

# Marlboro, Vermont Annual Report 2018



## Town Meeting c.1975

This speaker is Bernard Greenwood, Sr.,  
who was our town's representative in  
Montpelier for many years.

# TOWN OF MARLBORO

P.O. Box E, 510 South Road, Marlboro, Vermont 05344

Population 1078 (2010 Census)

734 registered voters

## Meeting Times and Town Officer Hours

<b>Auditors:</b> .....	Meet the 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 4pm (Town Office)
<b>Board of Listers:</b> .....	Tuesdays at a.m. (Town Office)
<b>Conservation Commission:</b> .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:00 p.m. (Town Office)
<b>Development Review Board:</b> .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7 p.m. (Town Office when Warned)
<b>Hogback Preservation Commission:</b> .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep, Nov. 5p.m. (Town Office)
<b>Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company:</b> .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Firehouse)
<b>Planning Commission:</b> .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. (Town Office)
<b>School Board:</b> .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday at 6 p.m. (Elementary School)
<b>Select Board:</b> .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 5 p.m. (Town Office)
<b>Town Clerk:</b> .....	9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs. 254-2181
<b>Treasurer:</b> .....	10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs.

## Zoning

For information on permits contact Mary Sargent at 257-4227

In Case of Fire or Emergency dial 911

## Town Telephone Numbers

Town Office.....	254-2181
Town Office Fax.....	257-2447
Town Garage Answering Machine...	257-0252
Animal Control Officer.....	348-7479
Constable.....	254-3344
Vermont State Police...911 or (802)	722-4600

Marlboro Elementary School.....	254-2668
Marlboro Post Office.....	254-4400

## Tree Warden

Pieter Van Loon.....	254-3872
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## For Burn Permits Call:

David Elliot.....	464-8626
Allan McLane.....	579-7987
Pieter van Loon.....	254-3872

## Websites

Town.....	<a href="http://marlborovt.us">http://marlborovt.us</a>
School.....	<a href="http://marlboroschool.net">http://marlboroschool.net</a>

## Cover Art

Photo courtesy of Marlboro Historical Society  
Design by S. Rose Watson

## Taxes

Property tax bills are mailed in mid-August. The tax due date is set at Town Meeting and appears on the tax bills. The final Grand List is filed in July using values as of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PRE-TOWN MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019  
AT 6PM IN THE TOWN OFFICE**

**TOWN MEETING MARCH 5th 2019 AT 9 A.M. IN THE TOWN HOUSE**

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



**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT  
ELECTED OFFICERS**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator	Steven John	2019
Town Clerk	Forrest Holzapfel	2020
Treasurer	Linda Peters	2019
Select Board	Patti Smith	2019
	Tyler Gibbons	2020
	Jesse Kreitzer	2021
Listers	Forrest Holzapfel	2019
	Eric Matt	2020
	Evan Wyse	2021
Auditors	Andy Reichsman	2019
	S. Rose Watson	2020
	Gail MacArthur	2021
Constable	Clarence Boston	2019
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Linda Peters	2019
Grand Juror	Robert Anderson	2019
Town Agent	Robert Anderson	2019
Trustee of Public Funds	Linda Peters	2019
Justices of the Peace	David Holzapfel	2020
	Linda Peters	2020
	T. Hunter Wilson	2020
	Andy Reichsman	2020
	Marcia Hamilton	2020
School Directors	Celena Romo	2019
	Lauren Poster	2019
	David Holzapfel	2019
	Dan MacArthur	2020
	Douglas Korb	2021

**Town of Marlboro  
Money Paid to Elected Officials-2018**

Select Board:	\$1,000.00 per Board Member	\$ 3,000.00
Town Clerk:	Annual Salary	\$ 34,391.92
Town Treasurer:	Annual Salary	\$ 42,275.02
Listers:	E.W. 33.37 F.H. & E.M. 23.81	\$ 30,859.89
Auditors:	17.86	\$ 1,705.64
Constable:	Annual Salary	\$ 218.41

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT - APPOINTED OFFICERS**

**Animal Control Officer:** Peggy Tiffany, Pat D'Angelo

**Assistant Treasurer:** Andrea Howe (appointed by Treasurer)

**Assistant Town Clerks:** Nora Wilson, Julia von Ranson (appointed by Town Clerk)

**Conservation Commission:** Ashley Bies (Chair), Dante Corsano, Michael Purcell, Kevin Kennedy, Jaime Tanner, Pieter van Loon

**Development Review Board:** Steven John (Chair), Jean Boardman (Clerk), Brent Seabrook, John Nevins, Gail MacArthur **Alternates:** Bennett Grout, Mathew Tell

**E-911 Coordinator and Town Communication Coordinator:** Allan McLane

**Emergency Management Coordinator:** Aaron Walsh

**Energy Coordinator:** Erika Korb

**Fire Wardens:** Allan McLane and Pieter van Loon

**Green-Up Day Coordinator:** Sarah Greico

**Health Officer:** Suzanne Shapiro

**Hogback Preservation Commission:** Michael Purcell (Chair), Malcom Moore (Vice Chair), Christine Colella, Edward Metcalfe, Sarah Grant

**Housing Rehabilitation Committee:** Andy Rice (Chair), Patricia Webster and T. Hunter Wilson

**Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, and Wood:** Robert Anderson

**Planning Commission:** Bennett Grout (Chair), Donald Sherefkin (Clerk), Matthew Tell, Edith Mas, Patti Smith, Staley McDermet, Jennifer Girouard

**Rescue Inc. Trustee:** Didi Prignano

**Road Foreman & Fire Chief:** David Elliott

**Select Board Assistant:** Lauren MacArthur

**Senior Solutions:** Lucy Gratwick

**Tree Warden:** Pieter van Loon

**Weigher of Coal:** Hugh Whitney

**Windham Regional Commissioners:** Edith Mas

**Windham Solid Waste District Representatives:** Tony Gordon and Stillman Vonderhorst

**Zoning Administrator:** Mary Sargent

**MARLBORO ORGANIZATIONS**

**Marlboro Alliance – MarlboroAlliance@gmail.com\*\*\*\*\***

Francie Marbury, President 464-5169 Polli Moryl, Treasurer

**Marlboro Cares – 258-3030**

Jennifer Mazur, President 254-9747 Beth McDermet, Treasurer

**Marlboro Community Center – marlborocommunitycenter@gmail.com - 257-0801**

Marlborocommunity.center (Website)

Lauren Poster, Chair Andy Horton, Vice Chair

S. Rose Watson, Treasurer Amy Tudor, Secretary

**Marlboro Town Library**

Andy Horton, Chair Felica Tober, Secretary

Hilary Duggan, Treasurer

**Marlboro Community Fair** marlborofair@gmail.com

**The Marlboro Meeting House \*\*\*\*\***

Lynette Hamilton, Moderator 257-0091

Marcia Hamilton, Clerk 464-5470

Marcia Hamilton, Treasurer 464-5470

**The Marlboro Park Association mpa.southpond@gmail.com\*\*\*\*\***

Erica Morse, President

**Marlboro Center Park Committee \*\*\*\*\***

P'tricia Wyse, Chair 257-8065

**Ames Hill-Marlboro Community Center, Inc. \*\*\*\*\***

William A. Young, President Paul Butler, Treasurer

Megan Littlehales, Vice President Hanna Thurber, Secretary

Linda Rice, Vice President

**Marlboro College 257-4333 \*\*\*\*\***

Kevin Quigley, President

**Marlboro Music School and Festival \*\*\*\*\***

Festival Phone Number 254-2394 (Only while in session)

**Marlboro Historical Society \*\*\*\*\***

Jim Tober, President 257-9929 Augusta Bartlett, House Chair

Donald Sherefkin, Vice President Forrest Holzapfel, Clerk

**TOWN WARNING  
ANNUAL MEETING – MARCH 5, 2019**

The legal voters of the Town of Marlboro, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House of said Marlboro on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to consider and act upon the following Articles:

The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Marlboro Town Office for the purpose of electing by Australian ballot the officers listed in Article 3.

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the term of one year.
- Article 2. To act upon the Auditors' Report.
- Article 3. To elect all town officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting. Select Board, one three-year term; Treasurer, one three-year term; Lister, one three-year term; Auditor, one three-year term; Constable, one one-year term; Collector of Delinquent Taxes, one three-year term; Trustee of Public Funds, one three-year term; Town Agent, one one-year term; School Director, one three-year term; School Directors, two one-year terms.
- Article 4. To see if the town will set Friday October 4, 2019 as the due date for property taxes, payable to the Treasurer.
- Article 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$275,000.00 for the General Fund.
- Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$360,000.00 for town highways, summer and winter maintenance.
- Article 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$10,000.00 to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. to help defray operating expenses.
- Article 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$12,688.06 to Rescue, Inc. for services.
- Article 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$1,500.00 to Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. for services.
- Article 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$1,000.00 to Grace Cottage Hospital.
- Article 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$100.00 for the support of Green Up Vermont to provide services to residents of the town.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend up to \$3,000.00 to support the production of the *Marlboro Mixer* newsletter.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$500.00 to help the American Red Cross Green Mountain in support of their mission and the work they do in Marlboro and the State of Vermont.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$3,234.00 for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to residents of the town.

Article 15. Shall the Town of Marlboro vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,000.00 on a one-time basis for the support of Garden Path Elder Living (the merger of Holton Home and Bradley House) to provide services to residents of the Town.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend the sum of \$9429 for the following social service agencies:

Brattleboro Area Hospice, Inc.....	\$ 250.00
The Current.....	\$ 250.00
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry.....	\$ 500.00
Gathering Place for Adult Day Services.....	\$ 500.00
Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center.....	\$ 230.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont...	\$1,050.00
Marlboro Cares.....	\$ 400.00
Senior Solutions.....	\$ 400.00
Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc.....	\$ 970.00
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH.....	\$3,179.00
Women’s Freedom Center.....	\$1,200.00
Youth Services.....	\$1,000.00

Article 17. To see if the voters of the Town will authorize the town to borrow funds in anticipation of tax revenue.

Article 18. To discuss any other nonbinding business.

Select Board Budget  
Town of Marlboro, VT

	2017	2018	2018	2019
BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Taxes and Assessments:	14,838.00	15,400.00	15,880.00	16,895.00
Fees and Salaries	142,800.00	147,084.00	146,545.23	156,000.00
Social Security	12,998.99	14,000.00	12,926.12	14,000.00
Insurance and Bonding	28,198.75	30,530.00	30,030.00	32,000.00
Printing	1,366.50	1,400.00	1,275.45	1,400.00
Postage	2,540.28	2,500.00	2,749.95	3,000.00
Office Supplies	1,410.88	2,000.00	3,857.89	3,500.00
Legal Expense	785.59	5,000.00	797.22	5,000.00
Solid Waste	12,810.22	14,000.00	10,221.54	14,000.00
Recycling Services*		7,500.00	6,567.00	7,500.00
Recycling Center Maintenance	729.59	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cemetery Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,400.00
Planning and Conservation Comm.	393.90	1,560.00	396.83	1,200.00
Animal Control	383.87	500.00	419.34	550.00
Mutual Aid Assessment	16,313.00	16,336.00	16,336.00	16,793.00
Insurance	33,225.15	34,000.00	36,231.92	38,000.00
Computer	3,936.53	5,000.00	4,906.16	5,000.00
Constable	218.00	225.00	218.41	225.00
Meeting Reimbursements	695.00	120.00	680.00	700.00
Mileage Reimbursements	995.73	1,000.00	1,065.48	1,200.00
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	1,882.60	2,500.00	4,007.18	4,000.00
	<b>279,522.58</b>	<b>303,655.00</b>	<b>298,111.72</b>	<b>325,363.00</b>
Signs on Route 9 for School		6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Marlboro Center Park	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
TO/PO-Post Office Maintenance	0.00	0.00	247.88	0.00
Windham County Sherrifs Dept.	7,644.00	7,800.00	8,372.00	7,644.00
Emergency Management	5,210.00	6,000.00	7,448.76	4,600.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>292,576.58</b>	<b>323,655.00</b>	<b>320,380.36</b>	<b>337,807.00</b>
Highway Department	391,831.29	360,000.00	351,305.07	360,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>684,407.87</b>	<b>683,655.00</b>	<b>671,685.43</b>	<b>697,807.00</b>
<b>Separately Warned Requests:</b>				
Town House Preservation	1,595.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recycling Services*	1,835.45	0.00	0.00	0.00
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Compan	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Rescue Inc.	12,197.57	12,380.76	12,380.81	12,688.06
Deerfield Valley Rescue	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Grace Cottage Hospital	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	100.00
Marlboro Mixer Newsletter	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Amercian Red Cross	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
SeVEDS	3,234.00	3,234.00	3,234.00	3,234.00
Garden Path Elder Living				3,000.00
<b>Social Service Organizations:</b>	<b>34,912.33</b>	<b>31,664.76</b>	<b>31,664.81</b>	<b>35,022.06</b>
Brattleboro Area Hospice, Inc.	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
The Current	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Gathering Place for Adult Day Se	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Green Mountain RSVP	230.00	230.00	230.00	230.00
Health Care & Rehabilitation Serv	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
Marlboro Cares	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Senior Solutions	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Southeastern VT Community Acti	970.00	970.00	970.00	970.00
Visiting Nurses Association and F	3,179.00	3,179.00	3,179.00	3,179.00
Women's Freedom Center	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Youth Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>9,929.00</b>	<b>9,929.00</b>	<b>9,929.00</b>	<b>9,929.00</b>
	<b>729,249.20</b>	<b>725,248.76</b>	<b>713,279.24</b>	<b>742,758.06</b>

**AUDITORS**

**Contact us at [MarlboroTownReport@gmail.com](mailto:MarlboroTownReport@gmail.com)**

We conducted our work according to 24 V.S.A. 1681-1684, which requires that we examine and adjust the accounts of town and school district. To the best of our knowledge, the following reflects a true and accurate picture of the town's business for the year ending December 31, 2018.

For those of you who want to save paper, the Town Report will be posted on the Town Web-site for viewing prior to Town Meeting. We will still have plenty of printed copies available at the Town Office.

**We are still requesting that all Town Organizations and Offices establish an email account for your organization. We are spending too much time trying to track down the email of whoever is in charge of an organization and often the report is delayed. Having an organization email provides a single point of contact for your organization and consistency when members change. It can easily be done through a gmail account. Once you have created an email account for your organization, please email it to us - [MarlboroTownReport@gmail.com](mailto:MarlboroTownReport@gmail.com)**

Please send any changes of Municipal Meeting times and information relating to Marlboro Organizations to the auditors at the above email address. If we do not hear from you we will assume your information from the last Town Report has not changed.

Rose Watson

Gail MacArthur

Andy Reichsman

**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET-2018**

Assets:	2017	2018
General Fund:	\$ 194,739.25	\$ 199,205.23
Equipment Account:	\$ 142,865.22	\$ 98,015.20
Delinquent Tax Bills:	\$ 148,911.76	\$ 161,422.54
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Tax Levy due to School and State:	\$ 105,058.39	\$ 85,919.16
Excess of Assets over Liabilities:	\$381,457.84	\$ 372,723.81

**Town of Marlboro- ACT 68-2018****FY 2018 Education Funding Cash Flow for Municipality**

In 2018, the amount raised for ACT 68 was \$2,152,838.01

School 11/20/2018	\$ 2,061,987.88
School 02/08/2019	\$ 86,006.16
Municipal Treasury	\$ 4,843.97

**TOWN INDEBTEDNESS: NONE**

**DELINQUENT TAXES**

12/31/2018

**2003** OQUISANTI, MARK**2004** OQUISANTI, MARK**2005** OQUISANTI, MARK**2006** OQUISANTI, MARK**2007** GABRIELSON WILLIAM AND CONSTANCE  
OQUISANTI, MARK**2008** GABRIELSON WILLIAM AND CONSTANCE  
OQUISANTI, MARK**2009** GABRIELSON WILLIAM AND CONSTANCE  
OQUISANTI, MARK**2010** GABRIELSON WILLIAM AND CONSTANCE  
MILLS KEVIN B. AND DENISE STEVENS  
OQUISANTI, MARK**2011** GABRIELSON WILLIAM AND CONSTANCE  
MILLS KEVIN B. AND DENISE STEVENS  
OQUISANTI, MARK  
ROGERS MARY ANN**2012** GABRIELSON WILLIAM AND CONSTANCE  
OQUISANTI, MARK  
PALMER, KENNETH  
ROGERS MARY ANN  
ZARGO ALAN & JANET**2013** BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.  
GABRIELSON WILLIAM AND CONSTANCE  
KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL  
MESSIER DOREEN Estate of  
OQUISANTI, MARK  
PALMER, KENNETH  
ROGERS MARY ANN  
ZARGO ALAN & JANET**2014** BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.  
GABRIELSON WILLIAM AND CONSTANCE  
KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL  
MESSIER DOREEN Estate of  
MILLS KEVIN B. AND DENISE STEVENS  
OQUISANTI, MARK  
PALMER, KENNETH  
ROGERS MARY ANN  
TURNER JESSICA  
ZARGO ALAN & JANET**2015** BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.  
GABRIELSON WILLIAM AND CONSTANCE  
KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL  
MESSIER DOREEN Estate of  
OQUISANTI, MARK  
PALMER, KENNETH  
ROGERS MARY ANN  
SMITH TODD H.  
TURNER, JESSICA  
ZARGO ALAN & JANET**2016** BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.  
BROOKS CHARLES AND PATRICIA  
COLE JEFFREY & LESLIE  
GABRIELSON WILLIAM AND CONSTANCE  
KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL  
MESSIER DOREEN Estate of  
MILLS KEVIN B. AND DENISE STEVENS  
OQUISANTI, MARK  
PALMER, KENNETH  
POWLING ROBERT L.  
ROGERS MARY ANN  
SELLECK ROBERT E/O  
TURNER JESSICA  
ZARGO ALAN & JANET  
ROGERS MARY ANN  
SELLECK ROBERT E/O  
TURNER JESSICA  
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

**DELINQUENT TAXES****2017** BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.

BROOKS CHARLES AND PATRICIA  
 COLE JEFFREY & LESLIE  
 GABRIELSON WILLIAM AND CONSTANCE  
 GARLITZ KEITH & WENDY  
 KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL  
 KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE  
 MARTIS JAMES N.  
 MESSIER DOREEN Estate of  
 MESSIER DOREEN Estate of  
 MILLS KEVIN B. AND DENISE STEVENS  
 OQUISANTI, MARK  
 PALMER, KENNETH  
 POWLING ROBERT L.  
 ROGERS MARY ANN  
 SELLECK ROBERT E/O  
 SMITH TODD H.  
 ZARGO ALAN & JANET

**2018** BAKER ALAN G & CHARLENE M

BENNETT BETH AND RICHARD  
 BEVILACQUA, HEATHER C  
 BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.  
 BROOKS CHARLES AND PATRICIA  
 COHEN ALLEN  
 COLE JEFFREY & LESLIE  
 CRUM SHARON JENNESS  
 DOMINIQUE BRIAN, WHITNEY BETHANY  
 ENNIS EMILY  
 GABRIELSON WILLIAM AND CONSTANCE  
 GARDNER JASON  
 GARLITZ KEITH & WENDY  
 GLOVER, CYNTHIA D.  
 INMAN, CORINNA INMAN CLIFTON  
 KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL  
 KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE  
 LAVIN EDWARD J. E/O  
 MERCIER RAYMOND H. & MERCIER TERRY J.  
 MESSIER DOREEN Estate of  
 OQUISANTI, MARK  
 PALMER, KENNETH  
 PANTHER, LAURIE  
 PONTES JOSEPH J.  
 POWLING CALVIN  
 RACINE MADONNA & TIMOTHY  
 RACINE TIMOTHY J. & MADONNA L.  
 ROGERS MARY ANN  
 SACKS HERBERT A&R REVOCABLE TRUST  
 SAFFORD ROGER H. SR  
 SELLECK ROBERT E/O  
 SEVIGNY, WILLIAM F & REBECCA T  
 TURNER, JESSICA  
 WARNER ALLEN M. & MEGAN ANN  
 WATSON ROSE  
 ZARGO ALAN & JANET

**TOWN OF MARLBORO  
TREASURER'S REPORT OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

From Town Report 2017	
Outstanding, or in the Collectors Hands 12/31/17	\$148,911.76
Referred to the Collector for 2018- 11/20/2018	\$121,026.59
Transmitted by Collector to Treasurer in 2018	(\$95,341.19)
Corrected Tax Bills from State	(\$13,174.62)
Outstanding, or in the Collectors Hands 12/31/2018	\$161,422.54
Outstanding per Delinquent Tax Collector	\$161,422.54
Balance in Delinquent Tax Collector Checking account	\$1,393.09

TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT  
EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT SUMMARY: 2018

	STARTING BALANCE:	\$142,865.22
	<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>EXPENSE:</u>
2008 STERLING DUMP TRUCK	13,846.44	8,091.82
2003 FORD PICKUP 350	5,765.00	5,457.45
2006 FORD XL PICKUP 450	2,115.00	3,781.35
2003 FREIGHTLINER FL-80	0.00	1,251.65
2009 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	21,737.50	16,612.71
2010 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	24,000.00	13,166.53
2011 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	15,492.50	9,153.61
2014 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	735.00	58,516.52
CAT LOADER	1,640.00	4,983.18
JOHN DEERE GRADER	18,360.00	7,267.30
JOHN DEERE BACKHOE	8,961.50	2,638.91
GARAGE	0.00	14,454.29
MISC.	134.52	8,278.94
DIESEL	5,660.35	33,331.83
LOAN--TO GENERAL FUND	125,000.00	125,000.00
FROM EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT	0.00	0.00
SUB-TOTALS:	<u>243,447.81</u>	<u>311,986.09</u>
VEHICLE FUEL ADJUSTMENT:	+	-
TO INVESTED FUNDS		23,688.26
FROM INVESTED FUNDS		-
	0.00	0.00
		+
INVESTED FUNDS FROM EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT:		<u>\$98,015.20</u>
	0.00	
BALANCE OF INVESTED FUNDS:		
TOTAL CASH IN BANK:		+
		<u>\$98,015.20</u>

**Town of Marlboro**  
**Income & Expense**  
As of December 31, 2018

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	Dec 31, 18	
	Debit	Credit
1110 · Community Bank N.A.	200,288.56	
1115 · TD Bank-Checking		
1120 · Merchants Bank-Money Market		
1125 · MFS-Savings		
2000 · Accounts Payable		
2025 · Collected Fees Payable		698.00
2100 · Payroll Taxes Payable		
2110 · Void Payroll Checks- Net		
2125 · VT Retirements Payable		
2135 · HSA Payable		
2210 · Education Spending Payable		
2300 · Short Term Notes		17,323.34
3000 · Opening Balance Equity		55,743.77
3015 · Prior Year Equity Balance		120,944.14
4100 · TAX REVENUE		1,848.40
4105 · Property Tax Revenue		2,654,505.92
4120 · Delinquent Taxes & Interest		121,464.49
4210 · Warrant Charge & Fee		7,842.05
4305 · Grants in Aid-pilot		9,570.00
4405 · Civil Fees		4,853.95
4408 · Current Use/Hold Harmless		56,263.00
4410 · Emergency Management		14,876.13
4420 · Highways		121,730.68
4425 · Pilot Payment		65.67
4440 · Property Tax Adjustment		16,146.43
4445 · Reappraisal		6,317.50
4465 · Lister education grant		556.42
4815 · Fees and Licenses		11,915.50
4820 · Rental Income		15,999.96
4880 · Zoning Fees		6,195.00
4885 · Interest Income		115.15
4920 · Miscellaneous Income		2,295.27
5000 · GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	437.80	
5010 · Animal Contol	419.34	
5030 · Ballot Clerk	472.50	
5050 · Copier	577.99	
5060 · Cemetery Maintenance	3,000.00	
5070 · Computer Expense	4,906.16	
5080 · Continuing Education	425.00	
5100 · Insurance & Bonding	24,463.00	
5110 · Legal Expenses	797.22	
5120 · Meetings	255.00	
5130 · Mileage Reimbursement	1,065.48	
5160 · Mutual Aid Assessment	16,336.00	
5180 · Property Tax Overpayment	40,266.72	
5195 · Road Crew Hire Ad	242.45	
5201 · Salaries & Wages	168,968.85	
5240 · Health Insurance	36,231.92	
5320 · Postage	2,481.95	
5325 · P O Box Rent	268.00	
5340 · Office Supplies	3,857.89	
5360 · Printing	1,275.45	
5380 · Public Officers Liability	477.75	
5390 · Recycling Center Maintenance	6,567.00	
5395 · Solid Waste	10,221.54	
5410 · Taxes & Assessments	15,880.00	
5412 · Town Park	200.00	
5415 · Conservation & Planning Commiss	396.83	
5420 · Miscellaneous	2,500.89	
5190 · Radar Signs	6,000.00	
5520 · Fire Alarm	225.00	
5540 · Insurance-Building	6,099.00	
5560 · Plowing, Mowing	1,710.31	
5580 · Repairs & Maintenance	4,582.44	
5610 · Electric	436.45	
5640 · Heating Fuel	2,145.24	
5660 · Telephone/Internet	3,616.40	
5800 · Town House Restoration	9,904.69	
6070 · Black Top Patch	118.30	
6080 · Culverts & Ditch Work	3,048.50	

**TOWN OF MARLBORO**  
**Income & Expense**  
As of December 31, 2018

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	Dec 31, 18	
	Debit	Credit
6150 · Equipment Rental	300.00	
6220 · General Liability Insurance	5,059.00	
6240 · Gravel Purchase	26,897.00	
6260 · Miscellaneous	2,451.71	
6270 · Office Supplies/ Computer	497.99	
6280 · Outside Contract	18,511.75	
6301 · Salaries & Wages	164,010.73	
6340 · Health Insurance	39,105.19	
6345 · Health Savings Account		
6350 · Life Insurance	930.00	
6351 · Retirement	6,473.00	
6490 · Road Signs	71.68	
6502 · Liquid Calcium	2,834.65	
6510 · Salt Purchase	14,942.83	
6550 · Uniforms	4,383.56	
6680 · Winter Sand	57,994.56	
6610 · Propane	598.97	
6620 · Telephone Expense	14.58	
6645 · Miscellaneous Reimbursement	494.91	
6650 · Quartley Stipend	300.00	
6661 · Generator	590.00	
6700 · SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	8,372.00	
6820 · GSR Equipment Use	60,123.00	
6860 · WR-Plowing	24,997.50	
6880 · WR-Sanding	27,550.00	
7010 · Marlboro Volunteer Fire Dept.	10,000.00	
7015 · Rescue, Inc.	12,380.81	
7020 · American Red Cross	500.00	
7025 · Deerfield Valley Rescue	1,500.00	
7030 · Grace Cottage Hospital	1,000.00	
7035 · Green Up Vermont	50.00	
7040 · Marlboro Mixer Newsletter	3,000.00	
7045 · Southeastern VT Eco. Developmen	3,234.00	
7310 · Brattleboro Area Hospice	250.00	
7315 · Southeastern Vermont Transit In	250.00	
7325 · Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	500.00	
7330 · Gathering Place	500.00	
7335 · Green Mt. RSVP Ctr.	230.00	
7340 · Health Care & Rehab. Services	1,050.00	
7345 · Marlboro Cares	400.00	
7350 · SEVCA	970.00	
7355 · Senior Solutions	400.00	
7360 · Visiting Nurses Assn. & Hospice	3,179.00	
7365 · Womens Freedom Center	1,200.00	
7370 · Youth Services	1,000.00	
8500 · EDUCATION SPENDING	2,128,020.25	
9020 · FICA Expense	28,840.50	
9030 · Cobra withheld payable	187.98	
6265 · Miscellaneous Credit		44.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,247,314.77</b>	<b>3,247,314.77</b>

**Town of Marlboro**  
**Previous Year Comparison**  
 January-December 2018

	<u>Jan - Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>4100 · TAX REVENUE</b>		
4105 · Property Tax Revenue	2,654,505.92	2,485,802.32
4106 · Prior Year Current	0.00	37,408.95
4120 · Delinquent Taxes & Interest	121,464.49	254,847.34
4210 · Warrant Charge & Fee	7,842.05	18,351.49
4100 · TAX REVENUE - Other	1,848.40	0.00
<b>Total 4100 · TAX REVENUE</b>	<b><u>2,785,660.86</u></b>	<b><u>2,796,410.10</u></b>
4305 · Grants in Aid-pilot	9,570.00	0.00
<b>4400 · STATE REVENUE</b>		
4405 · Civil Fees	4,853.95	2,066.59
4408 · Current Use/Hold Harmless	56,263.00	47,474.00
4410 · Emergency Management	14,876.13	13,994.97
4420 · Highways	121,730.68	247,709.33 *1
4425 · Pilot Payment	65.67	79.14
4440 · Property Tax Adjustment	16,146.43	11,305.40
4445 · Reappraisal	6,317.50	6,299.00
4465 · Lister education grant	556.42	270.00
<b>Total 4400 · STATE REVENUE</b>	<b><u>220,809.78</u></b>	<b><u>329,198.43</u></b>
<b>4800 · OTHER REVENUE</b>		
4815 · Fees and Licenses	11,915.50	11,363.00
4820 · Rental Income	14,916.63	24,999.96
4880 · Zoning Fees	6,195.00	4,705.00
4885 · Interest Income	115.15	83.48
4920 · Miscellaneous Income	2,295.27	2,013.05
<b>Total 4800 · OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b><u>35,437.55</u></b>	<b><u>43,164.49</u></b>
4925 · Town House Restoration Project	0.00	1,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>3,051,478.19</u></b>	<b><u>3,170,273.02</u></b>

\*1 State Reimbursement for FEMA

**Town of Marlboro**  
**Previous Year Comparison**  
 January-December 2018

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<b>Expense</b>	<b>Jan - Dec 18</b>	<b>Jan - Dec 17</b>
<b>5000 · GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
5010 · Animal Control	419.34	383.37
5030 · Ballot Clerk	472.50	215.00
5050 · Copier	577.99	77.98
5060 · Cemetery Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00
5070 · Computer Expense	4,906.16	3,996.53
5080 · Continuing Education	425.00	675.00
5100 · Insurance & Bonding	24,463.00	27,721.00
5110 · Legal Expenses	797.22	785.59
5120 · Meetings	255.00	695.00
5130 · Mileage Reimbursement	1,065.48	1,000.01
5160 · Mutual Aid Assessment	16,336.00	16,313.00
5170 · Outside Contract	0.00	550.00
5180 · Property Tax Overpayment	40,266.72	31,088.24
5195 · Road Crew Hire Ad	242.45	0.00
<b>5200 PAYROLL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>93,226.86</b>	<b>86,500.72</b>
5201 Salaries & Wages	168,968.85	178,616.94
5240 Health Insurance	36,231.92	33,225.15
<b>Total 5200 ·PAYROLL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>205,200.77</b>	<b>211,842.09</b>
5320 · Postage	2,481.95	2,540.28
5325 · P O Box Rent	268.00	206.00
5340 · Office Supplies	3,857.89	1,506.26
5360 · Printing	1,275.45	1,366.50
5380 · Public Officers Liability	477.75	477.75
5390 · Recycling Center Maintenance	6,567.00	3,063.30
5395 · Solid Waste	10,221.54	12,810.22
5410 · Taxes & Assessments	15,880.00	14,838.00
5412 · Town Park	200.00	200.00
5415 · Conservation & Planning Commiss	396.83	124.72
5420 · Miscellaneous	2,938.69	2,054.62
5190 · Radar Signs	6,000.00	0.00
<b>5500 · PLANT OPERATION EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>342,992.73</b>	<b>337,530.46</b>
5520 · Fire Alarm	225.00	1,168.26
5540 · Insurance-Building	6,099.00	6,445.00
5560 · Plowing, Mowing	1,710.31	1,475.00
5580 · Repairs & Maintenance	4,582.44	8,223.36
5610 · Electric	436.45	565.70
5640 · Heating Fuel	2,145.24	1,667.70
5660 · Telephone/Internet	3,616.40	2,884.27
5800 · Town House Restoration	9,904.69 *2	1,595.31
<b>Total 5500 · PLANT OPERATION EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>28,719.53</b>	<b>24,024.60</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>371,712.26</b>	<b>361,555.06</b>

\*2 Opened separate account

**Town of Marlboro**  
**Previous Year Comparison**  
 January-December 2018

	Jan - Dec 18	Jan - Dec 17
<b>6000 · HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES</b>		
6060 · Bridge Work	0.00	154,845.00
6070 · Black Top Patch	118.30	0.00
6080 · Culverts & Ditch Work	3,048.50	143.56
6150 · Equipment Rental	300.00	187.50
6220 · General Liability Insurance	5,059.00	3,218.00
6240 · Gravel Purchase	26,897.00	63,816.16
6260 · Miscellaneous	2,451.71	0.00
6270 · Office Supplies/ Computer	497.99	149.99
6280 · Outside Contract	18,511.75	120.00
<b>6300 · PAYROLL-HIGHWAY</b>		
6301 · Salaries & Wages	164,010.73	162,368.65
6340 · Health Insurance	39,105.19	47,520.47
6350 · Life Insurance	930.00	930.00
6351 · Retirement	6,473.00	6,403.12
<b>Total 6300 · PAYROLL-HIGHWAY</b>	<b>210,518.92</b>	<b>217,222.24</b>
6490 · Road Signs	71.68	1,908.43
6502 · Liquid Calcium	2,834.65	7,934.35
6510 · Salt Purchase	14,942.83	12,443.10
6550 · Uniforms	4,383.56	3,877.23
6680 · Winter Sand	57,994.56	53,442.74
<b>Total 6000 · HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>347,630.45</b>	<b>519,308.30</b>
<b>6800 · EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT</b>		
6820 · GSR Equipment Use	60,123.00	92,732.00
6860 · WR-Plowing	24,997.50	23,402.00
6880 · WR-Sanding	27,550.00	22,252.50
<b>Total 6800 · EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT</b>	<b>112,670.50</b>	<b>138,386.50</b>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>	<b>460,300.95</b>	<b>657,694.80</b>

**Town of Marlboro**  
**Previous Year Comparison**  
**January-December 2018**

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	<u>Jan - Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>
<b>6600 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>		
6605 · Pager Costs	0.00	214.80
6610 · Propane	598.97	304.02
6620 · Telephone Expense	14.58	350.24
6630 · RERP Drill	0.00	150.00
6645 · Miscellaneous Reimbursement	494.91	2,717.01
6650 · Quartley Stipend	300.00	1,000.00
6661 · Generator	590.00	590.00
<b>Total 6600 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>1,998.46</b>	<b>5,326.07</b>
<b>6700 · SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>8,372.00</b>	<b>8,281.00</b>
<b>7000 · SERVICE AGENCY GRANTS</b>		
7010 · Marlboro Volunteer Fire Dept.	10,000.00	10,000.00
7015 · Rescue, Inc.	12,380.81	12,197.57
7020 · American Red Cross	500.00	500.00
7025 · Deerfield Valley Rescue	1,500.00	1,500.00
7030 · Grace Cottage Hospital	1,000.00	1,000.00
7035 · Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00
7040 · Marlboro Mixer Newsletter	3,000.00	3,000.00
7045 · Southeastern VT Eco. Developmen	3,234.00	3,234.00
<b>Total 7000 · SERVICE AGENCY GRANTS</b>	<b>31,664.81</b>	<b>31,481.57</b>
<b>7300 · SOCIAL SERVICE GRANTS</b>		
7310 · Brattleboro Area Hospice	250.00	250.00
7315 · Southeastern Vermont Transit In	250.00	250.00
7325 · Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	500.00	500.00
7330 · Gathering Place	500.00	500.00
7335 · Green Mt. RSVP Ctr.	230.00	230.00
7340 · Health Care & Rehab. Services	1,050.00	1,050.00
7345 · Marlboro Cares	400.00	400.00
7350 · SEVCA	970.00	970.00
7355 · Senior Solutions	400.00	400.00
7360 · Visiting Nurses Assn. & Hospice	3,179.00	3,179.00
7365 · Womens Freedom Center	1,200.00	1,200.00
7370 · Youth Services	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 7300 · SOCIAL SERVICE GRANTS</b>	<b>9,929.00</b>	<b>9,929.00</b>
7400  1Transfer between Accounts	0.00	-80,000.00
7500  Short Term Debt	0.00	193,677.08
<b>8500 · EDUCATION SPENDING</b>	<b>2,128,020.25</b>	<b>2,010,071.12</b>
9020 · FICA Expense	28,840.50	27,367.99
9030 · Cobra withheld payable	187.98	0.00
66900  Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	3,634.28
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>3,041,026.21</b>	<b>3,229,017.97</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,051,478.19</b>	<b>3,170,273.02</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>10,451.98</b>	<b>-58,744.95</b>

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT  
TAXES VOTED, ASSESSED, AND COLLECTED---2018**

Grand List (Real Property)	\$1,507,773.00
Homestead Tax Rate: \$ 2.1574	
Non Residential Tax Rate: \$ 2.0353	
Taxes Voted:	
General Fund	275,000.00
Highways	360,000.00
Separately Warned Requests	37,664.76
Social Service Organizations	9,929.00
 Total Taxes Voted for Town:	 682,593.76
 School District	 2,152,838.01
 Total Tax Liability	 2,835,431.77
 Current Use-Hold Harmless Property Tax Adjustment	 -56,231.00
TOTAL TAX LIABILITY	2,779,200.77
 Tax Bill Prepared	 2,767,299.64
Taxes Received by Treasurer	2,646,273.05
Total 2018 Tax Bills in Hands of Collector	121,026.59

### THE MARY WHITE HINCKLEY BEQUEST

The income from this bequest was distributed in January 2018, in equal amount of \$21.71 to each:

The Historical Society of Marlboro  
 The Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company  
 The Marlboro Meeting House  
 Marlboro (School) Parents & Friends  
 The Marlboro Town Park

### KINGS CEMETERY FUND

	2017	2018
In Savings Accounts at Beginning of Year:	\$46,750.40	\$45,749.49
Deposit	-	\$ 700.00
Interest	\$ 114.09	\$ 113.95
Withdrawn	\$ (1,115.00)	\$ (1,031.30)
In Savings Accounts at End of Year:	\$45,749.49	\$ 45,532.14

### HOGBACK PRESERVATION FUND

Balance in Money Market on 12/31/17 Community Bank NA	\$ 14,135.89
Deposits	\$ 4,039.02
Interest	\$ 4.12
Expenses	\$ (8,994.45)
Balance in Money Market on 12/31/18	\$ 9,184.58

CD Matured on 06/29/2018 in the amount of \$4,039.02

3 Year CD to Mature 06/29/2019

4 Year CD to Mature 06/29/2020

5 Year CD to Mature 06/29/2021

**AMES HILL – MARLBORO COMMUNITY CENTER (a.k.a. South Pond)**

Ames Hill – Marlboro Community Center P.O. Box 2124, West Brattleboro, VT 05303 [ahmcc1938@gmail.com](mailto:ahmcc1938@gmail.com)

The Ames Hill – Marlboro Community Center (AHMCC) is a not-for-profit entity whose primary mission is to protect and preserve in perpetuity the delicate ecosystem of South Pond and the surrounding lands that it owns. AHMCC has been in existence for over 75 years. Its lands are protected through a conservation agreement with the Vermont Land Trust. With the recent acquisition of an additional 207 acres, the organization now maintains just over 615 acres of conserved lands.

AHMCC owns the three beaches at South Pond. In addition to the beach on the east side of the lake, used by AHMCC members, the organization has leased the two other beaches on the northeast and northwest sides to the Marlboro Park Association and to the Marlboro Music Festival, respectively. In an effort to protect South Pond from overuse, all three beaches are private/member-only facilities. The AHMCC also leases two seasonal cabins that are rented for the summer months only.

The board of directors of AHMCC strives “to promote and further the conservation and preservation of the natural resources and ecology of the Marlboro/Ames Hill forest areas as a natural sanctuary for wildlife.” They take their stewardship responsibilities very seriously. The beauty and serenity that characterize South Pond today are a direct result of their efforts and those of their predecessors. We would request that all who use the lake and its surrounding lands help AHMCC to preserve the pristine beauty of this area for generations to come.

In 2019, we will be celebrating the centennial anniversary of the original purchase of a parcel of land by Mr. E. B. Barrows on South Pond in 1919 that ultimately would become the AHMCC. For those fortunate enough to have enjoyed South Pond over the years, most would agree it is a truly special place that still looks much as it did so many years ago.

Current Executive Committee: William A. Young, President;  
Megan Littlehales, Vice President; Linda Rice, Vice-President; Paul Butler, Treasurer; Hanna Thurber, Secretary  
Submitted by William A. Young, President, AHMCC  
802-254-2141

**MARLBORO BOARD OF LISTERS**

In 2018, we completed the Town-wide Reappraisal and all 2018 Tax Bills were calculated using the new values. The main purpose of a Town-wide Reappraisal is to ensure equity among taxpayers and we are very happy with the results. The dramatic decrease (over 51%) of the COD is evidence that the Town-wide Reappraisal did in fact make taxes more equitable. The State of Vermont’s “**Marlboro 2018 Reappraisal Evaluation Results**” is available for viewing here: [marlborovt.us/government/listers](http://marlborovt.us/government/listers)

As of January 1, 2019, our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for 2018, as determined by the State of Vermont, is **100.62%**, up from **97.82%** in 2017 (100.44% in 2016). The minimal increase is because the CLA is a three year average, and as the market has stayed level, the CLA is level as well. Our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD measures equity among all taxpayers) for 2018 is **6.57%**, down from **13.49%** in 2017 (13.37% in 2016). A COD of 15% or less is considered acceptable by nationally held standards. The State of Vermont’s “**2018 Equalization Study Results**” is available for viewing here: [marlborovt.us/government/listers](http://marlborovt.us/government/listers).

The year of 2018 saw 51 transfers of property, 12 more than in 2017. 26 of the transfers were “Arms-Length Sales” and 25 were partial and/or between family members. A variety of properties traded hands including single family dwellings, camps, open land parcels, and 2 commercial properties.

New construction continues at an increased pace around town with numerous sheds, porches, and garages being build along with 12 new houses (in some state of completion). The Town-wide Reappraisal, along with the new construction, resulted in a net increase of **\$315,500** to the Grand List for 2018. When we lodged our 2018 Grand List, the Town value was **\$150,691,500** (after all adjustments for Equipment, Veterans, Current Use & Contracts). The 2 tax rates of 2018 (Tax Year 2019) where set at **\$2.1574** for Homestead Property and **\$2.0353** for Non-Residential Property.

Please remember that **Full Time Residents** of Vermont need to annually file Vermont Form HS-122 (Homestead Declaration & Property Tax Adjustment Claim) in order to receive help in defraying their Marlboro Property Tax Bill. Vermont Form HI-144 (Household Income) is needed along with HS-122 to determine your eligibility. DUE DATE: April 15, 2019 (Claims allowed up to October 15, 2019 but late filing penalties apply).

Give the Office a call at 254-2181 or email us at [marlborolisters@gmail.com](mailto:marlborolisters@gmail.com) if you have questions. As always, we welcome questions, concerns, or curiosity about land or buildings in town, so feel free to contact us or stop into the office.

Marlboro Listers: Evan Wyse (Chair), Forrest Holzapfel, Eric Matt

#### **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

The DRB has a set schedule of regular monthly meetings/hearings on the third Tuesday of the month. Permit applications requiring a hearing, must be approved by the Zoning Officer at least twenty-one days prior to a hearing date. Sub-division and site plan pre-permit application review by the DRB must be completed with the Zoning Officer at least one week before a scheduled meeting.

The following actions by the DRB were taken during 2018. Approval was granted to:

- Polli-Jo Moryl & Kyle Oliver, 2749 Higley Hill Rd, W. Marlboro, VT 05363. For location at 2769 Higley Hill Road, Marlboro, VT, to divide a 9.1 acre lot into 2 parcels, each with frontage on Higley Hill Road.
- Dan & Gail MacArthur, PO Box 30, Marlboro, VT 05344-0030, 33 Woods Road, Marlboro, VT; for a Change of Use: to convert existing workshop building into a single-family dwelling.
- Joshua Burns & Bonnie Holmes, P.O. Box 441, Marlboro, VT 05344-0441 by applicant: Richard Holmes, P.O. Box 506, Upton, MA 01568, for parcel at 2641 Ames Hill Road, Marlboro, VT; A Conditional Use, Site plan review for construction of a single-family home located within the Wildlife Habitat Overlay District, on a parcel with an existing single-family home.
- Mark & Megan Littlehales, P.O. Box 148, Marlboro, VT 05344-0148 at 1174 MacArthur Road, Marlboro, VT; A waiver to construct a two-bay garage with storage shed, within setback from MacArthur Road.
- David Ward, P.O. Box 781, Brattleboro, VT 05302-0781 at Cowpath 40, Marlboro, VT, to divide a 16 acre lot into 2 parcels, each with frontage on Cowpath 40.
- Hogback Properties LLC, 7755 Route 9 East, West Marlboro, VT 05363-9519 by Edward Metcalfe to Install two (2) business signs, one free-standing and the other mounted on the existing commercial building.
- David Ward, PO Box 781, Brattleboro, VT 05302-0781, 310 Cowpath 40, Marlboro, VT, Final Plan Review for a Minor Subdivision to divide a 16-acre lot into two (2) parcels, each with frontage on Cowpath 40.

- Laurie Panther, PO Box 328, Marlboro, VT 05344-0328, 249 Cowpath 40, Marlboro, VT, for an amendment to approved site plan for construction of a single-family home on an undeveloped lot.
- Susan Sichel & Martha Kelly, 4813 Augur Hole Rd., S. Newfane, VT 05351 for Marco Panella & Anna Bario, PO Box 234, Marlboro, VT 05344-0234 parcel on 1578 Ames Hill Road, Marlboro, VT, for a Conditional Use: Site plan review for construction of a 2-car garage located in the Wildlife Habitat Overlay District, on a lot with an existing single-family home.
- Gabriel Hulme, 1913 Butterfield Road, Brattleboro, VT 05301 for owner Elisa Difeo, 2582 South Road, Marlboro, VT 05344 located at 2601 Ames Hill Road, Marlboro, VT; Conditional Use; Site plan review for construction of a single-family home located within the Wildlife Habitat Overlay District on an undeveloped parcel.
- Don MacArthur, 330 Evans Avenue, Missoula, MT 59801 for Heirs of Elizabeth MacArthur, Duncan MacArthur, Executor, 468 Pruitt St., White Rock, NM 87547. Location 1799 South Road, Marlboro, VT; to Subdivide a 24-acre parcel into 2 lots, with 2 Boundary Line Adjustments to the southern boundary of the existing parcel.

Kevin Thatcher, CHA Consulting, Inc., 11 King Court, Keene, NH 03431 for Marlboro College (Dan Cotter), PO Box A, Marlboro, VT 05344 at 2582 South Road, Marlboro, VT; to Construct a new classroom building and residence hall, replacing two (2) existing dormitory buildings

Members of the DRB: Steven John, Chairman, Jean Boardman, Clerk, Gail MacArthur. John Nevins, Brent Seabrook. Alternates to the Board are Matthew Tell and Bennet Grout. Julia von Ranson is Administrative Assistant. If you have an interest in serving on this Board, please apply by letter to the Marlboro Selectboard.

Jean H. Boardman, Clerk, DRB

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

The role of the Emergency Management Director in the town of Marlboro is to be “responsible for the organized planning, decision making, and resource management including financials to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of all hazards.”

This is no small task for a single individual. Fortunately the integration of our road department, volunteer fire department, and select board takes some of the burden off the individual.

My name is Aaron Walsh. I have been serving as the Marlboro town Emergency Management Director since August of 2018. I have been a resident of the town since 1982 when my parent Jane and Dutch Walsh moves here and built a home on Cowpath 40.

I have felt the embrace of our community my whole life. The persistence and resilience of our small town has shown through many storms and even a couple federal disasters. I am honored to serve the community to the best of my abilities and understanding. I do not consider myself an authority or expert and I am not afraid to reach out to my fellow community members for help.

My sincere hope is for everyone in the town of Marlboro to feel the same way. I am a neighbor among many who has agreed to help coordinate resources on behalf of my neighbors and friends and community members. Please be assured that our town is prepared to stand up to, and then recover from, any adverse situations that may affect us.

Please do not hesitate to ask for help and stay in touch.

Aaron Walsh, Town of Marlboro EMD C:802-380-1631 [marlboroemd@gmail.com](mailto:marlboroemd@gmail.com)

## **HOGBACK PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Working collaboratively, the HPC and the volunteer Hogback Mountain Conservation Association (HMCA) developed a project to create a Biodiversity Inventory of the conservation area. Charley Eiseman, a biologist from Northfield, MA, was hired by the HMCA to conduct a year-long study of the flora and fauna. His report is due in March 2019.

HMCA continues to organize free educational and recreational activities for the public. In 2018, these included a bird walk led by Cherie Corey, a wildflower walk led by Allison Turner, and a New Year's Eve sunset snowshoe hike. HMCA co-hosted, along with the Vermont Center for Ecostudies, a vernal pool training seminar, and hosted an Insect Safari with the Vermont Entomological Society and Cambridge Entomological Club, featuring both daytime and nighttime sessions. The evening Summer Meeting featured speaker Bill Darling from Vermont Fish & Wildlife, speaking about the threats currently facing moose in our area.

Near the end of the school year, the Marlboro Elementary School again spent a day on the mountain, enjoying a wide variety of activities that were both educational and fun, organized by HMCA.

Dozens of volunteers took part in work days on the mountain, which included spring trail clean-up, Bishop Farm site clean-up, invasive plant identification and uprooting, and four work days on the Early Successional Habitat project, which this year focused on the former Practice Slope. Students from Marlboro College volunteered on their Community Service Day by helping HPC commissioners paint the Castle. HMCA volunteer Bob Anderson organized a project to rebuild the information kiosk at the Mount Olga summit, in Molly Stark State Park.

HMCA continues to manage a Hogback website that receives about 30 visits per day, on average, and a Facebook page with over 700 followers.

## **HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE**

### **Halifax-Marlboro-Whitingham**

The Housing Rehabilitation Committee, a consortium of our three towns, continues to distribute funds in low-interest loans to income-eligible residents for a variety of rehabilitation projects, ranging from septic and well installations, heating, and roofing, to plumbing and electrical repairs and upgrade. We are currently serving 12 clients, four from each of the three towns, with current loans amounting to \$130,780 in principle. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$200,510.

Our Committee is one of the few in Vermont that remain active and self-sufficient in the administration of funds recycling from repaid loans. The Committee has funds to lend and invites the residents of our three towns who may have a necessary rehabilitation project to apply to see if they meet eligibility guidelines. Please contact us through any of the Committee members listed below. Applications are also available from the three Town Clerks.

Andy Rice, Chair, 257-7982      Al Dacey, 257-5879      Don McKinley, 368-2376      T. Hunter Wilson, 464-5129  
 Patty Webster, 464-8153      Linda Donaghue, 368-2313

## **MARLBORO ALLIANCE**

As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, The Marlboro Alliance mission is to support, nurture and enrich the Marlboro community. The Alliance is an umbrella organization for other town organizations such as Marlboro Cares, Marlboro Fair, Marlboro Mixer, and, most recently, the Marlboro Town Library and the Marlboro Community Center. Please see more detailed reports below for each of these. The Alliance also raises funds to provide direct grants to individuals as well as to provide funds to organizations providing services to the Marlboro Community.

The major accomplishment of 2018 has been the realization of the Marlboro Community Center (MCC) and Town Library. This has been a dream without a home for many years. The Alliance has oversight of funds that were donated for just such a purpose. The Alliance has provided start up funds for the MCC and is designating a major contribution to operating costs for 2019.

Alliance sponsored events include the annual scholarship appeal, January Thaw Book Swap, Town Meeting Potluck, and the Summer Sale. With your support of our events and fundraising efforts, the Alliance was able to give approximately \$10,000 to organizations and individuals which support the Marlboro community, such as Marlboro Cares, the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, the MES Summer Library and After School programs. \$5000 was given out for scholarships for school age and college students. When a local family lost their home to a fire, the Alliance Emergency Assistance Fund contributed \$500 and helped with setting up a Go Fund Me campaign to facilitate other donations.

Marlboro residents who are seeking funding for a project that is within the scope of the Alliance mission can submit an application to the Finance Committee which then reviews it and brings it to the full Alliance board for consideration. The application form can be found at <http://www.marlboroalliance.com>

We start 2019 with a board of directors dedicated to continuing the efforts of supporting the Marlboro community. Our directors are: Gussie Bartlett, Lucy Gratwick, Michelle Holzapfel, Gail MacArthur, Francie Marbury (President), Edie Mas, Jennifer Mazur, Meg McCarthy, Carla Meskill (Secretary), Polli Moryl (Treasurer), Lauren Poster, and Felicia Tober. We are actively seeking new board members. Please contact us if you are interested.

The Marlboro Alliance may be reached by US postal mail at: Marlboro Alliance, PO Box 165, Marlboro, VT, 05344

You may also contact The Marlboro Alliance with email: [MarlboroAlliance@gmail.com](mailto:MarlboroAlliance@gmail.com)

And visit us on the web at: <http://www.marlboroalliance.com/>

## **MARLBORO CARES**

Marlboro Cares is a non-profit, all volunteer organization. The Mission of Marlboro Cares is to provide no-cost, non-emergency assistance to Marlboro residents and to assist in enriching townspeople's lives through a variety of activities. We have a nine-member volunteer board of directors and a pool of 59 wonderful volunteers.

Access to our services is via our call-forwarding telephone service (258-3030), which is monitored daily. Marlboro Cares continued to be very active in 2018. We answered 251 calls (nearly 100 more than in 2017) and provided 34 different residents with non-emergency assistance, such as transportation, errands, information, companionship, and simple chores. In addition, referrals were given to different social service organizations, as well as for in-home care givers, equipment, and handyman-type chores. Thirty-one of our volunteers provided 322 rides to residents this year, driving over 5,184 miles. Regular check-ins and visits for our elder residents are provided, as requested. Our volunteer cooks generously cooked and delivered over 21 meals to 3 residents and their families, following surgery or an illness. Meals on Wheels were delivered to one resident for 4 weeks.

Senior Lunches continue to gain in popularity as the event where people can go to enjoy a delicious meal and a wonderful time with neighbors. In July, the Senior Lunches transferred to the new Community Center space, first as the guests of the Marlboro Meeting House -- then in August, to the new Marlboro Community Center. Over 56 different residents attended the lunches in 2018, many of them regularly. The monthly lunches now take place regularly at the Marlboro Community Center on the first Friday of the month at noon, still for a donation of only \$3.00. These are fun gatherings, at which extraordinary food and good conversation abound. There is usually an invited

speaker or musical group to entertain and enlighten us at each lunch. Our thanks to the wonderful speakers/musicians, who donated their time in 2018: Cherrie Corey, Nora Wilson, Augusta Bartlett, Ken Johnson, Rose Watson, Donald Scherefkin, Andy Horton, and Gemma Ollis. Marlboro Cares would like to especially thank our amazing chef, Lauren MacArthur, for her delicious meals made of local ingredients, the beauty of the presentation, and her grace and generosity.

The lunch dates for the new year of 2019 will be the first Fridays of all months, including January 4<sup>th</sup> and throughout the summer. All Marlboro residents 60 and older are welcome, with transportation provided on request. Summer and part-time residents are always welcome. Reservations are necessary to insure that there will be enough food and chairs. Please call 258-3030 to let us know you plan to attend by the Monday evening before the lunch. Also, we ask that if you make a reservation and find you cannot attend, please call us so that we have an accurate meal count.

Marlboro Cares provided Memorial gifts to honor our 11 residents and 1 former resident who died this past year. Eleven new babies were welcomed to town with a gift certificate to Carters. In December, we delivered Holiday Baskets to 20 of our most senior residents. If we over-looked anyone, please let us know. In February, we began a new program of sending Valentines and a treat to our elders, who live alone. Valentines were mailed to 16 people this year. Marlboro Cares also delivered Welcome Bags to 14 new home buyers in town.

In the Spring, Marlboro Cares continued its annual lecture on fraud prevention, entitled The Weapons of Fraud, presented by Elliott Greenblott from AARP. The Strong Living Exercise Group and Tai Chi classes, both begun with Marlboro Cares support, are ongoing. Marlboro Cares has a regular information article in the Mixer.

Marlboro Cares is a component organization of the Marlboro Alliance, which is our Federal non-profit umbrella organization. Marlboro Cares is represented on the Board of Directors of the Alliance and on the Emergency Shelter and Marlboro Assistance Fund committees. A member of the Marlboro Cares Board is represented on the Board of the Marlboro Community Center. We are also affiliated with the regional Windham County Cares Network and are associated with Senior Solutions. Our funding comes from a Senior Solutions Transportation grant, as well as grants from Marlboro Town Meeting and the Marlboro Alliance. We are also thankful for the generous tax-deductible donations received this year from residents and their families.

The Board of Directors would like to publicly thank our dedicated volunteers. In addition to the board of directors, they are: Bob Anderson, Ann Bartlett, Laura Berkowitz, Fred Bisbee, Jean Boardman, Jeff & Michelle Bower, Michael Boylen, Barbara & Bruce Cole, Ellen Dudley, Lucy Gratwick, Mary Greene, Forrest Holzapfel, Michelle Holzapfel, Andra Horton, Andrea Howe, Jill Hulme, Carol Ann & Peter Johnson, Sylvia Johnson, Susan Kunhardt, Gail MacArthur, Francie Marbury, Edie Mas, Andrea Matthews, Joe Mazur, Staley McDermet, Malcolm Moore, Jonathan Morse, Susan O'Hara, Gemma Ollis, Linda Peters, Bradley & Lauren Poster, Didi Prignano, Kate Ratcliff, Saint Rosner, Kelly Salasin, Mary Sargent, Celia Segar, Ede Thomas, Peggy Tiffany, Felicia & Jim Tober, Nancy Waring, Cherie Watson, Kent Webster, and T. Wilson. Many other community members kindly made a meal for someone this year. If you would like to volunteer for Marlboro Cares, please speak to any Board member below or call our answer line at 258-3030.

Current Board members are: Nancy Anderson, Augusta Bartlett, Carol Hendrickson, Jennifer Mazur (President), Beth McDermet (Treasurer), Carla Meskill, Joe Prignano, Patty Webster, and Nora Wilson (Secretary). Susan Kunhardt is our medical consultant. The telephone number for our assistance, to volunteer, to attend a lunch or for questions is 258-3030. Leave a message and someone will return your call within 24 hours.

### **MARLBORO MIXER TOWN NEWSLETTER**

The Marlboro Mixer is a free bimonthly newsletter for the town of Marlboro that acts as a calendar for local meetings and events; lists classifieds and services; provides information about town and school officials' work; shares non-fiction pieces about local ecology, agriculture, history, and people profiles. Residents are encouraged to contribute pieces of writing and service listings to "The Mixer".

The newsletter is mailed to all Marlboro town residents free of charge and is also available in email form. The newsletter is available at the Town Office, Marlboro School, and the Marlboro College Bookstore, as well. Funding for this publication is provided by the town of Marlboro through the Marlboro Alliance. A budget is available upon request.

To subscribe to the Mixer or send a submission, please write to:  
Meg McCarthy, PO Box 1768, Brattleboro, VT 05302  
[meg@megmccarthy.com](mailto:meg@megmccarthy.com)

### **MARLBORO COMMUNITY CENTER**

How does our small rural town connect with each other? Through our Community Center! Located on the first floor of the Meeting House we are open five days a week for general use, and much more to host events.

Throughout the spring, summer, and fall an enthusiastic and determined group, under the umbrella of the Alliance, made the Marlboro Community Center (MCC) a reality. The Marlboro Meeting House welcomed the MCC into the space vacated by the preschool. The Alliance now rents this and the MCC board, with the approval and encouragement of the Marlboro Meeting House board, has turned the room into a bright, cheerful space, welcoming to adults and children.

The MCC officially opened on November 6 with Gemma Ollis as the part-time coordinator. Activities so far include three weekly cafes, on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and Saturday morning, a film series led by Geoffrey Brown, and many community group meetings.

Come by to check out books, lounge on sofas with soup and bread, watch it snow with tea and cookies, enjoy our high speed public wi-fi, play a board game, admire our gallery of local art, or attend one of our many events. You can also check us out at <https://marlborocommunity.center/>

Our current board members are Lauren Poster (Chair and Alliance representative), Andra Horton (Vice Chair and Library representative), Pamela Burke (Secretary), Rose Watson (Treasurer), Joe Prignano (Marlboro Cares representative).

### **MARLBORO LIBRARY**

The Marlboro Town Library has a home! We opened in mid-December in a cozy room off of the Community Center. With grants and generous donations we have been able to furnish the room and build shelves for approximately 2000 books. All Marlboro residents are eligible for library cards. The Library is staffed by volunteers. If you are interested in learning more, please check out the Marlboro Library on our web page on the community center website ([marlborocommunity.center](https://marlborocommunity.center)). If you are interested in contributing money to purchase more materials for the shelves, checks can be made out to the Marlboro Community Center with a note that it is for the library.

In addition to the lending library, there are four “Little Libraries” around town: in front of the Town Office, at the Elementary School, at the corner of Cow Path 40 and Ames Hill Rd, and at the mouth of the Augur Hole Rd just off of Route 9. Feel free to take a book from one of these and drop off a favorite book or two of your own that you think neighbors might enjoy.

Library board members are Andy Horton (chair), Felicia Tober (secretary), Gemma Ollis (treasurer), Dianna Noyes, Lissa Harris, Hillary Duggan, and Cathy Osman.

### **MARLBORO FAIR**

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual Marlboro Community Fair was held on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, on the Muster Field. Our small but intrepid band of Fair-do-wells worked through heat, rain, sun, wind, and nearly the dark of night to get things prepared for this labor of love that we called “Easy as Pie”!

It was a fine day for a Fair, with brilliant sunshine and temperatures in the high 70s. The morning started off cooler, with a dedicated team from Marlboro College arriving early to feed us breakfast while we dried off tables and chairs, heavy with dew. The Ill Wind Ensemble led us in procession at 10:00 AM sharp (or maybe it was flat), by which time the Garden Tent was stocked with baked goods (there was a pie theme this year, you may have picked up on this), vegetables (many specimen-quality tomatoes, potatoes, and onions), and flower arrangements to delight the eye.

A relatively light crowd of 425 neighbors, visitors, and friends old & new enjoyed everything from a stage full of fantastic music to the uniquely sonorous notes of the nail pounding. Mike Clough of the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum continued to share his boundless energy and enthusiasm for educating us about our ecosystems. For the second year in a row Della Dolcino, a Marlboro College student, took home a blue ribbon in the baking contest, this time for the pie division, while MES student Avah Gibbons won first prize for non-pie baked entries. We also had a fine array of spirit beverages on display alongside a tasting from Whetstone CiderWorks.

The Arts & Crafts Tent was busy, complemented by a custom-built teardrop trailer by Nat Waring. The Community Tent was also quite full, with many local organizations showcasing the broad array of civic, historical, and charitable work that goes on all around us every day. The fifth annual ‘Wait! Wait! Tell me!’ quiz show entertained with local information, including some of the little-known anagrams of “Marlboro, Vermont” (‘Born marmot lover’) and “Marlboro Fair” (‘I roar for lamb.’)

On the subject of finances, we pretty much broke even this year, which continues an occasionally-interrupted trend over the past several events. Admission to the Fair is still just five dollars, yet the per-person cost to operate is closer to eight and one-half dollars. We still waive admission for babes-in-arms and the ‘septuagenarian or higher’ crowd, which we casually estimate to be 5-10% of total attendees.

We also receive donations in various forms. Fred Bisbee crafted a gorgeous white-pine Adirondack chair to raffle, and we continue to receive the generous support of proceeds from Javed Chaudhri and his marvelous lunch fare, Jill & Patty’s enchanting and civilized Tea Tent, as well as the gracious raffle donation of Megan MacArthur’s energy-balancing Lady Moon reiki. The Marlboro Alliance sponsors a portion of our work, and MES and Marlboro College help us out as well. Eric & Dave Matt have provided the Community Tent for the past two years.

We have a Rainy Day Fund, but there are some long-term financial considerations we need to address, and atop that list is either “how can we make the Fair so interesting, fun, or entertaining that we can get 500 people per year?” or, “how do we make the Fair economically sustainable enough so that we may continue to bring this event to the community?”

Speaking of sustainability, we are likely to move away from recycling stations towards simple trash stations. Over the past five years we have had enough cross-contamination in the recycling bins that we have either had to separate everything ourselves after the event (probably the dirtiest job of the day, now that we don't do the cow-pie bingo) or simply converted it all to trash at the dump. As much as we like the look and philosophy of the more environmentally-friendly three-bin approach, the community effort to separate items at the time of disposal is simply not there. We have considered asking for help monitoring the bins throughout the day so that those who may be missing the appropriate bins would have a little assistance, so if we have some volunteers, this would be a good time to step up. The compost bin was free of trash contamination this year, so thank you for keeping that waste stream separate.

All in all, the committee continues to operate as an adventurous ensemble of spirited citizens who volunteer their time and energy to create and maintain this annual platform so that the community may come together to see their friends, catch up on the summer's happenings, and just be thankful for all of the goodness around us. The Fair also serves as an opportunity for the many local non-profits to spread the word about their efforts to make the world a better place, and local businesses to share information on their goods and services in Artisans Alley.

So if you'd like to be a member of the Fair committee, which is the only committee in town that takes off most of the year (interspersed with dinner parties), let us know! You can also join us for an upcoming community get-together (time and location TBD) where we will be sharing ideas, feedback, and suggestions about the all Fairs past and future.

The 2018 Marlboro Community Fair committee is Jeff Bower, Eric Matt, Amanda Matt, Brian McNeice, Brian Whitehouse, Jennie Reichman, and Fred Bisbee, with a lot of help from emeritus members Peggy Tiffany, Carol Hendrickson, and Arlene Hanson. We are also thrilled to announce that Julie Sweethill and Hannah Buffum will be joining us as we launch the 2019 Fair. And there's room for more – we always appreciate the guidance, support, and fresh ideas of our friendly, fabulous, fellow Fair-minded folk.

## **MARLBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

### ***Marlboro Historical Society 2018***

The Marlboro Historical Society, founded in 1966, maintains the Ephraim H. Newton House and the Houghton Schoolhouse on South Road, as well as the large collection of objects, photographs, and documents they house. Our purpose is to preserve Marlboro history and promote its understanding within the community and beyond. We host a series of summer programs, and we encourage residents and visitors to join us for these and to visit the museum on Saturday afternoons in July and August, or by appointment. Please explore our website anytime, at [digitalmarlboro.omeka.net](http://digitalmarlboro.omeka.net), to view some of the 1,200 photographs from our archives.

Thank you to all the Trustees whose generous donation of time carries our Historical Society forward, and thank you to all townspeople who participate in our programs and offer financial support through dues and donations. We can't continue our work without you.

Our 2018 summer program began with the Ice Cream Social on July 7<sup>th</sup>. A large crowd turned up for conversation under the sugar maples and to enjoy great homemade ice cream, by Don Sherefkin and Jean Boardman, along with various toppings and other treats.

About 30 people attended the Annual Meeting of the Society, on July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Town House, to hear a fascinating talk by Tyler Resch, research librarian at the Bennington Museum, who explored the contrasting views of Vermont history held by 19<sup>th</sup> century authors Benjamin H. Hall and Hiland Hall. At a short business meeting, Jim Tober accepted a 3-year term as president, following Forrest Holzapfel's decision to step down after 9 years in the position. The Society is hugely appreciative of his lengthy and excellent service and is pleased he will continue as a trustee. Other officers and trustees remain in place and are listed below.

On July 21st, Marcia Hamilton took a group of 25 on an historical tour of her family's 600-acre Hogback Mountain Enterprises, with its ski area, tourist facilities, and scenic vista. The hikers could see some of the recent conservation initiatives undertaken by the Hogback Mountain Conservation Association on the land, which is now owned by the town.

Forrest Holzapfel led an August 4<sup>th</sup> walk through the remains of the Mather's Mills complex, the largest industrial site in Marlboro during the early-to mid-1800s, where many foundation walls still stand and the evidence of the past is everywhere.

A large group visited 19<sup>th</sup>-century houses on Banks Road on August 11, led by Forrest. Great thanks to present owners who welcomed participants and shared stories of the history of the houses and their occupants.

On August 18, Marcia Hamilton led about 20 walkers along the discontinued portion of Jenne Road to the cellar holes and outbuilding foundations of Esick and Ezra Thayer and Clark Winchester, dating from the 1790s.

Finally, on August 25<sup>th</sup>, orchardist Clarence Boston brought about 20 people to three quite varied orchards in town and shared his encyclopedic knowledge of the history and present practices of apple growing in Marlboro.

We will continue these excellent walks to new venues in the coming summer, and we encourage townspeople to share their knowledge of historical locations in Marlboro with us.

We continue, as well, to maintain and improve Society properties. We completed the Newton House roofing project begun in 2017, rebuilt the south chimney, and made minor repairs on the north chimney.

Trustees: Jean Boardman, Marcia Hamilton, Malcolm Moore, Staley McDermet

House Chair & Honorary Trustee: Gussie Bartlett Treasurer: Jill Golden Clerk: Forrest Holzapfel Archivist: Dan Dennis

Vice President: Don Sherefkin, President: Jim Tober Honorary Trustees: Esther Fielding, Richard Hamilton, Polly Wilson

## **MARLBORO MEETING HOUSE**

What is the origin of the term "meeting house?" Marlboro was first chartered as a New Hampshire grant by Benning Wentworth in 1751. Settlers from Massachusetts and Connecticut did not come until after the second charter in 1761 because of the French and Indian War. According to the history of Marlboro by Reverend Ephraim Holland Newton, the town held a meeting in 1777, elected a Moderator and passed votes to build a "meeting house." They voted to have the "meeting house" 45 feet in length, 35 feet in width and two stories high. The building was located on Town Hill.

Early New England meeting houses were the focal points of communities and built large enough to be used for town meetings and church meetings. Marlboro has had three meeting houses. The first was built using tax dollars. An 1819 wind storm blew off a large portion of the roof and a year later the residents erected the second meeting house down the hill toward the town center. This one was financed by subscription. Families purchased boxed seats where they would sit and hear the Sunday sermons in a family group.

The second meeting house was moved down the hill (in the winter on log rollers) to the present location in 1844. It burned in 1931 in a fire that started in the neighbor's home. Una Winchester Warnock, a member of the church who lived at the present day home of the Marlboro Historical Society on South Road, was instrumental in raising private funds to build the third and current meeting house. It was dedicated in a ceremony in 1932 as "Marlboro Meeting House" and that is the name it continues to carry.

Fast forward to the 21<sup>st</sup> century the meeting house still accommodates a variety of uses. In June, 2018, the Meeting House School ended 45 years of private pre-school education for hundreds of students and moved the function to public education at Marlboro Elementary School. In July, a lease agreement was signed by Marlboro Meeting House, Marlboro Alliance and Marlboro Community Center to establish a community center and town library. The building is maintained by the Board of Trustees who annually sends out an appeal for donations to help supplement operating funds donated by fundraising and special events. No monies solicited are used for religious programs or services.

Many of the same events will continue and many new ones will be created in the meeting house. In 2018 religious services were held on 10 Sundays in the summer and one Sunday each in October, November, and December, and at Easter. There were several church-related parties, showers and receptions held during the year. Our popular pastor, Michael J. Mario, brings not only a meaningful message but delightful entertainment. His music and voice are well suited to the tastes of his audience and the relaxed atmosphere brings enjoyment to all.

Marcia Hamilton, Coordinator [m8rcia@gmail.com](mailto:m8rcia@gmail.com)

### **MARLBORO PLANNING COMMISSION**

The new Zoning Regulations passed by Town vote in March 2018, and the Planning Commission turned to reviewing and revising the current Town Plan, which it is still in the process of doing. The Planning Commission and Select Board also jointly submitted an application for a Municipal Planning Grant, to begin a planning process for a Village Wastewater Plan, where residents and Town officials located within the newly-designated Village Center will engage with an engineering consultant to assess community wastewater treatment options for the Village utilizing Marlboro's designated Town Park. They received notification that they had received the grant in January 2019.

Edie Mas continued to represent Marlboro at the Windham Planning Commission meetings. Bennett Grout serves as an alternate on the Development Review Board.

The Planning Commission welcomes all to any of our meetings, held on the second Tuesdays at 5 pm in the Town offices.

It also has an email address, [marlboroplanning@gmail.com](mailto:marlboroplanning@gmail.com), and welcomes any questions or comments. Planning Commission: Bennett Grout, Chair, Staley McDermet, Vice-Chair, Don Sherefkin, Secretary Patti Smith, Edie Mas, Tim Segar, Matt Tell

### **THE MARLBORO SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

The Marlboro School Association's purpose is to enrich the education of our town's current and future elementary students by establishing a permanent source of additional funding "beyond that which can fairly and reasonably be raised through local and state taxes" for Marlboro Elementary School equipment, projects and programs. Normally, only the Association's income is distributed, though we also consider donations for specific projects. Gifts to the 501(c)(3) Association are tax deductible, as allowed by law.

The Marlboro School Association raised \$13,500 from our 23rd annual appeal. Since we were founded in 1994 *we have provided over \$116,000 to support the children at the Marlboro Elementary School.* Thank you for making this possible!

We want to thank all of the town members, grandparents, and Marlboro School Alumni who have contributed to this year's appeal, which has raised \$12,985 to date. Your tax-deductible contribution can be sent to PO Box 213—*there's still time to contribute!*—and your donation will be recognized in the next annual appeal.

Last year the Association provided funding for yoga mats, the Kidwind program, a chicken coop for the Primary Class(!), visas for Junior High tech class, and Field Research.

This year, MES has expanded to include a preschool, and we plan to provide funding for numerous projects: Outdoor Building Blocks, a bottle filling station, filing drawers for large art works, outdoor disc golf course materials, a garden shed and tools, violins, Forest Structure roof materials, Tegu blocks, a Pottery and Kiln workshop, Hokki Stools, and Field Research.

If you are interested in serving on our board or would like more information regarding the Marlboro School Association, please contact one of the current board members.

Jen Carr, Bruce Cole, Sara Kazemi, Wayne Kermenski, Douglas Korb, Francie Marbury, Lauren Poster, Judy Robinson, Adrian Segar

### **MARLBORO SELECT BOARD**

Jesse Kreitzer was elected as a new member to the Select Board at Town Meeting in 2018. The Board elected Patti Smith as Chair and Tyler Gibbons as Vice-Chair in March, 2018. The Select Board hired Lauren MacArthur to fill the Select Board Assistant position on the retirement of Marcia Hamilton.

The Select Board reviewed and signed a letter to Representative Emily Long, and Senators Becca Balint, and Jeanette White regarding the advisory vote taken at 2018 Town Meeting to urge the legislature to make Town Meeting Day a paid holiday in Vermont.

After an October, 2017 rainstorm, culvert #4 on an unnamed brook on Lahar Road was identified as a site in need of repair. David Elliott, Linda Peters, the Select Board, and the EMD have worked with the State on permitting and with FEMA to secure funding for the project in order to properly repair the site.

The Select Board negotiated a new agreement with New England Power/National Grid, allowing access to Mt. Olga via Marlboro's Hogback Mountain Conservation Area property. The agreement includes an increased use fee paid by National Grid to the town and regular maintenance of the access road by National Grid.

Management of Japanese knotweed continued at the Town Garage after the Select Board reviewed the management regime with Tom Groves of Long View Forest.

The radar speed feedback signs authorized by voters by floor vote on Town Meeting Day, March 6, 2018 were installed on Route 9 next to the 40mph road signs close to Marlboro Elementary School after collaborative efforts between MES and the Select Board to research and purchase the signs.

The Select Board completed a traffic study on Town Hill Road in response to resident complaints. The study showed no significant speeding during the two-week study period.

The Select Board continues to oversee recycling management in the new site at the Town Garage. In 2018, Marlboro recycled over 23.4 tons of co-mingle containers, and 28.1 tons of mixed paper and stayed within the \$7500 recycling budget.

The town upgraded its free public wifi service at the Town Office, and the new Community Center began offering free public wifi access as well. The Connectivity Committee continues to explore options for improved connectivity in Marlboro, and attended the Southern Vermont Connectivity Summit in November.

The Select Board, in conjunction with MES and the Road Crew, is currently discussing the possibility of installing doors on one of the Town Garage buildings so that school buses can be stored there.

The public is always welcome to attend Select Board meetings and we value your input. There is always a ten-minute period for unscheduled open public comment at the beginning of every meeting. You may contact the Select Board by email at marlboroselectboard@gmail.com or by post at Select Board, PO Box 518, Marlboro, VT 05344.

Marlboro Select Board: Patti Smith, Chair; Tyler Gibbons, Vice Chair; Jesse Kreitzer, Member

### **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The year 2018 was punctuated by three elections, with Town Meeting on March 6, the Vermont Primary in August 14, followed by the General Election and Justice of the Peace Election on November 6. In this last election, 74% of Marlboro voters cast their ballots, with 25% of those being cast as early/absentee ballots. I am happy to facilitate early voting because any way to encourage participation in the voting process is welcome. As of this report, we have 734 active voters.

Evan Wyse continues as Assistant Town Clerk, and he records a variety of documents that arrive to be archived in the Marlboro Land Records. The Land Record books have been filling fast, with about 230 documents processed for recording, equaling over 800 pages. Fees received for the year were over \$16,500. The Index to the Land Records back to 2006 is now available to search using a small laptop computer called a Chromebook. So the Index is digital, but for our small town, keeping the record books on paper is the best fit for now.

The number of dogs licensed in 2018 was 217, an increase from last year. Thank you to the owners who responded to our by-mail renewal system. **Please license your dog if it is unregistered.** A current rabies certificate, signed by your dog's veterinarian, is required in order to be issued a license. A dog displaying a current Marlboro dog tag is easy to return to its owner should it be found running loose by calling the Town Clerk or Animal Control Officer. All people approaching a licensed animal knows that it has been vaccinated against rabies, which is a great help to everyone when your animal is found roaming, as dogs can do from time to time.

In Marlboro Vital Statistics this year, 13 babies were born throughout town. There were 2 marriages and 9 deaths. Please see the Vital Records elsewhere in the Town Report for specifics.

I continue to enjoy helping the people of Marlboro, and the general public, with a wide range of issues related to town information and our records.

Forrest Holzapfel, Marlboro Town Clerk

## VITAL RECORDS 2018

### BIRTHS

Date	Name	Parents
January 5, 2018	Emmeline Roberts Haineswood	Joslyn H. Haineswood Timothy R. Haineswood
January 22, 2018	Beckett George Herbert Hauty-Dan'Sy	Jobi A. S. Dan'Sy Andrew F. Hauty
January 22, 2018	Quinn Marie Zevon Hauty-Dan'Sy	Jobi A. S. Dan'Sy Andrew F. Hauty
January 26, 2018	Lucas Fox Einermann	Jesse W. Einermann Michael D. Einermann
March 1, 2018	Merideth Annmarie Young	Michelle M. Young Alan K. Young
April 10, 2018	Owen David Etter	Julia M. Etter David B. Ward
April 26, 2018	Adaline Elizabeth Richardson	Rachel A. Richardson Andrew S. Richardson
June 30, 2018	Bennett Taylor Hamilton	Carrie-Ann Billings Whitney T. Hamilton
July 9, 2018	Jules Soliel Ide Wheeler	Lori Anne T. James Jacob Ide Wheeler
July 17, 2018	Brennan Joseph Whitney-Dominique	Bethany K. Whitney Brian J. Dominique
July 21, 2018	Mabel Eve Milliken-Williams	Katelyn E. Milliken Ryan C. Williams
July 23, 2018	Nolan James Briggs	Corinna A. Inman Travis R. Briggs
November 2, 2018	William Elijah Lawrence	Abigail G. Lawrence Timothy W. Lawrence

**DEATHS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>
January 15, 2018	Volitia W. Elliott	Marlboro
January 22, 2018	Robert E. Engel	Marlboro
February 9, 2018	Elizabeth W. MacArthur	Marlboro
March 11, 2018	Arlene Berkowitz	Queens, NY
April 11, 2018	Thomas E. Miner	Bennington
May 31, 2018	Adelbert Ames III	Marlboro
June 12, 2018	Alice Turner	Marlboro
September 22, 2018	Steven G. Hamilton	Marlboro
September 28, 2018	Alan E. Fitch	Marlboro

**MARRIAGES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Residence</b>
June 2, 2018	Taylor Allen Meek Robert Leroy Blackmer	Rhode Island Rhode Island
October 13, 2018	John William Elting Alisha Mary Reynolds	Marlboro Marlboro

**TOWN WEBSITE**

<http://marlborovt.us>.

The Select Board policy regarding the purpose of the Town Website states it is to provide information about Town government, services, and attractions.

The Select Board designates the Town Website the official website of the Town at the first select board meeting after Town Meeting. The Open Meeting Law was revised by the Legislature, effective July 1, 2016. The Open Meeting Law provides that “[a]ll meetings of a public body are declared to be open to the public at all times, except as provided in section 313 of this title [on executive sessions].”

1 V.S.A. § 312(a). The intent of the law is to create transparency in government by requiring advance public notice and an opportunity for public participation in governmental decisions. The law is found in 1 V.S.A. §§ 310-314.

Agendas must be posted 48 hours in advance of a regular meeting and 24 hours in advance of a special meeting in the following ways: physically posted in or near the municipal office; (2) physically posted in at least two other public places in town that have been designated for posting; (3) posted electronically to a website, if one exists, that is maintained or has been designated as the official website. 1 V.S.A. § 312(d).

Five calendar days after the meeting, minutes must be available for inspection and copying and must be posted to a website that is maintained or has been designated as the official website. 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(2)

The Town Website is a comprehensive resource for the municipal directory, boards and commissions, minutes, calendars, agendas and documents. Many forms are available under List of Documents. Please contact Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk, regarding forms and procedures relating to elections, zoning applications, marriage licenses, and vital records.

We are always working to update the website and streamline the content for ease of use.

Lauren MacArthur, Content Manager  
[laurenbmac@gmail.com](mailto:laurenbmac@gmail.com)

**MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, Inc. (MVFC)**

Marlboro Volunteer Firefighters answered 135 calls this year, down from last year. We welcomed two new members this year.

2018 calls went as follows:

Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	28
Alarm Sounding.....	32
Structure Fire.....	03
Car fire.....	02
Pole and/or Wires Down.....	08
Service Call/Good Intent Call.....	15
Mutual Aid Given.....	04
Medical Calls.....	35
Brush Fire.....	02
Hazardous condition.....	05
Search and Rescue.....	01

I would like to thank all the Firefighters and their families for all their time and everything they do to help their neighbors. The roster stands as follows:

David Elliott C1	Will Lowell	Joseph Prignano
Raif Southworth C2	Allison Turner RC1*	Didi Prignano*
Lisa Hecht 03	Thorin MacArthur*	Andrew Richardson
Jason MacArthur 01	Adam Katrick*	Aaron Walsh
Tony Gordon	Daniel Garcia Galili*	*Trained medical responder
Jesse Hamilton	Travis Briggs	

We are always looking for volunteers for both EMS and fire. Even if you don't think you have the time, you might be surprised at how much you can help out with just a little bit of training. Feel free to give me a call 464-8626 or e-mail me, and I would be glad to answer questions about what being a volunteer entails. Fire Drills are second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:00pm everyone is welcome to come by and see what we are doing!

David W. Elliott, Fire Chief  
 marlborovtfirechief@gmail.com  
 802-464-8626

**MARLBORO ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

The following permits were acted upon in 2018:

- New Single Family Dwelling: 3
- New Accessory Structure: 5
- Addition to Existing Structure: 6
- Land Division: 3
- Boundary Line Adjustment: 1
- Change of Use: 2
- Conditional Use, Wildlife Habitat Overlay District: 3
- Variance: 0
- Waiver: 1
- Site Plan Amendment: 1
- Signs: 1
- Other: 2

Whether you are planning to build a new structure or to make minor alterations to an existing building, you should contact the Town Office to see if a permit is required. The Zoning Administrator must act on every permit within 30 days of receipt of a *complete* application; once the permit is approved there is a 15-day posting period during which it may be appealed. Only after all this has been completed is the permit in effect, and the applicant allowed to begin construction. **IT IS ADVISABLE TO APPLY FOR PERMITS AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE YOU WANT TO START A PROJECT.** There is a penalty for failing to obtain a valid permit before work begins on any project.

It is important to remember that the Zoning Regulations are voted on by Residents to maintain the quality of life in our Town, not to annoy you, the homeowner. Every effort is made to apply these Regulations fairly and equitably to each application submitted, to ensure that we are all playing by the same rules. If you have any questions, please contact the Zoning Administrator, who is here to help and guide you through the permitting process. If you have suggestions for improving these Regulations, the Planning Commission welcomes input from the public at their regular meeting on the second Tuesday of each month.

Mary Sargent

**OFFICERS WHOSE SERVICES WERE NOT REQUESTED OR WHO DID NOT SUBMIT A REPORT**

Animal Control Officer, Constable, Conservation Commission, E-911 Coordinator, Energy Coordinator, Fire Wardens, Green-Up Coordinator, Health Officer, Inspector of Wood, Marlboro Center Park, Marlboro Energy Committee, Town Communication Coordinator, Town Service Officer, Tree Warden, Town Agent, Weigher of Coal, Grand Juror.

## **BRATTLEBORO AREA HOSPICE**

Brattleboro Area Hospice  
191 Canal Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301  
(802) 257-0775/ (800) 579-7300 [www.brattleborohospice.org](http://www.brattleborohospice.org)

Brattleboro Area Hospice (BAH) provides a broad range of volunteer-based services for living and dying well, focusing on end-of-life, bereavement and advance care planning. Our programs reflect our community's values of kindness, decency, and dignity. Founded in 1979 on the belief that no one should die alone, we are committed to offering all services free of charge.

The organization is dedicated to the belief that each of us can offer companionship and support to those around us who are dying or grieving. Our volunteers provide wide-ranging support to clients and their families regardless of whether a patient resides at home, is in a hospital, a long-term care facility or some other location. We offer bereavement support groups creating a safe environment for sharing experiences, exploring feelings, providing mutual support and gaining insight into the grieving process. We publish and distribute a bi-monthly, bereavement newsletter SEASONS, offer one-on-one grief counseling, and conduct an Annual Service of Remembrance at our Hospice Memorial Garden at Living Memorial Park. We provide community-based educational programs throughout the Windham County region on issues related to end-of-life, reaching over 800 people last year.

Through our advance care planning initiative, Taking Steps Brattleboro, BAH offers trained volunteers to help people through the process of developing and registering advance care plans. With the goal to achieve a significant increase in the numbers of people who have completed the Advance Care planning process, Taking Steps Brattleboro has worked with over 500 people on Advance Care Planning since late in 2015.

One hundred percent of our funding is local—we receive no money from state, federal or insurance sources. All of our services are offered free of charge. We feel privileged to provide this compassionate care to our friends and neighbors, and are grateful for the community's partnership to mobilize our mission. Your financial support helps to make this possible.

In the past year, Brattleboro Area Hospice served 8 Marlboro residents. Four Marlboro residents served as volunteers. Please call us at 257-0775 with any questions on death or dying or visit us at [www.brattleborohospice.org](http://www.brattleborohospice.org)

## **DEERFIELD VALLEY FOOD PANTRY**

The mission of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry (DVFP) is to see that no one in the area goes needlessly hungry, or lacks the basics for personal care. We provide food and other items to all who ask for assistance. We do not turn anyone away. We serve the towns of Wilmington, Dover, Halifax, Marlboro, Readsboro, Searsburg, Whitingham and Jacksonville. The DVFP relies on donations of food items, the financial support of local churches, towns, organizations and individuals, plus an annual membership drive to make sure our shelves are never empty. As always, the local Merchant Community is very generous in providing support for our fundraising endeavors. The DVFP is a 501 (c) (3) organization and a member of the Vermont Foodbank.

In 2018 we served up to 100 families with about 210 clients each month. Since our communities have always "paid it forward" and keep the DVFP on their giving list, we continue to be prepared to provide a wagon full of food for our neighbors. It truly is a testament to the conscious and deliberate support of so many with hearts full of grace and souls generated by love. This strong financial support from many donors, as well as our organized fundraisers, has allowed us to ensure that every month's distribution includes fresh meats, eggs, yogurt, cheese, bread and produce, along with the staples we have always provided.

The DVFP wishes to thank our many dedicated volunteers who help unload the delivery truck, shelve the food, assist with our monthly distribution process and other tasks too many to mention. We could not continue without you all, and request that the readers of our Annual Report consider adding your name to our volunteer list so that we can complete our tasks quickly with many hands. We are also grateful to the many local school children who come to help sort food and also hold food drives in their schools to help us keep the shelves full. It is heartwarming to see ones so young who are so enthusiastic to selflessly help others. Volunteer activities can foster enormous leadership skills.

Please continue to spread the word about the help available from the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. There is no need for anyone to go hungry. Our distributions are on the third Saturday morning of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 and the preceding Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00. All that is required to receive help is to come to the Food Pantry on one of these dates and register; there is no income verification involved. You can come just once if you experience an unusual emergency, or every month for as long as is needed.

We also encourage everyone who is able to join as a Member that supports the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. For only \$20 annually you can be a supporting member of the DVFP and help us reach our goals. Registration and online Paypal payments are possible at our website [deerfieldvalleyfoodpantry.org](http://deerfieldvalleyfoodpantry.org). The Board meets monthly on the Thursday preceding the third Saturday of the month at 7 Church Street in Wilmington. New Volunteers are welcome and we can always use more. To express a need for our services or to volunteer, call the DVFP at 464-0148, or contact us via our website.

On behalf of the many neighbors we currently serve, and may serve in the near future, thank you for your continued support of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry.

Respectfully submitted, Evon Mack, for the Board of Directors of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

### **DEERFIELD VALLEY RESCUE**

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community.

We moved into 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington location in November of 2017. This summer we finished our renovations. We held an open house in August if you were not able to attend please feel free to stop by and we will show you around. We initiated fund raising for the down payment and renovations. Over the next several years will continue to raise the money for this new location. Our Goal is \$625,000.00 to date we have raised \$365,000.00 from your generous support. We sent out about 10,000 letters for our annual appeal and subscription drive. If EVERYONE that received this sent \$13.00 this year and next year we would reach our goal.

The core of our agency is made up of approximately 20 volunteers, three full time paid staff and part time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 980 calls in 2018. DVR is always looking for volunteers who would like to make a difference in the lives of others. Potential members can sign up for our Ride A long Program @ [dvrescue.org](http://dvrescue.org). Anyone interested in joining this vital community service can contact our office at 464-5557 or stop by for a visit at our new location 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington.

All residents are asked to know their locatable address and to make sure children, family members and renters are aware of this address, so in the event of an emergency the information given would be correct. We also ask that your house numbers are noticeable from the roadway.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued support from the community. The annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. If you have not sent in your subscription please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards our new building.

Once again, we would like to thank all those who have supported us through the years. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of our community and the visitors to our area.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deerfield Valley Rescue  
Board of Directors

## FRONT PORCH FORUM

### Local Talk on Front Porch Forum

Have you joined our local Front Porch Forum? FPF helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting a statewide network of online local forums. More than half of Vermont households participate with hundreds more joining every month. People use their FPF to find lost animals, offer assistance to neighbors, organize local projects, share crime reports, draw crowds to events, highlight small businesses, seek contractor recommendations, and much more. Started 11 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont. Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>

As one of our FPF members posted to her neighbors yesterday:

*"Town Meeting is coming. Attend selectboard meetings. Be informed. Participate."*

We couldn't agree more, and we're here to help!

Thank you and best wishes in the New Year. -Michael

Michael Wood-Lewis, co-founder, [FrontPorchForum.com](http://FrontPorchForum.com), 802-540-0069

*Helping neighbors connect and build community.*

## GRACE COTTAGE FAMILY HEALTH AND HOSPITAL

*Caring For Our Communities in Sickness and in Health* "I recently had my first experience at Grace Cottage's ER, and I was amazed and impressed by the care that I received. The ER was full, but I didn't feel at all rushed. Everyone calmly answered my questions and clearly explained what was happening, working very hard to get to the root of my health issue. I can't speak highly enough about one and all there." **Cheryl Cook, Jamaica, VT**

**Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital** has served the healthcare needs of our rural community with competence and compassion for almost 70 years. In 2018, for the second year in a row, we received national acclaim as a "Top 20 Critical Access Hospital for Patient Satisfaction," out of 1,339 such hospitals in the U.S., and the only hospital in the Northeast so named. The award was given by the National Rural Health Association, based on surveys filled out by our patients. In February of 2018, we welcomed a new CEO with 35 years of healthcare experience, Doug DiVello.

**Grace Cottage Hospital** is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a hospice care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. In 2018, donations allowed us to purchase, among many other things, a new non-invasive ventilation system for the ER.

**Grace Cottage Family Health** offers expanded hours for the convenience of area residents. More than the 7,000 locals choose Grace Cottage for their primary care. We offer physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, podiatry, and mental health services. Many of our providers are accepting new patients.

Grace Cottage's **Community Health Team** offers valuable, free services to area residents, such as nutrition and lifestyle education, diabetes coaching, short-term mental health support, substance abuse assessment and treatment, and help with applying for health insurance and connecting to community resources for food, fuel, and housing assistance.

Grace Cottage's **Rehabilitation Department** continues to offer exceptional care for both hospital patients and outpatients, with sixteen physical, occupational, and speech therapists on staff. New services include lymphedema therapy, custom orthotics, and neurodevelopmental treatment for brain injuries, stroke rehabilitation, Parkinson's disease, and other issues affecting movement and speech.

### **FY 2018, by the numbers:**

**20,696:** Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health

**4,065:** Patient days in hospital

**3,087:** Emergency Dept. visits

**6,323:** Outpatient Rehab visits

**2,065:** Diagnostic Imaging visits

**4,338:** Community Health Team visits

**3,584:** Visits to Wellness classes and events

**2,025:** Individual donations to Grace Cottage

Grace Cottage is committed to promoting wellness. We encourage area residents and visitors to take advantage of our low-cost or free wellness classes and events, including yoga and Strong Bones, which are held in the beautiful and serene **Community Wellness Center**. Various support groups are offered throughout the year. More information is at [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org)

**Messenger Valley Pharmacy**, owned by Grace Cottage, continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment for all members of the community, along with expert advice and friendly service. We fill orders from any provider, including veterinarians. Many over-the-counter items, gifts, and greeting cards are also available.

Private donations and town appropriations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region.

On behalf of all of the patients that we serve, **thank you for your support**. You help to make Grace Cottage the special place that it is.

*Grace Cottage is an independent, non-profit 501(C)3 organization.*

P.O. Box 216; 185 Grafton Road, Townshend, Vermont 05353; [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org)

### **HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES (HCRS)**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY18, HCRS provided 1,202 hours of services to 12 residents of the Town of Marlboro. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Marlboro.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

### **RESCUE INC.**

Rescue Inc. is your community non-profit provider of emergency medical treatment and transportation. Rescue Inc, founded in 1966, has been providing service to the region for the past fifty-three years. Citizens and visitors of our fifteen-member towns receive state of the art emergency medical response, critical care transport and rescue services, as well as stand-by and disaster response. Our regional service delivery model allowed us for the second year in a row to respond to 100% of emergency calls in our coverage area. We gladly supported our neighbors with mutual aid and provided both nonemergency and critical care transportation from our local hospitals. In total we responded to more than 6200 requests for service. We operate nine ambulances out of stations located in West Townshend and Brattleboro. During the last year, through the generosity of our communities, we have been able to upgrade two stretchers, two ambulances, purchase bullet-proof vests for our medical providers, and purchase a drone to support our search and rescue team. Our public education team trained hundreds of citizens in CPR, Stop the Bleed, and First Aid. Our EMS educators hosted four classes, training the regions next generation of basic and advanced emergency medical responders. Other highlights include hosting three national speakers on critical care transport as well an intense two-day training on active shooter response. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to advancing the delivery of prehospital medicine serving this region in the future.

### **SENIOR SOLUTIONS**

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont – has served the residents of Marlboro and the Southeastern Vermont region since 1973. Our main office is located at 38 Pleasant Street in lower level of the Nolin-Murray Center building. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every

person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

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

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

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

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

This is a summary of services provided to Marlboro residents in the last year (9-1-17 through 8-30-18).

**Information and Assistance:** **46** Calls and Office Visits. Our toll-free Senior HelpLine (1-800-642-5119) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan for the future, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also described at [www.seniorsolutionsVT.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsVT.org).

**Medicare Assistance:** **28** residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, "boot camps" for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

**In-Home Social Services:** We provided **2** elder residents with in-home case management or other home based services to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

**Nutrition services and programs:** **5** Marlboro seniors received **693** meals at home and many received congregate meals from the Gibson Aiken Center through Marlboro Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs, and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from funds given by the Town to Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

**Caregiver Respite:** Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

**Transportation:** Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for seniors that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements are made for non- Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

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

Our agency is enormously grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Marlboro.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.

**SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

Since 2012, Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) has sought funding from every town in the Windham Region to support long-term economic development strategies that generate growth and prosperity. In 2018, thirteen towns funded SeVEDS, representing 75% of Windham residents. Every community is asked to fund at \$3 per capita. That funding has added staff capacity, allowed us to increase regional programming and the collective impact on the region's economy.

To address shared regional challenges like declining population, and to achieve regional goals like improving wages and opportunities for residents, a shared effort above and beyond the capacity of any individual community is required. The investment that municipalities make through SeVEDS demonstrates our region’s commitment to creating a vibrant regional economy and healthy workforce. Municipal support for SeVEDS leverages state and federal funding, as well as funding from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), to support strategic planning and program implementation for projects designed to help the region reach the goals and objectives.

**2018 Program and Project Highlights**

<p><b><u>Workforce Training, Recruitment, &amp; Retention</u></b></p> <p><b>Annual Southern Vermont Career Expo</b> 603 local Job seekers were helped through Career Expo and Rapid Response events.</p>	<p><b><u>Workforce Training, Recruitment, &amp; Retention</u></b></p> <p><b>Intern Carley Wainright from Putney at The Richards Group</b> 331 Colleges Students were connected to dozens of BDCC paid internships available this year.</p>
<p><b><u>Workforce Training, Recruitment, &amp; Retention</u></b></p> <p><b>Pipelines &amp; Pathways Program Begins</b> A new program to better engage high school students with local career opportunities started this year, with a full staff person now working within Windham’s four high schools.</p>	<p><b><u>Stratups &amp; Entrepreneurial Support</u></b></p> <p><b>Small Businesses</b> 729 Entrepreneurs benefited from small business and startup support through INSTIG8 workshops and events, one-on-one technical assistance, financing, and Incubator services.</p>

For more information on SeVEDS visit [brattleborodevelopment.com](http://brattleborodevelopment.com) or [www.seveds.com](http://www.seveds.com)  
Contact: Adam Grinold, Executive Director, BDCC, [agrinold@brattleborodevelopment.com](mailto:agrinold@brattleborodevelopment.com)

## **SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION**

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; and reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services/Crisis Intervention, (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Homelessness Prevention, Micro-Business Development, SaVermont (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Marlboro we have provided the following services during FY2018:

**Weatherization:** 3 homes (3 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$10,879

**VT Health Connect Navigation:** 1 household (1 person) received assistance to enroll or make changes in the VT Health Exchange, valued at \$332

**Family Services:** 2 households (5 people) received 8 services valued at \$97 (including crisis intervention/resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

**Fuel / Utility Assistance:** 2 households (5 people) received 2 assists valued at \$1,039

**Housing Assistance:** 1 household (2 people) received 1 assist valued at \$1,290

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

Stephen Geller, Executive Director  
Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)  
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## **VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS**

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors that is elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

Local governments in Vermont provide essential services to residents and visitors alike. From managing budgets, conducting elections, assessing property and maintaining roads to providing public safety services, recreational programs, water and sewer infrastructure, street lighting, and libraries, the work carried out by appointed and elected officials and community volunteers is both critical and challenging. The demands on local government are complex and require resources that are not always available in every city, town or village in the state.

VLCT provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. We represent cities and towns before the state legislature and

state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and their needs are met. VLCT also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities, and directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.

VLCT offers opportunities to purchase risk management products and services that directly meet the specific and specialized needs of local government through the VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust and the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF).

During the 2018 calendar year, *VLCT News* converted to a magazine style publication from its newsletter format, with the intent to provide more content and diverse information in each edition.

VLCT also finalized the details of moving its digital data to the "cloud," thereby increasing operational efficiency and enhancing cybersecurity and redundant protection of information. This move also reduced the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment. Improvements to the website are ongoing, and in concert with this effort is the research into a new customer relations management system, designed to help VLCT provide important information to members, but also to simplify ways that members provide information to VLCT that is shared among all municipalities.

VLCT conducted a series of Listening Sessions in 12 communities around the state to hear directly from local officials about services received from VLCT and whether any changes are needed, including whether new services should be initiated or outdated ones eliminated. Further discussions will be held with the Board of Directors. Members will be kept apprised of progress in setting future goals and priorities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the continued progress being made in that effort. Members are welcome to visit the VLCT office anytime to review the operations of the organization, to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each individual official and employee carry out the important work of local government.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

## **VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH**

### ***Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Marlboro, VT***

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 VNH made 217 homecare visits to 8 Marlboro residents. This included approximately \$6,264 in unreimbursed care to Marlboro residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 75 home visits to 6 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 142 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Marlboro's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)*

## **WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION**

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Marlboro is currently represented by Edith Mas and the second position remains vacant. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law.

We assist towns with a number of different activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; Act 174 town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycles, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively, assisting with projects between and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns may choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a two-year process, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

Past year highlights reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We've begun a pilot study in collaboration with the Rich Earth Institute to explore innovative technologies that can help address village wastewater capacity and groundwater quality issues. We continue to support the development of watershed collaboratives, and participate in efforts like the Confluence Project, which bring together diverse stakeholders and citizens to better

connect with their shared watersheds to improve water and habitat quality. We're leading two renewable energy grant programs. One provides assistance to schools and other public buildings to install modern wood-fueled heating systems. The other provides grants for renewable energy development. We've helped towns apply for grants to conduct road erosion inventories and conduct road erosion work. We assist towns with local emergency operations planning. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website ([www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org)). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see highlights of our work for you over the last two years, as well as your town's profile (<http://windhamregional.org/towns>). A video about the WRC is available on our homepage.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 5% of a \$2.25 million budget for FY 2019. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is \$2,468. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2019, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."

## **WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**Transfer Station:** Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) operates a regional transfer station for landfill materials; recyclables; organics; construction & demolition debris; scrap metal; white goods; electronics; and year-round collection of certain hazardous waste such as paint products, batteries, and used motor oil. The transfer station diverts 76% of all the materials delivered to recycling and composting.

**Composting Facility:** Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only one that is kept local is food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is 2<sup>nd</sup> largest facility in Vermont, and in calendar year 2018 composted 1,357 tons of food scraps from the Town of Brattleboro curbside collection program and commercial/institutional sources. Total tons of organic materials processed, including leaves, wood chips, and paper fiber was 3,260 tons. The District sold 1,750 cubic yards of "Brattlegrow" compost in 2018, primarily through 4 retail distributors. WSWMD donates compost for town projects, schools, and community gardens.

**Materials Recovery Facility (MRF):** The MRF closed in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Eight towns utilize the District's recycling roll-off containers and offer drop-off recycling services in their communities, with private haulers handling recyclable materials.

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

**Solar Array:** WSWMD leases its closed and capped landfill to Sky Solar Holdings, who constructed a 5 mega-watt solar array on the landfill this year and began operating in July. It is the largest group net metered project in the state and has contracted for 20 years with: the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Halifax, Newfane, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, and Wilmington; schools in Brattleboro, Marlboro, Putney, and Vernon; Landmark College, Marlboro College, Brattleboro Retreat, and WSWMD. Sky Solar has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$102,000/year for use of the landfill. The project is providing significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets.

**Financial Report:** WSWMD finished year-end FY 2018 with a surplus of \$60,451.

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

Re-TRAC Reporting: WSWMD tracked tonnages of recyclables collected from member towns.

SWIP Annual Requirements: Towns and WSWMD are required to comply with VT ANR Materials Management Plan (MMP) policies.

WSWMD is responsible for managing SWIP requirements for member towns. Highlights from 2018 include:

- Free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion, was provided to over 200 businesses in 17-member communities;
- Implemented a multi-media public outreach campaign; and
- Provided event recycling containers to 20 public/private events.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collections:** WSWMD held 4 household hazardous waste collection events (as mandated by VT ANR MMP) in the Towns of Brattleboro, Jamaica, Readsboro, and Westminster, with 283 households from 18 towns participating! WSWMD has signed agreements with the Rutland County Solid Waste District and the City of Keene, which allows residents, and conditionally exempt generators, to use those hazardous waste depots for a fee.

#### **Grants:**

VT ANR Organics Infrastructure Grant: WSWMD was awarded \$410,518, which requires a 60% match, to purchase organics processing equipment. The use of these funds or a portion thereof is under consideration.

Food Waste Anaerobic Digestion: Sky Solar Holdings, in conjunction with WSWMD, was awarded a \$100,000 grant from Windham Regional Commission Clean Energy Development Fund to construct a food waste anaerobic digester at WSWMD. The anaerobic digester is under consideration.

VT ANR Solid Waste Implementation Grant: WSWMD was awarded a \$39,442 grant from the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to assist the District with the expenses associated with its hazardous waste collection programs.

USDA Equipment Grant: WSWMD was awarded \$17,500 to go towards the purchase of a new front-end loader in July for the compost facility operations.

VLCT Equipment Grant: WSWMD was awarded a \$595 grant to purchase an ergonomically better desk and chair for the scalehouse operator.

Sincerely, Robert L. Spencer, Executive Director

### **WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Keith D. Clark, Sheriff PO Box 266, Newfane VT 05345 Tel: (802) 365-4942 Fax: (802) 365-4945

The Windham County Sheriff's Office provided an augmented police service to the people of Marlboro FY2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) in the amount of \$7644, or approximately 150 hours of service for the year. Our office was able to provide 164.75 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The service provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to 152 calls for service, or calls where response would not be provided by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During FY18, we issued a total of 97 tickets. Under Vermont law, the town could receive up to \$3855.20 in fund disbursement from the Vermont Court Administrator's Office/Vermont Judicial Bureau from this ticket revenue. Additionally, 24 warnings were issued and 152 calls for service were answered.

While overall, this year has been one of maintenance for the Sheriff's Office, a couple new things have come to be. This year we took over coordination of the Windham County Highway Safety Task Force, a regionalized law enforcement effort funded by the Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program to provide education and enforcement efforts across Windham County.

We've updated our portable radios to improve deputies abilities to communicate while in the community; begun/continued work to increase our radio coverage with additional transmission locations; purchased three cruisers, including an unmarked Dodge Charger to facilitate out-of-state prisoner extraditions and movement of mental health patients, a Ford Interceptor Sedan to update our patrol fleet, and a Ford Interceptor SUVs to update our transport fleet; we replaced our deputies body armor utilizing grant funding; provided our deputies with up-to-date high-visibility jackets to keep them safe while on patrol; and replaced our cruisers' flashlights.

As in year's past, we provide several programs to the citizens of Windham County. These programs are provided by leveraging grant funds and other sources of funding, and are not charged to the contracted towns or villages. These

programs include Click It or Ticket, Are You Okay?, DUI campaigns, the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, Work Zone Safety Enforcement, Toys for Kids, and snow mobile patrols. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby, to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications. It is the continued support of Marlboro and other towns which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

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

Respectfully submitted, Sheriff Keith D. Clark

### **WINDHAM & WINDSOR HOUSING TRUST**

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

*WWHT's mission is to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

### **Homeownership Center**

The **Home Repair Program** provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. These include repairs necessary to bring a home up to code and make it a safe place to live. Our rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project. We assisted 58 homeowners in 2018 with home repair projects.

**One-to-one Counseling** helps renters and homeowners understand and navigate their options and make smart financial decisions. The program is available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, financial literacy training and credit counseling. In 2018, 75 of our clients were able to purchase a home.

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

**Rental Housing Development Program**-In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. WWHT works with towns to plan for meeting local affordable housing and community development needs. In 2018, WWHT completed renovation of a historic apartment building and 18 new apartments in Putney, as well as completing 22 micro-apartments for the homeless in Brattleboro. In October of 2018, WWHT broke ground on a new mixed-income apartment complex in downtown Brattleboro.

**Rental Housing Management Program**-WWHT owns 859 rental apartments with over 1140 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at [www.homemattershere.org](http://www.homemattershere.org)

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING  
ANNUAL MEETING - MARCH 5, 2019**

The legal voters of the Town School District of Marlboro, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House of said Marlboro on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 9:10 A.M. to consider and act upon the following Articles:

(The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 5th, from 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. in the Marlboro Town Office for the purpose of electing by Australian Ballot the officers listed in Article 2.)

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one (1) year.

Article 2: To elect -

One (1) School Director for a three-year term ending 2022.

Two (2) School Directors for one-year terms ending 2020.

Article 3: To compensate the Directors of the Marlboro School District \$500 each.

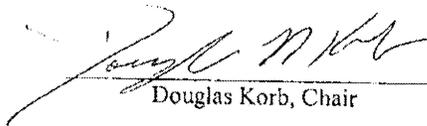
Article 4: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

Article 5: "Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District approve the school board to expend \$2,707,703.00 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year." It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,748 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.18% higher than spending for the current year.

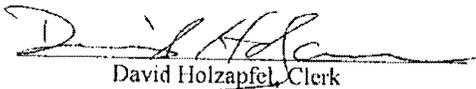
Article 6: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes.

Article 7: To transact any other legal business that may come before the Meeting.

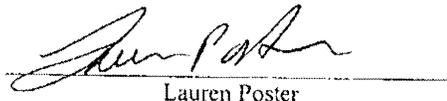
Dated at Marlboro, Vermont this day of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

  
Douglas Korb, Chair

  
Celena Romo, Vice Chair

  
David Holzapfel, Clerk

  
Dan MacArthur

  
Lauren Poster

	FY-2018 Adopted	FY-2018 Actual	FY-2019 Adopted	FY-2020 Proposed	FY19/FY20 % change	FN
<b>INCOME</b>						
<b>LOCAL REVENUE</b>						
Tuition Income	24,920	38,480	12,460	65,500		1
Interest Income	1,500	651	700	700		
Food Service	18,000	19,707	18,000	18,000		
Contributions	700	2,732	0	0		
Building Use	600	649	600	600		
<b>TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE</b>	<b>45,720</b>	<b>62,219</b>	<b>31,760</b>	<b>84,800</b>	<b>167.00%</b>	
<b>STATE REVENUE</b>						
Education Spending Revenue	2,253,415	2,254,692	2,343,030	2,388,249	1.93%	
Career Center Payment on Behalf of District	26,386	25,109	28,171	26,703	-5.21%	
Small Schools Support Grant	109,468	109,468	113,770	113,770	0.00%	
State Aid for Transportation	43,542	32,068	33,111	33,111	0.00%	
<b>TOTAL STATE REVENUE</b>	<b>2,432,811</b>	<b>2,421,337</b>	<b>2,518,082</b>	<b>2,561,833</b>	<b>1.74%</b>	
<b>FEDERAL REVENUE</b>						
Title One Revenue	42,000	42,000	0	0		
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>						
Sub-Grant Revenue Thru WCSU	41,000	36,017	36,000	30,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	22,893	19,842	28,526	31,070		
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>63,893</b>	<b>55,859</b>	<b>64,526</b>	<b>61,070</b>	<b>-5.36%</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,584,424</b>	<b>2,581,415</b>	<b>2,614,368</b>	<b>2,707,703</b>	<b>3.57%</b>	

	<b>FY-2018 Adopted</b>	<b>FY-2018 Actual</b>	<b>FY-2019 Adopted</b>	<b>FY-2020 Proposed</b>	<b>FY19/FY20 % change</b>	<b>FN</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>						
<b>INSTRUCTION ELEMENTARY &amp; JUNIOR HIGH</b>						
Teacher Salaries	397,182	389,091	426,554	388,076	-9.02%	
Additional Instruction	140,532	126,102	111,971	132,244	18.11%	
Assistants	0	5,557	18,375	32,274	75.64%	
Substitute Teachers	7,000	6,705	7,000	8,000	14.29%	
Health Insurance	121,225	122,445	146,729	152,542	3.96%	
FICA Expense	41,671	39,734	43,138	42,885	-0.59%	
Workers Compensation Insurance	4,128	9,131	9,000	9,500	5.56%	
Continuing Education	5,000	5,839	5,000	5,000	0.00%	
WCSU Purchased Services	10,184	10,222	10,553	10,870	3.00%	
Artist in Residence	500	290	500	5,000	900.00%	
Regular Programs	5,550	5,632	5,550	6,550	18.02%	
Jr. High Programs	2,600	2,271	2,600	2,000	-23.08%	
Early Education Initiative	34,958	28,161	9,801	10,068	2.72%	
Supplies	11,250	9,785	15,400	14,948	-2.94%	
Books & Periodicals	1,700	799	2,000	5,900	195.00%	
Furniture & Computers	6,600	7,322	6,300	7,000	11.11%	
Musical Instruments	600	981	600	600	0.00%	
Memberships	300	0	300	300	0.00%	
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>790,980</b>	<b>770,067</b>	<b>821,371</b>	<b>833,757</b>	<b>1.51%</b>	
<b>HIGH SCHOOL TUITION</b>	<b>845,903</b>	<b>746,826</b>	<b>721,987</b>	<b>735,263</b>	<b>1.84%</b>	
<b>SPECIAL ED PROGRAMS</b>						
Special Education Program Expenses	238,695	343,283	355,800	391,080	9.92%	
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL ED PROGRAMS</b>	<b>238,695</b>	<b>343,283</b>	<b>355,800</b>	<b>391,080</b>	<b>9.92%</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION</b>						
EEE SU Assessment	0	0	0	11,423		
<b>TOTAL ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,423</b>		
<b>GUIDANCE PROGRAM</b>						
Salaries	29,184	29,184	30,059	30,642	1.94%	
Health Insurance	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%	
Guidance FICA Expense	2,233	2,233	2,300	2,344	1.91%	
Professional Development	300	395	300	300	0.00%	
Supplies	100	93	100	100	0.00%	
Books & Periodicals	100	67	100	100	0.00%	
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE PROGRAM</b>	<b>34,417</b>	<b>34,472</b>	<b>35,359</b>	<b>35,986</b>	<b>1.77%</b>	
<b>HEALTH PROGRAM</b>						
Salary	6,155	5,571	5,768	20,549		
FICA Expense	471	426	441	1,572		
Continuing Education	0	0	500	500		
Supplies	500	345	500	500		
<b>TOTAL HEALTH PROGRAM</b>	<b>7,126</b>	<b>6,342</b>	<b>7,209</b>	<b>23,121</b>	<b>220.72%</b>	<b>3</b>

	FY-2018 Adopted	FY-2018 Actual	FY-2019 Adopted	FY-2020 Proposed	FY19/FY20 % change	FN
<b>LIBRARY SERVICES</b>						
Salaries	57,320	57,064	64,826	69,460	7.15%	
Health Insurance	17,748	14,956	19,986	18,130	-9.29%	
FICA Expense	4,385	4,365	4,959	5,314	7.16%	
Continuing Education	0	150	0	0		
Supplies	300	435	300	300	0.00%	
Computer Subscriptions, Databases	1,100	721	600	600	0.00%	
Books	2,500	2,014	2,500	2,500	0.00%	
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES</b>	<b>83,353</b>	<b>79,705</b>	<b>93,171</b>	<b>96,304</b>	<b>3.36%</b>	
<b>BOARD OF ED. SERVICES</b>						
Salaries	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500		
FICA Expense	230	230	230	230		
Contract Services	0	9,926	0	2,134		4
Board Development & Memberships	1,700	1,208	2,904	1,700		
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF ED. SERVICES</b>	<b>4,430</b>	<b>13,864</b>	<b>5,634</b>	<b>6,564</b>	<b>16.51%</b>	
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OFFICES SERVICES</b>						
Supervisory Union Management	75,457	75,457	73,587	111,804		
<b>TOTAL SUPERINTENDENT OFFICES</b>	<b>75,457</b>	<b>75,457</b>	<b>73,587</b>	<b>111,804</b>	<b>51.93%</b>	5
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>						
Salaries	121,394	116,271	118,832	134,913	13.53%	
Health Insurance	34,791	29,855	36,171	40,302	11.42%	
FICA Expense	9,287	8,895	9,091	10,321	13.53%	
Benefits	2,958	2,562	3,332	3,627	8.85%	
Professional Development	500	4,572	4,000	4,000	0.00%	
Action Plan	1,000	930	0	1,200	0.00%	
Postage	700	638	700	1,200	71.43%	
Advertising	200	216	200	200	0.00%	
Travel	300	199	300	400	33.33%	
Fingerprinting	250	136	1,250	1,250	0.00%	
Supplies	500	176	500	850	70.00%	
Equipment	0	40	2,140	940	-56.07%	
Membership	400	464	800	800	0.00%	
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>172,280</b>	<b>164,954</b>	<b>177,316</b>	<b>200,003</b>	<b>12.79%</b>	6

## Marlboro School District Budget

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	FY-2018 Adopted	FY-2018 Actual	FY-2019 Adopted	FY-2020 Proposed	FY19/FY20 % change	FN
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>						
Salaries	11,790	11,790	12,144	0		
FICA Expense	902	902	929	0		
Other Services	2,400	1,420	2,400	0		
Audit	7,000	7,000	7,000	5,500		
Interest on Line of Credit	600	1,671	600	600		
Postage	500	307	500	0		
Mileage	100	211	100	0		
Supplies	350	204	350	0		
Software	350	1,075	350	0		
Office Equipment	0	106	1,200	0		
<b>TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>23,992</b>	<b>24,686</b>	<b>25,573</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>-76.15%</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>PLANT, OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>						
Salaries	35,280	35,047	36,335	38,392	5.66%	
Health Insurance	9,029	7,425	7,584	9,145	20.58%	
FICA Expense	2,699	2,681	2,780	2,937	5.65%	
Employee Benefits	1,764	1,375	2,044	2,208	8.02%	
Consultants	290	350	290	345	18.97%	
Plowing, Mowing	1,350	1,260	1,350	1,350	0.00%	
Repair & Maintenance Plant	20,000	63,223	20,000	20,000	0.00%	7
Instrument Asset Maintenance	400	311	400	400	0.00%	
Water Testing	900	1,057	900	1,100	22.22%	
Fire Alarm Services	700	1,152	750	1,200	60.00%	
Computer Repairs	1,000	150	500	500	0.00%	
Property Insurance	6,000	5,114	5,000	4,700	-6.00%	
Internet/Telephone Service	3,000	7,172	6,000	4,000	-33.33%	
PO Box Rent	140	144	140	150	7.14%	
Supplies	11,000	8,229	11,000	11,000	0.00%	
Electricity	10,000	7,828	8,000	8,000	0.00%	
Heating Fuel	16,000	14,211	12,000	12,000	0.00%	
Machinery Leases	2,900	2,839	3,000	3,000	0.00%	
Furniture & Fixtures	500	1,252	500	500	0.00%	
Equipment Purchases	4,200	4,679	6,700	5,200	-22.39%	
<b>TOTAL PLANT, OPERATION &amp; MAINT.</b>	<b>127,152</b>	<b>165,499</b>	<b>125,273</b>	<b>126,127</b>	<b>0.68%</b>	
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>						
Salaries	31,607	40,544	34,983	36,221		
FICA Expense	2,418	3,102	2,676	2,771		
Bus Repair & Maintenance	7,500	8,581	7,500	7,500		
Drivers' Physicals & Clinics	1,000	815	1,000	1,000		
Insurance on Buses	0	769	0	800		
Supplies	100	109	100	100		
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	5,500	4,845	5,500	5,500		
Mileage Reimbursement	300	156	300	300		
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>48,425</b>	<b>58,921</b>	<b>52,059</b>	<b>54,192</b>	<b>4.10%</b>	
<b>FOOD SERVICES</b>						
Personnel	46,237	32,692	35,356	33,422		
Supervisory Union Purchased Service	3,538	3,538	4,615	4,499		
Supplies & Equipment	42,000	45,688	42,000	42,500		
<b>TOTAL FOOD SERVICES</b>	<b>91,775</b>	<b>81,918</b>	<b>81,971</b>	<b>80,421</b>	<b>-1.89%</b>	

	FY-2018 Adopted	FY-2018 Actual	FY-2019 Adopted	FY-2020 Proposed	FY19/FY20 % change	FN
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>						
After School Program	14,441	11,891	13,558	13,558		
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>	<b>14,441</b>	<b>11,891</b>	<b>13,558</b>	<b>13,558</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
<b>LONG TERM DEBT</b>						
Bus Loan -Principal & Interest	12,000	12,499	12,500	20,000		
Wood Boiler - Principal & interest	12,000	0	12,000	12,000		
<b>TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>12,499</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>30.61%</b>	
<b>FUND TRANSFER</b>						
Transfer from Capital Improvement to General Fund	0	0	0	50,000		7
<b>TOTAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,000</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>2,582,426</b>	<b>2,590,384</b>	<b>2,614,368</b>	<b>2,707,703</b>	<b>3.57%</b>	

**FY2017-2018 Deficit** (8,966)

Beginning General Fund Balance 7/1/17	61,440
Actual Revenue Fiscal Year 2017-2018	2,581,415
Less: Actual Expenditures Fiscal Year 2017-2018	2,590,384
Ending General Fund Balance 6/30/18	52,472

**FOOTNOTES:**

- 1 FY20 Tuition Income increased for Pre-Kindergraten
- 2 FY20 Despite an overall increase in Special Education Spending there has been a \$150,000 decrease "in out of district" expenses, providing more in-school services.
- 3 FY20 School nurse days increased from 2 to 3 days.
- 4 FY18 Actuals ACT 46 expenses
- 5 FY20 Supervisory Union Assessment increases are due in part to increased student enrollment, and the addition of technical and fiscal services.
- 6 FY20 Fiscal Services transferred to WCSU Office. Offset in part in School Administration Expenses
- 7 FY18 Actuals Capital Improvements made, transferred from Capital Improvement Fund in FY20 Budget

**Marlboro School District**  
**ACCOUNT ACTIVITY BY FUND JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018**

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/17	\$61,440
Revenue Year End June 30, 2018	2,581,415
Less: Expenditures Year End June 30, 2018	<u>(2,590,384)</u>
June 30, 2018 General Fund Balance	<u><u>\$52,471</u></u>

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/17	\$131,267
No Activity FY2018	<u>0</u>
June 31, 2018 Capital Improvement Fund Balance	<u><u>\$131,267</u></u>

TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/17	\$6,572
Interest Revenue Year End June 30, 2018	<u>33</u>
June 31, 2018 Transportation Reserve Fund Balance	<u><u>\$6,605</u></u>

FUTURE TUITION RESERVE FUND

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/17	\$43,306
No Activity FY2018	<u>0</u>
June 31, 2018 Future Tuition Fund Balance	<u><u>\$43,306</u></u>

JH CLASS ACCOUNT

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/17	\$6,013
Revenue Year End June 30, 2018	9,475
Less: Expenditures Year End June 30, 2018	<u>(6,670)</u>
June 31, 2018 JH Account Balance	<u><u>\$8,818</u></u>

**SCHOOL INDEBTEDNESS AS OF JUNE 30, 2018**

Brattleboro Savings & Loan 3 year 2/2016 Bluebird Bus Loan \$23,000

District: **Marlboro**  
County: **Windham**

**T120**  
**Windham Central**

Property value  
equivalent yield

Homestead tax rate  
per \$10,000 of  
standing per  
residential cap

Income dollar equivalent gross per  
% of household income

		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,734,921	\$2,582,426	\$2,614,368	\$2,707,703	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting					2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)					3.
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$2,734,921</b>	<b>\$2,582,426</b>	<b>\$2,614,368</b>	<b>\$2,707,703</b>	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any					5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit					6.
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$2,734,921</b>	<b>\$2,582,426</b>	<b>\$2,614,368</b>	<b>\$2,707,703</b>	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data					8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data					9.

		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	
10.	<b>Revenues</b>					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$587,592	\$302,625	\$243,153	\$292,751	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60					11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)					12.
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$587,592</b>	<b>\$302,625</b>	<b>\$243,153</b>	<b>\$292,751</b>	13.

		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$2,147,329</b>	<b>\$2,279,801</b>	<b>\$2,371,215</b>	<b>\$2,414,952</b>	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	128.77	135.10	136.52	136	15.

		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$16,675.69</b>	<b>\$16,874.91</b>	<b>\$17,368.99</b>	<b>\$17,747.87</b>	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil					17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)		\$18.69	\$60.45		18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)					19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)					20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)					21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)					22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)					23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)					24.
25.	Excess spending threshold	Allowable growth \$16,234.02	threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00	threshold = \$17,816 \$17,816.00	threshold = \$18,311 \$18,311.00	25.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$119				26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$16,795	\$16,875	\$17,369	\$17,747.87	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	173.122% based on \$9,701	166.092% based on yield \$10,160	169.951% based on \$10,220	166.397% based on yield \$10,666	28.

		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	
29.	<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$17,747.87 ÷ (\$10,666 / \$1.00)]	\$1.7312 based on \$1.00	\$1.6609 based on \$1.00	\$1.6995 based on \$1.00	<b>\$1.6640</b> based on \$1.00	29.
30.	Percent of Marlboro equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.66)	\$1.7312	\$1.6609	\$1.6995	<b>\$1.6640</b>	31.
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	100.87%	100.44%	97.90%	100.62%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.6640 / 100.62%)	\$1.7163 based on \$1.00	\$1.6536 based on \$1.00	\$1.7360 based on \$1.00	<b>\$1.6537</b> based on \$1.00	33.

If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a **PARTIAL** homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.

		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(17,747.87 ÷ \$13,104) x 2.00%]	3.09% based on 2.00%	2.81% based on 2.00%	2.81% based on 2.00%	<b>2.71%</b> based on 2.00%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.71%)	3.09% based on 2.00%	2.81% based on 2.00%	2.81% based on 2.00%	<b>2.71%</b> based on 2.00%	35.
36.	#N/A					36.
37.	#N/A					37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,666 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$13,104 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.58. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.  
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

## MARLBORO SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Marlboro School District enrollment as of January 18, 2019

Marlboro School District	
Class	Enrollment
Preschool	17
Kindergarten	11
Grade 1	9
Grade 2	13
Grade 3	9
Grade 4	5
Grade 5	10
Grade 6	12
Grade 7	5
Grade 8	9
Total	100

High School Choice Enrollment		
Class	Public	Private
Grade 9	7	2
Grade 10	5	5
Grade 11	6	4
Grade 12	9	2
Total	27	15

While most schools in Vermont are continuing to see a decline in enrollment, Marlboro School is flourishing with the 2019 PK- 8 enrollment increasing by 25% from 2018. This significant increase is due to the addition of the preschool program and families moving to our town. We are now utilizing every square inch of the building on a daily basis with many spaces becoming multipurpose classrooms.

In addition to our growing population, we also grew our student supports. One of our school-wide goals has been to re-define special education from one that focuses on disabilities to one that supports diversity and inclusion. This year, one way we are meeting this goal is through our collaboration with the BELCenter. BELCenter consultants have created a classroom within our school that provides specialized interventions for students within our school building. Through this pilot program we have already seen an increase in our school's ability to support a more diverse student body and we have reduced the number of students in out-of-district programs.

The implementation of our early learning program has been very successful. Amanda Georgeson (Preschool teacher/Interventionist), Patti Donnelly (PK/K Paraeducator) and Emily Walsh (Kindergarten), who are all new to their position at Marlboro, have done a wonderful job building this program from the ground up while keeping true to the program's core values.

- Daily, outdoor, nature-based learning
- Fostering caring, curious and confident children
- Authentic learning experiences through play
- Social and emotional development at the heart of curriculum
- Building proficiency in literacy and math
- Arts immersion through dance, music, and studio arts
- Healthy, age-appropriate integration into the community

Our diverse offering of Specials continues with visual arts, music, band, strings, physical education, rhythms, library/technology and poetry. New to the Specials team are Kayla Wood (Physical Education), Jamie Schilling (grades PK-4 Visual Arts) and Donald Saaf (grades 5-8 Visual Arts). In addition, we have started a Arts Integration pilot program. Teachers and specialists are able to collaborate on projects throughout the year. Some examples include, Telling Folktales through Puppetry, Performance, and Dramatic Play in preschool, Image Making through the narrative writing process in grades 3/4 and in primary Space Art in 2D and 3D.

Other educators new to our school include Sara Sherritt (school nurse), Liz Greco (5/6 teacher), Sarah Powers (paraeducator), and Amy Mentz (paraeducator). We have been so fortunate to have these 10 educators join our community. They have provided new energy while also supporting the school's long-standing philosophy.

Professional development for this year has focused on becoming a trauma informed school through our collaboration with the WCSU. We are also becoming social justice informed with guidance from The Educational Collaborative's, *Working for Social Justice and Equity*. New this year was an all staff, School Board, Association of Marlboro Parents, and community members Collaboration Day. Held in the new Community Center, we spent the day sharing and listening to everyone's perspectives on the current state of education and what skills students need for today and their future. A future that is changing quickly with new environmental and social challenges.

At the end of this year we will see Tim Hayes, our dedicated junior high teacher, retire from teaching. Tim has been a teacher at Marlboro School for 24 years. His breadth and depth of knowledge around so many areas will be a greatly missed. A typical week may include Tim teaching science, math and writing, building rustic furniture, erecting a chicken coop, directing a play, leading All-School Sing, playing basketball with the students at recess and driving one of our busses to conduct field research. He does this all while also being respectful, caring, thoughtful, and patient with everyone he encounters. We wish him the very best.

We appreciate our collaboration with Marlboro College and thank them for their generous sharing of resources such as the Whittemore Theater and soccer fields. This year, we also have two work study students assisting in the preschool. We treasure this relationship with Marlboro College.

Wayne Kermenski, Marlboro School Principal

"If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday, we rob them of tomorrow." John Dewey

## **MARLBORO SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Marlboro School District is thriving in the 2018-2019 school year. With the work of Act 46 behind us, the board began the year with its focus on capital improvements centered on a new Pre-K program for 3- and 4-year-olds. The board thanks the former Meetinghouse School board and staff for its financial contributions and hard work in helping the administration establish the new Preschool Program at the Marlboro School. The addition of a pre-school has helped increase the Marlboro School enrollment to 100 students<sup>1</sup> (from last year's 76<sup>2</sup>) and provided a source of revenue from enrollments of students from outside of the district. The revenue from the new pre-school has helped fund a new downstairs pre-K classroom as well as make improvements to the old Kindergarten classroom (now Primary). Additionally, the success of the Pre-K program has encouraged the board and administration to expand the program for 3-year-olds from four half-days to five full days for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.

A new program and increase in students require new staff, and we have exceptional new faculty and staff members to support this 25% growth. The board gives an enthusiastic welcome to the following newly hired school community members: Patti Donnelly (Pre-K – K Paraeducator), Amanda Georgeson (PreK), Liz Greco (South El – 5/6), Amy Mentz (Paraeducator), Sarah Powers (Paraeducator), Donald Saaf (5-8 Visual Arts), Jamie Schilling (Pre-K – 4 Visual Arts), Sarah Sheritt (Nurse), Emily Walsh (Kindergarten), and Kayla Wood (Phys Ed). Welcome all!

Alongside this welcome, the board will be saying a fond farewell to its retiring Junior High teacher, Tim Hayes. Tim has been a teacher at the school for 24 years, and his contributions during his tenure have been extraordinary – from creating and overseeing class field research trips abroad to ensuring all students explore their growth through individual portfolio presentations at the time of their graduation, and so much more. Through his Design Tech classes, Tim guided a great many Marlboro students through the process of designing and building tables and benches, many of which continue to grace the homes of Marlboro's families. We wish Tim the best in his retirement. Thank you and congratulations, Tim!

Due to the many changes within the school these past two years, the board held a retreat in June 2018 to hear from the administration, faculty, and staff on all of the matters in motion. It was a very successful gathering and the board gained much insight into the needs of the faculty and administration. One of the many outcomes of the retreat was the creation of the Marlboro School Mission Committee. Made up of faculty, staff, board and community members, the Mission Committee's task is to develop a Mission and Vision statement for the school, as well as to create guidance to ensure the school stays within that Mission/Vision. The Committee will focus on many areas from school philosophy around select items (e.g. assessments, technology) to recommending the means by which faculty, staff, and community members provide feedback and evaluations. The Mission Committee meets the second Monday of every month from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

School safety and security continued to be a priority for the board. The school has made several upgrades this year: all exterior door locks were changed to electronically coded key fobs; the drop-off and pick-up locations have been altered for student and traffic safety; a new PA system has been applied for; and a speed limit sign has been installed on both east and west sides of Route 9. This February, the board will be putting a feasibility study out to bid to receive input from certified professionals on future security upgrades with a long-term capital improvements plan

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<sup>1</sup> Enrollment as of 1/23/2019

<sup>2</sup> Enrollment as of June 2018 (end of school year)

The Marlboro School Board is presenting a budget for the 2019-2020 school year that is up 2.1 percent in overall spending from the previous year. However, due to a number of factors, the board anticipates that this budget will decrease the Education tax rate this coming year<sup>3</sup>. The 3.6 percent increase in the town of Marlboro's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) – from .97 to 100.62 – and a slight increase in equalized pupils are major reasons for this decrease. During a time of great change, the board compliments the administration on its work to help adjust classes and programs that ensure equity is maintained throughout the school and each student receives an authentic learning experience.

Sincerely,

The Marlboro School Board

Douglas Korb, Chair  
Celena Romo, Vice Chair  
David Holzapfel, Clerk  
Dan MacArthur  
Lauren Poster

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<sup>3</sup> The Education Tax Rate is based on a statewide formula that takes into account the school's spending, the number of equalized pupils, the statewide property tax rate, and the town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA).

Marlboro Elementary School July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018  
Marlboro Town Treasurer Accounting

**Balances as of 6/30/2018**

<b>Capital Improvement Account:</b>	<b>\$ 131,346.10</b>
<b>Future Tuition Account:</b>	<b>\$43,321.05</b>
<b>General Fund Checking Account:</b>	<b>(\$28,435.00)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$146,232.15</b>

The three accounts listed above are kept in one checking account at BS&L

General Fund Balance Check:

<b>6/30/17-Balance</b>	<b>\$14,708.23</b>
Income	4,060,835.62
Expenses	4,103,978.85
<b>6/30/18- Balance</b>	<b>(28,435.00)</b>

**Separate accounts from the General Fund:**

	<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expense:</b>	
<b>Capital Asset Account</b>			<b>\$ -</b>
(Transferred From General Account )	\$ 1,000,000.00		<b>\$ 1,000,000.00</b>
Interest Income:	\$ 632.77		\$1,000,632.77
Service Charges		\$ 17.70	\$ 1,000,615.07
Transferred to General Fund		\$ 1,000,615.07	\$ -
<b>Cash Reserve for Future School Bus Purchases:</b>			<b>\$ 6,598.40</b>
Interest	\$ 6.59		<b>\$ 6,604.99</b>
<b>Student Account (JR High)</b>			<b>\$ 5,205.20</b>
Income	\$ 10,345.55		\$ 15,550.75
Expense		6899.94	<b>\$ 8,650.81</b>
Interest	\$ 4.53		<b>\$ 8,655.34</b>

## Windham Central Supervisory Union Superintendent's Letter 2019

The Windham Central Supervisory Union continues to grow and change. As of July 1, 2019, the PreK-12 West River Modified Unified Union Education District (Brookline, Jamaica, Newfane, and Townshend. Windham's level of inclusion has yet to be solidified) and the Pre-K-12 River Valleys Unified School District (Dover and Wardsboro) will become fully operational.

Marlboro School District will continue to operate as a PreK-8 school with 9-12 school choice. Stratton School District continues as a non-operational PreK- 12 tuition school district.

The WCSU is in the midst of its third year of forward momentum. We have established a high functioning leadership team consisting of building principals and central office cabinet members. Our deeply committed education professionals have continued to engage in professional development in the areas of Math, English Language Arts, and Personalized Learning. This past year we have added Supervisory Union wide professional development in creating Trauma Informed schools. In particular, our building principals and our teachers have continued to deepen instructional skills in addressing a wide variety of student needs.

For the 2019-2020 school year:

The West River School District is implementing elementary school choice, creating a 6th- 8th middle school, and offering full day PreK 4, with a PreK 3 pilot continuing.

The River Valleys School District is implementing elementary school choice, expanding PreK 3, and developing a cultural focus for the Wardsboro School to compliment the Dover School's recent authorization as an International Baccalaureate school.

The Marlboro School District is reflecting on their mission and integrating several new educational professionals into their school.

The Windham School District continues to evaluate all of their options as they serve the students, parents, and the community of Windham.

I encourage everyone to get informed during the budget season. Your school boards have worked diligently to craft responsible budgets reflective of student needs and value to taxpayers.

Thank you for supporting our schools.

William Anton, WCSU Superintendent of Schools

Windham Central Supervisory Union  
will

- ...place students at the center of our decision-making.
- ...build trust and respect by acting ethically, transparently, and with integrity.
- ...operate as a community of learners, committed to developing the skills and capabilities of all.
- ...collaborate, share and seek creative solutions.

## **Superintendent's Budget FY 20**

This budget comes in at a reported 0.9% increase, but it is actually **closer to a 4.7% increase** year over year.

This is mainly due to the increase in a 1.0 fte business office position to support merger transitions, while preparing to provide new additional service to Marlboro, River Valleys, and Stratton. This increase represents approximately a \$60,000 investment in Business Office Services.

This new level of service is assessed proportionally and can be best illustrated in the assessments section at the top of page one.

### **Notes**

- Technology expenses have been removed from the Superintendent's budget and placed in the Agency Fund (14K out of Director of Technology and 27K out of information systems, see variances).
  - Allows for greater identification of technology infrastructure investment
  - Allows for effective deployment of shared resources
  - Reduction in local budgets, increase in Agency Fund
- For Central Office employees, job descriptions will not change significantly. There will be some shift in responsibilities due to a partial retirement, this will create a reduction of .30 fte. This is an example of the cross-training that has been occurring in the business office over the past two years.

### **Outlook**

The proposed budget addresses the prioritized needs of the Supervisory Union and its service to member districts during this time of merger transition and increased central office support.

Establishing a reserve fund greater than our target of 5-10% is a consideration with the new Special Education Census Model beginning in FY21.

Future investment opportunities for consideration include a Director of Facilities, Transportation & Safety, as well as increasing technology integration.

## FY 20 Proposed Windham Central Superintendent's Budget

	FY 18		FY 19		FY 20	\$\$	%
	Adopted	FY 18 Actual	Adopted	Proposed	Proposed	Variance	Variance
	Budget	(unaudited)	Budget	Budget	Budget	+/-	+/-
<b>REVENUES</b>							
Interest Income	\$ 200	\$ 271	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.0%
Erate Income	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0.0%
	\$ 6,200	\$ 271	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ -	0.0%
<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>							
Marlboro School District	\$ 75,457	\$ 75,457	\$ 73,587	\$ 99,952	\$ 99,952	\$ 26,365	35.8%
River Valley Education District	\$ 136,285	\$ 136,285	\$ 126,908	\$ 147,888	\$ 147,888	\$ 20,980	16.5%
Stratton School District	\$ 11,494	\$ 11,494	\$ 18,186	\$ 27,538	\$ 27,538	\$ 9,352	51.4%
West River Education District	\$ 631,090	\$ 631,090	\$ 638,794	\$ 588,494	\$ 588,494	\$ (50,300)	-7.9%
Windham School District	\$ 18,199	\$ 18,199	\$ 22,227	\$ 23,458	\$ 23,458	\$ 1,231	5.5%
	\$ 872,525	\$ 872,525	\$ 879,702	\$ 887,330	\$ 887,330	\$ 7,628	0.9%
<b>Account Description</b>							
SU Superintendent	\$ 122,500	\$ 123,165	\$ 127,476	\$ 131,938	\$ 131,938	\$ 4,462	3.5%
SU Directors of Curriculum/Tech	\$ 44,430	\$ 35,112	\$ 58,875	\$ 44,702	\$ 44,702	\$ (14,173)	-24.1%
SU Admin Assistant Salary	\$ 41,840	\$ 42,403	\$ 39,429	\$ 41,200	\$ 41,200	\$ 1,771	4.5%
SU Health	\$ 47,657	\$ 38,680	\$ 49,366	\$ 30,591	\$ 30,591	\$ (18,775)	-38.0%
SU Dental	\$ 2,612	\$ 2,576	\$ 4,070	\$ 2,079	\$ 2,079	\$ (1,991)	-48.9%
SU HAS		\$ 3,493		\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400	0.0%
SU HRA				\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	0.0%
SU FICA	\$ 15,971	\$ 14,849	\$ 17,272	\$ 16,665	\$ 16,665	\$ (607)	-3.5%
SU Life/Disab Insurance	\$ 1,110	\$ 140	\$ 902	\$ 934	\$ 934	\$ 32	3.6%
SU Municipal Retirement	\$ 4,472	\$ 1,451	\$ 2,851	\$ 2,266	\$ 2,266	\$ (585)	-20.5%
SU Workers Comp	\$ 2,088	\$ 88	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.0%
SU Unemployment	\$ 1,728	\$ 1,467	\$ 1,713	\$ 1,384	\$ 1,384	\$ (329)	-19.2%
SU Professional Services	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,567	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0.0%
SU Information System Services	\$ 25,500	\$ 29,713	\$ 27,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (27,000)	-100.0%
SU Professional Development	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,138	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	0.0%
SU Legal Services	\$ -	\$ 267	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
SU Insurance Bond & Prof Liability	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,386	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ (3,000)	-37.5%
SU Telephone/Internet	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,600	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ -	0.0%
SU Postage	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,977	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.0%
SU Advertising	\$ 3,000	\$ 327	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ (1,000)	-33.3%
SU Travel	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,675	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 500	6.3%
SU Conference Expense	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,845	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 2,000	40.0%
SU Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,660	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,500	37.5%
SU Equipment	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,941	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ (2,000)	-66.7%
SU Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,360	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,000	20.0%
SU Audit Services	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,550	\$ 4,550	\$ (2,450)	-35.0%
<b>Subtotal of - SU Admin</b>	\$ 373,908	\$ 347,880	\$ 402,453	\$ 350,809	\$ 350,809	\$ (51,645)	-12.83%
Business Admin Salary	\$ 280,961	\$ 273,932	\$ 255,067	\$ 101,275	\$ 101,275	\$ (153,792)	-60.3%
Business HR Salary	\$ 49,725	\$ 32,618	\$ 53,457	\$ 62,315	\$ 62,315	\$ 8,858	16.6%

	FY 18 Adopted Budget	FY 18 Actual (unaudited)	FY 19 Adopted Budget	FY 20 Proposed Budget	\$\$ Variance +/-	% Variance +/-
Business Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 159,796	\$ 159,796	0.0%
Business Health	\$ 75,522	\$ 67,020	\$ 79,040	\$ 99,064	\$ 20,024	25.3%
Business Dental	\$ 3,815	\$ 4,275	\$ 3,815	\$ 3,676	\$ (139)	-3.6%
Business HAS		\$ 2,250		\$ 15,975	\$ 15,975	0.0%
Business HRA		\$ 7,270		\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400	0.0%
Business FICA	\$ 25,297	\$ 22,605	\$ 23,602	\$ 24,739	\$ 1,137	4.8%
Business Office Life/Disa	\$ 1,323	\$ 189	\$ 926	\$ 725	\$ (201)	-21.7%
Business Municipal Retirement	\$ 18,188	\$ 15,522	\$ 16,969	\$ 17,786	\$ 817	4.8%
Business Workers Comp	\$ 3,307	\$ 86	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0.0%
Business Unemployment	\$ 2,880	\$ 2,410	\$ 2,880	\$ 2,880	\$ -	0.0%
Business Equipment Repair	\$ 800	\$ 541	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	0.0%
Business Professional Dev	\$ 3,300	\$ 6,454	\$ 3,300	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,700	51.5%
Business Travel	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,323	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.0%
Business Conference Expenses	\$ 3,000	\$ 535	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.0%
Business Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,054	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800	\$ -	0.0%
Business Equipment	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,696	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	\$ (2,000)	-66.7%
Bank Fees	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,104	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,000	\$ 200	11.1%
<b>Subtotal - Business</b>	<b>\$ 477,418</b>	<b>\$ 446,884</b>	<b>\$ 454,956</b>	<b>\$ 512,731</b>	<b>\$ 57,776</b>	<b>12.7%</b>
Property Services - Custodial	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,758	\$ 4,990	\$ 5,000	\$ 10	0.2%
Property Serv Maint & Repair	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,307	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.0%
Building Rent	\$ 14,800	\$ 14,800	\$ 14,800	\$ 15,540	\$ 740	5.0%
Building Electric	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,979	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 500	14.3%
Building Fuel Oil	\$ 4,200	\$ 2,897	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,750	\$ 250	7.1%
Building Equipment	\$ 500	\$ 300	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.0%
<b>Subtotal of - Operation &amp; Maintainer</b>	<b>\$ 27,400</b>	<b>\$ 29,041</b>	<b>\$ 28,790</b>	<b>\$ 30,290</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
<b>Total Superintendent/Business Office</b>	<b>\$ 878,726</b>	<b>\$ 823,805</b>	<b>\$ 886,199</b>	<b>\$ 893,830</b>	<b>\$ 7,631</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
<b>Overall Increase/decrease %</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ (48,991)</b>	<b>\$ (3)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>	<b>0%</b>

Breakdown	YOY		
	FY 19	FY 20	increase
Salary	\$ 534,304	\$ 541,226	\$ 6,922
Health/Dental Increases-12%	\$ 136,290	\$ 165,785	\$ 29,495
Payroll/RetireBenefits	\$ 71,615	\$ 71,879	\$ 264
GOE*	\$ 143,990	\$ 114,940	\$ (29,050)
	<b>\$ 886,199</b>	<b>\$ 893,830</b>	<b>\$ 7,631</b>

\*General Operating Expenses

# Windham Central Assessment Model Superintendent's Budget

	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 19 % of Assessment	FY 20 % of Assessment
	ADM as of 11/17				
Marlboro School District	90.00	83.00	98.00	9.8%	11.3%
River Valley Education District	155.00	137.00	145.00	16.2%	16.7%
Stratton School District	12.00	18.00	27.00	2.1%	3.1%
West River Education District	609.00	585.00	577.00	69.2%	66.3%
Windham School District	19.00	22.00	23.00	2.6%	2.6%
	<b>885.00</b>	<b>845.00</b>	<b>870.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\$\$ Variance to  
FY 19 Current

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Windham School District	\$ 18,199	\$ 22,227	\$ 23,458	\$ 1,231	5.54%
	\$ 872,525	\$ 879,702	\$ 887,330	\$ 7,628	0.87%

\$	893,830
\$	6,500.00
\$	<b>887,330</b>

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - MARCH 6, 2018**

**Moderator Steven John called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M. and read out the warning:**

The legal voters of the Town of Marlboro, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House of said Marlboro on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. to consider and act upon the following Articles:

He noted that the polls will be open on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the Marlboro Town Office for the purpose of electing by Australian ballot the officers listed in Article 3.

**Article 1. To elect a Moderator for a one year term.**

Steven John nominated by Catharine Hamilton, seconded by Clarence Boston.

Moved by Jonathan Morse and seconded by Daniel MacArthur that the nominations be closed and that the Clerk cast a single ballot.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

***Steven John elected as Moderator for a one year term.***

*Steven John explains that Roberts' Rules of Order is the guiding procedure for the meeting, limit to 2 minutes speaking time and the person making the motion gets to speak first. Amendments to articles procedure: moderator decides if amendment is germane to article. If seconded, debate on amendment, then vote. The Moderator also appointed Justice of the Peace T Hunter Wilson as parliamentarian.*

***Any non-voters asked to show hands.***

**~ Motion made to move to School District meeting ~**

Moved by T Hunter Wilson and seconded by Susan Kunhardt to recess the Town Meeting in order to convene the School District Meeting at 9:15 am

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

**~ Town Meeting reconvened at 10:25 a.m. ~**

**Article 2. To act upon the Auditors' Report.**

So moved by Gail MacArthur, seconded by Clarence Boston.

Discussion:

- Auditor Gail MacArthur spoke about the dedication of the report to former Town Treasurer Volitia Elliott who passed away recently. Gail also pointed to a few reports that came in after publication of the Town Report and their location if voters want to read them.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

***Auditors' Report accepted.***

**Article 3. To elect all town officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting: Select Board, one three-year term; Lister, one three-year term; Auditor, one three-year term; Constable, one one-year term; Grand Juror, one one-year term; Town Agent, one one-year term.**

At the invitation of the Moderator the candidates were named and those present were identified: Jesse Kreitzer for Select Board, Evan Wyse for Lister, Gail MacArthur for Auditor, Clarence E. Boston for Constable, Robert Anderson for Grand Juror & Town Agent.

**Article 4. Shall the voters of the town of Marlboro approve by Australian ballot the Zoning Regulations Revisions as accepted by the Marlboro Select Board. The entire text of said revisions is on file with the Town Clerk and posted on the Town Website at [marlborovt.us](http://marlborovt.us)**

Andrew Richardson asked if there will be any discussion regarding the content of the Zoning Regulations. The Moderator reminded the body that the polls are open from 10 am until 7 pm to vote on this article by Australian Ballot. The Moderator noted the Planning Commission has worked on this for 9 years with numerous public meetings, and voting is what is happening today, not discussion of the details of the Zoning Regulations.

**Article 5. To see if the town will set Friday, October 6, 2018 as the due date for property taxes, payable to the Treasurer.**

Amendment proposed by T Hunter Wilson and seconded by Clarence Boston to change the typo in Article 5 to read Friday, October 5th NOT October 6th, which is a Saturday.

So moved by T Hunter Wilson and seconded by Andy Reichsman.

Amendment accepted by unanimous voice vote.

No discussion.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

***Friday, October 5, 2018 set as due date for property taxes, payable to the Treasurer.***

**Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$275,000 for the General Fund.**

So moved by Pieter van Loon and seconded by Gail MacArthur.

*Select Board members Tyler Gibbons, Pieter van Loon, and Patti Smith take the dais.*

Discussion:

- Tyler thanked Pieter van Loon for his time on the Select Board and Marcia Hamilton for her 12 years as Assistant to the Select Board. Tyler also explained that the Board has hired Lauren MacArthur to fill Marcia's position, beginning after Town Meeting.
- Tyler discussed the moving of the recycling center to the Town Garage, and that we have done very well in terms of the budget. The prior location at the school was misused. Tyler wanted everyone to know that we townspeople are paying for this recycling service and to please be diligent breaking down boxes and crushing containers so each haul is more compact. Thanks were given to David Elliott for keeping the recycling center in good order and for being the point person with our hauler TAM. Some comments from various townspeople.
- Pieter van Loon noted the Animal Control Officer budget is up, and the have hired a new Animal Control Officer Peggy Tiffany, with Pat DeAngelo as backup. Peggy said she would be available via email, text, and phone.
- Erika Korb, the newly appointed Energy Coordinator, introduced herself and detailed some of her plans for collecting ideas on reducing our dependence on fossil fuels as a town.
- Paul Butler asked about dwindling funds coming from the federal government, but the Select Board knew of no changes yet.

- Nancy Anderson asked about salary/wages and how different numbers appear in the report. Treasurer Linda Peters explained that Listers are paid through a reappraisal fund which comes from a different part of the budget than salaries.

Celena Romo made a motion to amend the General Fund amount to \$281,000 thereby allowing the town to spend up to \$6,000 for flashing speed control signs on either side of Marlboro School. Seconded by Nancy Anderson.

- Road Foreman David Elliott was asked if this item should be on the Highway Budget, he said maybe. Treasurer Linda Peters said she thinks it should be in the General Fund.

Discussion:

- Peter Mauss asked if all other means have been exhausted. Celena spoke about background to this proposal.
- Erik von Ranson asked if enforcement could be budgeted for as well. Catherine Hamilton asked if enforcement could be done during school hours. Pieter van Loon stated there is an existing contract for traffic control with the Windham County Sheriff. Michelle Holzapfel said the Sheriff has pulled numerous people over near the end of South Road.
- Brent Seabrook asked about the signs, and Celena responded that they flash your current speed and are solar powered. Carol Brooke-deBock said studies have shown these signs are effective. Clarence Boston said road signage is directed by the VT Department of Transportation and questioned if we should be appropriating money without knowing the details from the State. Pieter van Loon said that the DOT has been contacted by the Select Board. Brian Whitehouse asked if the signage would be impinged by town zoning regulations, Pieter van Loon says no, the signs would be in the State right-of-way and they have the last word.

Amendment to Article 6 passed by unanimous voice vote and added to the General Fund budget.

No further discussion.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

***\$281,000 voted for the General Fund.***

**Article 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$360,000 for town highways, summer and winter maintenance.**

So moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by Allison Turner.

Discussion:

- Moderator Steven John asked why the highway and town budgets are separate. Because its always been done that way (and it is the way the finances are structured) and further David Elliott said the separation helps the town get money for natural disasters.
- Brian Whitehouse asked if the budget has ever been over \$360,000. On Page 8 last year \$391,000 was spent, but that was due to storm damage.
- Auditor Rose Watson praised Treasurer Linda Peters' way of handling the equipment account, which Linda said was the innovation of Volitia Elliott.
- Alice Herrick asked about projects on Augur Hole Road, and David Elliott detailed some of the damage on Lahar and Augur Hole Road from a strong rainstorm this past October.
- Chuck Boardman asked about the blacktop on Augur Hole Rd and explained how it is falling apart. Pieter van Loon detailed how the State paving money is allotted, and that it may be a few years before the funds are released from the State.
- Discussion ended.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

***\$360,000 voted for town highways, summer and winter maintenance.***

**Article 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$10,000 to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. to help defray operating expenses.**

So moved by Andy Reichsman and seconded by T Hunter Wilson.

Discussion:

- Lucy Gratwick stated that the medical calls are more numerous than fires. Allison Turner said this is typical of calls received by a volunteer fire department, and that car accidents are both fire and medical.
- Tyler Gibbons said that he is amazed by great work done the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department for our town, to a round of applause.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

***\$10,000 voted to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. to help defray operating expenses.***

**Article 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$12,380.76 to Rescue, Inc. for services.**

So moved by Allison Turner and seconded by Jesse Lepkoff.

Discussion:

- Allison Turner said Rescue's request is appropriated at a per capita rate for half of our population.
- Peter Mauss wanted to know why the amount in Article 9 and Article 10 are so different and which are two similar services available to the town. Allison spoke briefly to this.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

***\$12,380.76 voted to Rescue, Inc. for services.***

***T Hunter Wilson moved and seconded by Clarence Boston to suspend the rules to allow our State Representative Emily Long to speak to the assembly, who took the dais at 11:16 a.m.***

Questions from the floor for Emily:

- Dan MacArthur stated that Marlboro School lost Title 1 funding, which came as a surprise to Emily. She did not know about this, and stated that she would absolutely look into this issue. It is not a legislative decision and she will check with the Agency of Education, who likely are in control of these funds. Emily will get back to the School Directors.
- Judy Robinson asked about the Special Education funding bill. Emily discussed study results from UMass and DMG (a consulting group). Vermont spends more money on Special Ed than all other states, but why is not clear. Students are clearly benefiting. Changes to the ways funding is handled is needed. Federal funding of special education should be at 40% from the federal government but currently stands at 6%, which is astonishing.
- Jonathan Morse thanked Emily Long and praised our other legislators.
- Rose Watson asked about rank-choice voting and how these changes could be made (as they have been in Minnesota and Australia) and how can we move in that direction in Vermont? Emily agrees, but states she does not know much about it. Grassroots are where these changes have to be made, as has been happening in Maine.
- Casey Deane spoke about his concerns as a high school teacher and seeing increasing societal problems and that children's needs are not being met. Emily states the governor is proposing large cuts to social services, which might make financial sense but will be detrimental to residents with disabilities. Support of working families is very challenging.

- Malcolm Moore asked about the legislature's stance on gun violence. Emily talked about the Extreme Risk legislation which will be taken up in the House and that it was passed by the Senate. The governor has changed direction on his gun stance and now supports some gun restrictions.
- Ashley Bies asked Emily about the Current Use program. He asked about the 25 acre minimum and ways to benefit more landowners. He also discussed the ecological impact of Current Use and logging while conservation is not encouraged. Emily stated that legislators need to look hard at Current Use.
- Paul Butler asked about the changes to education funding such as moving the funding over to income tax as opposed to just property tax alone. Emily said this has just come to her, and she talked about some of the details and acknowledged the complexities.
- T Hunter Wilson asked again about gun violence and spoke to his opinion about the lack of restrictions on buying guns in Vermont which he claims is contributing to the opioid crisis and the fluid exchange of drugs and guns. He wonders if mass shootings in Vermont will happen before more strict rules come into effect.
- Richard Dror asked if all gun owners in Vermont could be part of an organized militia as it was originally written in the Vermont Constitution.

***Moderator calls for lunch recess, to reconvene the meeting at 1 p.m.  
{106 residents in attendance at recess}***

***~ Town Meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m. ~  
{15 voters in attendance}***

**Article 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$1,500.00 to Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. for services.**

So moved by John Dunham and seconded by Jonathan Morse.

No discussion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

***\$1,500 voted to Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. for services.***

**Article 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$1,000 to Grace Cottage Hospital.**

So moved by Dan MacArthur and seconded by T Hunter Wilson .

No discussion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

***\$1,000 voted to Grace Cottage Hospital.***

**Article 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$50 for the support of Green Up Vermont to provide services to residents of the town.**

So moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by Marcia Hamilton.

Discussion :

- Jonathan Morse asked if a larger appropriation would help. Marcia states that the \$50 is what GreenUp Vermont asks for from Marlboro, per population.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

***\$50 voted for the support of Green Up Vermont.***

**Article 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend up to \$3,000 to support the production of the Marlboro Mixer newsletter.**

So moved by T Hunter Wilson and seconded by Linda Peters.

Discussion:

Michelle Holzapfel stated that Meg McCarthy is open to any content for the Mixer and that she is doing an excellent job. Lucy Gratwick proposed that every issue could have a list of volunteer opportunities.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

***\$3,000 voted to Marlboro Mixer newsletter.***

**Article 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$500 to help the American Red Cross, Green Mountain in support of their mission and the work they do in Marlboro and the State of Vermont.**

So moved by T Hunter Wilson and seconded by Mike Andreotta.

Discussion:

- Allison Turner spoke to the American Red Cross policy of not taking blood from gay men, although statistics don't prove that there are problems with blood from gay men.
- Emergency Management Director Mike Andreotta stated that the Red Cross provides a valuable service to the town in emergency situations.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

***\$500 voted to help the American Red Cross, Green Mountain.***

**Article 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,234 for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to residents of the Town.**

So moved by T Hunter Wilson and seconded by Andy Reichsman.

Discussion:

- Jonathan Morse says he has had a mixed reaction to SeVEDS and questions the money that is spent, so he is skeptical, but will vote for the article.
- Mike Andreotta stated that he gave SeVEDS a hard time at the last meeting, but went to meet with them and was impressed.
- Kristin Brooks of SeVEDS spoke about how they support organizations in the area, and the internship programs they facilitate in local high schools. SoVT Young Professionals Gala was recently well attended, and continuing to try to keep young people in this area. The work they do is innovative and they are working hard to promote economic development in Windham County.
- Clarence Boston believes economic development should be in the hands of the State, not this way.
- Paul Butler thinks that SeVEDS have been doing good work along with BDCC.
- Funding is \$3 per person.

Motion passed by voice vote with one nay.

***\$3,234 voted for the purpose of supporting Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) activities.***

**Article 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend the sum of \$9,929 for the following social service agencies:**

Brattleboro Area Hospice Inc.	\$ 250.00
The Current	\$ 250.00
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$ 500.00
Gathering Place for Adult Day Services	\$ 500.00
Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center	\$ 230.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont	\$1,050.00
Marlboro Cares	\$ 400.00
Senior Solutions	\$ 400.00
Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc.	\$ 970.00
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH	\$3,179.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$1,200.00
Youth Services	\$1,000.00

So moved T Hunter Wilson and seconded by Tyler Gibbons.

Discussion:

- Lauren Poster asked what the Current is (a public busline), and discussion followed of the nature of public transportation in Marlboro.
- Jean Boardman spoke about the inadequacy of public transportation in this area.
- Robin MacArthur spoke about the public transportation aspect of the following Article 17.
- Susan Kunhardt asked about the social services which appear in the above report and whether or not they have submitted a report.
- Brian Whitehouse asked about the appropriation for Marlboro Cares, which is a town organization, but is under the auspices of the Marlboro Alliance.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

***\$9,929 voted for the social service agencies listed above.***

**Article 17. To see if the town will adopt the following advisory resolution:**

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

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

**Now, therefore be it resolved:**

- 1. That the registered voters of the Town urge the State of Vermont to:**
  - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including, but not limited to, oil or gas pipelines;**
  - b. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy by 2050 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,**
  - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents;**
- 2. That, the voters of the Town ask that the Town do its part by committing to efforts such as, but not limited to:**
  - a. Protecting town lands from future fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any oil or gas pipelines crossing town lands;**
  - b. Weatherizing town buildings and schools where needed to make them as energy efficient as possible;**
  - c. Installing roof-top solar on town and school buildings, where it is appropriate to do so;**
    - d. Phasing out the use of fossil fuels to heat town buildings;**
  - e. Fostering infrastructure to support low carbon forms of transport, including biking and walking, ride shares and public transportation;**
    - f. Giving renewable energy options priority when renovating Town buildings;**
  - g. Phasing out fossil fuel powered town vehicles and replacing them with renewable energy powered vehicles.**

**And in furtherance of this resolution let the Town Clerk send copies of it with a record of the voting and certified with the official seal of the Town to the governor and lieutenant governor.**

So moved by John Dunham and seconded by Ashley Bies.

Discussion:

- John Dunham discussed the increased incidence of strong storms and the long way to go to meet the 90% renewable goal. He hopes that we are willing to improve our own usage in Marlboro, to work with the Energy Coordinator on town owned buildings, and also to support residents on achieving those goals.
- Mike Andreotta states that he does not agree on all of the points of the article and discussed how the recent natural disasters have shown that electric cars at this time do not provide enough to make this a safe alternative in our location.

Judy Robinson proposed an amendment to Article 17, seconded by Eugen Bernhard. The amendment reads as follows:

h. To actively pursue the participation of disproportionately affected populations in Marlboro in decision making on needs and potential benefits, due to geographic isolation and vulnerability to extreme weather, race, or income status.

Amendment to amendment proposed by T Hunter Wilson to remove specifics and simplify.

Brief discussion followed.

Michael Boylen called the question on the amendment, seconded by Nancy Anderson.

Voting on amendment to the amendment which removed the language after “due...”

Division of the house.

In favor 14  
Against 17

Amendment to amendment defeated.

Tyler Gibbons proposed the following amendment to the original amendment, seconded by Jonathan Morse.

h. To actively pursue the participation of disproportionately affected populations in Marlboro in decision making on needs and potential benefits, including but not limited to geographic isolation, vulnerability to extreme weather, race, or income status.

Discussion:

- Erika Korb Energy Coordinator stated she is in favor of the amendment but hopes people will come out to meetings to help follow through.

Amendment passed by unanimous voice vote and will now be included in Article 17 Section 2.

Discussion:

- Paul Butler spoke for supporting the Article as a whole.
- Robin MacArthur spoke to say the article is advisory and that much work will be needed to done to advance these goals.

A new amendment proposed by Ashley Bies to change Article 17 in two places to read:

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

And

**c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents and the future of biodiversity;**

So voted by unanimous voice vote, amendment is passed.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

*The town adopted the advisory resolution, the amended language to now read:*

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

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

**Now, therefore be it resolved:**

**1. That the registered voters of the Town urge the State of Vermont to:**

**a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including, but not limited to, oil or gas pipelines;**

- b. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy by 2050 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
  - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents and the future of biodiversity;
2. That, the voters of the Town ask that the Town do its part by committing to efforts such as, but not limited to:
- a. Protecting town lands from future fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any oil or gas pipelines crossing town lands;
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    - f. Giving renewable energy options priority when renovating Town buildings;
  - g. Phasing out fossil fuel powered town vehicles and replacing them with renewable energy powered vehicles.
  - h. To actively pursue the participation of disproportionately affected populations in Marlboro in decision making on needs and potential benefits, including but not limited to geographic isolation and vulnerability due to extreme weather, race or income status.

**And in furtherance of this resolution let the Town Clerk send copies of it with a record of the voting and certified with the official seal of the Town to the governor and lieutenant governor.**

**Article 18. To see if the voters of the Town of Marlboro will authorize the town to borrow funds in anticipation of tax revenue.**

So moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by Andy Reichsman.

No discussion.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

***The Town of Marlboro will authorize the town to borrow funds in anticipation of tax revenue.***

**Article 21. To discuss any other nonbinding business.**

- Clarence Boston asks that the Select Board should advise the State to make Town Meeting Day a state holiday.
  - Allison Turner stated that she hopes people will put up very clearly written 911 numbers on their driveways as many are not easily read.
  - Woody Bernhard asked about the banner stating Civil Rights For All, and if it should be left up or taken down. Marcia Hamilton stated the Church is fine with having it up.
  - Jean Boardman spoke about the need for more volunteers for the Development Review Board.
- **Moved to adjourn by Clarence Boston, seconded by Francie Marbury at 2:24 p.m.**

Subject to additions and revisions presented which may come up after the posting date, according to law.

Forrest Holzapfel, Marlboro Town Clerk

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT~  
MINUTES ~  
SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING - MARCH 6, 2018**

**Moderator Steven John called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM and read out the warning:**

The legal voters of the Town School District of Marlboro, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House of said Marlboro on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 9:10 AM to consider and act upon the following Articles:

**Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a one year term.**

Steven John nominated by Rachel Boyden and seconded by Clarence Boston.

So moved by Lucy Gratwick and seconded by Robert Elliott that the nominations be closed, and that the Clerk cast a single ballot.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

*Steven John elected Moderator for a one-year term.*

**Article 2: To elect : One (1) School Director for a three-year term ending 2021.  
Two (2) School Directors for one-year terms ending 2019.**

Steven John noted the polls will be open on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm in the Marlboro Town Office for the purpose of electing the above School Director positions by Australian Ballot.

**Article 3: To compensate the Directors of the Marlboro School District \$500 each.**

*The School Directors Douglas Korb (Chair), Celena Romo, Dan MacArthur, & Lauren Poster take the dais.*

So moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by Susan Kunhardt.

No discussion followed.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

***Compensation for School Board members set at \$500/year each.***

**Article 4: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow in anticipation of revenue.**

So moved by Andrea Howe and seconded by Rachel Boyden.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

***School Directors are authorized to borrow in anticipation of revenue.***

**Article 5: "Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District approve the school board to expend \$2,614,368.00 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year." It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,369 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.2% higher than spending for the current year.**

So moved by Tyler Gibbons and seconded by T Hunter Wilson .

Discussion followed:

- Chair Douglas Korb stated that Wayne Kermenski was hired as new principal last year, and discussed the following details from the report: page 64 expenditure up 1.24% because the school lost Title 1 funding (allotted federal money, but the State of Vermont decides who get this funding, and schools under 100 pupils no longer qualify). On page 72 Doug noted the per pupil cost up 2.77%, as the Common Level of Appraisal went from 100.44% down to 97.82%, which increases the projected tax rate (but the rate may go down with reappraisal).
- Wayne stood up for discussion of changes to the early education programming in town, and explained the time was right for the transition from the long-running private Meetinghouse Preschool to having the program incorporated into Marlboro School. The early ed program would be for 4 year olds (5 full days), and for 3 year olds (4 half days). The new programming will enlarge opportunities for the children and will be a benefit for all parents of small children.
- Andy Horton asked if families out of town will be able to tuition in children? Wayne says yes.
- Patty Webster asked if the programming will be primarily school readiness? Wayne said that there will be emphasis on outdoor play but rigorous learning nonetheless.
- Steve Giard asked if 4 year olds will be riding the bus? Yes, bussing will begin that way and then assess how it works.
- Gail MacArthur asked about the play equipment at Meetinghouse, and if it will be available for the new program and Wayne responded that yes it will be moved to MES.
- Evan Wyse asked about what changes are to be made in the school layout and Wayne detailed how the classrooms will be set up. There will be two dedicated classrooms, one for the 3-4 years olds and one for kindergarten with two dedicated teachers with assistants.
- Celena Romo stated that she will be asking the town to add flashing speed signs on both sides of Route 9 to help calm traffic near Marlboro School, especially as buses are pulling out. The Board would like this to not affect the school budget. David Elliott said the signs should be ok'ed by the State since it is a State road.

Douglas Korb proposed an amendment to correct an error in the warned language of Article 5, seconded by T Hunter Wilson. The amendment is proposed as

- **This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.77% higher than spending for the current year.**  
Doug referenced Page 72 line 27 in the town report.
- Edie Thomas asked what an equalized pupil is, it was explained by Celena Romo.
- Paul Butler asked if moving the preschool change the town's equalized pupil cost? Doug answered that all students are still counted either way.
- Paul Butler asked how does the town's equalized pupil cost relate to surrounding towns? Doug replied that per pupil costs are around \$200 lower in Townsend, but that both Dummerston and Putney are higher per pupil by a couple hundred of dollars. Wayne says if we put the Title 1 funding back in, \$17,061 would be our per pupil cost.
- Lauren Poster is upset that the Title 1 seems like a penalization for small schools, and this change was imposed by the Vermont Agency of Education, Rebecca Holcolmbe is the Secretary of Education.

Moderator Steven John returned discussion to the amendment and explained the correction to the percentage change to per pupil cost once again for clarification, from 1.2% to 2.77%.

Amendment so voted by unanimous voice vote, the amended Article 5 in full:

**Article 5: "Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District approve the school board to expend \$2,614,368.00 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year." It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending**

**of \$17,369 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.77% higher than spending for the current year.**

Back to general discussion of Article 5.

- Patty Webster asked what is Title 1, which was explained by Wayne Kermenski. The Small Schools Grant is still in place.
- Jonathan Morse asked that we all discuss the Title 1 issue with our legislators.
- Susan Kunhardt asked about the Title 1 teacher Christine Moyer who is retiring, and Wayne stated that adjustments have been made to staffing while holding the budget steady.
- Gail MacArthur asked about the large increase in insurance on p 61, near the top. Doug and Wayne said there is a 10% increase statewide right off the bat and some changes to individual plans.
- Richard Dror asked about how the school is doing with Act 46. Dan MacArthur said it is still unfolding across the state. Round of applause for the School Directors.
- Paul Butler detailed how well the school has done over the last 30 years and made comments from a 1980's era town report and how it relates to cost of living etc over those years.
- Judy Robinson commented on retiring Title 1 teacher Christine Moyer and her excellence, and feels this is a loss for the school.
- Rose Watson asked about staffing. Junior High teacher Rachel Boyden replied that Christine's position will be a bit over half-filled.

Moderator reiterated the change to the article language.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

***The voters of the Marlboro School District approved the school board to expend \$2,614,368 for the ensuing fiscal year.***

**Article 6: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes.**

So moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by T Hunter Wilson.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

***School Directors are authorized to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes.***

**Article 7: To transact any other legal business that may come before the Meeting.**

So moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by T Hunter Wilson.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

***School Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.***

Forrest Holzapfel, Marlboro Town Clerk





# LIST OF SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR ASSISTANCE TO MARLBORO RESIDENTS

## **Senior Solutions – Senior Help-Line 1-800-642-5119**

- The Senior Help-Line is a toll-free information and assistance resource for people aged 60 and older.
- Professional staff members can answer your questions and put you in touch with the resources you need to stay at home safely and comfortably.
- Meals on Wheels is available for persons unable to prepare a meal due to health or other reasons.
- Case Managers provide in-depth consultation with seniors, their families, and their caregivers to help identify and take advantage of programs to support their well-being and independence.
- Support Services are available to assist with questions about paying for prescription drugs, food, heating costs, home care services, legal services, health insurance, or respite care.
- Transportation issues can be assessed and solutions can be found.

## **Marlboro Cares Assistance Line – 258-3030**

- A local non-emergency phone service for Marlboro Residents in need of assistance.
- Messages can be left by someone needing a ride to an appointment, a prescription picked up, a simple handyman task performed, and errand run, or a referral to other agencies.
- Staff monitor the phone once a day and find volunteers to provide assistance.

## **Vermont 2-1-1**

- An information and referral program of the United Ways of Vermont – just dial 2-1-1.
- Helps to solve problems and links callers through Vermont with governmental programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local resources.
- More than 3,500 services are listed in the 2-1-1 database.

## **The Current – 888-869-6287**

- Funded by Federal and State monies.
- Will provide free transportation for Medicaid recipients or anyone over 60. Up to one ride per week.
- Medical rides only. Need 48 hours advanced notice.
- Serves Marlboro.

## **The MOOver – 464-8487**

- Funded by Federal and State monies; Serves Marlboro along Route 9.
- The trademark buses sport a Holstein motif. The MOOver is free.
- They provide year-round deviated fixed route and demand-response services. Deviations are available up to 1/4 of a mile upon request at least 24 hours advance. To request a deviation call us at (802) 464-8487.

## **Front Porch Forum -- [FrontPorchForum.com](http://FrontPorchForum.com).**

- Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state.

