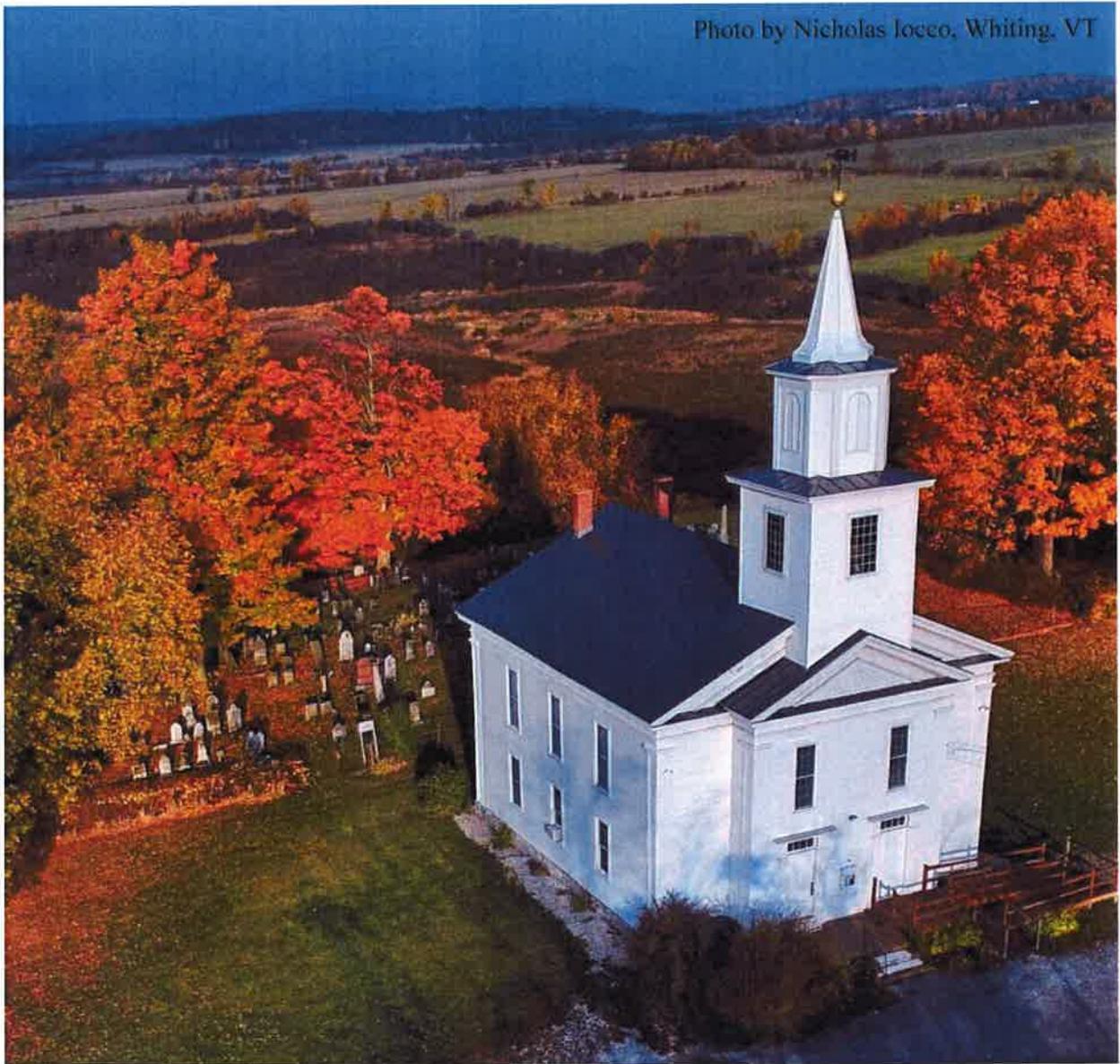


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DEDICATION OF TOWN REPORT



The Auditors of the Town of Whiting are pleased to dedicated this Town Report to Ellen Kurrelmeyer.

Ellen has been an integral part of our town since she and John moved here in 1996. These are just a few of the many things that Ellen (and John) has accomplished in the years in our town. Ellen was first elected to the Select Board in 2004, and became the Chair in 2010. In her years on the Board she has seen her share of complicated issues and difficult projects and has handled them all with grace and dignity. She wrote a grant to have WCAX attend the New Firehouse Opening and a grant for the Town Hall Lighting. Ellen has also been an Auditor (2003), the Town Moderator (2008-2014), the School Moderator (2005-2016), and a member of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (1999-present) where she has been an Executive Board member and the Chair of the Act 250 committee. Since 1997 Ellen has been the Whiting Representative to the Otter Valley Union High School. During her time on the board she has been the Chair of the Principal committee and the Chair of the Finance committee. Ellen and John have organized and run the Legislative Breakfasts in Whiting from 2002 to present. This breakfast has been a way for we as townspeople to get to know our representatives but also for others to know where Whiting is on the map

We all remember Ellen at the counter of the town post office. She was there at the window to greet us from 1998 to 2015. Always ready to help with a question you had or she would just ask how you are doing and really care about your answer. Ellen taught Art at Whiting Christian School from 1997-2005 in the Whiting Community Church building. Here she used her degrees in art to teach the young people of our town how to really see what was in front of them, the angles and depths of a building, the colors and contrasts in a tree, it was a real gift she gave the students. Ellen and John together ran the Bulwagga Books bookstore in town from 1996-2016. This book store was a focal point for many visitors into town and especially bicyclists on their ride up route 30.

We thank her for all the countless hours spent writing reports and letters, attending meetings and planning events, and for her commitment and dedication to making this Town a better place for all of us.

Thank you, Ellen.

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WHITING TOWN OFFICIALS

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS	<u>Term Expires</u>	APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS	<u>Term Expires</u>
Auditors			
Rani Fallon	2019	Forest Fire Warden	
Marcia King	2017	Delwin Fielder	2017
Elizabeth Curran	2018	Regional Planning Representative	
		Ellen Kurrelmeyer	2017
Delinquent Tax Collector			
Marilyn Chicoine	2017	Regional Planning Alternate	
		Gary Freeguard	2017
First Constable			
Michael Dame	2017	Town Health Officer	
		Jeanne Lamoureux	2017
Second Constable			
Rusty Brigham	2017	Planning Commission	
Justices of the Peace			
Gloria Bertrand	2 years - 2019	Steve Quenneville, Chair	3 years - 2019
Elizabeth Curran	2 years - 2019	Heather Bouchard	3 years - 2018
Stacey Freeguard	2 years - 2019	Mike Wilbur	2 years - 2017
Carolyn Schmidt	2 years - 2019	Bob Wood	3 years - 2017
Grace Simonds	2 years - 2019	Beverly Freeguard	3 years - 2017
Library Trustees			
Heather Mattison	3 years - 2019	Solid Waste Representative	
Jaime Quenneville	2 years - 2019	Carolyn Schmidt	2017
John Travis	3 years - 2017	Solid Waste Alternate	
Tammy Wilbur	3 years - 2017	Eric Zuesse	2017
Tara Trudo	2 years - 2017	Town Service Officer	
		Grace Simonds	2017
Listers			
Dennis Ethridge	2018	Fence Viewers	
Elizabeth Curran	2019	Delwin Fielder	2017
Stacey Freeguard	2017	Gerald Quenneville	2017
		Juanita Hornbeck	2017
Moderator - Town			
Ellen Kurrelmeyer	2017	Town Hall Custodian	
		Tammy Wilbur	2017
Road Commissioner			
Paul Quesnel	2017	Green Up Chairman	
		Rebecca Bertrand	2017
Selectboard			
Bob Wood, Chair	2018	Zoning Administrator	
Steve Quenneville	2017	Kate Briggs	2017
Ellen Kurrelmeyer	2019	Zoning Board of Adjustment	
		Steve Quenneville, Chair	3 years - 2017
Town Agent			
Grace Simonds	2017	Heather Bouchard	3 years - 2018
		Gary Freeguard	3 years - 2017
		Beverly Freeguard	3 years - 2018
		Mike Wilbur	3 years - 2019
Town Juror			
Grace Simonds	2017		
Town Clerk			
Gale Quenneville	2017		
Town Treasurer			
Gale Quenneville	2017		
Board of Civil Authority			
Town Clerk			
Selectboard			
Justices of the Peace			

Cemetery Board	
Grace Simonds	
Beverly Freeguard	
Emergency Management Coordinator	
Larry Wilbur	
State Representative	
Alyson Eastman	
State Senators Addison/Rutland District 1	
Claire Ayer	
Harold Giard	

Who's Who in Local Government

Roles of Elected and Appointed Officers

Supplied by the Vermont Secretary of State's Office

Auditor (elected)

Review and audit all town accounts and prepare the annual town report. Should be very detail oriented. Good writing skills are a plus.

Cemetery Commissioner (elected)

Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. If no cemetery commissioners are elected, the selectboard fulfills this role.

Collector of Current Taxes

A town must vote to have the Town Manager or Town Treasurer to collect current taxes. If the town fails to vote, then the Town Constable becomes the collector of current taxes.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

A town must vote to authorize the selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes, who may be the Town Manager or Town Treasurer. If a town fails to vote, then the Town Constable becomes the collector of delinquent taxes.

Constable (elected)

In some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all powers of search, seizure, and arrest within the town. In other towns, the constable only has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and, if the first constable, to collect taxes, if no tax collector is elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts.

Fence Viewers (appointed)

Three viewers are appointed by the selectboard each year. When called upon, they examine fences and other boundaries within the town.

Grand Juror (elected)

Helps to prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the town by giving information to state and local law enforcement. (Generally not a very active position.)

Health Officer (appointed)

Appointed by the commissioner of health to a three-year term after recommendation by the town selectboard. Enforces the rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.

Justices of the Peace (elected)

Although elected by a town, justices of the peace are actually county officers. For more information, see the Justice of the Peace Handbook. The duties of justices of the peace can fall into five categories of responsibilities: elections, tax abatement and appeals, marriages and civil unions, oaths and notary, and magistrate.

Listers (elected)

Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm, and not be oversensitive to criticism.

Moderator (elected)

Runs the annual and special town/school meeting. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Roberts Rules of Order.

Planning Commissioners (appointed or elected)

Appointed unless town votes to elect. Duties include preparing a municipal plan; making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation; and participating in a

regional planning program. Makes site plan and subdivision permit decisions unless there is a development review board in town. Should have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.

Regional Planning Commission Representative (appointed)

Helps develop the regional plan and assess municipal land use plans.

Road Commissioners (elected or appointed)

Can be elected or appointed. Has no independent authority, but can assist the selectboard in overseeing town highways at the request of the board. Should have experience with town highways and be a good communicator.

Selectboard Members (elected)

General supervision and control over town; enacts ordinances, regulations, and policies for town; oversees town property and personnel; prepares, presents and manages budget; and oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing, and reclassifying roads. Sits as local board of health, liquor control commission, and sewer commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin.

Town Agent (elected)

The town agent used to prosecute and defend suits. The selectboard now has that authority. Thus, the town agent's duty consists merely of assisting when litigation is in progress, at the request of the selectboard. (Generally not a very active position.)

Town Clerk (elected)

Records, preserves, and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, marriage, civil union, and hunting and fishing licenses; as well as motor vehicle renewals. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the board of civil authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town.

Town Forest Fire Warden (appointed)

Appointed by the fire commissioner with the approval of the selectboard. Prevents forest fires in the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires.

Town Services Officer (appointed)

Appointed on or before April 15th of each year. Assists individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel, or shelter assistance when the Vermont Department of Social Welfare is not available.

Town Treasurer (elected)

Keeps the town and school's accounts (unless a separate school treasurer is elected), invests money (with the approval of the legislative body), keeps a record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him or her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.

Town Tree Warden (appointed)

Plans and implements a shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public places. Removes diseased, dying, or dead trees; which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs.

Zoning Administrator (appointed)

Appointed by the planning commission with the approval of the selectboard. Approves or denies applications for zoning permits. Administers the municipal bylaws literally. Enforces regulations pertaining to the zoning ordinance.

Zoning Board of Adjustment or Development Review Board Members (appointed)

Holds hearings and makes decisions on land use permit applications and appeals from decisions of the zoning administrator.

AUDITOR'S REPORT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

We the undersigned and Auditors of the Town of Whiting, VT, hereby certify we have examined the accounts for the town officers to the best of our ability and make the following statement of assets and liabilities for the year 2016.

GENERAL TOWN FUNDS

Assets:

Checking Acct -----	\$16,731.15
Orwell Savings Acct -----	\$153.51
Equipment Fund -----	\$12,040.65
Uncollected Taxes -----	\$33,211.17
Town Office and Contents -----	\$86,887.00
Town Hall and Contents -----	\$518,609.00
Library and Contents -----	\$97,526.00
Old School -----	\$20,335.00
Sand/Salt Shed -----	\$71,708.00
Grader Purchased in 1997 -----	\$32,200.00
Truck Purchased in 1987 -----	\$62,000.00
Loader Purchased in 2002 -----	\$89,000.00
International Truck Purchased in 2015 -----	\$74,043.00
Town Garage and Contents -----	\$17,487.00
Recycling Shed -----	\$17,227.00
Fire Station -----	\$219,752.00
Sexton Fund-CD#2011 -----	\$16,952.83

Equipment Fund:

Balance Forward January 2016 -----	\$46.65
Checkbook Fees -----	-\$6.00
Deposited from Town -----	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
	\$12,040.65

Rani Fallon, Marcia King, Elizabeth Curran

Tax Rates

	2015	2016
Homestead Education	\$1.484	\$1.413
Municipal Rate	\$0.532	\$0.477
Total Homestead Rate	\$2.016	\$1.890
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Non-Residential Rate	\$2.389	\$1.990
Municipal Rate	\$0.532	\$0.477
Total Non-Residential Rate	\$2.921	\$2.467



TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER REPORT

After 3 years as Town Clerk I still find it is fascinating and enjoyable and I do look forward to coming into the office each week. It has been and is my absolute pleasure to serve as your Town Clerk and Treasurer.

I would like to thank Julie Delphia, who has been a wonderful mentor to me as Town Clerk. I also have a large network of clerks and treasurers to connect with and learn from.

This year has been one of continued organization. I have done some rearranging of our vault and arranging of the office. There is still plenty to do on that front, and hopefully 2017 will allow for more of these projects.

In January of 2016 I began recording all land records on the NEMRC land record system (on the computer) instead of recording each by hand. This has allowed for greater accuracy, both in recording and in the filing of these records. There are other programs available for Town Clerk on the computer through NEMRC and I hope to incorporate those in the next few years.

I have also switched the land record book size from ledger to legal size paper which makes the records both easier to read and to photocopy. This change will also allow us to use the existing racks, in our already crowded safe, for a longer period of time as the books now take up only half the space on a shelf.

Don't forget Dog Registrations are due April 1st. That is a Saturday, so I will accept them on Monday April 3rd, 2017 without late fees. Taxes are due -in hand- December 1st, which is a Friday. The office will be open that day to accept payments.

Lastly, I want to join the town in thanking Ellen Kurrelmeyer for all her hard work and dedication for the Town of Whiting. She is a valuable asset and has been a great supporter and resource for me.

Thank you all for your support!

Gale Quenneville, Town Clerk and Treasurer

DATES TO REMEMBER

Town Meeting: Tuesday, March 7th 7:00pm, at the Town Hall

Rabies Clinic: Thursday, March 23rd, 5:30 – 6:30pm, at the Fire House

Dog Registration: Due by April 1st (I will accept through Monday, April 3rd, 2017.)

Green Up Day: Saturday, May 6th, 2017

Taxes Due (in hand): Friday, December 1st, 2017





Treasurer's Report with the General Fund

Beginning balance:

General Fund-----\$85,619.46

RECEIPTS

Current Land Use ----- \$37,758.00
Current Taxes 2016----- \$460,726.63
Del Taxes 2013----- \$1,360.10
Del Taxes 2014----- \$1,367.15
Del Taxes 2015----- \$14,625.92
Del Taxes 2016----- \$20,821.56
Dog Licenses ----- \$995.00
Interest Income ----- \$847.06
Lister's Training ----- \$1,853.00
Municipal Tax Adjustment ----- \$13,644.33
Office Receipts ----- \$5,449.48
Permits----- \$275.00
Pilot Program ----- \$332.51
State Aid for Highways ----- \$34,151.91
State Parcel Payment ----- \$218.00
Town Hall Rent ----- \$105.00
Traffic Tickets----- \$21,575.85
Webster Books ----- \$23.50
Donations Veteran's Plaque ----- \$2,300.00
Reimbursement for 911 Dispatch----- \$1,241.95
OV Vote ----- \$520.00
State of VT Paving Grant----- \$133,188.92
Total Receipts ----- \$753,380.87

DISBURSED

Building Budget----- \$10,184.54
Appropriations Budget ----- \$5,058.50
County Budget ----- \$10,373.46
Insurance Budget----- \$15,383.50
Misc Budget ----- \$230.00
Taxes to School District----- \$325,065.61
Road Budget ----- \$286,932.27
Salary Budget----- \$45,378.77
Social Services Budget----- \$3,800.00
Town Office Budget----- \$10,769.82
Public Safety----- \$48,892.71
Listers Budget ----- \$390.00
Line of Credit Orwell Bank Repay ----- \$50,000.00
Tax Sale Escrow Repayment----- \$9,810.00
Total Disbursed ----- \$822,269.18

Ending Balance----- \$16,731.15



Whiting Board of Selectmen's 2016 Report

This past year, 2016, has been one of significant change, for our country and our town. After Thanksgiving, Ellen Kurrelmeyer resigned as Chair of the Whiting Selectmen. Bob Wood has taken over as Chair and Steve Quenneville remains a Selectman and Chair of the Town Planning Commission. Bob and Steve invited three townspeople to come interview for the post of Interim Selectman. Afterwards, they invited Tara Trudo to join them until Town Meeting when the office of Selectman will be nominated and voted on by the whole town. Ellen will continue to serve the town as our Delegate to the Addison County Regional Planning Commission, and help out on town planning issues.

On November 12th, at a lovely ceremony and reception, the Whiting Veterans' Plaque was dedicated at the Town Hall. One of the resident's present, Victor Quesnel, spoke movingly about some of the names on the plaque – soldiers he had grown up with. The bronze plaque looks beautiful on the Town Hall wall, which has a brownish hue from the local gravel the blocks were cast from. It is easily seen and admired from Route 30 as you pass by. Names may still be added – if you know of someone who may have been missed. Mary Pepe and Elizabeth Curran put in many hours of work to get this project completed. Thank you.

The Town of Whiting now has a website! We are in the process of deciding which documents to post, like the Town Plan, Zoning Regulations, Warnings, for meetings – and agendas. In addition, minutes from meetings will be posted, forms and permits that townspeople may need. The website address is: www.WhitingVT.com

We are still working with the Town Planning Commission on our new Town Plan. We have been delayed because the State has just passed new energy planning laws with requirements for Regional and Town Plans. We wanted to include these with our new plan. Because we currently have no plan, the Selectmen have just passed an Ordinance for siting alternative energy and commercial projects in town. This was to have been included in our plan – and will be – but we are trying to protect the town from further poorly sited projects such as the 2 acres, 500Kw on the corner of Sawyer-Needham and Leicester-Whiting Roads. We are still fighting this project, and have requested a hearing in Montpelier with the Public Service Board. The town will have to hire an aesthetics expert to prepare testimony for this hearing. Adam Lougee from Addison Country Regional Planning Commission will appear on our behalf.

Budget and tax rates – as promised, our school tax rate went down last year from the incentives we received for voting and consolidating into one school district. In exchange, we no longer have any real say in or control over how the school will be run. We did have a shortfall in our Town budget. The Veterans' Plaque cost more than anticipated, the Listers had extra hours to attend trainings and catch up on work that had been piling up, and we incurred costs for the website design. These items should not have put us over budget, but we had a high amount of delinquent taxes. We never know when – or if – delinquent taxes will be paid, and every calendar year there is a percentage of taxes that don't get paid. We will not include all delinquent taxes not yet collected in our budgeted income for 2017. As well, last year's budgeted income included the Municipal Tax Adjustment; this money is part of the total taxes collected – not an income item. These items will have the effect of raising the amount to be collected for 2017 [especially since we did not have our usual positive balance, or "carry forward"] and requiring a higher rate for town taxes.

Submitted by Steve Quenneville on behalf of Selectmen Bob Wood and Tara Trudo.



Steve Quenneville

Town of Whiting 3 Year Budget

	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Balance Forward	\$12,628.09	\$11,028.83	\$85,619.46	\$85,619.46	\$16,731.15
Income					
Current Land Use	25,000.00	33,023.00	25,000.00	37,758.00	30,000.00
Current Taxes 2015		538,215.36		0.00	
Current Taxes 2016		0.00		460,726.63	
Del Taxes in Escrow		5,874.73			
Del Taxes for 2013		1,279.62		1,360.10	
Del Taxes for 2014	18,283.00	23,876.87	123.00	1,367.15	
Del Taxes for 2015	800.00	3,085.43	22,675.00	14,625.92	
Del Taxes for 2016		0.00		20,821.56	15,000.00
Dispatching Service Reimb		0.00		1,241.95	
Dog Licenses/Fines	1,000.00	1,139.00	1,000.00	995.00	1,000.00
Insurance Audit Return		1,789.50		0.00	
Interest Income		63.80		19.14	
Liquor License	70.00				
Lister's Training Income	400.00	385.16	385.00	1,853.00	1,853.00
Loan First Nat'l Bank of Orwell		50,000.00			
Municipal Tax Adjustment	3,000.00	14,377.58	8,700.00	13,644.33	
Office Receipts	4,000.00	3,168.25	3,500.00	5,449.48	5,000.00
OV Vote Reimbursement	450.00	0.00	1,350.00	520.00	520.00
Permits	150.00	370.00	200.00	275.00	250.00
Pilot Program	300.00	384.54	300.00	332.51	300.00
State Aid for Highways	34,500.00	34,168.83	34,000.00	34,151.91	34,000.00
State Parcel Payment	2,050.00	1,685.84	2,050.00	218.00	218.00
Town Hall Rent	250.00	25.00	250.00	105.00	110.00
Traffic Tickets	18,000.00	24,613.07	18,000.00	21,575.85	19,000.00
Veteran's Mem. Plaque Donations		0.00		2,300.00	
Whiting Books	50.00	3.00		23.50	
Total Income	\$120,931.09	\$748,557.41	\$203,152.46	\$704,983.49	\$123,982.15
Expense					
Appropriations					
Green Up	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Humane Society	950.00	632.50	650.00	550.00	550.00
Library	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
MVAA		0.00	1,047.50	1,047.50	1,047.50
VLCT Dues	1,325.00	1,423.00	1,411.00	1,411.00	1,458.00
Whiting Cemetery Assoc.	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$3,325.00	\$4,105.50	\$5,158.50	\$5,058.50	\$5,105.50

Town of Whiting 3 Year Budget

	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
Buildings Budget					
Buildings Fund	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Buildings Repairs	1,000.00	961.40	1,000.00	3,020.21	1,500.00
Buildings Supplies	1,000.00	0.00	400.00	122.95	400.00
Electric Town Hall	1,000.00	936.90	1,000.00	1,005.55	1,000.00
Electric Town Office	750.00	617.35	600.00	726.50	750.00
Electric Town Shed	500.00	566.20	500.00	464.63	500.00
Grounds Care	1,300.00	1,950.00	1,300.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
Heating Fuel Town Hall	1,800.00	733.44	1,000.00	677.07	500.00
Heating Fuel Town Office	750.00	310.11	750.00	57.41	500.00
Heating Fuel Town Shed	1,500.00	1,188.63	1,200.00	109.85	1,000.00
Municipal Water	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Street Lights	900.00	715.16	750.00	750.37	650.00
Total Buildings Budget	\$14,300.00	\$9,279.19	\$12,300.00	\$10,184.54	\$11,550.00
County Budget					
Add. Cty Court House Tax	\$1,500.00	\$719.12	\$1,500.00	\$2,155.63	\$1,500.00
Addison Cty Reg. Planning	465.00	505.20	518.00	517.83	522.00
Town Plan Update	0.00	0.00	7,700.00	7,700.00	3,500.00
Total County Budget	\$1,965.00	\$1,224.32	\$9,718.00	\$10,373.46	\$5,522.00
Insurance Expense					
Town Liability	\$8,402.00	\$13,170.00		\$7,993.50	
Workmens Comp		1,062.00		269.00	
Insurance Expense - Other		0.00	14,400.00	7,121.00	16,000.00
Total Insurance Expense	\$8,402.00	\$14,232.00	\$14,400.00	\$15,383.50	\$16,000.00
Listers Budget					
Listers Supplies	\$500.00	\$453.81	\$500.00	\$265.00	\$265.00
Listers Training	0.00	0.00	300.00	125.00	300.00
Total Listers Budget	\$500.00	\$453.81	\$800.00	\$390.00	\$565.00
Other					
Bank Service Charge		\$0.00		\$30.00	
Line of Credit FNBO			50,000.00	50,000.00	
Misc Select Board Expense		0.00		200.00	
Total Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,230.00	
Payroll					
Assistant Town Clerk	\$1,000.00	\$660.00	\$700.00	\$367.50	\$600.00
Auditors	1,500.00	1,083.75	1,500.00	3,071.25	3,000.00
Clerk of Select Board	250.00	250.00	227.50	227.50	0.00
Del Tax Collecting Fees	1,525.00	3,471.89	1,815.00	1,750.82	
Election Ballot Clerks	200.00	686.36	1,000.00	1,300.00	700.00

Town of Whiting 3 Year Budget

	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
Election Counting	200.00		200.00		0.00
Election Justice of Peace	200.00	140.00	800.00	1,032.50	0.00
Election Set Up	20.00	339.45	450.00	497.33	0.00
Election Travel	20.00	30.00	40.00	20.00	0.00
Listers Hours	1,500.00	225.00	500.00	6,930.00	7,800.00
Listers Support	200.00	200.00	227.50	227.50	0.00
Payroll Expenses					
FICA	6,500.00	3,120.57	3,600.00	3,646.75	3,600.00
Payroll Expenses – Other	500.00	492.12		712.27	
Selectboard	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Town Clerk	12,500.00	10,470.00	12,500.00	12,700.00	12,900.00
Town Clerk Ins. Stipend	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Town Hall Custodian	500.00	500.00	500.00	626.00	1,200.00
Treasurer	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Zoning Administrator	780.00	396.00	800.00	700.00	800.00
Zoning Support	200.00	200.00	227.50	227.50	0.00
Total Payroll	\$38,995.00	\$33,665.14	\$36,487.50	\$45,436.92	\$42,000.00
Public Safety					
911 Call Contract	\$2,000.00	\$224.62	\$1,000.00	\$2,483.90	\$2,500.00
Dog Registration Fees	0.00	267.69	300.00	88.38	300.00
Dog Warden	100.00	0.00	100.00		100.00
Fire Department	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Fire Inspection	200.00	382.15	300.00	118.05	150.00
First Response	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Recycling	3,600.00	3,837.10	3,960.00	4,448.60	3,960.00
Sheriff's Patrol	12,000.00	14,842.54	18,000.00	16,882.15	18,000.00
Veteran's Memorial Plaque	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,297.63	300.00
Whiting Tees and Hats	0.00	0.00	0.00	74.00	200.00
Total Public Safety	\$35,400.00	\$37,054.10	\$41,160.00	\$48,892.71	\$43,010.00
Road Budget					
Brush Removal-Labor	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$900.00	\$1,200.00
Capital Const.-Paving	60,000.00	\$62,117.48	60,000.00	69,015.24	60,000.00
Chloride	10,000.00	5,107.80	10,000.00	4,060.00	0.00
Diesel	6,000.00	4,392.91	5,000.00	3,197.12	4,000.00
Ditching-Labor	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00		1,000.00
Equipment Parts	3,500.00	3,216.22	3,500.00	157.62	3,500.00
Equipment Repairs	2,500.00	5,202.18	5,000.00	10,986.25	5,000.00
Equipment Replacement	12,000.00	14,300.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Equipment Signs	500.00	1,544.70	2,500.00	1,368.98	1,500.00
Equipment Supplies	2,000.00	667.05	2,000.00	620.35	1,500.00
Highway Drug Test	50.00	0.00	50.00		50.00

Town of Whiting 3 Year Budget

	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
Liquid Chloride					10,000.00
Road Comm. Education	100.00	0.00	100.00		100.00
Road Gravel	20,000.00	17,580.56	20,000.00	18,565.18	20,000.00
Road Labor	15,000.00	12,790.50	15,000.00	9,134.80	15,000.00
Road Salt	15,000.00	10,437.81	11,000.00	7,039.50	11,000.00
Road Winter Sand	10,000.00	2,947.95	10,000.00	3,867.12	10,000.00
Roadside Mowing-Labor	6,000.00	4,017.00	6,000.00	4,095.00	5,000.00
Trucking	20,000.00	8,585.00	16,000.00	11,900.00	16,000.00
Whiting Road Meeting	0.00	0.00	450.00	448.45	450.00
Total Road Budget	\$185,650.00	\$152,907.16	\$184,100.00	\$157,355.61	\$177,300.00
Social Services Budget					
United Way	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Whiting Food Shelf	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Whiting Little League	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Total Social Serv. Budget	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
Taxes to School District		\$399,543.27		\$355,235.94	\$30,170.33
Town Office Budget					
Advertising Mtgs/Tax Sales	\$200.00	\$596.77	\$600.00	\$184.40	\$600.00
Computer Repairs	500.00	1,294.12	1,300.00	747.39	750.00
Copier Maintenance	200.00	281.76	300.00	388.51	400.00
Custodian	240.00	260.00	227.50	0.00	0.00
Interest Expense	0.00	35.86	0.00	1,698.54	2,000.00
Land Record Book Repairs	750.00	756.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Fees	250.00	74.00	700.00	861.83	7,000.00
Office Furniture	1,400.00	0.00	500.00	631.75	0.00
Office Repairs	450.00	0.00	450.00		450.00
Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,974.65	2,000.00	3,035.89	3,000.00
Telephone Fax and DSL	900.00	963.63	1,000.00	1,091.76	1,000.00
Town Report	750.00	34.00	100.00	31.00	100.00
Training-Town Clerk/Treasurer	375.00	402.50	400.00	366.00	400.00
Training-Town Officers	0.00	100.00	100.00	331.00	300.00
Website Expenses		0.00	0.00	1,401.75	900.00
Total Town Office Budget	\$8,015.00	\$6,773.46	\$7,677.50	\$10,769.82	\$16,900.00
<u>Total Expense</u>	\$300,252.00	\$662,937.95	\$365,601.50	\$713,111.00	\$351,922.83
<u>To Be Raised By Taxes</u>	\$179,320.91		\$162,449.04		\$227,940.68

Delinquent Tax Report

If you know you will not be able to pay your property taxes before the due date, please contact me. I will help you set up a monthly payment, making sure the full amount will be paid before the next year's tax is due. In extreme cases, there are other ways that I may help you. I am available any time by phone, (802)623-8611, or at my home. All 2016 accounts balanced using proper accounting procedures.

Respectfully,

Marilyn Chicoine, Delinquent Tax Collector

2014 Delinquent Tax List

006-017 -----	\$48.24
006-054 -----	\$38.66
006-065 -----	\$58.87
Total 2014 -----	\$145.77

2015 Delinquent Tax List

001-016 -----	\$8,232.37
004-016 -----	\$59.33
006-017 -----	\$61.60
006-054 -----	\$44.25
003-021 -----	\$60.67
006-065 -----	\$60.18
Total 2015 -----	\$8,518.40

2016 Delinquent Tax List

001-016 -----	\$5,035.59
004-016 -----	\$1,433.51
003-034 -----	\$3,243.68
001-013 -----	\$518.53
005-024 -----	\$4,489.58
005-038 -----	\$2,982.22
006-055 -----	\$119.29
006-017 -----	\$49.88
006-054 -----	\$36.86
006-043 -----	\$938.57
003-021 -----	\$49.88
001-010 -----	\$579.08
005-005 -----	\$3,984.24
006-065 -----	\$138.80
001-053 -----	\$52.65
006-033 -----	\$122.37
Total 2016 -----	\$23,774.73

Grand Total ----- \$32,438.90

*Per Vermont Statute 32 V.S.A. 3102. Confidentiality of tax records.

Vital Statistics

Births

Jacob Lawrence Quesnel born to Andrea and Cody Quesnel
Anoki James Thompson Jr. born to Stephanie Morrill and Anoki Thompson
Colin Michael Compagna born to Leanna and Michael Compagna
Hazel Lou Tucker born to Margaret Smithson and Lawrence Tucker

Deaths

Belle Stokes Senecal
Madeline Grace Denis
Edward J. Hornbeck
Nathan Zuses
Terry Louise Flynn

Marriages

-no marriages recorded in Whiting in 2016



DOG REGISTRATION

Income		Expenses	
Female Spayed	\$372.00	State Fees	\$140.00
Male Neutered	\$316.00	Animal Cont. Officer	\$0.00
Female	\$157.00	Dog Tags	\$83.38
Male	\$111.00		
Late Fees	\$50.00		
Total Income	\$1,006.00	Total Expenses	\$223.38

All dogs must be registered by April 3, 2017
Spayed/Neutered Dogs \$11
Unspayed/Unneutered Dogs \$15



ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT 2016

- 2 standard permits for new construction
- 2 applications to the ZBA for setback waivers
- 1 notification of intention to construct an agricultural building
- 2 applications for changes of use (permitted)
- 2 letters attesting to no known zoning violations

In the past year the Planning Commission has worked with Addison County Regional Planning in updating the Whiting Town Plan and in identifying areas in which the Zoning Bylaws should be revised.

The Whiting Select board has approved a revised fee schedule for zoning applications. Copies can be obtained from the Town Clerk. Almost all land development in Vermont requires State and or local permits. Land development includes construction, alteration of a structure, demolition, subdivision, and changes in use. Please contact me before beginning a project (kate_briggs@msn.com or 247-5305).

Kate Briggs, Whiting Zoning Administrator

ROAD COMMISIONERS REPORT 2016

Welcome to a New Year! As of the last day of January we have not had much snow but a lot of rain, sleet and ice. The roads have not been frozen only for short periods causing some muddy areas and pot holes. Please be patient. This year we will be changing to Liquid Chloride and hoping for good results.

Tree cutting on the south end of Town is almost complete. We then will start on the north end of Town.

Thank you for your continued support

Paul Quesnel, Road Commissioner



LISTER'S REPORT 2016

Both our CLA of 107.28 and our COD of 7.85 are GREAT.

What do these number mean?

The **Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)** for tax purposes in 2016 was 107.28. Having the CLA greater than 100% results in a downward adjustment of tax rates. The **Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)** for 2016 was 7.85. A COD over 20 necessitates a reappraisal, so we are doing very well. This number measures how fairly distributed the property tax is in our town.

The Listers had 35 changes of appraisal. We had 14 informal meetings with property owners about their property values. There were 6 formal grievances with 1 going to the BCA.

The Town of Whiting has contracted with NEMRC to produce new up-to-date Tax Maps.

The Listers attended many classes and trainings this year. With all the changes to Current Use we had several classes that we were required to attend, we also had State PVR instructional courses and computer classes about updates to our data system that we attended. The Listers job requires more time than in previous years and this year we have submitted a budget to the Select Board.

The Lister office hours are Mondays 4-7pm at the Town Clerk's office.

The Lister Board: Stacey Freeguard, Chair
 Dennis Ethridge
 Elizabeth Curran, Secretary



Town of Whiting

2016 Whiting Library Trustee Report

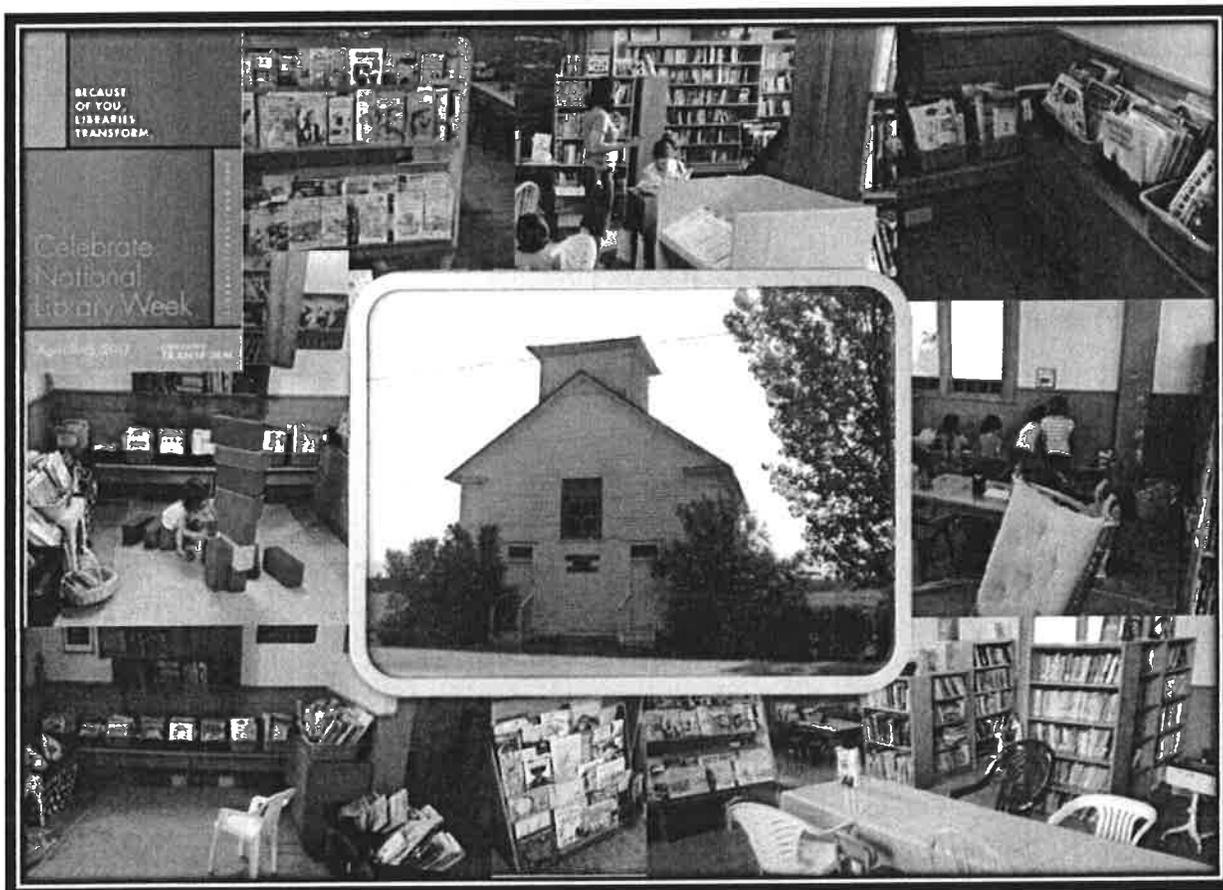
In 2016 the library was open on Saturdays from May through the end of October. There was a weekly story time on Wednesdays from June through the beginning of August. We found that the Wednesday summer story time was very popular with many Whiting families that have young children. These families attended almost every week and this story time has become a social time for these families and children. We as trustees, have seen this story time as an opportunity to build on the feeling of community for these families. On October 22th we also had a fall event attended by over 50 people with crafts, snacks, and some Halloween stories.

The trustees are trying to update the library; we purchased new books and some new shelving this year. See our budget below.

In the coming year, we are hoping to explore, with the town, a way to maintain the building. We also hope to build our selection of books for all ages and some of our materials for children. Currently we are looking for new or slightly used easy reader books and Legos. We are always looking for donations of books that are recently published and for volunteers to help at the library.

Budget:

Starting Balance 2016	\$2,817.08
Receipts	\$2,000.00
Expenses	
Summer Program / Fall Party Expenses	\$238.16
Equipment / Furniture	\$559.24
Supplies	\$59.40
Books	\$267.54
Total Expenses	\$1,124.34
Ending Balance	\$3,692.74



THE WHITING CEMETERIES

There are three cemeteries in Whiting. One in the center of town behind the Whiting Community Church, one south of town behind the Wilbur Sugar House and off the North Road at the north of Whiting. The one behind the church is the one that is used. The other two have not been used in many years. The one in the south of town had 7 people buried there. One couple was moved to the center of town by an ancestor. The north one, nothing is known about it.

As of January 2017, there are almost 1,000 stones in the cemetery. There are two parts of the cemetery; the north part and the south part. The south part is the oldest one but there is still room for more to be buried in it.

We have a lot of plots for sale at \$200 per plot. Our Sexton is Gary Stanley from Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon. Our president is Beverly Freeguard. Our secretary/Treasurer is Grace Simonds.

At present, we are looking for someone to mow and trim the cemetery for 2017. If anyone has any interest, contact either Bev or Grace.

We also have some stones that need to be repaired. Paperwork is being prepared to apply for a grant from the Vermont Old Cemetery Association. We have had several grants from them over the years.

At the present time, we have two certificates in the total amount of around \$15,000. We are in need of repairs to the fence as well as clearing away of the stump that is there.

For more information of the cemetery, please contact either Bev at 623-8033 or Grace at 623-7811.

WHITING FOOD SHELF 2016

The Whiting Food Shelf is a ministry of the Whiting Community Church. We are in the church at 74 N Main St. We are open for coffee hour at 1:00pm and 1:30pm to 3:00pm for the food shelf on Mondays.

In 2016 we served 10 towns besides Whiting. We served 54 families for a total of 1640 people. We did special boxes for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We run completely on donations. 100% of the money goes back to restock the shelves. We accept donations of food and paper products as well as money.

Thank you to the Town of Whiting and other organizations and individuals for their donations.

If you have any questions or needs, please call Beverly Freeguard, Director of the Whiting Food Shelf at 623-8033.



2016 TOWN HALL REPORT

The Whiting Town Hall was used a total of 136 times this past year, four times for rent by area residents and 132 times for use by non-profit organizations. These organizations include: The Whiting Volunteer Fire Department, Whiting Elementary School, FOWS, Whiting Cloverleaves 4-H club, Silverhooves 4-H club, and the Bone Builders group. The tables and chairs were used outside the town hall 3 times, twice for rent and once by a non-profit organization. If you have any questions, please call Tammy Wilbur at 623-7862.

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

14 Seminary Street Middlebury, VT 05753 www.acrpc.org Phone: 802.388.3141 Fax: 802.388.0038

Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2016

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2016 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning municipal government.
- Represented the region in the Act 250 process and at the Public Service Board in Section 248 hearings.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops, Zoning Administrators Roundtables and monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County's Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning efforts.
- Hosted "Local Emergency Managers Roundtables" to provide coordination among members.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted in development of hazard mitigation plans for the towns of Cornwall, Bridport, Middlebury, Leicester, Ferrisburgh, Monkton, and Panton
- Confirmed ERAF status and assisted communities in attaining compliance.

Energy Planning:

- Assisted towns in strengthening their energy plans by adding concrete goals, strategies and policies for solar siting.
- Participated as a member of the Governor's Solar Siting Committee
- Worked with the legislature to help craft Act 174, providing more voice to municipal plans in the Section 248 process.

Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's work on regional priorities and municipal planning studies.
- Supported Addison County Transit Resources by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce highway structures inventories of all local roads in the region.
- Performed traffic counts and safety inventories on unsignalized intersections for several municipalities.
- Assisted Towns with enhancement, park and ride and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for town sidewalk construction projects.
- Sponsored town transportation studies, planning and supported municipal capital budget development

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support forest stewardship resource planning.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.
- Provided educational outreach regarding the Vermont Clean Water Act

Addison ~ Bridport ~ Bristol ~ Cornwall ~ Ferrisburgh ~ Goshen ~ Leicester
Lincoln ~ Middlebury ~ Monkton ~ New Haven ~ Orwell ~ Panton ~ Ripton
Salisbury ~ Shoreham ~ Starksboro ~ Vergennes ~ Waltham ~ Weybridge ~ Whiting



Addison County
Regional Planning Commission

WHITING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

We began the year with a checkbook balance of \$3,208.45 and \$28,682.72 in our savings account. We had an income of \$34,618.16. Our expenses for the year were \$31,546.57. We ended the year with \$4,963.25 in the checkbook and \$30,719.54 in the savings account as of December 31, 2016.

The expenses breakdown is as follows:

Raffle	\$1,500.00
Truck Repair	3,979.62
Utilities	1,746.32
Insurance	11,674.00
New Equipment & Repairs	5,112.08
ACFA/VSFA	1,516.00
Miscellaneous	1,610.70
Gas & Oil	2,162.46
<u>Building</u>	<u>2,445.49</u>
TOTAL	\$31,546.57

Our income was from the following sources:

Town of Whiting	\$15,000.00
Town of Sudbury	12,000.00
50/50 Raffle	2,978.00
Coin Drop	1,617.00
Donations	2,275.16
<u>Memory Tree</u>	<u>748.00</u>
TOTAL	\$34,618.16

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 2017

Insurance	\$15,000.00
Raffle Payments	1,800.00
Utilities	2,000.00
Gas & Oil	3,000.00
Maintenance of Buildings	600.00
Maintenance of Trucks	4,000.00
Dues and Fees	1,600.00
New Equipment	4,000.00
Memory Tree	500.00
Auction	1,000.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$36,000.00

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 2017

Town of Whiting	\$15,000.00
Town of Sudbury	12,000.00
50/50 Raffle	3,600.00
Coin Drop	1,300.00
Memory Tree	700.00
Auction	7,000.00
<u>Donations</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$41,100.00

Thank you to all the townspeople for their continued support. I would also like to thank all members for their time and support. We are in the process of looking to replace some of our aging vehicles and equipment this year that are not reflected in the expenses listed above. This year we will be having our bi-annual auction.

Your present firemen are:

Mike Wilbur, Chief	Greg Kokinis, Training Officer	Larry Wilbur
Gary Freeguard, Assistant Chief	Stacey Freeguard, Secretary/Treasurer	Bob Wood
Steve White, Assistant Chief	Jonathan Ashley	Jake Emmons, Life Member
Tom Bouchard, Captain	Randy Bertrand	<u>Cadets:</u> Justin Anderson,
Brian Denis, Captain	David Bilodeau	Ethan Doty, Avery Thurston.
Cody Quesnel, Captain	Randy Denis	Dalton Wilke
Austin Quesnel, Training Officer	Chris Manfredi	
Nicholas Iocco, Training Officer	Lawrence Quesnel	

If you have a problem or question other than a fire, please call me personally at 989-1722. Please do not use the fire number except in emergencies. Call 911 for emergencies in our area for fire, medical or police to respond.

Thank you for your support.
Respectfully submitted,
Mike Wilbur, Chief

WHITING FIRST RESPONSE

2016 Report

This year has been a very successful year for our squad. Our members have completed all the updated requirements for the Vermont State EMS standards. We are very dedicated to the towns of Whiting and Sudbury, as well as being available as mutual aid for many of the surrounding towns. Our transport agencies are Middlebury Regional EMS and Brandon Area Rescue Squad.

Once again, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your continued support in our efforts to provide a professional service for our communities. We are always looking for new members, and encourage anyone that is interested to give us a call or stop by to see us. We meet the 3rd Monday at 7pm (business meeting) and the 4th Monday at 7pm (Training). Our meetings are held at the Whiting Fire Station.

Head of Services – Rick Iffland (EMT) 802-236-1469

Vice President – Keith Hartline (EMT)

Secretary – Tammy Wilbur (EMT)

Treasurer – Marie Berry (EMT)

Training Officers – Larry Wilbur (EMT) and Tammy Wilbur (EMT)

Health Officer – Laura Dame (RN)

Safety Officer – Bob Wood

District Board Representative – Keith Hartline (EMT)

Members – Cody Quesnel and Avery Thurston

2016 Accounting – Whiting First Response

Balance Forward 2016: \$14,834.83

INCOME 2016

Donations	\$100.00
Interest	18.03
Sudbury	2,000.00
Whiting	2,500.00
Total	\$4,618.03

EXPENSES 2016

Medical	\$883.32
Training	1,097.42
Vehicle	5,000.00
Maintenance	650.75
Registration	57.80
Checks	17.17
Transfer Fee	2.00
Total	\$7,708.46

Beginning Balance 2016	\$14,834.83
Income	4,618.03
Total	19,452.86
Expenses	<7,708.46>
Balance Forward for 2017	\$11,744.40

WHITING TRIVIA

[How well do you know your town?]



1. Name the neighboring town without looking at a map.
2. Why is Whiting called Whiting?
3. Where is the geographic center of town?
4. Where were the earliest Town Meetings in Whiting held?
5. What was the first cash crop that the early settlers of Whiting had?
6. What is the population of Whiting? (*US Census, 2010*)
7. What is the median household income? (*Census, 2009-2013*)
8. What is "Jack Wax"?
9. How many stone are in the Whiting Cemetery behind the Church?
10. How many cemeteries are in Whiting?
11. How many times per month does the Fire Department meet? First Response? Select Board?
12. How many individuals did the Whiting Food Shelf serve in 2016?
13. Name 2 things the Whiting Library is looking for this year.
14. What was the name of the first road built by the settlers in Whiting?
15. How much does it cost to register a spayed/neutered dog before April 1st?

ADDISON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST SCHEDULE FOR 2017

[Please note that this year we will meet on **2 Saturdays** for breakfast.]

SPONSORED BY: BRIDPORT GRANGE # 303 and ADDISON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

02/06/17	GRANGE HALL	BRIDPORT
02/13/17	AMERICAN LEGION	MIDDLEBURY
02/18/17	(Saturday) PARISH HALL - KING ST.	VERGENNES
02/27/17	TOWN HALL	WHITING
03/04/17	(Saturday) AMERICAN LEGION	BRISTOL
03/13/17	PRATT MEM. LIBRARY - 279 MAIN ST.	SHOREHAM
03/20/17	AMERICAN LEGION - GOVERNOR'S BREAKFAST	MIDDLEBURY
03/27/17	CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - MAPLE ST.	SALISBURY
04/03/17	AG LUNCH – GRANGE HALL	BRIDPORT
04/10/17	CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	WEYBRIDGE
04/17/17	AMERICAN LEGION	BRISTOL
04/24/17	PARISH HALL - KING ST.	VERGENNES
06/05/17	GRANGE HALL	BRIDPORT



BREAKFASTS START AT 7:00 AM PROGRAM BEGINS AT 7:30 AM AND ENDS AT 8:45 AM
LUNCHEONS BEGIN AT 12:00PM AND END AT 1:45 PM

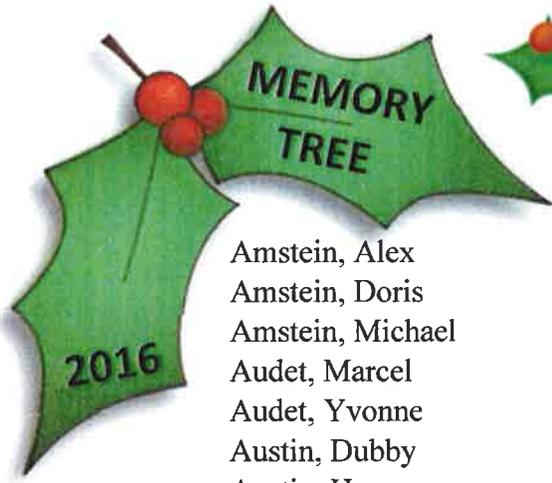
PURCHASE OF BREAKFAST NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND BUT HELPS OUR HOSTS TO DEFRAY THE COST OF OPENING THEIR HALL

Supported by: Addison County Chamber of Commerce and Addison County Regional Planning

Thank you, James Morse

Answers: (1) Cornwall, Salisbury, Shoreham, Leicester, Orwell, Brandon, Sudbury (2) It is named after the 5 Whiting brothers named: Captain Nathaniel, Eliphaz, Asa, John, and Lewis. (3) It is 0.19 North of the 4 corners up routes 30 just to the left of the road, N 43° 52' W 73° 12' (4) They were held in different family's homes. * (5) Potash * (6) 419 (7) \$51,071 (8) Sugar-on-snow, and it was eaten at maple sugar parties by the early settlers * (9) Almost 1,000, see *cemetery report* (10) 3 (11) They all meet twice a month, see *inside back cover* (12) 1640, see *food shelf report* (13) slightly used easy readers, Lego's, recently published books, volunteers, see *library trustee report* (14) Old Proprietors Road * (15) \$11, see *dog report*

*This information taken from the book "Our Whiting" written by Harold and Elizabeth Webster, available for sale at the Town Clerks office for \$5.00.



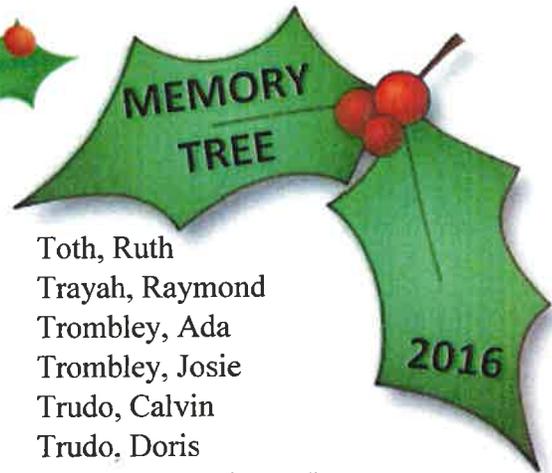
MEMORY
TREE

2016

Amstein, Alex
Amstein, Doris
Amstein, Michael
Audet, Marcel
Audet, Yvonne
Austin, Dubby
Austin, Herman
Austion, Cookie
Baker, Cushman
Baker, Ellen
Baker, Julius
Baker, Marg
Baker, Nellie
Baker, Russell
Baldwin, Cynthia
Baldwin, Russell
Baldwin, Wayne
Bertrand, Louise
Bilodeau, Aristide
Bilodeau, Gaston
Bilodeau, Germain
Bilodeau, Justin
Bilodeau, Louise
Bilodeau, Michael
Bilodeau, Pauline
Bilodeau, Pierre
Birchmore, Clarence
Birchmore, Elise
Birchmore, Floyd
Birchmore, Luke
Birchmore, Raymond
Bordeleau, Pierre
Bratz, Amy
Breen, Richard
Brookman, Hugnette
Bryant, Robert
Bull, Lola
Burke, Betty
Butterfield, Marie
Cameron, Barbara
Cameron, Charles

Capek, Michelle
Capek, Stanley
Charron, Dennis
Charron, Dick
Charron, Estelle
Charron, Lucien
Charron, Richard
Chartrand Family
Chicoine, Jacques
Chief Birchmore
Clancy, Nancy
Coe, Pete
Condon, Elizabeth
Condon, Stephen
Conlin, Betty
Cota, Arthur
Cota, Vera
Crane, Olive Baldwin
Cunningham, Alberta
Currier, Grace
Currier, Wayne
Curtis, Patty
Davis, Rita
Davison, Ray
Denis, Alberta
Denis, Alphonse
Denis, Laurence
Denis, Madeline
Denis, Paul
Denis, Raymond
Denis, Thomas
DeRepentigny deceased
DeRepentigny, Debbie
DeRepentigny, Leo
Dupoise, David
Dupoise, Marilyn
Dutil, Rick
Eagan, Patrick
Elliot, Charlotte
Ethier Family
Fedore, Julie
Flynn, Terry
Fontaine, Leonard
Foster, Robert

Freeguard, Angel
Freeguard, Anthony
Freeguard, Casey
Gallant, Brian
Gallant, Samantha
Gariepy, Nancy
Gee, Albert R.
Gee, Edward A.
Gee, Phyllis H
Gifford, Marie Seguin
Gosliga, Gerardus
Gosliga, Grace
Grandchamp, Vicky
Grandma Dee
Grandpa Floyd
Grandpa Wilbur
Greene, Bryan
Greene, Ed
Hagan, John
Hagan, Marjorie
Heath, Beatrice
Heath, Floyd
Herbert Charles
Herbert, Doug
Herbert, Gordon
Herbert, Mary
Hetzl, Gunther
Hetzl, Theresa
Hogan, Beth
Hogan, Elizabeth
Hornbeck, Charles
Hornbeck, Danny
Hornbeck, Ed
Hornbeck, Edward
Hornbeck, Marie
James, Kelly
James, Vivian
Keeler, Martin
Keeler, Olivia
Kerr, Sherry
Ketcham, Brock
Kimball, Vera I.
Kimball, Wallace G.
LaDuc, Hilda



**MEMORY
TREE**

2016

LaDuc, Reginald
Lamoureux, August
Lamoureux, Helene
Lamoureux, Marie
Lamoureux, Real
Lamoureux, Tristan
Langeway, Kathy
Leno, Clayton
Leno, Darlene
Leno, Emery
Leno, Ethel
Leno, Grandma
Lincoln, Jeanne
Litch, Josh
Little, Christa
Little, Christa Quenneville
Marcelle, David
McCarthy, Archie
McCarthy, Grace
McGough, Athanasia
McGough, Ruth Bishop
McIntyre, Bonnie
McIntyre, Danny
McIntyre, Earl
Morin, Ryan
Munger, Floyd
Munger, Lucy
Naylor, Darwin
Naylor, Sarah
Newton, Bernard
Palmer, Ethel
Phillion, Joe
Pidgeon, George
Pidgeon, Herbert
Pidgeon, Liz
Pidgeon, Paul
Pidgeon, Paul Jr.
Pidgeon, Stella
Piela, Alphonse
Piela, Gertrude
Quenneville deceased
Quenneville, Ashley
Quenneville, Christa
Quenneville, Claudette

Quenneville, Guy
Quenneville, Hughette
Quenneville, Janet
Quenneville, Jean Guy
Quenneville, Lucille
Quenneville, Roger
Quenneville, Romeo
Quenneville, Vincent
Quesnel, Alice
Quesnel, Clara
Quesnel, Dominique
Quinn, Tristan
Quinn, Tristan S.D.
Raleigh, Mike "BigRed"
Rawson deceased
Rawson, Carroll
Rawson, Curtis
Rawson, Curtis M.
Rawson, Margaret
Rawson, Robert
Reeve, Karen
Roorda, Garry S.
Roorda, Gary
Sabatini, Karen
Salino, Barbara
Sampson, James
Sanderson, Pete
Sanderson, Sandy
Seguin, Aime
Seguin, Alban
Seguin, Dorothy
Seguin, Gracia
Simonds, Frances
Simonds, Rich
Simonds, Richard
Smith, Jason
Stevens, David
Stevens, Elise
Stevens, Evelyn
Stevens, Harold
Stevens, Richard
Taylor, Bill
The Whittemores
Tobin, Francis "Tobe"

Toth, Ruth
Trayah, Raymond
Trombley, Ada
Trombley, Josie
Trudo, Calvin
Trudo, Doris
Tucker, Donald "Pop"
Turpin, Paul
Wadsworth, Bo
Wadsworth, Dick
Walker, David
Warren, Howard
Warren, Howard Sr.
Wetmore, Brian
Wetmore, Donald
Wetmore, Hazel
Wetmore, Pete
Wilbur Family
Wilbur, Annette
Wilbur, Robert
Williams, Ben
Williams, Lillian
Wimmet, Arlene
Wood, Roy Weaver
Young, Bruce
Young, Rosalind

**Worcester, MA Firefighters
who died Dec. 3rd, 1999:**

Paul A. Brotherton
Joseph P. McGuirk
Timothy P. Jackson
Jeremiah M. Lucy
James F. Lyons
LT. Thomas Spencer

**In Memory of Past
Whiting Fire Chiefs:**

Clayton Sawtelle
Laurence Denis
Bill Palmer
Clarence Birchmore

DEFEAT **RABIES** - Fight with **Facts**

Rabies Kills

animals and people!



Vermont

25-50 animals/year positive for rabies

Around the world



Rabies kills 1 person every 10 minutes

RECOGNIZE RABIES

VT rabies cases since 2011:



PREVENT RABIES



Vaccinate your animals!

Avoid any weird-acting animals - then tell an adult!

TALK to your doctor if you get bitten by an animal or wake up to find a bat in your house.



ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 20 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT. The public is invited to attend.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333

Fax: (802) 388-0271

Website: www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswwmd@acswwmd.org

Transfer Station Hours: M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

HazWaste Center Hours: M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The **Reuse It or Lose It!** Centers are open for accepting reusable household goods and building materials. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

2016 Highlights

Act 148. The District has devoted most of its resources in 2016 toward public outreach in preparation for expansion of leaf & yard debris in 2016 and food scrap collection in 2017. One of the first tasks in 2016 was to survey all District residents and businesses to gather valuable feedback on their general awareness and understanding of solid waste services offered in our member towns. We received 1,513 responses and were encouraged by both the number and quality of responses. Thanks to everyone who took the time and effort to share their thoughts with us! The survey will be repeated five years from now to measure any changes in awareness levels, with a goal toward increasing awareness as a result of our outreach efforts. District staff spent months gathering data for the first annual Implementation Report required by its SWIP. The District has also assisted haulers, member towns and businesses in implementing the new deadlines of Act 148. As of 7/1/16, all commercial waste haulers had to begin offering collection of leaf & yard debris, at least seasonally. A statewide landfill ban also took effect on 7/1/16 for leaf & yard debris and clean wood. **Product Stewardship.** As a member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, the District has helped to lead efforts to adopt new extended producer responsibility (EPR) laws for electronic waste (E-Waste), fluorescent light bulbs, and waste paint, whereby manufacturers of those materials take over the costs of transporting and recycling their products once they are no longer wanted. In 2015, Vermont made history by becoming the first state in the U.S. to enact an EPR recycling law for primary cell batteries. Single-use household battery manufacturers that sell or manufacture their products in Vermont were required to plan, implement and manage a statewide battery collection program by 1/1/16. The District Transfer Station is a Collector under this program. **Recycling.** As of September, the Transfer Station received 1,270 tons of single stream recyclables. All generators are required by District ordinance and State law to separate Mandated Recyclables from their waste. A list of Mandated Recyclables is posted on the District website. In 2016, 19 member municipalities had access to town or private recycling drop-off centers, and one – Goshen – provided a curbside program. A list of the drop-off centers can be found on the District website. **Illegal Burning/Disposal.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. As of 9/1/16, the Sheriff's office investigated 25 illegal burning/disposal complaints. The District served once again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, Vermont's annual litter clean-up event. The District subsidized the disposal of 13.44 tons of roadside trash, 7.29 tons of tires, 11 auto batteries, 2 fluorescent bulbs, 28 E-Waste items, and 5 appliances, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$2,882.

2017 Budget

The District adopted a 2017 Annual Budget of \$2,989,316, a 6% increase over the 2016 Annual Budget. The Transfer Station tip fees will remain at \$123/ton for MSW and C&D. The District Fee of \$33.40/ton on all waste destined for disposal, and \$10/ton on contaminated soils approved by ANR for use as Alternative Daily Cover at the landfill will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2017.** For a copy of the full 2016 Annual Report, please give us a call, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

MONEY DONATED TO UNITED WAY

The Town of Whiting requested that the money we donated to the United Way would be specifically divide among the following agencies. We donated a total of \$1975.00.

ACTR (Addison County Regional Transit) \$213.00

Our Mission is to enhance the economic, social and environmental health of the region by providing community transportation services that are safe, reliable, accessible and affordable for everyone. Our Vision is to be the leading transportation alternative for all county residents and visitors.

Addison Count Parent Child Center \$425.00

The mission of the Addison County Parent/Child Center is to provide support and education to families and assure that our community is one in which all young children get off to the right start with the opportunity to grow up healthy, happy and productive.

ACRJS (Addison County Restorative Justice Services) \$128.00

Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Projects, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing restorative justice programs to the residents of Addison County. Our goals are to provide an opportunity for offenders and youth at risk to fully appreciate the impact that their offenses and inappropriate behaviors have had and to develop empathy for victims and the community. Participants are also given a chance to repair some of the harm caused by their actions and to build the skills necessary to avoid future involvement with the juvenile or criminal justice system.

CSAC (Counseling Services of Addison County) \$128.00

The Counseling Service of Addison County is committed to promoting stable and safe communities by helping people live emotionally healthy and satisfying lives. We strive to provide the best mental health, substance abuse, and developmental services to improve the quality of life for all community members. We work collaboratively with community organizations to help individuals and families achieve maximum wellness.

Elderly Services \$170.00

Project Independence, the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elderly Services is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, we offer your elderly loved one a unique combination of safety and security along with the warmth and comfort of home in a beautiful setting.

HOPE (ACCAG, Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects) \$425.00

HOPE is your locally controlled, locally funded poverty relief organization. We have been serving Addison County since 1965, with a broad range of programs and services. HOPE's purpose is not just to administer its own programs, but to anticipate unmet and emerging needs, and to work with others to create a response. Our Vision is that all people in Addison County have access to the tools and resources necessary to meet their own basic needs.

Hospice Volunteer Services \$211.00

Hospice Volunteer Services is a not-for-profit agency committed to offering care and support to those in our community facing the end of life or grieving the death of a loved one. Our mission includes educating the community on dying, death, and bereavement.

2017 TOWN ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont is to strengthen the development of a regional economy by promoting safe, efficient and stable housing, and community projects through education, technical assistance, and financial services. NWWVT strengthens our communities, one home at a time.

We work to help Vermonters become educated about finances and the homebuying process, find homes to purchase, get the loans they need to buy homes, and renovate their existing homes to make them more livable and cost-efficient. We offer financial coaching; homebuyer education; home repair services to address health and safety issues; HEAT Squad energy efficiency services; and affordable loans for mortgages, home repair, energy upgrades, and down payment assistance. We believe that homeownership supports people and families in living healthy and stable lives.

2016 has been quite a productive year for NeighborWorks of Western Vermont.

- 416 low-cost, comprehensive Energy Audits were completed on buildings, showing home and business owners potential ways to save money on their utility bills; 69 Energy loans were issued to help homeowners upgrade their homes to be more energy efficient
- 30 Down Payment Assistance Loans were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier without costly Private Mortgage Insurance
- 41 Rehab Loans were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes
- 195 homebuyers attended a nationally-certified Homebuyer Education Course
- NWWVT assisted 15 households in finding their dream home with our RealtyWorks service
- NWWVT helped 39 homeowners with Foreclosure Prevention counseling
- NWWVT offered financial coaching services to 229 Vermonters to help them achieve their financial goals
- NWWVT loaned over \$1.9 million to Vermonters in the form of Down Payment Assistance, Energy loans, and Rehab loans

There is always a need and we hope we are always here to help. We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Call us at (802) 438-2303 or stop by the office located at 110 Marble Street, West Rutland.

Together we can build strong communities.

Respectfully,
Ludy Biddle, Executive Director



Rutland West Neighborhood Housing d/b/a NeighborWorks of Western Vermont Licensed Lender #6200 NMLS #194008

Local Talk on Front Porch Forum

Have you joined your 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 10 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont. Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
TOWN OF WHITING
SUMMARY REPORT



Request Amount: **\$55.00**

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'16 (10/2015-9/2016) VCIL responded to over **2,711** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **360** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **24** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **196** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **95** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **92** individuals with information on assistive technology; **35** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **559** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. VCIL is also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **35** people and provided **23** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, hard of hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Also new this year, our Windham county office now houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) (previously under the VT Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY '16, **2** residents of **Whiting** received services from the following programs:

- * Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- * Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

HOPE seeks to assist individuals and families in identifying and obtaining the resources that will help them meet their own basic needs. HOPE provides significant goods and services to people in need, including food, clothing, housing and heating fuel, medical items, job-related needs and more, and we work to assist people in accessing information and developing new in order to become more empowered and have healthier and more stable lives.

During the twelve month period ended September 30, 2016, HOPE provided assistance to 33 Whiting residents. Many of these households were served multiple times with large amounts of funds. HOPE respectfully requests that the voters of the Town of Whiting locate the sum of \$500.00 to help defray the costs of providing assistance to town residents in the coming year. Thank you for your consideration.

John V. Craven Community Services Center
P.O. Box 165 282 Boardman Street Middlebury, Vermont 05753
Phone: (802) 388-3608 Fax: (802) 388-0756
HOPE is a United Way Member Agency



This past year **WomenSafe** staff and volunteers provided the following services:

- Over 4,250 in-person meetings and phone calls to 494 women, children and men who accessed services.
- Worked with relatives and caregivers of a total of 338 children affected by the violence in their lives.
- 251 supervised visits and monitored exchanges through The Supervised Visitation Program @ WomenSafe.
- WomenSafe's Transitional Housing Program, funded through the Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), has helped 36 families, including 49 children, find and maintain secure, stable housing.
- The Training & Education Program reached 2,160 adults and youth through 111 presentations, trainings and Community Outreach events that covered healthy relationships, preventing child sexual abuse, sexual harassment and consent.
- Eighty-five volunteers contributed more than 7,918 hours by providing services such as: staffing the 24 hour hotline, in-person office support, court accompaniment and administrative services.
- We successfully applied for two VAWA grants as partners with Pride Center of Vermont and Middlebury College to further our work with underserved populations and to respond to sexual violence on campus.

Whiting: WomenSafe provided direct services to at least **2** Whiting residents including the parents of at least **4** children exposed to violence.

Contact Information:

Advocacy services are Free and Confidential.

24-hour Hotline: 802-388-4205 or 800-388-4205

The Supervised Visitation Program @ WomenSafe: 802-388-6783

Business: 802-388-9180 Fax: 802-388-3438 E-mail: info@womensafe.net Web: www.womensafe.net

My Voter Page and Online Voter Registration

Last year, Secretary of State Jim Condos announced the launch of VT's new Elections Management Platform. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information. Over 25,000 Vermonters registered to vote online in 2016. For the November General Election, nearly 6,500 Vermonters requested an absentee ballot through the My Voter Page.

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- and much more.



We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

Vermont Voter Bill of Rights

You have the right to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, live in Vermont, are 18 years old and have registered.

You have the right to vote if you are homeless.

You have the right to vote if you have been convicted of a felony, even while you are incarcerated.

You have the right to vote even if you have a guardian and even if you need help reading or filling out your ballot.

You have the right to vote or cast your ballot if you are in line by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

You have the right to know if you are registered to vote.

You have the right to ask for help from elections officials or from a friend or family member. There are some people who cannot help you vote, for example, your boss or a union officer from your job.

You have the right to a secret vote. You do not have to tell anyone how you voted.

You have the right to get a new ballot if you make a mistake.

You have the right to vote for the person you want. You can write-in someone else's name if you don't like the choices on your ballot.

You have the right to leave some choices blank on your ballot. The choices you do mark will still count.

You have the right to use a voting system for all federal elections that makes it possible for people with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

You have the right to get a "provisional ballot" if you are told you are not registered to vote and you cannot swear or affirm that you submitted an application to register to vote in Vermont before the deadline.

You have the right to know if your ballot, including a "provisional ballot," was accepted for counting.

You have the right to file a complaint if you think your voting rights have been denied.

Call toll-free within Vermont at 1-800-439-8683 to get more information about these and other voting rights.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

BEFORE ELECTION DAY

CHECKLIST POSTED:

By 30 days before your Town Meeting, the Town Clerk must post the checklist. Make sure your name is on it. If your name is not on it, you must complete an application to the checklist. (Available online at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, click on election, or from your Town Clerk)

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Deliver your application to the checklist to your Town Clerk's Office no later than 5:00pm the Wednesday before your Town Meeting, or mail to the Department of Motor Vehicles with a postmark before the deadline.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

You, or a family member on your behalf may request an early or absentee ballot from your Town Clerk by telephone, mail or email at any time up until 5pm or closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day before Town Meeting. An authorized person can apply for you to get a ballot only in person or in writing.

You can also go to the Town Clerk's office and vote your ballot while at the office or pick up a ballot at the Town Clerk's Office and take it home to vote. (you cannot pick up a ballot for your spouse or anyone else.)

If you take your ballot or have a ballot sent to you, you must return the ballot to the Town Clerk's office or to the polling place no later than 7pm on the Town Meeting Day.

If you are ill or disabled, you can request that a ballot be delivered to you by two Justices of the Peace. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the Justices of the Peace. They must return the ballot to the Town Clerk for you.

ON TOWN MEETING DAY

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your town clerk and ask that it be put back on.

If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the town clerk, a selectman or other members of the board of civil authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.

If you are still not satisfied, you may take a brief written request to a Superior Court Judge, who will rule on the request before the polls close that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 800-439-8683 for more information.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired, or can't read, you may bring the person of your choice to assist you or you can request assistance from two election officials.

If you cannot get from the car into the polling place, two election officials may bring a ballot to your car.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW

DO NOT knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or different towns.

DO NOT mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote. You can only register to vote and remain on the checklist in the town of your principal dwelling place.

DO NOT display any campaign literature, stickers, buttons, etc. within the building containing a polling place. However, a voter may bring a small card or paper into the polling place for his or her own use in remembering candidates so long as it is not publicly displayed.

DO NOT solicit votes or otherwise campaign within the building containing a polling place.

DO NOT interfere with the progress of a voter going to and from the polling place. This includes not socializing in a manner that will disturb other voters.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION
Call the Secretary of State's Office
1-800-439-VOTE (Accessible by TTY)

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT



A DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR SENIORS AND VETERANS

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

- A legal resident of Vermont and is
- ◆ 62 years of age or older or
- ◆ A veteran of the uniformed services

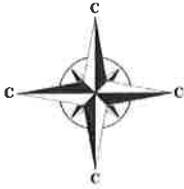
Use your passport for free admission to Vermont State Parks (overnight camping and other park fees **are excluded**), Vermont State Historic Sites, and events which are fully State sponsored.

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

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

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

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



RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION

49 Court Drive, Brandon, Vermont 05733

802.247.5757 – www.rnesu.org

...dedicated to the development of character, competence, creativity and community.

Note: I try to capture good news as I hear of it but this may not be all inclusive. We also archive all news articles about RNESU schools on the RNESU website.

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED SHOWING DATES

Along the lines of a north star and what RNESU wants for its students, the OVUU Board and the BUU Board have both identified nights for community showings of *Most Likely to Succeed*, the documentary we showed teachers at convocation this year. PLEASE HOLD THE DATES, as I know both boards would like board turn out and board members to reach out to community members to personally invite them to the showings.

FEB. 7 at BRANDON TOWN HALL, 7:00 PM

FEB. 9 at BARSTOW MEMORIAL, 7:00 PM

Both showings will have a moderated discussion following the film.

SPOTLIGHT ON RNESU SCHOOLS

The January 19 PEG TV show will focus on the budget process and budget decisions of RNESU, OVUHS and BUU. This show will hopefully get the word out to community members of what is in each budget. Laurie, Jeanne, Brenda and maybe Bonnie will do this show.

SNOW DAYS

This year we have had 2 Ice Days. Icy roads are difficult to call as they are not consistently icy all over the SU. We rely on local road crews to advise us at 4:30 or 5:00 in the morning. Becky and I will talk with these crew leaders to discuss the concept of a late start decision, though that is also difficult for parents. The recent call would have stayed a day off even with late starts as the back roads were very icy.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

The support staff Fact Finder report came in about Dec 1. Post fact finding mediation was held on January 5 and was unsuccessful. The report is now available to the public on the RNESU Negotiations Committee website. Teacher Negotiations are still underway. The next session will be February 9.

OVUU BOARD MEETING LOCATION ROTATION

~~Aug 17 - OVUU~~

~~Sept 21 - Neshobe~~

~~October 19 - Sudbury~~

~~Nov 16 - Whiting~~

~~Dec 20 - Leicester~~

Jan 18 - OVUHS

Feb 15 - Lothrop

LET'S TALK COMMUNICATION TOOL

Let's Talk is a communication tool that allows the community to send questions, concerns and comments to the "head of the email line" for a quick response. There is a link on each school

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web page; it is easy to use.

Please continue to tell people about the Let's Talk. It is interactive and will allow us to not only respond quickly from the right venue, but to track those responses and the issues that seem to be of concern. It is a great place for people to ask about any issue affecting the schools, such as the budget process, school events, afterschool programs or weather issues, whatever comes to mind. Some tips to help promote it include:

- Consider posting on Facebook or tweeting the following: *RNESU Boards & Supt. Jeanné Collins want to hear from you. Submit your question, comment, concern using the Let's Talk button on your school website today.*
- Consider using the tag line in your email signature *Share your thoughts at rnesu.vt@k12-lets-talk.com*
- Let people know about the tool when they talk to you about their concerns, comments and questions.

SCHOOL REPORT – JANUARY 2017

ENROLLMENT DATA													Dec. 2016	Nov. 2016	Oct. 2016	Sept. 2016	May /June 2016	Oct. 2015	
Individual grade level data is based on October 2016 Enrollment.																			
SCHOOL	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12						
Barstow	14	16	22	22	26	17	17	22	17					173	174	173	173	173	180
Leicester	5	4	7	7	7	10	6							48	46	46	51	48	46
Lothrop	19	28	35	28	21	34	31							193	194	196	201	209	207
Neshobe	42	49	31	48	56	52	58							343	339	336	337	331	328
Sudbury	3	7	1	8	8	4	6							37	37	37	37	38	37
Whiting	2	6	2	6	3	5	4							27	27	28	27	28	31
Otter Valley								84	87	97	92	83	93	526	532	536	532	534	550
Totals													1347	1349	1352	1358	1361	1379	

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CLASSROOM CONFIGURATION 16-17									
Barstow	K	1	2x2	2x3	2x4	5	6	7	8
Leicester	Prek/K	1/2	3/4	5/6	Math/Grades 1,3,5				
Lothrop	K-1,20	1st-2	2nd-2	3rd-2	4th-1.8	5th-2	6th-2		
Neshobe	3 K	3 1st	2 2nd	3 3rd	3 4th	3 5th	3 6th		
Sudbury	K/1	2/3/4	5/6						
Whiting	K/1/2	2/3/4	4/5/6						

Preschool Enrollment	3 yo	4 yo	Total	Capacity
Barstow	10	21	31	45
Leicester	0	6	6	11
Lothrop	17	19	36	40
Neshobe	31	49	80	102
Whiting	9	5	14	15



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DISCIPLINE/ HARASSMENT/ BULLYING DATA Nov. & Dec. 2016	# Suspensions	# Harassment/ Bullying (HHB) Reports	Confirmed Harassment Bullying Incidents	YTD # Suspensions	YTD # HHB Repor ts	YTD Confirmed HHB Incidents
Barstow	0	0	0	1	2	1
Leicester	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lothrop	ISS-1.5/OSS-0.5	6	2	ISS-2.5/OSS-0.5*	10*	4*
Neshobe	2	0	0	2	0	0
Sudbury	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whiting	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otter Valley	ISS-3/OSS-2	4	2	ISS-19/OSS-16	16	6

* Data to be confirmed following review and possible reclassification.

Upcoming Events at our Schools		
School	Date/ Time	Event
Barstow	1/6 – 2/10	Lifetime Sports – Every Friday for Grades 6 - 8
	1/17 & 1/18	Auditions for the Production of Peter Pan Jr. for Grades 5 - 8
	1/18	TIGER Theatre Group – Bullying awareness, standing up to bullying and empower bystanders – School-Wide Theatrical Performance for K – 8, Followed by Grade Level Workshops
	1/25	National Geo Bee Finals
Leicester	January 2017	Grades 3 – 6 have just begun an expedition on "Chemistry". "What is Chemistry?" and "Why do we study Chemistry?" are our overarching questions.
Lothrop	January – June	Crime Not to Ready – Monthly through June for Grades 1 - 3
	January	Grades 5 - 6 to begin Shakespear Studies
	January	Four Winds Continues

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	January	PBiS Tune-Up for Faculty
	1/20	PTO Lip Sync Battle
Neshobe	1/12	National Geo Bee Finals
	January	Collaborated with Brandon Cares: <i>7th Wish</i> (by Kate Messer) Community Wide Book Read by all 5 th & 6 th Graders
	1/17	Community Dialogue Night
	January	Charlotte's Web Play Practice
	January	Odyssey of the Mind Teams Practice
Otter Valley	1/9	Vermont Presidential Scholars Award Ceremony in Montpelier
	1/18	Otter Valley Geo Bee Competition
	1/23 & 1/24	Final Exams for 1 st Semester
	1/26	2 nd Semester Begins
Sudbury-Whiting	1/9	VSO Harp-Flute Duo Performed a Concert at SCS for Both Schools
	January	Search team for next WES-SCS Principal will be reviewing files and interviewing candidates in the next few weeks
Whiting	February	Winter Sports Experiences: WES to Snow Bowl for Ski and Snowboard Lessons 2/14 WES to Spartan Area for Ice Skating 2/17

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TO: RNESU Boards
FROM: Jeanné Collins, Superintendent
DATE: January 2017
RE: Superintendent's Report

Jeanné Collins

Superintendent of Schools
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Congratulations to each of you for the hard work of the boards in developing budgets for the coming school year. In the district, much time has been devoted to budget needs over the past month. The next round of meetings, Jan. 17 and 18, will have ballot language for board approval. The next step is to ensure the communities understand what is in the budget and why and to create our first annual OVUU and BUU annual reports. This is an opportunity to show all of the towns what our schools are about, as we transition to this newly merged model.

Brenda L. Fleming

Director of Business & Finance
bfleming@rnesu.org

ANNUAL MEETING DATES

Because we have merged, we are no longer part of Town Meetings except as guests. Our charter identified dates for each district to hold its Annual Meeting. These dates this year are:

Feb. 28, 6:30 pm, Barstow Unified Annual Meeting, Barstow Memorial School

March 1, 6:30 pm, Otter Valley Unified Annual meeting, OVUHS

Marsha F. Bruce

Director of Special Services
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BOARD SEATS OPEN FOR ELECTION

Barstow Unified has one seat open: Michelle Erickson has decided not to run again after many years of service to the Barstow Community.

Andy Kepes

Director of Curriculum,
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Otter Valley will see 6 elections: Jim Rademacher has decided not to run, Linda Kokonis and David Bishop are both resigning their seats. Dick White, Angela Ouellette and Michelle Rawls are expecting to run.

This first crucial year has been critical in the formation of our new unified unions. I thank everyone for the time and dedication put forth as we shape our future.

GOOD NEWS!

Dasha Kalisz, OVUHS Art Teacher, along with Jeff Myers, OV, submitted a grant request to the Montshire Museum of Science and Otter Valley was chosen as one of ten schools from VT and NH. Here is a link that describes the initiative:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/makingspaces>.

Brigid Enright and Angelo McCullough of Otter Valley Union High School, were among 25 nominees for the Presidential Scholars Award named by the state Agency of Education Monday. The Vermont Presidential Scholars Program recognizes graduating high school seniors who show outstanding scholarship, leadership and service to their communities, according to the state. Nominees are invited to apply and the Scholars will be announced in May.

Jason Gibbs, graduate of Otter Valley Union High School and current board member on the Waterbury-Duxbury school board, has been named chief of staff for Vermont's next governor, Phil Scott.

Otter Valley Unified Union School District Board Annual Report

The newly formed Otter Valley Unified Union School District Board assumed responsibility for the Brandon, Goshen, Leicester, Pittsford, Sudbury, Whiting and Otter Valley schools on July 1, 2016. The Board immediately organized into three committees: Student Achievement, Finance/Building and Grounds and Policy and Advocacy. It spent much of its first few months getting to better know individual schools and the programs schools offer to our students. During the fall and winter, the Board held its meetings at individual schools.

School choice, a topic often discussed during the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union consolidation discussions, was one of the first policies developed by the Policy and Advocacy committee. The opportunities afforded by school choice will be available to parents beginning in September 2017.

In January, the Board adopted its first consolidated budget. This budget will be explained in detail at the Otter Valley Unified Union School District annual meeting to be held on Wednesday March 1, 2017 at 6:30 PM at Otter Valley Union High School. During budget development, it was necessary to make difficult reductions in order to reach a responsible level of spending. It is clear to the Board that our communities are in difficult fiscal times. The development of future budgets will require us to be ever more collaborative and creative as we strive to offer to all students the educational opportunities that will prepare them well to be engaging and productive citizens.

We encourage all residents of our six member towns to actively participate in the activities of the board. If you are unable to attend a meeting but have a question to ask, idea to share or concern to raise, please use the *Let's Talk* link on any school website or email me at b.bourne@rnesu.org.

Bonnie Bourne
Chair for the OVUUSD Board



Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union Board Annual Report

First and foremost we would like to thank the voters of all of the towns that make up the Supervisory Union for their confidence and faith in the members of the Board. It is gratifying to see budgets passed, the passage of our new unified district under Act 46, and your support shown in so many ways.

This year we continued to have much on our plates...with working through the nuances of Act 46 and the passage of the Otter Valley Union Unified District and the Barstow Unified District, contract negotiations for both our para-professionals and bus drivers and licensed professionals, continuing review of our policies, development and adoption of Central Office, Transportation, and Special Education budgets.

Although much of our time is spent on the business of operating our schools, our primary goal is to provide the very best quality education for all of the students in our districts. We know that the communities and the students count on our board to guarantee high standards, quality education, multiple opportunities to learn, a high degree of safety, and highly qualified teachers and staff to educate our children and get them ready to be outstanding citizens. We work hard to achieve those goals.

We also conducted our second evaluation of Jeanné Collins, our Superintendent. Jeanné did a self-evaluation and then an online confidential evaluation was done by members of all the school boards. We are pleased to say that Ms. Collins received high rankings in all categories. She worked hard at her goals and met many of them.

Once again we thank you for the confidence you place in us and the great opportunity you give us to serve all of our children.

Sincerely,

Richard A. White
Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union Board Chair



Dear Residents of Brandon, Goshen, Leicester, Pittsford, Sudbury and Whiting

Welcome to the newly formed Otter Valley Unified Union School District. After a successful vote to consolidate on January 19, 2016, we opened our doors on July 1, 2016 and have spent much of our first few months transferring properties and ensuring our systems have caught up with the new changes. While we work on our budget for 2018, we are looking at equity of opportunity for our students, seeking efficiencies within our new structure and the Board is working on a school choice policy and a long term Capital Plan to meet our facility needs. This is an exciting opportunity to redesign our system to meet the needs of our students, their families and our faculty and staff.

Otter Valley Unified Union is now its own school district within Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union; thus, it will have its own Annual Meeting, replacing the OVUHS Annual Meeting. Please plan to attend the first annual OVUUSD meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 6:30 PM at Otter Valley Union High School. Prior to that meeting, all relevant budget materials and information about the schools you are used to reading in your town report will be collated and sent to you in a separate report, mailed out by OVUUSD before the Annual Meeting.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual OVUUSD Meeting on March 1. If you have any questions, please email me at jcollins@rnesu.org or use the *Let's Talk* link on any school website.



WHITING TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES

FEBRUARY 29, 2016

The legal voters of the Whiting Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in Whiting, Vermont on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to conduct the following business:

ARTICLE I
Discussion: To hear a presentation of the Otter Valley Unified Union school budget for FY2016/2017. School Board Members present: Carol Brigham, Tara Trudo and Chair Becky Bertrand. Becky Bertrand explained that since there had been no petition to repeal the vote, the Otter Valley Unified Union creation has passed and is now ready to be created. Because there was not a petition to rescind, the warned vote for the Whiting Elementary Budget is now moot. The budget created was added to all the school's budgets that are now the Unified Union and that total is the budget to be voted. Whiting Elementary's cost per pupil was \$14,495 per pupil. Last year the cost per pupil was \$13,890. The tax rate is to be reduced \$.10. Some of the reasons the Whiting budget was reduced from last year include health insurance costs reducing, the teacher's next one year contract at a smaller increase that predicted, and no additional costs for long term substitutes this year. The motion was made to recess until 7:00am to vote at the Whiting Town Hall. This meeting closed at 7:40pm.

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, March 1, 2016 in order to vote on the following article by Australian ballot. The polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Whiting Town Hall.

ARTICLE II Shall the voters approve the Otter Valley Unified Union school board, if the Otter Valley Unified Union school district is formed, with operations commencing July 1, 2016, to expend \$ 22,604 806, which in accordance with the Otter Valley Unified Union school district formation plan, is the amount the school boards of Brandon, Goshen, Leicester, Pittsford, Sudbury, and Whiting town school districts and Otter Valley Union High school district have determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,495 per equalized pupils.

The legal voters of Whiting Town School District are hereby further notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in Whiting, Vermont on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. to transact the following business.

ARTICLE III To elect the necessary School District Officers:
a. A Moderator for a term of one (1) year.
b. A school district Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
c. A school director for a term of three (3) years.

ARTICLE IV To receive and act upon the report of the School District Officers.

ARTICLE V Shall the voters of the Whiting Town School District approve the school board to expend \$633,161, 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 \$12,606 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 9.24% lower than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE VI To see if the Whiting Town School District will authorize its Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of taxes to meet the obligations of the Whiting Town School District.

ARTICLE VII To transact any other business proper to be done when met.

Dated at Whiting, Vermont, this 25 day of January, 2016.

WHITING BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Rebecca Bertrand, Chair	(2016)
Carol Brigham, Clerk	(2017)
Tara Trudo	(2018)

NOTES:

2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

The legal voters of the Town of Whiting, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Whiting, Vermont on Tuesday March 1, 2016 immediately following the school meeting to transact the following business:

Before articles were addressed, our Representative Alyson Eastman spoke at the meeting. She discussed the bills she was working on, including H652; which would have all schools report their surplus funds and capital reserves as they have discovered some schools have excessive amounts in surplus. She also mentioned that RNESU is a leader in the consolidation effort. She is working on the Paid Leave bill H187; where business owners must give paid leave to employees working 18 hours or more per week. She is weighing in on the Marijuana bill S241; and is not in favor at this time. She stated the Health Care Insurance Exchange "the exchange" continues to disappoint. If anyone is having issues, please call Alyson to help. If there are local foresters or loggers, please pay attention to upcoming bills. And lastly Bill S230 is in the senate and coming to the house; a bill with much discussion on solar siting, a topic of concern for many towns, including Whiting. Alyson assured the meeting that the carbon tax is not moving forward.

ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Steve Quenneville nominated Ellen Kurrelmeyer, John Travis seconded the nomination. Carol Brigham nominated Elizabeth Curran, Pat Mattison seconded. Elizabeth requested a paper ballot. 31 voted, Ellen received 19 and Elizabeth received 12. Ellen Kurrelmeyer is the moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II: To receive and act upon the report of the Town Officers.

The Select board referred to the report on page 10 of our Town Report and asked for any questions. Pat Mattison asked about the increase in Sheriff's Patrols, and if there was any way to measure the effectiveness of the increase in cost? Paul Quesnel mentioned that in the semiannual meeting with the State Police, they had reported that incidents were down in Whiting. Paul will submit that report so it appears in the Town Report next year. Carol Brigham motioned to accept the report of the Town Officers, Pat Mattison seconded it. The reports were accepted as written.

ARTICLE III: Will the town elect the Officers as required by law in the following order:

- A. Select Board Member for 3 years: *Ellen Kurrelmeyer is the incumbent, Ellen was nominated by Bob Wood, seconded by Pat Mattison, the vote was unanimous; Ellen Kurrelmeyer is our Select Board Member for 3 years.*
- B. Lister for 3 years: *Paul Quesnel is the incumbent, Paul did not want to run again. Ellen Kurrelmeyer nominated Elizabeth Curran, this was seconded by Mary Pepe. There were no other nominations; the vote was unanimous; Elizabeth Curran is our Lister for 3 years.*
- C. Auditor for 3 years: *Rani Fallon is the incumbent, Rani was nominated by Elizabeth Curran, seconded by Mary Pepe; the vote was unanimous; Rani Fallon is our Auditor for 3 years.*
- D. Collector of Delinquent Taxes: *Marilyn Chicoine is the incumbent, Marilyn was nominated by Paul Quesnel, seconded by Pat Mattison. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous; Marilyn Chicoine is our Delinquent Tax Collector for one year.*
- E. Library Trustee for 3 years: *Heather Mattison is the incumbent, Pat Mattison nominated Heather Mattison, it was seconded by Elizabeth Curran. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous; Heather Mattison is our Library Trustee for 3 years.*
- F. Road Commissioner: *Paul Quesnel is the incumbent, Elizabeth Curran nominated Paul Quesnel, it was seconded by Carolyn Schmidt. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous; Paul Quesnel is our Road Commissioner for 1 year.*
- G. First Constable: *Michael Dame is the incumbent, Bob Wood nominated Michael Dame, seconded by Steve Quenneville. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous; Michael Dame is our First Constable.*
- H. Second Constable: *Rusty Brigham is the incumbent, Carol Brigham nominated Rusty Brigham, seconded by Carolyn Schmidt. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous; Rusty Brigham is our Second Constable.*
- I. Grand Juror
- J. Town Agent: *Grace Simonds is the incumbent for both Grand Juror and Town Agent, Grace was nominated for both offices by Pat Mattison and seconded by Elizabeth Curran. There were no other nominations. The votes were unanimous; Grace Simonds is Grand Juror and Town Agent for one year.*

ARTICLE IV: Will the Town give the Delinquent Tax Collector the power to collect delinquent taxes?

Carolyn Schmidt moved that the Town give the Delinquent Tax Collector the power to collect delinquent taxes, Mary Pepe seconded, so moved.

ARTICLE V: Shall the town authorize the Treasurer to collect real property taxes to the Treasurer on or before December 1, 2016? (Postmarks will not be accepted)

Carol Brigham moved that the town authorize the Treasurer to collect taxes on or before December 1, 2016

ARTICLE VI: Will the town appropriate \$365,202 expenses and indebtedness of the town of which \$162,449 will come from taxes?

A motion was made by Paul Quesnel, seconded by Heather Mattison. Discussion opened; there was a question about the \$50,000 due the First National Bank of Orwell. Ellen explained that this was our line of credit that is normally paid off in December, however we did not receive the invoice in January. The bill was sent in error to the Fire Dept and had not been opened, and has since been paid. There was also a question on the income line item "Webster Books". It was explained that this income was on the sale of the two books in the Town Office written by Harold and Elizabeth Webster: Our Whiting and The Old Addison Railroad. Ellen also explained that the Select Board has designed an emblem for the Town. This will be a decal on our Town Truck and on our Grader. It will also be available for sale as a decal, and hopefully we will have tee shirts and ball caps with the emblem. Mitchell's in Pittsford is creating the items.

The Town was asked if they were interested in caps and tee shirts and they were. This article was so moved by Elizabeth Curran.

ARTICLE VII: Will the town provide a veteran's exemption (for disabled vets) in the amount of \$40,000 of appraisal value in accord with 32 V.S.A. 3802 (11)?

Ellen explained that this exemption right now only impacts one property. The \$40,000 of appraisal value would basically require the taxpayers to share the cost of roughly \$200. Elizabeth Curran made a motion that the Town will provide a veteran's exemption in the amount of \$40,000 of appraisal value, Bob Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ARTICLE VIII: To receive and act upon the report of the committee working on development and construction of a Veteran's Plaque.

Elizabeth Curran spoke to the townspeople on the project that she and Mary Pepe have been working on. She handed out flyers showing two versions; one in white plastic and PVC and the other a plaque with bronze name plates. Elizabeth explained that though the white plastic would be cheaper (\$2000), the bronze version would cost more initially (\$5800) but would last much longer. Mary Pepe had been in contact with local veteran's clubs and is confident that they would help contribute to the cost. The cost to the town would be \$5000. The town had already put a line item in the budget for \$2000, and the Select Board was confident they could find the rest of the money within the budget as it is presented. The current challenge is to collect all the names of Whiting's Townspeople that served in the military. It was suggested that an ad be placed in the paper. There was also a suggestion that the name be changed to Veteran's Memorial. Pat Mattison made the motion that Mary Pepe and Elizabeth Curran continue to work on this, she added that the town trusted them to make any other decisions, and that they should pursue creating a bronze memorial for Whiting's Veterans. Tara Trudo seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ARTICLE IX: To transact any nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper when met.

Randy Denis inquired about the upcoming and present Solar Arrays. Is the land being taxed fairly? Marilyn Chicoine felt that the land should increase in value from farm land to solar farms. Randy also expressed concern for the array that is coming into town in which the owner does not live in Whiting. The income from this farm will be going out of town and out of state. Ellen explained that the Town Plan was a work in progress and one of the issues being updated is solar arrays; specifically concerns for decommissioning (after 25 years), siting, and screening. The town had sent a letter to this solar array owner asking that they consider our wishes in these three areas. There was no other nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper.

This meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale Quenneville, Whiting Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Whiting Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Whiting on Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 7:00pm to transact the following business:

ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II: The receive and act upon the report of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE III: Will the Town elect the Officers as required by law in the following order:

- A. Town Clerk for 3 years. -incumbent Gale Quenneville
- B. Town Treasurer for 3 years. -incumbent Gale Quenneville
- C. Road Commissioner for 1 year. -incumbent Paul Quesnel
- D. Select Board Member for 3 years. -incumbent Steve Quenneville
- E. Lister for 3 years. -incumbent Stacey Freeguard
- F. Auditor for 3 years. -incumbent Marcia King
- G. Collect of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year. -incumbent Marilyn Chicoine
- H. Library Trustee for 3 years. -incumbent John Travis (vacant)
- I. Library Trustee for 3 years. -incumbent Tammy Wilbur
- J. Library Trustee for 2 years. -incumbent Tara Trudo
- K. First Constable for 1 year. -incumbent Michael Dame
- L. Second Constable for 1 year. -incumbent Rusty Brigham
- M. Town Juror for 1 year. -incumbent Grace Simonds
- N. Town Agent for 1 year. -incumbent Grace Simonds

ARTICLE IV: Will the Town give the Delinquent Tax Collector the power to collect delinquent taxes?

ARTICLE V: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real property taxes to the Treasurer on or before December 1, 2017? (postmarks not accepted)

ARTICLE VI: Will the Town appropriate \$351,923 expenses and indebtedness of the town of which \$227,941 will come from taxes?

ARTICLE VII: To transact any other nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper when met.

A. The Selectboard would like to discuss the possibility of an ordinance to allow ATVs on secondary roads (with provisions).

Select Board Chair: Bob Wood

Steve Quenneville

Tara Trudo

Bob Wood 2-5-2017

Tara Trudo 2-5-2017

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

AGENCY	PHONE	TYPES OF SERVICES
Addison Co Women in Crisis	388-4205	Assistance to women and families
Adult Education/Diploma	775-0617	For students 21 or older interested in pursuing an adult diploma
Boys & Girls Club of Rutland Co	773-1902	Teen drop-in center: mentoring
Brattleboro Retreat	800-345-5550	Support, treatment, counseling, respite services for teens
Counseling Service of Addison County	388-6751 388-7641	Individual, group, & family counseling, psychiatric evaluations,
Evergreen Center	747-3588	Drug & alcohol treatment
HerStory House	775-3232	Women's shelter, support for women & families dealing with domestic abuse
Infoline	747-9961	Listing of health and human services resources
Northeastern Family Institute	802-655-9013	Support, treatment, counseling, respite services for teens
Outright VT	800-452-2428	Support for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students
PAL- Parents' Assistance Line	800-727-3687	Support for parents
Police (Brandon)Police (Pittsford)	B: 247-5723 P: 773-9101	Law enforcement services
Police (VT State Police)	R: 773-9101 M: 388-4919	Law enforcement services
Family Focus	773-4225 1-800-366-2244	Conflict mediation; respite for families. Some services provided at school.
Public Defenders Office	R: 773-5823 M: 388-4656	Support for students dealing with the legal system
Rape Crisis (Rutland County)	775-3232	Hot line & support for women dealing with issues related to sexual assault
Rape Crisis Hot Line (Addison County)	388-4205	Hot line & support for women dealing with issues related to sexual assault
Rutland Mental Health Services	775-2381 775-1000	Individual, group, & family counseling, psychiatric evaluation & treatment
Rutland Area Prevention Coalition	775-4199x190	Countywide organization to coordinate substance abuse prevention programs
Rutland County Victim's Advocate	786-2531	Assistance to victims of crime
Rutland Reg. Board for Family Svcs.	775-4340 x116	Resources and Support for families
DCF: Department of Child and Family Services (formerly SRS)	R: 786-5817 M: 388-4660	Child welfare, protective services & foster care placement
The Lund Family Center	802-864-7467	Parent/child center; teen pregnancy preparation
Vocational Rehabilitation	R: 786-5886 M: 388-4671	Provides support for people with disabilities to prepare them for work
VSAC	800-642-3177	Preparation for college & financial assistance
VT Department of Employment & Training	786-5837	Assistance with job finding and job finding skills
VT Department of Health	786-5811, 1-888-253-8802	WIC, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental health, Immunization, Ladies First, Breastfeeding, lead screenings, HIV info and referrals
VT Parent Information Center	773-2023	Provides support & information to parents regarding educational issues

Information as required by 16 VSA 165 (2G)

R=Rutland, M=Middlebury

Town of Whiting

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OFFICE HOURS

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

Gale Quenneville

(802) 623-7813

TownClerk@WhitingVT.com

Mondays: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Mondays: 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Wednesdays: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Other times by Appointment

BOARD OF LISTERS

(802) 623-7813

Listers@WhitingVT.com

Mondays: 4:00pm – 7:00pm

RECYCLING: 2nd and 4th Saturday of month 9:30 – 11:00am at Town Shed

REGULAR MEETINGS

FIRST RESPONSE

3rd Monday at 7pm

(Business Meeting)

4th Monday at 7pm (Training)

Held at Firehouse

SELECTBOARD

2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:00pm

Held at Town Office

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1st Monday at 7:30pm

(Business Meeting)

2nd Tuesday 7pm(Training)

Special Trainings TBA

Held at Firehouse

CONTACT INFORMATION

(AS OF 1/1/2017)

Gale Quenneville	Town Clerk & Treasurer	623-7813	Select Board	623-7813
Stacey Freeguard	Animal Control Officer	623-6065	Michael Dame	1st Constable 623-6363
Paul Quesnel	Road Commissioner	623-6731	Rusty Brigham	2nd Constable 623-8665
Marilyn Chicoine	Del. Tax Collector	623-8611	Delwin Fielder	Fire Warden 623-7601
Board of Listers		623-7813	Jeanne Lamoureux	Health Officer 623-6385
Auditors		623-7813	Grace Simonds	Cemetery Board 623-7811
Mike Wilbur	non-emer. Fire Dept.	989-1722	Kate Briggs	Zoning Admin. 349-6066
Rick Iffland	non-emer. First Response	236-1469	Beverly Freeguard	Food Shelf 623-8033
Tammy Wilbur	Town Hall	623-7862		

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Please bring this report with you to:

TOWN MEETING

On

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

AT 7:00PM