

Town of Barton, Vermont

Annual Report for the Year
Ending December 31, 2017



Barton recycling center photo by Andree Reno Sanborn

2017

The 2017 Annual Report is dedicated to Barbara Compton in recognition of her volunteer work with the Town of Barton's recycling program. Without her hard work and commitment to the cause our recycling center would not be the success it is today. The town greatly appreciates her service.



The 2017 Annual Report is dedicated to Jack Parry, for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Town of Barton's cemeteries. Jack has spent countless hours cleaning and photographing stones, working with the cemetery commission, and otherwise improving this important piece of Town history. The town greatly appreciates his service.

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General Information

The Barton Town Clerk's Office is located at 34 Main St. in Barton Village. We are open from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Thursday and from 7:30 AM to Noon on Friday. We can be reached by phone at 525-6222. The Town Highway Garage can be reached at 754-2923. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

The Selectboard for the Town of Barton meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Barton Town Office conference room. You can call the Town Clerk's office to be placed on the agenda. Any change in meeting dates and times is posted at the Town Clerk's office. Public participation is encouraged.

Planning Commission meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Barton Town Office meeting room. Public participation is encouraged. The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets as necessary. Notices of these meetings are warned in the Chronicle. The Zoning Administrator is available at the Town Office on Tuesdays from 9 AM to 11 AM or can be reached by phone at 754-2296.

Drop off recycling for all Barton residents is available each Saturday of the month (except holidays) from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. All recycling is done at the former landfill site on May Farm Road. Lists of materials accepted can be obtained at the drop off site, the Village offices, or the Town Clerk's Office.

Notices concerning meetings, checklist updates and Town business in general are posted on the town website, www.bartonvermont.com, in the Barton Town Office, Barton Village Office, and Orleans Village Office.

Important Dates to Remember

Town Meeting.....	March 6, 2018
Barton Village Annual Meeting.....	March 13, 2018
Orleans Inc. School District Annual Meeting.....	March 13, 2018
Orleans Village Annual Meeting.....	March 20, 2018
Rabies Clinic-Barton Town Office.....	March 31, 2018
Barton Inc. School District Annual Meeting.....	March 27, 2018
Dog Licenses Due.....	April 2, 2018
HHW—Spring Collection Day.....	May 5, 2018
HHW - Summer Collection Day	July 7, 2018
HHW— Fall Collection Day.....	October 6, 2018

Town Clerk's Office Scheduled Closures 2018

New Year's Day.....	Monday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.....	Monday, January 15
President's Day.....	Monday, February 19
Town Meeting Day.....	Tuesday, March 6
Memorial Day.....	Monday, May 28
Independence Day.....	Wednesday, July 4
Labor Day.....	Monday, September 3
Columbus Day.....	Monday, October 8
Veteran's Day.....	Monday, November 12
Thanksgiving.....	Thursday & Friday November 22-23
Christmas.....	Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 24-25

Report of Dogs Licensed

Dogs Licensed (411).....	\$2,333.00
Kennel Permits (1).....	\$30.00
State Assessments Collected.....	\$2,023.00
Total Fees Collected.....	\$4,386.00

2018 dog licenses are now available. Monday, April 2, 2018 will be the last day to license without penalty. We will hold our annual rabies clinic with Dr. Eileen Wolfe on Saturday, March 31, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Barton Town Office at 34 Main St. This clinic is open to both dogs and cats. Dogs must be leashed and cats must be in carriers. Licensing of dogs will also be available at that time.

Fees for dogs licensed on or before April 2, 2018:
 \$9.00 for neutered or spayed
 \$13.00 for intact male or female

Fees for dogs licensed after April 2, 2018 will be:
 \$11.00 for neutered or spayed
 \$17.00 for intact male or female

All dogs 6 months of age or older MUST be licensed.

A valid rabies certificate must be presented.

Neuter or spay certificates must be presented. Call 754-2309 to find out if you qualify for financial assistance to spay or neuter your cat or dog.

If you no longer have your dog please notify the Town Clerk.

Licensing by mail is acceptable with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Planning Commission Message

The Barton Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment are staffed by the same five (5) members appointed to three-year terms by the Select Board. The Zoning Administrator is also appointed by the Select Board. The Zoning Board is considered a quasi-judicial board which hears applications involving conditional use permits, variances to the zoning bylaw, and appeals of decisions issued by the zoning administrator. The Planning Commission also hears applications involving site plan review and subdivisions, but serves primarily as the planning authority for the town and both villages. Hearings conducted by either board are open to the public and warned in *The Chronicle* newspaper and posted at the municipal offices. Copies of the Joint Zoning Bylaw, the Town Plan, and written decisions issued by the Zoning Board and the Planning Commission are available upon request from the Town Clerk's Office.

The Planning Commission encourages all landowners to contact the Zoning Administrator prior to initiating any construction or development on their property. A local permit is usually needed and this can be issued by the Zoning Administrator, with some exceptions. Importantly, Vermont law requires the Zoning Administrator to *literally* enforce the zoning bylaw in effect. In past years we have received applications 'after the fact' and this has created problems for the landowner. Please contact the Zoning Administrator to avoid problems and additional expense.

During 2017, the Planning Commission and Zoning Board received and acted upon a total of 11 applications. We look forward to facilitating new business and development in the coming year. Please note that our regular meeting dates for 2017 are 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month, as needed.

In 2017, the Planning Commission completed amendments to the both the Town Plan and Joint Zoning Bylaw – both are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Changes to VT statute necessitated some edits; demographic information was updated; and some problem areas within the bylaw were corrected. The Planning Commission held 3 public hearings and the Selectboard held 2 public hearings. Residents were able to vote on the draft Plan and Zoning Bylaw on January 23rd, but a poor turnout (26 persons) yielded only a tie vote. We encourage voters to support our work at this year's Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barton Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Adjustment
David Snedeker, Chair
Sylvain Gagnon
Nathan Sicard
Alison Lyon
Justin Barton-Caplin

Selectboard Message

Exciting news for the Barton Recycling Program! Our Town recycling has been in place for many years, and again this year we realized increased Town participation and an increase in the number of recyclables collected and averted from the landfill. We have instituted summer evening hours on Tuesdays from 5 PM-7 PM and increased winter Saturday hours from 9AM-2PM with the hope of still more participation and to accommodate residents' busy schedules. As you happen over to the recycling facility you will notice a change in the layout to assist the increased traffic flow as well as a small structure for our attendants to disseminate recycling information and yes to warm up on those windy, cold, snowy days. Please stop over, bring your recyclables and engage with our trained staff for information. Be a part of the solution while saving money on landfill expenses.

More good news on the budget side. The 2017 select board budget came in approximately \$34,000 under budget. This was primarily due to lower expenses in two-line items: \$15,000 in office maintenance and \$17,000 in fire protection.

The 2017 highway budget was down \$63,000 due primarily to lower cost in maintenance. The Town road crew operated most of last summer one full time employee short resulting in lower insurance, labor, and equipment cost.

Some 2017 highway projects included paving a portion of May Farm Road, reconstruction of the intersection of Maple Hill Road and Route 5, and reconstructing gravel portions of the Hollow Road and the East Albany Road. Road fabric, dense rock, and crushed gravel were installed to improve these sections of road, especially during mud season. LeBlanc Road was resurfaced as well as sections of the Stevens Road.

Planned projects for 2018 include reconstructing the first mile of Roaring Brook Road, culvert work on Route 16, Stevens Road, Kinsey Road, and May Pond Road. We also are planning to resurface gravel sections of Hollow Road, May Pond Road, and Ryan Road. In June, we purchased a LS tractor model XP8101 with front loader. This tractor is equipped with a Ferri TP61 flail boom mower and has quick change front forks. The purchase price of \$73,690 included a \$4,000 trade in credit for our old tractor mower. This multiuse tractor will not only allow us to mow roadside and will also save fuel, labor, and equipment costs when repairing roads, installing culverts, digging

ditches, and cleaning and removing debris from roadways. The LS will greatly improve the efficiency of our road crew.

Sadly, the Town mourns the loss of one of its employees, Ted Zahne. Ted had been with the Town since 2013, and will be greatly missed. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Ted's family.

A welcome to Dan Sicard who joins our Road Foreman Lenwood Peron and Rick Knaggs maintaining our town roads, garage, and equipment.

With the resignation of Elizabeth (Bella) McCartney in March 2017, the Board appointed Jim Greenwood who offered his experience and service to fill in the gap until Town meeting. Later in the year, Jim sold his home and moved out of Barton and Paul Sicard stepped up to help out and was appointed to replace Jim. Our best wishes and a thank you to Ms. McCartney for her service to the Town. A big thank you to both Jim & Paul for helping with Town business this year.

Our planning board has worked hard over the last couple of years to update our expired Town Plan. Helping the Town come into conformance with State requirements and update the changes that have occurred in the three municipalities. (i.e. infrastructure, population, grow patterns, etc.) This is crucial since a State and Regional approved Town Plan is necessary for the Town to be eligible for various State grants and to be able to update the Town bylaws. Both the Planning board and the Select board each held public hearings on the proposed plan and a Town wide Australian ballot was held on 1/ 23/ 18. A tie vote resulted with only 26 votes cast out of 1818 registered voters. Your Select board discussed this low turnout and unanimously voted to bring this important issue on the ballot before the Town at Town Meeting in hopes of greater voter participation and a clear decisive decision on this important issue.

The Town adopted cemetery bylaws, policies regulating cemetery activities. These policies were researched and drafted by Jack Parry, approved by our cemetery committee, and then adopted by the select board. The Town was long overdue in having these policies in place and encourages residents and interested parties to review them on the Town website.

Maintenance and improvements to Town cemeteries continued in 2017. Stone cleaning was completed at the Barton North (Nye) Cemetery and tree and brush removal was on going greatly improving the

visual effects. Site signage will be accomplished in the near future. Stone cleaning was also done at the Barton South Cemetery (Willoughby South) this will be finished along with the completion of the cedar rail fencing in 2018, thus closing out the major expenses for all of the Barton Town cemeteries.

These improvements would not have been possible without your continued support. We wish to give a big thank you to Paul Sicard and Jack Parry for their tireless efforts with this worthwhile project.

The Town's funding for Fire Protection has changed in the 2018 budget. A steering committee was formed this past summer composed of members from both Villages, the Town, and both Fire Chiefs. Several meetings were held, facilitated by Orleans Village manager John Morley. As a result of these meetings a proposal to combine the management of the two fire departments was considered. This merger will consolidate administration, equipment, fire training, and fire dispatch protocol, leadership, and daily operations of our fire department. After careful review of all issues a decision was reached and agreed to by the Villages and the Town to merge the departments and continue funding through a town tax sufficient so that neither village would have to raise supplemental funding.

The Town of Barton has faced many issues this year making hard decisions to keep the Town moving forward in a positive direction. We wish to thank everyone, citizens, volunteers, employees, and officials for all their selfless efforts, time, and dedication to the betterment of the Town of Barton. Please be involved, stay involved, get involved to preserve our little slice of heaven in the NEK of Vermont.

Robert Croteau - Selectboard Chair
Jody Frey - Selectboard Member
Paul Sicard - Selectboard Member

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Barton, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Barton Memorial Building in Barton Village on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at ten (10:00) o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business, viz:

1. To elect all officers required by law for the ensuing year and fill all vacancies caused by resignation or otherwise. (Australian ballot)

NOTE: The polls will be open from ten (10:00) o'clock in the forenoon until seven (7:00) o'clock in the afternoon for balloting under articles necessitating Australian balloting. **ALL OTHER BUSINESS NOT REQUIRING SUCH BALLOT WILL BE TRANSACTED COMMENCING AT SEVEN (7:00) O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.**
2. To hear and dispose of the reports of the Town Officers.
3. To see if the Town will vote to bond the Town Officers and pay for the same.
4. To see if the Town will vote to carry Worker's Compensation Insurance and Liability Insurance.
5. To see if the Town will vote to expend three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per mile for each mile of Class 1, 2, and 3 Town Highways within the Town pursuant to 19 V.S.A. Section 307.
6. To see in what manner the Town will vote to collect its taxes.
7. To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its officers.
8. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectboard to hire money if necessary to pay current expenses and outstanding indebtedness of the Town.
9. (a) To have presented an estimate of the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.
(b) To see how much money the Town will vote to pay current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, expressing said sum in dollars in its vote, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
(c) To see how much money the Town will vote for the support of highways for the ensuing year, expressing the sum in dollars in its vote, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
10. To see how much money, if any, the Town will vote in addition to the amount required by law to sustain Town libraries and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
11. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840 to exempt from taxation for a period not to exceed five years that portion of the real estate owned by Barton Ambulance Squad located in the Town of Barton, which is used exclusively for the purposes of the organization.
12. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840 to exempt from taxation for a period not to exceed five years that portion of the real estate owned by Orleans Lodge #55 F&AM located in the Town of Barton which is used exclusively for the purpose of the organization.

13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$39,000 (thirty nine thousand dollars) as requested by the Barton Ambulance Squad for providing Emergency Medical Services in the town, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) as requested by the Barton Fire Department for the sole purpose of buying fireworks for display at the town of Barton's July 4th, 2018 celebration, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$7,500 (seven thousand five hundred dollars) as requested by the Lake Region Senior Center, to support the center and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) as requested by the Barton Area Senior Services Inc. (BASSI) to support the meal site and activities for Barton Area Seniors, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$12,000 (twelve thousand dollars) as requested by the Crystal Lake Preservation Association for the purpose of funding programs directed at managing, controlling or eradicating the Eurasian water milfoil infestation or other invasive species in Crystal Lake and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$7,500 (seven thousand five hundred dollars) as requested by the Crystal Lakes Falls Historical Association to assist in maintaining the Association's bridges and trails and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500 (five hundred dollars) as requested by Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. to support the Barton School Garden and Farm to School Program, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,200 (two thousand two hundred dollars) as requested by the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging to provide services to residents of the town, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,951 (two thousand nine hundred fifty-one dollars) as requested by Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)(3) corporation, to support the provision of 24 hour, 7 days a week emergency/crisis services to residents of the town, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$650 (six hundred fifty dollars) as requested by Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of creating and supporting one-to-one relationships between people with disabilities and community volunteers, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) as requested by the Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, Inc., for the home care services of the Agency and the Hospice Program, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.

24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$6,000 (six thousand dollars) as requested by Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") for services provided by RCT to residents living in the town of Barton, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,200 (one thousand two hundred dollars) as requested by Umbrella, Inc., to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children, and to ensure families have access to affordable, high quality child care, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$7,000 (seven thousand dollars) as requested by the Welcome O. Brown Cemetery Association to assist the Welcome O. Brown Cemetery Association in providing maintenance for the existing cemetery in the ensuing year, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) as requested by Lake Region Youth Baseball, Inc. a 501(c)(3) corporation for the purpose of field maintenance, building maintenance, and needed equipment at the Barton Baseball Field in the town of Barton, VT, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
28. To act upon any other business that may legally come before such meeting.
29. To adjourn.

Dated this 22nd day of January A.D. 2018.

/s/ Robert J. Croteau - Selectboard Chair

/s/ Jody Frey – Selectboard Member

/s/ Paul Sicard – Selectboard Member

Report of Annual Meeting - 2017 **Town of Barton**

The legal voters of the Town of Barton, Vermont, met agreeably to the Warning on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 A.D. at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Barton Municipal Building to transact the following business, viz:

1. The following officers were elected by Australian ballot:

Moderator, one year	William Boyd Davies - 76
Selectboard, three years	Robert J. Croteau - 74
Town Agent and Attorney, one year	William Boyd Davies - 76
Library Trustee, five years	Patricia Tompkins - 82
Lister, three years	
First Constable, one year	
Town Grand Juror, one year	Robert J. Croteau – 78
Library Trustee, three years	Richard Jesmer – 72
Delinquent Tax Collector, one year	Shelia Martin - 78

There were 84 voters at the polls, 7 of whom voted by absentee ballot. The total checklist for the Town of Barton carries 1,783 names.

The meeting was recessed until 7:00 PM, except for balloting under the Australian System, with the polls closing at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Moderator William Boyd Davies. There were approximately 51 people present during the course of the meeting, 5 of whom were non-voters.

The Barton girl scout troop performed a presentation of the colors and led those in attendance in the flag salute.

Moderator Davies then asked for a moment of silence in memory of long-serving town delinquent tax collector Colleen Cloutier who passed away on March 4th, 2017.

2. Two corrections to the Town Report were read by the moderator. On Page 5 in the 3rd paragraph the number reading "\$26,000" should instead be "\$36,000" and on page 16 a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission, Sylvain Gagnon, was left off the list in error. Robert Croteau moved to accept the reports as amended. Joyce Croteau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Sylvain Gagnon made a motion to bond the town officers and pay for the same. John Ulrich seconded. Motion carried.

4. Sylvain Gagnon made and Jesse Coe seconded a motion that the town carry Worker's Compensation Insurance and Liability Insurance. Motion carried.

5. Fred Latour made a motion to expend three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per mile for each mile of Class 1, 2, and 3 Town Highways within the Town pursuant to 19 V.S.A. §307. Joyce Croteau Seconded. The motion carried.

6. Sylvain Gagnon made and Jesse Coe seconded a motion to collect taxes with billing on or about the 15th of September, payable to the Treasurer within 60 days without discount. Interest is to accrue on delinquent taxes at the maximum rate allowed by law and an 8% penalty is to be assessed on all delinquent

taxes. Postmarks are not acceptable as payment date. Motion carried.

7. Robert Croteau noted that the selectboard recommended that town officers pay be increased by 3%. He then made a motion to increase the pay for each town officer by 3%. Jesse Coe seconded. The motion carried.

8. Sylvain Gagnon made a motion authorizing the Selectboard to hire money if necessary to pay current expenses and outstanding indebtedness of the Town. After a second the motion carried.

9. (a) The Selectboard was called upon to present an estimate of the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year. Selectboard Chair Robert Croteau thoroughly yet concisely reviewed the Selectboard's Budget for 2017. He explained that the request for 2017 was up roughly \$10,500. He encouraged the public to attend the public meeting to be held on the town plan and by-laws. Fire department budgets had increased quite a lot, Orleans needed an additional \$10,000 over last year and Barton needed approximately an additional \$18,000. The Selectboard reviewed each budget in detail and endorses the numbers it was provided as reflective of the actual cost of the services provided to the town. Group insurance is down because of a change in the type of plans the town is participating in. The Selectboard is also proposing an increase in the cemetery line item to pay for needed repairs and maintenance in the cemeteries. Mr. Croteau recognized the many volunteer hours put in by Jack Parry and Paul Sicard in the cemeteries and expressed support for their request for an additional \$3,500 for cemetery expenses. Recycling and HHW use have increased, and likewise the numbers on those line items have increased. Recycling is also up because the recycling facility needs to either be upgraded or moved.

(b) Mr. Croteau then made a motion to approve the recommended budget of \$427,953.62. The motion was seconded and then passed without discussion.

(c) Selectboard Chair Robert Croteau was very pleased to present a roughly \$38,000 decrease in the requested amount for the 2017 Highway Budget. He gave a brief overview of each line item on the budget explaining the efficiencies allowing for decreases in items such as the town garage line item and increases in line items like road maintenance. Mr. Croteau explained the plan to purchase a new tractor/mower to replace the old one with funds from the equipment fund. He also explained that the board is planning ahead with a new bridge replacement fund to help offset future expenses with anticipated replacement costs of bridge #7 on Roaring Brook Rd. Mr. Croteau also explained the need for an additional \$20,000 for the equipment fund this year to keep up with the annual depreciation of town equipment. Mr. Croteau then made a motion to approve the recommended budget of \$547,374.33. The motion was seconded and then passed without discussion.

10. Robin Robitaille made and John Ulrich seconded a motion to appropriate the sum of \$19,500.00 to the Jones Memorial Library and \$19,500.00 to the Barton Public Library and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

11. John Ulrich made and Kristen Young seconded a motion to exempt from taxation, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840, for a period of five years that portion of the real estate owned by Orleans Emergency Unit, Inc. located in the Town of Barton, which is used exclusively for the purposes of the organization. Motion carried.

12. Fred Latour made and John Ulrich seconded a motion to appropriate the sum of \$28,000 to the Barton Ambulance Squad for providing Emergency Medical Services in the town, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to

meet the same. Motion carried.

13. Fred Latour made and Cathy Swain seconded a motion to appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to the Barton Fire Department for the sole purpose of buying fireworks for display at the Town of Barton's July 4th, 2017 celebration, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

14. Frank Fischer made and Susan Guilmette seconded a motion to appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to the Barton Senior Center to support the center, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

15. Andy Trieber made and Cathy Swain seconded a motion to appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to the Crystal Lake Preservation Association for the purpose of funding programs directed at managing, controlling or eradicating the Eurasian water milfoil infestation or other invasive species in Crystal Lake, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

16. Paul Sicard made and Cathy Swain seconded a motion to appropriate \$7,500 to the Crystal Lakes Falls Historical Association to assist in maintaining the Association's bridges and trails, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

17. Fred Latour made and Cathy Swain seconded a motion to appropriate \$500 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. to support the Barton School Garden and Farm to School Program, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

18. Joyce Croteau made and Fred Latour seconded a motion to appropriate \$7,500 to the Lake Region Senior Center to support the center, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

19. Joyce Croteau made and Fred Latour seconded a motion to appropriate \$2,200 to the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging to provide services to residents of the town, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

20. Cathy Swain made and Fred Latour seconded a motion to appropriate \$2,951 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)(3) corporation, to support the provision of 24 hour, 7 day a week emergency/crisis services to residents of the town, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

21. Susan Guilmette made and Jesse Coe seconded a motion to appropriate \$500 to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of creating and supporting one-to-one relationships between people with disabilities and community volunteers, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

22. Susan Guilmette made and Fred Latour seconded a motion to appropriate \$625 to the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its educational programs, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

23. Sylvain Gagnon made and Fred Latour seconded a motion to appropriate \$10,000 to the Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, Inc., for the home care services of the Agency and the Hospice Program, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

24. John Ulrich made and Kristen Young seconded a motion to appropriate \$6,000 to Rural Community Transportation, Inc ("RCT") for services provided by RCT to residents living in the Town of Barton, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Fred Latour asked if RCT was a non-profit organization. Cathy Swain directed him to RCT's letter in the town report which indicated that it is. Mr. Latour then questioned the number of rides given to town residents and was again directed to the information provided in RCT's letter in the town report. The motion then carried with minor dissent.

25. John Ulrich made and Cathy Swain seconded a motion to appropriate \$1,200 to Umbrella, Inc., to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children, and to ensure families have access to affordable, high quality child care, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

26. Fred Latour made and Paul Sicard seconded a motion to appropriate \$7,000 to the Welcome O. Brown Cemetery Association to assist the association in providing maintenance for the existing cemetery in the ensuing year, and direct the Selectboard to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Motion carried.

27. Representatives Sam Young and Vickie Strong gave brief overviews of items before their committees in the current legislative session. Rep. Young described it as a transitional year with many new faces in Montpelier. Because of that there hasn't been a whole lot of policy moving this year. Rep. Young thinks the new Governor did a pretty good job in making his appointments. He then discussed some budgeting difficulties in the Governor's proposals, especially relating to education spending.

Representative Strong discussed her work addressing the housing gaps the state is facing. In particular, she sees gaps for the mentally ill and homeless populations and is concerned about the pressure those gaps are putting on hospital emergency rooms to provide beds for those individuals when there is nowhere else for them to go. She also discussed the opioid/heroin epidemic facing our region and specifically the number of deaths caused by heroin overdoses.

Paul Sicard then questioned the Selectboard about what they are doing to encourage business opportunities and job growth in the Town. Mr. Croteau responded that the current work on the town plan and by-laws provide for available districts for business development and also the two villages solicit businesses. Mr. Sicard then stated that with one remaining public hearing on the town plan and by-laws he encourages the public to attend and take interest. Mr. Croteau echoed these sentiments.

Jody Frey then spoke and encouraged the residents of the town to attend meetings, ask questions, and get involved.

28. A motion to adjourn was made by Fred Latour and seconded by Sylvain Gagnon. The motion carried. Moderator Bill Davies adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

A true record
Attest:
/s/Kristin M. Atwood - Town Clerk

Approved and attested by:
/s/William Boyd Davies - Moderator
/s/Robert Croteau - Selectboard Chair

Dated at Barton, Vermont, March 10, 2017

Elected Town Officers **For the Year 2017**

Moderator	William Boyd Davies	2018
Clerk	Kristin M. Atwood	2019
Treasurer	Kristin M. Atwood	2019
Selectboard	Robert J. Croteau	2020
	Jody Frey	2018
	James Greenwood (resigned) ----	
	Paul Sicard (appointed)	2018
Tax Collector	Shelia Martin	2018
Listers	Gerry Cahill	2018
	Allison Lyon	2019
	David Punt (appointed)	2018
Town Grand Juror	Robert J. Croteau	2018
Town Agent	William Boyd Davies	2018
Library Trustee	Richard Jesmer	2020
	Patsy Tompkins	2022
	Doris Kennison	2018
	Mary Kay Hunt	2019
	Judith Pettengill	2020
First Constable	Vacant	---
Justices of the Peace	Marjorie Brown	2018
	Lawrence Burdick	2018
	Robert "Bob" Ellis	2018
	Judy Martel	2018
	Shelia Martin	2018
	Beth Martin	2018
	Grace Mason	2018
	Steven Matthews	2018
	Anthony Pallotta	2018
	Eliza Walters	2018

Appointed Town Officials **For the Year 2017**

Assistant Town Clerk / Treasurer	Hannah Perkins
Selectboard Clerk	Andrée Reno Sanborn
Road Foreman	Lenwood Perron
Animal Control Officer	Robert J. Croteau
	Jody Frey
Fence Viewer	Robert J. Croteau
Zoning Administrator	Joyce Croteau
Zoning Board of Adjustment/ Planning Commission	David Snedeker, Chair
	Sylvain Gagnon
	Allison Lyon
	Nathan Sicard
	Justin Barton-Caplin
Emergency Management Coordinator	EJ Rowell

Fire Warden	Paul Sicard
Assistant Fire Warden	Nathan Peart
Health Officer	Joyce Croteau
Gov. Lee Emerson Memorial Forest Commission	Rupert Chamberlin
	Paul Sicard
	Steven Slayton
	Jody Frey
NVDA Representatives	Robert Croteau
	William Boyd Davies
	John S. Morley, III
Town Service Officer	Robert J. Croteau
Tree Warden	Robert J. Croteau
State Police Advisory Board	Robert J. Croteau
	Jody Frey
	Paul Sicard
Loan Commission	Jody Frey
	Paul Sicard
	Rupert Chamberlin
	Patsy Tompkins
	Earl Randall
	Ian Atwood
	Steven Matthews
SWIP Chairman	Robert J. Croteau
SWIP Clerk	Andrée Reno Sanborn
SWIP Committee	Jody Frey
	Paul Sicard
	John Morley, III
	Nathan Sicard
	Ozzie Henchel
	Barbara Compton
	Joyce Croteau
SWIP Administrator	Kristin Atwood
Cemetery Commission	Paul Sicard
	Jack Parry
	Collin Carter
	Andrée Reno Sanborn
Liaison to the Board of Listers	Jody Frey
Liaison to Zoning Admin & PZBA	Jody Frey
Liaison to Fire Departments	Jody Frey
Liaison to the Road Crew	Robert J. Croteau
Selectboard Chair	Robert J. Croteau

Funds Availability Statement

Selectboard Account	1/1/2017	12/31/2017
Cash on Hand - Checking Account	\$113,789.26	\$111,167.77
Tax Money Market	\$29,084.60	\$22,212.21
Due From Highway Account	\$0.00	\$1,038.76
Total	\$142,873.86	\$134,418.74
Highway Account		
Cash on Hand - Checking Account	\$194,175.67	\$199,121.65
Due to Selectboard Account	\$0.00	\$1,038.76
Total	\$194,175.67	\$198,082.89

Treasurer's Report

Division of Taxes and Tax Rates for 2017

Town	0.269
Highway	0.4333
Local Agreement	0.0019

	Rate	Grand List	Assessed	Delinquent	Paid to	Abate-
Town	0.2690	\$2,098,187.40	\$564,412.43	\$31,195.78	\$532,575.08	\$641.57
Highway	0.4333	\$1,266,039.40	\$548,574.85	\$36,776.81	\$511,798.04	
Local Agreement	0.0019	\$2,098,187.40	\$3,986.69	\$208.87	\$3,773.29	\$4.53
ANR - Barton Village			\$3,105.00			
ANR - Highway			\$38,277.86			
ANR - Town			\$19,731.14			
PILOT - Barton Village			\$6,405.48			
PILOT - Highway			\$5,582.84			
PILOT - Town			\$3,494.94			

Tax Money Market Account

TD Bank

Beginning Balance 1/1/17	\$29,084.60	
Interest	\$285.00	
Income:		
2017 Taxes Collected	\$1,031,705.71	
2018 Taxes Collected	\$3,198.62	
State Payments Collected	\$32,697.87	
Overpayments	\$503.01	
		\$1,068,105.21
Disbursements:		
Tax Anticipation Note Payoff:	\$326,134.65	
Selectboard Account	\$306,518.44	
Highway Account	\$422,069.77	
BISD	\$2,974.80	
OISD	\$859.95	
Barton Village	\$14,922.45	
Overpayments	\$503.01	
Returned Checks	\$1,279.53	
		\$1,075,262.60
Ending Balance		
12/31/17	\$22,212.21	

*difference in collection and disbursement due to lister errors and omissions

Selectboard Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2017.....	\$113,789.26	
Receipts:		
2017 Real Estate Taxes	\$326,495.52	
Delinquent Taxes Paid by Collector	\$27,879.55	
Liquor and Tobacco Licenses	\$1,040.00	
Dog Fee Income	\$4,493.90	
Planning and Zoning	\$4,243.00	
State of Vermont - VTTC Fines Collected	\$260.50	
Registration Renewal Fees	\$596.00	
Photocopying	\$2,948.43	
Vital Statistics	\$780.00	
Lister Training Funds	\$1,224.00	
Town Clerk's Fees	\$23,896.80	
8% Turn in by Collector	\$4,005.71	
Glover Post-Closure	\$114.95	
Solid Waste Planning Grant	\$2,263.59	
SWIP Outreach Grant	\$2,672.00	
Recycling Income	\$430.00	
Insurance Reimbursements	\$140.75	
Transferred from Tax Anticipation Note	\$230,000.00	
Interest Income	\$92.60	
UDAG Loan Funding	\$47,000.00	
Total Receipts.....		\$680,577.30
Total Disbursements.....		\$683,198.79
Cash on Hand December 31, 2017	\$111,167.77	

Selectboard Report

Orders Drawn 2017

Officer Salaries & Expenses

Town Clerk and Treasurer		
Kristin Atwood		\$42,174.69
Expenses		\$95.00
Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer		
Hannah Perkins		\$24,514.25
Expenses		\$20.00
Delinquent Tax Collector		
Shelia Martin		\$4,005.71
Emergency Management Coordinator		
Enoch Rowell		\$373.41
Listers		
Allison Lyon		\$2,209.17
David Punt		\$1,320.52
Expenses		\$95.98
Outside Services/ Reappraisal		\$5,136.42
Mileage		\$189.12

Health Officer			
Joyce Croteau		\$1,236.00	
Expenses		\$97.20	
Selectboard			
Robert Croteau		\$1,538.31	
Jody Frey		\$1,538.31	
Paul Sicard		\$708.04	
James Greenwood		\$830.27	
Board Clerk (Andree Reno Sanborn)		\$1,317.68	
Expenses		\$326.81	
			\$87,726.89
	Planning and Zoning		
Labor - Planning		\$225.96	
Labor - Zoning		\$225.97	
Zoning Officer's Salary		\$7,099.30	
Ads and Notices		\$439.70	
Expenses		\$70.29	
Mileage		\$355.59	
			\$8,416.81
	Office Maintenance		
Ads and Notices		\$862.93	
Annual Reports		\$36.86	
Bond Note Payments		\$11,350.00	
Bookkeeping & Land Record Supplies		\$284.86	
Computerization Fund		\$2,023.00	
Equipment, Services & Supplies		\$1,084.17	
Heating		\$1,905.96	
Lister Supplies		\$3,721.37	
Mowing & Plowing		\$3,742.50	
Office Cleaning		\$3,772.48	
Office Electricity		\$2,159.36	
Office Supplies & Postage		\$2,018.43	
Restoration Fund		\$2,613.00	
Rubbish Removal		\$78.00	
Telephone		\$790.82	
Vital Statistics to State of VT		\$500.00	
Water and Sewer		\$897.17	
Website Fees		\$30.34	
			\$37,871.25
	Depreciation Fund		
Town of Barton		\$1,000.00	
			\$1,000.00
	Fire Protection		
Barton Village, Inc.		\$56,700.00	
Barton Village Sinking Fund		\$21,000.00	
Inc. Village of Orleans		\$53,800.00	
Inc. Village of Orleans Sinking Fund		\$20,000.00	
			\$151,500.00
	Police Protection		
Orleans County Sheriff's Department		\$56,407.24	
			\$56,407.24

Bond note for Town Clerk's Office—outstanding balance of \$20,000.00 Ends 2019.
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	Tax Expense		
Tax Bills, Envelopes & Postage		\$1,021.82	
			\$1,021.82
	Employee Insurance		
Blue Cross / Blue Shield		\$25,578.33	
			\$25,578.33
	Insurance and Officer's Bond		
Disability Insurance		\$157.19	
Employment Practices		\$1,819.50	
Unemployment Trust		\$36.00	
Property Liability		\$5,316.75	
Public Officials Bond		\$5,493.50	
Worker's Comp		\$3,040.36	
			\$15,863.30
	Cemeteries		
Cemetery Expense		\$10,572.35	
			\$10,572.35
	Dues and Assessments		
County Tax		\$32,496.19	
VT League of Cities and Towns		\$4,183.00	
NVDA		\$2,108.00	
			\$38,787.19
	Appropriations		
Barton Ambulance Squad		\$28,000.00	
Barton Fire Department		\$3,500.00	
Barton Public Library		\$19,500.00	
Crystal Lake Falls Historical Association		\$7,500.00	
Crystal Lake Preservation Association		\$12,000.00	
Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. (BISD)		\$500.00	
Jones Memorial Library		\$19,500.00	
Lake Region Senior Citizen's Center		\$7,500.00	
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging		\$2,200.00	
Northeast Kingdom Human Services		\$2,951.00	
Orleans County Citizen's Advocacy		\$500.00	
Orleans County Historical Society		\$625.00	
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.		\$10,000.00	
Rural Community Transportation		\$6,000.00	
Umbrella, Inc.		\$1,200.00	
Welcome O. Brown Cemetery Asn.		\$7,000.00	
			\$128,476.00
	Legal		
Highway		\$70.00	
Selectboard		\$1,754.09	
Zoning		\$385.00	
			\$2,209.09
	Social Security		
Social Security		\$7,761.18	
			\$7,761.18
	Retirement		
VT Municipal Employees Retirement System		\$1,892.85	
			\$1,892.85

	Dog Expense		
Boarding		\$93.75	
License and Supplies		\$157.97	
Pickup and Handling		\$107.65	
Tax Turn in		\$2,023.00	
			\$2,382.37
	Landfill - Postclosure		
Engineering and Analysis		\$1,853.09	
Bushogging		\$175.50	
			\$2,028.59
	HHW		
Household Hazardous Waste Collection		\$8,080.37	
			\$8,080.37
	Recycling		
Advertising		\$190.63	
Electricity		\$148.47	
Hauling Fee		\$5,761.00	
Outside Services		\$14,904.45	
Labor		\$7,857.13	
Supplies		\$235.78	
Tonnage Costs		\$3,747.21	
			\$32,844.67
	SWIP		
Outreach Expense		\$2,611.49	
Swip Expense		\$1,666.70	
			\$4,278.19
	Green-Up Day		
Ads and Notices		\$98.80	
Tonnage Costs		\$66.50	
Hauling Fee		\$100.00	
			\$265.30
	Reimbursed Expenses		
Lee E. Emerson Memorial Scholarship			
Rebecca Doucet		\$500.00	
Camden Hazen Devereux		\$500.00	
Hunter Duquette		\$500.00	
Brooke Morley		\$500.00	
			\$2,000.00
Gifford Fund Scholarship			
Caleb Derbyshire		\$500.00	
Ryan Streeter		\$500.00	
Olivia Owens		\$500.00	
April M. Streeter		\$500.00	
			\$2,000.00
Russell Scholarship Fund			
Bailey R. Perry		\$100.00	
			\$100.00
	Miscellaneous Expenses		
Recording Overpayments		\$30.00	
UDAG Loan Funding		\$47,000.00	
Emerson Forest		\$85.00	
Returned Check		\$20.00	
Barton Area Senior Services Inc Grant		\$7,000.00	
			\$54,135.00
Total Selectboard Orders			\$683,198.79

Highway Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2017	\$194,175.67	
Receipts		
2017 Real Estate Taxes	\$460,347.63	
Transfer from Tax Anticipation Note	\$95,000.00	
Delinquent Taxes Paid by Collector	\$28,612.58	
State Aid - Highway	\$128,152.12	
Insurance Reimbursements	\$1,900.00	
Fleet Overweight Permits	\$270.00	
Funds Deposited by State in Error	\$108,483.78	
Interest	\$272.63	
Reimb. Materials & Labor	\$579.85	
Total Receipts		\$823,618.59
Total Disbursements		\$818,672.61
Cash on Hand December 31, 2017	\$199,121.65	

Highway Report

Orders Drawn 2017

Town Road Summer Maintenance

Chloride	\$11,550.60	
Gravel	\$4,148.00	
Materials	\$1,899.12	
Outside Services	\$387.75	
Labor	\$48,783.75	
		\$66,769.22

Town Road Winter Maintenance

Road Whips	\$51.69	
Salt	\$7,927.79	
Labor	\$46,009.48	
		\$53,988.96

State Aid Summer Maintenance

Materials	\$4,417.00	
		\$4,417.00

State Aid Winter Maintenance

Salt	\$15,911.43	
Labor	\$22,925.53	
		\$38,836.96

Town Road Resurfacing

Materials	\$3,879.05	
Gravel	\$35,663.76	
Labor	\$2,479.25	
		\$42,022.06

State Aid Resurfacing

Paving Contracts	\$66,494.75	
Transfer to Paving Fund	\$108,505.25	
		\$175,000.00

Stockpiling Winter Sand

Outside Services		
Labor	\$3,848.50	
Parts	\$3,886.93	
Materials	\$13,500.00	
		\$21,235.43

	Town Road Culverts		
Materials		\$8,180.47	
Labor		\$4,474.50	
			\$12,654.97
	State Aid Culverts		
Labor		\$235.50	
			\$235.50
	Bridges		
Outside Services		\$671.18	
Labor		\$547.50	
Transfer to Bridge Fund		\$13,781.32	
			\$15,000.00
	Town Equipment		
General			
	Fuel	\$38,509.28	
	Supplies	\$3,264.19	
			\$41,773.47
Grader			
	Labor	\$623.50	
	Outside Labor	\$898.00	
	Parts	\$8,870.25	
			\$10,391.75
Snowplows			
	Labor	\$87.50	
	Parts	\$5,203.13	
			\$5,290.63
Chainsaw			
	Fuel	\$7.59	
	Parts	\$22.34	
			\$29.93
Steamer/Spreader/Rake			
	Labor	\$34.50	
	Parts	\$56.86	
			\$91.36
Tractor/Mower			
	Labor	\$49.14	
	Outside Labor	\$616.25	
	Parts	\$824.84	
			\$1,490.23
Misc. Tools and Equipment			
	Other	\$107.51	
	Signs and Posts	\$1,267.76	
			\$1,375.27
2002 Backhoe			
	Labor	\$1,140.00	
	Outside Labor	\$492.50	
	Parts	\$5,849.10	
			\$7,481.60
2007 International Truck #9			
	Labor	\$58.50	
	Parts	\$17.92	
			\$76.42

2010 International Truck #10			
Labor		\$2,421.75	
Outside Labor		\$791.58	
Parts		\$3,636.02	
			\$6,849.35
2011 F550 Truck #11			
Labor		\$2,403.00	
Outside Labor		\$1,395.15	
Parts		\$7,908.44	
			\$11,706.59
2016 International Truck #12			
Labor		\$2,169.25	
Outside Labor		\$758.75	
Parts		\$699.41	
			\$3,627.41
2017 International Truck #13			
Labor		\$1,952.50	
Outside Labor		\$250.14	
Parts		\$836.71	
			\$3,039.35
			\$93,223.36
	Town Garage		
Electricity		\$1,332.55	
Fuel Oil		\$2,429.50	
Misc. Expenses, Maintenance, etc.		\$742.06	
Labor		\$2,080.75	
Supplies		\$2,734.87	
Telephone		\$1,017.58	
Uniforms		\$5,347.42	
			\$15,684.73
	Insurance		
Property Liability		\$10,518.00	
Unemployment Trust		\$268.00	
Worker's Comp		\$9,346.14	
			\$20,132.14
	Group Insurance		
Blue Cross / Blue Shield		\$42,670.85	
Life and Disability Ins.		\$339.17	
			\$43,010.02
	Social Security		
Social Security		\$11,017.79	
			\$11,017.79
	Retirement		
Company Paid Retirement		\$5,109.70	
			\$5,109.70
	Equipment Depreciation Fund		
Transfer to Equipment Depreciation Fund		\$90,000.00	
			\$90,000.00
	Other		
Other Expenses		\$555.00	
			\$555.00
	Transfer Items		
Dep. in Error by State		\$108,081.02	
Recycling Labor		\$1,698.75	
			\$109,779.77
Total Highway Orders			\$818,672.61
26	Town of Barton		

Barton Community Swim Project

Community National Bank

Balance 1/1/17		\$1,095.37
Interest Earned		\$0.
Balance 12/31/17		\$1,095.37

Computerization Fund

TD Bank

Balance 1/1/17	\$11,286.73	
Interest	\$19.72	
Disbursements:		
Computer Purchase	\$3,105.36	
		\$3,105.36
Balance 12/31/17	\$8,201.09	

Tax Anticipation Checking

Passumpsic Savings Bank

Balance 1/1/17	\$250.00
Balance 12/31/17	\$250.00

Dr. Karlene V. Russell Memorial Scholarship Fund

Community National Bank

Balance 1/1/17	\$5,349.34	
Interest	\$8.03	
Disbursements:		
Scholarship	\$100.00	
		\$100.00
Balance 12/31/17	\$5,257.37	

Governor Lee Emerson Memorial Forest

Community National Bank

Balance 1/1/17	\$6,154.20
Interest	\$9.21
Balance 12/31/17	\$6,163.41

Reappraisal Maintenance Fund

TD Bank

Balance 1/1/17	\$60,055.47	
Interest	\$155.70	
Income:		
State Funds	\$10,472.00	
		\$10,472.00
Balance 12/31/17	\$70,683.17	

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

Community National Bank	
Balance 1/1/17	\$6,149.53
Interest	\$9.21
Balance 12/31/17	\$6,158.74

Cemetery Perpetual Care Savings

Community National Bank	
Balance 1/1/17	\$2,824.77
Interest	\$2.13
Balance 12/31/17	\$2,826.90

Records Restoration Fund

TD Bank	
Balance 1/1/17	\$6,193.31
Interest	\$14.18
Income:	
Transfer from Selectboard Account	\$2,613.00
	\$2,613.00
Balance 12/31/17	\$8,820.49

Equipment Fund

Passumpsic Savings Bank	
Balance 1/1/17	\$172,457.62
Interest Earned	\$215.86
Income:	
Transfer from Highway Account	\$90,000.00
	\$90,000.00
Disbursements:	
Equipment Purchases	\$73,690.00
	\$73,690.00
Balance 12/31/17	\$188,983.48

Governor Lee Emerson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Community National Bank	
Balance 1/1/17	\$88,529.01
Interest	\$791.42
Disbursements:	
Scholarships	\$2,000.00
	\$2,000.00
Balance 12/31/17	\$87,320.43

Town Office Depreciation

TD Bank	
Balance 1/1/17	\$15,296.07
Interest	\$34.98
Income:	
Transfer from Selectboard Account	\$1,000.00
	\$1,000.00
Balance 12/31/17	\$16,331.05

UDAG Loan Fund

Community National Bank

Balance 1/1/17		\$687,644.76	
Interest		\$1,030.40	
Income:			
Barton Baking Co.	Principal	\$859.06	
	Interest	\$541.10	
Dudley Enterprise	Principal	\$15,551.22	
	Interest	\$358.56	
Kingdom Rehab	Principal	\$11,120.26	
	Interest	\$1,607.66	
Nature by Design	Principal	\$5,044.36	
	Interest	\$2,380.19	
Olney's General Store	Principal	\$392.48	
	Interest	\$207.52	
			\$38,062.41
Expense:			
Loan Proceeds - Barton Baking Co.		\$22,000.00	
Loan Proceeds - Olney's General Store		\$25,000.00	
			\$47,000.00
Balance 12/31/17		\$679,737.57	

Outstanding UDAG Loans

Barton Baking Co.	\$20,995.67
Gilman Housing	\$165,618.83
Kingdom Rehab	\$26,083.84
Nature by Design	\$35,366.83
Olney's General Store	\$24,607.52

Miscellaneous Grant Funds

Passumpsic Savings Bank

Balance 1/1/17		\$114,709.60	
Interest		\$126.51	
Income:			
Tax Sale Redemption		\$931.63	
			\$931.63
Expense:			
Tax Sale Purchases		\$2,493.17	
			\$2,493.17
Balance 12/31/17		\$113,021.55	

Gifford Scholarship Fund

Community National Bank

Balance 1/1/17		\$9,183.19	
Interest		\$4.97	
Income:			
J & E Gifford		\$1,598.50	
			\$1,598.50
Disbursements:			
Scholarships		\$1,000.00	
			\$1,000.00
Balance 12/31/17		\$9,786.66	

Highway

	Net Budget 2016	Net Cost 2016	Net Budget 2017	Cost 2017
Maintenance	\$318,700.00	\$286,467.33	\$324,000.00	\$402,269.63
TR Summer	\$60,000.00	\$65,048.01	\$60,000.00	\$66,769.22
TR Winter	\$70,000.00	\$53,836.07	\$70,000.00	\$72,966.24
SA Summer	\$15,000.00	\$10,233.00	\$15,000.00	\$4,417.00
SA Winter	\$42,000.00	\$44,625.44	\$42,000.00	\$19,859.68
TR Resurf	\$60,000.00	\$46,876.67	\$60,000.00	\$42,022.06
SA Resurf	\$175,000.00	\$174,396.05	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00
Stock Sand	\$25,000.00	\$19,662.63	\$30,000.00	\$21,235.43
Bridges/Culverts	\$51,705.00	\$54,622.01	\$22,000.00	\$27,890.47
TR Culverts	\$5,000.00	\$8,226.38	\$5,000.00	\$12,654.97
SA Culverts	\$2,000.00	\$501.00	\$2,000.00	\$235.50
Bridges	\$55,000.00	\$53,974.88	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Town Equipment	\$100,000.00	\$82,856.43	\$96,000.00	\$93,223.36
Grader	\$6,000.00	\$4,058.40	\$6,000.00	\$10,391.75
Tractor/Mower	\$6,500.00	\$10,972.50	\$1,000.00	\$1,490.23
Plows	\$3,000.00	\$40.93	\$7,500.00	\$5,290.63
Chainsaws	\$500.00	\$99.79	\$500.00	\$29.93
Steamer/Spreader/Rake	\$2,500.00	\$1,803.65	\$4,500.00	\$91.36
Truck Maintenance	\$30,000.00	\$26,911.18	\$30,000.00	\$25,299.12
Fuel	\$40,000.00	\$27,002.56	\$35,000.00	\$38,509.28
Supplies	\$3,500.00	\$770.98	\$3,500.00	\$3,264.19
Backhoe	\$5,000.00	\$7,637.07	\$5,000.00	\$7,481.60
Misc. Tools/Equip/Signs	\$3,000.00	\$3,559.37	\$3,000.00	\$1,375.27
Town Garage	\$23,500.00	\$19,888.26	\$18,000.00	\$15,684.73
Insurance	\$20,472.92	\$21,875.00	\$20,500.00	\$20,132.14
Group Insurance	\$48,466.10	\$49,054.76	\$52,000.00	\$43,010.02
Social Security	\$12,000.00	\$11,524.51	\$12,000.00	\$11,017.79
Retirement	\$5,500.00	\$5,380.65	\$5,550.00	\$5,109.70
Equipment Fund	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00
Interest	\$0.00	(\$132.49)	\$0.00	
Other/ANR Permit Expense	\$1,500.00	\$727.75	\$1,500.00	\$555.00
SUBTOTAL	\$651,844.02	\$602,264.21	\$641,550.00	\$708,892.84
Accum (Sur/Def)	(\$66,618.82)	(\$66,618.82)	(\$94,175.67)	(\$94,175.67)
TOTAL	\$585,225.20	\$535,645.39	\$547,374.33	\$614,717.17

Budget

Income 2017	Net Cost 2017	Budgeted Cost 2018	Budgeted Income 2018	Net Budget 2018
\$128,152.12	\$274,117.51	\$447,000.00	\$128,000.00	\$319,000.00
	\$66,769.22			\$60,000.00
	\$72,966.24			\$70,000.00
	\$4,417.00			\$15,000.00
	\$19,859.68			\$42,000.00
	\$42,022.06			\$60,000.00
	\$175,000.00			\$175,000.00
	\$21,235.43			\$25,000.00
\$1,900.00	\$25,990.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
	\$12,654.97			\$5,000.00
	\$235.50			\$20,000.00
	\$15,000.00			\$15,000.00
	\$93,223.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$109,000.00
	\$10,391.75			\$6,000.00
	\$1,490.23			\$1,000.00
	\$5,290.63			\$7,500.00
	\$29.93			\$500.00
	\$91.36			\$2,500.00
	\$25,299.12			\$30,000.00
	\$38,509.28			\$50,000.00
	\$3,264.19			\$3,500.00
	\$7,481.60			\$5,000.00
	\$1,375.27			\$3,000.00
	\$15,684.73			\$18,000.00
	\$20,132.14			\$20,500.00
	\$43,010.02			\$54,000.00
	\$11,017.79			\$12,000.00
	\$5,109.70			\$5,550.00
	\$90,000.00			\$90,000.00
\$272.63	(\$272.63)			\$0.00
	\$555.00			\$4,000.00
\$130,324.75	\$578,568.09	\$447,000.00	\$128,000.00	\$672,050.00
	(\$94,175.67)	(\$98,082.89)		(\$98,082.89)
\$130,324.75	\$484,392.42	\$348,917.11	\$128,000.00	\$573,967.11

Selectboard

	Net Budget 2016	Net Cost 2016	Net Budget 2017	Cost 2017
Off. Sal/Exp	\$53,105.25	\$48,610.40	\$53,000.00	\$87,726.89
Planning/Zoning	\$4,300.00	\$5,508.33	\$5,800.00	\$8,416.81
Office Maint.	\$44,500.00	\$48,598.63	\$48,000.00	\$37,871.25
Fire Protection	\$139,600.00	\$119,600.00	\$168,500.00	\$151,500.00
Police Protection	\$53,500.00	\$56,527.55	\$58,500.00	\$56,407.24
Depreciation Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Tax Expense	\$1,000.00	\$982.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,021.82
Group Insurance	\$33,300.00	\$28,507.44	\$25,342.88	\$25,578.33
Ins. & Off. Bond	\$17,409.08	\$17,773.48	\$17,000.00	\$15,863.30
Cemeteries	\$8,500.00	\$9,928.50	\$12,000.00	\$10,572.35
Dues/Assess.	\$37,500.00	\$35,626.16	\$37,500.00	\$38,787.19
Appropriations	\$0.00	\$129,726.00	\$135,476.00	\$128,476.00
Legal	\$5,000.00	\$2,412.50	\$5,000.00	\$2,209.09
Social Security	\$7,575.00	\$7,511.85	\$7,750.00	\$7,761.18
Retirement	\$1,650.00	\$1,746.17	\$1,800.00	\$1,892.85
Dog Expense	(\$2,000.00)	(\$2,087.00)	(\$2,000.00)	\$2,382.37
Post-Closure	(\$100.00)	\$36.17	\$750.00	\$2,028.59
Recycling	\$23,700.00	\$17,489.41	\$24,500.00	\$32,844.67
HHW	\$5,000.00	\$9,507.60	\$10,000.00	\$8,080.37
SWIP	\$9,500.00	\$711.62	\$5,000.00	\$4,278.19
Green-Up Day	\$1,500.00	\$260.46	\$1,500.00	\$265.30
Liq. Licenses	(\$950.00)	(\$1,340.00)	(\$1,200.00)	
Interest	\$0.00	(\$33.77)	\$0.00	
Contingency	\$1,000.00	\$484.08	\$1,000.00	\$7,135.00
SUBTOTAL	\$445,589.33	\$539,087.58	\$617,218.88	\$632,098.79
Accum. (Sur/Def)	(\$28,001.69)	(\$28,001.69)	(\$53,789.26)	(\$53,789.26)
TOTAL	\$417,587.64	\$511,085.89	\$563,429.62	\$578,309.53

Budget

Income 2017	Net Cost 2017	Budgeted Cost 2018	Budgeted Income 2018	Net Budget 2018
\$29,126.51	\$58,600.38	\$90,500.00	\$30,000.00	\$60,500.00
\$4,243.00	\$4,173.81	\$9,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
\$4,324.43	\$33,546.82	\$55,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$51,000.00
	\$151,500.00	\$206,000.00		\$206,000.00
\$260.50	\$56,146.74	\$57,850.00	\$500.00	\$57,350.00
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
	\$1,021.82	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
	\$25,578.33	\$27,200.00		\$27,200.00
\$140.75	\$15,722.55	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
	\$10,572.35	\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00
	\$38,787.19	\$39,000.00		\$39,000.00
	\$128,476.00			\$0.00
	\$2,209.09	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
	\$7,761.18	\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00
	\$1,892.85	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
\$4,493.90	(\$2,111.53)	\$2,500.00	\$4,500.00	(\$2,000.00)
\$114.95	\$1,913.64	\$2,000.00	\$750.00	\$1,250.00
\$430.00	\$32,080.67	\$19,500.00	\$100.00	\$19,400.00
\$2,263.59	\$5,816.78	\$7,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,500.00
\$2,672.00	\$1,940.19	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
	\$265.30	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
\$1,040.00	(\$1,040.00)		\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
\$92.60	(\$92.60)			\$0.00
	\$7,135.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
\$49,202.23	\$582,896.56	\$564,550.00	\$46,850.00	\$517,700.00
	(\$53,789.26)	(\$52,206.53)		(\$52,206.53)
\$49,202.23	\$578,309.53	\$512,343.47	\$46,850.00	\$465,493.47

2017 Wage Information

Full-Time Employees

Employee	Position	Insurance Plan	Health Cost	FICA	Retirement	Wages	Overtime	Total
Atwood, K.	Town Clerk / Treasurer	Family	\$20,578.33	\$3,553.65	\$1,857.98	\$42,174.69	N/A	\$68,164.65
Fontaine, M.	Highway Crew	Double	\$3,619.74	\$1,162.04	\$607.62	\$11,200.00	\$3,990.02	\$20,579.42
Knaggs, R.	Highway Crew	Family	\$20,494.23	\$3,330.96	\$1,741.71	\$34,350.01	\$9,191.94	\$69,108.85
Perron, L.	Road Foreman	Double	\$14,586.68	\$4,033.07	\$2,108.83	\$40,580.00	\$12,139.91	\$73,448.49
Sicard, D.	Highway Crew	Double	\$3,766.38	\$1,186.07	\$620.18	\$12,593.00	\$2,911.14	\$21,076.77

Delinquent Tax Report 2017

Delinquent taxes 2005-2016	\$52,770.88
Delinquent Taxes turned over 11/19/2017	\$68,181.46
Total Delinquent Taxes 2005-2017	\$120,952.34
2005 - 2015 Taxes collected as of 12/31/17	\$1,608.52
2016 Taxes Collected as of 12/31/17	\$47,442.52
2017 Taxes Collected as of 12/31/2017	\$18,270.58
Total Delinquent taxes collected as of 12/31/17	\$67,321.62
2005-2016 Property Taxes Abated	\$339.59
Total Delinquent Taxes (2015, 2016 and 2017) due as of 12/31/17	\$53,291.13

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelia R. Martin, Tax Collector

2017 List of Delinquent Taxpayers

Adler, Joan	Fulford, Vincent & Nicole	Paddleford, E./Noyes, M.
Bacon, Kim & Ken	Estate of Frank Garafolo	Pellizzari, John
Baldwin, Nelson	Geddes, Roddy	Pensco Trust Co.
Bapp, Brent	Girard, Amy	Pierce, Ritchie
Barrett, Randy	Grant, Gary	Potter, Mary
Barton, Christina	Estate of Charles Hall	Potter, Traci
Bernier, Roger & Paula	Healy, Michael & Julie	Pray, Scott
Bondor, Josa & Patricia	Jenne, William & Berlly	Riendeau, Michael & Kim
Bosley, Jerry	Johnson, Billy Jo	Riendeau, Richard & Heidi
Bouchard, Jonathan	Kelleher, Robert	RVFM 13 Series LLC
Campbell, Dorothy	Kelley, Frank	Ryder, Preston
Campbell, Rodney	Kingdom Rehab. Center, LLC	Sabine, William
Campbell-Lynbarger, Lisa	Labrecque, Cole	Shafer, Jason/Gold, Kathleen
Carpenter, Geoffrey & Nina	Lamadeline, David & Paula	Shatney, Michael
Cotnoir, Marcel	Leonard, Melissa	Sicard, Desiarae
Courtemanche, Joseph	Lew, Lois	St. Martin, Armand & Patricia
Decker, Paul	Magoon, RObert	Stevens, Joseph
Deslandes, Lionel & Janice	Mannix, Charles	Tanguay Homes
Doran, Derek	Marks, Colby	Telephone Operating Co.
Doucet, Jennifer & David	Mason, Jennifer	Vanasse, Leo
Dow, Christoper	Merritt, Daniel	Vigarino, Feliciano
Duquette, Ryan	Michaud, Jimmy	Watson, Jason
Estate of Steven Brown	Morris-Capwell, Karen	Willey, Laurence
Federal National Bank	Morse, James	W. Jennison LLC/Stanley, R.
Flynn, Penny	Nutting, Corinna	W. Jennison LLC/Bacon, Ken
Frampton, Caroline	Obomswin, Vickie & David	Yfantopulos, Kalliope



Barton Ambulance Squad responded to approximately 300 calls in 2017 with a significant increase in elder assists and non-transport calls.

Barton Ambulance Squad employs full and part-time EMS providers, as well as on-call per diem providers nights and weekends. Whether full-time, part-time, or per diem, Barton Ambulance Squad members take great pride in providing the people of Barton with quality and efficient rescue and pre-hospital care. As always, it has been a year of rewarding experiences that continues to enhance our pride in serving the people of the Town of Barton.

The small pool of EMS providers in the area has all but eliminated the volunteer culture and the cost of employing qualified providers has become competitive. We must offer a livable and realistic wage to EMS providers. While this is not an entry-level job, our providers are being paid entry-level wages hovering just above the minimum. We believe the answer to these issues can be partially solved by regionalizing EMS, particularly in southern Orleans County, and we look forward to working toward that goal. In the mean time, we must effectively and efficiently continue our mission and duty to the people of the Town of Barton.

EXPENSES		REVENUE	
Accounting Services	3,342.47	Ambulance Services	151,802.08
Billing Service	3,085.47	Contracted Services	2,975.00
Interest/Fees/Tax	13,441.01	Town Of Barton	28,000.00
Insurance	13,181.00	Donations	1,824.00
Building Maintenance	3,870.49	<u>Misc Income</u>	<u>300.05</u>
Equipment & Comm Repairs	5,955.11	Total Revenue	\$184,901.13
Contracted Service	2,245.00		
Medical Supplies	6,926.83		
Office Expenses	4,727.88		
Payroll Expenses	78,976.44		
Postage	105.79		
Uniforms	1,496.36		
Utilities	12,824.78		
Vehicle Expense	14,238.35		
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$164,416.98</u>		
Mortgage Principal Paid	4,221.52		
<u>Ambulance Principal Paid</u>	<u>20,029.29</u>		
Total Principal Payments	\$24,250.81		

BARTON AREA SENIOR SERVICES INC.
P.O. Box 133
Barton, VT 05822

January 3, 2018

Town of Barton Vermont
34 Main Street
Barton, VT 05822

Re: Town Appropriation 2018

First, we thank you for granting startup funds equal to \$7,000.00 (seven thousand dollars) to Barton Area Senior Services Inc. (BASSI) in 2017. With your support, that of the Towns of Glover and Westmore and of many individuals and businesses in the area, we hired an executive director and a cook/kitchen manager; contracted with NEK Council on Aging, Vermont Food Bank, and Barton Village; and resumed serving meals and offering activities in record time on Tuesdays and Thursdays since November 30th in the Barton Memorial Building Hall!

In 2018, BASSI is requesting that the Town of Barton vote to appropriate a sum of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) to support the meal site and senior services hosted at the Barton Community Center, and to direct the Select Board to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Because we are a startup as you know, we are asking for an increase in your support for 2018 as we establish BASSI for long term sustainability.

The NEK Council on Aging reports that Barton seniors have enjoyed access to the meal site in the past:

- In 2015-16, Barton served 51 Barton residents 944 meals;
- In 2016-17, Barton served 52 Barton residents 1,504 meals.

Formed in October 2017 to succeed the former Barton Senior Center, BASSI is a new non-profit corporation that serves the Greater Barton Area, including Glover seniors. In addition to congregate meals, BASSI offers a vibrant, inclusive, welcoming and accessible place for seniors to gather for social, educational and wellness activities that integrate seniors into the community. BASSI's purpose is:

- To promote and support the interests and independence of all senior citizens in the greater Barton area.
- To provide information about aging and related services for older adults, their families, and community, and to act as liaison between the elderly and agencies engaged in programs designed to promote health, welfare and the enrichment of life for the aging.
- To provide social, cultural, educational, and wellness activities on a regular basis.
- To provide a hot congregate meals program in a social setting, and may deliver hot prepared meals to shut-ins

Delicious healthy meals, lots of music, card playing, bingo, foosball, mini pool, Wii bowling and other games are in motion in a community atmosphere. Public Wi-Fi, regular exercise, line dancing, square dancing, and monthly wellness programs start in January. Tai Chi and special events will be launching this spring.

Thank you so much! Your favorable consideration of this request will be important to helping us sustain operations and services for your seniors. We invite you to visit us Tuesdays and Thursdays and look forward to continuing to working with you and your seniors!

Sincerely,



On behalf of The BASSI Board and staff: Cathy Swain, Mary Ann Royer, Dara Wiseman, Richard Jesmer, Cathy Reinstein, Dolores Chamberlain, Patsy Thompkins, Anne Marie MacEachern

Barton Public Library

Trustees' Report

Once again, with the ongoing support of the Towns of Barton and Westmore, numerous fund-raising events, grants, generous donations and our wonderful volunteers, we have been able to continue our expanded operating hours, been able to offer new book releases and many programs during 2017.

The library again paired our children's summer reading program this year with Green Mountain Farm to School's Lunchbox to provide free meals and wonderful programs.

The Barton Library works hard to meet the needs of its community and the following is a list of ongoing services and programs offered.

- Meeting Room Availability for Community Events
- Special Story Hours
- Down loadable Audio Books and E. Books
- Vermont Online Research Database
- Vermont Humanities Book Discussion
- Story Hour on Wednesday's
- Summer Reading Program
- Inter-library loans
- Free High-Speed Internet and Wi-Fi
- Guest Speakers
- Annual Book Sale
- Friday Classic Movie Series – Winter months
- Friday Night Critically Acclaimed Movies – Winter months
- Class visits
- Daycare visits
- COFEC visits
- Vermont Literacy workshops
- Senior housing book drops, monthly
- Home delivery and Reach Out
- Fund raising events, such as Spaghetti Dinner, July Craft Fair, Turkey dinner, Bake sales, Moonlight Madness, Town Wide Yard Sale and more.....
- Seed Library

Please stop and visit, the staff would be happy to give you more information on any of the above.

**Womans Literary Club/Barton Library Club
Profit Loss Report**

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	2017	2018
Income		
Town/Village Income		
Town of Barton	19,500.00	18,500.00
Town of Westmore	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Town/Village Income	21,500.00	20,500.00
Adult Reading Program	0.00	375.00
American Legion donations	300.00	300.00
Conscience Fees	80.55	0.00
Copier Fees Collected	112.50	0.00
Foundation Grants	12,000.00	2,000.00
Fundraising Events	7,515.03	6,750.00
Memorial and Other Gifts	2,900.00	2,000.00
Rent Income	2,570.00	2,500.00
Total Income	46,978.08	34,425.00
Expense		
Books & Programs		
Adult Books	2,591.37	3,250.00
Adult Programs	150.00	375.00
Audio and Video Books	484.82	500.00
Childrens Books	1,509.89	2,000.00
Childrens Programs and Supplies	1,141.02	1,200.00
Magazines	52.00	26.00
Total Books & Programs	5,929.10	7,351.00
Building Related	12,395.82	15,600.00
General & Administrative	3,288.62	3,300.00
Insurance Expenses	2,264.40	2,310.00
Librarian Related	0.00	150.00
Payroll Expenses		
Childrens Librarian	3,938.22	4,735.50
Payroll Taxes - Childrens	276.93	362.27
Librarian Salaries	20,804.66	22,153.80
Payroll Taxes - General	1,799.50	1,694.77
Total Payroll Expenses	26,819.31	28,946.34
Expenses to be reimbursed	-24.88	0.00
Treasurer's Expense	90.89	0.00
Total Expense	50,763.26	57,657.34
Net Deficit/Income (covered from Savings)	-3,785.18	-23,232.34

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila B. Smith, Treasurer

CLPA

Village of Orleans, Vermont
December 31, 2017
Orleans Fire Department

Account	Budget	Actual	Budget
	2017	2017	*** 2018
Fire Department			
Fire Dept.Salaries	23,000.00	27,995.00	0.00
Fire Dept. Officials	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Rubbish	1,000.00	1,006.69	0.00
Rent	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
Monitor Testing - Ames E1	1,000.00	570.00	0.00
Supplies/Equip/Tools	28,000.00	10,216.98	0.00
Radio Expense	3,000.00	2,435.50	0.00
Vehicle Expense	4,000.00	5,748.57	0.00
Engine 7	1,500.00	1,129.00	0.00
Tanker	0.00	347.50	0.00
1998 Pierce Tower Truck	4,200.00	1,787.40	0.00
2005 GMC 2500	300.00	89.24	0.00
1996 Freightliner	500.00	0.00	0.00
Engine 6	1,500.00	3,305.14	0.00
Phones	1,700.00	1,921.57	0.00
Legal Services	0.00	605.00	0.00
Insurance	10,000.00	10,167.91	0.00
Fire Schools & Dues	1,000.00	1,455.00	0.00
Dispatching	10,000.00	1,373.00	0.00
Generator	100.00	375.00	0.00
Account For Truck Payment	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
Total Fire Department	115,300.00	95,028.50	0.00
Total Expenditures	115,300.00	95,028.50	0.00
Total General Fund	-115,300.00	-95,028.50	0.00

*** Please see following Page for 2018 Fire Department Budget.

Village of Orleans, Vermont
 December 31, 2017
 New Fund 50 Fire Department

Orleans Fire Department	2018 Budget
Income:	
Town of Barton	\$ 206,000.00
Town of Brownington	\$ 20,000.00
Town of Coventry	\$ 5,300.00

Total income:	\$ 231,300.00
Expenses:	
Fire Dept. Salaries	\$ 45,000.00
Fire Dept. Officials	\$ 3,500.00
Admin Expense	\$ 5,000.00
Rubbish	\$ 1,000.00
Rent	\$ 24,000.00
Monitor Testing	\$ 1,000.00
Supplies/Equip/Tools	\$ 33,000.00
Radio Expense	\$ 3,000.00
Vehicle Expense	\$ 7,500.00
Engine 7	\$ 1,500.00
1998 Pierce Tower Truck	\$ 4,200.00
2005 GMC 2500 Pick-up/Res	\$ 300.00
1996 Freightliner Van/Equip	\$ 500.00
Engine 6	\$ 3,000.00
Barton Engine - Equip	\$ 7,000.00
Phones	\$ 1,700.00
Legal Services	\$ 1,000.00
Insurance	\$ 17,200.00
Fire Schools & Dues	\$ 2,500.00
Dispatching	\$ 10,000.00
Generator	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Fund	\$ 58,400.00

Total Expenses:	\$ 231,300.00

* The Orleans Village Trustees proposed a \$206,000.00 line item in the Town of Barton 2018 Select Board Budget for Fire Protection.

Village of Orleans, Vermont
 December 31, 2017
 Fire Department Equipment Fund Balance Sheet

ASSETS	
Due To/From (Cash)	41,792.43

Total Assets	41,792.43
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LIABILITIES	

Total Liabilities	0.00

FUND BALANCE	
Fund Balance	23,578.53

Total Prior Years Fund Balance	23,578.53

Fund Balance Current Year	18,213.90

Total Fund Balance	41,792.43

Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance	41,792.43
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Village of Orleans, Vermont
December 31, 2017
Jones Library Fund

ASSETS	
Due To/From (Cash)	59,759.39
Library Petty Cash	50.00
Certificate of Deposits	6,177.21
Total Assets	65,986.60
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LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	1,050.17
Total Liabilities	1,050.17

FUND BALANCE	
Fund Balance	70,248.80
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	70,248.80

Fund Balance Current Year	-5,312.37
Total Fund Balance	64,936.43

Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance	65,986.60
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Village of Orleans, Vermont
December 31, 2017
Jones Memorial Library Fund

Account	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018
Misc. and Interest Revenue	1,000.00	68.99	50.00
Bottle Revenue	30.00	10.62	0.00
Postage Reimbursement	25.00	7.50	20.00
Fax Income	130.00	147.50	130.00
Donations	100.00	1,800.09	1,500.00
Conscience Box Revenue	50.00	87.39	100.00
Sale of Books Revenue	1,200.00	713.95	750.00
Copier Revenue	350.00	289.37	300.00
SOV Grants	0.00	3,495.00	0.00
Village & Towns Donations:			
Village of Orleans Donation	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00
Town of Barton Donation	19,500.00	19,500.00	19,500.00
Town of Brownington Donation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town of Coweary Donation	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Town of Westmore Donation	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Village & Towns Donations	42,000.00	43,500.00	43,500.00
Trust Fund Support	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total Revenues	64,885.00	70,119.99	66,350.00
Repairs and Maintenance	3,000.00	9,564.05	4,000.00
Janitor	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
Technology Expense	2,000.00	4,983.82	2,000.00
Books	9,000.00	9,029.88	7,000.00
Newspapers/Magazines	600.00	498.93	750.00
Electricity	2,400.00	1,549.72	2,000.00
Water and Sewer	700.00	622.00	700.00
Fuel	8,000.00	4,375.02	7,000.00
Wages	30,000.00	30,484.20	30,000.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00	1,851.04	3,000.00
Phone	500.00	522.82	500.00
Postage	400.00	124.79	400.00
Insurances	4,000.00	3,650.94	3,500.00
Miscellaneous Budget Item	700.00	11.00	0.00
Misc. Librarians	3,000.00	1,021.54	3,000.00
Employer FICA	2,000.00	2,099.92	2,100.00
Employer Medicare	300.00	245.69	300.00
Total Expenditures	74,400.00	75,432.36	71,050.00
Total Jones Library Fund	-9,515.00	-5,312.37	-4,700.00

Lake Region Senior
Center
01/01/2017 to
12/31/2017

INCOME

Area on Aging		\$ 9,682.75
Appropriations	Includes Barton's 2016	\$ 15,400.00
Contributions		\$ 160.00
Meals Served		\$ 11,518.53
Interest		\$ 36.10
Total Income		\$ 36,797.38

EXPENSES

Bank Fees		\$ 18.47
Groceries & Supplies		\$ 6,371.45
Utilities: Elec., W&S,Tele, fuel		\$ 5,073.16
Insurances		\$ 2,001.00
Wages		\$ 9,604.40
Payroll Taxes		\$ 1,762.80
Postage & Delivery		\$ 25.30
Flowers, Gifts, Donations		\$ 480.42
Misc		\$ 3,456.00
Labor		\$ 150.00
Repairs & Maintenance Building & Equipment		\$ 3,227.00
Rubbish		\$ 260.00
Property Taxes		\$ 2,639.04
Food Bank		\$ 750.17
Corporation Report		\$ 45.00
Filing for Non-Profit		\$ 275.00

Total Expenses \$ 36,139.21

Profit or Loss \$ 658.17

We derive our income from Appropriations from the towns, fund raisers, and meals, (which are by Donation).

We thank the towns, volunteers and organizations that have helped make our center a success.

We serve dinners on Wednesdays and Fridays, and provide meals to our homebound seniors.

Once a month we have a Birthday Dinner to celebrate all the people who have birthdays that month.

We serve meals to people from Barton, Orleans, Glover, Irasburg, Brownington and Albany.



For over 35 years, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging has been a trusted resource for older Vermonters to age in place. The Council on Aging is the go-to place for older Vermonters to gain assistance for aging well in their communities. We offer a Senior Helpline, health insurance counseling, staff specially trained to help people develop long range planning as they age, caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support in aging in place, as well as assistance applying for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs. Our nutrition programs partially fund meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal aid we provide solutions for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. In addition, our work is supplemented by 300 volunteers who serve as Senior Companions, Meals on Wheels drivers, lead wellness programs and assist people in their homes.

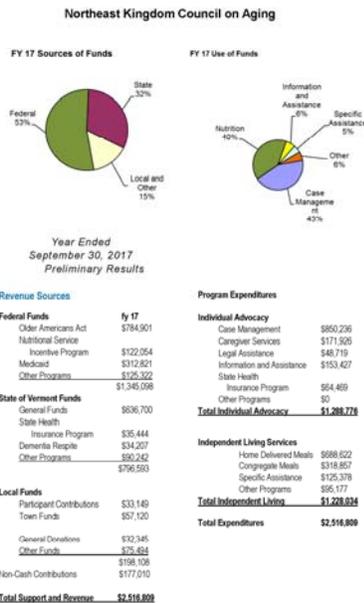
During this past year 283 residents of Barton used the services of our organization to meet their needs. People called our Helpline for assistance with caregiving, programs like 35qVt, Medicaid and Medicare, fuel assistance, transportation and many other topics.

We sincerely thank the residents of Barton for their continued support to make a difference in the lives of the residents who are often the most vulnerable. As a private non-profit we are able to remain independent and put the focus on the consumers who need unbiased assistance.

We're just a call away... 800-642-5119

Meg Burmeister

Meg Burmeister
Executive Director



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Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. (NKHS)

Annual Fiscal Year Summary: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

The mission of NKHS is to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives.

Emergency/crisis intervention care at NKHS is utilized 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Thank you, **Town of Barton** voters, for your **\$2951.00** appropriation support last year toward our emergency/crisis services to residents in need in the NEK. The Emergency Services team responded to serve **506** individuals in fiscal year 2017. Family and friends of these individuals benefited from the support as well. Some of those responses were provided by the Embedded Emergency Crisis Services team dedicated to work alongside law enforcement responding to crisis situations at homes, businesses, barracks, and/or hospitals. Law enforcement and community members agree the positive impact embedded mental health crisis workers provide while responding directly to a scene or situation is invaluable. When unexpected tragic events occurred, our Specialty Team provided support at schools and businesses about how to deal with sudden grief and loss in the community.

NKHS served **246** individuals last year from the **Town of Barton** out of a total of **3580**. Individuals utilized supports and programs in homes, schools, NKHS offices, and in the communities of the NEK. We could not do this without our 500+ dedicated employees, 32 of these from your town. As a 501(c)(3) private not-for-profit organization, our volunteer Board of Directors and Program Standing Committees provided oversight to support the agency's belief that human services should be cost effective, available to all no matter their age or ability to pay, and responsive to the needs of our local communities.

Please visit our website at www.nkhs.org for more information about our agency and services. NKHS bases our appropriation request on \$1.05 per person in your community according to the 2010 census, the same amount as last year. We greatly appreciate your interest, your help in letting people know about the services we provide, and your financial support.

Sincerely,

Carol Boucher
Interim Executive Director

Mark Whitworth
President, Board of Directors

We're all about being human.



To the Voters of Barton:

Since 1950, the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has been the regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. We are the only combined regional planning and economic development organization in Vermont, serving the largest geographic region of the state – the beautiful Northeast Kingdom.

Each year we request dues from our member communities. These funds are vital to us as they help defray the costs of providing direct assistance to the 50+ municipalities and scores of businesses in our region.

Local governance has become increasingly complex. NVDA has steadily expanded our service offerings, which now include, but are not limited to:

- Land use planning at the local and regional level – including town plans, zoning bylaws, and on-call technical assistance for local officials;
- Transportation studies, infrastructure inventories, and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS data services;
- Grant writing and administration for community and regional projects;
- Direct business support and referral services to employers in our region.
- Energy planning and water quality planning and implementation to help communities meet new statutory requirements;
- Emergency planning and assistance with flood hazard plans and regulations;
- Economic development planning to grow and strengthen businesses in our communities;
- Benchmarking and reporting for investments made in the region's USDA Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone – a program that has brought millions of dollars to the region;
- Maintaining a federal Foreign Trade Zone designation to improve the competitiveness of companies that import in our region;
- Municipal education and training opportunities for local officials.

How is this relevant to Barton? In 2017, NVDA staff facilitated the adoption of Barton's Local Emergency Operations Plan. Sent Barton's Hazard Mitigation Plan to FEMA for approval/adoption, provided Plan and Zoning Bylaw assistance. Conducted site visits to local Businesses. Provided a Grant for Barton Baking Co. and assisted with Grants in Aid Project.

NVDA's municipal dues are based on a very affordable \$0.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$250. We take great pride in providing cost- effective professional services to the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom.

As always, we thank you for your community's support. We look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director



To build and support one-to-one long term, independent relationships between unpaid community members and individuals with developmental disabilities so that all are heard, respected, included and empowered.

December 19, 2017

Dear Town Voters of Barton,

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (O.C.C.A.) was founded in 1988 to promote friendships between individuals with developmental disabilities and community volunteers. Through one-to-one matches, O.C.C.A. helps advocates and partners build relationships where each person is respected, included, heard and empowered.

O.C.C.A. aims to ensure that persons with disabilities are respected, heard, empowered and included. Orleans County Citizen Advocacy supports enduring, positive connections that enhance strong, vibrant, diverse communities.

Since its inception, O.C.C.A. has initiated and supported over 100 matches without any federal, state or United Way funding. All Citizen Advocacy activities are funded through town appropriations and all appropriations remain in Orleans County and directly impact and benefit our neighbors.

We thank all Barton voters for your past support of Citizen Advocacy. Your help, once again, is respectfully requested. It is absolutely essential to the continuation of this vital program which has served members of the Northeast Kingdom for nearly three decades.

Presently, Orleans County Citizen Advocacy supports 28 members in matches; additionally, we have several matches in the making. During the past year, O.C.C.A. organized seasonal group activities that enabled partners and advocates to meet prospective new members and all current board members; we encouraged connections that helped to alleviate the isolation of developmentally disabled individuals in our community. Whenever possible, events supported local businesses and offered social opportunities within Orleans County. Activities included a working luncheon at the Carriage House in Orleans, an International Meal at Derby Line Village Inn, and an Art Evening in Irasburg which created Art Collaborations between Partners and Advocates that are displayed, at the present time through January first at The Tasting Center in Newport.

Our Board Members sent out a survey to all Partners and Advocates this past summer and met with many of them to assess our progress, challenges and our members' needs. Subsequent to meeting these needs, we contracted a Program Coordinator, RoseAnna Cyr, to assist with the development and expansion of our existing organization. Ms. Cyr holds a Master's Degree in Counseling and came to

OCCA with substantial experience in both the fields of Mental Health and community outreach. She has worked alongside our Board to create an Integrated Health Initiative that meets the four tenets of our Mission Statement and will result in special events programming in all towns served by OCCA.

We would greatly appreciate your continued support to connect Barton residents with others who may benefit from an O.C.C.A. friendship. Please support Orleans County Citizen Advocacy's town appropriation request of \$650.00 (six hundred fifty dollars and no cents) for 2018.

The O.C.C.A. Board of Directors, our Program Coordinator and all of our advocates, partners, members and volunteers look forward to your assistance again this year. If you are interested in learning more about Orleans County Citizen Advocacy, have questions, know someone who would be enriched by an O.C.C.A. friendship or would like to volunteer your time or talents, please contact me at (802) 673-4864 for further information.

Best Wishes,

Neila Anderson-Decelles

Chair of the Board of Directors of O.C.C.A.

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy

10:07 AM
10/10/17
Accrual Basis

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy
Profit & Loss
October 2016 through September 2017

	Oct '16 - Sep 17
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Corporate Contributions	1,100.00
Individual Contributions	350.00
Town Appropriations	11,700.00
Total Direct Public Support	13,150.00
Other Types of Income	
Interest Income	21.01
Total Other Types of Income	21.01
Total Income	13,171.01
Expense	
Board Expenses	246.20
Business Expenses	
Business Registration Fees	120.00
Total Business Expenses	120.00
Contract Services	
Outside Contract Services	2,024.90
Total Contract Services	2,024.90
Operations	
Advertising Expenses	775.68
Fundraiser Expenses	1,661.24
Insurance - Liability, D and O	2,987.00
Match Expense	336.59
Postage, Mailing Service	57.88
Printing and Copying	78.00
Supplies	33.75
Total Operations	5,930.14
Travel and Meetings	
Conference, Convention, Meeting	1,593.92
Mileage	153.90
Total Travel and Meetings	1,747.82
Total Expense	10,089.06
Net Income	3,101.95

10:08 AM
10/10/17
Accrual Basis

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2017

	Sep 30, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
OCGA Operating	728.18
OCGA Savings	21,787.33
Total Checking/Savings	22,515.51
Total Current Assets	22,515.51
TOTAL ASSETS	22,515.51
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
BEST Fund Liability	1,500.00
Total Current Liabilities	1,500.00
Total Liabilities	1,500.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	17,516.78
Unrestricted Net Assets	394.78
Net Income	3,101.95
Total Equity	21,013.51
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	22,513.51



January 8th, 2018

Dear Residents,

The year 2017 was an outstanding year for the Old Stone House Museum. The Spring, Summer and Fall season's events were well-attended and successful. The Museum again offered a litany of engaging programs from Spring and Fall Field Days for school children, to Heritage Craft week; Blacksmithing to our annual Old Stone House Day, and so much more. We are proud to offer this wonderful array of opportunities to our communities and intend upon continuing our service to Orleans County and beyond!

We extend a warm farewell to Peggy Day Gibson, former Director of the Museum, who retired on December 1st, 2017. She was a visionary leader of the Museum for over ten years, always reverent of Orleans County's unique history and culture; always working hard to preserve, protect and promote our area. Molly Veysey now enthusiastically assumes her post as Director of the Museum. We encourage visitors to come by to meet the new Director and share in the excitement of a new era here at the Museum.

This year, the Old Stone House Museum hopes to further establish itself as one of most authentic destinations in the Northeast. We aim to expand the opportunities we offer for post-collegiate education, on-site events, youth and adult education and special programs over the next few years. We are extremely excited to collaborate with area towns and grow together.

However, despite our best efforts to fundraise and draw income, our fiscal responsibilities to this precious historic neighborhood are great. We need your help to continue our important mission.

Thank you for your continued support. It is very much appreciated!

Sincerely,

Molly Veysey, Museum Director

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**SERVICE REPORT FY 2017
ORLEANS ESSEX V.N.A. and HOSPICE, INC.**

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As the only not-for-profit agency serving the area, our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We are locally controlled by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the towns we serve. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

Total Agency Visits FY 2017	40,964
Total Visits FY 2017 - Town of Barton	7,098

During Fiscal Year 2017, home based services were provided to 201 individuals in Barton for a total of 7,098 multi-disciplinary visits. 40 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2017\$10,000.00

Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN
Executive Director

Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.
BALANCE SHEET
(Extracted from the Audited Financial Statement)
For the Years Ended June 30, 2017

	2017
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 2,504,032
Accounts Receivable (Net of Allowance for Doubtful Accounts)	523,616
Other Current Assets	104,866
Assets Limited as to Use Property, Plant, and Equipment (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>343,312</u>
	<u>250,218</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,726,044</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 43,946
Accrued Payroll and Related Taxes	441,684
Deferred Revenue	<u>147,352</u>
Total Current Liabilities	632,982
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	<u>3,093,062</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 3,726,044</u>

Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
(Extracted from the Audited Financial Statement)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	2017
OPERATING REVENUE	
Net Patient Service Revenue	\$ 4,863,635
Other Operating Revenues	<u>174,001</u>
Total Income from Operations	5,037,636
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries & Benefits	3,572,879
Operating Expenses	1,072,189
Interest Expense	-
Depreciation and Amortization	<u>69,497</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>4,714,565</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	323,071
OTHER REVENUE AND GAINS (LOSSES)	
Contributions and Fund Raising Income, net	30,099
Investment Income	13,592
Change in fair value of investment	7,233
Loss on Disposal of Assets	<u>-</u>
Total Other Revenue and Gains (Losses)	<u>50,924</u>
Gratn Proceeds for Capital Acquisition	-
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES AND INCREASE (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	373,995
Net Assets, beginning of year	<u>2,719,067</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 3,093,062</u>

Audit Performed by BerryDunn



Dear Town of Barton/Orleans

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. is requesting that you include the following request in your 2018 Town Warning.

Shall the voters of the town of Barton/Orleans vote to appropriate the sum of \$1000 to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter with its commitments to rescuing, providing care to and finding homes for unwanted pets.

Over the past year, our shelter has taken in, provided medical care to, and placed into new homes over 500 local dogs and cats. 65 of these animals have come from the Barton/Orleans area. We have held 16 low-cost cat spay/neuter clinics, at which approximately 727 area cats and kittens have been spayed or neutered and vaccinated.

Thank you very much for your consideration

Sincerely

Betsy Hampton, Treasurer
PMFAS Board Member
December 2017

Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1677 Industrial Parkway
Lyndonville, VT 05851
Phone 748-8170, Fax 751-8349

Town of Barton
Barton Town Office
PO Box 657
Barton, VT 05822

Date: October 18, 2017

Re: Town Appropriation

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March 2018 for an appropriation in the amount of \$6,000.00. This is the same amount that was requested and appropriated last year.

RCT has been providing service in your community for over twenty five years and must reach out again for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community.

RCT is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public through a van/bus and volunteer service.

RCT transports people to, adult-day service facilities, senior meal sites and necessary medical treatments such as, dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical needs and other appointments. Last year RCT provided 266,776 rides throughout our service area.

RCT provided 185 Barton residents with 15,249 trips travelling 259,236 miles at a cost of \$ 220,078; at an average cost of \$14.45 per trip.

We hope you will be able to assist us with this request and we look forward to continuing our service that is needed by the members in your community.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Mary Grant

Mary Grant
Executive Director



Report of 2017 Activity for Barton
Town Appropriation Request: \$ 1200

Umbrella exists to ensure that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties offer safety, support and options for self-determination to women and families. To this end, we provide the following services:

The Advocacy Program is the essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. We meet the needs of victims in crisis while also offering preventative programming to local schools and youth groups with a focus on gender respect, consent, and healthy relationships. **In 2017 we:**

- supported at least 683 individuals with direct advocacy
- housed 29 adults and 23 children in our shelter for a total of 2427 bed-nights
- reached 500 adults and 1,000 youth with our prevention programming

Kingdom Child Care Connection is the community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and Southern Essex counties. We are responsible for helping families find and pay for high-quality child care services while also increasing the availability and quality of child development services through professional development opportunities and targeted programmatic supports. **In 2017 we:**

- connected 479 families with the Child Care Financial Assistance Program
- offered 25 professional development opportunities to 77+ child care providers to ensure the people responsible for taking care of our youngest citizens have the tools and resources they need to do their best.

The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. **Last year we helped 75 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent.** Additional services such as therapeutic visitation, parenting education, and mediation can also be arranged in order to help families address their unique goals and needs.

Cornucopia is geared towards helping women-in-transition achieve economic self-sufficiency. This 17-week job-skills training program introduces women to the culinary arts as they prepare Meals-on-Wheels for Newport-area seniors. After completing the program women are assisted with securing employment with a local business, in a position that fits their individual strengths and interests. **To date, Cornucopia has provided over 31,000 nutritionally-balanced meals to Newport-area seniors and empowered 10 women through hands-on culinary and hospitality training.**

Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. **At least 62 households in Barton** were served directly by Umbrella in 2017, and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs at schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals. Community support is critical to sustaining our programming and discovering innovative new approaches to the work we do. We are deeply grateful for Barton's support.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee A.K. Swain
Executive Director

WELCOME O. BROWN CEMETERY

2017

Welcome O. Brown Trustees continue to make improvements in the cemetery. This past summer the right-hand side of the cemetery [as you drive in] has had most of the stones straightened and some that had fallen over, reset. We thank Scott Bianchi and his crew from Heritage Memorials for their excellent work. As you will see, when you visit, the grounds continue to improve.

We are continuing the process of establishing a cremation burial site in the center of the cemetery. We are in hopes to have the area designed and ready for use this summer.

Through the financial support of the Town of Barton voters, the Trustees are able to continue taking care of Welcome O. Brown Cemetery. We appreciate the support.

VACCINATE TO ELIMINATE RABIES

WHAT IS RABIES?



Rabies is a viral infection passed from animals to other animals or humans, usually through a bite. The virus affects the brain, and is nearly always fatal (causes death). Here's how we control rabies in animals and reduce transmission to people.



1. VACCINATE DOGS

Rabies shots protect dogs and people. Because dog vaccination is common in the United States, people don't get rabies from dogs like they do in countries where dogs are not vaccinated.

2. VACCINATE CATS

In the last 25 years, most of the rabid domestic animals in the US have been cats. Cats are almost 5 times as likely as dogs to get rabies - but you can prevent this by vaccinating them.



3. VACCINATE WILDLIFE



Many Vermont wildlife are vaccinated with an edible vaccine through a bait drop. Do not touch or feed wildlife.

4. PREVENTION IN PEOPLE



If you are bitten or scratched by an animal or find a bat in a room where you were sleeping, wash any wound thoroughly. Call your doctor and the health department: 1-800-4-RABIES. You may need to get post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), a series of shots that keep the virus from making people sick.



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 215 North Main Street
 White River Junction, VT 05009
 866-687-8387 (Toll Free in New England)
 802-295-9363 (Commercial)

January 29, 2018

Dear Veteran,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Mulcahy
 Acting Medical Center Director

<i>Bennington CBOC</i> 186 North Street Bennington, VT 05201 (802) 440-3300	<i>Brattleboro CBOC</i> 71 GSP Drive Brattleboro, VT 05301 (802) 251-2200	<i>Burlington CBOC</i> 128 Lakeside Avenue Burlington, VT 05401 (802) 657-7000	<i>Littleton CBOC</i> 264 Cottage Street Littleton, NH 03561 (603) 575-6701	<i>Rutland CBOC</i> 232 West St Rutland, VT 05701 (802) 772-2300
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January 29, 2018

Board of Selectman
Town of Barton
Barton, Vermont

Gentlemen:

This letter will update you as to the status of the Town of Barton's audit for the year ended December 31, 2016.

As the date of this letter we have completed the financial audit. Copies of the financial statements are available at the Town Clerk's office for any resident of the Town to review.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Very truly yours,



Gene A. Besaw, CPA

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January 16, 2018

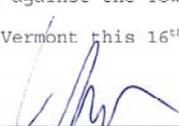
Ms. Kristin Atwood, Town Clerk
Town of Barton
34 Main Street
Barton, Vermont 05822

Dear Kristin: RE: Town Agent Report

Following is my Town Agent Report:

As Town Agent, I am pleased to be able to report that there is presently no litigation pending against the Town of Barton.

Dated at the Town of Barton, Vermont this 16th day of January, 2018.



William Boyd Davies, Town Agent for
the Town of Barton



Kirk J. Martin
Sheriff

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**ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
2017 REPORT – TOWN OF BARTON**

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department provided 1303 hours of patrol services to the Town of Barton during 2017. The enclosed chart breaks down the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations.

A monthly breakdown of services provided by the Sheriff's Department is available to you through your Town Clerk or from the Sheriff's Department.

The department, in partnership with the Newport Restorative Justice Board, maintains a "Drug Take-back" box in the lobby of the sheriff's department. This, in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration's annual take-back days, has helped get hundreds of pounds of drugs disposed of that otherwise would have gone into landfills, groundwater systems, or used illicitly. Anyone with outdated, unused drugs can drop off those drugs during business hours at the sheriff's department for proper disposal (incineration).

In addition to the above, in 2017 the department equipped all officers & vehicles with the opioid overdose drug "Narcan". Narcan is a drug that is used to reverse opioid overdoses and with the current drug epidemic it has proven useful. Deputies have used the drug a small number of times prior to medical aid arriving on a scene.

For the second year in a row the department has provided a School Resource Officer at North Country Union High School. This has proven to be a valuable asset to the school and the community. We are currently looking for another deputy to provide the same to Lake Region Union High School beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

In August the department switched back to the former records management system that we previously used. While the system that we had switched to in 2016 had some pro's, we found that officers were spending more time in the office doing data entry. The data entry was switched back to administrative personnel to allow deputies more time in the field. To that end, we purchased new mobile data terminals that each officer has in their vehicle that allows them some functions of data entry/report writing while still maintaining a presence in the community.

In December the sheriff's department celebrated the 10th anniversary of "Operation Santa". This program challenges area law enforcement and public safety agencies to help provide Christmas gifts to area schoolchildren. We also received generous support from many local area businesses and several individuals. ***Thank you!*** The program helped bring a happy holiday season to over 250 school children.

Like many other employers, we continue to have increases in medical insurance premiums as well as pay increases for veteran officers. I am requesting a 3% increase for 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirk J. Martin, Sheriff

Town of Barton - Total Law Incident Report

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents		
911 Hang-Up	1	Larceny - Other	2
Accident - Property damage only	6	Missing Person	1
Alcohol Offense	1	Motor Vehicle Complaint	11
Alarm	5	Needle Disposal	1
Animal Problem	2	Obstruction of Justice	2
Assault - Simple	2	Public Speaking	4
Assist - Agency	26	Subpoena Service	1
Assist - K9	1	Suspicious Event	23
Assist - Other	1	Theft	6
Assist - Public	9	Threats/Harassment	4
Assist Motorist	1	Traffic Stop	95
Bad Check	1	Trespass	1
Burglary	4	TRO/FRO Service	4
Citizen Assist	2	TRO/FRO Violation	1
Citizen Dispute	4	Vandalism	8
Dead Body	1	VIN verification	33
Directed Patrol	30	Wanted Person	2
Disorderly Conduct	1	Welfare Check	4
Disturbance	1		
Driving While License Suspended	4		
Domestic Disturbance	1		
Drugs	3		
Driving While Intoxicated	2		
Found/Lost Property	1		
Fraud	4		
Juvenile Problem	3		
Litter / Pollution	1		
		Total	0

Town of Barton - Total Arrest Report

Statute Description	Total
Obstruction of Justice	1
Liquor Violation	1
DUI	1
Petit Larceny	1
Driving While License Suspended	5
Violation of APO	1
Retail Theft	1
Total Arrests for Town of Barton	11

Town of Barton - Total Traffic Violation Report

Total Traffic Tickets	59
Total Warnings	55

Vital Statistics 2017

Births

Filings from other towns.....	23
Issued by Town Clerk.....	1
Delayed or corrected filings.....	3

Civil Marriages

Issued by Town Clerk.....	22
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Deaths

Reported by State of Vermont to Town Clerk.....	72
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Births Filed in Barton - 2017

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Parents' Names
Mia Eliana Blake	January 1	Newport	Zoe Eve Blake Jeffrey Raymond Blake
Leighaunna Braylinn Shanahan	February 17	Barton	Leigha Dale Shanahan
Jaxson Joseph Gosselin	January 29	Burlington	Sierra Adonica-Marie Sawyer Danny Joseph Gosselin, Jr.
Olivia Judith Johnson	March 7	Morrisville	Kelsie Lee Sinnock Justin Robert Johnson
Faith Nicole Crosher	April 10	Newport	Anna Marie Prue William Peter Brandon Crosher
Hudson Robert Mayhew	April 13	Newport	Sara Elise LaBounty Tyler Robert Mayhew
Cooper Stacey Mayhew	April 13	Newport	Sara Elise LaBounty Tyler Robert Mayhew
Jacob Alvin LaMadeleine	April 29	Newport	Kayla May-Lyn West Devin David LaMadeleine
Ensley Ann Colbeth	May 18	Newport	Makayla Ann Stevens Blade Sidney Colbeth
Sydney Ruth Colbeth	May 18	Newport	Makayla Ann Stevens Blade Sidney Colbeth
Hailee Ann Perron	May 23	Newport	Ashley Renee Carey Dean Lionel Perron
Lucien Oliver Sicard	May 31	St. Johnsbury	Kinsley Marie Sicard Nathan Phillip Sicard
Sebastian Chase Emerson	June 8	Newport	Kelsey Laurel Davis Jason Scott Emerson
Dominick John Riendeau	June 25	Newport	Jenna Leigh Riendeau Claude Jean Riendeau
Brayden Wade Wright	July 6	Newport	Amber Lynn Wright Wade Charles Wright, Jr.
William Rohan Lee Brooks	July 15	St. Johnsbury	Elizabeth Anna Brooks Dustin Ray Brooks
Findlay David Dunlavey	August 1	Newport	Danielle Rae Nelson Tucker Jordan Dunlavey
Matthew David Ste.Marie, Jr.	August 8	Newport	Meghan Ashley Ste.Marie Matthew David Ste.Marie Sr.
Mackaylee Marie Kendrick	August 16	St. Johnsbury	Kisha Lorraine Parson Connor James Kendrick
Jonah Alan Goff	August 18	Newport	Brianna Lynn Carpenter Joshua Troy Goff
Oden Avery Rowell	September 2	Newport	Makayla Marie Baraw Trevor Slayton Rowell
Tinsly Bea Pfaff	October 27	Newport	Sandrck Elizabeth Franklin Michael Steven Pfaff
Magnolia Daniel Labor	November 5	Newport	Olivia Marie Lavalette Allen Mitchell Davis

Civil Marriages Filed in Barton - 2017

Name	Residence	Date of Marriage
Layna Grace Wells	Orleans	March 17
Bradley Craig Whipple	Orleans	
Nicole June Conley	Barton	March 5
Mathew Clifford Parah	Barton	
Jonathan Adam Cote	Barton	April 20
Sarah Elizabeth Fleurie	Barton	
Joseph Carl Blancato	Barton	May 27
Courtney Ryan Millett	Barton	
Robert J. McManus	Barton	May 13
Nancy Marcoux	Canada	
Hannah Lee-Ann Wells	Barton	June 13
Bobby Lee Limlaw III	Barton	
Cassandra Lynn Sicard	Barton	June 17
Chance Allen Griffin	Barton	
Kristen Monique Gagnon	Orleans	June 17
John Finley Rodgers	Orleans	
Cassie Emma Tarbox	Orleans	June 23
Daniel Samuel Johnstone	Orleans	
Roberta Lee Iva Daniels	Orleans	June 17
Derick Lance McCormack	Orleans	
Andrew Elliott Kloman	New Jersey	July 17
Jason Edward Hazelton	New Jersey	
Amelia Marie Mariotti	Orleans	July 15
Nathaniel Earl Michaud	Orleans	
Ericka Page	Barton	July 22
Kyle Behrsing	Barton	
Kyle Steven Arah Dalpe	Barton	August 5
Natalie Kathryn Pion	Barton	
Kelsie Lee Sinnock	Orleans	August 26
Justin Robert Johnson	Orleans	
Leesa Marie Opperman	Barton	August 26
Jamie Alan Ovitt	Barton	
Edwina Lise LaBrecque	Barton	September 2
Stuart James Cornell	Barton	
Kristen Elizabeth Hardgrove	Barton	September 3
Skyler Paul Watson	Barton	
Erica Lynn Fontaine	Barton	September 20
Levi Shane Welton	Barton	
Jarred Paul Cross	Barton	October 10
Haley Mae Hodges	Barton	
Tyler Payne Tinker	Orleans	October 14
Kayla Rosann Flynn	Orleans	
Stella S. Smith	Orleans	October 21
Travis M. Gilman	Orleans	
Angel Shae Stracqualursi	Barton	November 11
Christopher John Perkins, Sr.	Barton	

Deaths Filed in Barton - 2017

Name	Age	Date of Death	Name	Age	Date of Death
Stacy Elizabeth Bissell	45	January 2	Janet Catherine Hansson	81	June 10
John Allen Karasinski	66	January 9	Vernon Warner	71	June 11
John William Badger, Sr.	84	January 14	Ray Edward Cross	84	June 18
Paul E. Leblanc	97	January 14	Michael Edward McElroy	62	July 5
Brian I. Drown	68	January	Douglas Sidney Henderson	85	July 18
Richard G. Leblanc	62	January 26	Nicholas R. Miller	22	July 29
Peggy J. Rackleff	65	January 29	Therese R. Metras	86	August 5
Shirley L. Pearson	77	February 3	Arnold Elliot Langer	88	August 7
Hollis Robbins	74	February 4	Sebastian Chase Emerson	2m	August 11
Basil Kokoletsos	81	February 11	Robert W Fenton	96	August 21
Thomasine J. Goodrich	54	February 13	Roger E Berard	55	August 22
Warren L. Austin	92	February 19	Alfred Daniel Sines	95	August 22
Adrien Houle	95	February 28	Daniel Kevin McMaster	70	August 24
Andre J. Gagnon	69	March 2	Richard E. Valley	78	August 30
Alice Colleen Cloutier	72	March 4	Andrew J. Domina	94	September 5
Norman F. Shel Drake	70	March 5	Norman Frank Shores	76	September 8
Adeline Laura Couture	82	March 10	Barbara L. Stevens	99	September 17
Dale F. Pierce	78	March 13	Bickford C. Libby	86	September 21
Paul Parks Poquette	93	March 21	Michael James Hunt	49	October 4
Huguette C. McA'Nulty Black	91	March 30	Charles John Roberts	80	October 24
Calvin H. Wills	84	April 1	Randy L Barrett, Sr.	57	October 24
Rebecca A. Grenier	36	April 1	Patricia I. Goelling	79	October 30
Leo Armand Vanasse	83	April 1	Dorothy G. Wakeman	90	November 6
Lawrence M. Halvorson	88	April 9	Theodore F. Zahne	59	November
Hwa Yol Billado	75	April 11	Armand Augstin Fontaine	83	November 30
Durwood D Todd	85	April 13	Donald Girard Simard	83	December 10
Selma Anne Morris	67	April 19	Joan Corning Poulos	85	December 10
Joseph Louis Labbie	86	April 21	David Lloyd George	94	December 9
Edward G. Farmer	88	April 26	Albert C. Greene	84	December 18
Michael Kelley	77	May 3	Michael F. Demarest	71	December 16
Charles Lewis Rash, Jr.	62	May 5	Rita G. Leduc	94	December 22
Catherine Perry Wilkinson	79	May 10	Janine E. Robillard	87	December 24
Tyler J Robinson	23	May 12	Philippe Louis Paradis	80	December 25
Patricia Joan Reilly	81	May 19	Mary Jane Talbot	85	December 25
Patricia Doherty	52	May 23	Cornelias Edward Bostwick	77	December 31
			Lorraine Florence Dubois	85	December 27



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

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

The most notable changes are:

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

For text of Act 46, go to

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

Household Hazardous Waste



2018 Collection Days



Saturday May 5
Saturday July 7
Saturday October 6
7:30 am to 11:30 am

Event to be held at the;
New England Waste Services of Vermont, Inc.
(WASTE USA) landfill facility on Airport Road in Coventry

This event is FREE and open to the RESIDENTS of
Newport City, Coventry, Barton & Lowell

If you qualify as a small quantity (CEG) business, and wish to dispose of your hazardous waste, arrangements for disposal and payment must be made in advance and at least one week prior to the event.

Proof of residency will be required.

Materials Accepted at the Event:

Acids, Adhesives, Aerosols, Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Cements, Charcoal Lighters, Chlorine, Cleaning Fluid, Degreasers, Disinfectants, Drain Cleaners, Dry Gas, Epoxies, Dyes, Fiberglass Resins, Flea Powders, Furniture Strippers, Hair Removers, Herbicides, Insect Repellents, Lacquers, Lubricants, Mothballs or Flakes, Nail Polish Removers, Oven Cleaners, Latex Paints, Oil Based Paints, Paint Removers, Paint Thinners, Permanent Solutions, Pesticides, Photo Chemicals, Rat Poisons, Rug & Upholstery Cleaners, Rust Solvents, Wood Preservatives, Spot Removers, Toilet Bowl Cleaners, Tub and Tile Cleaners, Turpentine, Varnish, Weed Killers, Wood Polishes, Wood Stains, Fluorescent Light Tubes/Lighting, Mercury Containing Products, Roofing Tar & Driveway Sealer.

Materials NOT Accepted at the Event:

Asbestos, Automotive and Marine Batteries, Tires, Used Oil, Explosives or Shock-Sensitive Materials, Ammunition, Radio-Active Wastes, Pathological Wastes, Infectious Waste, Medicines, Dioxins, Compressed Gas Cylinders, Electronic Waste, Asphalt.

If you have any questions about the event or acceptable materials please call;
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