Federal and State law provide that all qualifying children with disabilities have a right to a free appropriate public education, including where provided by law, special education and related services.

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union and all of its member districts (Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Putney, Vernon, and Brattleboro Union High School District #6) (collectively, “the District”), have a duty to identify and locate any children, ages 3 through 21, who may be eligible for special education (including children who are highly mobile, such as migrant children, or who are homeless, or are wards of the State), who are residents of the District and may have disabilities, or who are attending private schools or a program of home study within the boundaries of the District, or who are not receiving services, in order to evaluate and engage in planning of services, as appropriate, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and/or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The District also needs to identify and locate all infants, birth to age three who may have disabilities, for evaluation and services under Part C of the federal special education law (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act).

The District hereby provides notice that such children may be entitled to early intervention services (birth-3) or to special education and related services (3-22).

If you have or know of such a child in your school, home or neighborhood, please write or phone:
Superintendent of Schools, Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, 53 Green Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301; 802-254-3731. Information provided will be used only to carry out child find purposes, so that those protected by the disabilities laws will be contacted with respect to potential eligibility, and all information will remain confidential within the District’s child find system, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its regulations, 334 C.F.R. Part 99.

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017-2018 STAFF

Mary Ross	Principal
Christine Nesbitt	Administrative Assistant
Beth Eriksson	Kindergarten
Kim Kunkle	Grade 1
Jordan Leonard	Grade 1
Joan Cook	Grade 2
Lisa McKenney	Grade 3
Tai Morse	Grade 4
Maresa Nielson	Grade 4
Deborah Patno	Grade 5
Marcia Woodruff	Grade 5
Noreen Cooper	Grade 6
Jamie Card (80%)	Guidance Counselor
Sheila Overman	Resource Room
Emily Fennes	Resource Room
Latisha Akley	Resource Room
Deborah Coombs	ESOL
Dawn Grobe	Academic Support
Mickie Herbst	Academic Support
Tessa Carpenter (60%)	Art
Eileen Roach	Library/Media/Literacy
Joyana Damon	Classroom Music/Instrumental
Matthew Greene (80%)	Physical Education
Fran Swanson (50%)	Speech/Language
Jill Johnson (Part Time)	Teaching Assistant
Christine Kierstead	School Nurse
Cheryl Deyo	Paraprofessional
Jonathan Halberg	Paraprofessional
Caitlin Haumann	Paraprofessional
Amanda Houle	Paraprofessional
Lynn King	Paraprofessional
Jeff Loomis	Paraprofessional
Norma Manning	Paraprofessional
Helen Skiathitis	Paraprofessional
Sandra Wyckoff	Paraprofessional
Ian Spencer	Head Custodian
Dennis Atwater	Custodian
James Rittenhour	Custodian
James McDonald	Custodian
Cindy Strong	Fitz-Vogt
Cheryl Brown	Fitz-Vogt

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET - REVENUE & EXPENSE SUMMARY

Board Approved 1/22/18	2016-2017 BUDGET	2016-2017 ACTUAL	2017-2018 ADOPTED	2018-2019 PROPOSED	\$ Diff.	% Diff.		
Revenues								
LOCAL								
Interest	750	511	750	750	-	0%		
Miscellaneous	2,000	258	2,000	2,000	-			
Transportation-BUHS	66,442	66,442	66,500	-	(66,500)	-100%		
Rent-Town of Vernon Rec.Dept	217,785	217,785	221,270	221,270	-	0%		
WSESU SUB-GRANTS								
EPSDT Nurse Grant	9,453	9,453	9,400	6,017	(3,383)	-36%		
Medicaid Literacy Grant	10,000	10,000	-	43,099	43,099			
Medicaid General Support Grant	3,702	29,553	-	-	-			
Title 2A subgrant	-	6,599	-	1,500	1,500			
STATE & FEDERAL								
GENERAL EDUCATION SUPPORT *	3,531,691	3,531,691	3,658,888	5,125,666	1,466,778	40%		
State On behalf of Dist. Career Center	-	-	-	101,348				
Transportation Aid	60,023	78,882	85,992	79,000	(6,992)	-8%		
Special Ed Block Grant	80,216	80,216	-	-	-			
Special Ed Intensive Aid	246,543	223,035	-	-	-			
Essential Early Ed Block Grant	26,729	26,729	-	-	-			
OTHER LOCAL								
Fund Balance & Educ. Reserves **	100,000	-	10,000	150,000	140,000			
Transfer from Capital Fund	-	-	-	-	-			
TOTAL REVENUES & TRANSFERS	4,355,334	4,281,154	4,054,800	5,730,650	1,675,850	41%	Nov. 2017 FY18 student Enrollment *	Nov. 2016 FY17 student Enrollment *
Expenditures:								
Elementary Instruction & Support Svs.	2,388,636	2,431,814	2,421,708	2,545,602	123,894	5%		
WSESU Admin & Instruction Support	159,824	159,824	166,972	162,891	(4,081)	-2%		
Food Services	40,211	40,211	43,450	43,500	50	0%		
Transfer to Reserve	50,000	150,000	50,000	50,000	-			
Sub Total K-6 Expenses	2,638,671	2,781,849	2,682,130	2,801,993	119,863	4%	158	165
PreK Education	108,511	95,852	108,358	105,000	(3,358)	-3%	32	30
Special Education PreK-12	668,152	531,456	370,312	351,147	(19,165)	-5%		
Transportation K-12	180,000	183,102	194,000	194,000	-	0%		
Secondary Tuition 7-12 *	760,000	520,869	700,000	2,278,510	1,578,510	226%	142	42
Sub Total Other Expenses	1,716,663	1,331,279	1,372,670	2,928,657	1,555,987	113%	332	237
Total Expenses Pk-12	4,355,334	4,113,128	4,054,800	5,730,650	1,675,850	41%		
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) **	-	168,026	-	(0)				
Changes in Fund Balance [prelim]								
Beginning fund balance @ 7/1/16 [audited]		467,214	353,884					
FY17 GF Revenues		4,281,154	153,307					
FY17 GF Expenses		4,113,128	252,119					
FY17 Surplus		168,026	(98,812)					
FY17 Ending Fund Balance [prelim]		635,240	255,072					

* BUHS District "equalized" Vernon students (125) and related education costs were excluded from the Vernon Town School District budget prior to FY19. Prior to FY19 funding commitment for Vernon Students enrolled at BUHS were authorized by the BUHS District Annual meeting vote results which occurs 2nd Tuesday in February each year. The weighted average of each School District Tax rate (based on the proportion of Vernon Students attending each District) were combined to calculate the total Vernon School District Tax rate (per Act 130 of 2009). On 9/20/2017 the VT State Board of Education approved the Town and School District of Vernon's request to withdraw from BUHS. As a result the FY19 budget includes tuition payments to BUHS for students anticipated to attend in FY19. The Vernon school property tax rate is not substantially affected as anticipated because the Vernon school district will count the 7-12 Vernon students as part of the equalized student data that is used to set the school property tax rate (see "Three Prior Years Comparison" document, note that equalized pupils have increased from 219.43 in FY18 to 341.64 in FY19).

Also note PreK enrollment only of 30 only counts as .46 x 30=13.8 for equalized student / tax rate calculations.

THREE PRIOR YEARS COMPARISONS, ESTIMATED SCHOOL HOMESTEAD TAX RATES - PROVIDED BY AGENCY OF EDUCATION

District: **Vernon**
County: **Windham**

T214
Windham Southeast

Property dollar
equivalent yield **9,842**
Homestead tax rate per
\$9,842 of spending per
equalized pupil **1.00**

1/8/2018 draft

Expenditures

	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	\$Diff	%Diff	
1. Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$4,314,585	\$4,355,334	\$4,054,800	\$5,730,650	1,675,850	41.3%	1.
2. <i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+	-	-	-			2.
4. Locally adopted or warned budget	\$4,314,585	\$4,355,334	\$4,054,800	\$5,730,650	1,675,850	41.3%	4.
6. <i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+	-	-	-			6.
7. Total Budget	\$4,314,585	\$4,355,334	\$4,054,800	\$5,730,650	1,675,850	41.3%	7.
Revenues							
10. Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$694,810	\$823,643	\$395,912	\$503,636	107,724	27.2%	10.
14. Education Spending	\$3,619,775	\$3,531,691	\$3,658,888	\$5,227,014	1,568,126	42.9%	14.
15. Equalized Pupils	224.52	239.92	219.43	341.64	122	55.7%	15.

16. Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$ 16,122 threshold = \$17,103	\$ 14,720 Allowable growth	\$ 16,675 threshold = \$17,386	\$ 15,300 threshold = \$17,816	(1,375)	-8.2%	16.
25. Excess spending threshold	\$ 17,103	\$ 16,292	\$ 17,386	\$ 17,816	430	2.5%	25.
26. <i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	26.
27. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized	\$ 16,122	\$ 14,720	\$ 16,675	\$ 15,300	(1,375)	-8.2%	27.
28. District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	170.444% based on \$9,285	151.740% based on \$9,701	164.119% based on yield \$10,160	155.454% based on yield \$9,842	-9% (318)	-5.3% -3.1%	28.

Prorating the local tax rate

29. Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (prorated by line 30) [\$15,299.77 ÷ (\$9,842.00 / \$1,000)]	\$ 1.261 based on \$0.99	\$ 1.259 based on \$1.00	\$ 1.494 based on \$1.00	\$ 1.555 based on \$1.00	\$ 0.061	4.1%	29.
30. Percent of Vernon equalized pupils not in a union school district	66.07%	67.36%	63.84%	100.00%	36.2%	56.6%	30.
31. Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.55)	\$ 0.833	\$ 0.848	\$ 0.954	\$ 1.555	\$ 0.601	63.0%	31.
32. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	111.07%	104.17%	106.59%	112.44%	5.9%	5.5%	32.
33. Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.5545 / 112.44%)	\$0.7502 based on \$0.99	\$0.8143 based on \$1.00	\$0.8945 based on \$1.00	\$1.3825 based on \$1.00	\$ 0.488	54.6%	33.
34. Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [((\$15,299.77 ÷ \$11,862) x 2.00%)]	3.07% based on 1.80%	2.71% based on 2.00%	2.78% based on 2.00%	2.58% based on 2.00%	-0.2%	-7.2%	34.
35. Portion of district income cap % applied by State (100.00% x 2.58%)	2.03% based on 1.80%	1.83% based on 2.00%	1.77% based on 2.00%	2.58% based on 2.00%	0.8%	45.8%	35.
35a. BUHS Equalized Tax Rate	\$ 1.797	\$ 1.788	\$ 1.708	Exited BUHS			
36. Percent of equalized pupils at Brattleboro UHSD #6	33.93%	32.64%	36.16%	-	-36.2%	-100.0%	##
37. BUHS Portion of district equalized homestead rate assessed by town Act 174 of 2014, VY Tax Discount "rampoff" factor	\$0.457 75%	\$0.484 83%	\$0.562 91%	\$0.000			##
38. PreK-12 Combined Total estimated homestead equalized school tax rate	\$1.291	\$1.333	\$1.516	\$1.555	\$0.039	2.6%	##
39. PreK-12 Combined Total estimated homestead, CLA adjusted sch. tax rate	\$1.162	\$1.279	\$1.422	\$1.383	\$ (0.039)	-2.8%	#

Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.550. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

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Description	FY17 Budget	FY17 Actual	FY18 Adopted	FY19 Proposed	Diff	Pct Diff
PRESCHOOL CONTRACTED SERVICES	105,128	95,852	105,128	105,000	-128	-0.1%
Total	105,128	95,852	105,128	105,000	-128	-0.1%
SCAMP SALARIES	3,000	300	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
SCAMP FICA	383	23	230	227	-4	-1.5%
Total	3,383	323	3,230	3,227	-4	-0.1%
PRESCHOOL TOTALS	108,511	96,175	108,358	108,227	-132	-0.1%
TEACHER SALARY REG INSTR	866,591	904,071	889,456	936,940	47,484	5.3%
ADMIN SUPPORT	5,000	3,250	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
TITLE IIA SUBGRANT STIPEND	0	2,674	0	1,394	1,394	0.0%
SUBSTITUTE	26,500	20,933	26,500	26,500	0	0.0%
HEALTH REG INSTR	204,797	194,398	202,793	165,208	-37,585	-18.5%
HEALTH REIMB ACCT (HRA)	0	0	0	40,800	40,800	0.0%
DENTAL REG INSTR	14,971	15,450	14,971	17,200	2,229	14.9%
FICA REG INSTR	67,672	63,593	68,540	74,192	5,652	8.3%
TITLE IIA FICA	0	3,925	0	106	106	0.0%
LIFE REG INSTR	1,672	1,665	1,672	1,941	269	16.1%
STATE RETIRE REG INSTR	0	2,286	0	0	0	0.0%
WORKERS COMP INS REG	6,933	7,898	7,100	7,415	315	4.4%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP REG	0	55	0	0	0	0.0%
TUITION (COURSE) REIMB REG	6,100	9,150	13,000	13,000	0	0.0%
DISABILITY INS REG	4,200	4,559	6,100	5,469	-631	-10.3%
403 BENEFIT REG	8,000	6,167	8,000	6,300	-1,700	-21.3%
125 PLAN FEE REG INSTR	0	266	0	275	275	0.0%
COURSE REIMB	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
ASIAN STUDIES/READ DEV/ASSEMBLIES	11,000	10,201	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE REG	6,000	6,234	6,000	6,200	200	3.3%
ELEMENTARY TUITION REG	0	34,500	45,000	72,000	27,000	60.0%
TEACHER TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	750	1,394	750	1,400	650	86.7%
SUPPLIES REG INSTR	20,389	20,848	20,389	20,500	111	0.5%
TEXTBOOKS REG INSTR	10,500	9,020	18,500	10,000	-8,500	-46.0%
ELEM EQUIPMENT	11,250	5,292	11,250	11,250	0	0.0%
Total	1,274,325	1,327,830	1,353,021	1,431,091	78,070	5.8%
PARA SALARY REG ED	118,124	129,369	128,230	187,044	58,814	45.9%
PARA HEALTH REG ED	88,782	45,505	73,532	77,582	4,050	5.5%
HEALTH REIMB ACCT (HRA)	0	0	0	8,000	8,000	0.0%
PARA DENTAL REG ED	2,134	243	2,134	2,134	0	0.0%
PARA FICA REG ED	9,036	9,825	9,810	11,110	1,300	13.3%
PARA LIFE REG ED	257	202	257	306	49	19.1%
PARA STATE RET REG ED	3,771	2,400	4,300	2,500	-1,800	-41.9%
PARA WORK COMP REG ED	945	1,040	945	1,220	275	29.1%
PARA 403(B) REG ED	0	765	0	785	785	0.0%
PARA 125 PLAN REG ED	0	86	0	100	100	0.0%
Total	223,049	189,436	219,208	290,782	71,574	32.7%
FIBER CONNECT FEES	3,363	1,760	3,363	2,000	-1,363	-40.5%
TECH RELATED HARDWARE	11,500	12,462	11,500	11,500	0	0.0%
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	1,800	1,349	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%
Total	16,663	15,571	16,663	15,300	-1,363	-8.2%
GUIDANCE SALARY	58,166	58,166	58,748	44,580	-14,168	-24.1%
GUIDANCE HEALTH	12,072	12,069	13,456	10,525	-2,931	-21.8%
GUIDANCE DENTAL	795	784	795	795	0	0.0%

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GUIDANCE FICA	4,450	4,002	4,494	3,257	-1,237	-27.5%
GUIDANCE LIFE	99	107	99	116	17	17.2%
GUIDANCE WORKERS COMP INS	465	512	465	358	-107	-23.0%
GUIDANCE COURSE REIMBURS	1,050	130	1,050	1,050	0	0.0%
GUIDANCE DISABILITY INS	272	297	272	305	33	12.1%
GUIDANCE 403B	505	582	505	600	95	18.8%
GUIDANCE SUPPLIES	200	184	200	200	0	0.0%
Total	78,074	76,833	80,084	61,786	-18,298	-22.9%
NURSING SVS SALARY	46,242	45,503	48,247	49,671	1,424	3.0%
NURSING SVS HEALTH	7,677	15,466	13,456	15,525	2,069	15.4%
NURSING SVS DENTAL	994	899	994	900	-94	-9.5%
NURSING SVS FICA	3,538	3,306	3,691	3,609	-82	-2.2%
NURSING SVS LIFE	81	81	81	104	23	28.4%
NURSING SVS WORK COMP	370	407	370	396	26	7.0%
NURSING SVS DISABILITY	230	219	230	270	40	17.4%
NURSING SVS 403B	713	393	713	400	-313	-43.9%
NURSING SVS 125 PLAN FEE	0	86	0	100	100	0.0%
NURSING SVS COURSE REIMB	900	0	900	900	0	0.0%
DOCTORS CS	800	200	800	800	0	0.0%
NURSING SVS TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	50	0	50	0	-50	-100.0%
NURSING SVS SUPPLIES	500	473	500	500	0	0.0%
Total	62,095	67,033	70,032	73,175	3,143	4.5%
ONE PERCENT PROG IMPR SALARY	1,821	2,070	1,821	3,100	1,279	70.2%
FICA/MEDICARE	139	152	139	230	91	65.5%
ONE PERCENT/INSERVICE/AIMSWEB	4,000	943	4,000	2,000	-2,000	-50.0%
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES	1,500	1,159	1,500	2,000	500	33.3%
Total	7,460	4,324	7,460	7,330	-130	-1.7%
LIBRARY SALARY	59,318	58,166	58,748	59,925	1,177	2.0%
LIBRARY HEALTH	12,072	12,069	13,456	6,932	-6,524	-48.5%
HEALTH REIMB ACCT (HRA)	0	0	0	3,200	3,200	0.0%
LIBRARY DENTAL	795	784	795	795	0	0.0%
LIBRARY FICA	4,538	4,114	4,494	4,584	90	2.0%
LIBRARY LIFE	108	108	108	132	24	22.2%
LIBRARY WORKERS COMP INS	475	523	475	503	28	5.9%
LIBRARY TUITION (COURSE) REIMB	720	0	720	720	0	0.0%
LIBRARY DISABILITY INS	300	302	300	308	8	2.7%
LIBRARY 403B	570	246	570	275	-295	-51.8%
LIBRARY 125 PLAN FEE	0	150	0	175	175	0.0%
LIBRARY SUPPLIES	500	313	500	500	0	0.0%
LIBRARY BOOKS/PERIODS/SUBSCRIPTS	4,400	3,967	4,400	4,000	-400	-9.1%
LIBRARY SUPPLIES-TECH RELATED	1,000	965	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Total	84,796	81,707	85,566	83,049	-2,517	-2.9%
BOARD OF EDUCATION SALARY	15,000	14,625	15,000	15,000	0	0.0%
BOARD OF EDUCATION PARA SALARY	0	690	0	0	0	0.0%
BOARD OF EDUCATION FICA	1,148	1,172	1,148	1,148	0	0.0%
LEGAL SERVICES	1,000	4,604	1,000	3,000	2,000	200.0%
SCHOOL BOARD ADVERTISING	1,000	1,462	1,000	1,500	500	50.0%
SUPPLIES	2,200	2,173	2,200	2,200	0	0.0%
DUES & FEES	2,000	1,640	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
Total	22,348	26,365	22,348	24,848	2,500	11.2%

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TREASURER SALARY	1,600	1,689	1,600	1,700	100	6.3%
TREASURER FICA	122	129	122	130	8	6.6%
Total	1,722	1,818	1,722	1,830	108	6.3%
ASSESSMENT (WSESU)	159,824	159,824	166,972	162,891	-4,081	-2.4%
Total	159,824	159,824	166,972	162,891	-4,081	-2.4%
PRINCIPAL SALARY	89,688	89,688	91,930	92,000	70	0.1%
ADMIN SUPPORT SALARY	39,950	39,950	40,949	41,982	1,033	2.5%
ADMIN HEALTH	35,319	38,551	37,500	21,670	-15,830	-42.2%
HEALTH REIMB ACCT (HRA)	0	0	0	8,000	8,000	0.0%
ADMIN DENTAL	485	479	485	485	0	0.0%
ADMIN FICA	9,917	9,601	10,165	9,877	-288	-2.8%
ADMIN LIFE	439	439	439	476	37	8.4%
ADMIN WORK COMP	1,037	1,141	1,037	1,085	48	4.6%
ADMIN DISABILITY	455	466	455	498	43	9.5%
ADMIN 403B	3,029	4,495	3,029	4,600	1,571	51.9%
ADMIN 125 PLAN FEE	0	185	0	200	200	0.0%
ADMIN TUITION (COURSE) REIMB	1,500	1,088	1,500	3,300	1,800	120.0%
SOFTWARE MAINT CS - STUDENT DATA	1,916	3,736	1,916	3,800	1,884	98.3%
ADMIN SUPPLIES	1,000	541	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Total	184,735	190,360	190,405	188,973	-1,432	-0.8%
MAINTENANCE SALARY	136,836	137,890	129,562	138,842	9,279	7.2%
MAINTENANCE HEALTH	68,336	68,392	68,336	44,020	-24,316	-35.6%
HEALTH REIMB ACCT (HRA)	0	0	0	12,000	12,000	0.0%
MAINTENANCE DENTAL	1,290	867	1,290	1,290	0	0.0%
MAINTENANCE FICA	10,468	10,184	10,677	10,204	-473	-4.4%
MAINTENANCE LIFE	252	252	252	290	38	15.1%
MAINTENANCE STATE RET	5,192	3,539	5,192	4,000	-1,192	-23.0%
MAINTENANCE WORK COMP	8,210	9,036	8,210	8,317	107	1.3%
REPAIRS/CONTRACTED MAINT	28,929	31,551	28,929	32,000	3,071	10.6%
PROPERTY INSURANCE	11,769	12,661	12,500	12,500	0	0.0%
TELEPHONE & POSTAGE	5,500	2,937	5,500	3,500	-2,000	-36.4%
MAINT TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	0	1,175	0	0	0	0.0%
OPER & MAINT SUPPLIES	16,000	12,706	16,000	14,000	-2,000	-12.5%
ELECTRICITY	35,000	32,523	32,500	33,000	500	1.5%
FUEL OIL	40,000	22,669	30,000	24,000	-6,000	-20.0%
PLANT OPERATION EQUIP	8,250	7,177	8,250	8,250	0	0.0%
Total	376,032	353,558	357,198	346,213	-10,985	-3.1%
GROUNDS SUPPLIES	6,000	3,015	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
Total	6,000	3,015	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
TRANSPORTATION C/S	180,000	183,102	194,000	194,000	0	0.0%
Total	180,000	183,102	194,000	194,000	0	0.0%
FIELD TRIPS	3,000	3,087	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
Total	3,000	3,087	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
LIGHTING PROJECT (GMP)	10,001	10,000	10,001	10,000	-1	0.0%
Total	10,001	10,000	10,001	10,000	-1	0.0%

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Description	FY17 Budget	FY17 Actual	FY18 Adopted	FY19 Proposed	Diff	Pct Diff
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000	150,000	50,000	50,000	0	0.0%
Total	50,000	150,000	50,000	50,000	0	0.0%
ELEMENTARY TOTALS	2,740,124	2,843,861	2,832,680	2,949,267	116,586	4.12%
SECONDARY TUITION (OUT OF STATE)	760,000	447,004	700,000	248,000	-452,000	-64.6%
SECONDARY TUITIONS (IN STATE)	0	73,865	0	1,832,347	1,832,347	0.0%
Total	760,000	520,869	700,000	2,080,347	1,380,347	197.2%
TECH CENTER ON BEHALF DIST	0	0	0	101,358	101,358	0.0%
TECH CENTER LOCAL SHARE TUITION	0	0	0	96,805	96,805	0.0%
Total	0	0	0	198,163	198,163	0.0%
SECONDARY TOTALS	760,000	520,869	700,000	2,278,510	1,578,510	225.5%
Prog: REGULAR EDUCATION PROGRAMS	3,608,635	3,460,905	3,641,038	5,336,003	1,694,965	46.6%
SPECIAL ED PARA	76,226	45,205	0	0	0	0.0%
SP ED PARA HEALTH	35,698	28,733	0	0	0	0.0%
SP ED PARA DENTAL	1,649	558	0	0	0	0.0%
SP ED PARA FICA/MEDI	0	3,420	0	0	0	0.0%
SP ED PARA LIFE	193	77	0	0	0	0.0%
SP ED PARA ST RETIRE	0	1,688	0	0	0	0.0%
SP ED PARA WORK COMP	796	876	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	114,562	80,556	0	0	0	0.0%
Prog: SPECIAL EDUCATION ELIG FOR REIMB	114,562	80,556	0	0	0	0.0%
ESSENTIAL EARLY ED SVS (SU ASSESS)	86,199	81,460	64,609	56,396	-8,213	-12.7%
SP ED SERVICES (SU ASSESS)	505,727	449,996	305,703	294,751	-10,952	-3.6%
Total	591,926	531,456	370,312	351,147	-19,165	-5.2%
Prog: SPECIAL EDUC. INELIG FOR REIMB	591,926	531,456	370,312	351,147	-19,165	-5.2%
FOOD SERVICE SUBSIDY	40,211	40,211	43,450	43,500	50	0.1%
Total	40,211	40,211	43,450	43,500	50	0.1%
Prog: FOOD SERVICE	40,211	40,211	43,450	43,500	50	0.1%
GRAND TOTAL	4,355,334	4,113,128	4,054,800	5,730,650	1,675,850	41.3%

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union
FY19 Budget Program Summary

Program	Description	FY17Budget amd.	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY19Proposed	FY19v18 %chg
Revenues						
0100	Admin. Instruction & Transport	3,109,213	3,157,292	3,197,388	3,144,285	-1.7%
0211	Special Ed. School Age	9,745,315	8,994,406	11,212,419	10,914,900	-2.7%
0212	Special Ed. PreSchool Age	705,151	662,135	733,092	658,290	-10.2%
	Subtotal Special Education	10,450,466	9,656,541	11,945,511	11,573,190	-3.1%
0100	Grant Funded Programs	2,525,393	2,481,217	2,130,902	2,476,427	16.2%
0910	Food Service Revenues	1,322,961	1,429,167	1,494,334	1,478,832	-1.0%
	Total Revenues	17,408,033	16,724,217	18,768,135	18,672,734	-0.5%
Expenditures						
0100	Administration, Instruction	2,289,213	2,238,959	2,357,238	2,429,285	3.1%
	Transportation	820,000	823,940	840,150	865,000	3.0%
	Subtotal 0100	3,109,213	3,062,899	3,197,388	3,294,285	3.0%
0211	Special Ed-School Age, nonGrant	8,900,544	8,180,405	10,378,318	10,088,604	-2.8%
	Special Ed-School Age Grant	844,771	814,031	834,101	826,296	-0.9%
	Subtotal 0211 [includes 4228]	9,745,315	8,994,436	11,212,419	10,914,900	-2.7%
0212	Special Ed-EEE, non Grant	680,616	641,407	715,159	644,773	-9.8%
	Special Ed-EEE Grant	24,535	20,906	17,933	13,517	-24.6%
	Subtotal 0212	705,151	662,313	733,092	658,290	-10.2%
	Total Special Education	10,450,466	9,656,749	11,945,511	11,573,190	-3.1%
0100	Instruction, Instruction Support					
	Grant Funded	2,525,393	2,499,532	2,130,902	2,476,427	16.2%
0910	Food Services	1,322,961	1,425,077	1,494,334	1,478,832	-1.0%
	Total Expenditures	17,408,033	16,644,257	18,768,135	18,822,734	0.3%
	Surplus/(Deficit)	-	79,960	-	(150,000)	

WSESU Cost Allocation Methodology

Cost Function	Basis to allocate FY19 WSESU expenditures to Districts
SU Administration & Support of Instruction:	Two year average of Regular Ed Nov 1 Student Census for all school districts [e.g.FY19 budget basis uses avg. of Nov.2017 & Nov 2016 AOE student census data collection statistics] Note; Excludes EEE and PreK census data
Special Education-program 211 School Age Expenditures:	same as above
Special Education-Program 212 Essential Early Education Expenditures:	same as above for all elementary school districts however excludes BUHS #6
Transportation:	FY19 projected Routes, Billed directly to Districts based on use of Services

WSESU FY19 Budget Expense Allocation Statistics

Preliminary data from AOE as of 11/27/17

Statistics used for Administration & Support of Instruction Expenses [Excludes PreK]

		Nov. 7, 2016 FY17 AOE Census basis FY18budget	Nov. 7, 2017 FY18 AOE Census basis FY19budget	Two Yr. Avg. Proportion for FY18 Budget	Two Yr. Avg. Proportion for FY19 Budget
Total Enrollment K-12					
Brattleboro	K-6	696	711	31.3%	31.5%
Dummerston	K-8	145	142	6.5%	6.4%
Guilford	K-8	140	128	6.3%	6.0%
Putney	K-8	140	157	6.3%	6.7%
Vernon	K-6	165	158	7.4%	7.2%
Brattleboro UHS	7-12	939	941	42.2%	42.1%
Sub Total *		2,226	2,237	100.0%	100.0%
*Excludes EEE and PreK		275	275		
VTSD Not @ BUHS#6		42	23	Diff	% Diff
Total Enrollment		2,543	2,536	(7)	-0.3%

Administration & Support of Instruction Expense Allocations Derivation of Net Assessment

	FY18	FY19		
SU Admin, Instruct., Transport	3,197,388	3,294,285		
less transport contract	840,150	865,000		
less other sources of revenue:	15,000	7,500		
	20,000	22,000		
		150,000		
Assess. for Admin & Instruction	2,322,238	2,249,785	(72,453)	-3.1%

Administration & Support of Instruction Expense Allocations

Expense Allocation Amounts [Revenue to WSESU]

	FY18	FY19	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro	725,815	709,478	(16,337)	-2.3%
Dummerston	153,789	144,896	(8,894)	-5.8%
Guilford	148,640	135,016	(13,624)	-9.2%
Putney	149,052	149,710	658	0.4%
Vernon	166,972	162,891	(4,081)	-2.4%
Brattleboro UHS	977,970	947,794	(30,176)	-3.1%
Sub Totals	2,322,238	2,249,785	(72,453)	-3.1%

Special Education School - School Age Expense Allocations

Expense Allocation Amounts [Revenue to WSESU]

	FY18	FY19	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro	1,328,870	1,283,798	(45,072)	-3.4%
Dummerston	281,568	262,189	(19,379)	-6.9%
Guilford	272,140	244,311	(27,829)	-10.2%
Putney	272,894	270,899	(1,995)	-0.7%
Vernon	305,703	294,751	(10,952)	-3.6%
Brattleboro UHS	1,790,532	1,715,030	(75,502)	-4.2%
Sub Totals	4,251,706	4,070,978	(180,728)	-4.3%

* Reflects changes associated with Act 148, effective FY18

Essential Early Ed (EEE) Expense Alloc. To Districts

Expense Allocation Amounts [Revenue to WSESU]

	FY18	FY19	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro	280,851	245,634	(35,217)	-12.5%
Dummerston	59,508	50,166	(9,343)	-15.7%
Guilford	57,516	46,745	(10,771)	-18.7%
Putney	57,675	51,832	(5,843)	-10.1%
Vernon	64,609	56,396	(8,213)	-12.7%
BUHS				
Sub Totals	520,159	450,773	(69,386)	-13.3%

Total WSESU Admin, Instruct. Support & Special Ed & EEE Expense Alloc. to Districts

	FY18	FY19	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro	2,335,536	2,238,911	(96,625)	-4.1%
Dummerston	494,865	457,250	(37,615)	-7.6%
Guilford	478,295	426,072	(52,223)	-10.9%
Putney	479,621	472,441	(7,180)	-1.5%
Vernon	537,285	514,038	(23,246)	-4.3%
Brattleboro UHS	2,768,501	2,662,824	(105,678)	-3.8%
Sub Totals	7,094,103	6,771,536	(322,567)	-4.5%

WSESU Special Education Budget Summary Expense Assumptions - FY2019

Special Ed Costs -School Age - Incurred at the School District

District	FY17adopted	FY17actual	FY18Budget	FY19Proposed	FY19v18%chg.
BTSD	230,710	194,527	-	-	
BUHS	891,614	976,609	-	-	
DTSD	33,727	58,685	-	-	
GTSD	81,051	88,410	-	-	
PTSD	148,844	149,258	-	-	
VTSD	114,652	80,556			
Total District level	1,500,598	1,548,045	-	-	
Special Ed-School Age Expenses					

WSESU Special Ed. School Age Expense Assumptions [program 211]-excluding IDEA Grants

school	Entity	FY17	FY17actual	FY18	FY19	FY19v18%chg.
00	WSESU district wide	1,110,463	984,109	1,070,796	1,331,051	24.3%
06	WSESU 06 Step	878,089	663,186	856,923	935,705	9.2%
07	WSESU 07 Step	249,193	162,181	402,089	319,620	-20.5%
16	PTSD	417,084	329,155	435,793	367,805	-15.6%
21	VTSD	182,159	176,296	347,157	414,163	19.3%
27	BTSD	1,130,835	1,269,106	1,693,875	1,549,730	-8.5%
61	DTSD	306,990	245,737	240,241	173,664	-27.7%
77	BUHS	4,030,736	3,680,590	4,401,164	4,039,228	-8.2%
89	GTSD	119,307	171,711	262,468	222,327	-15.3%
90	Elementary Intensive	475,687	498,334	667,812	735,311	10.1%
	Total-Non Grant funded Exp.	8,900,544	8,180,405	10,378,318	10,088,604	-2.8%
	IDEA 4226,8, Best Grants	844,811	814,030	834,101	826,296	-0.9%
	Total WSESU Sp.Ed. Expenses	9,745,355	8,994,435	11,212,419	10,914,900	-2.7%
	Total District & WSESU Exp.	11,245,953	10,542,480	11,212,419	10,914,900	-2.7%
	Less State Aid revenue assumptions			(6,126,612)	(6,017,626)	-1.8%
	Special Ed School Age Balance to be assessed to districts			4,251,706	4,070,978	-4.3%

WSESU EEE PreK Expenditure Budget [program 212]

	FY17	FY17actual	FY18	FY19	FY19v18%chg.
WSESU Exp. Assessed [212]	680,616	641,407	715,159	644,773	-9.8%
Less State Aid revenue assumptions for FY19			(195,000)	(194,000)	-0.5%
Special Ed EEE Balance to be assessed to districts			520,159	450,773	-13.3%

WSESU Expenditures - PreK Grant Program 212

Grant funded [4223]	24,496	20,907	17,933	13,517	-24.6%
Total District & WSESU Special Education Expenses	11,951,065	11,204,794	11,945,511	11,573,190	-3.1%

**WSESU SPECIAL EDUCATION State Aid Revenue Assumptions FY2019 Budget
Act 148 of 2016 Compliance**

	FY17budget	FY17actual	FY18budget	FY19Proposed
Revenue Summary				
Block Grant	903,363	903,360	935,986	915,000
Intensive Grant	4,739,653	4,220,345	4,617,093	4,404,881
Extraordinary Grant	350,000	591,286	573,533	697,745
Care & Custody	-	56,146	-	-
Sub Total Special Ed Aid	5,993,016	5,771,137	6,126,612	6,017,626
add 4226 / 4228, 3xxx grants	844,811	814,030	834,101	826,296
Total Special Ed Estim. Aid	6,837,827	6,585,167	6,960,713	6,843,922

Revenue Detail / Basis

Estimated Block Grant 3201:	FY17	FY17actual	FY18	FY19
BTSD	277,730	277,730	FY18 & 19 not allocated to Districts per AOE	
BHS	372,215	372,215		
DTSD	58,243	58,243		
GTSD	55,553	55,553		
PTSD	59,406	59,403		
VTSD	80,216	80,216		
WSESU	903,363	903,360	935,986	915,000
pct. total costs excluding IDEA grant	8.7%		9.0%	9.1%

Intensive Grant 3202

	FY17	FY17actual	FY18	FY19
BTSD	1,373,282	1,307,992	FY18 & 19 not allocated to Districts per AOE	
BHS	2,237,109	1,896,793		
DTSD	318,862	276,895		
GTSD	196,860	185,238		
PTSD	366,997	330,392		
VTSD	246,543	223,035		
WSESU	4,739,653	4,220,345	4,617,093	4,404,881

Extraordinary Grant 3203

	FY17	FY17actual	FY18	FY19
BTSD	-	6,824	FY18 & 19 not allocated to Districts per AOE	
BHS	350,000	578,408		
DTSD	-	6,054		
GTSD	-			
PTSD	-			
VTSD	-	-		
WSESU	350,000	591,286	573,533	697,745

Care & Custody Grant 3205

	FY17	FY17actual	FY18	FY19
BTSD	-	37,217	FY18 & 19 not allocated to Districts per AOE	
BHS	-	18,929		
DTSD	-			
GTSD	-			
PTSD	-			
VTSD	-			
WSESU	-	56,146	-	-

EEE 3204 Aid

	FY17	FY17actual	FY18	FY19
BTSD	113,949	113,949	FY18 & 19 not allocated to Districts per AOE	
BHS	-			
DTSD	20,465	20,465		
GTSD	16,302	16,302		
PTSD	17,343	17,343		
VTSD	26,729	26,729		
WSESU	-		195,000	194,000
	194,788	194,788	195,000	194,000



Windham Southeast Supervisory Union

Fiscal Year 2017 Sub-Grants to Member Districts**

District	Student Assistance	Title I Compensatory	Title I Sch Improve	EPSDT Medicaid	IEP Medicaid Reinvestment	21st Century	Title IIA Teacher Quality	Total
Brattleboro		519,807		42,280	175,894		14,039	752,020
BUHS	40,000	113,985	35,703			54,094	7,249	251,031
Dummerston				9,083	54,484		77,713	141,280
Guilford		76,123	42,267	8,816	43,030		4,597	174,833
Putney		65,069	26,658	8,840	36,816		3,025	140,408
Vernon				9,453	16,103		6,599	32,155
Totals	40,000	774,984	104,628	78,472	326,327	54,094	113,222	1,491,727

**Excludes pass through Nutrition Funds.

Fiscal Year 2017 Special Education Aid Distributed From Agency of Education to School Districts

District	(3201) Block Grant	(3202) Intensive Aid	(3203) Extra-ordinary	(3204) EEE State	(3205) State Placed	Total Aid
Brattleboro	277,730	1,307,992	6,824	113,949	37,217	1,743,713
BUHS	372,215	1,896,793	578,408		18,929	2,866,346
Dummerston	58,243	276,895	6,054	20,465		361,657
Guilford	55,553	185,238		16,302		257,093
Putney	59,403	330,392		17,343		407,138
Vernon	80,216	223,035		26,729		329,980
Totals	903,360	4,220,345	591,287	194,788	56,147	5,965,927



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN
SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF
VERNON 2017
MARCH 6, 2017 AND MARCH 8, 2017**

Moderator Timothy Arsenault called the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting to order at 6:40 P.M. and after the Pledge of Allegiance, called for a moment of silence to honor those Vernon residents who are no longer with us and the 4 children and 1 adult who recently perished in a fire in Warwick MA. The Moderator then went over the procedural rules for the meeting.

Voting by Australian Ballot on Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be at the Town Office Building downstairs on March 7, 2017. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

The Moderator read Article 3, and opened the floor for discussion only: Shall the voters of the Town School District approve the School Board expenditure of \$4,079,300.00 which is the amount the Vernon School Board budgeted for fiscal year 2017-2018 --- \$16,866.00 for equalized pupil --- 14.6% higher per equalized student this year but lower overall.

School board Chair Michael Hebert introduced School Board members present and presented a certificate to retiring Windham Southeast Superintendent Ron Stahley. Dr. Stahley has been Superintendent for 15 years.

On the school budget, Hebert wanted everyone to know that the budget is not increasing by 14%, the budget is actually decreasing by 6.4%, the state requires the article to be written that way. The school board chair gave a presentation on the budget, and took a handful of questions from residents.

After a brief recess, Selectboard Chair, Christiane Howe, introduced the members of the Selectboard and thanked them for their service. Chris read a letter saying goodbye and thanked everyone that she has worked with during her 35 years of service to the Town of Vernon. Sandra Harris, Vice Chair thanked Emily Vergobbe for her service on the board and presented her with flowers and a plaque she also thanked Christiane Howe for her service with flowers and a plaque.

Article 4:

Christiane Howe made a motion that the towns authorize the total general fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,928,262.78 of which \$1,670,062.78 shall be raised by taxes and \$258,200.00 by estimated income. The motion was seconded. She mentioned that the Windham County tax assessment has come in at \$4,145.00 more than was estimated. Christiane Howe made a motion that we amend the motion to authorize the total general fund expenditure for operation expenses of \$1,932,407.78 of which \$1,674,207.00 will be raised by taxes and \$258,200.00 by estimated income to cover the additional taxes. The motion was seconded. A discussion on the amendment followed.

Mike Ball said that if there is an emergency call rescue can't enter the home until the Sheriff's Department arrives, which could have a significant impact on the health and safety of the public. He said the Sheriff's Department is usually the first on the scene. Sheriff Keith Clark gave an overview of different coverage scenarios.

This year 20 hours per day would be a 3% increase in cost over last year to \$232,960.00. The Selectboard proposed 80 hours per week = \$145,600.00.

Julie Ball made a motion to amend the line item to the Windham County Sheriff's Department for fiscal year 2017-2018 to \$232,960.00 for 20 hour a day coverage. The motion was seconded and passed. A discussion ensued.

Andrew Gantt made a motion to amend the amendment to 15 hours per day for the total of approximately \$200,000.00. The motion was seconded. There was more discussion about coverage, hours and safety. Heather Frost called the question. Point of Order...the Gantt amendment is not for a dollar amount, it cannot be voted on. The Point of Order is not well taken and we will continue to vote on whether to cease debating on the Gantt proposal. The motion passed. The proposal of the Gantt Amendment was defeated on a voice vote in the negative.

Further debate on the Ball proposal. JJ Wheelden called the question the motion was seconded and passed. Voting on the Ball proposal, a division of the house was called. On the proposal of the amendment of Mrs. Ball which would amend the line item for the Windham County Sheriff's Department to \$232,960.00. Ballot vote 104 yes and 96 no, has been approved.

The moderator queried Cindy Turnley, Treasurer for an updated new set of overall numbers on Article #4 as amended. Cindy Turnley made a friendly amendment to correct for estimated income. The total budget will be \$ 2,015,767.78, the new estimated income is \$273,700.00 and the total amount to be raised by taxes is \$1,742,067.78.

Article #4 - the moderator read that the town authorize the total general fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$2,015,767.78 of which \$1,742,067.78 shall be raised by taxes and \$273,700.00 by estimated income.

Matt Coombs moved that we amend the Selectboard portion of the budget to remove the position of the Town Administrator, in the amount of \$50,962.00, reduce the FICA to \$1,224.00 and eliminate the Town Administrator Health insurance of \$13,108.00 and the Town Administrator Dental insurance in the amount of \$627.00 reducing the Selectboard portion of the budget to \$86,024.00. The motion was seconded a discussion followed. Faith Jobin called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. The amendment was rejected in a clear voice vote.

The moderator asked if there was any more discussion on Article #4. Munson Hicks proposed an amendment to line item for the Planning Commission, moving to increase that budget by \$10,000.00 bringing the total to \$17,910.00. Motion was seconded. Mr. Hicks spoke further on his amendment calling attention to the pie chart on page 26 of the town report, saying the town is spending 0% of its money on planning. The Hicks amendment proposal was rejected by voice vote.

Article #4 - Mrs. Ball's amendment further discussion - Janet Rasmussen queried the Selectboard if they could speak to the building and grounds budget, where the Maintenance Foreman was eliminated and replaced with contractors. Josh Unruh spoke

in favor of eliminating the position. He said it wasn't an easy decision to make but the reality is that contracted services can fulfill the same duties currently being done by one full-time and one part-time person at a fraction of the cost. He said it is about a \$64,000.00 savings.

Pat O'Donnell proposed an amendment to eliminate grounds keeping from the job and reduce the position to 29 hours a week, increasing maintenance department budget by \$19,000.00 for the position of Maintenance Foreman. She stressed the importance of having someone monitor the buildings. Motion was seconded. Stephen Skibniowsky mentioned that the Maintenance Foreman was not there during times the office was closed, so monitoring would be done by other employees. Andrew Gantt called the question. Motion seconded and passed. Vote on the proposal of the amendment. The amendment was defeated with a voice vote.

Town Budget as previously amended by Mrs. Ball further discussion on Article #4. - JJ Wheeldon called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. The motion as it now reads is that the town authorizes the total general fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$2,015,767.78 of which \$1,742,067.78 shall be raised by taxes and \$273,700.00 by estimated income. A voice vote was called, a division of the house was called, went to a standing vote, Yes = 117, No = 96 Article #4 passed.

ARTICLE 5: Stephen Skibniowsky moved that the voters appropriate a total Library fund expenditure of \$70,000.00 for administration of the Vernon Free Library for which \$70,000.00 shall be raised by taxes. The motion was seconded. Stephen Skibniowsky spoke on his motion noting that the Selectboard considered the \$70,000.00 an appropriate amount of money for the administration of the Vernon Free Library. He said the Selectboard looked at a number of factors involving the Library expenditure and request for funds and felt the proposed amount would bring the Library expenses closer to cost in towns similar in size to Vernon.

Bronna Zlochiver moved to amend the motion by changing the dollar amount to \$109,935.00 from the \$70,000.00 included in the original article where \$106,786.00 shall be raised by taxes and the balance of \$3,149.00 shall come from the prior year's surplus.

Janice Pereira, comparing our Library to other towns in the area the hours of being open and the visits we have to our Library, 59 children's programs (that's 1/3 of the school), the budget was reduced by \$16,000.00 since the announcement in 2012 of the Vermont Yankee closing, the Library assistance position has been eliminated from the 2017- 2018 budget, the tax impact on a \$200,000.00 home is approximately \$5.50 a month which is \$66.00 a year. Point of order was called - the intention for this reduction is to reduce salaries and that is against the law in the State of Vermont. Town Attorney Larry Slason said the Selectboard has sole authority to fund the Library within the Town Budget. The moderator declared the point of order not in order.

Julie Ball, Library Trustee, said that the trustees chose to amend Article #5 to include the increases proposed by petition in Article #6. Janet Rasmussen queried the Treasurer if the Library gave

themselves a 5% raise last year. Cindy Turnley, Treasurer, responded that town employees got a 2.5% increase last year and the Librarian and the Children's Librarian received a 5% increase.

Gordon Christiansen moved to make an amendment that the voters appropriate \$0 for the administration for the Vernon Free Library and replace the position of the Librarian and the Children's Librarian with volunteers. The moderator asked Town Attorney Slason to rule on the propriety of that amendment. Attorney Slason responded that there is authority to do that. The motion was seconded. A discussion ensued. Faith Jobin called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Christiansen's proposal for amending the amendment is to appropriate \$0 for the Vernon Free Library. The Amendment to the Amendment was rejected by voice vote.

Bronna Zlochiver's Amendment reads as follows - the voters shall appropriate a total Library fund expenditure of \$109,935.00 for administration of the Vernon Free Library from which \$106,786.00 shall be raised by taxes and the balance of \$3,149.00 shall come from the prior year surplus. A Motion to cease debate was made, seconded and passed. The Amendment was defeated in a voice vote.

Shall the voters appropriate a total Library fund expenditure of \$70,000.00 for administration of the Vernon Free Library for which \$70,000.00 shall be raised by taxes? The question was called. The motion was seconded and passed. Article #5 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: Pat O'Donnell moved that the voters raise and appropriate \$39,900.00 in addition to the proposed \$70,000.00 for the administration of the Vernon Free Library? Mr. Merkle called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. Article #6 was defeated by voice vote.

MEETING RECESSED AT 10:08 P.M. TO RECONVENE ON MARCH 8, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.

MEETING RECONVENED MARCH 8, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.

ARTICLE 7: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of one year through March 2018.

Bronna Zlochiver moved to elect Julie Ball to fill the unexpired term of one year through March 2018. The motion was seconded. Janet Rasmussen moved to elect Melissa Ferris to fill the unexpired term of one year through March 2018. The motion was seconded. Janet Rasmussen rescinded her nomination. Julie Ball was elected as a Library Trustee by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the term of three years. Bronna Zlochiver moved to pass over this Article. The motion was seconded and passed.

ARTICLE 9: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the term of three years.

Kathy Korb moved to nominate Ruth Kibby as a Library Trustee for the term of 3 years. The motion was seconded.

Janet Rasmussen moved to nominate Melissa Ferris as a Library Trustee for the term of 3 years. The motion was seconded. Faith Jobin moved to nominate Andrew Gantt as a Library Trustee for the term of 3 years. The motion was seconded. Maryann Gardner moved to nominate Ellen Hardy as a Library Trustee for the term of 3 years. The motion was seconded. A discussion ensued about all the nominees.

The moderator has two choices, we can do a standing vote or a paper ballot vote, 7 people would need to stand for a paper ballot vote. A vote by paper ballot took place.

While the vote was being counted, Mike Ball gave a special presentation on house numbers sales that are taking place. He said it's extremely important to the Police Department, Fire Department and Rescue Inc. for emergency service personnel to be able to see what number is on the end of your driveway in the snow, sleet or fog. Mr. Ball brought a sample of the signs they are distributing. There are forms in the Town Hall to request one. There is a suggested donation of \$12.00. The department will help anyone obtain and install the numbers if they need help.

The results of the Library Trustee votes are: Ellen Hardy 29, Melissa Ferris 75, Andrew Gantt 11, Ruth Kibby 11 and 2 spoiled ballots. Melissa Ferris is winner of the Library Trustee race.

ARTICLE 10: Christiane Howe moved to authorize an amendment to the "Policy on the Administration of the Vernon Capital Plan" deleting all references to the "Finance Committee" and replacing them with the "Capital Plan Committee". The motion was seconded. Lynda Starorypinski said the Finance Committee was disbanded, and a new committee has been formed. The current members are Joyce Goodnow, Rita Mudd, Tom Rapaport and herself. A fifth member is being sought, if someone would like to volunteer for the Capital Plan Committee. Article #10 passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: Lynda Starorypinski moved that the voters appropriate \$198,591.00 for the funding of items approved in the Capital Plan where \$82,580.00 shall be raised by taxes, \$496.00 shall be raised by interest and gains and \$116,507.00 shall be raised from items previously approved and appropriated but not expended and hereby rescinded from the Capital Plan with the understanding that this money can only be used for items authorized in the Capital Plan.

Due to a mathematical error the amount needed to be raised is less. Lynda Starorypinski moved to amend that the voters appropriate \$198,591.00 for the funding of items approved in the Capital Plan where \$81,588.00 shall be raised by taxes, \$496.00 shall be raised by interest and gains and \$116,507.00 shall be raised from items previously approved and appropriated but not expended and hereby rescinded from the Capital Plan with the understanding that this money can only be used for items authorized in the Capital Plan. The motion was seconded. A discussion ensued. Roger Detrich queried either the Selectboard or Town Office regarding the expenditure for replacing computers, computer service, record storage room and an electronic key system. Point of Order from Mike Ball - the discussion should focus on the correction of the math error, not specifics of the plan. Moderator

agreed and discussion continued. Article #11 amendment was passed by a voice vote.

Peggy Frost made an amendment to eliminate the electronic key system for the Town Office line item for the total sum of \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded. Mrs. Frost asked for clarification for what doors would they use this key system on and she doesn't feel that there's a need for this. Sandra Harris said for the whole building. Josh Unruh said we have had many issues with the keys; we have had to rekey the Town Office and lost keys. Bronna Zlochiver would like to know who is responsible for handing out the keys now and who will be responsible for the new key system if Mrs. Frost's amendment gets defeated. Josh Unruh said the current keeper of the keys is the Maintenance Foreman after Monday night that position has been eliminated as of the end of June. The Town Administrator will be in charge of the keys or new system. Mrs. Christiansen called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. The proposal to eliminate the electronic key system was rejected by voice vote.

Peggy Frost made a proposal of amendment to remove the line item from the Recreation Department for resurfacing of the tennis courts. The motion was seconded. Mrs. Frost queried the Recreation Department about tennis lessons. The Recreation Director, Seth Deyo, said there are no lessons offered at this time but the courts are used by many residents. Resurfacing is something that gets done every 15 to 20 years and we are at that point. Josh Unruh said the resurfacing of the tennis court is something you have to do or just don't have a tennis court. Brandy Brow called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. The amendment was rejected by voice vote.

A discussion about the lawn mower ensued. Andrew Gantt called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. Vote for the amended Article #11 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: Sandra Harris moved that the voters appropriate \$50,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the Town Road Upgrading Fund. The motion was seconded. Sandra Harris deferred questions to David Walker. There was a discussion about Huckle Hill frost heaves and when they would be fixed, Mr. Walker said this summer or next spring. Mr. Walker also answered questions about Sak Road. Article #12 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: Sandra Harris moved that the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the Town Parking Lots Maintenance Fund. Sandra Harris deferred all questions to David Walker. A short discussion ensued. Article #13 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: Steven Skibniowsky moved that the voters appropriate \$35,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the Professional Services Fund. The motion was seconded. Stephen Skibniowsky stated the Professional Services Fund was established to fund consultant or legal services needed above and beyond the normal course of business, most usually as it pertains to the local utilities. Vermont Yankee and TransCanada are already in talks to sell property. It's important that the town have the resources available to protect our interest in these transactions. A question about what the \$11,027.50 was for. Treasurer Cindy

Turnley responded that it is for Trans Canada and Velco for Attorneys for a law suit. Peggy Frost made a proposal to amend this figure to \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded. Much discussion followed about the sale to NorthStar and the importance of being prepared with money to protect the town if necessary. Come next year if we haven't needed the money we can remove money from the fund. Faith Jobin called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. The amendment for to Article #14 was rejected by a voice vote. Article #14 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: Stephen Skibniowsky moved that the voters appropriate \$40,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established Town of Vernon, James Cusick Scholarship Fund. The motion was seconded. This motion was discussed at length, noting that when Vernon had the money this was a great fund but those days are gone. Roger Detrich proposed an amendment to Article 15, any money appropriated by the Town of Vernon to the James Cusick Scholarship Fund be awarded based on service to the Town of Vernon rather than attendance at Vernon Public Schools alone and secondly that the Selectboard be directed to determine appropriate needs for town volunteer service. A Point of Order was raised - claiming the amendment being proposed was not appropriate because the plan has to be warned before it can be changed. The moderator ruled that changing the qualifications for this fund would not be appropriate at this time. Don Rosinski called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. Article 15 was defeated by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: Emily Vergobbe moved that the voters appropriate \$25,470.00 for the Windham Solid Waste District Assessment to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established Solid Waste Fund. The motion was seconded. Vergobbe stated this is an assessment the Town of Vernon is required to pay to the Solid Waste District. This assessment is \$1,492 less than last year. The district voted to discontinue its Material Recovery Facility or MRF, so the Town Recycling Bins will no longer be managed by the Windham Solid Waste District. Shane Shippee called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. Article 16 was passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: Emily Vergobbe moved that the voters appropriate \$45,000.00 for municipal refuse, recycling and compost disposal to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established Solid Waste Fund. The motion was seconded. Vergobbe said all town recycling will be curb side pick-up through the current hauler. This appropriation will pay for pickup of recyclables, tipping fee for recyclables, pick up of Municipal Properties refuse (Town Office, Garage, Fire Station, Rec), tipping fee for Municipal refuse. Shane Shippee proposed to alleviate or eliminate curb side trash pickup in which case the state mandate of us having curbside recycling pickup disappears as well. Since fewer people are utilizing curb side trash why should everyone be paying for it. A Point of Order was raised - stating the discussion about Pay-As-You-Throw was not germane, as we are talking about recycling and municipal waste disposal not the Pay-As-You-Throw program. The moderator agreed and said the proposal would be out of order. Mr. Shippee disagreed, and the moderator

queried the board. Emily Vergobbe responded saying they are trying to isolate Pay-As-You-Throw to cover ONLY costs associated with that program. Andrew Gantt called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. Article 17 passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: Emily Vergobbe moved that the Town authorize the establishment of a Pay-As-You-Throw Fund into which all Pay-As-You-Throw revenue shall be deposited for management of all fiscal activities associated with the Pay-As-You-Throw program. The motion was seconded. Article 18 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: Emily Vergobbe moved that the voters remove revenue and expenses of Pay-As-You-Throw accounting from the Solid Waste Fund and move it to the Pay-As-You-Throw fund. The motion was seconded. Article 19 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 20: Josh Unruh moved that the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established Elderly Assistance Fund. The motion was seconded. The board explained what the money is being used for. Gordon Christiansen made a motion to amend that dollar figure to \$10,000.00 rather than \$20,000.00. The motion was seconded. Don Rosinski called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote. The Article as amended now reads, shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established Elderly Assistance Fund. Article 20 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 21: Josh Unruh moved that the voters appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the Reappraisal Fund. The motion was seconded. Lister Carol Hammond doesn't think they need the extra \$10,000.00. Emily Vergobbe feels that we need this money for the reappraisal coming up. Don Rosinski called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. The chair requested a standing vote, The tally was Yes = 36, No=73. Article 21 was defeated.

ARTICLE 22: Stephen Skibniowsky moved that the voters appropriate the sum of \$19,010.00 to be raised by taxes to support the following in the designated amounts.

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Southeast Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	\$2,100.00
Visiting Nurse and Hospice of VT & NH	\$6,500.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$850.00
The Current	\$600.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	\$1,850.00
Green Mountain RSVP	\$510.00
Southeast Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)	\$6,600.00

The motion was seconded. Josh Unruh feels residents should not be forced to pay for these out of taxes. Individuals can donate if they choose. Many other

people in the audience agreed. Brandy Brow called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. A Paper Ballot was requested and sustained , Article 22 was defeated Yes=51, No=90.

ARTICLE 23: Christiane Howe moved that the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes for the operation of the Emergency Management Office. The motion was seconded. The EOC building is no longer funded by Vermont Yankee – upkeep of that building is the responsibility of the Town of Vernon, Electricity, Phone/Fax/Internet, Siren Maintenance and Fuel Oil. Questions were raised about moving the EOC to the fire house, will Vermont Yankee give us or sell us the building also Vermont Yankee is not the only hazard in town, the railroad also goes through the town. With no further discussion. Article 23 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 24: Sandra Harris moved that Contingent upon no less than \$100,000.00 in other grant money being secured by the Vermont Land Trust, shall the voters of the Town of Vernon authorize the Selectboard to spend \$54,000.00 from the Vernon Farmland Protection Fund to pay a portion of the costs that will permanently conserve 73 acres, more or less, on Pond Road owned by Jeffrey and Kelli Dunklee. The motion was seconded. Arthur Miller gave an explanation and answered questions. Jessica Earp called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. Article 24 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 25: Sandra Harris moved that the Town of Vernon authorize the Selectboard to spend \$45,300.00 (plus expenses not to exceed \$6,000) from the Farmland Protection Fund to buy the development rights to permanently conserve 25 Acres more or less located on 406 Pond Road owned by Jean Carr. The motion was seconded. No further discussion. Article 25 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 26: Josh Unruh moved that the voters exempt Pond Road Chapel from school district and municipal taxes for the years 2018-2022. The motion was seconded. Unruh stated Pond Road Chapel is owned by the Vernon Historians, and exempting the Chapel from property taxes is typically done every 5 years at Annual Meeting. Article 26 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 27: Josh Unruh moved that the voters authorize payment of Real and Personal Property taxes to the Town Treasurer in three installments, with the due dates being, September 07, 2017, January 11, 2018 and May 03, 2018. No further discussion. The motion was seconded. Article 27 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 28: Emily Vergobbe moved that the voters approve the provision of notice of availability of the Town Report

and Auditor's Report by postcard, mailed to all registered voters at least 30 days prior to Town Meeting, in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the Town Report to the Voters pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1682. The motion was seconded.

Vergobbe made a motion to amend the motion to remove the language that says at least 30 days prior to town meeting, the amended motion would read "shall the voters approve the provision of notice of availability of the Town Report and Auditor's Report by postcard, mailed to all registered voters in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the Town Report to the Voters pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1682. The motion was seconded. Mike Ball moved to amend the amendment leaving the words but changing the 30 days to 10. The motion was seconded. Emily Vergobbe disagreed saying the Selectboard is responsible for providing the warning 10 days before but the auditor's report has to be done 30 days before town meeting its logistically impossible. If we accept your friendly amendment we will be in violation of statute, because this article also deals with the auditor's report. Attorney Slason clarified this. Shane Shippee agrees with Vergobbe's amendment and he called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. The Ball amendment was defeated in a voice vote.

Back to the Vergobbe amendment, Andrew Gantt called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. The Vergobbe amendment was voted on a division of the house, Yes=79, No=38 by a standing vote. No further discussion. Article 28 as amended passed by a standing vote.

ARTICLE 29: Stephen Skibniewsky moved that the voters approve the Ordinance Regulating the Outside Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles as adopted by the Selectboard on December 05, 2016. The motion was seconded. After a brief discussion Josh Unruh called the question. The motion was seconded and passed. The motion was defeated by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 30: To discuss any other non-binding business.

Motion to Adjourn the Town Meeting at 10:31 P.M. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy Arsenault Town Moderator

Aina Lindquist Assistant Town Clerk

Michelle Millerick Recording Secretary

WARNING FOR 2018 TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Vernon Town and Vernon Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Vernon Elementary School (cafetorium) at 6:30 PM on Monday, March 05, 2018 in said Town to act upon the following articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot; beginning with Town Meeting Article.

Voting on Town Meeting Article 1, and School District Articles 2 and 3 will be by Australian Ballot at the Town Office Building (downstairs) on Tuesday, March 06, 2018. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The annual meeting will recess to meet at the Vernon Elementary School (cafetorium) on Wednesday, March 07, 2018 at 6:30 PM to consider any remaining Articles, if necessary.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Town Officers by AUSTRALIAN BALLOT:

Selectboard – 2 Year Term	Christopher Parker
Selectboard – 3 Year Term	Joshua Unruh

Lister – 3 Year Term	William Hammond
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Town Moderator – 1 Year Term	Timothy Arsenault
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Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 Year Term	Marylynn Scherlin
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1 st Constable – 1 Year Term	Peter Crossmon
2 nd Constable – 1 Year Term	Scott Lane

Town Agent – 1 Year Term

Grand Juror – 1 Year Term

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Town School District Officers by law to be elected at the Annual Town School District Meeting. (VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)

School Director – 2 Year Term	Sandy Morrison
School Director – 3 Year Term	Michael Hebert

Town School District Moderator – 1 Year Term	Timothy Arsenault
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ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Vernon Town School District approve the School Board to expend \$5,730,650.00, which is the amount the Vernon School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is determined that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,300.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 8.2% lower than spending for the current year. (VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize the total general fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,869,157.00 of which \$1,553,607.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$315,550.00 by estimated income?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters appropriate a total Library fund expenditure of \$86,468.00 for administration of the Vernon Free Library for which \$86,486.00 shall be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 6: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of one year through Town Meeting in March of 2019.

ARTICLE 7: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of one year through Town Meeting of March 2019.

ARTICLE 8: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the term of three years through Town Meeting of March 2021.

ARTICLE 9: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the term of three years through Town Meeting of March 2021.

ARTICLE 10: To elect the Marsh Fund Committee.

ARTICLE 11: To elect a Memorial Day Committee.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters appropriate \$189,457.00 for the funding of items approved in the Capital Plan?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters appropriate \$90,550.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Road Upgrading Fund”?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the voters appropriate \$50,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Culvert Fund”?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Parking Lots Maintenance Fund”?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the voters appropriate \$25,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Professional Services Fund”?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the voters appropriate \$26,963.00 for the Windham Solid Waste District Assessment to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Solid Waste Fund”?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the voters appropriate \$45,000.00 for municipal refuse, recycling and compost disposal to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Solid Waste Fund”?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Elderly Assistance Fund”?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the Vernon Historians for the purpose of records preservation and retention and promotion of history educational initiatives?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the voters appropriate \$2000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund a public Fireworks display?

ARTICLE 22: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$6,600.00 to be raised by taxes to support Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to residents of the Town of Vernon? (BY PETITION)

ARTICLE 23: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes for the operation of the Emergency Management Office?

ARTICLE 24: To see if the town will vote to set a price of \$100.00 plus the cost of corner stones for the Cemetery Cremation lots.

ARTICLE 25: Shall the voters authorize payment of Real and Personal Property taxes to the Town Treasurer in three installments, with the due dates being, September 13, 2018, January 17, 2019 and May 02, 2019?

ARTICLE 26: Shall the voters approve the scheduling the 2019 Town and School District Meeting at 9am on Tuesday, March 5, 2019?

ARTICLE 27: Shall the voters approve the provision of notice of availability of the Town Report and Auditor's Report by "postcard, mailed to all registered voters" at least 30 days prior to Town Meeting, in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the Town Report and Auditor's Report as authorized by Vermont Law and 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)(2)?

ARTICLE 28: To discuss any other non-binding business.

Michael Hebert, Chair

Joshua Unruh, Chair

Sandra Morrison, Vice Chair

Sandra Harris, Vice-Chair

Walter Breau, Clerk

Stephen Skibniowsky,
Clerk

Deborah Hebert

Jeffrey Dunklee

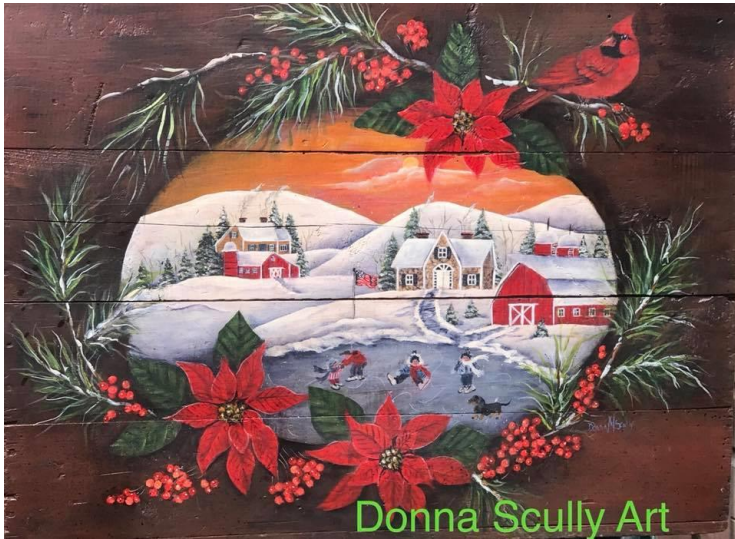
Kerry Amidon

Jean Carr

Vernon Town School Board

Vernon Town Selectboard

SIGNATURES ON FILE



Donna Scully is an artist, educator and author. She creates original hand painted designs and redesigns ordinary items into beautiful creations.

When people ask her where she gets her inspiration for her art she smiles and says "Have you ever been to New England? Or Vermont? There is inspiration on every corner".

Her crafts also include felting, beading and other work with yarn. Contact her at donnascullyart@gmail.com.

COLD BROOK STORE IS NOW OPEN

The newest business in Vernon is now open to serve the residents of Vernon.

Cold Brook Store, located on Governor Hunt Road, is a combination convenience store, coffee shop, ice cream parlor and deli. They also offer Vernon Garbage Bags for sale at their convenient location.

Stop by to check out all they have to offer and support local businesses.





VERMONT WOODS STUDIO

Ken and Peggy Farabaugh started Vermont Woods Studios in 2005. Ken is a woodworker who wanted to sell his handmade tables. Peggy had just lost her job and was looking to start a business that would be founded on forest and wildlife conservation. They talked to lots of local craftspeople who made beautiful furniture with sustainably harvested wood and they were needing help closing sales. Ken and Peggy thought they could use the Internet to market & sell their work, while emphasizing their ethical, eco-friendly practices.

No one thought it was possible to sell furniture online back then, but it turns out the Internet is a great way to connect with like-minded people. Through the web they found people all across the country who care about the origin of their furniture and want to support craftspeople in Vermont. They continue to promote Vermont made furniture online and have branched out to carry locally made home decor as well.

They have a small showroom on the old Stonehurst estate (538 Huckle Hill Road) which dates back to the late 1700s, according to the Vernon Historical Society. It used to be the Pine Top ski area in the 1950s. They love to have Vernonites visit. Hours of operation are on their website & they look forward to meeting you.



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Our family members have been creating baskets for over half a century. Our goal has always been to make a product that will be useful, sturdy and attractive. These hand woven baskets come from white ash trees that grow in our home state of Vermont. Each basket is carefully fashioned to be strong and durable, with the intent to remind us of a time in history when creativity and simplicity flourished.

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