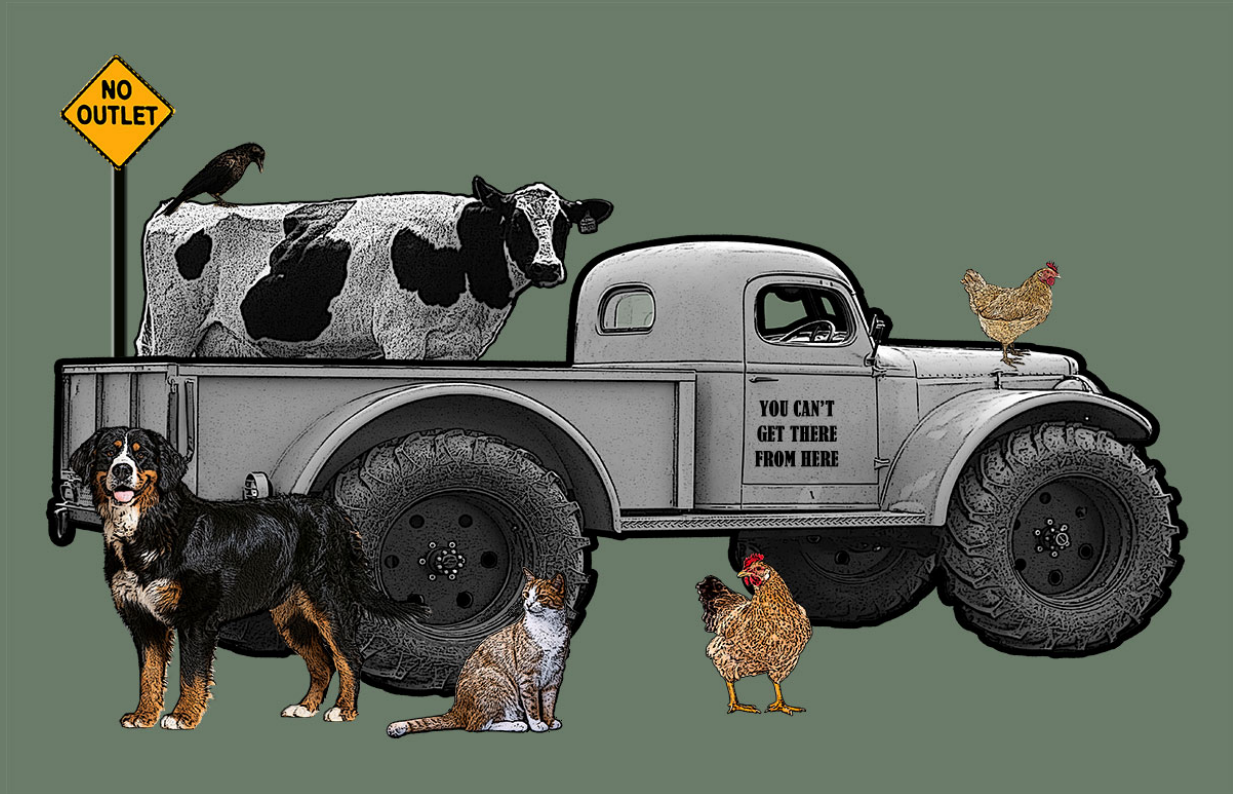


# TOWN OF SANDGATE



## Town & School District 2019 Fiscal Year Annual Report

# WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, March 2nd, 2020 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of acting on the following articles, with the exception of Article 1 which will be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020. Absentee and early voting is permitted on all matters to be voted on by Australian Ballot. The polls will be open at the Town Hall on March 3rd, 2020 between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

ARTICLE 1. To vote on the following Town and School Officers using Australian Ballot:

Auditor – three year term	Selectboard – three year term
Cemetery Commissioner – three year term	Selectboard – one year term
Delinquent Tax Collector – one year term	Selectboard – one year term
Lister – three year term	Town Agent – one year term
School Director – three year term	State Officer & Constable – one year term
Grand Juror – one year term	Town & School Moderator – one year term

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers

ARTICLE 3. Shall current property taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before Oct 1, 2020?

ARTICLE 4. Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$18,807 in support of the organizations listed in the Appropriations section of the General Budget?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the town appropriate \$135,116 to defray the general expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the town appropriate \$439,407 to defray the highway expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

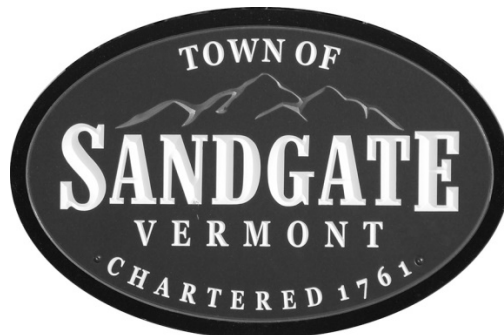
ARTICLE 7. To hear and transact such further business as may be lawful and appropriate for the annual meeting.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town of Sandgate enter into a Communications Union District to be known as Southern Vermont Communications Union District, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Chapter 82?

ARTICLE 9. Shall the line item balance for Lister Salaries & Expenses be carried over to a Lister Expense Fund into the following year?

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## TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS FOR 2019

Sandra D. Reidy, Sandgate Town Clerk

I have enjoyed my first year as Town Clerk. Feel free to stop in or call with any questions you may have. I look forward to the coming year as your Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk's office is open Monday and Thursday, 9:30 to 12:30. The vault is open during all these office hours.

The Town website is [www.sandgatevermont.org](http://www.sandgatevermont.org). The minutes of Select Board meetings are posted after each meeting and we post them outside the office.

We are in volume 58 in the Sandgate Land Records. All volumes have been microfilmed up to and including volume 55. The Vermont State archives have a copy.

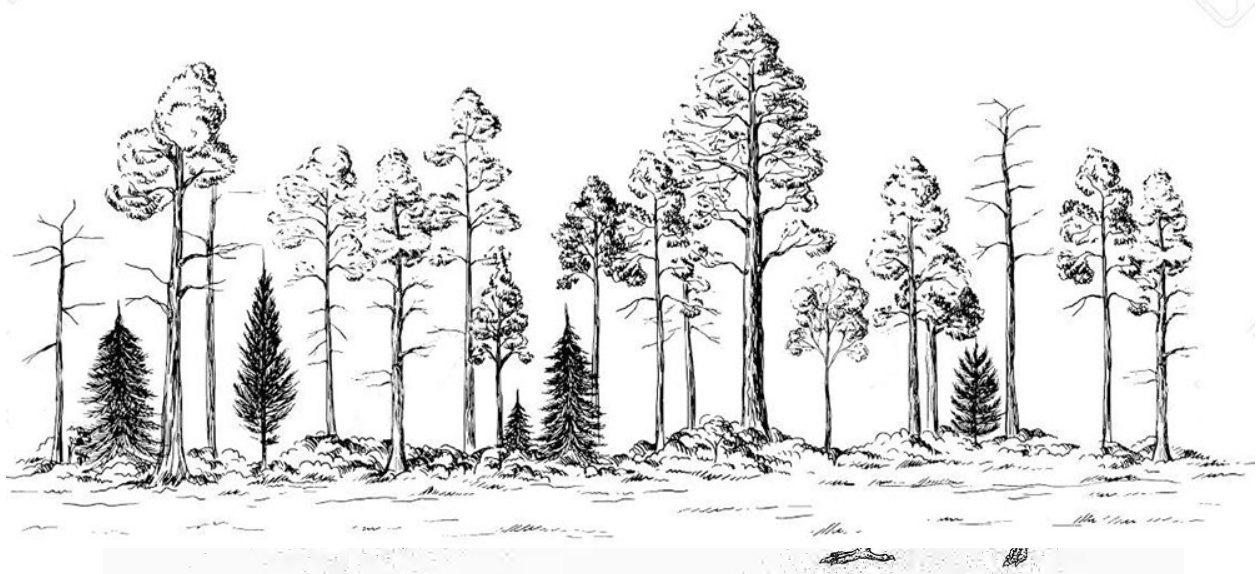


## VITAL RECORDS FOR 2019

**BIRTHS:** Elsie Ann Paustian, Jackson James Stroffoleno, John Michael Grover, Osa Jon Stevens

**MARRIAGES:** Michael McDermott to Shannon Remington, Thomas Santelli to Heather Smith, Riley Fraher to Justin Trinkle

**DEATHS:** Ronald William Pero (78), Beverly J. Stone (81), Jeanne Manrell (87), Martha R. Kulmane (78)



## **SELECT BOARD COMMENTS**

Suzanne dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup

Last June an apple tree was planted next to the Sandgate Town Hall in recognition of Judy Boehlerts' years of service to Sandgate. She held positions on Select Board, Planning/Zoning Board, Justice of the Peace and BCRC Commissioner.

The Town still awaits the placement of highway traffic signs offered by the Government for the West Sandgate Road.

Thanks to all Sandgaters who participated in Green Up Day. Special kudos to the Cub Scouts.

The Sandgate Select Board would like to state our gratitude to all the citizens who have ably filled appointed positions.

Select Board meetings are held twice a month, generally on the first and third Monday nights.

Agendas and minutes for meetings are posted on Towns' municipal website: [sandgatevermont.org](http://sandgatevermont.org).

All meetings are open to the public.



## **WUERSLIN-STUECKLEN ARTS GRANT COMMITTEE**

Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Pat Hall, Dona McAdams, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel

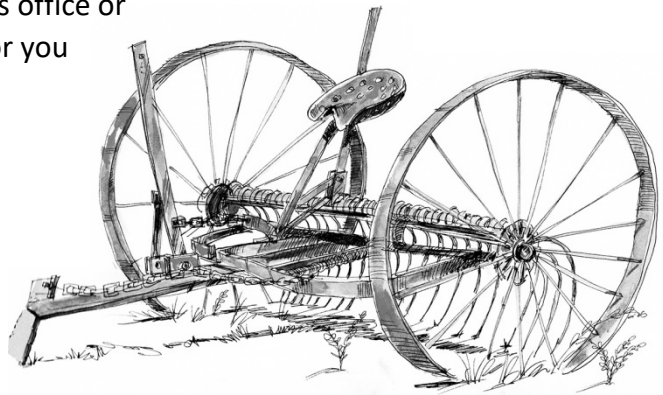
One grant was awarded in 2019:

Jesse Marie Keel: summer class, "Acts of Resistance" at the University of Vermont.

The "Arts" means creative endeavors including, but not limited to, visual arts, performing arts, and literature. The amount of each award will be determined by the Award Committee. It is for one year only. The Award check will be sent, when applicable, directly to the chosen institution or supplier of services. The number and amount of awards will vary depending on available funds.

Applications forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at [sandgatevermont.org](http://sandgatevermont.org). Here is a chance for you or your child to do something in the Arts, compliments of your town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Eisenhart



## ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

There was a lot accomplished this year on all the roads in town. Culverts were replaced on the roads that needed them the most. There was also ditching done on roads that needed attention. All roads were graded twice. As for potholes—they were addressed as well, but most know that can be a real challenge. When weather was on our side, they were taken care of.

The Crews' main objective is to keep the roads maintained and safe for all residents as well as visitors. We ask that when the Road Work signs are out, that residents please slow down and be aware that the safety of the crew is pertinent.

### Statistics:

- 600 Feet of Culverts
- Ditching, 7.5 miles
- Gravel Placement, 1,500 yards
- Road Mowing, 28 miles
- There were also two Rupert Road Grants that totaled \$150,000
- In the last six years we have put \$225,000 into Rupert Road improvements.

We would like to thank Jim Henderson for his help with obtaining grants and town maps.

Thank you,  
Mike, Willie, Tom

For road problems please contact Tom Santelli, 375-9297 or Mike Hill, 375-8358.



## FOREST FIRE WARDENS REPORT

Lynn Fielding

There were no forest fires to report this year. Your fire wardens issued 23 burn permits for 2019. If you have any questions about burning or need a permit, please call Lynn Fielding at 802-375-2211 or Jim Gunn at 802-375-9481. You do not need a burn permit when there is snow on the ground around the fire.





# **SANDGATE CEMETERY COMMISSION 2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

Kathleen Hill, Julie Robertson, Kathy Wagner

Inspired by the privately funded maintenance of a monument in the old part of the Center Hill Cemetery, your commission contracted again with JA Mahar Monuments this past year to clean and straighten stones. The results were amazing and we are hoping to finish the old part in the upcoming year. As an aside, Kathy Wagner was told by one of the workers, that the stones in any cemetery should be cleaned every 50 years. Mark the dates of this current clean-up effort, because it is unlikely that this group of commissioners will be around to remind you.

In addition, our goal for 2020 is to bring in soil to landscape and fill the low areas in the old part of the Center Hill Cemetery as well. This will help to level out the terrain and hopefully make it easier to mow.

Which brings me to a subject the commissioners struggled with all of last year. After several years maintaining our mowing and trimming needs, Sherman Property Maintenance, sadly, gave notice that he could no longer continue working for us. The weather, personal commitments, etc. had made it difficult to keep up with basic maintenance. We often scrambled around to try and keep the cemeteries presentable and for this we humbly apologize to the town. Many townspeople offered to mow and trim. Kathy Wagner spent a great deal of time monitoring the trimming needs and was able to get Suzy dePeyster to mow on one occasion. As elated we were with the progress of the stone clean-up, the mowing was a constant concern. As of this writing, we are still actively seeking bids to mow our two cemeteries: Center Hill and West Sandgate. The other cemeteries are not mowed as a rule. The commissioners will be concentrating on securing another mowing service or individual who can meet our needs for 2020 and beyond.

Cemetery Policy – if you are, or your loved one was, a Sandgate resident at the time of their death, there are available plots for burial or cremation. For a \$400 donation and corner markers, you may secure a plot for the future. Should you move out of town, the plot is still yours, unless you choose to sell it to another Sandgate town resident. You also can give it back to the cemetery if you know you are not going to be able to use it. One burial plot can hold up to 4 cremations. Some situations may need to come before the commission to decide on a case-by-case basis.

We appreciate the support you give to us and feel free to contact any of the above commissioners with questions or requests.



## Listers' Report

Shelley Finn, Jeanne Zoppel, John Zak

Sandgate's 2019 Grand List contained 348 parcels and seven non-tax parcels totaling \$63,525,838 after exemptions. We are pleased to say that there are no outstanding appeals.

The Listers continue to work on the town-wide reappraisal for the 2020 Grand List, including site visits and photos. Site visits are important because the Listers can identify depreciation only by a site visit.

REMINDER: By law all residents must file Form HS-122 by April 15. If you are no longer a resident, file Form HS-122W, the non-resident form.



## AUDITORS' REPORT

Valerie dePeyster, Katie Kenny, Sheila Kearns

We have audited the orders, invoices, checks, and bank statements of the Town of Sandgate for 2019. To the best of our knowledge, the consolidated balance sheet and other financial statements represented in this town report fairly reflect the financial position of the Town as of 12/31/2019. Town auditors do not serve as auditors for the town school district, nor are they responsible for audits of incorporated school districts, union school districts, or supervisory unions. If you would like to receive your annual Town Report notification by email instead of a mailed postcard, please email your preference to [auditors@sandgatevermont.org](mailto:auditors@sandgatevermont.org).





## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Jim Henderson, Harry Rich, Phoebe Sheres

There has been considerable interest concerning the landslide on the Green River across from the Town Office. I want to provide an update on efforts made on behalf of the landowner to address the issue. This October members of the Select Board, Bennington County Regional Commission, Bennington County Conservation District, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, The Composting Association of Vermont, and North Point Outdoors, a land stabilization consulting firm, met on site to discuss the potential of using innovative composting technology to stabilize the slide and initiate revegetation. Although the size of the slide presents major challenges, there was optimism that the slide could be remediated. We all agreed that the toe of the slope needs to be stabilized as the critical first stage of the project.

A few weeks later, following a Regional Water Quality Advisory Committee meeting, I visited the site with Angie Allen (Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Planner), Erin Rodgers (Trout Unlimited), Jacob Fetterman (Trout Unlimited) and Katy Crumbly (Bennington County Conservation District). All agreed to support moving forward on project development with the toe stabilization being the first task.

Next I met on site with Scott Wixsom, a fisheries biologist with the Green Mountain National Forest. Working out of the Manchester District Office, Scott has been engaged with The Batten Kill Watershed Alliance for the past decade designing trout habitat restoration projects on the Batten Kill and its tributaries. He immediately said that the toe of the slope needs to be stabilized with tree stems, root wads and stone. With the subsequent support of his supervisors, Scott will design the toe stabilization structure.

Scott also emphasized that the landslide is the result of something that has or is happening upstream so we began to look at the bigger picture. Immediately upstream of the landslide is an old berm constructed along the hay field to prevent high flood water from flowing into the field. It has worked really well but has forced the high water to the opposite bank leading to erosion and the migration of the river in that direction. He strongly feels that fixing the landslide without addressing the berm would be a wasted effort.

We found two low spots along the berm where the river historically flooded into the hay field. Re-opening these two flood shoots will reduce high water erosion and the expansion of the landslide. With the support of the landowner, reconnecting the river to its floodplain has become the first step in the overall project. Later this spring, Scott will consult with Suzy dePeyster who has offered her time and equipment to punch through the berms in the identified locations.

We need to understand that fixing the landslide is a multi-stage project which will likely occur over several years. Once we get a design for the toe stabilization we will need to find the funds to build it. Next we would need to find the funds to implement the re-vegetation and stabilization of the upper landslide. All of the identified partners have agreed to work cooperatively to secure grants and other funds to move this project toward completion.

Jim Henderson,  
Sandgate Conservation Commission

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT / PLANNING COMMISSION**

Sheila Kearns, Chair; Brad Kessler, Joseph Nolan, Caroline Kimball,  
Stuart Stevens; Jean Eisenhart, Alternate

The untimely death of Zoning Administrator Hal Wilkins in late 2019 was a great loss to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission (ZBA / PC). Hal's absence both personally and professionally is deeply felt by all members of the Board.

Judy Boehlert moved away from Sandgate and resigned from the Board and from her position as Chair. Judy's service to the Town has been honored with the planting of an apple tree outside of Town Hall. The Board greatly misses the dedication and depth of experience that Judy brought to her work. Judy was replaced on the Board by Stuart Stevens and her position as Chair has been filled by Sheila Kearns.

Bill Henry has been appointed as Zoning Administrator. He attends Board Meetings to provide comments on permits and inquiries he receives and information on emerging issues. He also drafts the Agenda and reviews draft minutes. He is thanked for his valuable input and support.

As noted in prior years, Vermont Act 174 includes goals for energy planning and the siting of renewable energy sources over the next 35 years. Town Plans must be updated to accommodate these goals. In addition, Vermont's Act 171 requires that municipalities that are updating their Town Plans identify areas that are important as "forest blocks" and "habitat connectors" and plan for development in those areas to minimize forest fragmentation. Work is proceeding through the collection of relevant information needed to accomplish the revision of the Town Plan.

The ZBA / PC meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall unless otherwise posted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Kearns



## 2019 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Bill Henry

Unfortunately, in the latter part of 2019 the Town experienced the untimely death of its Zoning Administrator, Hal Wilkins. I only met Hal once as part of the job transition and he was both sincere and helpful.

Activities for the past year included the issuance of two zoning permits: one for construction of a front porch, and one for construction of a new residence on a property where an existing residence was to be converted to a garage. This second permit was referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for approval since the new residence did not meet the minimum required stream setbacks and a variance was required.

Other activities included issues to enforce the clean-up of properties found to be in violation of the Zoning Bylaws, and site visitations to provide guidance to property owners on zoning requirements. In addition, a number of Certificates of Zoning Compliance were issued to attorneys handling property transfers.

Looking forward, work will commence with the Planning Commission to revise the Town Plan, primarily to incorporate a new energy chapter, and to update the Zoning Bylaws to incorporate changes in state regulations and to consider proposed modifications and administrative changes. All such changes to the Town Plan and Zoning Bylaws are subject to discussion at warned public hearings.



Every ten years, the U.S. Constitution requires an enumeration of all persons in the United States, commonly referred to as The Census. For the next ten years, the numbers produced in this effort will help determine how more than \$675 billion will be distributed to states and localities annually through more than 65 federal programs. These programs include special education funding, school lunch programs, meals on wheels, fuel assistance, Medicare, housing rehabilitation, community economic development and revitalization block grants, early childhood education, cooperative extension offices, and more. This year, you will have the option of responding online, on the telephone, or with a traditional, short-form written response. Look for your invitation to respond in the mail or at your door. It is critical that everyone participates and that all household members be included. The 2020 Decennial Census begins in March. Make sure that your community counts!

# DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Eleanor LaCross, Collector

Town taxes are due upon receipt of your yearly tax bill. The final date for the treasurer to receive payment for 2019-2020 taxes was October 1st 2019. A mailing date of October 1st does not constitute payment of taxes in a timely fashion and the 8% penalty and 1% interest will be applied to all taxes which do not arrive at town hall **on or before** October 1st of each year. 1% interest on the principal is charged per month or portion of the month that the tax remains unpaid. This is an interest rate of 12% per year.

## STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019

NAME	PARCEL	TOTAL
<b>2019</b>		
Arrington, Lee	725500-00R	\$2,703.87
Barlow, Christopher	232500-00L	\$41.58
Cerretani, Jaclyn	146000-00R	\$2,513.90
Grogan, Heath E&T	307500-00R	\$987.51
Low, Albert M	312000-0R0	\$422.60
Maue, Eugene R& T	148500-00R	\$3,748.04
Mazzola, Dayna	126500-00L	\$2,308.84
Mcgloine, Bridget L	616000-00R	\$847.58
Melvin, Robert C	205000-00B	\$2,401.04
Mitchell, Edward	501000-00B	\$4,564.07
Mitchell, Edward	501500-00B	\$2,835.65
Mitchell, Edward W	501000-0R0	\$396.17
Salmon-Holgren	612000-00R	\$1,219.74
<b>TOTAL FOR 2019</b>		<b>\$24,990.59</b>
<b>2018</b>		
Cerretani, Jaclyn	146000-00R	\$2,414.89
Low, Albert M	312000-0R0	\$466.61
Maue, Eugene R	148500-00R	\$4,139.00
Mcgloine, Bridget L	616000-00R	\$192.33
Melvin, Robert M	205000-00B	\$2,096.57
Nowokunski, Wendy A	204000-0R0	\$97.54
<b>TOTAL FOR 2018</b>		<b>\$9,406.94</b>
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES</b>		<b>\$34,397.53</b>

# **DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION POLICY**

## **Town of Sandgate, Vermont**

1. All delinquent taxes must be remitted to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes. The Town Treasurer is not authorized to accept any payment toward delinquent taxes.
2. As soon as the Tax Collection Warrant has been received from the Treasurer, the Delinquent Tax Collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer each month for three months. The third letter will contain notice of the possibility of a tax sale.
3. Partial payments may be made on a monthly basis; however, payment arrangements which completely pay the bill before April 1st of the year succeeding the current tax due date will be required.
4. Mortgage and lien holder will be notified of the tax delinquency 30 days after the first notice has been sent if the delinquent taxpayer has not paid the taxes or contracted the Collector to make arrangement for payment.
5. There will be a \$20 fee charged for any returned check or other faulty payment of delinquent taxes.
6. Six months after the due date, the Collector will send notice of impending tax sale to sell as much of the property as is necessary to pay the taxes, costs, and fees associated with such a sale.
7. If no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month or if the arrangements agreed to have not been met, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will instruct a lawyer to begin the following actions to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due, as is necessary to pay the tax, cost and fees.
  - a) The delinquent taxpayer will be notified of the tax sale decision, that full payment must be received prior to the posted date of the impending tax sale, and that the costs of the tax sale will be borne by the taxpayer.
  - b) All mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the tax sale.
  - c) If full payment has not been received by the posted time and date of the tax sale, the tax sale will be held according to the procedure specified in 32V.S.A Section 5252.
  - d) Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
8. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or if in the judgement of the Delinquent Tax Collector, proceeding with tax sale is unwise, the Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all the methods permitted by law.
9. Each taxpayer has the right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A Section 1535, which may be viewed in the Town Clerk's office.

Eleanor LaCross, Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
802-375-2801



# Treasurer's Report

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

FUND	General	Highway	Equipment	Pavement	Bridge & Culvert	Materials & Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/18	\$12288	\$47950	\$4587	\$61807	\$85252	\$20684
<b>Revenues</b>	\$1290559	\$371347	\$53789	\$47757	\$10994	\$339
Total Funds Available	\$1302847	\$419297	\$58376	\$109564	\$96246	\$21023
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$1265379	\$431637	\$58241	\$85780	\$11604	
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$37468	\$(12340)	\$135	\$23784	\$84642	\$21023
Bank Balance: 6/30/19	\$37468	\$(12340)	\$135	\$23784	\$84642	\$21023
GF Account Balances 6/30/19 - Computer Grant: \$782; Emergency Management: \$1,288; Holiday party: \$772; Independent Audit: \$6,091; Legal & Professional: \$21,782; Misc. Fund: \$11,841; Office Equip: \$1,045; Planning/Zoning: \$372; Property Reappraisal: \$30,362; Records Restoration: \$5,635; School House: \$5,704; Tax Stabilization: \$18,946; Town Hall: \$3,497; Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship: \$5,149; HW Misc. Fund: \$3,408; Grand Proposal Fund: \$10,732; Construction Account: \$11,953						

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS

July 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

FUND	General	Highway	Equipment	Pavement	Bridge & Culvert	Materials & Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/19	\$37468	\$(12340)	\$135	\$23784	\$84642	\$21023
<b>Revenues</b>	\$1316088	\$486770	\$40303	\$23844	\$8967	\$169
Total Funds Available	\$1353556	\$474430	\$40438	\$47628	\$93609	\$21192
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$1172908	\$246639		\$47603		
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$180648	\$227791	\$40438	\$25	\$93609	\$21192
Bank Balance: 12/31/19	\$251075	\$297810	\$40438	\$25	\$93609	\$21192
Budget Funds: 12/31/19	\$70427	\$70019	\$40438	\$25	\$93609	\$21192
GF Account Balances 12/31/19 - Computer Grant: \$786; Emergency Management: \$1,296; Holiday Party: \$776; Independent Audit: \$6,129; Legal & Professional: \$21,920; Misc.Fund: \$11,916; Office Equipment: \$1,052; Planning/Zoning: \$375; Property Reappraisal: \$30,362; Records Restoration: \$0 (Combined w/Town Hall Fund); School House: \$5,704; Tax Stabilization: \$18,940; Town Hall: \$9,191; Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship: \$5,873; HW Misc: \$3,833; Grant Proposals: \$10,816; Construction Account: \$24,206.						

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund

### July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Bank Balance: 7/1/2018	\$12,288.00
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**Receipts:**

Current Taxes Paid as of 6/30/19	\$1,264,441.00
Building Permit Fees	\$30.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$4,930.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$3,670.00
General Fund Checking Interest	\$2,329.00
Hold Harmless Money	\$15,159.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$1,290,559.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$1,302,847.00</b>

**Expenses:**

School Tax Share	\$843,114.51
Highway Property Tax Share	\$261,564.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$1,104,678.51</b>

**SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES**

Select Board Salaries	\$3,750.00
Select Board Meetings	
Select Board Expenses	
Select Board Assistant	\$800.00

**TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES**

Auditors Salary	\$580.18
Town Clerk Salary	\$9,999.55
Town Clerk Fees	\$3,670.00
Assistant Town Clerk	\$2,200.00
Treasurer Salary	\$12,000.00
Assistant Treasurer	\$2,200.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$4,930.00
Constable Salary	\$1,200.00
Moderator's Salary	
Lister's Salary & Expenses	\$5,270.90
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	\$79.85
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$2,445.00
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$365.63
ZBA Planning Expenses	\$198.18
Payroll Tax	\$4,987.75
Training Town Officers	

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund

### July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

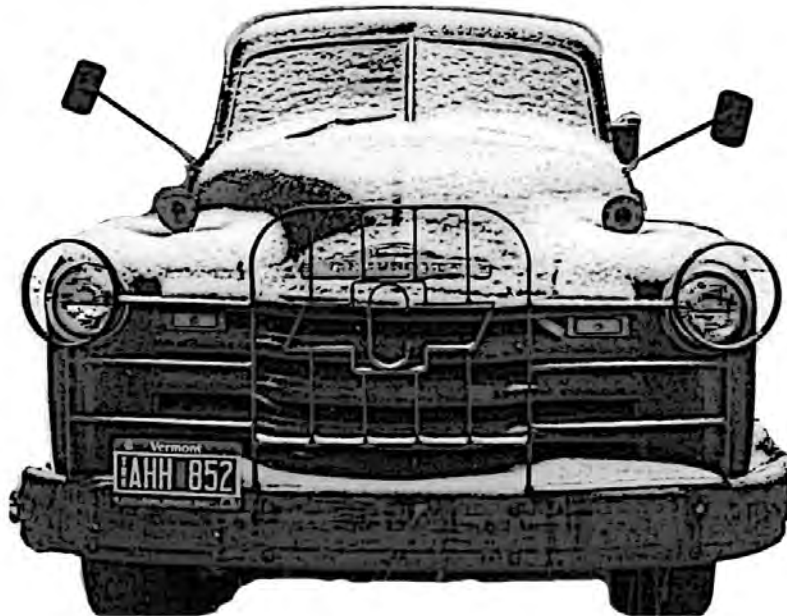
<b>GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES</b>	
Town Hall Utilities	\$7,046.24
School House Utilities	\$34.76
Office Supplies	\$2,407.04
Computers, Software & Internet	\$1,418.26
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$387.00
Office Equipment	
Town Hall Maintenance	\$2,270.00
Postage	\$355.00
Town Report Expense	\$1,379.00
Legal and Professional Fees	
<b>GENERAL SERVICES</b>	
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$2,522.34
BCSWA	\$1,303.00
BCRC	\$2,000.00
Fire Protection	\$18,331.00
Insurance and Bonding	\$8,958.50
BCA Meetings/Poll Workers	\$897.75
VLCT Dues	
Animal Control	
Sheriff Patrol Expense	\$3,092.00
County Tax	\$4,429.68
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
Arlington Area Childcare	\$500.00
Arlington Community House	\$100.00
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,200.00
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000.00
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,500.00
Bennington County Conservation District	\$300.00
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC)	\$137.00
Burdett Commons	\$75.00
Center for Independent Living	\$95.00
Center for Restorative Justice	\$250.00
Green Up Day	\$50.00
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	\$350.00
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,400.00
Tutorial Center	\$200.00
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$100.00
Cemetery Commission	\$6,000.00
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	\$600.00

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund

### July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
Delinquent Taxes not paid as of 6/30/19	\$19,935.31
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$155,300.92</b>
Carryovers / Transfers to Restricted Funds	
Legal and Professional	\$2,500.00
Independent Audit	\$2,000.00
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements	
Miscellaneous (GF)	\$900.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,400.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,265,379.43</b>
<b>BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR</b>	<b>\$37,467.57</b>
Accounted for as follows:	
General Fund Checking (Balance 6/30/19)	\$37,468.00
	<b>\$37,468.00</b>



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Reserve Accounts - July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

<b>Planning / Zoning Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$365.98
Interest earned	\$6.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$372.00
<b>Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$1,277.00
Interest earned	\$11.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$1,288.00
<b>Town Hall Building Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$16,442.00
Town Hall Roof Expense	-\$13,000.00
Interest earned	\$55.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$3,497.00
<b>Property Reappraisal Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$31,251.00
Reappraisal State Aid 9/4/18	\$3,118.50
Reappraisal State Aid 5/22/19	\$3,052.00
Reappraisal Expense	-\$7,083.68
Interest earned	\$20.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$30,357.82
<b>Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$5,871.00
Appropriation	\$350.00
Expenditure	-\$1,075.00
Interest earned	\$3.42
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$5,149.42
<b>Wuerslin / Stuecklen CD</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$3,473.00
Interest earned	\$7.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$3,480.00
<b>School House Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$5,575.00
Interest earned: 1.50%	\$129.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$5,704.00

<b>Holiday Party Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$765.00
Interest earned	\$7.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$772.00
<b>Office Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$1,033.00
Interest earned	\$12.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$1,045.00
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$10,818.53
Transferred carryover	\$900.00
Interest earned	\$122.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$11,840.53
<b>Records Restoration Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$6,152.00
Binders Expense	-\$583.98
Interest earned	\$67.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$5,635.02
<b>Legal Professional Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$19,059.00
Transferred carryover	\$2,500.00
Interest Earned	\$223.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$21,782.00
<b>Tax Stabilization Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$18,935.00
Interest Earned	\$11.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$18,946.00
<b>Independent Audit</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$4,032.00
Transferred carryover	\$2,000.00
Interest Earned	\$59.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$6,091.00
<b>Computer Grant</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$776.00
Interest Earned	\$6.00
Bank balance: 6/30/19	\$782.00



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund

### July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

Bank balance: 7/1/2019	\$37,468.07
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#### RECEIPTS

Current Taxes	\$1,292,159.63
Building Permit Fees	\$30.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$4,106.55
General Fund Checking Interest	\$2,320.18
Hold Harmless Money	\$17,472.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$1,316,088.36</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$1,353,556.43</b>

#### EXPENSES

School Property Tax Share	\$721,622.00
Highway Property Tax Share	\$370,808.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$1,092,430.00</b>

#### SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES

*(Paid after December 31, 2019)*

#### TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES

Auditors Salary	\$170.65
Town Clerk Salary	\$5,149.98
Town Clerk Fees	\$4,106.55
Assistant Town Clerk	\$1,450.00
Treasurer Salary	\$6,180.00
Assistant Treasurer	\$1,450.00
Constable Salary	\$500.00
Lister's Salary & Expenses	\$3,613.42
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$1,420.00
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$781.76
ZBA Planning Expenses	
Emergency Coordinator	
Health Officer Salary	
Health Officer Expenses- Phone/Mileage	
Payroll Tax	\$2,216.70
Training Town Officers	

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund

### July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

<b>GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES</b>	
Town Hall Utilities	\$1,486.66
School House Utilities	\$92.16
Office Supplies	\$879.15
Computers Software & Internet	\$1,460.81
Office Equipment Maintenance	
Office Equipment	
Town Hall Maintenance	\$2,409.31
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements	\$48.32
Postage	\$330.00
Town Report Expense	
Website Management	
Legal and Professional Fees	\$2,074.44
<b>GENERAL SERVICES</b>	
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$1,644.22
Bennington County Sheriffs	
Bennington County Solid Waste	\$973.95
BCRC	\$3,000.00
Fire Protection	\$19,727.00
Insurance and Bonding	
BCA Meetings/Poll Workers	
VLCT Dues	\$1,506.00
Animal Control	
County Tax	
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
Arlington Area Childcare	\$500.00
Arlington Community House	\$100.00
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,200.00
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000.00
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,500.00
Bennington County Child Advocacy	\$200.00
Bennington County Conservation District	\$300.00
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC)	\$137.00
Burdett Commons	\$75.00
Cemetery Commission	
Center for Independent Living	\$95.00
Center for Restorative Justice	\$250.00
Green Up Day	\$50.00
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,400.00

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund

July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

PAVE	\$100.00
Tutorial Center	\$200.00
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$100.00
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	\$600.00
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$80,478.08</b>
Carryovers / Transfers to Restricted Funds	
Legal and Professional -paid after 12/31/19	
Independent Audit- paid after 12/31 19	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,172,908.08</b>
<b>BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR</b>	<b>\$180,648.35</b>
Accounted for as follows:	
General Fund Checking Balance: 12/31/19	\$251,075.00
Remainder of Budget as of 12/31/19	\$70,427.00



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Reserve Accounts - July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

<b>Planning / Zoning Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$372.00
Interest earned	\$3.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$375.00
<b>Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$1,288.00
Interest earned	\$8.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$1,296.00
<b>Town Hall Building Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$3,497.00
Records Restoration Balance	\$5,671.14
Interest earned	\$23.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$9,191.14
<b>Property Reappraisal Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$30,355.00
Interest earned	\$7.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$30,362.00
<b>Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$5,149.00
Appropriation	\$0.00
Expenditure	\$0.00
Interest earned	\$2.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$5,151.00
<b>Wuerslin / Stuecklen CD</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$3,480.00
Interest earned	\$3.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$3,483.00
<b>School House Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$5,659.00
Interest earned	\$45.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$5,704.00

<b>Holiday Party Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$771.00
Interest earned	\$4.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$775.80
<b>Office Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$1,045.00
Interest earned	\$7.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$1,052.00
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$11,840.00
Interest earned	\$75.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$11,915.90
<b>Records Restoration Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$5,634.83
Interest earned	\$36.31
Balance combined with Town Hall Fund	
<b>Legal Professional Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$21,781.90
Interest Earned	\$138.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$21,919.70
<b>Tax Stabilization Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$18,945.50
Interest Earned	\$9.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$18,954.50
<b>Independent Audit</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$6,090.70
Interest Earned	\$38.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$6,128.70
<b>Computer Grant</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/19	\$782.00
Interest Earned	\$4.00
Bank balance: 12/31/19	\$786.00

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway

### July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Bank balance: 7/1/2018	\$47950
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Property Tax Share	\$261564
VT State Highway Aid	\$62750
Highway Checking Interest	\$1556
Hold Harmless Money	\$45477
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$371347</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$419297</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Road Foreman Salary	\$51850
Road Foreman Overtime	\$8250
Road Worker Pay	\$33360
Road Worker Overtime	
Uniforms/Shop Towels	\$1789
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$4515
Retirement Contribution	\$3001
Health Insurance	\$4500
Unemployment Insurance	\$200
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$8339
Drug Testing	
Training / Mileage	\$58
Misc. Expenses	\$598
Garage Maintenance	\$2031
Heating Oil	\$2183
Electric	\$702
Phone/ Internet	\$635
Equipment Maintenance	\$19009
Tires	\$2930
Fuel and Oil (Trucks/Equipment)	\$14194
Oil and Lube	\$2356
Tools & Supplies	\$2020
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	\$4394
Road/Ditch Materials and Hauling	\$53202
Sand (delivered)	\$27524
Salt (delivered)	\$20330
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$5471
Tree and Brush Removal	
Contracted Services	\$11653



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Pavement Maintenance	\$30338
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$11756
Guard Rails	\$1670
Construction account	\$12864
Grant Funding	\$11359
<b>Sub-total:</b>	<b>\$353081</b>
<b>Voted Carryover Balances</b>	
Pavement Fund	\$17190
Bridge & Culvert Fund	\$9606
Materials & Hauling Fund	
Road Equipment Appropriation	\$40000
Construction Account	\$11760
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$431637</b>
<b>Balance to account for</b>	<b>\$(12340)</b>
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking balance: 6/30/19	<b>\$(12340)</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL BALANCES</b>	<b>\$(12340)</b>
<b>Paving Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/18	\$61807
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$17190
Additions	\$30000
Paving Expense	\$(85780)
Interest	\$567
Balance in fund as of 6/30/19	\$23784
<b>Bridge &amp; Culvert Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/18	\$85252
Expenses	\$(11604)
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$9606
Additions	
Interest	\$1388
Balance in fund as of 6/30/19	\$84642

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

<b>Materials &amp; Hauling Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/18	\$20684
Expenses	
Receipts:	
YE carryover	
Additions	
Interest	\$339
Balance in fund as of 6/30/19	\$21023
<b>Road Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/18	\$4587
Expenses	\$(58241)
Additions	\$13500
Appropriation	\$40000
Interest	\$289
Balance in fund as of 6/30/19	\$135
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/18	\$3344
Expenses	
YE carryover	
Interest	\$64
Balance in fund as of 6/30/19	\$3408
<b>Grant Proposal Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/18	\$10523
YE carryover	
Interest	\$209
Balance in fund as of 6/30/19	\$10732
<b>Construction Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/18	
YE carryover	\$11760
Interest	\$193
Balance in fund as of 6/30/19	\$11953

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

Bank balance: 7/1/2019	-\$12,340.00
<b>Receipts</b>	
Property Tax Share	\$370,808.00
VT State Highway Aid	\$62,832.00
Highway Checking Interest	\$713.92
Hold Harmless Money	\$52,416.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$486,769.92</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$474,429.92</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Road Foreman Salary	\$26,586.90
Road Foreman Overtime	\$1,802.50
Road Worker Pay	\$10,382.00
Uniforms/shop towels	\$821.30
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$2,171.88
Retirement Contribution	\$2,091.49
Health Insurance	\$2,250.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$100.00
Workers' Comp. Insurance	
Drug Testing	
Training / Mileage	
Garage Maintenance	\$636.10
Heating Oil	\$476.37
Electric	\$295.54
Phone/ Internet	\$593.84
Equipment Maintenance	\$9,300.00
Tires	\$632.00
Fuel and Oil (Trucks/Equipment)	\$4,160.56
Oil and Lube	\$36.00
Tools & Supplies	\$861.00
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	
Road/Ditch Materials and Hauling	\$26,125.00
Sand (delivered)	\$17,917.00
Salt (delivered)	\$3,577.65
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$3,499.86
Tree and Brush Removal	\$950.00
Contracted Services	\$11,600.00
Pavement Maintenance	\$23,783.00
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$17,465.80

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

Guard Rails/Signs	\$90.00
Grant Funding	\$4,482.86
Construction Account	\$13,167.50
Sub-total:	\$185,856.15
<b>Voted Carryover Balances</b>	
Bridge & Culvert Fund	\$8,244.50
Road Equipment Appropriation	\$40,000.00
Misc.	\$401.98
Construction Account	\$12,136.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$246,638.63</b>
<b>Balance to account for</b>	<b>\$227,791.29</b>
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking balance: 12/31/19	<b>\$297,810.00</b>
Remainder of Budget as of 12/31/19	\$70,019.00
<b>Paving Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/19	<b>\$23,783.87</b>
Receipts:	
YE carryover	
Additions	\$23,820.00
Paving West Sandgate	-\$47,603.00
Interest	\$23.87
Balance in fund as of 12/31/19	<b>\$24.74</b>
<b>Bridge &amp; Culvert Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/19	\$84,642.00
Receipts:	
Donation	\$259.00
YE carryover	\$8,245.00
Interest	\$462.97
Balance in fund as of 12/31/19	\$93,608.97
<b>Materials &amp; Hauling Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/19	\$21,023.00
Receipts:	
Interest	\$169.40
Balance in fund as of 12/31/19	\$21,192.40

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway

### July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

<b>Road Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/19	\$134.85
Expenses	
Appropriation	\$40,000.00
Additions	\$200.00
Interest	\$103.00
Balance in fund as of 12/31/19	\$40,437.85

<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/19	\$3,408.42
YE carryover	\$402.00
Interest	\$23.00
Balance in fund as of 12/31/19	\$3,833.42

<b>Grant Proposal Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/19	\$10,731.67
Interest	\$84.00
Balance in fund as of 12/31/19	\$10,815.67

<b>Construction Account</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/19	\$11,953.00
YE carryover	\$12,136.00
Interest	\$117.00
Balance as of 12/31/19	\$24,206.00



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Balance in Checking (7/1/18)	\$14,384.00
Receipts:	
Appropriation	\$6,000.00
Disbursements	<b>-\$3,798.76</b>
Balance in Checking (6/30/19)	\$16,585.24
CD Balance: 6/30/19	\$10,312.85

### Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomborg Cemetery CD

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Balance in bank (7/1/18)	\$11,146.00
CD Matured on 6/14/19@2.2300%	\$171.00
Balance in bank (6/30/19)	\$11,316.59

### Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund

July 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

Balance in Checking (7/1/19)	\$16,585.00
Receipts:	
Appropriation- paid after 12/31/19	
Donation	\$100.00
Disbursements	<b>-\$4,212.00</b>
Balance Checking (12/31/19)	\$12,473.00
CD Balance: 12/31/19, matures on 7/10/20	\$10,313.00

### Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomborg Cemetery CD

July 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

Balance in bank (7/1/2019)	\$11,316.59
CD Matures on 6/14/20 @ 2.2300%	\$128.00
Balance in bank (12/31/2019)	\$11,444.52

**Sandgate School District**  
**FY18/19 Actual Budget**

<b>Actual Balance – 7/1/18</b>	<b>\$4,875.84</b>
Revenues FY18/19	\$991,659.73
Expenditures FY18/19	-\$777,841.20
Interest	\$4,013.59
<b>Total Funds Available – 6/30/19</b>	<b>\$222,707.96</b>

**FY19/20 Budget 7/1/19-12/31/19**

<b>Actual Balance – 7/1/19</b>	<b>\$222,707.95</b>
Revenue	\$470,224.00
Expenditures	-\$375,671.11
Interest	\$2,126.39
<b>Fund Balance – 12/31/19</b>	<b>\$319,387.23</b>

**Bus Reserve Fund 7/1/18 – 6/30/19**

<b>Beginning Balance – 7/1/18</b>	<b>\$56,868.54</b>
Current Interest	\$1,045.36
Current Revenue	\$19,363.00
Voted Article March 2018	\$6,000.00
<b>Balance – 6/30/19</b>	<b>\$83,276.90</b>

**Bus Reserve Fund 7/1/19 - 12/31/19**

<b>Beginning Balance – 7/1/19</b>	<b>\$83,276.90</b>
Interest	\$667.57
<b>Balance – 12/31/19</b>	<b>\$83,944.47</b>



## STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

as of December 31, 2019

Total Grand List	\$634,034.83
Total Taxes Billed: Due 10/01/19	\$1,301,452.69
Taxes Received in Good Time	\$1,220,133.21
Delinquent Taxes before penalty and interest as of 10/02/19	+\$81,319.48
<b>Total Taxes Accounted for</b>	<b>\$1,301,452.69</b>

## HOLD HARMLESS FUNDS

as of December 31, 2019

Highway Portion	\$52,416	75%
Town Portion	\$17,472	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$69,888</b>	

Paid November 2019

## HIGHWAY STATE AID

as of December 31, 2019

19 July	\$15,708.13
19 October	\$15,708.08
20 January	\$15,708.08
20 April	\$15,708.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,832.37</b>

## CASH ON HAND - 07/01/2019

GENERAL FUND		HIGHWAY FUND	
Bank Balance	\$37,468.07	Bank Balance	\$13,753
		Restricted Funds	-\$26,093
		Within Acct.	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,468.07</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$-12,340</b>

## ASSETS & COMPENSATION

### COMPENSATION 7/1/19 - 6/30/20

Auditors	Min wage
Board of Civil Authority	Min wage
School Board Salaries	2,300/year
Constable	1,200/year
Health Officer	250/year
Listers	Min wage
Lister Reappraisal Years	15/hour
Road Foreman	25.75/hour
Road Help	Contracted
Emergency Coordinator	200/year
Select Board Chair	890/year
Select Board Clerk	1,090/year
Select Board Vice Clerk	890/year
Select Board Road Liaison	990/year
Select Board Member	490/year
Town Clerk	10,300/year
Assistant Town Clerk	2,900/year
Treasurer	12,360/year
Assistant Treasurer	2,900/year
Zoning Administrator	Hired

### FIXED ASSETS

Cemetery Equipment
Constable Safety Items
Fire Pumps & Related Equip.
Office Equipment
Vault
2003 International Truck
2018 International Dump Truck
2013 Dodge 1 Ton
2014 670G John Deere Grader
3 Sanders
2 Stone Rakes
2019 John Deere 310SL Backhoe
2015 2500 gal. Chloride tank
2015 525 gal. Chloride Tank
2015 Pump for Chloride
1999 Belarus Tractor w/ sidearm mower
Real Estate

### INDEBTEDNESS

The Sandgate General Fund and the School Fund have no indebtedness.

The Sandgate Highway Fund owes:

\$72,205 on the John Deere Backhoe with 6 more yearly payments of \$14,441;  
\$90,913 on the 2018 International dump truck with 3 more yearly payments of \$25,462



## 2019/2020 LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE

Homestead Education Rate	1.1236 Set by State
Veterans Exemptions	\$160,000.00
Foregone Revenue	\$2,018.64
Total Grand List	\$634,034.83
Local Agreement Rate	0.0032

## MAIN DRIVERS OF TAX CHANGES VERSUS LAST YEAR

	Municipal Grand List	
	2018/2019	2019/2020
Grand List	\$631,604.87	\$634,034.83

2018-2019 RATE			2019-2020 RATE		
	Homestead	Non-residential		Homestead	Non-residential
Municipal	0.5913	0.5913	Municipal	0.7603	0.7603
School	1.4951	1.5606	School	1.1236	1.3997
Local Agreement	0.0039	0.0039	Local Agreement	0.0032	0.0032
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0903</b>	<b>2.1558</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.8871</b>	<b>2.1632</b>

DIFFERENCE FROM LAST YEAR	HOMESTEAD	NON-RESIDENTIAL
Municipal	0.1690	0.1690
School	-0.3715	-0.1609
Local Agreement	-0.0007	-0.0007
<b>Total</b>	<b>-.2032</b>	<b>.0074</b>

### GRAND LIST

FY 19/20 Grand List is \$2,429.96 higher than last year.

### MUNICIPAL BUDGET

FY 19/20 rate is 0.169 higher than last year.

Total GF budget to be raised is \$627 lower than last year. This is mainly driven by more cash on hand.

Total HW budget to be raised is \$109,244 more than last year. This is mainly driven by less cash on hand.

### SCHOOL BUDGET

Homestead Rate for FY 19/20 is 0.3715 lower than last year.

Non-Residential Rate for FY 19/20 is 0.1609 lower than last year.

### LOCAL AGREEMENT

Rate for FY 19/20 is 0.0007 lower than last year.

## TAX RATE FOR 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR

<b>MUNICIPAL BUDGET</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Admin. Expenses	\$51,410	
Maintenance	\$24,400	
General Services	\$54,762	
Appropriations	\$18,157	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$148,729</b>
Cash on Hand 7/1/19	\$37,468	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$111,261</b>
<b>HIGHWAY</b>		
Total Highway Budget	\$421,300	
Highway State Aid	\$62,832	
Cash on Hand 7/1/19	\$-12,340	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$370,808</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$482,069</b>
Grand List: Total Municipality	\$634,034.83	
General Fund Tax Rate (per 100)	0.175481	
Highway Tax Rate (per 100)	0.584839	
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPALITY RATE (per 100)</b>	<b>0.76032</b>	
<b>MUNICIPAL TAX RATE WILL RAISE</b>		<b>\$482,069</b>
<b>SCHOOL BUDGET</b>		
Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.1236	
Non Residential Tax Rate	\$1.3997	
Grand List: Homesteads	\$238,775.77	
Non-Residential	\$396,158.06	
Total Raised: Homesteads	\$268,288.46	
Total Raised: Non Residential	\$554,503.84	
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET TAXES TO RAISE</b>		<b>\$822,792</b>
<b>LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX RATE</b>		
Local Agreement Tax Rate	\$0.0032	
Municipal Grand List	\$634,034.83	
<b>TOTAL LOCAL AGREEMENT TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$2,029</b>
<b>TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$1,306,891</b>
Homestead Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.7603	
Homestead Tax Rate, School	\$1.1236	
Homestead Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0032	
<b>TOTAL HOMESTEAD RATE</b>		<b>\$1.8871 (per thousand)</b>
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.7603	
Non-Residential Tax Rate, School	\$1.3997	
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0032	
<b>TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE</b>		<b>\$2.1632 (per thousand)</b>

# PROPOSED 2020-2021 SANDGATE BUDGET- GENERAL

	FY18/19 Budget	FY18/19 Actual	FY19/20 Budget	FY19/20 as of 12/31/19	FY20/21 Budget to Vote	Proposed % change	\$ Change
<b>SALARY &amp; EXPENSES</b>							
*Miscellaneous	1000	80				-100%	
Assistant Town Clerk	2200	2200	2900	1450	2900		
Assistant Treasurer	2200	2200	2900	1450	2900		
Auditor's Salaries	1000	580	1500	171	1500		
Constable Salary	1200	1200	1200	500	1200		
Emergency Coordinator	200		200			-100%	(200)
Expenses (Selectmen)	500		500			-100%	(500)
Health Officer Expenses	250		250			-100%	(250)
Health Officer Salary	250	663	250		250		
Listers Salaries & Expenses	4000	8332	4000	3613	4000		
Selectboard Meetings	500		500			-100%	(500)
Office Training	500		500		500		
Payroll Tax Expenses	4500	4988	4500	2217	5000	11%	500
Salaries (Selectboard)	3750	3950	4550	490	5050	11%	500
Town Clerk Salary	10000	10000	10300	5150	10609	3%	309
Treasurer Salary	12000	12000	12360	6180	12731	3%	371
Website Management	500	500	500		500		
ZBA / Planning Expenses	500	198	500		500		
Zoning Administrator Expenses	1000	366	1000	782	1000		
Zoning Administrator Salary	3000	2445	3000	1420	3000		
<b>TOTAL SALARIES/EXPENSES</b>	<b>49050</b>	<b>49701</b>	<b>51410</b>	<b>23423</b>	<b>51640</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>230</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE &amp; SUPPLIES</b>							
*Independent Audit	3000	3000	1000		1000		
*Legal & Professional Fees	1000		1000	2074	1000		
*Town Hall Major Repairs			1000	48	1000		
Computer Software & Internet	3000	1418	3000	1461	3000		
Office Equipment	2500		2500			-100%	(2500)
Office Equipment Maintenance	3000	387	3000		3000		
Office Supplies	2000	2407	2000	879	2000		
Postage	500	355	600	330	600		
Schoolhouse Utilities	300	35	300	92	300		
Town Hall Maintenance/Repairs	7000	2270	5000	2409	5000		
Town Hall Utilities	4000	7046	4000	1487	4000		
Town Report Expense	2000	1379	2000		2000		
<b>TOTAL MAINT. &amp; SUPPLIES</b>	<b>28300</b>	<b>18297</b>	<b>25400</b>	<b>8781</b>	<b>22900</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>(2500)</b>
<i>* End of year balance will transfer to reserve funds</i>							
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>77350</b>	<b>67998</b>	<b>76810</b>	<b>32203</b>	<b>74540</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>(2270)</b>

## PROPOSED 2020-2021 SANDGATE BUDGET- GENERAL

GENERAL SERVICES & FEES							
Animal Control	400		400		400		
BCA Mtgs / Poll Workers	1800	898	500		1800	260%	1300
BCRC	2000	2000	3000	3000	3000		
BCSWA	2100	1303	2100	974	2100		
Benn County Sheriff's Dept	6000	3092	8000		8000		
Cemetery Commission	6000	6000	6000		6000		
County Tax	5000	4430	5000		5000		
Fire Protection	18319	18331	20662	19727	24276	17%	3614
Insurance & Bonding	5500	8959	5500		6000	9%	500
ISWAP	2100	2522	2100	1644	2500	19%	400
VLCT Dues	1442		1500	1506	1500		
<b>TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES</b>	<b>50661</b>	<b>47534</b>	<b>54762</b>	<b>26851</b>	<b>60576</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>5814</b>
<b>TOTAL G.F TO BE VOTED</b>	<b>128011</b>	<b>115532</b>	<b>131572</b>	<b>59054</b>	<b>135116</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3544</b>
	<b>FY18/19 Budget</b>	<b>FY18/19 Actual</b>	<b>FY19/20 Budget</b>	<b>FY19/20 To Date</b>	<b>FY20/21 Budget to Vote</b>	<b>Proposed % change</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>
APPROPRIATIONS							
Arlington Area Childcare	500	500	500	500	750	50%	250
Arlington Community House	100	100	100	100	100		
Arlington Nursing Service	1200	1200	1200	100	1200		
Arlington Recreation Park	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000		
Arlington Rescue Squad	7500	7500	7500	7500	7500		
Benn. Co. Child Advocacy	200	200	200	200	200		
BCCD	300	300	300	300	300		
BROC	137	137	137	137	137		
Burdett Commons	75	75	75	75	75		
VCIL	95	95	95	95	95		
CRJ	250	250	250	250	250		
Green-Up Day	50	50	50	50	50		
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	350	350	350	350	350		
Martha Canfield Library	3400	3400	3400	3400	3800	12%	400
PAVE	100	100	100	100	100		
SWVT Area Council on Aging	600	600	600	600	600		
Tutorial Center	200	200	200	200	200		
VACD	100	100	100	100	100		
<b>Appropriations to be voted</b>	<b>18157</b>	<b>18157</b>	<b>18157</b>	<b>17057</b>	<b>18807</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>Total GF &amp; Appropriations</b>	<b>146168</b>	<b>133689</b>	<b>149729</b>	<b>76111</b>	<b>153923</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4194</b>

## PROPOSED 2020-2021 SANDGATE BUDGET - HIGHWAY

	FY18/19 Budget	FY18/19 Actual	FY19/20 Budget	FY19/20 as of 12/31/19	FY20/21 Budget to Vote	Proposed % change	\$ Change
<b>Salaries/Wages/Expenses</b>							
Drug Testing	250		250		250		
Health Insurance	15000	4500	15000	2250	15000		
Payroll Tax Expenses	8000	4515	8000	2172	8000		
Retirement Contribution	4000	3001	4000	2091	4500	13%	500
Road Foreman Overtime	9624	8250	9624	1803	9624		
Road Foreman Salary	52000	51850	53560	26587	55167	3%	1607
Road Worker Pay	32000	33360	32000	10382	32000		
Training/Mileage	400	58	400		400		
Unemployment Insurance	650	350	650	100	650		
Uniforms/Shop Towels	1500	1789	1500	821	2000	33%	500
Workers' Comp Insurance	8500	8339	8500		14000	65%	5500
<b>Total Sal./Wages/Exp.</b>	<b>\$131,924</b>	<b>\$116,013</b>	<b>\$133,484</b>	<b>\$46,206</b>	<b>\$141,591</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>8107</b>
<b>Garage Equipment and Maintenance</b>							
Construction Account	25000	13168	25000	13168	25000		
Electric	816	702	816	296	816		
Equip Maint/Parts/Repairs	15000	19009	15000	9300	15000		
Fuel & Oil (Trucks & Equip)	17000	14194	17000	4161	17000		
Garage Maintenance	2000	2031	2000	636	2500	25%	500
Heating Oil	3000	2183	3000	476	3000		
Ins & Liability (Garage/Vehicle)	7000	4394	7000		7500	7%	500
Oil & Lube (fuel oil)	3000	2356	3000	36	3000		
Phone/Internet/Radios	1500	635	1500	594	4500	200%	3000
Tires & Chains	3000	2930	3000	632	4000	33%	1000
Tools & Supplies	2500	2020	2500	861	2500		
<b>Total Equip. and Main.</b>	<b>\$79,816</b>	<b>\$63,621</b>	<b>\$79,816</b>	<b>\$30,160</b>	<b>\$84,816</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5000</b>
<b>Materials &amp; Hauling</b>							
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	6000	5471	6000	3450	6000		
Road/Ditch Materials & Hauling	45000	53202	45000	26125	45000		
Salt (delivered)	25000	20330	25000	3578	25000		
Sand (delivered)	25000	27524	25000	17917	25000		
<b>Total Materials &amp; Hauling *</b>	<b>\$101,000</b>	<b>\$106,527</b>	<b>\$101,000</b>	<b>\$51,070</b>	<b>\$101,000</b>		



## PROPOSED 2020-2021 SANDGATE BUDGET - HIGHWAY

Projects							
Bridge/Culvert Program *	20000	11756	20000	17466	20000		
Contracted/Equip Rental	10000	11653	10000	11600	15000	50%	5000
Guard Rails /Signs	2000	1670	2000	90	2000		
Pavement Maintenance *	30000	30338	30000	23783	30000		
Tree & Brush Removal	2000		4000	950	4000		
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>\$64,000</b>	<b>\$55,417</b>	<b>\$66,000</b>	<b>\$53,889</b>	<b>\$71,000</b>	8%	<b>5000</b>
Other							
Equip Reserve Fund Approp*	40000	40000	40000	40000	40000		
Misc. Expenses *	1000	598	1000	1082	1000		
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>41000</b>	<b>40598</b>	<b>41000</b>	<b>41082</b>	<b>41000</b>		
<b>TOTAL H.W. EXPENSES</b>	<b>417740</b>	<b>382176</b>	<b>421300</b>	<b>222406</b>	<b>439407</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>18107</b>
Less Anticipated State Aid	62750	62750	<b>62750</b>	32455	<b>62832</b>	0%	82
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>354990</b>	<b>319426</b>	<b>358550</b>	<b>189951</b>	<b>376574</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>18024</b>
<i>* End of year balance will transfer to reserve funds</i>							



# DOG LICENSES

Sandy Reidy, Town Clerk

In 2019 there were 89 dogs licensed in the Town of Sandgate. I would like to thank all the people who cooperated with the licensing process.

If your dog has passed away, please contact the office, otherwise we need to see a current Rabies certificate and you need to license your dog.

**Please don't forget to license your dogs. Licenses are ready by the first of January each year for your convenience. All dogs must be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. There are late fees if animals are not licensed by that date.**

Lost or found animals should be reported to Erin McDermott (small animals), 375-2201 or Suzanne dePeyster (large animals), 375-6005. You should also call Second Chance Animal Shelter at 375-0249 because they run a hotline for lost or found animals.

## SCHEDULE OF DOG LICENSES AND FEES

	Before April 1 <sup>st</sup>	After April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Neutered/spayed dogs etc.	\$11.00	\$16.00
Unaltered dogs etc.	\$16.00	\$23.50

NOTE: If you become an owner/keeper of a dog that is over six months old after April 1<sup>st</sup>, you have 30 days to license that animal. All unlicensed dogs should be reported to the Town Clerk. Sandgate has an Animal Control Ordinance.

**A PERSON WHO FAILS TO LICENSE A DOG OR WOLF-HYBRID IN THE REQUIRED MANNER SHALL BE FINED UP TO \$500 (20 V.S.A. § 3550). The Rabies Control Hotline number is 1-800-4-Rabies.**

## RABIES VACCINATION LAW

All dogs or wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. Initial vaccination is valid for 12 months. Within 9-12 months the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All subsequent vaccinations are valid for 36 months. (20 V.S.A. § 3581)



## SANDGATE PROPERTY TRANSFERS

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

James Pike of East Arlington, VT  
to Michael Koscinski of Arlington, VT

MTGLQ Investors, LP of Houston TX  
to Paul Doucette Jr. of Shaftsbury, VT

CGC Logging and Trucking LLC of Arlington, VT  
to Geanna Trombley of East Arlington

Kimberly Hall of Guilford, CT  
to Robert Dillon of Shelton, CT

Suzanne dePeyster of Sandgate, VT  
to Valerie dePeyster of Sandgate, VT

TF MGT Co., LP of San Jose, CA  
to Karen Fierravanti of Los Gatos, CA

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to Anthony Cerini of Stamford, CT

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Steven Fletcher of Jupiter, FL  
to Darrell Turner of S. Egremont, MA

David Roberts of Williston, VT  
to Lillian Clark of Arlington, VT

Harry Rich Jr. of Sandgate, VT  
to Mallory Rich of Sandgate, VT

Harry Rich Jr. of Sandgate, VT  
To The Harry and Mallory Rich Trust

Bly Hollow LLC of Arlington, VT  
To Ellwood Schwartz of Sandgate, VT

Judy Boehlert of South Hadley, MA  
to Rebecca Alexander of Brooklyn, NY

Estate of Arnold Wilcox  
to Donald Goodell of Manchester Center, VT

Ellwood Schwartz of Sandgate, VT  
to Timothy Fagan of Cambridge, NY

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Carl Cascella of Arlington, VT to Carl, Jr.  
and Theresa Cascella of Arlington, VT

Bly Hollow LLC of Arlington, VT  
to TF MGT. Co. LP of San Jose, CA

Debbie Smith of Cambridge, NY  
to James Smith of Sandgate, VT

Nancy Tschorn of Sandgate, VT  
to The Tschorn Family Trust

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David Hamilton of Sandgate, VT  
to Ashley Audy of Arlington, VT

William Barney of Bennington, VT  
to William Barney - Living Trust

Karen Wood of Bennington, VT  
to Lewis Jobson of Sandgate, VT

Kevin J. Hines of East Wareham, MA  
to Kathleen Carlisle of New York, NY

Suzanne dePeyster of Sandgate, VT  
to Rebecca Bushee of Sandgate, VT

Anna Crumb of Dorset, VT  
to John Muldoon of Greenwich, CT

Gertrude D'eredita of East Dorset, VT  
To Howard Towsley Jr. of E. Dorset, VT

Gideon Lacroix of W. Arlington, VT to  
James Aschmann & Ava Pickering of  
Sandgate, VT

Gregory Nilsen of Arlington, VT  
to U.S. Bank Trust of Oklahoma City, OK

# SANDGATE ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

as of December 31, 2019

		Term Ending
Town & School Moderator	Chris Barlow	2020
Town Clerk	Sandra Reidy	2022
Assistant Town Clerk	Pat Hall (appointed by town clerk)	
Assistant Town Clerk	Eleanor Lacross (appointed by town clerk)	
Treasurer	Sandra Reidy	2021
Assistant Treasurer	Eleanor Lacross (appointed by treasurer)	
Selectboard, 3 Years (Chair)	Suzanne dePeyster	2020
Selectboard, 3 Years	Karen Tendrup	2022
Select board, 1 Year	Karen Dzialo	2020
Selectboard, 1 Year	Thomas Santelli	2020
Selectboard, 3 Years	Mike Hill	2021
State Officer & Constable	Richard Dahm	2020
Delinquent Tax Collector	Eleanor Lacross	2020
Auditor, 3 Years	Sheila Kearns	2021
Auditor, 3 Year	Valerie dePeyster	2022
Auditor, 3 Years	Katie Kenny	2020
Lister, 3 Years	John Zak	2021
Lister, 3 Years	Shelley Finn	2022
Lister, 3 Years	Jeanne Zoppel	2020
Town Agent, 1 Year	Jean Eisenhart	2020
Town Grand Juror	Jean Eisenhart	2020
Cemetery Commission, 3 Years	Julie Robertson	2020
Cemetery Commission, 3 Years	Kathleen Hill	2021
Cemetery Commission, 3 Years	Kathy Wagner	2022
School Director, 3 Years	Celeste Keel	2021
School Director, 3 Years	Allan Tschorn	2022
School Director, 3 Years	Jeanne Zoppel	2020
Justices of the Peace	Valerie dePeyster	2021
	Dona McAdams	2021
	Julie Robertson	2021
	Phoebe Sheres	2021
	Nancy Tschorn	2021

# SANDGATE APPOINTED OFFICERS

as of December 31, 2019

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Harry Rich, Jim Henderson, Phoebe Sheres
PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD
Sheila Kearns, Chair
Brad Kessler
Caroline Kimball
Joseph Nolan
Stuart Stevens
Bill Henry, Alternate
911 ADDRESSES
Mike Hill
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
Bill Henry
HEALTH OFFICER
Selectboard
FIRE WARDENS
Lynn Fielding (State appointed)
Jim Gunn (State appointed)
POUND KEEPER
Erin McDermott - Small Animals
Suzanne dePeyster - Large Animals
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER
Selectboard
EMERGENCY FUEL COORDINATOR
Selectboard
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
Sean Raphael
BCRC REPRESENTATIVES
Suzanne dePeyster & Sheila Kearns
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES & WOOD
Dona McAdams
GREEN-UP DAY COORDINATOR
Karen Tendrup
FENCE VIEWERS
Suzanne dePeyster, Mike Hill
TREE WARDEN
Mike Hill
SIGN CONTROL
Select Board
ARTS GRANT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Jean Eisenhart, Patricia Hall, Dona McAdams, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel

# **SANDGATE, VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

*The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, Vermont met at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, March 4th, 2019 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of acting on the following articles.*

There were 36 people present.

Chris Barlow, Town Moderator, brought the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

## **ARTICLE 2: To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers**

Judy Boehlert made a motion to accept the reports of the Town Officers.

Sheila Kearns seconded the motion.

**Article 2 Passed.**

## **ARTICLE 3: Shall current property taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before Oct 1, 2019?**

Valerie dePeyster made a motion that the current property taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 1, 2019. Jim Henderson seconded the motion.

**Article 3 passed.**

## **ARTICLE 4: Shall the line item balance for Garage Maintenance be carried over to a Garage Maintenance Fund into the following year?**

Jim Henderson made a motion that the line item balance for Garage Maintenance be carried over to a Garage Maintenance Fund into the following year. Sandy Reidy seconded the motion.

**Article 4 passed.**

## **ARTICLE 5: Shall the Record Restoration Fund be closed and the remaining balance placed in the Town Office Fund?**

Rick Dahm stated that there was no "Town Office Fund" to transfer the Records Restoration Fund into. Valerie dePeyster moved the article. Sonja Jaffee seconded.

**Article 5 did not pass.**

## **ARTICLE 6: Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$18,157 in support of the organizations listed in the Appropriations section of the General Budget?**

Margaret Phelps made a motion that the voters appropriate the sum of \$18,157 in support of the organizations listed in the Appropriations section of the General Budget. Daniel Reap seconded.

**Article 6 passed.**

**ARTICLE 7: Shall the town appropriate \$130,572 to defray the general expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?**

Sheila Kearns asked for clarification of Selectboard salaries.

Tambra Reap made a motion to have the Town appropriate \$130,572 to defray the general expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List. Judy Boehlert seconded.

**Article 7 passed.**

**ARTICLE 8: Shall the town appropriate \$358,552 to defray the highway expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?**

Jim Henderson moved that the Town appropriate \$358,552 to defray the highway expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List. Sandy Reidy seconded.

**Article 8 passed.**

**ARTICLE 9: To hear and transact such further business as may be lawful and appropriate for the annual meeting.**

Suzanne dePeyster stated that Casella was going to accept appliances on Green Up day as long as they were brought in to Casella by Town trucks. Karen Tendrup announced that Green Up day was Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Dottie Sundquist mentioned that there was a local effort to eradicate invasive species Japanese Knotweed and Garlic Mustard. Jim Henderson stated there was an organization already active in this endeavor: the Battenkill Watershed Alliance with Elaine Feldman is the contact person.

Rick Dahm made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded and the motion to adjourn was passed. The meeting ended at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marjorie Peff, Sandgate Town Clerk



## SANDGATE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

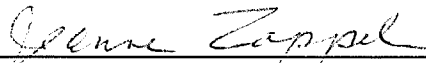
Legal voters of the Town of Sandgate School District of Sandgate, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Sandgate Town Hall on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 to transact the following business:

- Article 1 To hear and act on the report of the School District Officers.
- Article 2 To elect one School Board Director for a three year term by Australian ballot March 3, 2020.
- Article 3 Shall the voters of Sandgate School District authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021?
- Article 4 Shall the voters of the Sandgate School District authorize the Board of School Directors to allocate its current fund balance without effect upon the District Tax Levy, as follows: Assign Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to the Sandgate School District Reserve Fund for Tuition and Special Education purposes and assign the remaining balance, Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$32,625) as revenue for future budgets?
- Article 5 Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$927,787, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,746 per equalized pupil. The projected spending per equalized pupil is 30.26% higher than the spending for the current year.
- Article 6 To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Absentee voting is permitted on all matters to be voted by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on March 3, 2020.

Dated this 28th day of January 2020.

Sandgate Board of School Directors:

  
Jeanne Zoppel, Chairperson

  
Celeste Keel, Board Member

  
Allan Tschorn, Clerk

# SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board of Directors Annual Officers Report

Report on 2019-2020 (FY2020)

Jeanne Zoppel (Chair), Allan Tschorn (Clerk), Celeste Keel

The Sandgate School District currently has 56 students attending 10 schools. Pre-K students are enrolled in Fisher Elementary. Elementary schools attended by Sandgate students include: Fisher Elementary, Hiland Hall, Manchester Elementary (MEMS), Maple Street, Red Fox School and Sunderland. Secondary Schools receiving Sandgate students include Arlington Memorial High School, Burr & Burton, Hiland Hall, Long Trail and Mount Anthony.

Our average daily membership (ADM), this year calculated on student enrollment for a period of 20 days beginning the 11th day of school and ending the 30th day of school, is 54.13. Comparatively, our ADM for last year was 47. The equalized pupil is a two year average of the average daily membership of the school district, and weights students' needs, such as poverty level, English as a second language, and students at the secondary level to establish an equalized pupil figure. Our State calculated equalized pupil this year is 61.03 (compared to last year's 63.24). We are projecting an equalized pupil figure of 52.28 for FY21. This will become a factor in calculating our tax rate for next year, and represents a significant drop in equalized pupils as the State has penalized districts who did not voluntarily merge under Act 46. Prior to this budget year, districts were protected from more than a +/- 3.5% annual variation in equalized pupil count.

The Sandgate School District pays the prevailing tuition rate to public schools and up to the announced State average to approved private or independent schools. Currently, the State announced average for elementary tuition is \$14,263; the State announced average for 7th through 12th grade is \$15,933. It is important to note the State averages are only among larger union schools and do not average in the higher tuition rates common to smaller non-union schools. The announced tuitions to Arlington schools this year (FY20) is \$12,946 for elementary school and \$16,691 for grades 7 - 12. The announced tuition for FY21 at Arlington is \$13,121 for elementary and \$18,856 for grades 7- 12.

The total budgeted expenditures for FY20 as approved at the annual meeting were \$832,252. Our anticipated expenditures for the current budget year are \$858,161 representing an anticipated deficit of \$25,909 in the current budget year. For FY21, the board has proposed a spending budget of \$927,787 reflecting an increase of \$95,535 from the previous budget. This increase in the budget is based on tuition and represents our anticipated student count for next year. The educational tax rate for the current year is 1.1235. Based upon several factors, including State aid to education, increased student counts, a decreased equalized pupil number and a projected decrease in the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), the projected tax rate for FY21 is estimated to be 1.4813.

Last budget year (FY19) we were anticipating a sizable budget surplus of around \$140,000. When the year closed out and a routine annual audit conducted, this surplus increased to \$232,625. Article 4 on the warning is asking the voters to designate \$200,000 of that surplus to the Reserve Fund for tuition and special education purposes, and assign the remaining balance of \$32,625 as revenue for future budgets. Essentially this will function to satisfy our slight deficit in the current year, and set funds aside for future expenses or budgets.

Article 5 on the Warning is asking the voters to approve an expenditure budget of \$927,787 for the 2020 - 2021 academic year. The article also fully discloses, as required by State law, the spending per equalized pupil to be \$17,746 and that this represents a 30.26% increase in per equalized pupil spending than the spending for the current year. This is more of a function of the fact that Sandgate was not able to merge with another district under Act 46, and therefore lost the protection of a plus or minus 3.5% deviation in equalized pupils than it is an actual increase per student spending. Last year we were pretty fortunate in our tax rate as a significant drop in actual student count paired with the protection of +/- 3.5% variance in equalized pupil numbers made for a very favorable tax rate of \$1.1235 for our residents. A historical review our tax rate over the past three years indicates that a tax rate around \$1.50 is more a norm than \$1.12. The board also discussed at its budget meeting the fact that a town wide reappraisal will be happening within the next two years, and the favorable impact the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) has had on our tax rate will likely disappear after the reappraisal. It would be our goal to strategically use the fund balance to keep the tax rate around the \$1.50 mark for a couple of years.

The Sandgate District has been reassigned to the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union (SVSU) by the State Board of Education to become effective at the end of the 2020 - 2021 school year, or sometime around July 2021. No organizational plans or discussions have occurred with the SVSU at this time but we are anticipating that some preliminary meetings and discussions could begin later this spring and after the annual meetings, voting on board members and respective board reorganization is completed.

We currently have \$81,450 in our bus replacement funds. There is no request from the board this year to allocate additional funds for bus replacement this year. Our current bus is a 2009 with about 118,000 miles on it. We have been advised to begin seriously looking into a replacement as maintenance issues will begin to impact the reliability of the current bus. We as a board would like to see how this integrates with the new supervisory union assignment as transportation ultimately reside at the SU level and we do not want to expend the funds for a new bus if the new SU transportation management has other strategies for managing the busses. In all likelihood we will be replacing the current bus within the next two years or less.

To be sure tuition payments are not delayed, we ask that parents notify the School District via the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union of tuition requests or changes in receiving schools as soon as possible. The District uses a verification of residency form for all new tuition requests. Our meetings are always open to the public and are generally scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Tschorn, Clerk; Jeanne Zoppel, Chair; Celeste Keel

Sandgate School District, January 30, 2020

## Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union

### FY21 Budget Summary

<b>Central Office</b>								
<b>Description</b>	<b>FY18 Budget</b>	<b>FY 18 Actual</b>	<b>FY 19 Budget</b>	<b>FY 19 Actual</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY 21 Proposed</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>%</b>
School Board 2300	\$10,441	\$9,428	\$10,458	\$8,775	\$8,177	\$9,252	\$1,075	13.15%
Curriculum 2200	\$0	\$112,893	\$108,448	\$112,068	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Administration 2320	\$209,913	\$120,529	\$118,537	\$161,461	\$145,250	\$144,960	-\$290	-0.20%
Finance 2520	\$147,120	\$159,454	\$160,426	\$142,770	\$128,255	\$143,979	\$15,724	12.26%
Audit 2526	\$20,450	\$20,050	\$20,850	\$20,050	\$20,850	\$18,100	-\$2,750	-13.19%
Operation & Maintenance of the Plant 2600	\$18,720	\$11,876	\$18,120	\$13,844	\$18,120	\$14,800	-\$3,320	-18.32%
Transportation 2711	\$204,320	\$235,613	\$208,517	\$244,086	\$228,900	\$229,907	\$1,007	0.44%
<b>Total Central Office</b>	<b>\$610,964</b>	<b>\$669,843</b>	<b>\$645,355</b>	<b>\$703,055</b>	<b>\$549,552</b>	<b>\$560,998</b>	<b>\$11,446</b>	<b>2.08%</b>
<b>Special Education</b>								
<b>Description</b>	<b>FY18 Budget</b>	<b>FY 18 Actual</b>	<b>FY 19 Budget</b>	<b>FY 19 Actual</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY 21 Proposed</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>%</b>
Preschool Special Education 1200	\$70,698	\$33,988	\$58,231	\$48,302	\$70,380	\$76,054	\$5,674	8.06%
Preschool Psychological Services 2140	\$15,168	\$15,979	\$16,705	\$16,502	\$17,190	\$17,709	\$519	3.02%
Preschool Speech and Language 2150	\$10,313	\$7,585	\$7,627	\$8,808	\$7,834	\$8,038	\$204	2.60%
Preschool Occupational Therapist 2160	\$8,303	\$9,624	\$10,357	\$8,785	\$10,611	\$9,344	-\$1,267	-11.94%
Preschool Contracted Services 2190	\$13,774	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$86,971	\$86,971	0.00%
<b>Total Preschool Sped</b>	<b>\$118,256</b>	<b>\$67,176</b>	<b>\$92,919</b>	<b>\$82,396</b>	<b>\$106,015</b>	<b>\$198,115</b>	<b>\$92,100</b>	<b>86.87%</b>
Elementary Special Education 1200	\$464,315	\$396,581	\$448,288	\$484,398	\$398,922	\$397,400	-\$1,522	-0.38%
Elementary Support Services 2100	\$2,000	\$1,963	\$2,000	\$6,154	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Elementary Psychological Services 2140	\$15,170	\$15,980	\$16,754	\$16,509	\$17,238	\$17,967	\$729	4.23%
Elementary Speech & Language Services 2150	\$17,139	\$14,392	\$14,536	\$18,441	\$14,792	\$14,246	-\$546	-3.69%
Elementary Hearing Impaired 2152	\$98,056	\$106,997	\$53,963	\$105,178	\$58,313	\$64,679	\$6,366	10.92%
Elementary Occupational Therapy Services 2160	\$6,803	\$10,023	\$8,832	\$8,783	\$9,085	\$9,352	\$267	2.94%
Elementary Contracted Services 2190	\$31,971	\$21,899	\$20,000	\$7,620	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	0.00%
Elementary Special Education Trans 2711	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$1,000	-\$2,000	-66.67%
<b>Total Elementary Sped</b>	<b>\$638,454</b>	<b>\$567,837</b>	<b>\$567,373</b>	<b>\$647,082</b>	<b>\$511,350</b>	<b>\$514,644</b>	<b>\$3,294</b>	<b>0.64%</b>
Secondary Special Education Direct Services 1200	\$491,465	\$540,990	\$551,851	\$582,627	\$575,449	\$593,659	\$18,210	3.16%
Secondary Support Services 2100	\$2,400	\$780	\$2,400	\$1,188	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Secondary Psychological Services 2140	\$30,352	\$31,958	\$32,901	\$33,012	\$33,873	\$34,830	\$957	2.83%
Secondary Speech and Language Services 2150	\$15,702	\$12,978	\$13,120	\$16,777	\$13,337	\$10,754	-\$2,583	-19.37%
Secondary Hearing Impaired 2153	\$0	\$2,778	\$53,934	\$1,772	\$58,374	\$58,561	\$187	0.32%
Secondary Occupational Therapy Services 2160	\$13,616	\$16,727	\$17,751	\$17,030	\$17,763	\$18,244	\$481	3.53%
Secondary Behavior & Communication 2190	\$43,834	\$48,577	\$59,240	\$7,865	\$49,254	\$54,525	\$5,271	10.70%
Secondary Special Education Trans 2711	\$7,000	\$2,355	\$27,000	\$9,167	\$20,000	\$10,000	-\$10,000	-50.00%
<b>Total Secondary Sped</b>	<b>\$604,369</b>	<b>\$657,142</b>	<b>\$758,197</b>	<b>\$669,437</b>	<b>\$768,050</b>	<b>\$780,573</b>	<b>\$12,523</b>	<b>1.63%</b>
	<b>FY18 Budget</b>	<b>FY 18 Actual</b>	<b>FY 19 Budget</b>	<b>FY 19 Actual</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY 21 Proposed</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Special Education Administration</b>	<b>\$112,233</b>	<b>\$60,434</b>	<b>\$76,511</b>	<b>\$71,023</b>	<b>\$65,757</b>	<b>\$69,035</b>	<b>\$3,278</b>	<b>4.99%</b>
<b>Total Preschool Special Education</b>	<b>\$118,256</b>	<b>\$67,176</b>	<b>\$92,919</b>	<b>\$82,396</b>	<b>\$106,015</b>	<b>\$198,115</b>	<b>\$92,100</b>	<b>86.87%</b>
<b>Total Elementary Special Education</b>	<b>\$638,454</b>	<b>\$567,837</b>	<b>\$567,373</b>	<b>\$647,082</b>	<b>\$511,350</b>	<b>\$514,644</b>	<b>\$3,294</b>	<b>0.64%</b>
<b>Total Secondary Special Education</b>	<b>\$604,369</b>	<b>\$657,142</b>	<b>\$758,197</b>	<b>\$669,437</b>	<b>\$768,050</b>	<b>\$780,573</b>	<b>\$12,523</b>	<b>1.63%</b>
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>\$1,473,312</b>	<b>\$1,352,589</b>	<b>\$1,495,001</b>	<b>\$1,469,939</b>	<b>\$1,451,172</b>	<b>\$1,562,368</b>	<b>\$111,196</b>	<b>7.20%</b>
<b>IDEA Grant and CFP Grant</b>	<b>\$47,000</b>	<b>\$2,563</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Central Office</b>	<b>\$610,964</b>	<b>\$669,843</b>	<b>\$645,355</b>	<b>\$703,055</b>	<b>\$549,552</b>	<b>\$560,998</b>	<b>\$11,446</b>	<b>2.08%</b>
<b>Total SU &amp; Special Education</b>	<b>\$2,131,276</b>	<b>\$2,024,995</b>	<b>\$2,140,355</b>	<b>\$2,172,994</b>	<b>\$2,000,724</b>	<b>\$2,123,366</b>	<b>\$122,642</b>	<b>6.12%</b>

**Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union  
FY2021 Assessment Summary**

Equalized Pupils 2021	
District	Number
Arlington	351.03
Sandgate	52.46
	403.49
	100.00%

	BVSU 100.00%	Arlington 87.00%	Sandgate 13.00%
<b>General Education</b>	<b>\$560,998</b>	<b>\$488,059</b>	<b>\$72,938</b>

Revenues			
Transportation Reimb.	\$79,307		
Vocational Transp. Reimb.	\$62,350		
Interest	<u>\$2,000</u>		
<b>Offsetting Revenues</b>	<b>\$143,657</b>		

<b>Expenditures Less Offsetting Revenues</b>			
Administration	\$154,212	\$134,162	\$20,050
Finance (less interest)	\$141,979	\$123,520	\$18,460
Audit	\$18,100	\$12,725	\$5,375
Maintenance	\$14,800	\$12,876	\$1,924
Transportation (less trsp revenue)	\$88,250	\$76,776	\$11,474
Curriculum Director	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Remaining Amount to Assess</b>	<b>\$417,341</b>	<b>\$360,058</b>	<b>\$57,283</b>

12/1/2018 Child Count	
District	Number
Arlington	78
Sandgate	5
Total	83
	100.00%

	BVSU 100.00%	Arlington 93.98%	Sandgate 6.02%
<b>Special Education</b>	<b>\$1,562,368</b>	<b>\$1,468,249</b>	<b>\$94,119</b>

Revenues			
EEE	\$33,641		
Mainstream Block	\$198,099		
Intensive Reimbursement	\$635,888		
Extraordinary Reimb.	\$41,088		
<b>Offsetting Revenues</b>	<b>\$908,716</b>		

<b>Expenditures Less Offsetting Revenues</b>			
Administration	\$69,035	\$64,876	\$4,159
Early Education - EEE Revenue	\$164,474	\$154,566	\$9,908
Elementary - 40% of Revenues (C28:C30)	\$164,615	\$154,698	\$9,917
Secondary - 60% of Revenues (C28:C30)	\$255,528	\$240,135	\$15,393
<b>Remaining Amt to Assess</b>	<b>\$653,652</b>	<b>\$614,276</b>	<b>\$39,377</b>

<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$2,123,366</b>		
<b>Total To Be Assessed</b>	<b>\$1,070,993</b>	<b>\$974,334</b>	<b>\$96,659</b>

District: <b>Sandgate</b> SU: <b>Battenkill Valley</b>		T181 Bennington County		Property dollar equivalent yield <b>10,883</b> <b>13,396</b>	Homestead tax rate per \$10,883 of spending per equalized pupil <b>1.00</b>
				Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>FY2018</b>	<b>FY2019</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$951,738	\$979,063	\$832,252	\$927,787
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$951,738</b>	<b>\$979,063</b>	<b>\$832,252</b>	<b>\$927,787</b>
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$951,738</b>	<b>\$979,063</b>	<b>\$832,252</b>	<b>\$927,787</b>
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	\$97,387
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	NA
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$800</b>
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$950,938</b>	<b>\$978,263</b>	<b>\$831,452</b>	<b>\$926,987</b>
15.	Equalized Pupils	58.02	63.24	61.03	52.27
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$16,389.83</b>	<b>\$15,469.05</b>	<b>\$13,623.66</b>	<b>\$17,734.59</b>
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	\$8.52
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00	threshold = \$17,816 \$17,816.00	threshold = \$18,311 \$18,311.00	threshold = \$18,756 \$18,756.00
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$16,390	\$15,469	\$13,624	\$17,734.59
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	161.317% based on yield \$10,160	151.361% based on yield \$10,220	127.946% based on \$10,648	162.957% based on yield \$10,883
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$17,734.59 ÷ (\$10,883 / \$1.00)]	\$1.6132 based on \$1.00	\$1.5136 based on \$1.00	\$1.2795 based on \$1.00	\$1.6296 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Sandgate equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.63)	\$1.6132	\$1.5136	\$1.2795	\$1.6296
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	105.54%	101.24%	113.88%	110.08%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.6296 / 110.08%)	\$1.5285 based on \$1.00	\$1.4951 based on \$1.00	\$1.1236 based on \$1.00	\$1.4804 based on \$1.00
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a <b>PARTIAL</b> homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$17,734.59 ÷ \$13,396) x 2.00%]	2.73% based on 2.00%	2.50% based on 2.00%	2.08% based on 2.00%	2.65% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.65%)	2.73% based on 2.00%	2.50% based on 2.00%	2.08% based on 2.00%	2.65% based on 2.00%
36.	#N/A	-	-	-	-
37.	#N/A	-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,883 for every \$100 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$13,396 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.654. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

# **Sandgate FY2021 Budget**

Account	Description	FY17 Budget	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budget	FY20 Antp	FY21 Budget
100190501100561500	Tuition Preschool Public	6,184.00	9,276.00	3,178.00	6,356.00	6,534.00	6,534.00	3,356.00	10,068.00	3,445.00
100190501100566000	Tuition Independent Preschool	9,276.00	3,092.00	6,356.00	6,356.00	3,267.00	-	3,356.00	-	-
100190501100566000	Tuition Preschool Private-Independent	-	9,276.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Early Education</b>		<b>15,460.00</b>	<b>21,644.00</b>	<b>9,534.00</b>	<b>12,712.00</b>	<b>9,801.00</b>	<b>6,534.00</b>	<b>6,712.00</b>	<b>10,068.00</b>	<b>3,445.00</b>
100191001100561500	Tuition Sunderland Elementary	13,200.00	-	-	27,600.00	28,000.00	37,380.00	99,184.00	31,600.00	32,400.00
100191001100561501	Tuition Manchester Elementary	28,600.00	28,600.00	41,850.00	27,900.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	31,600.00	15,800.00	16,200.00
100191001100561000	Tuition Arlington Memorial Elementary	-	-	-	-	43,677.15	-	-	-	-
100191001100561504	Tuition Dorset Elementary	-	13,100.00	14,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
100191001100561505	Tuition Fisher Elementary	153,605.00	193,605.00	240,295.00	282,700.00	232,944.80	165,104.59	103,568.00	181,244.00	170,573.00
100191001100566500	Tuition Independent Hilland Hall Elem	42,000.00	45,650.00	42,500.00	59,500.00	53,020.00	61,448.86	45,500.00	36,400.00	37,492.00
100191001100566501	Tuition Independent Maple Street Elem	25,202.00	25,876.00	26,912.00	53,984.00	55,603.52	55,640.00	43,398.00	42,789.00	44,070.00
100191001100566502	Tuition Independent Southshire Community Elem	24,514.00	25,872.00	26,912.00	19,819.84	13,900.88	12,876.68	28,932.00	-	-
100191001100566503	Tuition Independent Northshire Elem	-	3,092.00	67,280.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
100191001100566504	Tuition Independent Downtown Elem	63,005.00	64,690.00	-	20,843.64	27,801.76	-	-	28,526.00	-
100191001100566505	Tuition Long Trail	-	25,876.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100191001100566506	Tuition Northshire Day School	-	-	13,456.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
100191005200561500	Tuition Prior Year Adj Public EL	179,868.00	174,873.94	-	(963.06)	186,846.12	134,116.36	150,219.00	197,877.00	304,547.00
100391001100561503	Tuition Arlington Memorial Second	-	-	-	15,500.00	15,965.00	8,250.00	14,700.00	14,700.00	14,800.00
100391001100561504	Mt. Anthony Secondary Tuition	43,962.00	33,901.15	-	-	62,336.60	39,763.07	48,729.00	57,169.00	49,233.00
100391001100566500	Tuition Independent Burr & Burton Second	-	-	-	-	20,865.00	43,398.00	43,398.00	42,789.00	44,072.00
100191001100561509	Red Fox Community School	-	14,773.00	76,820.00	60,520.00	93,503.40	46,854.00	48,729.00	31,866.00	65,644.00
100191001100566507	Tuition Independent Red Fox School	12,257.00	12,936.00	46,092.00	56,317.00	-	-	-	-	-
100391001100566503	Tuition Independent Long Trail Second	29,308.00	18,444.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100391001100566505	Secondary Tuition Southshire Community	13,991.00	28,600.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100391001100566507	Tuition Independent Manchester Second	8,400.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100391001100566501	Tuition Independent Hilland Hall Second	892.00	906.00	2,503.00	2,503.00	26,265.00	4,375.00	27,300.00	27,300.00	18,746.00
100391001100568500	Tuition On Behalf Tech Center Payment	678.00	685.68	3,074.00	2,027.44	4,420.24	2,782.41	3,769.00	3,769.00	3,769.00
100391001100569500	Tuition Vocational Local Share	-	10,419.05	19,507.81	19,508.00	(963.24)	-	4,420.00	4,420.00	4,420.00
100391005200561500	Tuition Adjustment Prior Year Second	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100001002313610500	Treasurer Supplies	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	-	-
100001005300500500	Transfer Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Elementary &amp; Secondary Education</b>		<b>645,582.00</b>	<b>727,900.22</b>	<b>621,201.81</b>	<b>653,759.86</b>	<b>863,089.23</b>	<b>644,320.97</b>	<b>709,689.00</b>	<b>732,242.00</b>	<b>822,377.00</b>
100001002310110500	Salary School Directors	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	3,488.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
100001002310205000	FICA	168.00	168.32	168.00	168.30	-	168.30	168.00	168.00	168.00
100001002310360500	Legal Services	500.00	-	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
100001002310520500	Insurance	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100001002310540500	Printing & Postage	250.00	-	100	0	0	-	100.00	100.00	100.00
100001002310610500	Board Supplies	225.00	-	210	0	0	-	210.00	210.00	210.00
100001002310810500	Dues & Fees	310.00	273.25	310	900	900	-	900.00	900.00	900.00
<b>District Administration</b>		<b>4,653.00</b>	<b>2,641.57</b>	<b>3,488.00</b>	<b>3,268.30</b>	<b>3,488.00</b>	<b>2,368.30</b>	<b>4,078.00</b>	<b>4,078.00</b>	<b>4,078.00</b>
100001002310331500	Assessment Supervisory Union Office	43,013.00	43,013.00	49,971.25	48,094.00	42,721.00	48,000.00	41,211.00	41,211.00	38,327.00
100001002526331500	Assessment Audit	3,216.00	3,216.00	2,796.13	2,691.00	3,155.00	3,155.00	3,093.00	3,093.00	5,375.00
100001002600331500	Assessment Operation & Maintenance of the Plant	2,526.00	2,526.00	2,559.59	2,463.00	2,833.00	2,833.00	2,688.00	2,688.00	1,915.00
100001002711331500	Assessment Transportation	24,566.00	24,566.00	9,080.92	8,740.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	13,314.00	13,314.00	12,393.00
<b>Regular Education Assessments</b>		<b>73,321.00</b>	<b>73,321.00</b>	<b>64,407.89</b>	<b>61,988.00</b>	<b>56,709.00</b>	<b>61,988.00</b>	<b>60,306.00</b>	<b>60,306.00</b>	<b>58,010.00</b>
100190501200331500	Assessment Early Essential Education (EEE)	9,533.00	9,533.00	6,343.31	6,343.00	4,394.00	5,000.00	5,868.00	5,868.00	9,908.00
100192121200331500	Assessment Elementary Special Education	69,596.00	69,596.00	19,507.81	19,508.00	15,452.00	18,000.00	15,467.00	15,467.00	9,917.00
100392121200331500	Assessment Secondary Special Education	55,616.00	55,616.00	-	-	19,151.00	22,359.00	23,475.00	23,475.00	15,393.00
100392122420331500	Assessment Director of Support Services Secondary	6,398.00	6,398.00	-	-	2,937.00	-	6,157.00	6,157.00	4,159.00
100392122711331500	Assessment Special Education Transportation	5,162.00	5,162.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100192122420331500	Assessment Director of Support Services Elementary	4,266.00	4,266.00	226,755.00	206,547.13	-	-	-	-	-
<b>SPED Assessments</b>		<b>150,571.00</b>	<b>150,571.00</b>	<b>252,606.12</b>	<b>232,398.13</b>	<b>41,934.00</b>	<b>45,359.00</b>	<b>50,967.00</b>	<b>50,967.00</b>	<b>39,377.00</b>
100000315100830500	Interest Short Term Borrowing	500.00	-	500.00	-	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>890,087.00</b>	<b>976,077.79</b>	<b>951,737.82</b>	<b>964,126.29</b>	<b>975,521.23</b>	<b>760,570.27</b>	<b>832,252.00</b>	<b>858,161.00</b>	<b>927,787.00</b>



## **SANDGATE TOWN SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 5, 2019**

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate School District of Sandgate, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, were warned and notified to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Sandgate Town Hall on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 to transact the following business:

Chris Barlow brought the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

Approximately 13 people were present.

William Bazyk, Superintendent for BVSU and Cynthia Browning and Kathleen James State Representatives were present as well.

Sheila Kearns made a motion to hear Cynthia Browning and Kathleen James speak before reviewing the warning. Jeanne Zoppel seconded

Cynthia Browning said education funds were still being used for other purposes than education. Kathleen James stated there was a great deal of cooperation between parties to get government business accomplished. She mentioned the school facilities bill requiring radon and lead testing in all schools.

Margaret Phelps made a motion to hear from William Bazyk, Superintendent for BVSU. Rick Dahm seconded

Mr. Bazyk stated the assignment to SVSU came with very little warning and SVSU was slowly preparing to integrate Arlington and Sandgate into the SVSU. This is supposed to be accomplished by 2021. School choice will still be available for Sandgate.

The meeting resumed at 10:30 AM.

1. To Hear and act on the report of the School District Officers.

Allan Tschorn made a motion to accept the reports of the School District Officers.  
Margaret Phelps seconded  
Article 1 passed.

2. Shall the voters of Sandgate elect one School Board Director for a 3-year term by Australian ballot on March 5, 2019.

Allan Tschorn made the motion  
Margaret Phelps seconded  
Article 2 passed

3. Shall the voters of Sandgate School District authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020?

Margaret Phelps made the motion.  
Philip Frost seconded  
Article 3 passed

4. Shall the voters of Sandgate School District transfer any General Fund surplus on June 30, 2019, the amount anticipated to be \$140,000, to the Reserve fund for tuition and special education purposes?

Superintendent Bazyk stated it was from children moving out of the district after budget was set.

Rick moved the question  
Pauline Frost seconded  
Article 4 passed

5. Shall the voters of Sandgate School District authorize the transfer of the surplus on June 30, 2018, an amount of \$19,363, to the School Bus/Transportation Fund?

Superintendent Bazyk stated that this would almost fully fund the cost of a new bus if and when it was needed.

Rick Dahm moved the question  
Jeanne Zoppel seconded  
Article 5 passed

6. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$832,252, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,624 per equalized pupil. The projected spending per equalized pupil is 11.60% lower than the spending for the current year.

Superintendent Bazyk stated that there was a 3% safety mechanism which is why line 15 on page 56 stated there were 61 students even though there are currently 50 students. Line 29 Column 4 FY2020 should read \$1.2894, not \$1.1322. Line 33, Column 4 FY2020 should be \$1.1322 and not \$1.1165. These changes are all on page 56. The second page of the budget on page 57 was not printed and this was handed out at the meeting. Superintendent Bazyk stated School taxes are anticipated to go down this year.

Sheila Kearns moved the question.  
Margaret Phelps seconded.  
Article 6 passed

7. To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Rick Dahm moved the question  
Margaret Phelps congratulated the school board for their hard work  
Act 46 and seconded  
Article 7 passed.

Rick Dahm made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Philip Frost seconded.  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Marjorie Peff, Town Clerk

## **2020-2021 APPROPRIATIONS**

### **ARLINGTON AREA CHILDCARE**

Our mission is to provide children (birth to school age) and their families with a safe, nurturing environment to allow them to meet their full potential. Children will learn through play based, meaningful experiences based on individual development in a consistent continuum across the ages. Happy Days' program will continue to grow through professional development and partnerships with families and community.

### **ARLINGTON COMMUNITY HOUSE**

The Canfield House has served the towns of Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland as a community resource since 1947. Some of the groups that use the space are Burdett Commons, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, The Lions Club, Arlington Public Health Nursing Services, Park and Recreation Board, Battenkill Runners, Al Anon, Arlington Garden Club and the Senior Citizens Group.

### **ARLINGTON COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE, INC.**

The foundation's mission is to improve the health of the citizens of Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland, Vermont through scholarship awards to residents seeking to further their education in nursing or other health related fields, and by providing visiting nursing care services to the community.

### **ARLINGTON RECREATION PARK**

The public is invited to use park facilities, without charge (exception: a \$5 donation for golf is requested), on a non-reserved basis. Park facilities can be reserved for private functions and special events. Applications are available at the park office. Basketball, baseball, canoeing, cookouts, fishing, fitness circuit, 9-hole golf (\$5 fee), nature trail, playground, putting green, soccer, swimming, tennis, tubing, volleyball.

### **ARLINGTON RESCUE SQUAD**

Our coverage area includes the towns of Arlington, Sunderland, Sandgate, Glazenbury and North Shaftsbury. We cover over 50 square miles of terrain, and average around 550 calls per year. Our mission is to be part of the community, and provide the best possible care to the people we serve.

### **BENNINGTON COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY (CAC)**

Our primary purpose at CAC is to help victims of sexual abuse, regardless of age. We also work with children who are victims of egregious physical abuse. We strive to reduce the stress and trauma that a survivor and their family may be feeling and assist them in getting whatever support they need as they heal. The CAC is available to provide support from disclosure to disposition, and beyond.

### **BENNINGTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (BCCD)**

Through education, advocacy, and implementation we promote the conservation of natural resources and rural livelihoods in Bennington County.

### **BROC COMMUNITY ACTION**

BROC assists low-income Vermonters with basic needs, as well as helping them develop skills and resources for self-sufficiency through employment opportunities. Services include providing crisis fuel and utility assistance, weatherization, economic and workforce development and nutrition education.

## **BURDETT COMMONS**

Serving Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate since 1999 as a community gathering place, we offer a mentoring group program for youth participation in healthy activities, including an after school program managed by a Youth Advisory Board. An adult craft series also takes place once a month. We are located in the Arlington Community House.

## **CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE (CRJ)**

The Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) is a non-profit community justice agency that provides a full continuum of restorative justice programming and services helping both young people and adults take an active role in becoming positive, contributing members of their community. CRJ's program continuum begins with prevention and intervention work in the schools through reentry work helping people returning to the community from incarceration.

## **MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY**

Board books for toddlers, large print books for seniors, the latest best sellers, classics, fiction, non-fiction, study tables, computers, video-conferencing, audio books, movies, games and puzzles, a community meeting room, art gallery, programs of current interest, historical reference collection — it's all here, it's all free. Come and enjoy!

## **PAVE**

Pave provides a full range of services to victims of domestic and sexual violence including a 24-hour hotline, advocacy programs, emergency assistance and housing, prevention & outreach.

## **SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING**

A community force in creating and sustaining opportunities for elders and caregivers in our region to help assure that elders are able to maintain maximum independence and quality of life.

## **THE TUTORIAL CENTER (MANCHESTER & BENNINGTON)**

TTC is a non-profit organization that provides essential, quality educational support to individuals and families in southern Vermont and upper New York State. TTC's fundamental mission is to enhance literacy, work readiness, and other basic skills of adults and children in order to help individuals and youth succeed, strengthen community assets, and support workforce needs of employers.

## **VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (VACD)**

Dedicated to the conservation, maintenance, improvement and development and use of land, soil, water, trees, vegetation, fish and wildlife and other natural resources in Vermont, since 1983.

## **VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (VCIL)**

VCIL believes that individuals with disabilities have the right to live with dignity and with appropriate support in their own homes, fully participate in their communities and to control and make decisions about their lives.

## Article 8: Southern Vermont Communication Union District

The Southern Vermont Communication Union District (SoVT CUD) aims to bring broadband Internet service to under-served areas of Southern Vermont. Following the model of Act 79, last year's "broadband bill", this effort will:

- 1) Create the SoVT CUD by town meeting vote of citizens in 13 Bennington
- 2) county towns (Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Landgrove, Manchester, Pownal, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, Sunderland, Winhall, Woodford)
- 3) Seek a grant under Act 79 for a feasibility study and three-year business plan
- 4) Contract with an internet service provider (ISP) to build out fiber optic cable to under-served areas, providing world class Internet speeds.

SoVT CUD will fund this effort through grants, loans, and subscriber fees from the people who buy the Internet service. SoVT CUD is not a taxing authority, so this effort will not raise your taxes.

Lack of broadband Internet service is a major restraint on the growth of our economy and on our effort to attract people and business to our region. If you have any questions about the Sandgate vote to join the SoVT CUD, please contact Sheila Kearns at 802-375-6821 or [smhkearns@gmail.com](mailto:smhkearns@gmail.com).



The fisher is a member of the weasel family and it is found only in North America. Although an agile climber, it spends most of its time on the forest floor. An omnivore, the fisher feeds on a wide variety of small animals and occasionally on fruits and mushrooms.

It prefers the snowshoe hare and is one of the few animals able to prey successfully on porcupines. Despite its common name, the fisher rarely eats fish.

# TOWN OF SANDGATE DIRECTORY

## Emergency Calls (Ambulance, Fire & Police) - 911

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Large Animals	Suzanne dePeyster	375-6005
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Small Animals	Erin McDermott	379-9246
ARLINGTON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL		375-2589
ARLINGTON POST OFFICE		375-6904
ARLINGTON TOWN CLERK		375-2332
BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION		442-0713
CASELLA LANDFILL		362-4082
Transfer Station: 4561 Sunderland Hill Road, Arlington, VT 05250		
Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 7:30-2:00; Sat, 7:30-11:30; Closed Wed, Sun & Holidays		
CEMETERY COMMISSION	Kathleen Hill	375-6543
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	Eleanor LaCross	375-2801
FIRE DEPARTMENT (Other than emergency)		375-2323
FIRE WARDEN - Burning Permit	Lynn Fielding	375-2211
FIRE WARDEN - Burning Permit	Jim Gunn	375-9481
FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		375-6409
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Town Garage	375-8358
ROAD LIAISON	Tom Santelli	375-9297
LISTERS		375-9270
MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY	Phyllis Skidmore	375-6153
PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD	Sheila Kearns	375-6821
POUND KEEPER, ARLINGTON/SUNDERLAND	Traci Mulligan	375-6121
POUND KEEPER, RUPERT		379-3004
RESCUE SQUAD (Other than emergency)		375-6589
RUPERT TOWN CLERK		394-7728
SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SHELTER		375-0249
SELECTBOARD		375-9075
STATE POLICE (Other than emergency)		442-5421
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS		375-9744
BENNINGTON SHERIFF'S OFFICE		442-4900
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	Sandra Reidy	375-9075
TREASURER'S OFFICE	Sandra Reidy	375-9075
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Bill Henry	375-9075



# **FIRE WARNING**

**A permit is required from the Fire Warden for any outdoor burning except when there is snow on the ground at the scene of the fire.**

**For brush and forest fires burning out of control  
or threatening buildings, call 911.**

**For a permit call Lynn Fielding at 375-2211  
or Jim Gunn at 375-9481**

**PLEASE HELP US AVOID FIRES  
REPORT ANY UNATTENDED FIRES**

**NO SMOKING IN THE TOWN HALL**

**FOR EMERGENCIES (POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE) CALL 911**

**For non-emergencies:**

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**Police Department: 442-5421**

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**Fire Department: 375-2323**

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**Rescue Squad: 375-6589**

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## **ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIRE MINUTES**

The open meeting law requires minutes to be kept of all public meetings (1 V.S.A. § 312). The purpose of this rule is to make it easy for the public to know, within five days of the meeting, who was present, what was discussed, and what was decided at the meeting. Minutes do not have to be taken of executive sessions, although the vote to go into executive session, including mentions of the subjects to be discussed should be reflected in the minutes of the meeting (1 V.S.A. § 313). No minutes need to be taken of deliberative sessions of a board since this meeting is not a public meeting under law (1 V.S.A. § 310).

