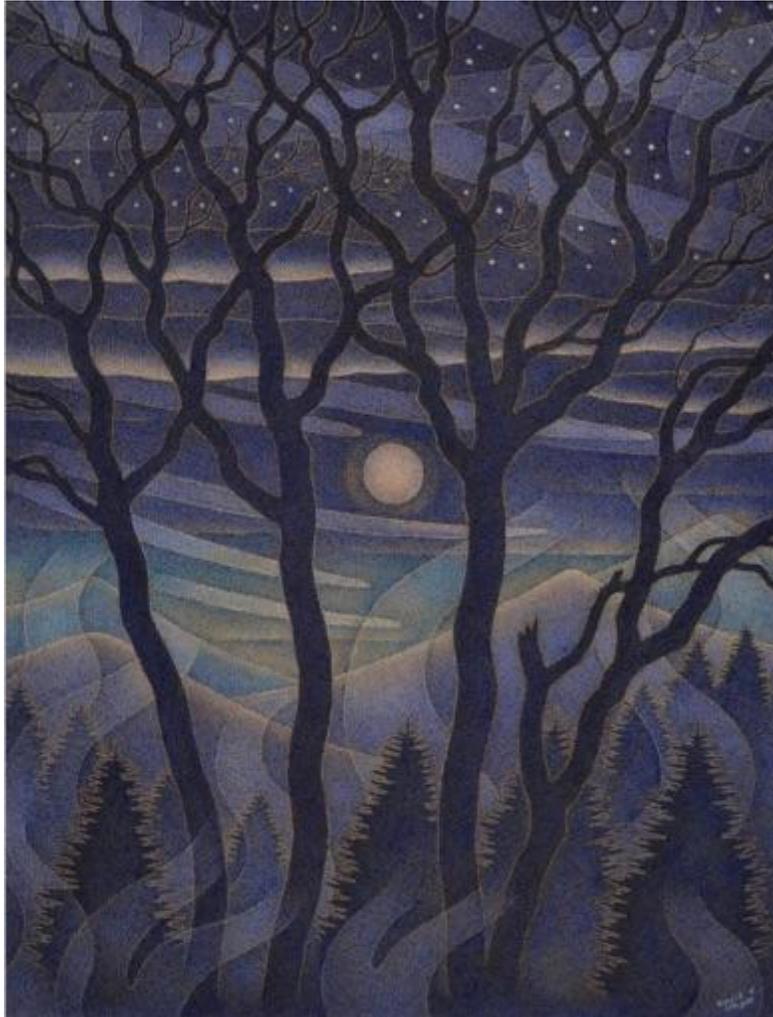


2017
Annual Report

Town of Peru, Vermont
Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017



Town Report also available online at peruvt.org

Please note Town Meeting occurs at 10AM on Tuesday March 6, 2018

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Reflection

Here's the facts:

There has been massive movement on the Johnny See Saw property

The expansion on the Best Property includes the new base lodge

There will be increased Town Houses and condos at Bromley

The maintenance of the Forest by the US government continues

There are plans to continue the beautification of the Village Green

Both the Bromley Market and JJ Hapgood continue to thrive and attract new visitors to our town.

Here's the fun:

Suzanne and Rich Ragone walked their son Cody down the aisle in August. In addition to matrimony, the sub theme was "Batman."

The Peru Fair vendors were pleased with the updated and lovely lit Village Green.

Lily Klick, the daughter of Jessica and Ted Klick performed with the Albany Berkshire Ballet at the Colonial Theater in Pittsfield Mass.

Our kids Halloween Party was off the hook. Organized by Lori Gotshall, the bucking fire engine rides and guest appearances of Robin and Jim Daley made the night memorable.

Our venerable Historic Society hosted the community Holiday Party.

We enjoyed Sundays at the movies and exercise classes thanks to Fran Stelz and Richard Simmons "Dancing to the Oldies."

Dr. Fox took the baton for one last turn at the Peru Church Christmas Eve Choir. He was spectacular.

...and so is Peru. We are graced to live and love here.

Submitted by Pastor Margaret

Community Information

PERU TOWN OFFICE
P.O. Box 127 Peru, VT 05152

Open: Tues & Thurs 8:30am – 4:00pm
824-3065

perutown@myfairpoint.net

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire	911
Rescue	911
State Police	(802) 772-4600
Mountain Valley Medical Center	824-6901
First Town Constable, Stewart Beattie	824-3494
Animal Control Officer, Pat Salo	(c) (802) 688-4020

SCHOOLS

Flood Brook Union School	824-6811
Burr and Burton Academy	362-1775
Burr and Burton Mountain Campus	824-4846
Green Mountain Union High School	875-2146
<u>PERU POST OFFICE</u>	<u>Hours of Operation:</u> 824-5472

Window Service:	Monday-Friday 9:30-12:30PM & 1:30-4:30PM
	Saturday 8:30AM-11:30AM
Lobby Open:	Access to Boxes 24 hours, 7 days a week

STATE OFFICIALS

Governor’s Action Line (800) 649-6825

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Senators:

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Representative:

Linda Joy Sullivan e-mail: lsullivan@leg.state.vt.us (802) 768-8668

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Senator Patrick Leahy, Burlington Office	(800) 642-3193
Senator Bernie Sanders, Brattleboro Office	(802) 254-8732
Congressman Peter Welch, Burlington Office	(802) 652-2450

Townscape Preservation Board:

Susan Bradford, Barbara Ardell, Peggy Powell, Sally Ogden, Gail Acosta

Peru Town Meeting 2018 - WARNING

Peru Town Meeting 2018-Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Peru are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Peru Town Center on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the hour of 10:00AM to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 2: To elect Town Officers as the law directs.

Article 3:

To see if the town will vote a tax to defray the expenses of the town for the fiscal year of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, as set forth in the budgets submitted in the 2018 Town Report, subject to such modifications as this meeting may vote.

To authorize the selectmen to set the rate on the 2018 Grand List to meet the budgets voted

To establish the date of payment of such taxes. Previous years dates July 1- September 30.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions made by law for payment of taxes to the Town Treasurer.

Article 5: Shall the voters prohibit the town constables from exercising any law enforcement authority, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1936a(a)(1)?

Article 6: Shall the voters vote a sum of money to the following organizations which serve the community

Mountain Valley Medical Center	\$3000.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad	\$1000.00
Visiting Nurse Assn. of VT/NH	\$2700.00
South Londonderry Free Library	\$1000.00
Bennington County Conservation District	\$ 300.00
BROC	\$ 200.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 140.00
SW Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 200.00
Center for Restorative Justice	\$ 300.00
Neighborhood Connections	\$1000.00
Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00
The Collaborative	\$ 750.00
Flood Brook Athletic Association	\$1000.00
Project Against Violent Encounters	\$ 150.00
Peru Cemetery Commission	\$3700.00
Green Mtn. Club-Bromley lookout	\$1000.00
Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless	\$ 500.00
Rural Fire Protection Task Force	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$17,090.00

Article 7: Shall the voters support the following resolution:

WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, flooding, a rise in tick borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate

that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and world, and

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

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:
 - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to energy pipelines;
 - b. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
 - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to low-income people, people of color, or rural communities.

2. That the Town will do our part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:
 - a. Protecting town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing town lands;
 - b. Enlisting state support in weatherizing town buildings and installing alternative energy, such as roof top solar to town structures;
 - c. Other initiatives to improve the quality of life while helping to reduce overall use of energy. (By petition)

Article 8: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at Peru, Vermont January 22, 2018

Todd Williams, Gail Acosta, Charles Black

Peru Selectboard

Minutes of Town Meeting, Peru, VT. March 7, 2017

Peru's Moderator, Gary Ameden, called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. He extended a warm welcome to all in attendance and stated it was the first time the meeting was being held in the evening. As tradition holds, he asked all those new to Town and the meeting to stand and introduce themselves. John and Sandy Birch, Josh, Nicole and Alexa Witkin, Sally Ogden, Dylan and Sarah Snell all introduced themselves. Sandy explained, her family has lived in Town for ten years but this is the first meeting they have attended because it was being held in the evening. Gary also asked any Flood Brook Union School students present to introduce themselves. Malachy, James, Simon, and Lilly kindly obliged. All were cordially acknowledged. Gary asked all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Warning: As read by Gary - The legal voters of the Town of Peru are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Peru Town Center on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the hour of 6:00PM to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Vickie Beattie made a motion to move the article and Jill Braddish seconded. Vickie then instructed everyone to turn to page 16 in the Town Report to correct the Justices of the Peace terms to read February 1, 2017 thru January 31, 2019. Margaret corrected the State Police phone number on page 5 to (802) 722-4600. Gary asked if those assembled were ready for the question? All in favor, motion passed.

ARTICLE 2: To elect Town Officers as the law directs.

Moderator: Todd Williams, Selectboard Chair, asked for nominations for Town moderator. Alex Sheets moved to elect Gary Ameden with Todd Williams seconding. Proposition B was moved by Vickie Beattie and seconded by Ivanna Reed. Gary explained Proposition B, stating it is moved when a sole individual is nominated to move the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

- Moderator - 1 year Gary Ameden

Gary continued, as newly elected moderator, to move Article 2.

Town Clerk: John Maher nominated Margaret Cobb with Sally Ogden seconding. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Jill Braddish and seconded by Roberta Baker. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Town Clerk - 1 year Margaret Cobb

Treasurer: John Maher nominated Donna Williams and Rebecca Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations, proposition B was moved by Jill and seconded by Roberta. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Town Treasurer - 1 year Donna Williams

Selectboard: Gary said Peru's Selectboard is a three-member board and one seat is up for re-election. Alex Sheets nominated Todd Williams with Jay Ouellette seconding the motion. Hearing no other nominations, proposition B was moved by Jill and seconded by Ben Freeman. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Selectboard - 3 year Todd Williams

Lister: Rebecca Williams nominated Jack Pennypacker and Grant Braddish seconded. No other nominations proposition B moved by Vickie and seconded by Jill. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Lister - 3 year Jack Pennypacker

Auditor: Karen Utiger moved to nominate Alex Sheets. Josh Witkin seconded the motion. No other nominations, proposition B moved by Vickie and Jill seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Auditor - 3 year Alex Sheets

Chuck Black noted a point of order, stating Karen Utiger had been appointed as auditor when a position became vacant and a vote to be elected was required at this time. Grant Braddish made a motion to nominate Karen Utiger with Roberta Baker seconding the motion. Vickie moved proposition B and Jill seconded. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Auditor - 1 year (completing a term) Karen Utiger

Cemetery Commission: Stewart Beattie nominated Carl Holcomb and Todd Williams seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nomination proposition B was moved by Vickie and seconded by Jill.

- Cemetery Commission - 5 years Carl Holcomb

First Constable: Margaret Cobb moved to nominate Stewart Beattie. Alex Sheets seconded the motion. Proposition B was moved by Roberta and seconded by Vickie. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- First Constable - 1 year Stewart Beattie

Second Constable: Chris Felion was nominated by Bob Steltz and Cindy Mowry seconded the nomination. No other nominations, proposition B was moved by Jill and seconded by Vickie. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Second Constable - 1 year Chris Felion

Delinquent Tax Collector: Deke Jamieson moved to nominate John Maher with Grant seconding the motion. Stewart Beattie made a motion to nominate Peter Berman and Ivanna Reed seconded the motion. Gary analyzed the situation and asked the electorate assembled if a “raising of the hands vote” was agreeable to the majority. The answer was an undeniable “yes”. Gary called the vote for John Maher and instructed two Justices of the Peace to count the show of hands. The same was accomplished for Peter Berman.

Results: John Maher 34
 Peter Berman 6

John Maher won the vote.

- Delinquent Tax Collector - 1 year John Maher

Grand Juror: Gail Acosta nominated Hope Richardson and Todd Williams seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations proposition B was moved by Vickie and seconded by Jill. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Grand Juror - 1 year Hope Richardson

Town Agent: Alex Sheets moved to nominate Tracy Black and John Maher seconded the nomination. No other nominations, proposition B was moved by Vickie and seconded by Jill. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Town Agent - 1 year Tracy Black

Trustee of Public Funds: Grant Braddish nominated Mike Gayda with Josh Witkin seconding the motion. Proposition B was moved and seconded by Alex. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

- Trustee of Public Funds - 1 year Mike Gayda

ARTICLE 3:

- a) To see if the town will vote a tax to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, as set forth in the budgets submitted in the 2017 Town Report, subject to such modifications as this meeting may vote. Chuck Black moved the motion and Alex Sheets seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Jay Ouellette pointed out on page 48, under office expense, line 421, land record book increased by more than \$6,000, and questioned why? Margaret Cobb explained, two Town Record books require significant repair and after having them evaluated was quoted a restoration price as reflected in the budget. This line item will remain at this level next year for repair of the second book.

Also questioned by Bob Steltz on page 45, community house maintenance, line 475, capital improvements increased \$10,000? Todd replied, the Selectboard is working with a contractor to repair and replace rotting windows and siding, add foam insulation, replace doors with compulsory fire rated doors, implement outside painting and repair of the roof.

Hearing no other questions, Gary ruled for a voice vote. All in favor, motion passed.

- b) To authorize the Selectboard to set the rate on the 2017 Grand List to meet the budget voted. Grant moved the motion, with Alex seconding. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.
- c) To establish the date of payment of such taxes. Previous year's dates July 1 - September 30. Jay moved the motion and Cindy Mowry seconded. All in favor, motion passed by voice vote.

Gary asked to recognize Linda Joy Sullivan, the newly elected State Representative for the Town of Peru, if there are no objections. Hearing none, Linda Joy took the floor. She thanked all for their vote of confidence in electing her State Representative. She would like to hear from her constituents, and to facilitate that she provided a memo with dates and locations of meeting places. She provided phone numbers for individuals to call her with concerns. She also asked people to look at her web site for information pertaining to bills and resolutions. She will be providing individuals with a list of unclaimed property for them to collect assets.

Linda Joy was asked to give an update on the State Board of Education and school choice. She said two new people have been appointed to the State Board of Education and proposed amendments to Rule Series 2200 and new bills are pending.

Stewart Beattie asked about the highly used truck route Vermont Route 11 and if any improvements or updates are planned or being discussed. This touched off frequent and abundant complaints by numerous residents ranging from the route being in total disrepair, bridges dilapidated, center and edge line painting needed. Plus, a full host of complaints associated with trucks, specifically speed, jake brakes, extra wide loads, braking etc. Will Crandall stated there is no other southern Vermont route from east to west. Todd mentioned, because of the logging in Town there has been increased monitoring on Route 11 by the Department of Transportation inspector. The poor condition of the road could also impact disaster response time and is a public safety issue. Linda Joy said she would be willing to organize and meet with people about this issue to determine a course of action. She left informational leaflets for residents. Gary thanked her for attending the meeting.

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions made by law for payment of taxes to the Town Treasurer. Alex moved the article as written with Karen seconding the motion. Hearing no discussion the article was moved, all in favor, passed by voice vote.

Gary took this time to recognize a second guest speaker, Dr. Roger Fox from Mountain Valley Health Counsel. Todd jokingly asked him not to expose himself this year. Dr. Fox said, as Mountain Valley Clinic is now part of a larger organization the Board believes that it will not be necessary to ask the towns for their support this year. Todd read the letter from Linda Bickford, Mountain Valley's Practice Administrator, which the Board of the Clinic had asked to be orated stating one and the same. The letter states they will continue to accept donations for the purpose of supporting and improving medical care in the area and will review and revisit the appropriations next spring.

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the community will vote a sum of money to the following organizations which serve the community

Mountain Valley Medical Center	\$3,200.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad	\$1,000.00
Visiting Nurse Assn. of VT/NH	\$2,700.00
South Londonderry Free Library	\$1,000.00
Bennington County Conservation District	\$ 300.00
BROC	\$200.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$140.00

SW Vermont Council on Aging	\$200.00
Center for Restorative Justice	\$300.00
Neighborhood Connections	\$1,000.00
Green Up Vermont	\$50.00
The Collaborative	\$750.00
Flood Brook Athletic Association	\$1,000.00
Project Against Violent Encounters	\$150.00
Peru Cemetery Commission	\$3,700.00
Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless	\$500.00
Rural Fire Protection Task Force	<u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$16,290.00

Ivanna Reed made a motion to move the article as written, with Vickie Beattie seconding the motion. Discussion followed;

It was questioned what Project Against Violent Encounter supports. Sandy Birch explained it is an organization that serves victims/ survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Grant said a description all of the organizations requesting appropriations can be found in the back of the Town Report.

Grant asked why FBAA was continuing to seek donations when it had been rolled into Flood Brook's school budget? Jon Mowry explained that only middle school basketball was included in Flood Brook's budget. Sarah Perry said FBAA is hoping to further expand athletics for the younger grades and also bring in new sports.

Dr. Roger Fox was asked if donations could still be accepted by the clinic. He responded, saying the monies could be allocated to purchasing a new x-ray machine, building improvements, and upgrading parking. When asked about mental health care and rehabilitative services he said a mental health care provider is available at the clinic.

Jay Ouellette made a motion to strike the \$3,200 allocated to Mountain Valley Medical Center and Jane Worley seconded the motion.

Discussion continued;

John Birch asked if the clinic has a balanced budget? With Roger affirming "yes".

Jay asked if the clinic continues to be a non-profit? Roger again stated, "yes".

Alex Sheets said in years past the money was used to offset patient care.

Jane Worley, a nurse practitioner, conveyed Springfield Medical Care System is financially stable and does fine.

Ivanna said Mountain Valley would still rely on fund raising activities and donations.

Sandy Birch said Mountain Valley is a gem in the community and in good faith we should support the Clinic. Peter Henry seconded her support and said Roger has been unflinching in providing medical service and is worth more than what he is being paid.

Stewart made a motion to move the amendment and end discussion. Ivanna seconded the motion.

Gary clarified point of order, the vote is on the motion made by Jay, to reduce the appropriation requests by \$3,200. Vote taken, unanimously opposed, “nays” have it with a voice vote.

Gary asked for a vote to approve Article 5 as printed. All in favor, motion passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6:

To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Alice Abraham thanked the Town for their continued support of the Collaborative.

Vickie thanked Jon Mowry for his years of thoughtful and responsible service as our RED Representative. He accepted her compliment and said he will continue in his role for at least one more year.

Todd recognized and thanked Barbara Petra for all that she has done and her many years of outstanding and exemplary service as the Town's Assistant Clerk/ Assistant Treasurer. The Town gave Barbara a long-standing ovation!!

Jon Mowry, RED Representative, gave a short synopsis of the school situation and the Taconic and Green redistricting. He communicated; if the merger passes the two school boards will be operating simultaneously and together during a transition year. The T&G board start date is July 1st. The school budget passed. Within the budget all reserved funds were given back to the taxpayers. Flood Brook continues to experience increase enrollment but our secondary school numbers dropped.

Jay Ouelette, Peru's Representative on the merger study board, stated if the merger passes it will increase equality, resources and teachers will be shared and it will also expand available programs. In conjunction, it will stabilize tax rates because towns won't directly rely on student numbers. Additionally, there will be a 5% cap on how high the tax rate can increase.

Barbara Pierce inquired about how the Town is doing regarding robberies in the area and questioned police coverage? She is concerned about the theft at Johnny Seesaw's and the increase in the drug epidemic. Stewart said State Police efforts have increase in the area since Londonderry agreed to contract for policing. He also suggested residents keep their doors

and cars locked. Todd recommended checking the police blog for information. Bob Steltz proposed a civilian community watch.

Alex Sheets question the shift in time of the Town Meeting from 10am to 6pm. The Selectboard said it was an experiment to see if the number of people attending the meeting increased.

Alex made a motion to adjourn and Nicole Witkin seconded the motion. All in favor, Gary adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm.

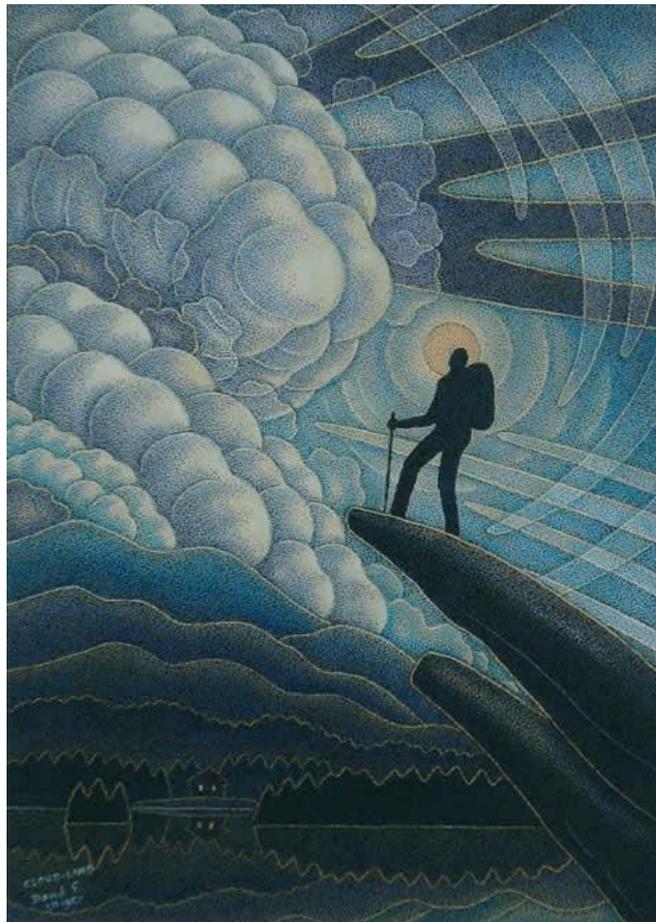
Please enjoy the cuisine and one another's company in the adjoining room.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Cobb

Peru Town Clerk

Dated March 13, 2017



Elected Town Officers

Moderator:	<u>Term Expires</u>	Cemetery Commission:	<u>Term Expires</u>
Gary Ameden	2018	Robert Stelz	2018
Town Clerk:		William Crandall	2019
Jill Braddish (appointed)	2018	David Farnum	2020
Treasurer:		Stewart Beattie, Chair	2021
Donna Williams	2018	Carl Holcomb	2022
Select Board:		First Constable:	
Gail Acosta	2018	Stewart Beattie	2018
Chuck Black	2019	Second Constable:	
Todd Williams, Chair	2020	Christopher Felion	2018
Lister:		Delinquent Tax Collector:	
Janice Georgett	2018	John Maher	2018
Rebecca Williams	2019	Grand Juror:	
Jack Pennypacker, Chair	2020	Hope Richardson	2018
Auditors:		Town Agent:	
Karen Utiger	2018	Tracy Black	2018
Melinda Beebe	2019	Trustee of Public Funds:	
Alex Sheets	2020	Mike Gayda	2018
Mountain Town RED Representative:			
Jon Mowry	2018		
Taconic & Green Regional School District:			
Jay Ouelette	2020		

Justices of the Peace*: Gary Ameden, Vickie Beattie, Will Crandall
 Karen Utiger, Olivia Rukat
 * Terms: February 1, 2017 thru January 31, 2019

Select Board Appointed Town Officers

Planning Commission:		<u>Term Expires</u>
	Bill Stracher (appointed)	2018
	Peter Berman	2018
	Peter Robertson	2019
	Lucas Hughes	2019
	Stewart Beattie, Chair	2020
	Robert Stelz	2020
	Paul Myers	2020
Zoning Board of Adjustment:		
	Peter Bradford, Chair	2018
	David Utiger	2019
	Charles Howard	2019
	John Acosta	2020
	Chuck Black (appointed)	2020
Zoning Administrator:	Hal Wilkins	
Sexton:	Carl Holcomb	
Town Service Officer:	Margaret Dawedeit	
Health Officer:	Dr. Roger Fox	
Deputy Health Officer:	Hal Wilkins	
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer:	Barbara Petra	
Road Foreman:	Wayne Blanchard	
Road Crew:	Brian Bills	
Emergency Manager:	Chuck Black Todd Williams	

Select Board Report

During the Fiscal Year of 2017-2018 the Community House was freshly painted.

The Installation of electricity as well as regrading and drainage at the Town Green was completed.

The Town purchased a new John Deere 410 Backhoe to replace the old Backhoe, which was wore out from use.

The Select Board dealt with many other issues which came before the board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Williams

Gail Acosta

Chuck Black

Clerk's Report

Vital Statistics: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Marriages:	1
Births:	1
Deaths:	6
Burials:	7

Liquor Licenses: May, 2016 – April 30, 2017

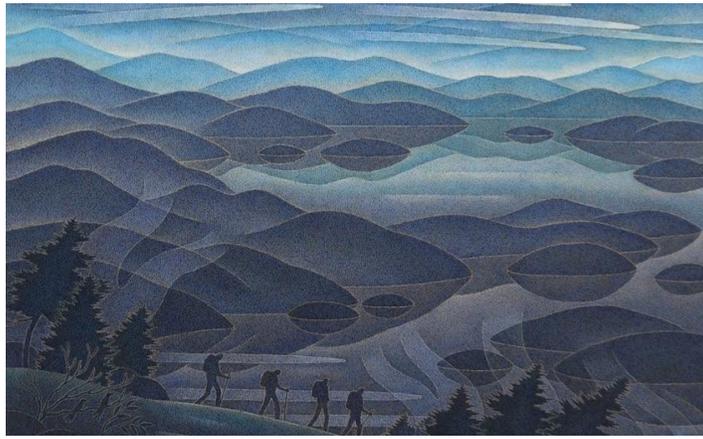
First Class Restaurant/ Bar:	4@	\$115 =	\$460
First Class Hotel:	0@	\$115 =	\$ 0
First Class Commercial Caterer:	1@	\$ 20 =	\$ 20
Second Class:	2@	\$ 70 =	\$140
Outside Consumption:	2@	\$ 0 =	\$ 0
Tobacco:	1@	\$ 0 =	\$ 0
Total:			\$620

Audit Report

The town auditors conducted our audit of fiscal year 7/1/16 – 6/30/17 using the audit checklist provided by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. This checklist provides a thorough approach to examining the internal controls and the accounts of all town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the town treasurer.

In our opinion, the financial statements presented in the Town Report present fairly the financial position of the Town of Peru as of June 30, 2017.

Karen Utiger, Melinda Beebe, Alex Sheets



Board of Listers Report

There are 731 parcels in Peru, including 400 houses with land (including commercial properties), 267 condominiums and 64 parcels with open land. No new houses were built during the 2017 fiscal year. From April 2016 to March 2017, there were 57 property transfers in the town, a decrease from the previous year by 14. However, many of these property transfers are the formation of a trust and with no real change in ownership. Five parcel owners grieved their assessments this year. Two grievances resulted in an adjustment to the appraised value, while the other three grievances were denied by the Listers. Only one owner appealed to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). In that case, the BCA adjusted the value of the parcel.

We currently have 34 parcels enrolled in Current Use. The Current Use program is a forestry management program that gives those enrolled a reduced assessment of their forest and agricultural lands. There are four new applications for the 2017 year. If you have questions about the Current Use Program, contact one of the listers.

The Board of Listers meets on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30. If you have any questions or concerns about the appraisal of your property, feel free to call, stop in, or send us a letter with your concerns. Most issues are handled by a Pre-Grievance process in April and May. If you wish to formally grieve the assessed value of your property, please submit a letter in May describing the basis for your Grievance. The formal Grievance Day will be held the first week of June.

Board of Listers

Jack Pennypacker, Chair

Janice Georgett

Rebecca Williams

Planning Commission Report

This year the big projects that we have been working on are the Seesaws Restaurant and Bromley's expansion plans on the old Best Farm. We also have received several applications for land subdivisions and building projects.

Seesaws is well on the way with the new building in place and closed in. The other buildings have new foundations and been totally rebuilt. This project is a large undertaking and will be a positive addition to the town.

The Bromley expansion project while still in the planning stage will be a major addition to Peru with the potential addition of 200 condominium units, chairlift and trails. The Planning Commission is having hearings to expand the CR Zoning District to allow this project to proceed.

Also traffic circulation and parking in Peru village is still a problem. Some additional off street parking areas have been implemented to help the situation, however improvements to these areas and more designated space is still needed.

If you have a project in the Town of Peru, stop in the Town Office and check with the Zoning Administrator to see if it needs a permit. Some of the projects that require a permit are any new construction, as well as changes to existing buildings, changes of use, subdivisions of property and customary home industry. Copies of the Peru Town Bylaws are available at the town office.

Respectfully submitted,
Peru Planning Commission

Stewart Beattie, Chairman
Bob Stelz
Bill Stracker
Peter Burman
Peter Robertson
Paul Myers
Lucas Hughes

Zoning Board of Adjustment Report

2187 David & Alice Christopher Application to Modify Nonconforming Building Granted

Zoning Administrative Officer's Report

During the year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, the office received 17 applications for zoning permits.

The following permits were issued:

New Residence	1
Residential Additions	3
Residential Renovation (Major)	1
Accessory Buildings / Sheds	4
Garages	2
Decks	1
Demolition (Residential)	1
Sign	1
Boundary Line Adjustments	2
Home Occupation	1

In addition, Certificates of Zoning Compliance and E911 addresses were issued and the Administrator assisted the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment in numerous projects relating to commercial and recreational development in the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hal J. Wilkins, Zoning Administrator

Cemetery Commissioner's Report

Maintenance of Peru's three cemeteries, Village Cemetery, North Cemetery and Stone Cemetery has been on going through the year consisting of mowing and trimming grass, removal of leaves, cleaning and adjusting stones.

As with last year the low interest rates have reduced the income from accounts that we can only use the interest from for perpetual care therefore, the Cemetery Commission is requesting that the appropriation from the Town to remain at \$3,500.00, so we can continue to adequately maintain the cemeteries and complete repairs as they become necessary.

The price of graves is \$100.00 per gravesite, and a mandatory nonrefundable fee of \$300.00 for perpetual care.

To purchase a plot or for other Cemetery information, the Cemetery Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm from May thru November at the Town Office.

Anyone wishing to make burial arrangements or installation of stones and markers please contact Carl Holcomb at 802-824-3932.

Respectfully submitted,
Peru Cemetery Commission

Stewart Beattie, Chairman
William Crandall, Secretary
Carl Holcomb, Sexton
David Farnum
Bob Stelz

Peru Cemetery Commission Balance Sheet

Checkbook Balance, 6/30/16 \$ 877.10

RECEIPTS:

Interest	\$ 48.78
Dividends	\$ 790.08
Other -Plot purchase	\$ 1,000.00
Town Appropriation	\$ <u>3,500.00</u>

Total Receipts \$ 5,338.86

DISBURSEMENTS:

Maintenance	\$ 4,498.75
Other	\$ <u>-</u>

Total Disbursements: \$ 4,498.75

Checkbook Balance, 6/30/17 \$ 1,717.21

Assets Owned:

Berkshire Bank Municipal NOW	\$ 41,448.33
Mutual Funds and Stock (at Market Val	\$ <u>86,227.71</u>

Total Assets \$ 127,676.04

Note: With the exception of the balance of \$ 1,717.21 in the checking account all monies and investments of the Cemetery are dedicated to its perpetual care.

First Constable's Report

This year I received calls of building alarms, vehicle accidents and cars off the road. I have responded to wires and trees in the roadway, traffic control in the village for Church Services and events at the J.J. Hapgood store as well as patrolling the Peru village and roadways for speeding and stop sign violations and assist people with disabled vehicles.

I also responded as Fire Police with the Peru Fire Department, assisted the Londonderry Rescue Squad on calls in the local area, and the State Police with traffic control at accidents on Route 11.

Due to the increased attendance to Church and events at the J.J. Hapgood store, parking is still a problem. Expansion of parking in the village area has helped to keep roadways open for emergency vehicles at high traffic events when there is traffic control. Additional attention is still needed to improve traffic circulation and safety in the village area.

If you see something suspicious around you, be sure to note license plate numbers and time of day and location, or if you need assistance please call me at **824-3494** and the State Police in Westminster at **802-722-4600** we will be happy to assist you.

Respectfully submitted,
Stewart N. Beattie, First Constable

Fire Department Report

The Peru Fire Dept. responded to 32 calls last year. Call breakdown is as follows; 4 motor vehicle accidents, 9 still alarms, 2 DHART assists, 3 structure fires, 8 calls for mutual aid, 1 wilderness extrication, 4 calls for wires down, 1 wild land fire and 1 agency assist.

In the past year, through fundraising, donations and grant writing, the members of the department purchased \$5852 worth of equipment and donated it to the town. Thanks go to the Bromley Village Association, Vermont Country Store, and the Thrifty Attic for their continued support.

Chuck Black, Chief

Fire Warden Report

In 2017, 51 burning permits were issued. Permits are required for outside burning of brush any time there is not snow on site. I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents, that untreated wood is the only material that can be burned as per Vermont state law, trash burning barrels are NOT allowed.

Chuck Black, Forest Fire Warden

Road Commissioner's Report

Culverts were replaced on Mad Tom Notch, and Old Manchester roads.

Gravel resurfacing was completed on Andersen, Mad Tom Notch, and Old Manchester roads. Trees and brush were cut back on Old Manchester, Andersen, Mad Tom Notch, North and Savage roads. Ditching was completed on Old Manchester, Andersen, Mad Tom Notch and North Roads. Culverts were cleaned out on Andersen and Mad Tom Notch roads.

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd Williams
Road Commissioner



Animal Control

DOG LICENSES: January 1 – December 31, 2017

The State of Vermont requires that all dog/wolf-hybrid owners license their pets. Current rabies vaccination certificates are required at the time of licensing.

Total licenses sold 2017: 92

Revenue to Peru: \$ 835.00*

Revenue to State VT: \$ 460.00

Total Revenue 2017: \$1,295.00

2017 Fees:	<u>Before April 1st:</u>	<u>After April 1st:</u>
Neutered/Spayed	\$ 12.00	\$ 17.00
Unaltered Male/Female	\$ 20.00	\$ 29.00

*Including late fees

Puppies must be registered by six months of age. New dogs to households may be registered any time without a late fee assessed. Please be advised that Peru has an Animal Control Ordinance. Section #3 prohibits animals from roaming and Section #4 prohibits animals against creating a nuisance. Our Animal Warden, Patrick Salo (802-688-4020), should be contacted to handle any complaint regarding problem animals, if your dog has gone missing or if a stray has been seen.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Petra, Assistant Town Clerk

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Officer is responsible for the enforcement of the Vermont State Laws pertaining to animals. The officer responds to complaints of violations of Animal Control laws by telephone and police dispatch. The officer also investigates complaints of vicious, diseased, neglected or abused animals. Impounded animals are cared for at

Receipts

the officers' kennel. Unclaimed animals are carefully evaluated before being placed for adoption.

The Animal Control Department makes every effort to insure that all functions of the department are carried out in the most economical manner with cost savings in mind, while providing the highest degree of professional service to the townspeople and provides assistance to the community so that animals and people can co-exist safely and peacefully.

Unlicensed dogs: The Animal Control Officer is responsible for the enforcement of the dog licensing laws. A dog without tags will be considered unlicensed and unvaccinated and fines may be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Salo, Animal Control Officer

200 VT Rte. 30, Bondville, VT 05340

Phone: (802)297-1032 Cell: (802)688-4020

Peru Fair Report

Close to 5000 people attended this year's Peru Fair held on September 23. As a result, we are pleased to report that a contribution of \$16,000 was made to the Peru Scholarship Fund, enabling each full-time Peru student pursuing a higher education beyond high school to receive a scholarship of \$1,000 per year.

It was a perfect fall day and a big success for attendees and vendors alike. None of this would have been possible without the volunteer efforts of over 70 area residents and the support of numerous local businesses.

We always welcome new volunteers and committee members. In addition to raising funds for the educational advancement of our young people, the Fair is a wonderful catalyst for bringing the Town together in a common pursuit. We will be working toward another successful fair in 2018. The Fair has been recognized as a Top 10 2018 Fall Event by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce.

Balance on Hand 01/01/2017	\$4,820.54
Exhibitors Fees	\$10,864.90
Gates	\$23,703.28
Wagon Sales	\$2,004.22
Raffle	\$799.00
Donations	\$200.00
Total receipts	\$42,391.94

Disbursements

Stationary	\$908.80
Advertising	\$3,136.88
Postage	\$216.03
Entertainment	\$3,550.00
Bus/Transportation	\$4,752.00
Sanitation	\$1,100.00
Wagon	\$1,446.27
Raffle	\$400.00
Security	\$3,055.45
Setup	\$1,114.69
Marketing	\$688.31
Insurance	\$535.00
Donation to Scholarship	\$16,000.00
Total Disbursements	\$36,903.43
Cash on Hand	\$5,488.51

Peru Fair Scholarship Report

The Peru Fair Scholarship Fund is fortunate to have received continued funding from the success of the Peru Fair. In 2017 the Peru Fair contributed \$16,000 to the Scholarship Fund. The current balance on 01/18/18 as reported by Berkshire Bank is \$36,612.78.

In 2017 the Peru Fair Scholarship was pleased to award \$1000 to each of the 14 recipients, which represented 2 high school graduates and 12 upperclassmen.

While it is hard to know the exact number of participants on a year-by-year basis, it appears as though the number of recipients will be approximately 15 students. Based on this assessment the Peru Fair will continue to keep the scholarship donation at \$1000 per student.

Respectfully, Laurie Gayda

Taconic & Green Regional School District

As you know, on March 7, 2017, voters from Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland, and Weston overwhelmingly approved the merger of their school districts. The new entity for these communities, the Taconic and Green Regional School District, becomes officially operational as of July 1, 2018.

Please note that the launch of the Taconic and Green Regional School District will create some changes to the normal flow of information that you receive in advance of the annual town meetings. Let's review the distribution process for this year. Please call 802-362-2452 ext. 1528 if you have any questions.

The Taconic and Green Regional School District has produced an Annual Report that will be available to the public on Thursday, February 15. The Taconic and Green Report will include:

- Annual Meeting Warning (Note that a postcard will be sent to all residents of the towns listed above by the end of January.)
- FY19 Budget for the Taconic and Green Regional School District
- FY19 BRSU General Budget
- FY19 BRSU Special Education Budget
- BRSU Treasurer's Report
- Tax rate historical information for all towns
- Audit Report
- Enrollment Report
- Superintendent Report
- Principal Reports (Currier, Dorset, Flood Brook, Manchester, Sunderland)
- Taconic and Green School Board Report
- Taconic and Green Board Member information
- Taconic and Green Board Goals and Norms
- Minutes from the Taconic and Green District Organization Meeting in June 2017

The Taconic and Green Annual Report will be available at the following:

- Online at <https://goo.gl/xFSLgr>
- Request via info@brsu.org or 362-2452
- Local Town Office
- Manchester Library
- Pick one up at one of the following Taconic and Green schools – Currier, Dorset, Flood Brook, Manchester, Sunderland
- Pick one up at the BRSU Office – 6378 VT Route 7A, Sunderland, VT

The Taconic and Green Annual meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7pm at the Flood Brook School. Bus transportation will be provided for the public from the following schools: Currier, Dorset, Manchester and Sunderland. The buses will leave at 6pm. Light refreshments will also be provided at the annual meeting.

NOTE: Next years budget (2018-2019) will only be discussed at the Taconic and Green meeting on February 27, 2018. Your attendance is very important.

Green Mountain National Forest Report

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors. The support the Forest receives helps to accomplish an extremely robust program of work. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000 acre GMNF. Receiving several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits annually, these visitors seek enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to the local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. Below is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

Peru: Northshire Area Trails (NATS), a chapter of VMBA, worked along with a VYCC crew to maintain and harden sections of the Utley Brook trail in order to provide additional biking opportunities in the area. In cooperation with GMC and VYCC, the East Dorset trail was completed providing another hiking opportunity from the Appalachian / Long trail and providing connectivity to East Dorset along the scenic Mad Tom Brook.

Londonderry Solid Waste Group

The Londonderry Solid Waste Group (LSWG) is committed to developing programs and policies that reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills, increase recycling and maximize hazardous waste collections.

As of October 2017, cash is no longer accepted as payment for trash disposal at the transfer station. **Punch cards** can be purchased at Londonderry, Peru, Weston and Windham town offices OR at Londonderry Hardware and Weston Marketplace.

Annual Permit Stickers are required for entrance to the transfer station for trash disposal **and** recycling. They are **only available** at the Londonderry Town office in person or by mail with a SASE. You must be from the five towns in the LSWG to use the transfer station.



WASTE NOT GUIDE



WHAT TO DO WITH ITEMS THAT ARE BANNED FROM THE TRASH

 **RECYCLE ANYWHERE***: Drop-off or with your hauler


Plastic #1 and #2


Glass jars, bottles


Cans and foil


Cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper

 **COMPOST**: At home, drop-off, or with your hauler


Leaf and yard debris, grass clippings, branches, etc.


Food scraps, coffee grounds, egg shells, etc.
(Ban for residents begins July 1, 2020)

 **BANNED & SPECIAL RECYCLING**: Find collection locations at vtrecycles.com


Mercury-containing bulbs, thermostats, switches, thermometers, etc.


Paint, stain, thinner and varnish

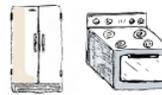

Computers and accessories, phones, TVs, MP3 players, VCRs/DVDs, etc.


Lead-acid, rechargeable, and other batteries

*For more information, contact londonrecycle@vermontel.net

Vermont Waste Management & Prevention Division
(802) 828-1138 | vtrecycles.com

 **OTHER BANNED OR DANGEROUS ITEMS**: For more information, contact londonrecycle@vermontel.net


Large appliances & scrap metal


Used Oil, filters, auto fluids


Tires


Clean Wood


Asphalt shingles, plywood, OSB, and drywall from large projects within 20 miles of a C&D facility


Explosives, fireworks, gasoline, pesticides, pool chemicals, propane cylinders

*A complete **A-Z list** of all materials that you can recycle at the transfer station and where to dispose of just about everything can be found at <http://londonderryvt.org/LondonderryRecycle/RecycleMain.html>.

As always, your comments and questions are welcome. You can contact your recycling coordinator, Esther Fishman, at londonrecycle@vermontel.net.

Town of Peru, Budget

	Actual 16/17	Authorized 17/18	Proposed 2018/2019
3000 · REVENUE			
316 · State of VT- Current Use	18,892.00	17,500.00	17,500.00
318 · Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	9,703.76	9,000.00	9,000.00
322 · Beverage License	600.00	550.00	550.00
324 · Dog & Marriage Licenses	1,036.00	850.00	850.00
326 · Zoning Permits	1,896.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
328 · Hunting/Fishing Licenses	14.00	25.00	25.00
332 · Town Clerk Fees	15,652.90	10,000.00	10,000.00
334 · Rental of Equipment	74.00	75.00	75.00
336 · Rental of Facilities	95.00	75.00	75.00
338 · Highway- State of VT	49,879.03	40,000.00	40,000.00
340 · Interest Earned	5,783.33	4,300.00	4,300.00
344 · Misc. Income	267.00	750.00	750.00
346 · Green Mountain Forest	50,869.39	40,000.00	40,000.00
Total 3000 · REVENUE	154,762.41	124,625.00	124,625.00
Surplus to be applied to tax rate	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
(To be) Raised by taxes	420,148.37	556,500.00	579,400.00
	\$724,910.78	\$831,125.00	854,025.00
4000 · ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
400 · Town Clerk	17,891.37	17,000.00	17,000.00
401 · Treasurer	11,996.60	15,000.00	15,000.00
402 · Asst. Town Clerk	8,435.47	9,000.00	9,000.00
403 · Asst. Treasurer	4,058.64	3,000.00	3,000.00
404 · Select Board	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
405 · Auditors	1,063.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
406 · Listers	1,281.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
407 · Planning Commission	980.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
408 · Memberships / Training	2,423.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
408.5 · Consulting	45.00	400.00	400.00
409 · Legal Services	884.01	3,000.00	3,000.00
410 · Town Report & Delivery	935.30	1,500.00	1,500.00
411 · Town Meetings	189.35	250.00	250.00
412 · Election Expense	300.64	200.00	300.00
413 · Comp & Liability Insurance	28,807.25	32,000.00	32,000.00
414 · Admin Misc/Travel	931.29	1,500.00	1,500.00
415 · Zoning Board of Adjustment	59.00	500.00	500.00
416 · Zoning Administrator	4,001.50	5,000.00	6,000.00
417 · Zoning Board/Administrator Misc	0.00	100.00	100.00
418 · Delinquent Tax Collector	9,048.11	12,000.00	12,000.00
Total 4000 · ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	98,331.03	118,750.00	119,850.00
4200 · OFFICE EXPENSE			
420 · Tax Bills	376.00	450.00	450.00
421 · Document Books	874.23	7,400.00	7,400.00
422 · Dog Tags & Registration	100.18	125.00	125.00
423 · Paper, Envelopes & Supplies	755.03	1,000.00	1,000.00
424 · Postage	733.53	1,000.00	1,000.00
425 · Office Misc/Supplies	759.20	600.00	800.00
426 · Bank Fees	0.00	100.00	100.00
428 · Media/Advertising	860.41	1,200.00	1,200.00
Total 4200 · OFFICE EXPENSE	4,458.58	11,875.00	12,075.00
4300 · OFFICE EQUIPMENT EXPENSE			

432 · Copier Expense	5,529.54	1,000.00	1,000.00
434 · Computer Expenses	3,385.57	4,000.00	4,000.00
436 · Equipment, furniture & fixtures	3,660.89	4,200.00	4,200.00
438 · Miscellaneous	0.00	250.00	250.00
Total 4300 · OFFICE EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	12,576.00	9,450.00	9,450.00
4400 · TOWN CENTER UTILITIES			
440 · Electricity	1,380.94	2,000.00	2,000.00
442 · Telephone	1,274.55	1,500.00	1,500.00
444 · Heating Fuel	1,690.66	4,000.00	4,000.00
446 · Furnace Maintenance	591.99	500.00	750.00
448 · Propane	154.77	300.00	300.00
Total 4400 · TOWN CENTER UTILITIES	5,092.91	8,300.00	8,550.00
4500 · TOWN CENTER JANITORIAL			
450 · Janitor Services	2,129.50	2,300.00	2,500.00
453 · Supplies	0.00	200.00	200.00
Total 4500 · TOWN CENTER JANITORIAL	2,129.50	2,500.00	2,700.00
4600 · TOWN CENTER MAINTENANCE			
460 · Labor	1,340.50	0.00	0.00
463 · Supplies	77.66	500.00	500.00
464 · Maintenance	887.84	10,000.00	10,000.00
465- Capital Improvements	560.57	0.00	0.00
Total 4600 · TOWN CENTER MAINTENANCE	2,866.57	10,500.00	10,500.00
4700 · COMMUNITY HOUSE MAINTENANCE			
470 · Maintenance	1,174.27	5,000.00	5,000.00
473 · Supplies	18.03	150.00	150.00
474 · Electricity	282.76	500.00	500.00
475 · Capital Improvement	25,622.33	10,000.00	10,000.00
476 · Propane	224.36	250.00	250.00
Total 4700 · COMMUNITY HOUSE MAINTENANCE	27,321.75	15,900.00	15,900.00
4800 · TOWN GARAGE			
480 · Electricity	1,999.30	2,000.00	2,000.00
481 · Heating Fuel/Propane	1,693.01	5,000.00	4,000.00
482 · Maintenance/Supplies	193.30	4,000.00	4,000.00
483 - Labor	35.50	0.00	0.00
484 · Uniform(contract services)	1,669.66	2,100.00	2,400.00
485 · Capital Improvement	6,584.18	10,000.00	10,000.00
486 · Telephone	626.40	450.00	500.00
487 - Toilet Rental	110.00	0.00	0.00
Total 4800 · TOWN GARAGE	12,911.35	23,550.00	22,900.00
5100 · PAYROLL TAXES/BENEFITS			
512 · Soc Sec/Medicare Tax	5,431.67	7,000.00	7,000.00
517 · VT Dept of Employment & Training	0.00	250.00	250.00
518 · County Tax	16,615.28	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total 5100 · PAYROLL TAXES/BENEFITS	22,046.95	27,250.00	27,250.00
6200 · GENERAL SERVICES			
626 · Landfill	30,224.54	30,000.00	32,000.00
628 · Street Lighting	2,973.72	3,500.00	3,500.00
630 - Village Green	0.00	2,500.00	
632 · Village Green Labor	1,377.00	0.00	0.00
634 · Constable Expense	1,922.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
636 · Animal Warden	2,547.06	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total 6200 · GENERAL SERVICES	39,044.32	40,700.00	40,200.00

7000 · HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

700 · Gasoline	130.34	200.00	200.00
701 · Oil	1,189.35	2,000.00	2,000.00
702 · Diesel	13,513.15	20,000.00	20,000.00
703 · Small Tools	1,623.13	2,500.00	2,500.00
704 · Radio Repairs	0.00	500.00	500.00
705 · Street Signs	220.17	2,000.00	2,000.00
706 · Truck #1-Maint/Repairs	6,590.58	4,500.00	4,500.00
707 - Truck#1 Labor	1,402.94	0.00	0.00
708 · Truck #2-Maint/Repairs	2,589.78	4,500.00	4,500.00
709 - Truck #2 Labor	338.00	0.00	0.00
710 · Chipper Maint/Repairs	415.08	500.00	500.00
710.5 · Truck #3 Maint/Repairs	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
711 - Truck #3 Labor	707.77	0.00	0.00
712 · Grader-Maint/Repairs	343.75	5,800.00	5,800.00
714 · Sander-Maint/Repairs	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
716 · Small Equip-Maint/Repairs	427.01	500.00	500.00
717 - Small Equipment Labor	85.50	0.00	0.00
718 · Backhoe-Maint/Repairs	1,567.93	5,000.00	5,000.00
719 - Backhoe Labor	418.50	0.00	0.00
Total 7000 · HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	31,562.98	52,500.00	52,500.00

7200 · SUMMER ROADS (CLASS 2&3)

720 - Graderr Edge	1,360.00	0.00	0.00
721 · Culverts	956.80	3,000.00	3,000.00
722 · Cal. Chloride	3,466.30	7,000.00	7,000.00
724 · Resurfacing Crushed Gravel	20,639.00	20,000.00	22,000.00
725 · Contract Services	9,960.00	15,000.00	10,000.00
726 · General Maintenance	1,495.82	2,000.00	2,000.00
727 · Labor -1st Employee	21,768.74	30,900.00	30,900.00
727.5 · OT Labor-1st Employee	75.00	600.00	600.00
728 · Labor -2nd Employee	14,920.12	21,900.00	21,900.00
728.5 · OT Labor-2nd Employee	67.78	500.00	500.00
729 · Equipment Rental	0.00	500.00	10,000.00
Total 7200 · SUMMER ROADS (CLASS 2&3)	74,709.56	101,400.00	107,900.00

7400 · WINTER ROADS (CLASS 2&3)

741 · Plow and Chains	2,934.61	4,000.00	4,000.00
743 · Contract Services	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
744 · Sand	22,069.00	28,000.00	28,000.00
745 · Salt	35,213.33	32,000.00	36,000.00
746 · Labor -1st Employee	23,583.50	22,700.00	25,000.00
747 · Labor-2nd Employee	14,890.24	16,100.00	16,100.00
748 · Overtime -1st Employee	8,455.57	8,000.00	9,000.00
749 · Overtime-2nd Employee	4,265.50	6,000.00	6,000.00
750 · General Maintenance	190.58	500.00	500.00
Total 7400 · WINTER ROADS (CLASS 2&3)	111,602.33	118,550.00	125,850.00

7700 · BRIDGES

775 · Materials	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
776 · Construction	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total 7700 · BRIDGES	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00

7900 · HIGHWAY ADMISTRATION

790 · Fica/Medicare	7,825.83	8,000.00	9,000.00
792 · Health Insurance	33,976.43	35,000.00	37,000.00
793 · Retirement	5,537.48	6,000.00	6,000.00
794 · Vacation Days	3,167.84	5,000.00	5,000.00

794.5 · Holidays Paid	2,945.24	4,000.00	4,000.00
794.8 · Sick Days	1,618.14	2,000.00	2,000.00
795 - Highway Administration	742.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7900 · HIGHWAY ADMISTRATION	55,812.96	60,000.00	63,000.00
8000 · MISCELLANEOUS			
800 · Approp -Comm Agencies	16,725.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
803 · Select Board Discretionary Fund	2,405.92	2,500.00	2,500.00
805 · Reappraisal	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
806 · New Pavement Reserve	22,500.00	22,500.00	22,500.00
807 · Highway Resurface Fund	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
808 · Fire Engine Fund	17,500.00	20,000.00	22,500.00
809 - Village Green	20,000.00	approved at Special Town Meeting	2,500.00
810 · Highway Equip Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
817 · Digitize Maps	1,743.50	2,400.00	2,400.00
852 · Town Tree Maintenance	0.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Total 8000 · MISCELLANEOUS	186,874.42	174,400.00	180,400.00
9000 · FIRE DEPT			
901 · Fire Dept. Insurance	8,426.25	10,000.00	10,000.00
902 · Radios and Dispatch	15,738.00	16,500.00	17,000.00
903 · Assoc. Dues and School Fees	510.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
904 · Engine and Equipment Maint	3,747.63	3,500.00	4,000.00
906 · Propane	763.24	3,000.00	1,500.00
907 · Misc. and Supplies	0.00	500.00	500.00
908 · Capital Improvement	3,806.20	10,000.00	10,000.00
909 · Payroll	4,468.25	6,000.00	6,000.00
910 · Toilet Rental	110.00	0.00	0.00
Total 9000 · FIRE DEPT	37,569.57	52,000.00	51,500.00
	\$724,910.78	\$831,125.00	\$854,025.00

Town of Peru General Fund - Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Appropriations and Changes in Fund Balance

			AUTHORIZED	ACTUAL
			16-17	16-17
REVENUE				
	300	Taxes	\$ 524,100.00	\$ 533,875.00
		Surplus applied to Tax Rate	150,000.00	-
	316	State of VT Current Use	20,000.00	18,892.00
	318	Penalties Delinquent Taxes*	12,000.00	9,703.76
	322,324	License/ Dog, Beverage	1,350.00	1,636.00
	326	Zoning Permits	1,500.00	1,896.00
	328	Hunting/Fishing Licenses	25.00	14.00
	332	Town Clerk Fees	10,000.00	15,652.90
	334	Rental of TC Equipment	50.00	74.00
	336	Rental of Facilities	50.00	95.00
	338	State Aid Highways	40,000.00	49,879.03
	340	Interest Income	9,000.00	5,783.19
	344	Misc. Income	1,000.00	267.00
	346	Green Mountain National Forest	40,000.00	50,869.39
			<u>809,075.00</u>	<u>688,637.27</u>
Total Revenue				
EXPENDITURES		(See itemized accounts)		
	400-418	Administration	117,950.00	98,331.03
	420-438	Office/Equipment	19,325.00	17,034.58
	440-487	Total Buildings	57,250.00	50,322.08
	512-518	Taxes and Assessments	26,750.00	22,046.95
	626-638	General Services	43,700.00	39,044.32
	700-796	Highway & Roads	321,600.00	273,687.83
	901-910	Fire Department	49,000.00	37,569.57
			<u>635,575.00</u>	<u>538,036.36</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				
APPROPRIATIONS				
	803	Discretionary Fund	2,500.00	2,405.92
	805	Reappraisal	5,000.00	5,000.00
	806	New Pavement Reserve	22,500.00	22,500.00
	807	Highway Resurface Fund	26,000.00	26,000.00
	808	Fire Engine Fund	17,500.00	17,500.00
	809	Village Green		20,000.00
	810	Highway Equipment Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00
	817	Digitize Maps	2,000.00	1,743.50
	852	Town Tree Maintenance	1,000.00	0.00
	853	Municipal Planning Grant Expense	2,000.00	0.00
			<u>153,500.00</u>	<u>170,149.42</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS				
WARNING ARTICLES				
	800	Appropriations Community Services	20,000.00	16,725.00
GRAND TOTAL			<u>809,075.00</u>	<u>724,910.78</u>
SURPLUS/DEFICIT			<u>0.00</u>	<u>(36,273.51)</u>
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE				
Opening Fund Balance July 1, 2016				<u>454,395.56</u>
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2017				<u>\$ 418,122.05</u>

Balance Sheets

	General Fund	Special Funds	Trust & Agency	Total
Assets				
Municipal NOW	\$399,571.07	\$ 515,048.45	\$ 41,448.33	\$956,067.85
Petty Cash	100.00			100.00
Stock/Mutual Funds			86,227.71	86,227.71
Prepaid Expense	407.70			407.70
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	24,708.66			24,708.66
Misc. Receivable				
Total Assets	\$424,787.43	\$515,048.45	\$127,676.04	\$1,067,511.92
Liabilities				
Accrued Payroll & Payrol Taxes	\$6,665.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,665.38
Accounts payable				-
Total Liabilities	6,665.38	0.00	0.00	6,665.38
Fund Balance				
Appropriated		515,048.45	125,958.83	641,007.28
Unappropriated	418,122.05		1,717.21	419,839.26
Total Fund Balance	418,122.05	515,048.45	127,676.04	1,060,846.54
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$424,787.43	\$515,048.45	\$127,676.04	\$1,067,511.92

Statement of Delinquent Taxes

Balance, 6/30/16	\$11,859.70
Collected	7,400.64
Sub Total:	4,459.06
Delinquent	20,249.60
Balance, 6/30/17	\$24,708.66

Special Funds, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balance

Highway Resurface/Bridges	Fire Engine Equipment	Sewer Land/ Kelton Family	Peru Park	Village Gre
\$26,000.00	\$17,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.1
8.83	75.41	9.72	1.41	3,500.1
	1,449.00			9.1
<u>26,008.83</u>	<u>17,575.41</u>	<u>1,458.72</u>	<u>1.41</u>	<u>23,509.1</u>
103,556.60				
<u>103,556.60</u>				
(77,547.77)	17,575.41	1,458.72	1.41	23,509.1
<u>94,818.23</u>	<u>149,895.13</u>	<u>19,192.49</u>	<u>2,805.51</u>	<u>299.</u>
<u>\$17,270.46</u>	<u>\$167,470.54</u>	<u>\$20,651.21</u>	<u>\$2,806.92</u>	<u>\$23,808.</u>

Statement of Taxes Raised & Distributed

Grand Lists:

Municipal Grand List		\$2,233,092.30	
Billed at	x	<u>0.2345</u>	
		\$523,660.14	
Less Credit		<u>\$2,459.29</u>	\$521,200.85
Education Grand List		Resident	
Billed at	x	<u>430,670.00</u>	
		1.5984	
		\$688,382.93	
Less Credit		<u>207,819.71</u>	480,563.22
Education Grand List		Non-Resident	
Billed at	x	<u>1,710,169.46</u>	
		1.5532	
		\$2,656,235.21	<u>2,656,235.21</u>
			3,657,999.28
State Adjustment based on final education Grand List			-7,599.69
Post Grand List Adjustments (late-filed HS122,			<u>13,215.43</u>
	errors & omissions, etc)		
Total Tax Raised			<u>\$3,663,615.02</u>

Distribution of Taxes:

State Education Fund-Peru School District-FBUS		\$3,129,740.02
General Fund		<u>533,875.00</u>
Total		<u>\$3,663,615.02</u>

Funding Requests to the Town of Peru

Bennington County Conservation District

November 14, 2017

Select Board
Town of Peru
PO Box 127
Peru, VT 05152

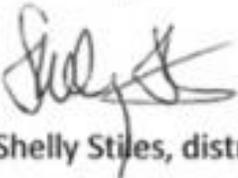
Dear Select Board members:

Thank you very much for your support for the Bennington County Conservation District (BCCD) in 2017. I write to request that the Town again appropriate the sum of \$300 to support the conservation district's programs in the new year.

I enclose our annual report for the calendar year to date and our financial report for FY 2017. You will see that in the last year we've focused on education and projects related to forests, invasive plant species, and river-related projects.

Thank you again for helping make these activities possible through your citizens' support for BCCD. We look forward to working with you and for you in 2018.

Sincerely,



Shelly Stiles, district manager



Bennington County Regional Commission

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region. The BCRC plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests.

In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials and volunteer boards and commissions, the BCRC serves as a regional center for work in community development, transportation, healthy community design, energy, environmental conservation and protection of water quality, solid waste management, and emergency management. The BCRC regularly conducts and sponsors public meetings and workshops on these topics throughout the region (www.bcrcvt.org for more information).

During the past year, the BCRC has worked to implement its comprehensive plan and has supplemented that document with a new regional energy plan which supports efforts to conserve energy and plan for renewable energy development. Economic development planning in the region is now being coordinated through a collaboration between the BCRC and the Bennington County Industrial Corporation (BCIC). The BCRC is providing staff support to help BCIC conduct economic development planning and to support business retention, growth, and recruitment. An outgrowth of this economic development work involves cooperation within the region and with Windham County to advance the goals of the Southern Vermont Economic Development Zone. The BCRC also is providing staff support for a major downtown redevelopment project in Bennington that grew from brownfields and community development work overseen by the Commission. Other important accomplishments have included: assistance with updates to several municipal comprehensive plans and bylaws, new village center designations, implementation of the regional solid waste management plan in cooperation with the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance, management of several bicycle and pedestrian projects, and planning and project management to assist municipalities with water quality improvement projects.

Special initiatives to be undertaken in the coming year include: work on a Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, development of a regional cultural resources plan, assistance with enhanced municipal energy plans, workforce and business development initiatives, support for local water quality management plans and improvement projects, further expansion of bike-ped facilities, and assessment and support for redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the region.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and several elected commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. Our office, located at 111 South Street in Bennington, is open Monday through Friday. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: www.bcrcvt.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sullivan, Director

Bennington Rutland Opportunity Center

To the Citizens of the Town of Peru,

On behalf of BROCC Community Action and the thousands of people with low income or living in poverty that we serve in Rutland and Bennington counties, I want to personally thank you for supporting us as a budget line item over the years. BROCC Community Action continues to experience many people seeking our programs and services each day.

Over the past year, BROCC Community Action assisted 2 Peru residents who had their needs met including food at our Community Food Shelf, case management and counseling and budget counseling through our Community Services department and 5 homes/units were weatherized reducing energy costs and increasing energy efficiency through our Weatherization assistance program.

Despite these outcomes BROCC Community Action has achieved for the residents of the Town of Peru over the past year, there is still more work to do. People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your appropriation helps ease the struggle for more than 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward.

Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$200.00.

We value our partnership with Peru to assist those most in need.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Donahue, CEO
tdonahue@brocc.org

Cemetery Commission

As with last year the low interest rates have reduced the income from accounts that we can only use the interest from for perpetual care therefore, the Cemetery Commission is requesting that the appropriation from the Town to remain at \$3,500.00, so we can continue to adequately maintain the cemeteries and complete repairs as they become necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
Peru Cemetery Commission

Stewart Beattie, Chairman

The Collaborative

Dear Peru Residents,

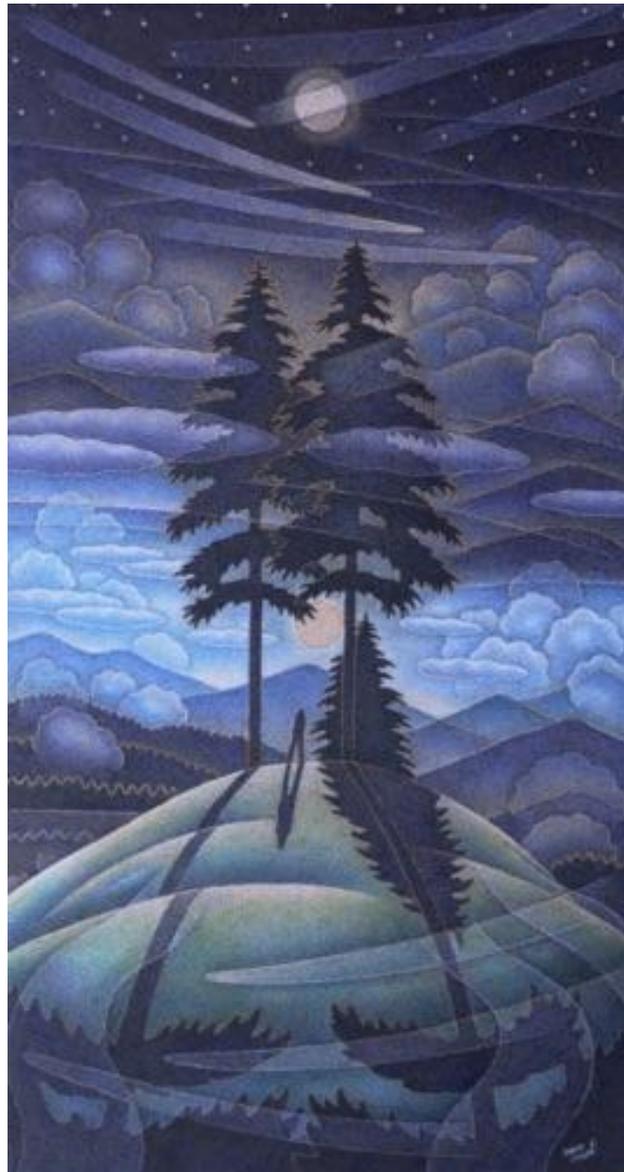
The Collaborative thanks you for your vote of confidence in passing our request for local taxpayer dollars at the 2017 Town Meeting. In 2018, The Collaborative marks **twenty years** of providing quality afterschool care for families with children attending Flood Brook School. Since 1998, we have grown to provide a wide range of individual, youth, and family programs focused on supporting families and preventing youth substance use. In the town budget we are requesting funds to support The Collaborative Extended Day Program, Collaborative Camp and the Refuse to Use program. Over half of FBS students are enrolled in the Extended Day Program. Each day students utilize the high-quality state licensed after school care, where they enjoy an engaging activity, snack, and homework help. Over one hundred campers this year at our Flood Brook School based summer camp participated in interactive activities while enjoying our local outdoor environment. Swim lessons are available for each camper for no additional charge at Collaborative Camp. We work hard to make these services available to all families regardless of ability to pay the tuition. During the 2014-2015 school year and summer camp, we provided over \$7,000 in scholarships. Over 300 students participated in The Refuse to Use Program which included over eight hours of hands-on education about refusal skills, activity alternatives, and the risk and harms of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use for each student.

We are requesting your approval of \$750 in your town's budget to assist The Collaborative with providing these services. We appreciate your involvement

Sincerely,

Maryann Morris

Executive Director



Center for Restorative Justice

This past year, the Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) experienced a year of growth and success. A total of 1,162 individuals served through CRJ programs made positive impacts on their lives, the lives of others and their community. Over \$6,500 was donated back to community organizations and charities and over \$9,000 in restitution was collected and given back to victims of crime.

CRJ programs are integral in helping to strengthen communities, reducing the burden on a strapped court system, providing victims a voice in the process, and providing individuals with resources and skills to help from reoffending.

CRJ programs are guided by the principles of restorative justice, which holds offenders accountable and places emphasis on repairing the harm done to the victim and community. Our range of programs begins in the schools working with students to address attendance and behavioral issues. From our work in schools, we then focus our programming on youth and adults who may have found themselves involved in the court system for the first time. Involvement could include civil violations, first time charges in Criminal Court or juveniles adjudicated in Family Court. Our program continuum then focuses on helping youth and adults who have more significant involvement with the criminal justice system including working with people on probation as well as with those reentering the community from incarceration. We invite and encourage people to visit our web site at www.bcrj.org to learn more about our many programs and services.

CRJ is proud to have 46 community volunteers serving on one of 8 monthly restorative justice panels. Community volunteers represent the heart of the restorative process. CRJ attempts to have volunteers representing all parts of Bennington County on our restorative panels. We are always welcoming new volunteers and encourage anyone interested in getting involved to visit our web site for more information.

CRJ would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Peru for your partnership in providing a wide variety of alternative justice programming to residents throughout Bennington County. Your support has helped individuals to get their lives on the right track, helped empower victims to get their needs met and be a voice in the justice process, and helped restore and strengthen communities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leitha Cipriano, Executive Director



FLOOD BROOK ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

PO Box 526, Londonderry, VT 05148



Residents, Taxpayers and Peru Town Select Board

November 1st, 2017

The Flood Brook Athletic Association (FBAA) would like to thank all of the residents, taxpayers and the Town's select boards for all their support over the years.

FBAA is a community organization, whose mission is to provide positive, rewarding, and safe opportunities to participate in affordable sports programs for our area's youth. We are committed to providing athletic experiences that promote individual and team skill development, teamwork, and perseverance. We are comprised of volunteers who are dedicated to organizing our programs; raising funds for uniforms and equipment; and maintaining the dugouts, fields, and scoreboards at Flood Brook School and Pingree Park.

This past year, in collaboration with Flood Brook School we installed (4) new adjustable basketball hoops to utilize the gymnasium for the younger athletes. We also re-surfaced the in-field of the lower baseball field at Pingree Park with Turface, a moisture management product. New programs for Tennis, Dance, Golf and a Running club were offered. For the second year, we held a 5th thru 8th grade Summer Basketball Program that was offered to all surrounding communities. Our fundraising activities along with our registration fees are often not enough to cover the expenses our organization incurs. Many area residents and businesses have supported our efforts through volunteer services and donations; however we still fall short of our financial expectations.

Therefore, we would like to humbly request to the residents, taxpayers and Peru Town Select Board to consider appropriating \$1000.00 to assist us in providing these valuable athletic programs to our area's youth.

In closing, we would like to thank the residents of Peru, parents, coaches, managers and local businesses as well as past and present members of the board, for all their many contributions to the youth of our community. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and needed.

Respectfully,
FBAA Board

Please consider supporting this worthwhile endeavor by joining the FBAA board, sharing your experience as a youth coach, or pitching in with other volunteer and fundraising efforts. Please join us at our monthly meetings, every second Wednesday of the month.

Green Mountain Club

The observation tower at the top of Bromley Mountain was taken down in June, 2012, due to structural and safety concerns. The Green Mountain Club, Manchester Section, has been fundraising to rebuild the tower. The location of the tower is within the Town of Peru, and the tower has been an asset to its citizens and visitors. We request that the Town provide a donation of \$1000 to the fund for reconstruction of the tower. A previous \$500 donation was approved and made in 2013.

History: In 1959 Fred Pabst had a chairlift built to the top of Bromley Mountain to serve the ski area in the winter and bring tourists to the summit in the summer. To provide a 360-degree view, with mountains in four states visible, a wooden tower was built between 1960 and 1962 at the top of the mountain on state land. The Bromley tower was removed in the spring 2012 after an engineering report declared it structurally unsafe for further use.

Current Effort: The Green Mountain Club is leading the effort to reconstruct the tower because of its importance to hikers of the Long Trail. The new tower will be built on state land approximately 20 feet north of the old location. The tower was and will be along the Long Trail, which the Green Mountain Club maintains. The Club has given formal support to the project; the Vermont State Agency of Natural Resources and Bromley Ski Area have given the Club verbal approval to construct the new tower.

The plan is to replace the historic wooden tower with a steel tower that will last for the next hundred years. The Club has been working with a builder who is able to take care of engineering, designing and building the tower. He has provided a cost estimate of \$262,000, our current fundraising goal. As of October 1, 2017, we have raised \$103,180.

Individuals and businesses may make tax-deductible donations as follows:

- Online at www.greenmountainclub.org. Click on “Donations”, then “Special Projects” and scroll down to the “Bromley Tower Project”.
- Mail a check to “Green Mountain Club” with “Bromley Tower Restricted Account” in the memo field. The address is 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Thank you for considering this request to support the Bromley Observation Tower reconstruction.

Green Up Vermont

Dear Select Board/Town Clerk:

October 2017

Please consider Green Up Vermont's request for your community's financial support. We respectfully ask you to include the appropriate amount from the guide below in your budget for next year. This guide remains the same as in previous years:

For towns under 1,000 population	\$ 50
For towns over 1,000 and under 2000 . . .	\$100
For towns over 2,000 and under 3000 . . .	\$150
For towns over 3,000 and under 4000 . . .	\$200
For towns over 4,000 population	\$300

Sincerely,
Melinda Vicux
President, Green Up Vermont

Town report information for Green Up Day, May 6, 2017

(This is available for download at www.greenupvermont.org under "About Us.")

Green Up Day marked its 47th Anniversary, with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individuals giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long-term.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Our East Montpelier coordinator reports "Green Up Day is an excellent teachable moment for our children." Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover sixteen percent of the operating budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 50,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and the services of two part-time employees.

Mark your calendar: May 5, 2018 Green Up Day, 48 years of tradition!

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day,
Always the first Saturday in May.**

Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad responded to 471 calls in 2017. This is down slightly from our high of 513 calls last year. The location of these calls are as follows: 3 in Andover, 10 in Jamaica, 12 in Landgrove, 118 in Londonderry, 67 in South Londonderry, 32 in Peru, 27 in Stratton, 68 in Weston, 17 in Windham, 82 in Winhall, 1 in Ludlow, 1 in Manchester and 2 in Chester. There were 31 calls at the following ski areas: 17 at Bromley, 8 at Stratton, and 6 at Magic Mountain.

Of these calls: 264 were illnesses, 106 injuries, 58 motor vehicle accidents, 16 stand-by calls, and 27 public assists. We responded to 12 mutual aid calls, while 34 calls resulted in other services coming to our aid. Our members initiated Advanced Life Support measures and interventions on over 200 calls. These interventions includes: starting 127 pre-hospital IV's, cardiac defibrillations, and administration of albuterol, zofran, epinephrine, narcan, aspirin, nitroglycerin, morphine, fentanyl, dextrose (D50) and Nitrous Oxide. We used a Paramedic Intercept service 5 times and called in the DHART helicopter 6 times. Sixty-one percent of our calls were daytime calls between the hours of 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Of the patients we transported, 28 were younger than 18 years of age while 183 patients were over 65.

Our Squad membership has remained steady this past year. We gained two members while losing four members. This brings our total membership to forty-five members. Eleven of these members are ambulance drivers with CPR training, nine Emergency Medical Responders, nine Emergency Medical Technicians, eleven Advance Emergency Medical Technicians, and five Paramedics. We just completed an EMR class at our building with the hopes of getting a few more new members, once they have finished testing. We are always looking for new members, especially those who can respond to daytime calls. Please go to our website at (londonderryrescuevt.org) to check us out and to down load our applications.

Within our squad we have our Londonderry Technical Rescue which does all of the vehicle extrications, back country rescues, cold water rescues, low angle rescues, etc. in our coverage area. This department is also growing with over thirty members.

Since we have such long transports to the area hospitals, we try not to be on scene any longer than ten minutes. You can help us keep this time to a minimum by being prepared for when the ambulance arrives at your residence. Often patients (or families) in distress can't remember what medications they are on, or what they are being treated for. Each of you can help us out by creating a simple list that includes such things as your name, mailing address, date of birth, past and current medical treatments and/or conditions, and a **list of your current medications**. Please have this list available so that it's handy when we arrive on scene. **It's your life that we can save with this knowledge and time saved.**

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad has seen a large increase in prescription drug, opiate abuse and deaths in recent years. This is a national problem that affects us all, no matter where we live. To help combat this problem and to better treat the patients that we transport, LVRS has started using Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) for pain control. This will cut down on our use of giving opiates for pain and to better control pain for recovering addicts that refuse opiates. We are one of the few ambulance services in Vermont to use Nitrous Oxide.

Our coverage area changed slightly this past year. We are no longer covering the Rawsonville area of Jamaica. We are now covering the Andover Ridge area of Andover. This resulted in very little difference in the square miles that we cover, which continues to be between 250 and 255 square miles.

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad is a licensed Paramedic Service. We are a highly trained, professional Squad that is run and staffed completely by volunteers. I want to thank our members and their families for the time, commitment, and sacrifices that they have made in taking our Squad to the level that it has achieved. LVRS is the only transporting ambulance service in the State of Vermont that does not bill for any of our transports or services. This is only made possible by the continued generosity and support of the communities and the residents that we serve.

Thank You,

William "Pete" Cobb Jr.

President, LVRS



Mountain Valley Medical Center

Dear Select Board:

As you know, when Mountain Valley Medical Clinic joined Springfield Medical Care Systems we became part of a Federally Qualified Health Center. This means that all our patients are entitled to the medical care they need regardless of their ability to pay.

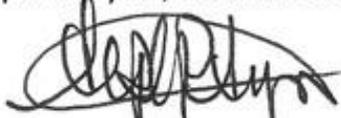
However, Mountain Valley Medical Clinic continues to act as a medical safety net for vulnerable mountain residents. With the rising cost of health care and high deductibles, we are seeing more and more people struggling to pay for their medical care. We regularly fund office visits, prescriptions, co-pays, transportation costs and many other circumstantial expenses related to medical care.

MVMC set up an emergency relief fund to pay for these expenses and these are tracked by towns. The fund is for area residents who are uninsured, struggling with the high cost of health insurance or just struggling to keep up with their everyday financial demands. The fund is used only for patients who seek care at MVMC and live in our catchment area. This money will not be used for any care sought outside MVMC or for any non-MVMC patients.

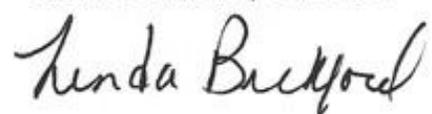
The emergency relief fund is subsidized through town appropriations, as well as private supporters. We are requesting Peru appropriate \$3,000 for this fund which provides financial assistance to Peru residents unable to afford their healthcare.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stephen Lyon, Board President



Linda Bickford, Director



Neighborhood Connections

Dear Selectboard:

Neighborhood Connections is a community based nonprofit serving nine of our local mountain towns, including Windham. We are requesting \$1000.00 to use for our general operations budget. During this past year Peru residents accounted for 10 visits to our center where they received 36 services.

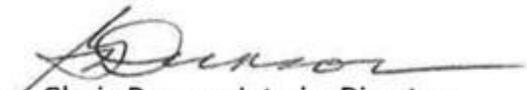
Some of the services are listed below. This is not an exhaustive list.

Advocacy	Employment Counseling
Health Education	Food/Nutrition
Crisis Intervention Services	Access to Healthcare
Financial Assistance in Emergencies	Legal Referrals
Application Assistance	Supportive Counseling
Heating Crisis and Repair	Safety and Wellness Monitoring
Transitional Housing	
Assistance in tax return preparation	

In addition to the services above, this past year we continued to expand the programming offered in our Meeting Place, where 51 programs were offered covering a wide range of topics including health, diet and nutrition and arts and culture. These programs were supplemented by weekly meetings meeting of Families Anonymous and Clean and Sober groups and meetings of community organizations such as Lions. Our Mental Health Community Partners Group where 35 area volunteer and community based organizations meet on a monthly basis to share information and strategize on the most efficient and effective ways to address community needs. We were also very pleased to add a community nurse to our team to assist families and adults with health education, home-visits and a linkage to health care services. All of these activities have served to further cement Neighborhood Connections as an important community resource for a very diverse population of our residents including youth, adults, families and seniors. Your support for our organization is essential to our success- thank you!

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely



Gloria Dawson Interim Director

Protect Against Violent Encounters

Dear Peru Selectboard:

Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE), an agency serving the needs of victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence, is requesting \$150 from the Town of Peru for the FY 2018.

PAVE is committed to providing compassionate support, practical services and the pathway to healing and safety for countless victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout our communities. Our organization has grown from a domestic violence hotline to the multiple and comprehensive support services we now provide. These services include 24 hour hotline, court and social service advocacy, case management, emergency financial assistance, access to legal services, access to emergency housing, supervised visitation, parenting classes, community awareness, school -based prevention education and more.

The hotline is still where it often begins and our volunteers remain the backbone of the support we offer. In the past year, we provided three Peru residents with comprehensive services, all initially contacting us through the emergency hotline. These residents received advocacy services including emotional support and safety planning.

To stop the generational cycle of abuse, we must start early and invest in prevention strategies that provide healthy parent-child relationships, friendships and dating relationships. Through our education and empowerment programs - pre-kindergarten to college; Nurturing Parenting classes; Women's Support Groups; Healthy Mind, Body and Family workshops and Financial Literacy Program, we helped over 4,500 children, teachers and other adults learn new skills and techniques.

We hope the town of Peru will once again be able to support the work of PAVE with a donation of \$150. Your support creates greater opportunities for the people impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence who need our services each year.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Campbell, Executive Director

Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **19 years** of the program, **1054 grants** totaling **\$2.32 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

Over the past several years, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. In 2017 we increased the maximum grant award amount from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing RFP systems are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. In 2015 we began considering applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year. Please be on the look-out for the grant announcement post-card in March 2018.

The annual budget of the Rural Fire Protection Program is \$190,000 per year, \$110,000 of which is awarded in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation

in your 2018 town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received almost **\$10,000** in town appropriations from almost **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

214 Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Enclosed please find a summary report of the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice and W-9 from VACD in case it is required. Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you would like to receive this appropriation request by mail instead of by email, please contact Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

Tom Maclay, Chair

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

Dear Selectmen,

This is a request from the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for \$200.00 in funding in your FY '19 budget. This is the same level of funding we requested and received last year. If approved, this funding will be used to help support the work we do on behalf of Peru elders.

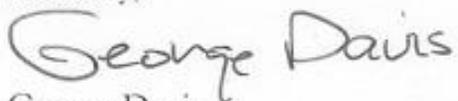
The enclosed document provides a brief description of the services the Council on Aging provided to elders in your community over the last year, and is designed for use in the Peru, town report. Please contact me if you have any questions about any of this information.

I would be glad to arrange for a representative from our agency to appear at any meeting set to discuss this request.

We sincerely appreciate the past support that we have received from the town of Peru, and we hope that we can, once again, count on support from your community.

Thank you for your consideration of this new request.

Sincerely,



George Davis
Board President

Report to the Citizens of Peru

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to older adults who reside in Peru. The service period reported is from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017:

Senior Meals

3 Peru older adults came together at a luncheon site located in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others. Through this site, 15 meals were served to older adults in your community.

Case Management Assistance

SVCOA case management staff helped 1 older adults in your community. A case manager works with an older adult, privately in the individual's home or at another agreed upon location. The case managers assess each person's specific situation in order to tailor a plan unique to that individual. Case managers will work with the older adult to identify their needs and discuss possible services available to address these areas. If the individual desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help older adults connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail older adults facing the possibility of long-term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support

SVCOA also provided a host of other services to support older adults in your community. These services included:

- 1) "Senior HelpLine" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to older adults and others, who need information about available programs and community resources;
- 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program (SHIP);
- 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project;
- 4) Information about elder issues via the "60Plus" column appearing in the Rutland Herald;
- 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician;
- 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound older adults;
- 7) Outreach services to older adults dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. SVCOA cooperates with Rutland County Mental Health to provide this service;
- 8) Transportation assistance; and,
- 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to older adults in need of assistance.

South Londonderry Free Library

The South Londonderry Free Library has a lot to offer all of you including new and classic books, ongoing art exhibits with local artists, children's and adult programming, computer use, downloadable audio and e-Books and access to wi-fi 24/7.

We welcome you, your relatives, friends and visitors to enjoy all that this little gem in your neighborhood has to offer.

If you could again allocate \$1,000 so we can provide free services to everyone, it would be most appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary K. Butera, Librarian/Director
& The Trustees of the S. Londonderry Free Library

Vermont Center of Independent Living

Request Amount: \$140.00

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.

Preliminary numbers for our In FY'17 (10/2016-9/2017) VCIL responded to over **3,041** 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 **347** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **10** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **160** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **80** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **94** individuals with information on assistive technology; **45** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **530** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **49** people and provided **22** 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. Our Windham County office also 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, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R &A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP)

Visiting Nurse and Hospice

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

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

Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 VNH made 186 homecare visits to 11 Peru residents. This included approximately \$9,328 in unreimbursed care to Peru residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 130 home visits to 10 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 56 home visits to 1 resident who was in the final stages of their life.

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

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

Sincerely,



Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)

BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY

OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER



March 2018

Dear Sending Town Communities:

We are pleased to submit our tuition for the 2018-2019 school year. BBA continues to be a driver of economic and population growth for our region, and as our enrollment has grown, we are able to offer broader programming while keeping tuition increases to a minimum. Our tuition for the upcoming school year will be \$17,065, a 2.2% increase from its current level.

As we all know, we have faced various challenges in the political arena, most recently from the State Board of Education, which sought to implement rules that would have been detrimental to our role within our sending communities. Thanks in no small part to the tremendous showing of support from residents throughout BBA's sending towns, the proposed rules were rescinded and a study committee was formed to ensure that any changes protect the unique relationship of BBA and other independent schools serving our surrounding communities.

As a school, we continue to reflect on the rapidly changing nature of education in the 21st century. Our faculty is deeply engaged in addressing the question, "How great does/can learning get at BBA?" and we are thinking forward about the people, programs, facilities and technology that we need not only to serve our students today, but to constantly improve and adapt so our students are prepared to face the uncertainties and opportunities of the future. Through it all, our overarching objectives are to be a school that brings out the best in each and every student and to be a source of strength to all our sending towns.

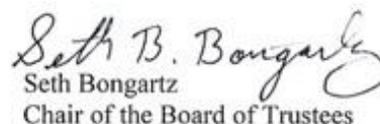
We recognize the long-term financial challenges faced throughout the state as our education system grapples with declining student enrollment, increasing education costs, and tax rates that many find challenging. The creation of the Taconic and Green Consolidated School District is a major step forward in ensuring access to a BBA education while creating opportunities to manage educational costs. In addition, we will continue to fundraise, draw funds from our endowment, and attract international students creating over \$3.5 million in additional revenue above and beyond town tuition. Thus, in a very meaningful way, you get much more than you pay for at BBA.

In presenting a modest tuition increase, we are working to maintain educational affordability while upholding the very high-quality standards that this community needs and deserves.

We thank you for your support and partnership.

Respectfully submitted,


Mark H. Taskiran
Headmaster


Seth Bongartz
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Burr and Burton Academy Budget

	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018	Budget 2018-2019
OPERATING REVENUES AND GAINS			
Domestic tuition and fees	\$ 11,411,710	\$ 11,679,205	\$ 11,936,148
International tuition and fees	2,632,970	2,933,400	3,040,176
Food service	376,908	415,000	415,000
Contributions and grants	992,975	900,000	900,000
Endowment draw	805,267	759,590	760,000
Other	101,847	137,200	75,000
Total revenue	16,321,677	16,824,395	17,126,323
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and wages	8,589,994	8,939,352	9,254,017
Employee benefits	<u>3,134,754</u>	<u>3,256,645</u>	<u>3,375,838</u>
Total personnel	11,724,748	12,195,997	12,629,856
Advertising	21,635	23,250	25,000
Commissions, fees and subscriptions	352,000	326,085	350,000
Depreciation of buildings, technology equip and software, f&f, equipment & vehicles	1,337,296	1,391,736	1,379,783
Equipment and leases	127,607	145,857	150,000
Insurance	198,019	214,959	210,000
Interest	54,922	55,000	55,000
Professional development	94,191	127,985	100,000
Professional fees	143,999	61,200	100,000
Purchased services and service contracts	811,810	793,060	800,000
Repairs and maintenance	185,945	250,000	250,000
Room and board	205,325	249,400	265,000
Scholarships and awards	31,475	58,531	59,000
Supplies	776,975	821,330	800,000
Telephone and postage	78,687	82,317	80,000
Transportation and travel	362,400	492,973	475,000
Utilities	281,364	351,560	310,000
Total operating expenses	16,788,398	17,641,240	18,038,639
TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ <u>(466,721)</u>	\$ <u>(816,845)</u>	\$ <u>(912,315)</u>