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ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF**

CORNWALL, VERMONT

For Year Ending December 31st, 2019

*Town Reports will be available at the Town Clerk's Office, Cornwall School and the
Cornwall Town Garage*

Town Reports will also be available at Town Meeting, Monday, March 2nd, 2020

Annual Report

Town of Cornwall

Same Day Voter Registration

On January 1st, 2017, the Same Day Voter Registration Law went into effect in Vermont. You may now register to vote at the polls on Town Meeting Day.

Absentee Ballot Voting

Request a ballot by 5:00 PM, Friday, February 28, 2020

Pre-Town Meeting Dinner

Monday, March 2nd, 2020 from 5:00 – 6:15 PM

At the Cornwall School

Town Meeting

Monday, March 2nd, 2020 at 6:30 PM

At the Cornwall School

Election Day

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020, at the Cornwall Town Hall

Polls open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

TOWN MEETING 2021: March 1st, 2021

VOTING 2021: March 2nd, 2021 - 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

If you need a ride to the Town Meeting, please call Sue Johnson at 462-2775

CORNWALL TOWN MEETING DINNER



What: Please join us for our annual **Town Meeting Dinner at Cornwall School**. This annual event is a fundraiser for the **Friends of Cornwall School (FOCS)** and our efforts to support the children of Cornwall School. This is a chance to see what the occupants of our school have been doing this last year. This wonderful community event allows neighbors and friends to sit together and share a meal.

When: March 2nd, 2020 from 5-6:15pm.

To-go meals are available.

Where: Cornwall School Multipurpose room.

Who: All community members are welcome!

Menu: We will have a scrumptious meal of Roast Peppered Eye Round or Spinach Lasagna (featured from our **Cornwall School Cookbook**) with wonderful sides, dinner rolls, and desserts.

Price: \$10 adults; \$5 children.

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Town Meeting Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School on Monday evening, March 2, 2020 to transact the following business. The Town Meeting will start at 6:30 PM.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all town officials as required by law. Voting for officials will be by Australian ballot. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Cornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are:

5 years: Cemetery Commissioner

4 years: Cemetery Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term)

3 years: Selectboard; Lister; Auditor; Trustee of Public Funds; Two (2) Planning Commissioners

2 years: Selectboard; Trustee of Public Funds (to fill an unexpired term); Three (3) Library Trustees; Planning Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term);

1 year: Moderator; First Constable; Second Constable; Collector of Delinquent Taxes; Town Agent; Two (2) Grand Jurors; Library Trustee (to fill an unexpired term); Two (2) Planning Commissioners (to fill unexpired terms)

ARTICLE 2: To see what action the voters will take regarding the town's financial surplus or deficit. (See page 25)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$499,849.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters will approve a Highway budget of \$448,790. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$65,000, leaving \$383,790 to be raised by taxes.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will appropriate \$69,750 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will appropriate \$4,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will support the creation of a Conservation Fund Planning Group to study how towns in Vermont fund their conservation activities. The group will include representatives from the Conservation Commission, Planning Commission and other interested persons.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will appropriate the following amounts to be transferred to the listed organizations:

a. Addison Central Teens, Inc.	\$2,500.00
b. Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.	1,440.00
c. Addison County Parent/Child Center, Inc.	1,600.00
d. Addison County Readers, Inc.	350.00
e. Addison County Restorative Justice Services	350.00
f. Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative	500.00
g. Addison County Transit Resources, Inc.	1,315.00
h. Age Well	950.00
i. Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity	2,000.00
j. Charter House Coalition	2,500.00
k. Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	2,300.00
l. Elderly Services, Inc.	1,600.00
m. End of Life Services, Inc.	600.00
n. Green Up Vermont, Inc.	100.00
o. Habitat for Humanity of Addison County	800.00
p. Homeward Bound, Animal Welfare Center	500.00
q. H O P E (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)	4,000.00
r. John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	1,925.00
s. Mary Johnson Children's Center, Inc.	700.00
t. Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT)	750.00
u. Open Door Clinic/Community Health Services, Inc.	1,000.00
v. Otter Creek Child Care Center	1,000.00
w. The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Inc.	540.00
x. Turning Point Center of Addison County*	1,000.00
y. Vermont Adult Learning, Inc.	500.00
z. WomenSafe, Inc.	<u>\$1,250.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$32,070.00

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Cornwall voters shall advise the Board of the Addison Central School District to replace the third sentence of Article 8 of the ACSD Articles of Agreement with the following: *Each director shall be elected by the voters of the district town in which the director lives.*

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Cornwall voters shall advise the Board of the Addison Central School District to amend Article 14 of the ACSD Articles of Agreement by adding the following: *No District elementary school shall be closed unless a majority of the registered voters at a duly warned special meeting of the town in which the school is located vote to close the school.*

ARTICLE 11: To see if the voters will approve the billing date of September 1, 2020 for property taxes, payment of half that amount due November 1, 2020, and payment of the second half due May 1, 2021. Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes that are due, but unpaid after November 1, 2020, are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes unpaid after May 1, 2021 will be considered delinquent. Interest will be charged on delinquent taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, plus a collector's fee of eight percent (8%).

ARTICLE 12: Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

CORNWALL SELECTBOARD:

Benjamin Marks, Chair
John Roberts, Vice Chair
Magna Dodge
Brian Kemp
Benjamin Wood



Herpetologist Jim Andrews discusses a "find" during a spring walk in the Cornwall woods.

Elected Town Officers 2019

Moderator:	Term Expires 2020	Cy Day Tall
Town Clerk:	Term Expires 2021	Susan Johnson
Town Treasurer:	Term Expires 2021	Susan Johnson
Selectboard, 3 years:	Term Expires 2020 Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2022	Brian Kemp John Roberts Magna Dodge
Selectboard, 2 years:	Term Expires 2020 Term Expires 2021	Benjamin Marks Benjamin Wood
First Constable:	Term Expires 2020	Dennis Rheaume
Second Constable:	Term Expires 2020	Luke Jerome
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Term Expires 2020	Rodney Cadoret
Listers:	Term Expires 2020 Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2022	Jordan Young William Johnson Todd Kincaid
Town Agent:	Term Expires 2020	Susan Johnson
Grand Jurors:	Term Expires 2020 Term Expires 2020	Gregory Dennis (appointed) Gary Margolis (appointed)
Addison Central S. D.:	Term Expires 2021	Peter Conlon
Auditors:	Term Expires 2020 Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2022	Shawn Fetterolf Kenneth Manchester, Jr. Katie A. Q. Gieges
Trustees of Public Funds:	Term Expires 2020 Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2022	Robert Gerlin Jon Isham (appointed) David Anderson (appointed)
Cemetery Commission:	Term Expires 2020 Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024	Bruce Payne Anne Collins Joan Bingham "T" Tall Vacant

Elected Town Officers 2019, *continued*

Library Trustees:	Term Expires 2020	Judy English
	Term Expires 2020	Juliet Gerlin
	Term Expires 2020	Rich Isenberg (appointed)
	Term Expires 2020	Susan Johnson
	Term Expires 2021	Laura Fetterolf
	Term Expires 2021	Patty McCormick
	Term Expires 2021	Kristina Simmons
Planning Commission:	Term Expires 2020	Jim Duclos
	Term Expires 2020	Conor Stinson
	Term Expires 2020	A. J. Vasiliou (appointed)
	Term Expires 2020	Don Burns (appointed)
	Term Expires 2021	Albert Thalen, Jr.
	Term Expires 2022	Josh Stearns
Justices of the Peace:	Term Expires 2020	David Anderson
	Term Expires 2020	Marjorie Drexler
	Term Expires 2020	Judy English
	Term Expires 2020	Liam English
	Term Expires 2020	Susan Johnson
	Term Expires 2020	Gary Margolis
	Term Expires 2020	Jordan Young

Appointed Town Officers 2019

AC Regional Planning Commission:	Delegates:	Don Burns Stan Grzyb
	Alternates:	Vacant Vacant
AC Solid Waste Mngt District Board:	Representative:	William Kernan
	Alternate:	Vacant
Animal Control Officer		Stacey Freeguard
Assistant Town Clerk-Treasurer:	Term Expires 2020	Joan Bingham
Cemetery Sextons:	Central:	Vacant
	Evergreen:	Richard Bruso
	Fair:	Bruce Payne
	South:	Richard Bruso

Appointed Town Officers 2019, *continued*

Conservation Commission:		Katherine Branch Mary Dodge Brian Howlett Rene Langis Bethany Barry Menkart Michael Sheriden
Development Review Board:	Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2022	Joseph Severy Sharon Johnson David Anderson Magna Dodge Barbara Greenwood
Alternates to DRB:	Term Expires 2020 Term Expires 2020 Term Expires 2020	Gary Barnett Cheryl Cesario Vacant
E9-1-1 Coordinator:		Katie A. Q. Gieges
Emergency Management Coordinator:		Susan Johnson
Energy Coordinator:		Gary Barnett
Fence Viewers:	Term Expires 2020 Term Expires 2020 Term Expires 2020	Greg Dennis Michael Heinecken Annie Wilson
Fire Warden:		Tommy Frankovic, Jr.
Assistant Fire Warden:		Vacant
Green-Up Coordinator:		Susan Johnson
Health Officer:	Term Expires 2020	Bill Johnson
Assistant Health Officer:	Term Expires 2021	Susan Johnson
Inspector of Lumber:		Leo Gorton, Jr.
Recreation Committee:		Sue Barrows Mary Jane Broughton Paul Bougor Sue Johnson Shauna Riley Sue Sears Annie Wilson

Appointed Town Officers 2019, *continued*

Road Commissioner:	Term Expires 2020	Brian Kemp
Road Foreman:	Hired Employee	Michael Sunderland
Zoning Administrator:	Term Expires 2021	Vacant
Assistant Zoning Administrator:	Term Expires 2021	Jim Duclos
Tree Warden:	Term Expires 2020	Stu Johnson
Weigher of Coal:	Term Expires 2020	Jon Isham



Fire Department Mascot and Reminder of E9-1-1 signs!

Selectboard Report

The Selectboard has had a busy year. Our main focus has been evaluation of the proposed Land Use and Development Regulations promulgated last year by the Planning Commission. We have conducted two joint meetings with the Planning Commission and are in the process of reviewing each section of the proposed regulations so that concerns of both the Selectboard and Planning Commission can be addressed. We have also devoted a substantial amount of time in each of our regular meetings to evaluation of zoning issues. The Selectboard expects that this process will continue into the next year.

The Town has hired a new Animal Control Officer after a year or so in which that position was vacant. Stacey Freeguard has been serving in that role for the Town of Whiting, and she has added Cornwall to her portfolio. Stacey has already investigated some loose livestock and dog bark issues in Cornwall, and we are pleased to have her on board. Cornwall residents in need of Stacey's services will find her number listed on the Town's web page.

The Selectboard continues to look for town members to assist with various boards and commissions. The Planning Commission will be looking to fill two vacant seats after the March elections and the Cemetery Commission has been under staffed for the past election cycle. Interested town residents should contact Sue Johnson.

Swamp Road Bridge Update. As of the beginning of 2019, the Swamp Road Bridge was been moved into the "candidate category" by the Vermont Agency of Transportation. This means that that it has been placed on a list with other projects eligible for state funding, but is subject to funds availability. Any design phase for a new structure will begin when there is a clear funding commitment from the state for a replacement.

Budgets:

On a combined basis the proposed General Fund (+1%) and Highway Budget (-0.5%) have increased by 0.5% compared to the prior year. The General Fund has increased primarily due to the increases in the Town's fixed fees for ambulance services (MREMS) and fixed fees for accounting/reconciliation services, and cyber security to the Town's accounting systems provided by NEMRC. The Highway budget is slightly lower due to decreases in the budget line item for tools. The Capital Fund budgets for Buildings and Equipment have been level funded for the coming year.

For the Coming Year:

We bid farewell this year to Jim Duclos, the Town's long time Zoning Administrator. The Selectboard thanks Jim for his years of dedicated service to the town both as Zoning Administrator and as a member of the Planning Commission. Jim has been assisting with the transition, which the Selectboard hopes will result in a Zoning Administrator who serves both the Town of Cornwall and Weybridge. Discussions with Weybridge include a compensation structure for the joint position.

The Town has authorized an update to the heating system at the Town Garage and has shored up the Salt Shed in preparation for the Salt Shed's eventual replacement.

Cornwall Selectboard

Benjamin Marks, Chair, John Roberts, Vice-Chair, Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, Brian Kemp

Selectboard's General Fund Budget

	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021
Fixed Appropriations	Budget	Actual	Budget	Spent to Date	Proposed Budget
Humane Society	550.00	450.00	500.00	0.00	450.00
County Tax	9,000.00	8,541.33	9,200.00	9,186.24	9,200.00
Regional Planning	1,505.00	1,503.18	1,550.00	1,546.71	1,582.00
Otter Creek Conservation	122.00	121.11	122.00	121.11	122.00
MREMS	2,963.00	2,963.00	2,963.00	2,962.50	11,850.00
VLCT	2,400.00	2,381.00	2,442.00	2,442.00	2,541.00
Capital Fund Equipment	130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	0.00	130,000.00
Capital Fund Buildings	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	66,580.00	100,000.00
Capital Fund Paving	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
Totals	246,540.00	245,959.62	271,777.00	82,838.56	280,745.00
Salaries					
Auditors	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Selectboard	3,400.00	3,300.00	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00
Town Clerk - Treasurer	45,024.00	45,024.00	46,150.00	19,229.20	47,304.00
Listers	10,000.00	7,285.20	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Custodian	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00
Asst. Town Clerk	5,000.00	4,505.63	5,000.00	1,536.30	5,000.00
Planning Commission	1,400.00	1,200.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
DRB	1,600.00	1,200.00	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00
Town Secretary	3,500.00	2,507.78	3,500.00	1,640.61	3,500.00
Totals	72,524.00	65,022.61	73,650.00	22,406.11	72,904.00
Meetings					
Town Meeting	300.00	669.26	300.00	0.00	300.00
Elections	2,000.00	1,040.11	500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Totals	2,300.00	1,709.37	800.00	0.00	1,800.00
Office Expense					
Town Clerk	2,700.00	2,587.10	2,700.00	1,192.52	3,950.00
Town Treasurer	2,700.00	2,567.21	2,700.00	1,490.67	3,950.00
Selectboard	500.00	950.23	500.00	191.81	500.00
Tax Collector	100.00	39.58	100.00	54.75	100.00
Grand List Maintenance/Listers	6,000.00	1,853.98	6,000.00	1,719.52	7,250.00
Zoning Administrator	200.00	0.00	200.00	13.00	200.00
Planning Commission	2,000.00	323.21	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
Conservation Commission	200.00	80.00	200.00	141.92	200.00
Development Review Board	1,000.00	156.94	1,000.00	137.57	500.00
Town Office/General	2,500.00	3,023.85	2,500.00	1,051.33	3,750.00
Copier/Printer/Scanner	3,200.00	3,438.00	3,200.00	1,441.10	3,300.00
Postage	2,000.00	1,416.13	2,000.00	1,105.18	1,500.00
Vote Tabulator	2,700.00	1,392.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
Totals	26,800.00	17,828.23	23,100.00	8,539.37	28,200.00

Selectboard's General Fund Budget, *continued*

	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021
General Expenses	Budget	Actual	Budget	Spent to Date	Proposed Budget
Town Reports	1,200.00	945.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Town Newsletter	2,200.00	2,120.00	2,000.00	1,002.00	2,000.00
Social Security	6,000.00	5,326.21	6,600.00	1,780.28	5,800.00
Retirement	1,815.00	1,861.98	1,965.00	824.40	2,200.00
Health Promotion	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	50.00
Legal Services	10,000.00	20,966.03	10,000.00	2,932.95	10,000.00
Sheriff's Patrol	6,000.00	5,078.40	6,000.00	3,092.51	6,500.00
Dog Control	2,000.00	350.00	2,000.00	519.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	2,457.17	2,500.00	65.00	2,500.00
Records Restoration/Microfilm	6,400.00	6,440.00	5,000.00	4,950.00	4,300.00
Water Contamination	1,500.00	929.95	1,500.00	148.50	1,500.00
Lemon Fair Insect Control	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Financial Review/Audit	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Totals	51,715.00	59,974.74	44,665.00	15,314.64	43,350.00
Town Properties					
Town Hall	15,000.00	11,224.25	15,000.00	3,452.43	13,000.00
Town Garage	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>12,819.18</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>4,922.06</u>	<u>13,000.00</u>
Totals	30,000.00	24,043.43	30,000.00	8,374.49	26,000.00
Parks & Cemeteries					
Cemeteries Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	500.00	2,000.00
Cemeteries Mowing	2,500.00	2,183.85	2,750.00	1,845.00	2,750.00
Other Town Mowing	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,183.85</u>	<u>2,750.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>2,750.00</u>
Totals	7,000.00	6,367.70	7,500.00	3,845.00	7,500.00
Insurance					
Town Officers & Property	25,000.00	24,008.00	25,000.00	21,073.00	25,000.00
Worker's Compensation	450.00	791.00	550.00	499.00	550.00
Health	9,500.00	10,568.22	11,500.00	4,934.26	13,500.00
Unemployment	<u>500.00</u>	<u>153.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>116.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Totals	35,450.00	35,520.22	37,350.00	26,622.26	39,350.00
Debt Service					
Interest (Capital Items)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest (Tax Anticipation)	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Totals	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
GRAND TOTALS	473,329.00	456,425.92	489,842.00	167,940.43	499,849.00

Town Report Dedication

Robert Boardman Bingham

Robert Boardman Bingham, 89, died July 28, 2019 at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington after a brief illness.

He was born in Cornwall October 22, 1929, the son of Albert R. and Carrie I. (Boardman) Bingham.

Bob was a graduate of Middlebury High School class of 1947.

He married Marolyn Brooks on June 16, 1951. Marolyn passed away in June of 2002.

Bob was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and an associate member of the Cornwall Congregational Church, the Small City Steppers of Vergennes and the Green Mtn Boys 4-H and co-leader with Marolyn of the Cornwall Calf and Conservation 4-H.

He is survived by his wife Joan Payne Bingham—our former Town Clerk and current Assistant Clerk—whom he married on June 28, 2003.

Bob served the Cornwall Community by holding various town government positions for more than 50 years. Bob served as Lister from 1960 – 1977, on the MUHS School Board from 1970 – 1975, as a Fence Viewer from 1971 – 2014 and as our Zoning Administrator from 1997 – 2004. Bob also served as an election official alongside Joan for the last 15 years or so. He was honored with a public service award for Years of Service by the Vermont's Secretary of State, Deborah Markowitz.

Bob will be remembered as a long-time farmer, 4-H leader, and Porter Hospital volunteer, and a player of cribbage, and for his generosity, ready smile and sense of humor.

It is with honor and great appreciation that the Town of Cornwall dedicates the 140th edition of the Cornwall Town Report to Robert Boardman Bingham. Bob is greatly missed by our community and we offer our love and support to Bob's family and friends. Rest easy good friend!



Auditors' Report

The role of Local Auditor is to assure accountability of town officials' expenditures and report the findings to the taxpayers. Thus, the Annual Town Report is a compilation of financial data and narrative about activities in the community. Over the years, distribution, along with attendance at Town Meetings, has dropped off, and that indicates a lack of interest in the town itself. Town Meeting is where we learn about upcoming financial plans, discuss the merits of decisions, and learn the details to support our voting decisions the follow day. It is critical to the survival of the "Vermont" rural town that all townspeople participate in the meeting. Please join us on Monday, March 2nd, at 6:30 pm at the Anna Stowell Bingham Elementary School.

As to our actual function within Cornwall, the Auditors primarily meet to assemble and publish the annual Town Report. To do this, we meet with our Treasurer, Sue Johnson, and seek her input on how things are progressing. Regular topics include the Selectboard's role in financial oversight, the software system (NEMRC), and how different committees and officials are managing their responsibilities.

This year, we reviewed the VT League of Cities and Towns' (VLCT) Internal Financial Controls Checklist. We go over this with Sue on a regular basis, and over the years we have seen improvements and development of policies that enhance the town's financial management. This year, we found weakness in the areas of orientation of newly elected/appointed officials in regard to fiscal responsibilities; contingency planning, should a key official suddenly be unable to perform duties; and the need to continue development and management of policies and guidelines.

In further discussion regarding internal controls, Sue shared with us that she has been developing a Procedures manual for Clerk and Treasurer tasks. Sue is also more comfortable using the NEMRC financial system, which has built-in checks-and-balances. Sue has mitigated some of the issues inherent with a Clerk/Treasurer combined role by using external personnel to reconcile bank statements and review adjusting entries. The town maintains its cycle of a full audit every three years, the next due at the end of 2021.

Overall, we see no indications of fraud or mismanagement. We appreciate Sue's openness to these reviews and conversations. We encourage officers and officials to be more attentive to and inclusive of measures that contribute to the fiscal integrity of the town, and which support Sue in her responsibilities. Here, we will make our plea for townspeople to join committees and run for elected positions. *We* are our town government, and *we* need to be active in all of its operations—from Library Trustees to Recreation Committee to liaisons with county services—we need *you* to participate in the running of our town.

As Auditors and community members, we recognize and honor Sue, who does so much more than serve as Clerk and Treasurer. Her dedication to all aspects of the community are highly commendable. We offer our perennial thanks to her for her tireless work and efforts in keeping the Town of Cornwall running smoothly. Thank you, Sue!

Town Auditors—

Shawn Fetterolf, Chair; Kate Gieges; Ken Manchester

Town Clerk – Treasurer’s Report

In 2019, I began my 18th year as Town Treasurer and 16th year as Town Clerk. I started a three-year educational course at the New England Municipal Clerk’s Institute which is held at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire for one week for each of three years. I plan to return for the second year this July. 2019 was an off-election year, so we only had the Town Meeting election in March. The rest of the year was business as usual. I continue to serve in multiple capacities for the Town of Cornwall. They include: Town Clerk and Treasurer, Town Agent, Library Trustee, Emergency Management Coordinator, Deputy Health Officer, Capital Committee member, Recreation Committee member and Justice of the Peace. I also renewed my membership on the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department and have started taking the EMT course in Middlebury which will be completed in May of 2020. *Now on to the annual reminders:*

April 1, 2020 is the deadline for registering your dog(s). This is a State law, not a Cornwall request. The purpose of the law is to continue the reduction of rabies cases. The law was put on the books all over the country back in the 1960’s due to a rabies outbreak that was quite devastating. I always have the tags by January 1 of each year, so you can stop by or mail in your payment and a current rabies certificate for your dog(s) anytime between January 1 and April 1.

The fee this year is \$9.00 for a spayed or neutered dog, and \$11.00 for a dog that is not spayed or neutered. The fee increases by 50% after April 1. I do keep the rabies certificates on file, so if you know your dog is up to date, I just need the fee and I will mail you the license and tag.

Property Tax payments are due November 1 and May 1. I know this is a bit confusing because of the fiscal year issue. The tax rate is set in July or August of each year. The tax bills are sent out by the beginning of September. The first installment is due November 1 and covers July 1 to December 31. The second installment is due May 1, covering January 1 to June 30. This does cause a little bit of hassle when you are doing your income taxes, as you would need the last year’s bill and the current year’s bill to determine what you paid in any given calendar year. I am happy to send copies to you in whatever format you need.

We continue to have several ways of getting information out to Cornwall residents. The quarterly newsletter is sent to everyone on my mailing list, which is comprised primarily of property owners. Some renters are included, but if you would like to be added to the list, please let me know. We use the Cornwall Connection email messaging system, which works quite well for those with email addresses. We also put the same information on Front Porch Forum. The Cornwall website (www.cornwallvt.com) is another source of information. There are postings on the home page, as well as agendas, minutes and other committee, board, commission and town information, and downloadable documents, within the site. There are outside bulletin boards at the Town Hall and the Town Garage if you wish to see upcoming events or other posted information.

I would like to express my thanks to all the Cornwall town officials. In particular, I would like to thank Joan Bingham; Kate Gieges, Shawn Fetterolf and Ken Manchester, Jr. (Auditors); as well as Bill Johnson, Todd Kincaid and Jordan Young (Listers) for their dedication to the Town of Cornwall. Thanks go to Mike Sunderland and Ken Manchester, Jr. for their diligent work on the roads. Lastly, thank you to all the Cornwall townspeople to whom I dedicate my time and energy in hopes of providing quality service to you all. Your support is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Johnson

Births, Deaths & Marriages

Starting in this 2019 Town Report, there will no longer be a listing of births, deaths and marriages. For about the last 5 years, the VT Dept. of Health/Vital Records Unit has been encouraging towns to eliminate this section from our town reports in order to protect the security of those that would be listed on this page (www.healthvermont.gov/stats/vital-records/information-town-and-city-clerk). With the increase in identity theft and the worries about cyber security, the town auditors decided that we should follow the advice of the folks who are intimately involved with preventing this type of activity. I will continue to list the number of Births, Deaths and Marriages on this page, but there will be no names, dates of birth or death, and no location of birth or death.

I know this will be somewhat disappointing for folks, as many people turn right to the vital statistics page when they get their Town Report. Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

An excerpt from the 2018 Town of Middlebury Report regarding Vital Records:

In 2017 the Vermont Legislature passed Act 46, a law pertaining to the issuance of birth and death records, ... to go into effect July 1st, 2018. The Vermont Department of Health was not prepared in 2018 and the deadline was extended by a year to July 1st, 2019.

The law and new rules are intended to enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate.

The most notable changes are:

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

For text of Act 46, you may go to

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

Births, Deaths & Marriages, *continued*

Below is a 6-year comparison of the number of vital records recorded in Cornwall.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Births	7	9	12	6	10	5
Deaths	10	4	8	6	11	7
Marriages	7	8	9	9	7	5



Annual CVFD Chicken Barbeque. The chicken is on!!

Dog Licenses

Dog licensing is an annual event. Dogs more than 6 months of age may be licensed any time after January 1st of a calendar year but must, per state statute, be licensed no later than April 1st of the same year in order to avoid an additional 50% fee assessment. If a dog reaches 6 months of age after April 1st, the owner has 30 days to apply for a license. State statute authorizes severe penalties for failure to license one's dogs.

The fee to register a dog is \$9.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$11.00 for a dog that is **not** spayed or neutered. **A current rabies vaccination certificate must be presented or on file before a dog can be registered. Rabies vaccinations are good for three years for adult dogs and one year for puppies. The certificate will remain on file at the Town Clerk's office for the 3-year period.**

Fees Received in Calendar Year 2019

Total Number of Dogs Licensed	259	\$2,382.00
Special Permit	1	<u>35.00</u>
		\$2,417.00

Fees Paid in Calendar Year 2019

To State		\$1,265.00
To Town		<u>1,152.00</u>
		\$2,417.00



Maisy

Top Three Reasons to License Your Dog!

- 1. It is the Law in Vermont!**
- 2. To reunite lost dogs with their owners**
- 3. To prevent the incidence and spread of the Rabies disease!**

Information and Services

Available from the Town Clerk's Office

Green Mountain Passports - available to anyone who is a resident of Vermont and 62 years or older **OR** is totally disabled as a result of disease or injury suffered while serving in the armed forces **OR** is a resident of the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington. Passport holders are eligible for free admission to state parks, museums, and fully state-sponsored events. The fee is \$2.00.

Copies of Birth, Death, or Marriage Records on File - used for a variety of purposes. Certified copies are \$10.00, uncertified copies \$1.00. See page 17 for major changes that took place on July 1, 2019 on how to obtain a certified copy of a vital record.

Dog Licenses - due by April 1st every year. A current rabies certificate must be presented or be on file. See further information in the Town Clerk – Treasurer's Report on Page 16 and the Dog Licenses report on Page 19.

Hunting & Fishing Licenses - All types of licenses are available.

Copies of Zoning and Sub-Division Regulations

Guide to Building or Modifying a Home in Cornwall

Applications for Zoning Permit, Sub-division of Property & Conditional Use/Variance

Minutes of Meetings – Selectboard, Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Conservation Commission

Applications for Addition to the Voter Checklist

Applications for Absentee Ballots

Petitions and information about running for and holding town office

Warnings and Notices of upcoming meetings – Selectboard, School Board, Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Conservation Commission, etc.

Renewal of Motor Vehicle Registrations – renewals only. Must present DMV renewal form. There is a \$3.00 Town Clerk fee, separate from the DMV renewal fee.

Cornwall Connection – Enrollment in Town News and Emergency Alert Email List – for municipal and emergency information i.e.: road closures, emergency/disaster information, town notices, lost and/or found animals.

Property Transfers 2019

1. Foote Farm Vermont, LLC to Benjamin & Lesley Deppman, Lot #6 in the Foote Farm Planned Unit Development.
2. Randy & Jean Quesnel to Charles & Susan Grigg, 23.38 acres westerly of North Bingham Street Extension
3. Gary Barnett & Louise Dion to Louise B. Dion Revocable Trust, house and 4.1 acres on Route 30
4. Eunice H. Van Vleck Irrevocable Trust to David B. Van Vleck, Revocable Trust, house and 119.20 acres on North Bingham Street
5. Benjamin & Dorcas Barth to Jason & Sarah Robart, 12.10 acres on Parkhill Road
6. Patricia Ross to Marley My & Bo Linh Tran, house and 3.79 acres on Cider Mill Road
7. Andrea Baier to Kerry & Christopher Sell, house and 10.60 acres on Route 30
8. Charles & Mary Rowe Revocable Trust, Karen M. Rowe Trustee to, Karen M. Rowe, house and 13.66 acres on Route 30
9. James E. Payne, to James E. & Shelley B. Payne, 9.5 acres on West Street
10. Milton F. & Penelope P. Campbell, to Holmes M. Jacobs & Megan E. Brady, house and 18.1 acres on Route 30
11. Randy & Jean Quesnel to James E. & Shelley B. Payne, 4.10 acres of open land on West Street
12. Eric M. Raymond to Eric M. Raymond & Tabitha L. Vincent, undivided one-half interest in 5.68 acres on Parkhill Road
13. Holmes M. Jacobs & Megan E. Brady to Anna Rebecca Kinkead, Trustee of the Anna Rebecca Kinkead Living Trust, 5.35 acres on West Street
14. Philip A. & Donna J. Joyce to Kevin D. & Catherine D. Archambeault, house and 2.90 acres on West Street
15. Paul & Kathleen Hoxsie to Eric & Krysta Laroche, house and 9.90 acres on North Bingham Street
16. See Green Farm, LLC to James & Shelley Payne, 34 acres on West Street
17. Chalis Raymond to William Field & Chalis Raymond, house and 2.50 acres on Route 30
18. William & Abigail Sessions to Gene & Katharine DeLorenzo, house and 10.80 acres on Douglas Road
19. Sean & January Stearns to A. Bruce & Janet D. Lingner, house and 10.6 acres on Route 30
20. Jeffrey & Marjorie Barth, Bret & Angela Weekes, and Jason & Sarah Robart to Jeffrey & Marjorie Barth, Bret & Angela Weekes, and Jason & Sarah Robart, 28.74 & 66.71 acres of open land on Parkhill Road and Route 30

Property Transfers 2019, *continued*

21. Bret Weekes to Richard & Janice Potter, 28.74 acres on Route 30
22. Willard Emerson & Jane Ogden to Marc Kushner & Laurie Salitan, house and 9.32 acres on West Street
23. Monica McKenna to Seleem & Caroline Choudhury, house and 59.60 acres on Andrus Pitch
24. Roland & Joyce Boise to Nicholas Cram & Rachael Wessing, house and 12.23 acres on Route 30
25. James Kappel & Beth Bondi to Lee & Chestina Dowgiewicz, house and 2.30 acres on Hornbeam Hill Road
26. John Burton to Timothy Gillespie 2012 Gift Trust, house and 6.30 acres on North Bingham Street
27. Eleanor T. Morison Trust to Vaughn & Marie Berno, boundary line adjustment of 0.03 acres on Route 30
28. Vaughn & Marie Berno to Eleanor T. Morison Trust, boundary line adjustment of 0.03 acres on Route 30
29. Eleanor T. Morison Trust to Carol B. Wood, house and 1.30 acres on Route 30
30. Henry Harper-McCausland to Julius Kingdom Farm, LLC, 15.07 acres of open land on Wooster Road
31. Brian, Dean, Gail, John & Scott Sperry to Andrew Haig & Brigit Jensen, 4.04 acres on Ridge Road
32. Elizabeth H. Searcy, Quit Claim to Daniel P. Cooperrider, 0.46 acres on West Street
33. Peter B. Oxford to Peter B. & Amy S. Oxford, 31.87 acres of land on Route 30
34. Fred J. & Janet Greenman to Elizabeth A. Toder, house and 13.05 acres on Lemon Fair Road
35. Estate of Edwin Gero to Eric L. Gero, mobile home and 2.50 acres on Galvin Road
36. Julianne & Donald Peddie, Co-Trustees of the Julianne H. Peddie Revocable Trust to Frank & Bonnie Keeler, house and 4.45 acres on Cider Mill Road (Corrective Quit Claim Deed)
37. Frank & Bonnie Keeler to Eric & Holly Blair, house and 4.45 acres on Cider Mill Road
38. J. Christian & Kelley Higgins to Andrea C. Yanes, house and 6.41 acres on Edgewood Road
39. Erkki W. & Kaelin E. Mackey to Marti J. McCaleb, house and 3.10 acres on VT Route 125
40. Jill B. Henes to The Nature Conservancy, 19.90 acres in the Cornwall Swamp off Swamp Road

Property Transfers 2019, *continued*

41. Richard Wheeler & Barbara Hammerlind to Richard Wheeler & Barbara Hammerlind, Trustees of the Revocable Living Trust, house and 1.20 acres on Route 30
42. Brian Sperry to Scott, Dean, John & Gail Sperry, 21.33 acres on Ridge Road
43. Scott, Dean, John & Gail Sperry to Brian Sperry, house and 0.72 acres on Ridge Road
44. John Derick & Amy Brown to John Derick & Amy Brown, Trustees of the Brown-Derick Family 2019 Trust, house and 2 acres on Cider Mill Road
45. David Hopkinson & Karan Stefanski to Jason Betourney & Heather LaPorte, mobile home and 2.28 acres on Route 30
46. Travis & Rachel Dorsey to Robert & Mary Chamberlain, house and 13.30 acres on Cider Mill Road
47. West Street Properties, LLC to Cameron & Kayla Schaefer, Lot 2 (7.38 acres) of West Street Properties, LLC subdivision on West Street
48. J. Thomas Sumbler & Karen B. Strong to Karen B. Strong, house and 10.30 acres on Sperry Road
49. James & Cathy Rubright to the Rubright Family Trust, James & Cathy Rubright, Trustees, house and 4.60 acres on Route 30
50. Matthew & Natalia Perchemlides to Natalia Perchemlides, house and 12.60 acres on Ledge Lane
51. Natalia Perchemlides to Perchemlides Family Trust, Natalia Perchemlides, Trustee, house and 12.60 acres on Ledge Lane

In Appreciation to Joan M. (Payne) Bingham

On a March day in 1980, one Joan M. (Payne) Bingham was elected to her first term as Town Clerk for Cornwall. At that time, the Town Clerk was elected for a one-year term, so Joan ran for reelection 23 times. Joan served as Town Clerk for nearly 24 years. Joan went from having an office in her home to a renovated town hall office in the mid 1980's. When Joan decided to retire in August of 2003, she agreed to stay on as the "new" Assistant Town Clerk and has been filling that role ever since. Now 17 years later, Joan has decided to really retire and will serve as an election worker for the last time on March 3, 2020.

Please join me in honoring Joan for her 40-year run as Clerk and Assistant Clerk. She has also served in numerous other positions during her tenure including: Cemetery Commissioner, Library Trustee, Historical Society member, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a lifelong member of the Cornwall Congregational Church.

To say the least, I will miss her calm, knowledgeable presence. Thank you, Joan, for your willingness to serve the Town of Cornwall over these many years. You are a treasure to our town and will be greatly missed at the Cornwall Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Johnson, Cornwall Town Clerk

2019-2020 Voted Budget

GENERAL FUND	BUDGET	TAX RATE
General Fund	\$489,842.00	
Cornwall Vol. Fire Dept.	77,000.00	
Cornwall Free Public Library	4,000.00	
Charitable Agencies	30,020.00	
Hold Harmless	(33,863.00)	
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Deficit	54,016.00	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$621,015.00	
		0.2894
HIGHWAY		
Highway	\$452,965.00	
State Aid	(65,000.00)	
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$387,965.00	
		0.1808
LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE	\$1,904.00	
		0.0009
TOTAL MUNICIPAL	\$1,010,884.00	
		0.4711
HOMESTEAD RATE		1.5844
NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE		1.5951
GRAND LIST 2018-2019	\$2,145,810.25	

**Balance Sheet for General Fund
Fiscal Year Ended June 30th, 2019**

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$694,082.16
Act 200 Funds	16,851.39
Conservation Fund	599.92
Grand List Maintenance Fund	197.33
Public Funds CDs	82,591.74
Delinquent Tax Receivable	44,556.36
Escrow Account	20,000.00
Prepaid Expenses GF	10,293.00
Grants Receivable	<u>4,536.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$873,707.90

LIABILITIES

Due To/Due From Other Accounts	\$254,257.63
Deferred Tax Revenue	44,556.36
Reserved for Lister Education	197.33
Accrued Wages	4731.00
Act 200 Funds	16,851.39
Escrow Account	20,000.00
Public Funds	<u>82,350.07</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$422,943.78

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance 6/30/2018	\$484,007.89
Prior Period Adjustment	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR FUND BALANCE	484,007.89
Fiscal Year Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(33,243.77)</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$450,764.12

Statement of Maturities

**General Fund—June 30th, 2019
Tax Anticipation, Short-Term & Long-Term Debt**

As of June 30th, 2018, the Town of Cornwall General Fund had no short-term or long-term debt.

**Highway Department—June 30th, 2019
Short-Term & Long-Term Debt**

As of June 30th, 2018, the Town of Cornwall Highway Fund had no short-term or long-term debt.

Comparative Statement of Taxes

Municipal	FISCAL 2017/2018	FISCAL 2018/2019	FISCAL 2019/2020
General Fund	\$454,249	\$473,329	\$489,842
(Surplus)/Deficit	(204,691)	(75,759)	54,016
Hold Harmless	(44,605)	(33,863)	(33,863)
Fire Department	66,900	74,400	77,000
Fire Department Roof/Painting	0.00	15,000	0.00
Library	4,000	4,000	4,000
Outside Agencies	25,620	26,920	30,020
Local Agreement	1,898	1,878	1,904
Highway	400,950	404,975	452,965
Less State Aid	(60,000)	(65,000)	(65,000)
Total GF, HW & Special Articles	\$644,321	\$825,880	\$1,010,884
Municipal Tax Rate	0.3084	0.3880	0.4711
Education	Former System	ACSD	ACSD
Homestead taxes to ACSD	<i>UD#3</i> 1,478,561	<i>UD#3</i> 1,527,294	1,626,710
Non-Residential taxes to ACSD	<i>Elem.</i> 1,146,725	<i>Elem.</i> 1,240,141	1,186,697
Total Estimated Education Spending	2,625,286	2,767,435	2,813,407
Education Homestead Tax Rate	1.5814	1.5651	1.5844
Education Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.5251	1.5707	1.5951
Total Taxes to be Raised	\$3,269,607	\$3,593,315	\$3,824,291
Grand List	\$208,953,600	\$212,878,700	\$214,581,025
Total Tax Rate Homestead	1.8898	1.9531	2.0555
Total Tax Rate Non-Residential	1.8335	1.9587	2.0662

Miscellaneous Accounts

ACT 200 FUNDS ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2018	\$16,846.31
Interest 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019	<u>5.08</u>
Balance 6/30/2019	16,851.39
Interest 7/1/2019 – 12/31/2019	<u>2.56</u>
Balance 12/31/2019	\$16,853.95

MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2018	\$26,319.85
Interest 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019	<u>7.88</u>
Balance 6/30/2019	26,327.73
Interest 7/1/2019 – 12/31/2019	<u>4.02</u>
Balance 12/31/2019	\$26,331.75

GRAND LIST MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2018	\$269.22
Interest 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019	0.11
Service Charge	<u>(72.00)</u>
Balance 6/30/2019	197.33
Interest 7/1/2019 – 12/31/2019	0.01
Service Charge	<u>(36.00)</u>
Balance 12/31/2019	\$161.34

CAPITAL FUNDS ACCOUNT

Balance 06/30/2018	\$377,698.88
Income 06/29/2019 (Balance to Building Fund)	47,545.16
Income 06/29/2019 (Balance to Equip. Fund)	<u>130,000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/2019	<u>555,244.04</u>
Balance 12/31/2019	\$555,244.04

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT

Balance 06/30/2018	\$634.16
Interest 7/01/2018 – 6/30/2019	0.19
Income 7/01/2018 – 6/30/2019	265.57
Expense 7/01/2018 – 6/30/2019	<u>300.00</u>
Balance 06/30/2019	\$599.92
Interest 7/01/2019 – 12/31/2019	0.10
Income 7/01/2019 – 12/31/2019	<u>21.00</u>
Balance 12/31/2019	\$621.02

Miscellaneous Accounts, *continued*

ESCROW ACCOUNT (MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS)

Account opened 03/18/2019	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/2019	20,000.00
Expenses 7/01/2019 – 12/31/2019 (Beaver Brook)	<u>2,606.00</u>
Balance 12/31/2019	\$17,394.00

RECREATION COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

Account opened 07/29/2019	<u>\$495.00</u>
Balance 12/31/2019	\$495.00

GRAND TOTALS MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

06/30/2019	<u>\$619,220.41</u>
12/31/2019	<u>\$617,101.10</u>

Trustees of Public Funds Report

The Trustees of Public Funds met on October 23, 2019 to consider the request by the Town of Cornwall Conservation Commission for the sum of \$450.00. The request would help fund a field trip led by Field Biologist Craig Zondag, fund a Wildlife Road Crossing Documentation project and purchase the equipment necessary for the documentation project. The Trustees approved the request and asked the Town Treasurer to transfer the funds.

The following is an accounting of the funds we currently administer; all are certificates of deposit with the National Bank of Middlebury.

#109780 CVPS Stock Cash in

Balance 12/31/2018	\$13,560.67
Interest 2019	<u>74.61</u>
Balance 12/31/2019	\$13,605.28

#108449 Lemuel Peet Fund

Balance 12/31/2018	\$56,575.57
Interest 2019	<u>312.02</u>
Balance 12/31/2019	\$56,887.59

#107799 Vera Peet Fund

Balance 12/31/2018	\$12,449.36
Interest 2019	37.11
Expense 2019	<u>(175.00)</u>
Balance 12/31/2019	\$12,311.47

Total of Public Funds

12/31/2019	\$82,804.34
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Respectfully Submitted,

David Anderson, Robert Gerlin, Jon Isham, Trustees

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Report

Taxes Collected from Jan. 1 to June 30, 2019

Property	\$15,670.42
Interest	1,373.13
Collector's Fee	1,253.64
Subtotal	18,297.19
Over Payments	208.59
Total 1/1/19-6/30/19	\$18,505.78

Taxes Collected from July 1 to Dec. 31, 2019

Property	\$4,008.77
Interest	882.61
Collector's Fee	320.71
Subtotal	5,212.09
Over Payments	459.96
Total 7/1/19-12/31/19	\$5,672.05

GRAND TOTAL **\$24,177.83**

Delinquent Taxpayers as of December 31st, 2019

Due to a Supreme Court ruling on privacy issues, the delinquent taxpayer report will now only list those who are delinquent and the grand total of delinquencies. This includes those that are late on their November 1st, 2019 payment.

Blaise, Brian & Johnson, Elsie
 Cannon, Stephen
 Dalley, Donna
 Devries, Justus
 Foote, Hilton W
 Huetter, Harvey, Estate of
 Jannene, James & Patricia
 Jennings, Matthew & Catherine
 Lyons, Margaret & Field, Douglas
 McQuillan, Patrick
 Morse, Shelley
 Quesnel, John & Abigail
 Rheume, Betty
 Rheume, Leo

Total Delinquent: \$68,552.93

Rodney Cadoret, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Highway Department Report

Hello Town Residents,

We made it through the 2018/2019 winter with minimal damage to the roads. We had to haul in more sand but finished right at the end of our supply with salt. We did come in under budget overall mainly because we were so busy with grants that we didn't have time to get all the gravel out there.

We did have another year with an overflowing plate of projects besides trying to do general maintenance work, so we tried our best to get it all done.

As a native Vermonter I haven't been here as long as some, but in my 43 years this is not Vermont's weather anymore. It has made a number of problems for the highway department from rain in the winter to an extremely wet spring/summer/fall. We can't seem to complete the grant projects and keep the town roads as well maintained as we would like. So, I guess the highway department needs to change with it, therefore we are not applying for a Better Roads Clean Water Act grant this year to hopefully open up some time to do some gravel road rehabilitation.

We received the \$20,000 Category B grant which allowed us to complete the DeLong Rd Better Roads Clean Water Act project. We also found time to complete the Ridge Rd Grants-in-Aid project, and replaced seven culverts throughout town.

There was another major project in town this year and its name is Swamp Rd. As you probably know we paved it, but we also filled the cracks with mastic, then shimmed it with hot asphalt mix. We then laid a GlasGrid Pavement reinforcement mesh to hopefully prolong the durability between scheduled repaving applications.

The Highway Department received a Recycled Asphalt Shingles (RAS) grant from the VT Department of Environmental Conservation and VTrans for Wooster Rd and we will be applying 20% recycled asphalt shingle/80% gravel mix to the roadway in hopes of reducing the need for constant grading. Wooster Rd has been a problem since day 1 with the high traffic volume and has been graded 6 to 7 times a year. The Town of Shoreham has a RAS grant as well so we will be working together to complete the entire road.

In addition, we will be completing a small Grants-in-Aid project on Robbins Rd to try to keep the ball rolling. The Capital now includes a paving fund in addition to the equipment and building funds. The town started saving money for the purpose of paving gravel roads last year and will continue to add to the paving fund. I believe there are several gravel roads in town that would benefit from being paved.

Asphalt paving schedule in 2019

- Finish paving Swamp Road

Grants for completion in 2019

- Complete roadway rehabilitation and apply RAS to Wooster Rd
- Complete grants in aid for Robbins Road

Highway Department Report, *continued*

Oh, I almost forgot—we had some major problems with the sand shed this year. The back wall pushed out due to the rebar rotting away. We used concrete blocks to push the wall back and to stabilize the wall. We also fixed the rafters that had been broken over the years. Due to this building damage and instability, the insurance company has dropped the amount of coverage on the building and they have suggested that the town make an effort to keep people out of the building. We have installed gates and signs to inform folks who stop by to pick up sand. We have placed a small pile of sand outside the shed for use by the townspeople. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

On a better note, Thanks to the taxpayers and the Capital Budget Committee the highway department purchased a boom mower for our tractor!!!



I would like to thank the townspeople for their patience and support.

Mike Sunderland

Town Road Foreman

Highway Budget

	2018/2019	2018/2019	2019/2020	2019/2020	2020/2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Spent to Date	Proposed Budget
Materials					
Salt	16,000.00	14,878.19	16,000.00	7,381.36	19,000.00
Sand	15,000.00	18,102.83	15,000.00	11,894.82	19,000.00
Gravel	44,000.00	50,738.36	50,000.00	9,611.84	50,000.00
Paving	100,000.00	100,000.00	135,000.00	139,944.46	135,000.00
Crack Sealing	3,600.00	0.00	8,000.00	11,250.00	4,000.00
Line Striping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chloride	32,000.00	19,820.14	32,000.00	19,078.20	27,000.00
Culverts	3,500.00	0.00	1,000.00	3,897.60	1,000.00
Bridge Repair	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covered Bridge	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Signs	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	781.95	1,500.00
TOTALS	217,600.00	203,539.52	258,500.00	203,840.23	256,500.00
Equipment					
Parts/Repairs	14,000.00	20,020.15	14,000.00	6,629.15	14,000.00
Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fuel	20,000.00	15,450.77	15,000.00	5,529.98	15,000.00
Misc/Small Tools	850.00	1,902.62	850.00	0.00	850.00
Equipment Purchase	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00
Vegetation Mgmt.	800.00	0.00	2,000.00	855.60	800.00
Lubricants/Fluids	4,800.00	1,270.00	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
Contracted Labor	1,000.00	10,038.20	3,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Unplanned Maintenance	5,000.00	1,840.44	5,000.00	469.92	5,000.00
Miscellaneous/Chipper	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	52,450.00	50,522.18	47,650.00	13,484.65	41,450.00
Administrative					
Administrative	100.00	60.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Personnel/Labor	100,000.00	109,007.86	110,000.00	47,781.07	112,000.00
Personnel/Soc. Sec.	7,700.00	8,288.47	8,415.00	3,655.35	8,700.00
Personnel/Workman's Comp.	9,000.00	5,080.00	9,000.00	8,733.00	9,000.00
Personnel/Retirement	4,125.00	4,417.73	4,300.00	1,950.81	5,040.00
Personnel/Health	13,000.00	15,129.64	15,000.00	6,867.61	16,000.00
TOTALS	133,925.00	141,983.70	146,815.00	68,987.84	150,840.00
Special Projects					
Paving Grant:Cider Mill Road, James Road, West Street		129,330.02			
GRAND TOTALS	403,975.00	525,375.42	452,965.00	286,312.72	448,790.00
REVENUES					
Grants in Aid				3,700.00	
Paving Grant		133,910.16			
Better Back Roads Grant		40,000.00		20,000.00	
Miscellaneous		4,792.50		165.69	
TOTALS WITH INCOME	403,975.00	346,672.76	452,965.00	262,447.03	448,790.00

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department

The last year was a busy one for the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department. Our service to the community is a burden we all bear happily. It is an honor to help and serve our neighbors through the year during some of life’s toughest moments. To that end, the CVFD responded to a total of 90 calls—51 were EMS-related and 39 were fire/accident related. Those numbers mean that CVFD members were answering the call almost two times a week to help their neighbors.

This year the CVFD held several successful outreach events. Our sold-out annual chicken barbecue in June continued a long-held tradition in town. This past October, we held a very successful Open House, hosting a LifeNet helicopter based out of Ticonderoga, NY, a regional emergency medical transport.

There were a number of internal developments and projects as well. The beginning of the year saw a leadership transition in the department. Several townsfolk have joined the department, including two cadets! Aside from our new members, the department is looking forward to a new utility truck, which will replace the truck lost in a tragic accident in 2018. Last year’s report mentioned a new engine, but this project has been put on temporary hold.

The CVFD is installing a new radio antenna tower at the West Cornwall station. Work on this will be ongoing through the late winter and early spring. This antenna will improve radio communications throughout the town, including to the west of the Ledges area, which has been a difficult place to reach with our radios.

As stewards of town funds, the CVFD took great pains this year to reassess our annual budget request. A close examination of our spending and a careful consideration of our anticipated costs have brought a reduction in our request to the town for the next fiscal cycle. The department has economized in our buildings as well - recently a heat pump was installed at the main fire station, which should yield considerable savings in heating costs in the next few years.

The community we share in the fire house, however, is our greatest resource. Our membership includes folks who were born in town, educated in the fire house (when it was one of Cornwall’s schoolhouses), grew up here, moved here for work, have lived in town for years, or are relative newcomers. Regardless of background, the CVFD is a great place to get to know our neighbors through our service together and to help out when the need arises.

As you’ll see below in our call break down, the need to help each other arises every week. The CVFD is an all-volunteer emergency response squad that survives and thrives with the participation of the townspeople. Please consider how you might serve your neighbors.

Call Breakdown for 2019

Medical	51	Structure fire	1
Auto Incidents	12	Electrical fire	1
Alarms - CO/Smoke	12	Mutual aid	4
Other:	2	Downed power lines & trees	7
<i>1- loose cows</i>			
<i>1- wood stove malfunction</i>			
		Total	90

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, *continued*

Members: (years of service)

Chief: Dave Berno (46); Assistant Chiefs: Lew Castle (44), Sean Stearns (26)

Captains: Ken Manchester (55), Raph Worrick (20)

Lieutenant: Tom Frankovic, Jr. (7)

Firefighters: Ed Peet (46), Vaughn Berno (41), Chris Dayton (19), Dave Guertin (19), Peter Conlon (14), Luke Jerome (26), Charlie Bearor (35), Ben Marks (7), Josh Stearns (8), Conor Stinson (7), Albert Thalen (7), Derek Felkl (2), Marc Cesario (2), Josiah Benoit (2), Keri Richmond (1).

Cadets: Malia Hodges (2), Ryan Nadeau (1)

Medical: Megan Frankovic (1), Gail Isenberg (7), Rich Isenberg (25), Sue Johnson (reinstated 1), and Haley Stearns (5)

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department Budget

Category Sub-category	7/1/18– 6/30/19 Budget	7/1/19– 6/30/20 Budget	7/1/20– 6/30/21 Proposed
Utilities			
Heat	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,000
Electric	2,100	2,100	2,100
Telephone	2,800	2,800	2,500
Insurance			
Insurance Premiums	18,100	20,000	17,000
Vehicles			
Vehicle Fuel	2,000	1,500	1,000
Vehicle Maintenance	10,000	7,000	5,000
Equipment			
Communications Equipment	4,500	4,500	4,500
Medical	4,000	4,000	4,000
Personal Equipment	9,000	9,000	10,000
Fire Equipment	4,000	4,000	4,000
Training			
Medical	500	500	1,600
Fire Prevention	500	500	250
Fire Training	5,000	5,000	6,000
Operations			
Association Dues	800	1,000	1,000
Buildings & Grounds	4,500	4,500	3,500
Department Office Equipment	300	300	300
Food and Beverages	0	4,000	1,000
Dispatch Services	2,500	2,500	3,000
Totals	74,400	77,000	69,750
Donations			
Fundraising			
Grand Total with Income	\$74,400	\$77,000	\$69,750

Energy Coordinator's Report

No direct Energy Coordinator monetary expenses were incurred in 2019.

Cornwall residents continue to implement energy efficient technologies and renewables, I don't have any hard numbers on this, but I see new heat pumps and solar systems throughout the town. There are numerous state and federal incentives to help residents pay for these improvements, a good place to start is the Efficiency VT website.

One significant action the Town could take to further demonstrate its leadership in this area is a Photovoltaic (Solar) System on the Town Hall. When the new standing seam roof was installed it made the south facing roof a prime candidate for a system.

Finally, I am always willing to talk with residents about any and all things energy related, feel free to give me a call.

Gary Barnett

Forest Fire Warden Report

From the Office of the Cornwall Forest Fire Warden:

Hello to all! We've had a relatively busy 2019 in Cornwall, with a total of 210 burn permits issued by the close of the year. I am glad to report that out of the 210 permitted burns, there were no instances of any fires resulting in an uncontrolled Wildland Fire incident requiring assistance from either the Cornwall Fire Department or any neighboring agencies or resources.

According to the Vermont State Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Addison County also had no reported uncontrolled Wildland Fires throughout 2019. Reports indicate that this hasn't happened in at least the last five years. In fact, only 15 fire incidents were reported statewide for the entire year, while the annual average for the last 10 years statewide is 79. What this shows me, and other Fire Wardens, is that people are staying very aware and responsible for control of their permitted outdoor burning. For that we sincerely thank you.

As always, the permitting process in Cornwall is very easy. Pictures of any proposed burn can be forwarded via smartphone or email for approval, or I can come to your site and view it in person. I would ask for a 48-hour notice of intent to burn prior to the day of your event, which allows adequate time for returning any missed calls and checking local weather forecasts, etc.

A sincere thank you to the Town of Cornwall again, and I am looking forward to serving you in 2020. As always, please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

Lt. Thomas Frankovic, Jr.

Cornwall Forest Fire Warden / Cornwall Volunteer Fire Dept.

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Cemetery Commission Report

Much of Cornwall's history is recorded on the stones in our town's burying grounds. The charge of the Cornwall Cemetery Commission is to preserve that history through the care and maintenance of three of those cemeteries: Fair Cemetery, at the corner of Snake Mountain Road and 125; West Cemetery on 74; and South Cemetery on DeLong Road. Like many Cemetery Commissions throughout the state, we are faced with the challenge of limited funds and the very high cost of headstone repair and replacement, together with a shortage of skilled masons to perform the work. We believe the best use of Town resources is to focus on the cemetery most in need of our attention and to plan on a two to three-year project. The focus of the past two years has been Fair Cemetery; the work there, the resetting of several markers and the replacing of three, is ongoing.

We made our annual survey of the cemeteries in May and have concluded that South Cemetery should be our focus. Work will include resetting markers, repairing those that are repairable, and replacing those that are not.

One of the fascinating aspects of this work is the stories the stones tell and the questions they pose. This past year, the owners of the old Scovel homestead gave us a weathered gravestone that had been stored in their attic. It is marker for a small boy, Alvin Scovel, who lived from 1801 to 1802; he was the second child of Tryphena Terrill & Ezra Scovel, the builders of the original house. Tryphena & Ezra are buried in South Cemetery on DeLong, but we have no record of Alvin's burial. Did his parents bury him close to the house, after the custom of the day? Did a later owner remove the marker when the house was extended? Or is Alvin buried in one of the unmarked spaces next to his parents in South Cemetery?

One of Alvin's brothers would give his own son the middle name Alvin, and that boy, in turn, would have a string of descendants. In each generation following, there has been an Alvin Scovel, with the current bearer of the name living in California. So, while the circumstances surrounding little Alvin Scovel's burial may remain a mystery, his name continues.

Anne Collins, Chair; T Tall; Joan Bingham; Bruce Payne.

Recreation Committee Report

The Cornwall Recreation Committee meets 3 times a year on the first Thursday of the month: April, August and December. We invite anyone who is interested to please come and attend the meetings. They are at the Town Hall at 7pm. Our minutes of the meetings can be found at the Town Hall.

We provide activities that will interest the town residents of Cornwall, but not exclusive to just Cornwall residents. We welcome everyone from any town to come join in.

This past year, 2019, these are the activities that were available:

At the Softball field on Peet Rd: a x-country trail was set down in the snow; mini soccer goals are available as are the regulation size soccer goals for pick-up soccer

The Green-Up Day Bake sale was held at the Cornwall Elementary School. The proceeds were to fund the Recreation Committee Activities. This is the money raiser for the year, however we do accept donations at any time.

The Annual Tie Dye Day was held in June.

During the summer, we conducted a survey to understand what the residents were interested in and what we could do to reach more residents. Thank you to all who participated in the survey.

The Great Pumpkin Carving Day was held in October. We will plan to offer that again next year.

The Recreation Committee now has a bank account for the money raised throughout the year.

We will post hikes, adventures, walks and activities of interest that are available in the area.

Upcoming plans for 2020:

- Movie Night
- Midnight Ski
- “30 miles in 30 days” Challenge
- Board Game Night
- Green-Up Day Bake Sale
- Tie Dye Day
- and More!

Respectfully Submitted,

Annie Wilson, Mary Jane Broughton, Sue Barrows, Sue Sears, Paul Bougor, Shauna Riley, Sue Johnson

Conservation Commission Report

The Conservation Commission advocates for the preservation of Cornwall's important natural features: its forest blocks, wildlife and wildlife habitat, wetlands, streams and riparian areas, as well as agricultural, recreational and scenic resources. We support the work of the Planning Commission by offering guidance and recommendations on natural resource matters and we complete an environmental impact review for each application that comes before the Development Review Board. In 2019, we sponsored several informative presentations and events for Cornwall residents. We also work with other conservation organizations on joint projects.

This year, there was a lot of talk about amphibians. Fascinating survivors from a time long ago, they are an important part of the contemporary food chain for many birds, fish, reptiles and mammals:

February: A multimedia presentation by herpetologist Jim Andrews focused on the species of frogs and salamanders that can be found in Cornwall.

March: A workshop led by naturalist Zac Cota trained Cornwall volunteers in ways to help amphibians safely cross busy roads during their spring migration.

April: "Crossing escorts" monitored two sections of West Street, helping over 200 peepers, wood frogs, and blue-spotted salamanders to cross.

May: Jim Andrews returned to lead a spring discovery walk. Participants viewed an array of birds and other animals, including salamander egg masses and squadrons of tadpoles in a pond hidden deep in the woods.

November: A walk through the fields of Cornwall Orchards B&B with biologist Craig Zondag and Inn Keeper Lise Anderson. The original house was built in 1793 and the property's long history of farming and natural events is reflected in the landscape.

As work by the Planning Commission, the Selectboard, and residents continues on the draft of Cornwall's new zoning and subdivision bylaws, the Conservation Commission has provided oral and written testimony about the town's significant natural forest communities, rare, threatened or endangered plants, and important connectivity habitat for wildlife, using information from the 2015 Cornwall Ecological Inventory and the Vermont State Natural Heritage database.

In 2019, the Conservation Commission completed an environmental impact review for 5 development applications being considered for approval by the DRB. For 3 of the applications, potential negative impacts on the property's natural features were identified and adjustments in the design plans were recommended.

Looking ahead to 2020, the commission is planning presentations and panel discussions on the value and benefits of conserving land. Interested landowners will have an opportunity to have their questions answered directly. And in April, a conservation biologist from Vermont Audubon will show slides and talk about bird migration, Cornwall's backyard visitors, and how residents can welcome these summer guests. This will be followed in May by an early morning birding walk.

Conservation Commission Report, *continued*

Are you interested in helping with conservation activities in Cornwall? We are looking to add new members to the Conservation Commission. Please let us know if you'd like to join us in our work.

Conservation Commission members are Katherine Branch, Mary Dodge (chair), Brian Howlett, Rene Langis, Bethany Barry Menkart, and Mike Sheridan.

Fun Facts from the 2019 Wildlife Walk

Katherine Branch's Observations and Fun Facts from the CC's May '19 Wildlife Walk.

- ⇒ It is fine to pick up a frog or toad but you must be very careful not to have DEET, gas or oil on your hands because the amphibian will absorb these toxins through their skin.
- ⇒ Your best bet for finding amphibians in the woods is to turn over logs and debris and look underneath. Be sure to replace the log as it was, so the amphibian will still have cover from predators.
- ⇒ Though many frogs look alike, you can often identify them by looking for the presence or absence of a dorsal lateral ridge; by the period in which they breed, for example early or later in the spring; dark stripes; and the presence or absence of a black "mask".
- ⇒ Wood frogs are referred to as "explosive breeders" because they breed rapidly and then within two weeks they leave their breeding spots.
- ⇒ Toads have extremely long calls of up to 10-12 seconds. Female toads prefer the males with the longest and most frequent calls because it tells them that the male has enough energy to exert himself in this very demanding exercise.
- ⇒ When you find a clump of salamander eggs, look closely because you can usually see very tiny salamanders in the center of the cloudy egg orb.
- ⇒ Snakes have the "superpower" of mandibular liberation, which means that they can move different parts of its jaw independently in order to eat larger prey
- ⇒ Have a hankering for root beer when you are in the woods? You can chew some black birch bark for a root beer taste.



The start of fall walk led by biologist Craig Zondag and Orchard's B&B innkeeper Lise Anderson

Listers' Report

The main job of your Cornwall Town Listers is to maintain the Town's Grand List — the appraised value of all real estate property in the town. The share of the Grand List represented by any individual property determines what portion of the town's tax obligation falls on the property's owner. That Grand List appraisal is determined by collecting a large number of facts about a given property and the buildings on it, and applying State-mandated valuation tables using computer assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) software. Doing that for all the properties in the town and adding them up creates the Grand List.

Every year the State Department of Property Valuation and Review (PVR) does a sales study comparing all the arms-length property sales in each town to the appraisals derived from the CAMA valuation tables. The ratio between the property sales total and the appraisals for those properties is the "Common Level of Appraisal" (CLA), which is a statewide comparison of the accuracy of each town's appraisals. You may recall that last year the listers petitioned the Director of Property Valuation and Review for a redetermination of their initial calculation of last year's CLA. The final determination of that CLA was 99.93%, indicating that Cornwall properties were appraised at very close to their market values. This year, due to a few sales well above their appraisals, PVR reported Cornwall's CLA as 97.24%. This will have the effect — town-wide — of a slight increase in the dollar amount due for property taxes.

The State is also interested in the "Coefficient of Dispersion" (COD) (more at <http://tax.vermont.gov/home/tax-learning-center/glossary#c>). This is a measure of how consistent the difference is between property sales and appraisals within our town. Cornwall's COD is currently 17.33% — slightly lower than last year's 17.96%. If the COD reaches 20%, the State requires that all of the properties in the town be reappraised. (Similarly, the State will require a reappraisal if the CLA reaches 85%.) Your listers continue to explore how and when a town-wide reappraisal might occur, and how it might be funded. We will continue to develop these plans over the coming year in cooperation with the Selectboard.

Your listers are also responsible for maintaining lists of State Current Use program enrollment, homestead declarations, house-site values, statutory and town-voted tax exemptions and many other details. Among those other details are a set of town maps with property boundaries. These are useful references to orient oneself as to which properties are which, and have always been available for use at the town offices. They are now available on-line through the Vermont Center for Geographic Information (VCGI) at <https://maps.vermont.gov/vcgi/> - just zoom in until you find Cornwall. Note that the grand list information is from 2018 and is usually updated every two to four years.

This year, we processed 47 property transfers from among Cornwall's 696 parcels.

Our work would have been much more difficult (if not impossible) were it not for Sue Johnson's comprehensive knowledge and supportive presence and assistance in the Town Office. It is a pleasure to work with Sue.

Your Listers continue to keep office hours at Town Hall every Tuesday from 2:00 to 5:00 PM, and we may be contacted by e-mail at Cornwall.Listers@gmail.com, or by phone at 462-3386.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Kincaid, Jordan Young, Bill Johnson.

Planning Commission Report

As of the 2020 Town Meeting, the Cornwall Planning Commission is composed of a group of relatively new members. As past members have moved on, the last few years have involved the significant rebuilding of the Planning Commission. Al Thalen and Conor Stinson both joined in 2017. The following three new members filled open positions in 2019: Josh Stearns was elected in March. Don Burns was appointed in May, and AJ Vasiliou was appointed in July. Don also was appointed to represent Cornwall as one of the Town's delegates to the Regional Planning Commission.

This year, after more than a decade of service, Jim Duclos will be finishing up his term and leaving the Planning Commission as well as his position as Zoning Administrator. The Town of Cornwall owes Jim a great debt of gratitude for his long and dedicated service. We will miss you, Jim!

The proposed revisions to Cornwall's Land Use and Development Regulations and minor updates to the Town Plan dominated discussions at the Planning Commission meetings in 2019. Also, time was spent developing a new and cohesive planning team as well as bringing new members up to speed on current and ongoing Town issues.

The State of Vermont has encouraged all municipalities to include Flood Resilience and Forest Fragmentation elements in their Town Plans. This past year, the Planning Commission began by focusing on the drafting of the Flood Resilience element. After a good deal of work to understand this issue, as well as discussions with the Selectboard and Addison County Regional Planning Commission, a draft is nearly complete for public input. As with all elements of the Town Plan, this topic will need to be discussed in a public hearing, to be scheduled this spring.

Another topic of discussion was the state of the Land Use and Development Regulations. The draft was submitted to the Selectboard in time for Town Meeting 2019. After informal communication throughout the year, a joint meeting was held in October with the Planning Commission and the Selectboard. By December of 2019, the Planning Commission received the first formal response from the Selectboard. Another joint meeting was held in December, at which time further joint review of the document was planned for the coming months. Following the upcoming Town Meeting, the document will officially fall back to the Planning Commission. However, this joint review process will likely produce another draft for which the Planning Commission will hold a hearing to discuss and, potentially, vote to pass to the Selectboard for approval. It has been a long and winding road, unusually long in some respects, but the Planning Commission is committed to doing justice to the work of our previous colleagues and the effort and funds put forth by the Town.

Many of our friends and neighbors before us have stood up to serve the Town in the preceding decades and did their best to bring our community's shared vision to life. As we shift to a new generation of people looking at spending further decades in Town—raising families, building community—we need to continue the long tradition of engaged citizens tending to the Town's civic health. If you have children in school here, if you are planning on living in Cornwall for many years to come, or if you *have* lived here for many years, please consider coming to our meetings, and possibly joining the Planning Commission as a member in its quest to better prepare Cornwall for the future.

Conor Stinson, Chair; Jim Duclos, A. J. Vasiliou, Don Burns Albert Thalen, Jr., Josh Stearns

Development Review Board

The Cornwall Development Review Board was created in 2016. A quasi-judicial board, the DRB is responsible for reviewing proposals for land use and development in Cornwall under the Town's Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations.

There are currently 7 members of the DRB: Barbara Greenwood (Chair), Joe Severy (Vice Chair), Magna Dodge, Shari Johnson, David Anderson, Cheryl Cesario (Alternate), and Gary Barnett (Alternate). Our secretary is Robin Conway. Members serve staggered three-year terms and are appointed by the Selectboard.

Over the past year (the DRB's fourth year of operation), the matters considered by the DRB have included an application for a major subdivision on North Bingham Street by Beaver Brook Properties, LLC (several hearings, as well as a special meeting); an application for a conditional use permit to use a Parkhill Road property as an event venue (a hearing); an application for a variance to build a storage barn at the Champlain Valley Motorsports property at on Route 30 (a hearing); and an application for a minor subdivision at the corner of Sperry Road and North Bingham Street by U-Phoria Property, LLC (a sketch plan review meeting and a hearing).

During 2019, the DRB reviewed and updated its application forms. The application form for subdivision of land was updated in May 2019. The application form for variance, conditional use approval, waiver, non-conforming structures and uses, activities in floodplain, appeals, and site plan review was updated in June 2019.

The DRB was also involved in reviewing the Town's proposed new Land Use and Development Regulations, drafted by the Planning Commission.

The DRB usually meets at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, at the Town Hall. Its meetings are open to the public. The agendas are posted at the Town Hall and the Town Garage, and on the Town website. The current Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations, the Board's Rules of Procedure, and current application forms (along with summaries of the application process and requirements) are available at the Town Hall and on the Town website. Applications must be filed with Town Clerk Sue Johnson. The Town's Zoning Administrator reviews them for completeness before passing them along to the DRB. A complete application must be filed at least 25 days prior to the next DRB regular meeting in order to be eligible to be considered at that meeting.

Zoning Administrator's Report

The number of Zoning Permits issued in 2019 was down a bit from previous years, but the number of new housing units was up from 2018 with three Single Family Dwellings and one Accessory Apartment permitted. In addition to that one Mobile Home and one Single Family Dwelling were permitted to be replaced.

The number of Certificates of Zoning Compliance was up a bit, but was mostly driven by home sales rather than refinancing.

Voluntary Compliance with the requirement of a Certificate of Occupancy for all completed permitted projects continues to be a problem.

Zoning Permits Issued

01/04/19 Sean Stearns, 2144 Route 30, Shed
01/04/19 Richard Rheaume, 5777 Route 30, Mobile Home Replacement
02/01/19 Rowan L. Nelson, 425 Robbins Road, Replace Single Family Dwelling
02/01/19 Richard and Gail Isenberg, 5013 Route 30, Accessory Structure (workshop)
03/26/19 John and Lisa Roberts, 2112 South Bingham St., Covered Deck Addition
03/30/19 Eric Raymond, 810 Parkhill Rd., Garage with Accessory Apartment
04/02/19 Romona M Powers, 2205 West St., Enlargement of Front Entry
04/02/19 John Cole, 1104 West St., Office Addition to Residence
04/25/19 Jeffrey and Keele Kozak, 1348 Peet Rd., Addition to Single Family Dwelling
04/25/19 Joan Donahue, 299 Ridge Rd., Change of Use from Agricultural Barn to Recreational/
Events
05/07/19 Jonathan and Karen Miller-Lane, 8 Douglas Rd., Screen Porch Addition
05/10/19 Joan Donahue, 486 Cider Mill Rd., Addition to Storage Barn
06/21/19 James Girard Morisseau, 194 South Bingham St., Single Family Dwelling
08/01/19 Steven A Belanus, 5322 Rt.30, Storage Barn
08/09/19 Andrew Haig, Sperry Lot West Side of Ridge Rd., Single Family Dwelling
08/29/19 Steven A Belanus, 1770 Route 74, Addition to Body Shop
09/12/19 John and Marion Leonard, 985 North Bingham St., Renovation of Addition to Dwelling
09/12/19 Michael Heinecken, 510 Sperry Rd., Addition to Single Family Dwelling
09/25/19 Daniel Fifield and Kathleen Gill, Robbins Rd., Single Family Dwelling
09/26/19 Justus DeVries Jr., 25 Cedar Ridge Drive, Pergola and Fence
10/08/19 Mike Steele (Silver Maple Const.), 172 Beaver Brook Rd., Storage Shed/ Garage

Certificates of Zoning Compliance Issued

01/18/19 Andrea Baier, 1283 Route 30
03/25/19 Milton and Penelope Campbell, 1762 Route 30
05/14/19 Megan Brady and Holmes Jacobs, West St. Properties Lot 2
05/28/19 Paul and Kathleen Hoxsie, 901 North Bingham St.
05/29/19 Phillip and Donna Joyce, 574 West St.
06/21/19 William and Abigail Sessions, 75 Douglas Rd.
07/12/19 Sean and January Stearns, 4463 Route 30
07/16/19 Willard Emerson and Jane Ogden, 485 West St.
07/19/19 James Kappel and Beth Bondi, 31 Hornbeam Hill Rd.

Zoning Administrator's Report, *continued*

Certificates of Zoning Compliance Issued, *continued*

08/02/19 Monica McKenna, 647 Andrus Pitch
08/07/19 Roland F, Joyce Y, Bradley A, and William C Boise, 4340 Rt. 30
08/09/19 J Christian and Kelly Higgins, 35 Edgewood Dr.
08/09/19 John Burton, 2137 North Bingham St.
08/20/19 Estate of Eleanor Morison, 1195 Route 30
08/28/19 Fred and Janet Greenman, 39 Lemon Fair Rd.
08/30/19 Frank J and Bonnie P Keeler, 1272 Cider Mill Rd.
09/25/19 Travis and Rachel Dorsey, 1019 Cider Mill Rd.
09/25/19 Scott J Sperry, 785 Ridge Rd.
09/27/19 Erkki and Kaelin Mackey, 1273 Route 125
10/07/17 Edward P III and Anna Burns, 172 Beaver Brook Rd.

Certificates of Occupancy Issued

04/20/19 Anna Rebecca Kinkead, 1680 West St.
06/28/19 Jason and Sarah Robart, 339 Parkhill Rd.
09/25/19 Jason and Sarah Robart, 339 Parkhill Rd.

Other Decisions

02/01/19 Manfred T Kincaid and Jean Terwilliger, 432 Robbins Rd., Boundary Line Adjustment
03/21/19 Romona Powers, 2205 West St., Denial of Zoning Permit
03/30/19 Raphael Worrick and Margaret Harris, 4245 Route 30, Boundary Line Adjustment
07/17/19 James G Gill, 2394 Route 30, Denial of Zoning Permit
08/20/19 Estate of Eleanor Morison, 1195 Route 30, Boundary Line Adjustment
10/22/19 Joseph and Anne Severy, 6039 Route 30, Notification of Intent to Build a Farm Structure
12/06/19 PH Ridge Road LLC, 299 Ridge Rd., Boundary Line Adjustment

Respectfully Submitted this eighth day of January 2020 by

James Duclos, Zoning Administrator

Cornwall Free Public Library

We continue to open the library on Saturday mornings from 10 am – 12 Noon. This has been reasonably successful and we do see library patrons on a good many of the Saturdays.

The library now has a Facebook page. Facebook page. You can find it by searching for Cornwall Free Public Library (<https://www.facebook.com/Cornwall-Free-Public-Library-102425937842577/>) Please ‘like’ our page so you stay informed. We are also working on creating a Mission Statement for the library. The trustees will be meeting with Lara Keenan from the Vermont State Library office to discuss this among many other topics.

We are working toward making an online catalog available through our software company Resource Mate. We have started the initial process and will get word out when it is completely up and running. You will be able to access it through the Town of Cornwall website when we are set to go.

A reminder to you all that with your Cornwall Library Card, you have access to the Listen Up Vermont Collection through the Green Mountain Library Consortium’s website (<https://gmlc.overdrive.com/>). Please stop by to obtain a library card if you don’t already have one.

We once again received a generous donation from the Holmes Advised Fund in the amount of \$1,000. We sincerely appreciate this donation as it allows us to expand our collection well beyond what would normally be possible on our modest budget. We also thank Becky Dayton and Jenny Lyons from the Vermont Book Shop for their donations to the library and for working with us to keep our collection current and exciting.

The library also received a \$50.00 donation from the State of Maine House Democratic Caucus Members in memory of Christopher Edwards. Christopher was a photographer and the son of Steven and Nancy Edwards (Cornwall residents). The Edwards asked that the donation be used to purchase children’s photography books. We have a small, but nice display of the photography books in the children’s room. We appreciated very much the donation to our library.

The library donated \$300 to the local Boy Scout troop to allow them to buy needed manuals and instruction books.

We had an incredibly successful book sale this past November, bringing in almost \$1,400.00 We use all of that money for the purchase of new books, movies and audio books for the library. A special thank you goes out to Peter McCormick, Marge Drexler, and Karen Sanborn, who are on hand each year to help set up the book sale and help take down as well. Once again, we appreciate the support we receive from the town each year and from our patrons. Thank you.

Rich Isenberg stepped forward to fill the open Library Trustee’s position. We appreciate his willingness to join our board.

Respectfully submitted by your Library Trustees:

Judy English, Laura Fetterolf, Juliet Gerlin, Rich Isenberg, Sue Johnson, Patty McCormick and Kristina Simmons

Cornwall Free Public Library Library Treasurer's Report

Checking Balance, 01/01/2019

\$4,567.91

INCOME:

Town Appropriation 2019	\$4,000.00
Book Sale	1,371.00
Holmes Family Donation	1,000.00
Maine House Democrats	50.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>735.00</u>

EXPENSES:

Supplies/Advertising	\$819.11
Membership Dues	301.64
Donation to Scouts	300.00
Books/Media	5,719.49
Phone Service/Public Wi-Fi	<u>1,014.34</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$8,154.58</u>

Sub-Total Income:	7,156.00
Less Expenses:	<u>(8,154.58)</u>

Balance 12/31/2019 **\$3,569.33**

Fund Balances 12-31-19

Foote, Morse & Ringey Combined CD (NBM)	\$4,724.54
Interest earned 2019	<u>9.45</u>

Total **4,733.99**

Drexler & Allison Combined CD (NBM)	2,296.88
Interest earned 2019	<u>6.94</u>

Total **2,303.82**

Grand Total CD's **\$7,037.81**



Necessity is the mother of invention! Keeping off the rain or perhaps the sun!

Capital Budget Committee Report

This report lays out the Capital Budget and Planning Committee's Capital Budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and the Capital Plan (Program) for the five fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021.

After accounting for the current year's expenditures and reviewing the five-year plan from the 2019 report, the committee is recommending that the Capital Equipment line on the General Fund Budget remain at \$130,000. As of January 29, 2020, the Capital Equipment Fund balance is \$537,356.95. The equipment fund purchased a roadside mower for the highway department this past year. The cost of the mower was \$47,163. The fire department continues to work on the replacement of Engine #1, this process may take up to a year or more. The estimated cost of the new Engine is \$400,000.

The committee is recommending that the Capital Building line on the General Fund Budget remain at \$100,000. As of January 29, 2020, the Capital Building Fund balance is \$134,144.09. After a payment of \$50,000 in July 2019, the current balance due on the National Bank of Middlebury Construction Loan is \$56,381.07. The maturity date to pay off the loan is July 1, 2020. The committee will continue to set aside funds to deal with issues at the Town Garage, including the design and installation of a new septic system. Discussion also continues related to the replacement of the salt and sand buildings with a Hoop-framed structure in the 2021 Fiscal Year. The Committee will start to include the Fire Department's buildings in the capital budget starting in FY 2021. This will hopefully avoid requests for large sums of money at Town Meeting to repair or replace major items at the two fire stations.

The committee is recommending the continuation of a Capital Paving line in the General Fund budget in the amount of \$25,000 to prepare for future paving of gravel roads and maintenance of paved roads. The committee discussed the benefits of paved roads over gravel roads and believes that winter maintenance is more efficient when treating pavement with salt. The current balance in the Capital Paving Fund is \$25,000. The committee is recommending that the Capital Paving line remain at \$25,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, Mary Conlon, Mike Sunderland, Stu Johnson, Sue Johnson and David Berno

Cornwall Emergency Management Network

- **Notification/Alerts** – If you are not signed up on the Cornwall Connection email list, please get your email address to Sue. We use that list for Town events and news, as well as for emergency notifications. It's the easiest and quickest way to reach you, if we need to get critical information out. We also use Front Porch Forum, and Vermont 2-1-1 for incident updates.
- **E9-1-1 Addressing** – Each municipality has an Enhanced 9-1-1 Coordinator responsible for assigning address numbers to structures. When a new structure is permitted, or when a driveway is adjusted or moved, a new Location Address must be assigned and reported to the VT Enhanced 9-1-1 Board. They, in turn, update the emergency services (fire, rescue, ambulance, law enforcement) databases.

E9-1-1 numbers must be assigned at the same time that zoning/building and/or driveway permits are sought. The only authority for assigning a number is the Coordinator. Self-defined or assumed numbers are not acceptable; nor will they get into the E9-1-1 response databases.

When a new Cornwall number is assigned, an email is sent to the owner/the builder/applicant, as well as Cornwall Highway, Fire/First Response, Listers, Clerk, MREMS (Ambulance), USPS, OTT Communications, and Green Mountain Power.

Kate Gieges continues as our Enhanced 9-1-1 Coordinator. If you need to be assigned a 9-1-1 address, please contact Kate at 462-2182 or gieges@shoreham.net.

- **E911 Signs** – For your personal and household safety, *please* have a green/white reflective 9-1-1 sign at your driveway. It needs to be mounted so it is visible from both directions of traffic, and tall enough and stable enough to withstand snow drifts.

If you live on a shared road, it is imperative that your driveway/access point be marked. Imagine a kitchen fire, and you hear the sirens coming... and going... to your neighbor's. Imagine your toddler choking, and you hear the ambulance stop at the cul-de-sac, and wait... while the driver radios for better directions. *Please mark your individual driveways.*

We depend on you to take responsibility for your safety and obtain these signs. Contact the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department for information on having a sign installed.

Your interest in and attention to safety and preparedness is appreciated.

Sue Johnson



CVFD Open House and LifeNet of NY Visit

**Town of Cornwall
Town Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 4, 2019**

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall met at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School on Monday evening, March 4, 2019 with approximately 100 people in attendance and transacted the following business.

Prior to the Call to Order, Peter Conlon, our State Representative gave a report on the happenings in Montpelier. This is Peter's third year as the Addison-2 State Representative. The highlights of his discussion were: There is a high demand on limited funds, however revenue is up. The House Education Committee (Peter is a member) is working on requiring lead testing in schools across the state. There is much deferred maintenance at many school buildings around the state. The legislature will be discussing the paid family medical leave bill, the minimum wage bill, the tax and retail Marijuana bill.

As Chair of the Addison Central School District board, Peter also gave a brief report on the ACSD budget. The budget is down slightly, but the per pupil cost is up (1.9%). Peter reminded the voters to vote on the school budgets tomorrow at the Town Hall.

Our Moderator, Cy Tall, called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. Cy gave the annual explanation about the use of Robert's Rules for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all town officials as required by law. Voting for officials will be by Australian ballot. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at the Cornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are:

5 years: Cemetery Commissioner

3 years: Selectboard; Lister; Auditor, Trustee of Public Funds; Two (2) Planning Commissioners

2 years: Selectboard; Trustee of Public Funds (to fill an unexpired term); Four (4) Library Trustees; Planning Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term);

1 year: Moderator; First Constable; Second Constable; Collector of Delinquent Taxes; Town Agent; Two (2) Grand Jurors; Planning Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term)

No action was taken on Article 1. The polls will be open at the Town Hall from 7 AM – 7 PM on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 for the election of Town Officials.

ARTICLE 2: To see what action the voters will take regarding the town's financial surplus or deficit.

Sue Johnson indicated that there is a \$108,031.68 deficit for the FY ending June 30, 2018. Sue Johnson/Laura Fetterolf moved to raise half of the deficit through property taxes in the amount of

\$54,016 and absorb the balance of \$54,016 with the fund balance which is currently at \$478,446 and will be left with a balance of \$424,430 after this transaction. The deficit is due to the fact that revenues for FY2018 were less than expenditures. The previous two fiscal years had significant surpluses. More research will be done to determine the reason there is such a high deficit for the last year. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$489,842.

Lisa Roberts/Jon Isham moved to approve a General Fund budget of \$489,842. There was no discussion on the Article. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters will approve a Highway budget of \$452,965. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$65,000, leaving \$387,965 to be raised by taxes.

Jon Isham/T Tall moved to approve the Highway budget of \$452,965 with State Aid expected to be approximately \$65,000, leaving \$387,965 to be raised by taxes. There was no discussion on the Article. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will appropriate \$77,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

T Tall/Jon Isham moved to appropriate \$77,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Discussion: Dave Berno came forward to indicate that he had been voted in as Fire Chief this year. He wanted to express his thanks to Dennis Rheame for his many years of service to the department as Chief and in many other capacities. Denny was elected as Chief in February of 2003, so served 16 years as Chief of the department. Dave asked that folks thank Denny for his service if they see him. Dave also indicated that the department can use members. Gary Margolis called for a round of applause for both Denny Rheame and Dave Berno. There being no further discussion, the motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will exempt from property taxation the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Station located at 1952 Route 30 and the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Station located at 63 North Bingham Street for a period of five (5) years as permitted by Vermont Statute, Title 32; Section 3840.

T Tall/Jordan Young moved to exempt from property taxation the Cornwall Fire Stations at 1952 Route 30 and 63 North Bingham Street for a period of five years as permitted by Vermont Statute, Title 32: § 3840. There was no discussion on the Article. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will appropriate \$4,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Bob Gerlin/Lisa Roberts moved to appropriate \$4,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Discussion: Sue Johnson expressed the Library's appreciation to all the Cornwall residents for the support that has been

shown to the library through the years. It is greatly appreciated. No further discussion on the Article. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will appropriate the following amounts to be transferred to the listed organizations:

<i>a.</i>	<i>Addison Central Teens, Inc.</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>
<i>b.</i>	<i>Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.</i>	<i>1,440.00</i>
<i>c.</i>	<i>Addison County Parent/Child Center, Inc.</i>	<i>1,600.00</i>
<i>d.</i>	<i>Addison County Readers, Inc.</i>	<i>350.00</i>
<i>e.</i>	<i>Addison County Restorative Justice Services</i>	<i>350.00</i>
<i>f.</i>	<i>Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>g.</i>	<i>Addison County Transit Resources, Inc.</i>	<i>1,315.00</i>
<i>h.</i>	<i>Age Well</i>	<i>950.00</i>
<i>i.</i>	<i>Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)</i>	<i>2,000.00</i>
<i>j.</i>	<i>Charter House Coalition</i>	<i>2,500.00</i>
<i>k.</i>	<i>Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.</i>	<i>2,300.00</i>
<i>l.</i>	<i>Elderly Services, Inc.</i>	<i>800.00</i>
<i>m.</i>	<i>Green Up Vermont, Inc.</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>n.</i>	<i>Habitat for Humanity of Addison County</i>	<i>800.00</i>
<i>o.</i>	<i>Homeward Bound, Animal Welfare Center</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>p.</i>	<i>H O P E (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)</i>	<i>4,000.00</i>
<i>q.</i>	<i>Hospice Volunteer Services, Inc.</i>	<i>600.00</i>
<i>r.</i>	<i>John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.</i>	<i>1,925.00</i>
<i>s.</i>	<i>Mary Johnson Children's Center, Inc.</i>	<i>700.00</i>
<i>t.</i>	<i>Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT)</i>	<i>750.00</i>
<i>u.</i>	<i>Open Door Clinic/Community Health Services, Inc.</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>v.</i>	<i>Otter Creek Child Care Center</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>w.</i>	<i>The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Inc.</i>	<i>540.00</i>
<i>x.</i>	<i>Vermont Adult Learning, Inc.</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>y.</i>	<i>WomenSafe, Inc.</i>	<i><u>\$1,000.00</u></i>
	<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>\$30,020.00</i>

Lisa Roberts/David Anderson moved to appropriate the requested amounts to the listed organizations. Discussion: Jon Isham asked if there were any new organizations this year. Sue Johnson indicated that there are two new organizations, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity and the Middlebury Area Land Trust. Jon Isham also asked if the amounts requested can be changed by the voters. Cy Tall indicated that the amounts could be amended by the voters. The various organizations make formal requests to the town each year by a set deadline in January. Any new organizations are required to make a request and file a petition with signatures of 5% of the Cornwall voters. There was no further discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the voters will approve the billing date of September 1, 2019 for property taxes, payment of half that amount due November 1, 2019, and payment of the second half due May 1, 2020. Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes that are due, but unpaid after November 1, 2019, are

considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes unpaid after May 1, 2020 will be considered delinquent. Interest will be charged on delinquent taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, plus a collector's fee of eight percent (8%).

Jon Isham/Tracy Himmel Isham moved to approve the billing date of September 1, 2019 for property taxes, payment of half due on November 1, 2019 and payment of the second half due on May 1, 2020. Taxes due but unpaid by November 1, 2019 are considered late, interest will be charged at 1% per month. Taxes unpaid after May 1, 2020 will be considered delinquent. Interest will be charged at 1% per month, plus a collector's fee of 8%. There was no discussion on this Article. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

Cy Tall explained that any business brought before the meeting during Article 10 is non-binding and informational only.

Article 10 began with remarks from State Senator Ruth Hardy. Ruth explained that she was elected in November 2018 and was appointed to the Agriculture Committee and the Education Committee. She reported that the Senate Agriculture Committee is in the process of updating the Hemp Program, working on a rural economic development bill, clarifying a wet lands bill. The Education Committee is working on a bill requiring tap water testing, social and ethic studies and looking at higher education. Bills passed include a \$15 per hour minimum wage bill, campaign finance law, tax and regulate bill re: cannabis. Ms. Hardy encouraged folks to call her or come and visit at the state house.

Ben Marks, Chair of the Selectboard gave a state of the town report: 2018 highlights include: 1) Completing the transfer of the Cornwall school to the ACSO, with provisions that require the school be turned back over to the town should it stop being used for educating students. 2) The solar screening bylaw was approved as a regular town bylaw vs. an emergency bylaw. The substance of the bylaw remains essentially the same. 3) The Swamp Road bridge remains on the to do list. The State has the replacement of the bridge on their list of priority projects. The town is waiting for additional action on the project. 4) There are personnel changes happening this year that Ben M. wanted to acknowledge. Larry Clark will be stepping down as the town's Fire Warden after 25 years of service. Tom Frankovic Jr. will take over as Fire Warden on March 1, 2019. As mentioned earlier in the meeting, Dave Berno is the newly elected Fire Chief and thanks once again go out to Denny Rheaume for his many years of service to the department in many capacities. Ben also noted that Jen Kravitz, current Cornwall School Principal, will be leaving at the end of the school year to go to Mary Hogan School as their Principal. Thanks, were extended to Jen for her work at the school. A round of applause was given to all.

T Tall asked about receipt of insurance money involved with the fire at the Swamp Road bridge. Ben M. explained that with the state's involvement in the rebuilding process, the town may only see an amount of insurance money required to pay any matching amounts or balances needed to replace the bridge.

David Dodge the Chair of the Lemon Fair Insect Control District gave a brief report on the district. The LFICD has had four helicopter landing sites approved by the State of Vermont. There are two in Cornwall and two in Weybridge. David encouraged everyone to read the district's report in the Annual report. The state will now limit funds to the LFICD to \$70,000 per year plus they will continue to receive \$6,000 from the three member towns. The district can treat by hand if necessary. David did report that the good news is that they only treated by air once in the last five years.

Bob Gerlin took the opportunity to indicate that the town has the great good fortune to have a marvelous and able Town Clerk. The voters responded with a standing ovation that was greatly appreciated by the Town Clerk.

Stan Grzyb asked the Selectboard about the repaving of Swamp Road and whether there was any consideration of letting the road revert to gravel. The Selectboard indicated that they have not considered letting the road go back to gravel. The pavement cracking issue will require careful study. The movement of the road surface is not well understood. The Board will investigate alternatives for repair to the road. Swamp Road remains an important commuting corridor and needs to remain open as a transportation artery.

Mary Dodge and Bethany Menkart spoke about the goal of the Cornwall Conservation Commission which is to obtain information about resources in the town and provide education about those resources. The Conservation Commission recently put on a program about Slippery Creatures of Cornwall including Salamanders and Frogs. There will be a follow up walk associated with this program on Saturday, May 18. Coming up on March 21, the North Branch Nature Center will put on a workshop at the Cornwall Town Hall on Amphibian Road Rescue. Mary Dodge indicated that Marc Lapin will be stepping down from the Commission and was thanked for his involvement in the group.

Sue Johnson gave additional information about Larry Clark which was left out of his Town Report dedication. Larry was one of the original members of the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department when it was created in 1952.

Sue J. also took the opportunity to thank Holly Noordsy for her 13 years on the Planning Commission. She indicated that over the last two to three years, Holly had put her heart and soul into creating the new zoning and sub-division regulations. Sue asked for a strong round of applause for Holly and all she has done for the town.

T Tall indicated that the Cornwall Historical Society is meeting regularly and is in the process of updating the Stuart Witherell book called Cornwall Houses and Their Inhabitants. To that end, a questionnaire was included in the last special newsletter asking for updates on existing houses and particularly on new houses in town. T asked that folks fill out the questionnaires to the best of their ability. Ben Marks commented that he was given a copy of the 1871 Beers map of Cornwall by Bruce Hiland when he took over as Selectboard Chair and he encouraged everyone to participate as it is important to maintain the historical changes in the town. Eventually the book will be available for everyone to access on line. T Tall and Anne Collins have also spent a great deal of time indexing Matthew's History of Cornwall.

T Tall also told a story about Larry Clark and the close-knit community of Cornwall. The Talls picked Larry up one evening for a Historical Society Meeting and when they returned him home, they saw many little lights all over the Larry’s property. Turns out many folks were looking for Larry with flashlights because they could not find him in the house. Nice story.

Jon Isham remarked that in last year’s Town Meeting minutes, Bruce Byers gave major kudos to Cy Tall our Moderator and indicated that she is the best in the state. Jon reiterated that thought at this year’s meeting and once again gave major kudos to Cy Tall, the best Moderator in the State. Cy received a very rousing round of applause and thanks for her great work as Moderator.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Annual Meeting of the Town of Cornwall at 7:43 PM. The motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Johnson,
Town Clerk



CVFD Members and Future Members?

Lemon Fair Insect Control District Report

The Lemon Fair Insect Control District (“LFICD”) provides adult and larval mosquito survey and larvicide treatment services for the towns of Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge, which provide funding. We work closely with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture which provides additional funding for our field analysis and treatment. We do not conduct adult mosquito treatment but instead attempt to destroy larvae before they become adults. Additional information (including monthly meeting minutes) is available on our website (<http://www.lficd.org/>). The following is our Field Coordinator’s (Craig Zondag) 2019 report.

2019 LFICD Field Coordinator Report

Our goal is to reduce the impact of nuisance flood-plain mosquitoes through surveillance and the application of larvicide within the Lemon Fair River floodplain and part of the Cornwall Swamp. Site visits initiated by the LFICD mosquito complaint line help residents reduce habitat for mosquitoes on their properties. Public education and outreach have helped the residents of Cornwall, Weybridge and Bridport to better understand the dynamics of mosquito behavior and the importance of self-protection.

The 2019 season began with a sustained flooding event that lasted two months! Deep water columns and fluctuating high water lines made surveillance challenging. This time period also coincided with the Spring migration of waterfowl in the Lemon Fair River Valley and floodplain. There were thousands of waterfowl feeding on the larvae of the early season and “snow melt” mosquitoes.

Aside from a prolonged wet Spring, our region received weekly 1" rain events which increased the woodland mosquito (*Ochlerotatus trivittatus*) population, which typically stay within 200-700 meters of its breeding puddle. This was the predominant species caught in Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) Light Traps at sites where we were able to address complaints. Reducing “resting habitat” around your homes and creating more air flow can reduce their presence. Also, if you can identify the vernal type pools in your woods, you can treat these areas with *Bti* Dunks.

Adult mosquito surveillance summary (CDC Light Traps): 127 trap nights. 53,000 trapped for specie identification. 44 registered complaints with 28 complaints requiring a response, with related traps yielding 4,472 mosquitoes for specie identification. Species identification helps determine floodplain mosquito treatment effectiveness.

Larvicide mosquito surveillance summary (mosquito larval dipping cups): 82 collections, 9,951 larvae collected. Larvicide treatment is determined by the average larval count in each dipping cup.

Larvicide treatment

Mosquito hatches were sporadic throughout the season covering one half acre to 25 acres at a time. Given the relatively small acreage we did not treat by helicopter in 2019 given the high per acre cost of treating less than 1,000 acres at one time. An area of the Lemon Fair River floodplain was treated by hand with VectoBac GS *Bti* granules. Post treatment surveys resulted in 80%

Lemon Fair Insect Control District, *continued*

efficiency. The 20% of mosquitoes that did not succumb to the larvicide were protected by the dense cover of Reed Canary Grass which prevents the product from getting into the water. However, treating by hand is not feasible for more than 1 to 2 acres at one time.

Looking ahead

We struggle with the inability to “stamp out” smaller hatches that are too large to treat by hand. One possible solution is the use of drones to deliver larvicide to 5 to 200 acres. We have been working on the technology and economics with the Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury, Goshen and Pittsford Mosquito District. So far, the economics are challenging. However, there are 7 mosquito districts in the United States that are utilizing drones with 35-40 lb. larvicide payloads for mosquito abatement capable of treating up to 200 acres at a time.

The USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service is beginning a natural resource management program in the Lemon Fair Valley to reduce Reed Canary Grass and improve floodplain habitat which may lead to natural declines of mosquitoes.

A special thank you to Jean Raymond of Cornwall. Jean has generously given 39 hours of her time in the lab emptying CDC Light Traps, counting, and preparing mosquitoes for identification. And thank you to the individuals who have allowed us to set up permanent CDC Light Traps on their properties for the season. These sites are affording us significant data in making decisions regarding mosquito abatement.

Board and Staff

Bridport board members: Dinah Bain (Treasurer), Chuck Burkins (Vice Chair), Alissa Shethar.

Cornwall board members: Chris Chapline (Secretary), David Dodge (Chair), Wendy Lynch.

Weybridge board members: Melissa Lourie and Gary Rodes.

We very much appreciate the diligence and hard work of our Field Coordinator, Craig Zondag and look forward to working with him in 2020.

Lemon Fair Insect Control District, *continued*

Lemon Fair Insect Control District - FY 2020 Budget	Calendar Year		Calendar Year
Dec 4 2019			
	2019	2019	2020
See Accompanying Budget Notes	Budget	Actual*	Full Year Budget
Beginning Period Cash (Approximate)	\$ 110,933.33	\$ 107,102.75	\$ 97,702.30
INCOME			
VAA Field Survey & IPM Reimbursement	\$ 65,859.12	\$ 54,985.73	\$ 77,943.58
VAA Reimb prior year expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VAA Treatment Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
VAA Larvicide Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VAA Capital Expenditure Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 2,929.80	\$ -
LIDAR Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance Recovery	\$ -	\$ 2,487.00	\$ -
Member town assessments:			
Bridport	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Cornwall	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Weybridge	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Interest	\$ 4.00	\$ 8.86	\$ 9.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 83,863.12	\$ 78,411.39	\$ 120,952.58
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$ 194,796.45	\$ 185,514.14	\$ 218,654.88
EXPENSES			
Payroll: Field coordinator, Asst field coord, mileage, phone, workers comp	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 65,579.44	\$ 70,000.00
Treatment	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
Larvicide	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00
IPM - office electricity & heat, equip, rent, phone	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 7,028.25	\$ 7,100.00
Insurance: Operations, Supervisory Board	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,219.00	\$ 3,800.00
NMCA Conference	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Trailer operations: electricity, repairs	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,734.96	\$ 530.00
Larvicide loaders, trucking - treatment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Trailer: airport lease	\$ 118.63	\$ 118.63	\$ 118.63
Misc. - public outreach	\$ 500.00	\$ 417.26	\$ 450.00
Software	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,199.20	\$ 400.00
Legal fees and services	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Review of accounts - FY2018 - 2 years	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Admin - stamps, PO box, checks, offc supp	\$ 200.00	\$ 173.70	\$ 200.00
Licenses and permits	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00
TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$ 112,603.63	\$ 81,805.44	\$ 129,183.63
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 6,006.40	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 115,353.63	\$ 87,811.84	\$ 132,183.63
Ending Period Cash (Approximate)	\$ 79,442.82	\$ 97,702.30	\$ 86,471.25
*Note: 2019 actual includes estimates for December.			

Lemon Fair Insect Control District, *continued*

Lemon Fair Insect Control District (“LFICD”) 2020 Budget Notes

1. **Background**: The LFICD provides mosquito larval survey and treatment services in the Lemon Fair river valley for Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge. Larvicide treatment is provided by hand or aerially following an analysis of conditions with reimbursement from the three towns and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture (“VAA”). Additional information is available on our website (<https://www.lficd.org/>).
2. **Fiscal Year**: The VAA and town fiscal years (“FY”) are 7/1 to 6/30. The LFICD FY is 1/1 to 12/31.
3. **Treatment Acreage**: 2020’s budget assumes one full aerial treatment for the Lemon Fair Valley (1,000 acres) in Cornwall, Bridport and Weybridge. Previous years’ actual aerial treatment acreage: none in 2019, none in 2018, 1,128 in 2017, none in 2016, 2015, and 2014; 720 in 2013; 2,689 in 2012; 5,256 in 2011; 1,784 in 2010; 5,096 in 2009.
4. **Aerial Larviciding**: We will continue to use 3rd party helicopter services for aerial larviciding including JBI Helicopter of Pembroke, NH and North Fork Helicopter of Long Island, NY. We will also conduct hand treatment when and where necessary.
5. **Grant Agreement**: We operate under a one-year VAA Grant Agreement dated 7/1/19 to be renewed on 7/1/2020. The VAA has budgeted \$70,000 annually for reimbursement to the LFICD for the FY ending 6/30/20 and 6/30/21. The VAA budgeted an additional \$25,000 for their FY ending 6/30/20 for aerial treatment. It is not clear whether this additional \$25,000 will be renewed for FY 2021 and beyond. All VAA reimbursements are subject to a 25% in kind or cash matching from the LFICD.
6. **Revenue**: 2020 budgeted revenue is \$120,952 and consists of \$6,000 each from Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge and \$102,943 from the VAA. The VAA’s \$102,943 assumes the use of the \$25,000 in additional VAA treatment allocation in the spring of 2020. VAA reimbursements can be used for aerial larviciding, larvicide purchases, field surveying, adult trapping and specie identification and capital expenditures at the LFICD’s discretion.
7. **Expenses**: Assumes one, 1,000-acre aerial treatment for a cost of \$25,000 with larvicide purchases totaling \$18,000. Other expenses including payroll are budgeted for \$89,183 which is similar to 2019’s actuals of \$87,811.
8. **Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury, Goshen and Pittsford District (“BLSGP”)**: Whenever possible, we will attempt to coordinate same day treatments with the BLSG. However, the BLSG mosquito habitat (Otter Creek floodplain, wooded lakes and ponds) doesn’t always generate the same treatment needs as the LFICD mosquito habitat (Lemon Fair floodplain).

Vermont Department of Health Report for Addison County

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is in Middlebury at 156 South Village Green, 388-4644. We provide a wide range of resources and services to the community and local partners with the goal of promoting health and wellness for all Vermonters. For example, in 2019 we:

Supported health in the community: United Way of Addison County received funding from the Health Department to coordinate evidence-based prevention strategies to address youth alcohol use, marijuana use, and prescription drug misuse. New Haven improved bike-ability by widening shoulders when repaving local roads in response to a request from the Addison Walk Bike Council.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: In Addison County, we served 785 Vermont families and children with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program, which provides individual nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables.

Ensured emergency preparedness: Worked with local partners, including schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a public health emergency.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: Responded to 110 infectious disease cases in our region. We participated in the statewide effort to prevent the spread of Hepatitis A disease by conducting vaccine clinics in several locations in Addison County. We conducted community education to raise awareness about the increase in diseases spread by ticks. We also helped statewide and national health partners understand the risk of vaping and e-cigarette use.

Student health and youth empowerment: According to the 2017 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 30 % of students in Addison County feel they do not matter to people in their community. In 2018, we collaborated with community organizations to improve youth resiliency by launching the *OK. You've Got This* campaign. www.okyouvegotthis.org

Substance misuse and abuse: Our new Substance Abuse Prevention Consultant is making local connections in the field of substance use, with partners and projects ranging from prevention to treatment and recovery.

Learn more at <https://healthvermont.gov/local>
Join us on <https://www.facebook.com/vdhmiddlebury>



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

White River Junction VA Medical Center

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

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

December 23rd, 2019

Dear Veteran,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully;

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.
Associate Medical Center Director



ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 21 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT.

District Mission

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

District Office and Transfer Station

Tel: (802) 388-2333 **Fax:** (802) 388-0271 **Website:** www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswwmd@acswwmd.org

Transfer Station Hours: M-F 7am–3pm, Sat 8am–1pm

Office Hours: M-F 8am–4pm

HazWaste Center Hours: M-F 8am–2pm, Sat 8am–1pm

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

2019 Highlights

Waste Diversion. In 2019, the Universal Recycling Law was amended to require haulers to offer curbside food scrap collection only to nonresidential customers and apartment buildings with 4 or more residential units. By 7/1/2020, **all** generators must divert food scraps (except for bones and meat scraps), and a VT landfill ban on food scraps takes effect. The District is committed to working with each of its member towns, haulers and businesses to plan for the new mandate. The VT Materials Management Plan required all solid waste planning entities to measure the diversion rate of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) that was recycled, reused, reduced and composted in 2018. The District's 2019 Solid Waste Implementation Report showed that the District reached a MSW Diversion Rate of 55.82% in 2018, a record for the District. The District has exceeded the State goal of 50% diversion since 2006, due to the amazing efforts of our residents and businesses to source separate their items, thereby reducing the waste sent to the landfill for disposal.

ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REPORT, *continued*

Recycling. The decline in market prices for most recyclables continued in 2019. Fortunately, the District has been able to weather the recycling losses, which are estimated to reach \$35,000+ by the end of the year. In spite of this, the District's commitment to recycling remains steadfast. Act No. 69 (S.113), adopted this last Legislative session, will take effect on 7/1/2020. It will enact multiple requirements for single-use products provided by a store or food establishment, which will also be prohibited from providing single-use plastic carryout bags. Expanded polystyrene food service products will not be allowed to be sold in VT. Plastic straws will be available upon request only, and plastic stirrers will be banned. A study committee has emerged from Act 69 to further examine ways to manage packaging and printed materials.

Product Stewardship. As a method of controlling costs and keeping unwanted and banned items out of the landfill, the District has continued to be a strong advocate for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws. EPR laws help distribute the cost of recycling and safe management of these products among industry, government and consumers. EPR can alleviate the financial burden on municipalities and residents, while mitigating environmental impacts by increasing collection and recycling rates of covered products. VT now has the second highest number of EPR laws in the U.S. The success of these laws and their economic benefits to the 21 District towns has prompted efforts by the VT Product Stewardship Council, of which the District is a member, to investigate the feasibility of similar laws for household hazardous waste, as well as packaging and printed materials.

Illegal Burning/Disposal. The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2019 to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. The District served again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, assisting the many area volunteers who organized collection of roadside litter. The District provided free disposable gloves, prizes for kids, and free disposal of all roadside waste. The District subsidized the disposal of 17.80 tons of roadside trash, 7.49 tons of tires, 3 auto batteries, 11 E-Waste items, 9 appliances, and various other hazardous items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$3,622.

2020 Annual Budget

The District adopted a 2020 Annual Budget of \$3,523,752, a 9.3% increase. The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$128/ton for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will increase to \$120/ton. Rates on some other items will have nominal increases. New fees: The District Fee will increase to \$34/ton on all waste destined for disposal. A fee of \$110/ton will take effect for the new Asphalt Shingle and Drywall C&D Recycling program. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2020.** For a copy of the full 2019 Annual Report and Adopted 2020 Rate Sheet, please give us a call, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

Vermont 2-1-1

VERMONT 2-1-1 is a free, 3-digit number to dial for information about community, health, and human services in your community, state or region. With 2-1-1, a trained knowledgeable call specialist will problem-solve and refer the caller to applicable government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, health agencies, and other resources in a locality as close to the caller as possible.

DIALING 2-1-1...

- Is a free, confidential, local call from anywhere in Vermont, 24/7
- Will provide accurate, updated information about available resources
- Utilizes a statewide database
- Provides live translation services for over 170 languages
- Provides access to information for callers with special needs
- Has capability to transfer emergency calls to 9-1-1 or specialized hotlines
- Will provide call-back follow-up if needed and requested.

when calling 2-1-1 from a cell phone, near state borders, be sure you have reached "Vermont 2-1-1" as calls sometimes bounce to neighboring states.

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2019

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2019 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning municipal government.
- Represented the Region in Act 250 and Section 248 hearings.
- Assisted municipalities in applying for Village Center Designation.

Educational Meetings and Grants

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

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County’s Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning efforts.
- Hosted Local Emergency Management Plan training for town Emergency Managers and hosted a Tier II workshop for municipalities and businesses required to report hazardous chemicals.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted in development of hazard mitigation plans for the towns of Goshen, Lincoln, New Haven, Orwell, Ripton, Salisbury, Starksboro.
- Assisted communities in completing Local Emergency Management Plans to maintain ERAF status.

Energy Planning:

- Assisted a third round of five towns, Bristol, Whiting, Vergennes, New Haven and Shoreham in strengthening their energy plans by adding goals and policies supporting renewable energy.
- Began working with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.

Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee’s regional priorities and studies.
- Supported Tri-Valley Transit/ACTR by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce road erosion inventories for local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, structures, and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for sidewalk construction projects in Middlebury and Weybridge.
- Sponsored town transportation planning studies, and supported municipal capital budget development.
- Hosted regional Walk/bike council and began planning for the May 2020 Bike/Ped Summit in Middlebury.

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

Charitable and Service Organization Information — 2019

Booklets containing all of the information provided by the various agencies will be available at the Cornwall Town Hall and at Town Meeting. The information provided here is merely a synopsis.

Addison Central Teens & Friends, Inc. (ACT)

Addison Central Teens (ACT) is a local organization made up of teens, adults, and community members interested in supporting youth development in our community. Located at 77 Mary Hogan Drive in Middlebury by the Courthouse, we are open every day after school from 3-6 pm, and we house a substance-free drop-in space with healthy snacks and supportive programming. Partnering with 15 different organizations, businesses, and schools, we show teens that the whole community supports them.

ACT is requesting \$2,500.00, same as last year.

Addison County Home Health and Hospice

Addison County Home Health & Hospice is a community focused non-profit home healthcare agency. We provide an array of services that enable our neighbors to receive care in their own home – where they are most comfortable and often experience the best quality of life. Our services are offered to all individuals in need of home care – including those who do not have the financial means to pay for their care. To ensure the future of these vital programs, we turn to our community for support.

Addison County Home Health and Hospice is requesting \$1440.00, no change from last year.

Addison County Parent/Child Center

Since 1980, the Parent/Child Center has been committed to providing services to support all families in our community in getting off to a healthy start. While the PCC is probably best known for our work with adolescent families and young children, services are intended for any family who wants or needs them.

The A. C. Parent/Child Center is requesting funding in the amount of \$1600.00, no change from last year.

Addison County Readers, Inc.

Addison County Readers, Inc is a not-for-profit Vermont corporation formed in 2007 to support literacy in Addison County through activities such as distributing books, providing educational opportunities, and raising literacy awareness. ACR has affiliated with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to provide a free gift of a book each month, mailed to the homes of all registered children in Addison County. All children below 5 years of age in Addison County are eligible to register with the Imagination Library program.

Addison County Readers, Inc. is requesting funding in the amount of \$350.00, no change from last year.

Addison County Restorative Justice Services, Inc.

ACRJS provides community restorative justice responses focusing on the “balanced approach” in meeting the needs of the victim, the community and the offender. The goal is to help the offender develop empathy and accept responsibility while providing compensation of loss for the victims, and compensation of resources for the community. Anyone given the opportunity to participate in our programs is supported to take responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way, and learn from their experience so as not to reoffend and cause harm to yet another person.

Addison County Restorative Justice Services, Inc. requests \$350.00, no change from last year.

Addison County River Watch Collaborative – ACRWC

The mission of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative (ACRWC) is to monitor and assess the condition and uses of our rivers over the long term, raise public awareness of the values and functions of our watersheds, and support stewardship that improves water quality. The rivers we collect samples from are: Middlebury River, Otter Creek, New Haven River, Little Otter Creek, Lemon Fair, and Lewis Creek.

Addison County River Watch Collaborative is requesting funding in the amount of \$500.00, no change from last year.

Addison County Transit Resources – ACTR

All of ACTR's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services. The state and federal grants that fund these critical transportation services require that ACTR raise up to 20% of the cost of the programs through "local match" dollars. ACTR requests approximately 5% of the 20% from towns.

ACTR is requesting \$1,315.00, no change from last year.

Age Well

For more than 40 years, Age Well has provided services and support that allow seniors to stay independent, and remain healthy at home, where they want to be.

Vermont is ranked as the second oldest state in the country and the population of seniors is only expected to grow. The State's senior population is expected to nearly double in the next fifteen years. Older adults living in rural areas have less access to health care, including specialized health care, and the services tend to be costlier than those provided in metropolitan areas. Overwhelmingly, Vermonters want to grow old in their own homes. Age Well provides the services and support to ensure that is a possibility.

Age Well's Mission: To provide the support and guidance that inspires our community to embrace aging with confidence.

Age Well is requesting funding in the amount of \$950.00, no change from last year.

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)

CVOEO's staff members at Addison Community Action help people when hardship strikes (loss of a job, homelessness, underemployed, unexpected illness). Cornwall town residents who come to our office in Middlebury receive help with emergency housing, fuel and food assistance. A veteran may need assistance paying a security deposit for a new apartment; an elderly couple will come to the food shelf so that they can pay for needed medicine; a single mother will seek help keeping her family's home warm this winter.

CVOEO is requesting funding in the amount of \$2.000, no change from last year..

Charter House Coalition

Charter House Coalition was founded in 2005 as a county wide volunteer-based outreach to provide free meals, emergency housing, and personal support for adults and children throughout Addison County

The Charter House Coalition is requesting funding in the amount of \$2,500, no change from last year.

Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.

The Counseling Service of Addison County provides mental health and developmental disability services to people living in Addison County. Our skilled and dedicated staff members help individuals and families deal with the challenges they face. The Counseling Service is "people helping people" as they try to resolve life's conflicts; learn job skills; succeed in school; handle stress; contend with serious mental illness; find a caring home; fight drug abuse; build strong families; and face aging gracefully. Our Emergency Team is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week (388-7641).

CSAC \$2,300.00, no change from last year or since 2007.

Elderly Services, Inc.

Elderly Services is committed to providing the best care possible. That means supporting families in caring for their elderly relatives, catering to each individual's needs, and promoting a sense of caring fellowship. It is our mission to provide high-quality programs to help elders live safe and satisfying lives in their own homes and communities. We want to invite residents of Cornwall to stop by to see our home, find out about volunteer opportunities and see if our services can benefit you or your family.

Elderly Services is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,600.00, up \$800 from last year.

Green Up Vermont—Green Up Day, May 2, 2020

Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! 2019 marked its 49th Anniversary, with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency!** Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individual giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long-term.

Green-Up Vermont is requesting funding in the amount of \$100.00, no change from last year.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Addison County was founded in 1999 to help address housing needs in the county. Finding affordable housing in Addison County is extremely difficult, and home ownership is a virtual impossibility for many hard-working families.

Habitat for Humanity of Addison County is requesting \$800.00, no change from last year.

Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society

The mission of Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society, is to educate the community and improve the lives of animals, alleviate their suffering, and elevate their status in society. We safeguard, rescue, shelter, heal, adopt and advocate for animals in need, while inspiring community action and compassion on their behalf.

The Shelter is requesting \$500.00, no change from last year.

Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE)

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

HOPE respectfully requests \$4,000.00 to help defray costs, no change from last year.

End of Life Services (formerly Hospice Volunteer Services)

End of Life Services celebrates 36 years as a non-profit agency providing FREE hospice programs and bereavement support services to Addison County residents.

End of Life Services is requesting funding in the amount of \$600.00, no change from last year.

John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc.

This year the John Graham Shelter, located on Main Street in Vergennes, marks 39 years of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals.

The John Graham Emergency Shelter is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,925.00, no change from last year.

Mary Johnson Children's Center

Mary Johnson's Children's Center serves families with children birth through 12 years in programs throughout Addison County. The Center has three early childhood programs: one in Middlebury, Mary Johnson Children's Center; one in East Middlebury, the Middlebury Cooperative Nursery school; and one in Orwell at the Orwell Early Education Program at the Orwell Village School. With grant help, the Center added an infant program this past fall, helping to address the chronic shortage for infant care in the county. The families served by the programs of Mary Johnson Children's Center reflect the social and economic diversity of our county.

MJCC is requesting funding in the amount of \$700.00, no change from last year.

Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT)

For more than 30 years, the Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT) has protected natural and productive landscapes in Addison County, preserving important natural spaces in which wildlife, flora and people can thrive together

MALT is requesting funding in the amount of \$750.00, no change from last year.

Open Door Clinic

The Open Door Clinic provides access to quality health care services, free of charge, to those who are uninsured or under-insured and who meet financial eligibility guidelines; services are provided in a compassionate, respectful and culturally sensitive manner until a permanent healthcare provider can be established.

The Open Door Clinic is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000.00, no change from last year.

Otter Creek Child Center – OCCC

Otter Creek Child Center is a full day, year round, non-profit early care and education center located in Middlebury, Vermont. We welcome approximately 50 children, ages six weeks to six years, and their families. Founded in 1984, Otter Creek Child Center is one of the only area early care and education centers offering continuity of care from infancy to kindergarten. We are play-based, NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accredited and have been awarded 5 STARS by Vermont's quality recognition system.

The Otter Creek Child Center is requesting funding in the amount of \$1000.00, no change from last year.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program – RSVP

Our goal is to continually increase our visibility as an organization, build our volunteer base and expand our reach to better serve the needs of other local non-profit organizations. The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the costs of providing volunteer placements, support insurance, transportation, and recognition.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program is requesting funding in the amount of \$540.00, no change from last year.

Turning Point Center of Addison County

The Turning Point Center's mission is to provide peer-based recovery support to all people to enhance the spiritual, mental, physical, and social growth of our community affected by substance use disorders and addictive behaviors. Their vision is a future where stigma and stereotypes are overcome by an empowered community focused on cultivating hope, support and success for all people affected by the challenges of substance use disorders and addictive behaviors.

*The Turning Point Center is a new organization to our warning this year. They are requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000.

Vermont Adult Learning – VAL

Vermont Adult Learning offers a variety of learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life.

Vermont Adult Learning is requesting funding in the amount of \$500.00, no change from last year.

WomenSafe

WomenSafe has been dedicated to providing services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children since 1980.

WomenSafe is requesting funding in the amount of \$1000.00, no change from last year.

**WARNING
ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

**Member Districts are Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham,
Weybridge**

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby warned to meet at the Middlebury Union High School in Middlebury, Vermont on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:00 PM, to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following officers: a) A Moderator b) A Treasurer c) A Clerk

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the school district officers.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters of the Addison Central School District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors, under 16 VSA 562 (9), to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.

ARTICLE 4: To do any other business proper to come before said meeting.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING
FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby warned to meet at the Middlebury Union High School in Middlebury, Vermont on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:00 PM, for a Public Information meeting to discuss Australian Ballot articles warned for vote on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Hearing will take place immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting of said Addison Central School District.

Linda J. Barrett, Clerk
Addison Central School District

Peter Conlon, Chair
Addison Central School District

The Addison Central School District Annual Report will be available in the following manner: <http://www.acsdvt.org/domain/30> (*Departments/Finance*) or call 802-382-1274 to request a copy.

**WARNING
ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2020**

Member Districts are Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham and Weybridge

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby warned to meet at the following polling places on March 3, 2020 to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article(s) of business:

<u>District</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Polling Hours</u>
Bridport	Bridport Community/Masonic Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Cornwall	Cornwall Town Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Middlebury	Middlebury Recreation Center/Gym 154 Creek Road	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Ripton	Ripton Community House	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Salisbury	Salisbury Town Office	8:00 AM-7:00 PM
Shoreham	Shoreham Town Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Weybridge	Weybridge Town Clerk's Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District vote to authorize the ACSD school board to expend \$39,507,837 which is the amount the ACSD school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,855.85 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **7.76%** higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District vote to authorize the ACSD school board to appropriate \$1,282,303 of the FY 2019 Unassigned Fund Balance (estimated at \$1,282,303) to the ACSD Education Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 3: To elect four (4) school directors from the nominees to serve on the Addison Central School District Board for the following terms:
Two (2) who are residents of Middlebury for a three-year term.
One (1) who is a resident of Bridport for a three-year term.
One (1) who is a resident of Salisbury for a three-year term.

Ballots shall be commingled and counted at Middlebury Union High School by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the member town school districts under the supervision of the District Clerk of Addison Central School District.

Linda J. Barrett, Clerk
Addison Central School District

Peter Conlon, Chair
Addison Central School District

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Cornwall School is a collaborative community where students work together in their own classes and with other grades to learn, grow, and connect with each other. They participate in multi-age groups during weekly All School Meetings, read and learn with buddies from other classes, and play together at recess. This year, we have welcomed to our community many staff members including Dan Whitemore as our food program director, Kelsey Murtha as our special educator, Kerry Burns-Collins as our 5th grade teacher, Tammie Johnson as our school counselor, Eliana Canas-Para and Nick Cantrick as Para educators, and myself as principal. I am grateful for the caring welcome I received, and I appreciate the skills and talents of those who have been here for years and those who have joined Cornwall just this year.

Together with the other ACSD schools, we are continuing the implementation of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme and are looking forward to the upcoming authorization visits in the spring. Teachers continue to collaborate both horizontally with their grade level colleagues in the district, as well as vertically with their colleagues in the building, to develop transdisciplinary units of inquiry where students learn to question, think deeply, and make connections between what they have been learning.

As part of Cornwall's focus on developing positive connections with staff, students, and families, our fledgling Community Partnership team is participating in training and is making plans to engage the community more directly in the learning of students, both academic and social-emotional, through fun, welcoming events. The Community Partnership group is working with the school counselor and the school nurse to thoughtfully plan those events.

Our parent group, Friends of Cornwall School, also plans and runs events to bring the community together in celebrations such as Harvest Fest, Gifts for Giving, and Grandfriends Day.

Students continue to have opportunities to supplement and expand their learning through an emphasis on arts integration and on outdoor education, including using areas of our campus such as the garden, outdoor classroom and fields as well as caring for the chickens and learning about the bees. In addition, in September, 3rd and 4th grade students spent one day a week at Middlebury College's Knoll Organic Farm as well as going to Bicentennial Hall to work with Will Amidon in the geology department. 5th and 6th graders also had a chance to demonstrate creativity, collaboration, and courage through working with Courageous Stage, performing Hamlet along with students from Salisbury and Shoreham. In December, the entire school participated in the Artist in Residency program, during which Fua Nascimento demonstrated and taught students about the Brazilian martial art of Capoeira, incorporating music, dance, culture, the Portuguese language, and a strong emphasis on confidence in oneself into his instruction.

The 4 Winds Nature Program also continues to help students explore the natural world through art, science, and literacy. As a staff, to better support and meet the needs of all children, we are learning more about Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and how to plan lessons from a UDL approach to better focus on meeting the needs of all children. We are attending workshops, sharing, reading, discussing, and reflecting together as we implement UDL practices in classrooms.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT, *continued*

We are also building upon the strong foundations of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) and Responsive Classroom to develop a framework to follow in a consistent manner in response to unexpected behaviors. The framework will include procedures and practices, interventions, restoration and consequences. Both efforts have led to meaningful discussion about doing what is best for students as academic learners and social-emotional learners. Opportunities for daily learning range from core instruction in Literacy, Math, Spanish and IB Transdisciplinary units to Arts and Movement Specials to co-curricular activities that are important for the development of the whole child such as skiing, multi-age recess, Odyssey of the Mind, and chorus to name a few. Learning also happens outside the classroom on a regular basis as community members from the youngest to the oldest engage with each other in discussions around problem-solving, identifying wants versus needs, or biomes or how to ask for something in Spanish.

We thank the community for connecting with and supporting Cornwall School, encouraging and participating in both the formal and informal modes of learning to help us all grow.

Heather Raabe, Principal

**CORNWALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FY21 Budget Summary**

Account	FY20 Budget	FY21 Proposed	% Difference
1100 - Direct Instruction	614,547	791,881	28.86%
2100 - Support Services - Regular Education	1,600	8,135	408.44%
2120 - Guidance	27,854	29,360	5.41%
2130 - Health	17,416	17,886	2.70%
2220 - Media	54,978	58,541	6.48%
2410 - Administration	159,875	163,058	1.99%
2600 - Facility Operations	35,630	36,734	3.10%
2720 - Transportation-Field Trips	2,000	2,000	0.00%
5310 - Fund Transfers to Food Service	13,500	13,500	0.00%
Total Budget	927,400	1,121,095	20.89%

- 1100: Additional 1.0 FTE Classroom teacher due to increased class size, health insurance increase
- 2100: Increase in contracted services for student need
- 2120: Wage and benefit changes
- 2220: Wage and benefit changes

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Like many communities across Vermont, we are experiencing significant demographic changes that have a direct impact on our budget. ACSD's student population has dropped by 100 students over the last two years as a wave of larger classes have graduated, and we expect our population to continue to decline through 2025. This shift has brought a renewed focus to budget development as we look at continuing to provide exceptional educational experiences for our students while reckoning with losses in revenue. It's clear that our work is to be as proactive as possible in leveraging our strengths and building forward so that we do not move into a reactive response to our financial pressures that brings isolated and fragmented problem solving.

In addition, health care costs continue to increase at significant rates. For the FY21 budget, we are facing a 13% increase in health care premiums, along with an increase in costs moving forward as a result of the new statewide educator health care system. With exemptions, ACSD will not face additional tax consequences despite the fact that we are spending above the excess spending threshold for the first time as a unified district. This spending threshold is set annually by the state, and will be discussed at our Annual Meeting on February 25 at 7:00 PM at MUHS.

It's critical as we look at our budgetary challenges in the years ahead that we stay true to our vision as a community of doing our best and taking care of each and every student in our schools. I am grateful for the support that our communities provide for our students, which makes an impact every day on their lives. I look forward to working together as a single community of ACSD to work through our challenges, recognize the considerable strengths we hold, and focus on providing our students the very best.

Sincerely,
Peter Burrows, Superintendent
Addison Central School District

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIR

The Addison Central School District proposed 2020-2021 school budget represents shifts in spending based on enrollment changes, but no significant programmatic changes from the current year. In some schools, staffing increased along with enrollment. In others, staffing decreased for the same reason. Overall, however, the district continues to provide the same excellent educational opportunities going forward.

The factors leading to our budget-to-budget increase of 3.74 percent to \$39.5 million for next year include a large increase in health care cost for our employees – about 13 percent – contractual obligations for salaries and other benefits, and significant increases in busing costs. No new programs have been added.

As the district continues to adjust to enrollment declines and acting as a unified district, one clear benefit is the ability to offer teachers who may be caught in a reduction in staff at one school, a vacant position at another. This year, that provided all affected teachers the opportunity to remain part of ACSD.

The ACSD continues to be focused on its Facilities Master Plan, carefully studying our current capacity for educating our students, the condition of our buildings, and the opportunities for equity and value to taxpayers that adjustments can provide. The board hopes to have the plan and its guiding decisions wrapped up by the end of this school year.

This work of the board has generated strong community interest and will continue to do so. That community input to date has proven valuable, and the opportunities for further public conversation will continue through the spring. Despite the challenging nature of the Facilities Master Plan work, the ACSD board greatly appreciates not only the public's interest, but civil, thoughtful and well-intentioned interactions that have taken place throughout the fall and winter.

We are fortunate to live in a community that takes public education seriously and consistently supports the needs of its students.

Peter Conlon, Board Chair
Addison Central School District

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Year to Year Budget Summary

Expenditures		FY20 Revised Budget	FY21 Proposed	% Change
	Student Instruction	22,885,869	23,842,589	4.18%
	Special Education	5,453,167	5,537,917	1.55%
	Universal Pre-K	483,264	496,080	2.65%
	Technical/Career Center Education	1,108,509	1,246,668	12.46%
	Transportation	872,306	916,509	5.07%
	Facilities	1,505,538	1,682,165	11.73%
	Technology	1,085,224	1,116,957	2.92%
	District Office Administration	1,124,450	1,166,543	3.74%
	Professional Development	302,210	330,507	9.36%
	Curriculum	373,087	296,969	-20.40%
	Board of Education	509,490	466,755	-8.39%
	Debt Service	332,956	339,405	1.94%
	Contingency	310,000	310,000	0.00%
Cost Neutral Expenditures	State Grant Related Expenditures	15,000	15,000	0.00%
	Consolidated Federal Program	951,120	904,294	-4.92%
	Special Education Federal Grant Expenditures	553,084	611,926	10.64%
	Other programs (Medicaid, EPSDT)	162,538	167,388	2.98%
	Special Funds	54,607	55,478	1.60%
	Total Expenditures	38,082,419	39,507,837	3.74%
Separately Warned Articles	Special Article - Ed Reserve Fund	-	1,282,303	
	Special Article - Capital Reserve Fund	123,801		
Revenues	Local	1,177,794	991,597	-15.81%
	State	3,754,524	3,808,298	1.43%
	Federal	1,504,204	1,516,220	0.80%
	Other	217,145	227,553	4.79%
	Total Revenues	6,653,667	6,543,668	-1.65%
	Prior Year Fund Balance	123,801	1,282,303	
Total Local Education Spending	Education Spending	31,428,752	32,964,170	4.89%
	Equalized Pupils	1,796.17	1,748.97	-2.63%
	Education Spending/Equalized Pupil	17,497.65	18,855.85	7.76%

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FY21 Tax Calculation

Our total Local Education Spending amount of \$32,964,170 is the first and only figure used in calculating our tax rate that we have control over. The other components in the formula are supplied by the Tax Department or Agency of Education.

All figures are subject to changes by the State Legislature

Projected Property Yield:	\$10,883
Projected Income Yield:	\$13,396
Projected Non-residential rate:	\$1.6540
Projected Spending Threshold:	\$18,756
ACSD Equalized pupils:	1,748.22

ACSD Tax Rate Calculation

Local Education Spending	\$32,964,170
Divided by Equalized Pupils	<u>÷ 1,748.22</u>
Education Spending/Equalized Pupil	\$18,855.85

Education Spending/Equalized Pupil	\$18,855.85
Divided by the Property Tax Yield	<u>÷ \$10,883</u>
Equalized District tax rate	\$1.7326

Equalized District tax rate	\$1.7326
Less the consolidation incentive	<u>- \$0.04*</u> * decreases \$.02 each year
Estimated District tax rate	\$1.6926 (pre CLA adjustment)

.1093 increase over last year

The estimated District tax rate is divided by each Town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) as set by the VT Department of Taxes to determine each Town's estimated tax rate.

<u>Town</u>	<u>ACSD Tax Rate</u>	<u>CLA (FY21)</u>	<u>Estimated Town Tax Rate</u>
Bridport	\$1.6926	95.93%	\$1.7644
Cornwall	\$1.6926	97.24%	\$1.7406
Middlebury	\$1.6926	103.06%	\$1.6423
Ripton	\$1.6926	89.39%	\$1.8935
Salisbury	\$1.6926	93.29%	\$1.8143
Shoreham	\$1.6926	97.76%	\$1.7314
Weybridge	\$1.6926	96.21%	\$1.7593

