

TOWN OF SANDGATE



Town & School District 2017 Fiscal Year Annual Report

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, March 5th, 2018 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of acting on the following articles, with the exception of Article 1 which will be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018. Absentee and early voting is permitted on all matters to be voted on by Australian Ballot. The polls will be open at the Town Hall on March 6th, 2018 between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 3. Shall current property taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before Oct 1, 2018?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the line item balance for the Office Equipment, Maintenance & Supplies Funds be carried forward in the Office Equipment Fund into the following year?

ARTICLE 5. Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$18,157 in support of the organizations listed in the Appropriations section of the General Budget?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the town appropriate \$124,961 to defray the general expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the town appropriate \$354,992 to defray the highway expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

ARTICLE 8. To hear and transact such further business as may be lawful and appropriate for the annual meeting.

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Town Clerk's Comments for 2017

Marjorie R. Peff

The Town Clerk office is open Monday and Wednesday 9:30 to 12:30, Town Treasurer Tuesday 9:30-11:30, Delinquent Tax Collector Thursday 9:30-12:30, and Assistant Town Clerk Friday 8:30-11:30. Vault is open during all these office hours.

Once again, Katie Kenny has done a terrific job in her web support. The Town website is www.sandgatevermont.org. The minutes of Select Board meetings are posted online after each meeting and we post them outside the office as well.

We are in volume 57 in the Sandgate Land Records with January 1, 2018. We still have active searches on genealogy; Dave Thomas is working on very early records.

During tax season and in March for dog licensing, I will have evening hours to make payments easier. PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR CHECKS IN THE SPACE NEXT TO THE BULLETIN BOARD. If you speak to me and let me know that you are leaving a check, the big green box outside the door is where I check every day.

We have a coffee pot, so come visit the office and ask questions.

Vital Records for 2017

BIRTHS

Brycen Audy Hamilton, Robert Edward Grover, Twyla Estrella Reidy, Madelyn Jean Stroffoleno, James Scott Paustian III

MARRIAGES

Donald J Coones and Karen Tendrup, David Chapin Pendleton II and Jessica Louise Davis, Michael Thomas Merrow and Sandra Kay Olson Merrow

DEATHS

Roberta Jean Barrieau (80), Jane Elizabeth Gattlin (91), Deborah G. Crowchild (66), Starr E. Brinckerhoff, Jr. (46), Leslie Ann Fuller (70)

Select Board Comments

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

The Town has signed a contract with the State to replace the Lincoln Lane bridge this summer.

New speed signs will be posted on the West Sandgate Road at no cost to the town thanks to a federally funded program.

Thanks to grants from VACD, two dry hydrants have been installed in town: 1) Boyd Hydrant at the West Sandgate/Sandgate Road intersection and 2) Perra Hydrant on the West Road.



The Fitzgerald Environmental Associates completed a Storm Water Plan for the Town. Road runoff and erosion were addressed. The Town has applied for grants based on the plan.

Regular Select Board meetings are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month starting at 6:30pm in the Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public; Minutes are posted on the Town website at sandgatevermont.org.

Cemetery Commission

no report

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT / PLANNING COMMISSION

Members: Judy Boehlert, Chair; Betsy LaVecchia, Clerk; Brad Kessler;
Michael Mazzola; Joseph Nolan; Jean Eisenhart, Alternate

Hal Wilkins, Zoning Administrator, attends Board Meetings to provide comments on permits and inquiries he receives and information on emerging issues. Hal has taken on responsibility for drafting the Agenda with input from Judy and assists in reviewing draft minutes prior to meetings. He is thanked for his valuable help and input.

As noted in 2017, Vermont Act 174 includes goals for energy planning and the siting of renewable energy sources over the next 35 years. Town Plans must be updated to accommodate these goals. In addition, Vermont's Act 171 requires that municipalities that are updating their Town Plans identify areas that are important as "forest blocks" and "habitat connectors" and plan for development in those areas to minimize forest fragmentation. Work is slated to begin on revising the Town Plan in 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Boehlert

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Valerie dePeyster, Katie Kenny, Rachel Barlow

We have audited the orders, invoices, checks, and bank statements of the Town of Sandgate for 2017, and to the best of our knowledge, the consolidated balance sheet and other financial statements represented in this Town Report fairly reflect the financial position of the Town of Sandgate as of 12/31/2017.

Town auditors do not serve as auditors for the town school district, nor are they responsible for audits of incorporated school districts, union school districts, or supervisory unions.

Town Reports are available online at sandgatevermont.org. A limited number of hard copies of the report will be available at the town clerk's office. Please call or email if you would like one reserved.

We respectfully ask the officers and agencies who contribute to the report to email them to auditors@sandgatevermont.org by January 15th of each year so it can be sent to the printer on time.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Hal Wilkins

The Zoning Administrator works closely with residents and prospective buyers of Sandgate properties on matters relating to our zoning bylaws and land development regulations and in compliance with state regulations. We also interface with residents who present concerns relating to wetlands, on-site septic disposal, forestry, Current Use, energy generation projects, and other land development matters.

We provide attorneys and title researchers with compliance certifications that expedite land transfers/closings and are now working closely with consultants who are preparing updated town maps that will enable the ZA and Lister's departments to better respond to questions relating to the potential uses of their properties.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Carthusian Foundation	SE Corners Rd	Demolition; Equipment Building
Suzanne DePeyster	1793 West Sandgate Road	Renovations
J Clark Kastner	342 Weldon Drive	New Construction
Michael Perra	493 West Road	Demolition; New Construction
Lucas Pike	1071 Sandgate Road	Addition
John Nahodil	19 West Road	Garage
Matt Keary	5057 Sandgate Road	New Construction / Addition

OUT OF TOWN REPORTS

Reports from outside agencies may be found at the Local Resources link at sandgatevermont.org. These include the Arlington Fire Department, BCRC, BROCC, CDC, and the Health Department.

WUERSLIN-STUECKLEN ARTS GRANT COMMITTEE

Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Pat Hall, Hasso Wuerslin, Jean Zoppel

Three grants were awarded in 2017:

1. Patricia Hall for partial tuition at Green Mountain College working toward a Bachelor in Fine Arts degree.
2. Michael Mazzola: Vermont Arts Exchange summer art camp
3. Thea Steeves-Boey: Young Writer's Conference at Champlain College.

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

Applications forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at sandgatevermont.org.

Here is a chance for you or your child to do something in the Arts, compliments of your town.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Eisenhart

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Jean Eisenhart, Sonja Jaffee, Harry Rich, Phoebe Sheres

No action taken.

FOREST FIRE WARDENS REPORT

Lynn Fielding

There was one fire this year that burned about one half acre. Your fire wardens issued 18 burn permits for 2017. If you have any questions about burning or need a permit, please call Lynn Fielding at 802-375-2211 or Jim Gunn at 802-375-9481. You do not need a burn permit when there is snow on the ground around the fire.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

Mike Hill - 375-8358

Thank you everyone for your patience and support on the road projects for the past year. Once again, thanks to the local contractors for their help. I would also like to thank Jim Henderson for his help with grants and maps.

This year, with the help of \$52,000 from 2 grants, we were able to fix Dahm's bridge and Southeast Corners hill with fabric, culvert and a stone lined ditch. We also replaced more culverts and stone lined ditches throughout the town.

We will apply for more grants this year and continue to replace culverts, cut trees, add fabric and gravel.

We put a shed roof on the town garage to house the new grader and tractor with mower attachment. We also replaced the town dump truck with a new 2018 International.

If you have any concerns about the roads, feel free to call the town garage or a Selectman.



LISTER'S REPORT

Shelley Finn, John Zak, Jeanne Zoppel

Sandgate's 2017 Grand List contained 352 parcels and seven non-tax parcel totaling \$63,695,528 after exemptions. We are pleased to say there are no outstanding appeals.

The Listers will be visiting unfinished and new construction this spring. We will be starting a reappraisal for the 2019 Grand List this summer including visits and photos of property. REMINDER, all residents must file form HS-122 by April 15, 2016 and if you are no longer a resident file (form non-resident) HS-122W.

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION POLICY

Town of Sandgate, Vermont

1. All delinquent taxes must be remitted to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes. The Town Treasurer is not authorized to accept any payment toward delinquent taxes.
2. As soon as the Tax Collection Warrant has been received from the Treasurer, the Tax Delinquent Tax Collector will send a notice to each delinquent tax payer each month for three months. The third letter will contain notice of the possibility of a tax sale.
3. Partial payments may be made on a monthly basis; however, payment arrangements which completely pay the bill before April 1st of the year succeeding the current tax due date will be required.
4. Mortgage and lien holder will be notified of the tax delinquency 30 days after the first notice has been sent, if the delinquent tax payer has not paid the taxes nor contracted the Collector to make arrangement for payment.
5. There will be a \$20 fee charged for any returned check or other faulty payment of delinquent taxes.
6. Six months after the due date, the Collector will send notice of impending tax sale, to sell as much of the property as is necessary to pay the taxes, costs, and fees associated with such a sale.
7. If no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month or if the arrangements agreed to have not been met, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will instruct a lawyer to begin the following actions to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due, as is necessary to pay the tax, cost and fees.
 - a) The delinquent taxpayer will be notified of the tax sale decision, that full payment must be received prior to the posted date of the impending tax sale, and that the costs of the tax sale will be borne by the tax payer.
 - b) All mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the tax sale.
 - c) If full payment has not been received by the posted time and date of the tax sale, the tax sale will be held according to the procedure specified in 32V.S.A Section 5252.
 - d) Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
8. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or if in the judgement of the Delinquent Tax Collector, proceeding with tax sale is unwise, the Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all the methods permitted by law.
9. Each taxpayer has the right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A Section 1535, which may be viewed in the Town Clerk's office.

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

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Eleanor LaCross, Collector

Town taxes are due upon receipt of your yearly tax bill. The final date for the treasurer to receive payment for 2017-2018 taxes was October 1st 2017. A mailing date of October 1st does not constitute payment of taxes in a timely fashion, and the 8% penalty and 1% interest will be applied to all taxes which do not arrive at town hall ON OR BEFORE October 1st of each year. 1% interest on the principal is charged per month or portion of the month that the tax remains unpaid. This is an interest rate of 12% per year.

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

NAME	PARCEL	TOTAL
2017		
Barlow, Christopher	232500-OOL	\$4,151.91
Cerretani, Jaclyn	146000-OOR	\$2,320.86
Country Creek Estates	114800-OLO	\$800.22
Fischer, Edward III	705000-OOR	\$3,628.69
Grogan, Heath E&T	307500-OOR	\$4,157.58
Kulmane, Richard	209000-OOL	\$7.83
Low, Albert M	312000-ORO	\$390.12
Maresco, Margaret K	605300-OLO	\$554.16
Maue, Eugene R& T	148500-OOR	\$3,460.22
Mcgloine, Bridget L	616000-OOR	\$782.49
Reith, Thomas	109000-OOR	\$4,065.39
Salmon-Holgren	612000-OOR	\$1,126.06
Thrasher, John C TR	201500-OOB	\$201.70
Tudor, Earl M Trust	138010-OOB	\$2,801.87
Wood, Karen	726000-OLO	\$1,693.62
	TOTAL FOR 2017	\$30,142.72
2016		
Cerretani, Jaclyn	146000-OOR	\$561.45
Country Creek Estates	114800-OLO	\$878.50
Low, Albert	312000-ORO	\$428.31
Maresco, Margaret	605300-OLO	\$608.41
Maue, Eugene R&T	148500-OOR	\$3,798.71
Mcgloine, Bridget L	616000-OOR	\$228.45
Tudor, Earl M Trust	138010-OOB	\$2,046.56
	TOTAL FOR 2016	\$8,550.39
	TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES	\$38,693.11

Treasurer's Report

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

FUND	General	Highway	Equipment	Pavement	Bridge & Culvert	Materials & Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/16	\$19,486	\$80,737	\$1,554	\$17,555	\$72,759	\$23,134
Revenues	\$1,308,580	\$313,050	\$38,121	\$13,806	\$6,218	\$523
Total Funds Available	\$1,328,066	\$393,787	\$39,675	\$31,361	\$78,977	\$23,657
Expenditures	\$1,320,507	\$326,090	\$36,841	\$-	\$1,170	\$2,033
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$7,559	\$67,697	\$2,834	\$31,361	\$77,807	\$21,624
Plus	\$4,806.00	\$38,605				
Bank Balance: 6/30/17	\$12,365	\$106,302	\$2,834	\$31,361	\$77,807	\$21,624

GF Account Balances 6/30/17 - Arts Grants: \$3,469; Computer Grant: \$773; Emergency Management: \$1,271; Holiday party: \$762; Independent Audit: \$3,017; Legal & Professional: \$16,517; Office Equip: \$1,029; Planning/Zoning: \$364; Property Reappraisal: \$28,167; Records Restoration: \$5,826; School House: \$9,475; Tax Stabilization: \$18,926; Town Hall: \$11,755

HW Misc. Fund: \$5,936; Grand Proposal Fund: \$8,579

GF Misc: \$9,774

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS

July 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

FUND	General	Highway	Equipment	Pavement	Bridge & Culvert	Materials & Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/17	\$12,365	\$106,302	\$2,834	\$31,361	\$77,807	\$21,624
Revenues	\$1,299,013	\$288,317	\$38,015	\$30,148	\$6,778	\$2,964
Total Funds Available	\$1,311,378	\$394,619	\$39,616	\$61,509	\$84,585	\$24,588
Expenditures	\$1,099,592	\$285,952	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$211,786	\$108,667	\$39,616	\$61,509	\$84,585	\$24,588
Bank Balance: 12/31/17	\$378,659	\$99,726	\$40,849	\$61,509	\$84,585	\$24,588
Budget Funds: 12/31/17	\$166,873	\$31,262	\$40,849	\$61,509	\$84,585	\$24,588

GF Account Balances 12/31/17 - Arts Grants: \$3,471; Computer Grant: \$774; Emergency Management: \$1,272; Holiday Party: \$762; Independent Audit: \$3,019; Legal & Professional: \$16,527; Office Equipment: \$1,029; Planning/Zoning: \$364; Property Reappraisal: \$31,243; Records Restoration: \$5,830; School House: \$5,541; Tax Stabilization: \$18,930; Town Hall: \$11,762

HW Misc: \$6,592; Grant Proposals: \$10,378

GF Misc: \$9,780

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Bank Balance: 7/1/2016	\$19,486
Receipts:	
Current Taxes Paid as of 6/30/17	\$1,285,710
Building Permit Fees	\$525
Town Clerk Fees	\$6,405
General Fund Checking Interest	\$1,692
Hold Harmless Money	\$14,248
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,308,580
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,328,066
Expenses:	
School Tax Share	\$975,454
Highway Property Tax Share	\$158,939
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$1,134,393
SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES	
Select Board Salaries	\$2,660
Select Board Meetings	\$-
Select Board Expenses	\$269
Select Board Assistant	\$940
TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES	
Auditors Salary	\$771
Town Clerk Salary	\$8,636
Town Clerk Fees	\$6,405
Assistant Town Clerk	\$500
Treasurer Salary	\$10,980
Assistant Treasurer	\$500
Constable Salary	\$1,020
Lister's Salary & Expenses	\$2,041
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	\$-
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$1,420
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$71
ZBA Planning Expenses	\$-
Payroll Tax	\$3,888
Training Town Officers	\$90
GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES	
Town Hall Utilities	\$5,383
School House Utilities	\$87
Office Supplies	\$2,465
Computers, Software & Internet	\$1,813
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$159
Office Equipment	\$57
Town Hall Maintenance	\$2,918
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements	\$394
Postage	\$472

Records Restoration	\$700
Town Report Expense	\$1,670
Legal and Professional Fees	\$34
GENERAL SERVICES	
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$1,698
BCSWA	\$1,057
BCRC	\$1,913
Fire Protection	\$17,026
Insurance and Bonding	\$5,108
BCA Meetings/Poll Workers	\$1,944
VLCT Dues	\$2,838
Animal Control	\$-
County Tax	\$4,556
APPROPRIATIONS	
Arlington Area Childcare	\$500
Arlington Community House	\$100
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,200
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,000
Bennington County Conservation District	\$300
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC)	\$137
Burdett Commons	\$75
Center for Independent Living	\$95
Center for Restorative Justice	\$250
Green Up Day	\$211
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	\$350
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,400
Tutorial Center	\$200
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$100
Cemetery Commission	\$12,500
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	\$500
MISCELLANEOUS	
Tax Rebate	\$9,412
State of VT Education Fund	\$44,009
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$175,821
Carryovers / Transfers to Restricted Funds	
Records Restoration	\$1,000
Legal and Professional	\$2,420
Independent Audit	\$1,000
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements	\$5,000
Miscellaneous (GF)	\$873
SUB-TOTAL	\$10,293
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,320,507
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$7,559
Accounted for as follows:	
General Fund Checking (Balance 6/30/17)	\$12,365
Minus Checks Outstanding	\$(4,806)
	\$7,559

TREASURER'S REPORT

Reserve Accounts - July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Planning / Zoning Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$363
Interest earned	\$1
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$364
Emergency Management Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$1,266
Interest earned	\$5
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$1,271
Town Hall Building Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$6,727
Transferred carryover	\$5,000
Interest earned	\$28
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$11,755
Property Reappraisal Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$28,152
Interest earned	\$15
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$28,167
Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$6,545
Appropriation	\$350
Expenditure	\$(780)
Interest earned	\$4
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$6,119
Wuerslin / Stuecklen CD	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$3,467
Interest earned	\$2
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$3,469
School House Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$9,401
Interest earned	\$74
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$9,475
Holiday Party Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$759
Interest earned	\$3
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$762

Office Equipment Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$1,024
Interest earned	\$5
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$1,029
Miscellaneous Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$8,868
Transferred carryover	\$873
Interest earned	\$33
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$9,774
Records Restoration Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$4,807
Transferred carryover	\$1,000
Interest earned	\$19
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$5,826
Legal Professional Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$14,052
Transferred carryover	\$2,420
Interest earned	\$45
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$16,517
Tax Stabilization Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$18,907
Interest earned	\$19
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$18,926
Independent Audit	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$2,009
Transferred carryover	\$1,000
Interest earned	\$8
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$3,017
Computer Grant	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/16	\$772
Interest earned	\$1
Bank balance: 6/30/17	\$773

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund

July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Bank balance: 7/1/2017	\$12,365
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RECEIPTS

Current Taxes	\$1,280,489
Building Permit Fees	\$0
Town Clerk Fees	\$2,808
General Fund Checking Interest	\$1,216
Hold Harmless Money	\$14,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,299,013
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,311,378

EXPENSES

School Tax Share-Non Res. Amt.	\$818,352
Highway Property Tax Share	\$181,442
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$999,794

SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES

(Paid after December 31, 2017)

TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES

Auditors Salary	\$358
Town Clerk Salary	\$4,626
Town Clerk Fees	\$2,808
Assistant Town Clerk	\$0
Treasurer Salary	\$5,652
Assistant Treasurer	\$0
Constable Salary	\$525
Lister's Salary & Expenses	\$2,529
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	\$100
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$1,205
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$259
ZBA Planning Expenses	\$0
Payroll Tax	\$2,196
Training Town Officers	\$90

GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES

Town Hall Utilities	\$1,765
School House Utilities	\$0
Office Supplies	\$710
Computers Software & Internet	\$1,377
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$0
Office Equipment	\$0
Town Hall Maintenance	\$1,705

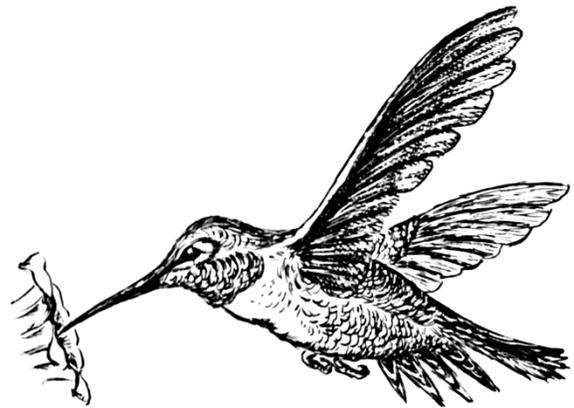
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements	\$0
Postage	\$270
Records Restoration	\$367
Town Report Expense	\$0
Legal and Professional Fees	\$0
GENERAL SERVICES	
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$1,124
Bennington County Sheriffs	\$0
Bennington County Solid Waste	\$329
BCRC	\$0
Fire Protection	\$17,318
Insurance and Bonding	\$5,136
BCA Meetings/Poll Workers	\$0
VLCT Dues	\$0
Animal Control	\$0
County Tax	\$0
APPROPRIATIONS	
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	\$350
<i>(Remainder of Appropriations were paid after December 31, 2017)</i>	
MISCELLANEOUS	
State of VT Education Fund	\$49,000
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	
\$99,798	
Carryovers / Transfers to Restricted Funds	
Tranferred Amts. After 12/31/17	
Records Restoration	\$300
Legal and Professional	\$2,466
Independent Audit	\$1,000
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements	\$4,606
Miscellaneous (GF)	\$1,000
SUB-TOTAL	
\$9,372	
TOTAL EXPENSES	
\$1,099,592	
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR	
\$211,786	
Accounted for as follows:	
General Fund Checking (Balance 12/31/17)	\$378,659
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR	
-\$211,786	
Remainder of Budget as of 12/31/17	
\$166,873	

TREASURER'S REPORT

GF Reserve Accounts - July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Planning / Zoning Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$364
Interest earned	\$-
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$364
Emergency Management Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$1,271
Interest earned	\$1
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$1,272
Town Hall Building Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$11,755
Interest earned	\$7
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$11,762
Property Reappraisal Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$28,167
State Payment	\$3,069
Interest earned	\$7
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$31,243
Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$6,524
Appropriation	\$-
Expenditure	\$(600)
Interest earned	\$2
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$5,926
Wuerslin / Stuecklen CD	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$3,469
Interest earned	\$2
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$3,471
School House Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$9,475
Painting Expenditure	\$(3,970)
Interest earned	\$36
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$5,541
Holiday Party Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$762
Interest earned	\$-
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$762
Office Equipment Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$1,029
Interest earned	\$-
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$1,029

Miscellaneous Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$9,774
Interest earned	\$6
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$9,780
Records Restoration Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$5,826
Interest earned	\$4
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$5,830
Independent Audit	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$3,017
Interest earned	\$2
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$3,019
Legal Professional Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$16,517
Interest Earned	\$10
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$16,527
Tax Stabilization Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$18,926
Interest Earned	\$4
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$18,930
Computer Grant	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$773
Interest Earned	\$1
Bank balance: 12/31/17	\$774



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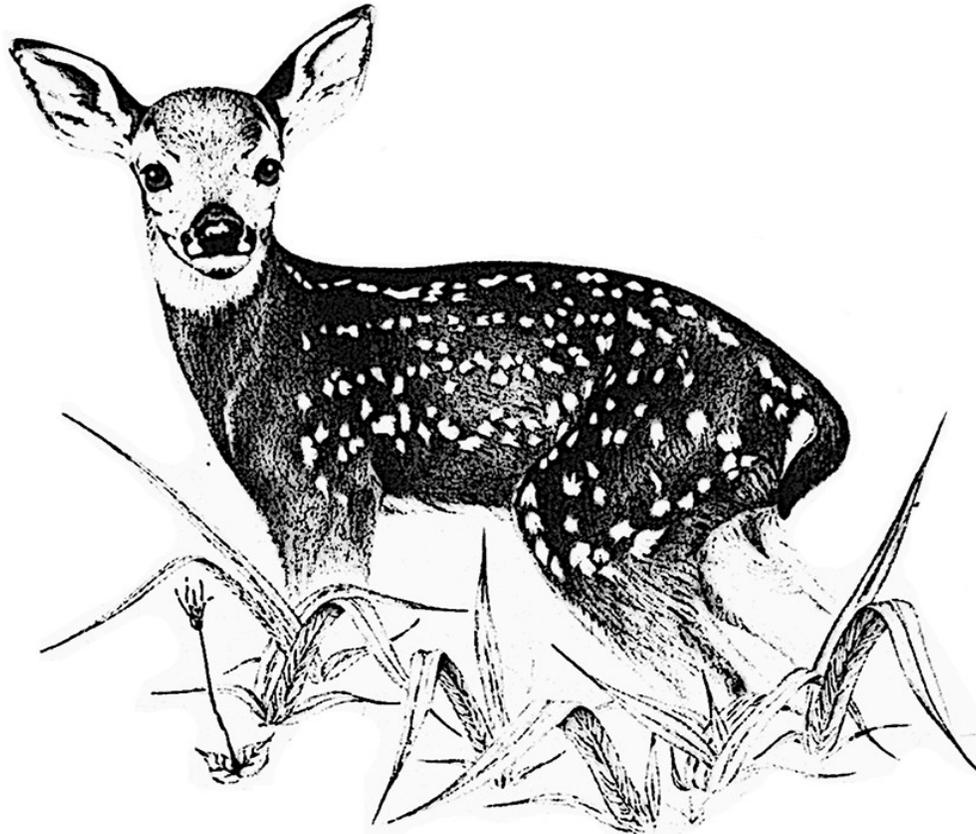
Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Bank balance: 7/1/2016	\$80,737
Receipts:	
Property Tax Share	\$158,939
VT State Highway Aid	\$66,520
Highway Checking Interest	\$840
Hold Harmless Money	\$42,742
Money borrowed for GF, paid back 10/2016	\$44,009
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$313,050
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$393,787
Expenses	
Road Foreman Salary	\$43,349
Road Foreman Overtime	\$6,002
Road Worker Pay	\$24,659
Road Worker Overtime	\$1,600
Uniforms/Shop Towels	\$1,600
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$5,763
Retirement Contribution	\$2,210
Health Insurance	\$6,750
Unemployment Insurance	\$350
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$7,241
Drug Testing	\$-
Training / Mileage	\$80
Misc. Expenses	\$818
Garage Maintenance	\$1,150
Heating Oil	\$2,055
Electric	\$731
Phone/ Internet	\$1,023
Equipment Maintenance	\$15,940
Tires	\$2,313
Fuel and Oil (Trucks/Equipment)	\$11,077
Oil and Lube	\$1,588
Tools & Supplies	\$2,315
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	\$6,554
Road/Ditch Materials and Hauling	\$32,121
Sand (delivered)	\$20,713
Salt (delivered)	\$18,566
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$5,241
Mowing	\$350
Tree and Brush Removal	\$-
Contracted Services	\$7,356

Pavement Maintenance	\$-
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$13,997
Guard Rails	\$1,616
Grant Funding	\$20,699
Sub-total:	\$265,826
Voted Carryover Balances	
Pavement Fund	\$13,595
Bridge & Culvert Fund	\$5,898
Materials & Hauling Fund	\$398
Road Equipment Appropriation	\$38,000
Miscellaneous	\$623
Grant Proposals	\$1,750
Total Disbursements	\$326,090
Balance to account for	\$67,697
Accounted for as follows:	
State money from People's Bank	\$38,605
Balance to account for	\$67,695
Checking balance: 6/30/17	\$106,302
TOTAL ALL BALANCES	\$106,302
Paving Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/16	\$17,555
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$13,595
Additions	\$-
Interest	\$211
Balance in fund as of 6/30/17	\$31,361
Bridge & Culvert Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/16	\$72,759
Expenses	\$(1,170)
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$5,898
Interest	\$320
Balance in fund as of 6/30/17	\$77,807
Materials & Hauling Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/16	\$23,134
Expenses	\$2,033
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$398
Additions	
Interest	\$125
Balance in fund as of 6/30/17	\$21,624

Road Equipment Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/16	\$1,554
Expenses	\$36,841
Appropriation	\$38,000
Interest	\$121
Balance in fund as of 6/30/17	\$2,834
Miscellaneous Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/16	\$5,936
Expenses	\$3,201
YE carryover	\$623
Interest	\$30
Balance in fund as of 6/30/17	\$3,388
Grant Proposal Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/16	\$8,579
Ye carryover	\$1,750
Interest	\$87
Balance in fund as of 6/30/17	\$10,416



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Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway

July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

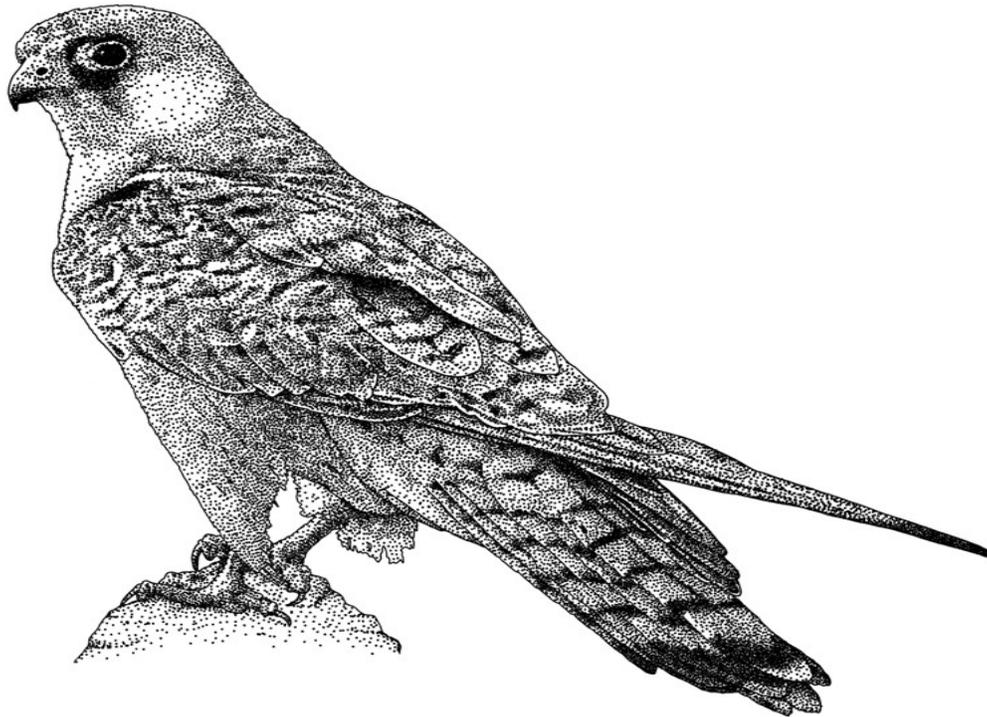
Bank balance: 7/1/2017	\$106,302
Receipts	
Property Tax Share	\$181,442
VT State Highway Aid	\$62,748
Highway Checking Interest	\$625
Hold Harmless Money	\$43,502
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$288,317
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$394,619
Expenses	
Road Foreman Salary	\$22,426
Road Foreman Overtime	\$2,971
Road Worker Pay	\$6,116
Road Worker Overtime	\$-
Uniforms/shop towels	\$570
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$2,242
Retirement Contribution	\$1,182
Health Insurance	\$-
Unemployment Insurance	\$-
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$6,080
Drug Testing	\$-
Training / Mileage	\$58
Garage Maintenance	\$3,104
Heating Oil	\$107
Electric	\$238
Phone/ Internet	\$572
Equipment Maintenance	\$9,278
Tires	\$1,261
Fuel and Oil (Trucks/Equipment)	\$3,693
Oil and Lube	\$1,290
Tools & Supplies	\$373
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	\$6,390
Road/Ditch Materials and Hauling	\$28,609
Sand (delivered)	\$17,872
Salt (delivered)	\$3,800
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$4,080
Tree and Brush Removal	\$1,800
Contracted Services	\$8,095
Pavement Maintenance	\$12,810
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$6,519

Guard Rails	\$708
Grant Funding	\$46,919
Construction Account	\$9,725
Sub-total:	\$208,888
Voted Carryover Balances	
Pavement Fund	\$30,000
Bridge & Culvert Fund	\$6,003
Materials & Hauling Fund	\$2,879
Road Equipment Appropriation	\$38,000
Miscellaneous	\$182
Total Disbursements	\$285,952
Balance to account for	\$108,667
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking balance: 12/31/17	\$99,726
Grant money reimbursed 1/8/18	\$40,203
TOTAL	\$139,929
Remainder of Budget as of 12/31/17	\$31,262
Paving Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/17	\$31,361
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$30,000
Additions	\$-
Interest	\$148
Balance in fund as of 12/31/17	\$61,509
Bridge & Culvert Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/17	\$77,807
Expenses	
\$-	
Receipts:	
Additions	\$525
YE carryover	\$6,003
Interest	\$250
Balance in fund as of 12/31/17	\$84,585
Materials & Hauling Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/17	\$21,624
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$2,879
Additions	
Interest	\$85
Balance in fund as of 12/31/17	\$24,588

Road Equipment Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/17	\$2,834
Expenses	\$-
Appropriation	\$38,000
Interest	\$15
Balance in fund as of 12/31/17	\$40,849

Miscellaneous Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/17	\$3,308
YE carryover	\$182
Interest	\$20
Balance in fund as of 12/31/17	\$3,510

Grant Proposal Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/17	\$10,416
Interest	\$54
Balance in fund as of 12/31/17	\$10,470



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Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Balance in Checking (7/1/16)	\$5,022
Receipts:	
Appropriation	\$12,500
Additions	\$400
Disbursements	\$(5,848)
Balance in Checking (6/30/17)	\$12,074
CD Balance: 6/30/17	\$10,273

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomberg Cemetery CD

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Balance in bank (7/1/16)	\$11,000
CD Matured on 6/14/17@0.50%	
	\$48
Balance in bank (6/30/17)	\$11,048

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund

July 1, 2017- December 31, 2017

Balance in Checking (7/1/17)	\$12,074
Receipts:	
Appropriation (not yet paid)	\$-
Additions	\$-
Disbursements	\$(1,435)
Balance Checking (12/31/17)	\$10,639
CD Balance: 12/31/17	\$10,276

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomberg Cemetery CD

July 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

Balance in bank (12/31/2017)	\$11,048
CD Matures on 6/14/18 @ 0.75%	

TREASURERS REPORT

Sandgate School District

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Actual Balance – 7/1/16	\$66,864.00
Revenues FY16	\$940,463.00
Expenditures FY16	-\$978,900.00
Interest	\$1,911.00
Voted Bus Article 2016	-\$6,000.00
Total Funds Available – 6/30/17	\$24,338.00

Anticipated FY17 Budget - Sandgate School District

Actual Balance – 7/1/17	\$24,338.00
Projected Revenue	\$949,318.00
Projected Expenditures	-\$958,130.00
Interest	\$800.00
Fund Balance – 12/31/17	\$382,983.21

Bus Reserve Fund 7/1/16 – 6/30/17

Beginning Balance – 7/1/16	\$44,354.00
Interest	\$28.00
Voted Article March 2016	\$6,000.00
Balance – 6/30/17	\$50,382.00

Bus Reserve Fund 7/1/17 - 12/31/17

Beginning Balance – 7/1/17	\$50,382.00
Interest	\$191.00
Balance – 12/31/17	\$50,573.00

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

as of December 31, 2017

Total Grand List	\$636,955.28
Total Taxes Billed: Due 10/01/17	\$1,296,480.00
Billing Adjustments	\$2,540.31
Total	\$1,293,939.69
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Taxes Received in Good Time	\$1,146,645.10
Delinquent Taxes to Collector as of 10/02/17	\$147,294.59
Total Taxes Accounted for	\$1,293,939.69

HOLD HARMLESS FUNDS

as of December 31, 2017

Estimate Highway Portion	\$43,501.50	75%
Town Portion	\$14,500.50	25%
Total	\$58,002.00	
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Paid November 2017		

HIGHWAY STATE AID

as of December 31, 2017

17 July	\$15,687.06
17 October	\$15,687.04
18 January	\$15,687.04
18 April	\$15,687.04
Total	\$62,748.18

CASH ON HAND - 07/01/2017

GENERAL FUND		HIGHWAY FUND	
Bank Balance	\$12,364.92	Bank Balance	\$106,302.00
Minus money borrowed	\$49,000.07		
Total	-\$36,635.15	Total	\$106,302.00

ASSETS & COMPENSATION

COMPENSATION 7/1/17 - 6/30/18

Auditors	Min wage
Board of Civil Authority	Min wage
School Board Salaries	2,300/year
Constable	1,050/year
Health Officer	250/year
Listers	Min wage
Lister Reappraisal Years	15/hour
Road Foreman	21.45/hour
Road Help	20/hour
Emergency Coordinator	200/year
Select Board Member (each)	440/year
Chair	500/year
Road Liaison	300/year
Assistance	800/year
Town Clerk	9,249/year
Assistant Town Clerk	500/year
Treasurer	11,304/year
Assistant Treasurer	500/year
Zoning Administrator	Hired

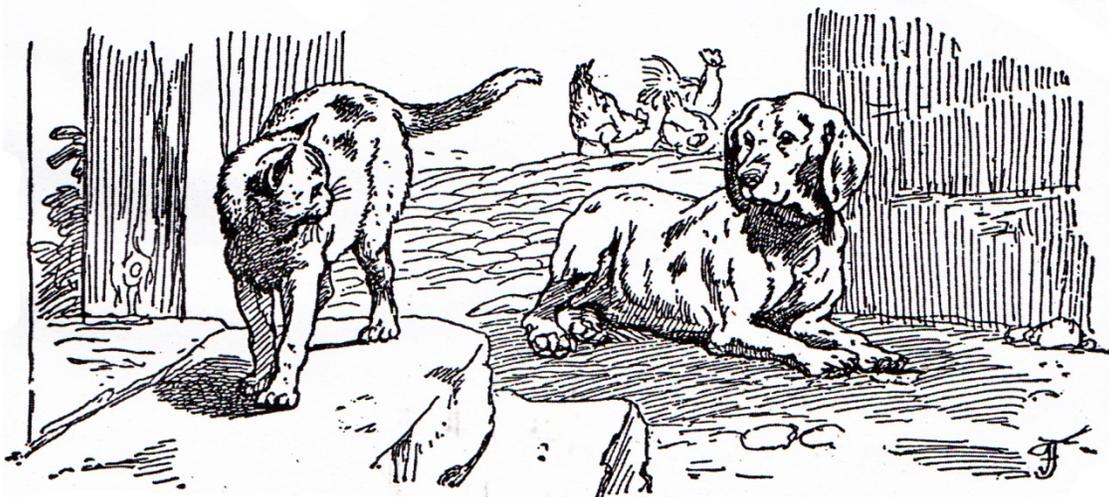
FIXED ASSETS

Cemetery Equipment
Constable Safety Items
Fire Pumps & Related Equip.
Office Equipment
Vault
2003 International Truck
2018 International Truck
2013 Dodge 1 Ton
2014 670G John Deere Grader
3 Sanders
2 Stone Rakes
2008 New Holland Backhoe
2015 2500 gal. Chloride tank
2015 525 gal. Chloride Tank
2015 Pump for Chloride
1999 Belarus Tractor w/ sidearm mower
Real Estate

INDEBTEDNESS

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

The Sandgate Highway Fund owes \$72,591 on the grader and there are two more payments.



2017 LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE

Homestead Education Rate	1.5285	Set by State
Veterans Exemptions	\$160,000.00	Grand List
Foregone Revenue	\$2,386.32	Veteran Grand List / 100*Education Rate
Total Grand List	\$636,955.28	
Local Agreement Rate	0.0037	

MAIN DRIVERS OF TAX CHANGES VERSUS LAST YEAR

	Municipal Grand List	
	2016/2017	2017/2018
Grand List	\$638,135.91	\$636,955.28

2016-2017 RATE			2017-2018 RATE		
	Homestead	Non-residential		Homestead	Non-residential
Municipal	0.5027	0.5027	Municipal	0.5464	0.5464
School	1.5635	1.5048	School	1.5285	1.4544
Local Agreement	0.0038	0.0038	Local Agreement	0.0037	0.0037
Total	2.0700	2.0113	Total	2.0786	2.0045

DIFFERENCE FROM LAST YEAR	HOMESTEAD	NON-RESIDENTIAL
Municipal	0.0437	0.0437
School	-0.035	-0.0504
Local Agreement	-0.0001	-0.0001
Total	0.0086	-0.0068

GRAND LIST

FY 17/18 Grand List is \$1180.63 lower than last year.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET

FY 17/18 rate is 0.0437 higher than last year.

*Total GF budget to be raised is \$5,578 lower than last year. This is mainly driven by budgeting less for appropriations.

*Total HW budget to be raised is \$27,250 more than last year. This is mainly driven by less state aid and cash on hand.

SCHOOL BUDGET

Homestead Rate for 17/18 is 0.035 lower than last year.

Non-Residential Rate for 17/18 is 0.0504 lower than last year.

LOCAL AGREEMENT

Rate for FY 17/18 is 0.0001 lower than last year.

TAX RATE FOR 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR

MUNICIPAL BUDGET		
GENERAL FUND		
Admin. Expenses	\$43,103	
Maintenance	\$34,750	
General Services	\$43,268	
Appropriations	\$23,357	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$144,478
Hold Harmless Funds	\$14,500	
Cash on Hand 7/1/17	\$(36,635)	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND TO BE RAISED		\$166,613
HIGHWAY		
Total Highway Budget	\$393,994	
Highway State Aid	\$62,748	
Hold Harmless Funds	\$43,502	
Cash on Hand 7/1/16	\$106,302	
TOTAL HIGHWAY TO BE RAISED		\$181,442
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED		\$348,055
Grand List: Total Municipality	\$636,955.28	
General Fund Tax Rate (per 100)	0.261577	
Highway Tax Rate (per 100)	0.284859	
TOTAL MUNICIPALITY RATE (per 100)	0.5464	
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE TO BE RAISED		\$348,055
SCHOOL BUDGET		
Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.5285	
Non Residential Tax Rate	\$1.4544	
Grand List: Homesteads	247,010.69	
Non-Residential	\$390,844.59	
Total Raised: Homesteads	377,555.84	
Total Raised: Non Residential	\$568,444.37	
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET TAXES TO RAISE		\$946,000.21
LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX RATE		
Local Agreement Tax Rate	\$0.0037	
Municipal Grand List	\$636,955.28	
TOTAL LOCAL AGREEMENT TAXES TO BE RAISED		\$2,425
TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED		\$1,296,480
Homestead Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.5464	
Homestead Tax Rate, School	\$1.5285	
Homestead Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0037	
TOTAL HOMESTEAD RATE		\$2.0787 (per thousand)
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.5464	
Non-Residential Tax Rate, School	\$1.4544	
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0037	
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE		\$2.0046 (per thousand)

PROPOSED 2018-2019 SANDGATE BUDGET – GENERAL

	FY16/17 Budget	FY16/17 Actual	FY17/18 Budget	FY17/18 as of 12/31/17	FY18/19 Budget to Vote	Proposed % change	\$ Change
SALARY & EXPENSES							
Salaries	3,000	2,660	3,000	-	3,750	25%	750
Meetings	500	-	500	-	500	0%	-
Expenses	300	269	300	-	500	67%	200
Assistant/Minute Taker	800	940	800	-	800	0%	-
Auditor's Salaries	1,000	771	1,000	358	1,000	0%	-
Constable Salary	1,020	1,020	1,050	525	1,200	14%	150
Emergency Coordinator	-	-	-	-	200		200
Health Officer Salary	250	-	250	-	250	0%	-
Health Officer Expenses	250	-	250	-	250	0%	-
Lister's Salaries & Expenses	4,000	2,041	4,000	2,529	4,000	0%	-
Town Clerk Salary	8,980	8,636	9,249	4,626	10,000	8%	751
Assistant Town Clerk	500	500	500	-	1,000	100%	500
Treasurer Salary	10,975	10,980	11,304	5,652	12,000	6%	696
Assistant Treasurer	500	500	500	-	1,000	100%	500
Zoning Admin Salary	3,000	1,420	3,000	1,205	3,000	0%	-
Zoning Admin Expenses	1,000	71	1,000	3	1,000	0%	-
ZBA / Planning Expenses	500	137	500	-	500	0%	-
Payroll Tax Expenses	4,400	3,888	4,400	2,196	4,500	2%	100
Office Training	500	90	500	-	500	0%	-
Website Management	-	-	-	-	500		500
*Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	1,000	100	1,000	0%	-
Total Salaries / Expenses	42,475	34,922	43,103	17,194	47,450	10%	4,347
MAINTENANCE & SUPPLIES							
Office Equipment	2,500	57	2,500	-	2,500	0%	-
Record Restoration *	1,000	700	1,000	367	-	-100%	(1,000)
Town Hall Major Repairs & Improvements *	5,000	394	5,000	-	-	-100%	(5,000)
Town Hall Utilities	4,000	5,383	4,000	1,765	4,000	0%	-
Office Supplies	2,400	2,465	2,400	710	2,000	-17%	(400)
Computers & Internet	3,000	1,813	3,000	1,377	3,000	0%	-
Town Hall Maint/Repairs	7,500	2,987	7,000	1,705	7,000	0%	-
Postage	550	472	1,050	270	1,050	0%	-
Office Equip, Maint & Service	3,000	159	3,000	-	3,000	0%	-
Schoolhouse Utilities	300	87	300	-	300	0%	-

Town Report Expense	2,000	1,670	2,000	-	2,000	0%	-
*Independent Audit	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0%	-
*Legal & Professional Fees	2,500	34	2,500	-	1,000	-60%	(1,500)
TOTAL MAINT. & SUPPLIES	34,750	17,221	34,750	7,194	26,850	-23%	(7,900)
<i>* End of year balance will transfer to reserve funds</i>							
TOTAL EXPENSES	77,225	52,143	77,853	24,388	74,300	-5%	(3,553)
GENERAL SERVICES & FEES							
Animal Control	400	-	400	-	400	0%	-
BCRC	1,913	1,913	1,961	-	2,000	2%	39
BCA Mtgs / Poll Workers	1,000	1,807	1,000	-	1,800	80%	800
Benn County Sheriff's Dept	5,900	5,606	6,000	-	6,000	0%	-
County Tax	5,000	4,556	5,000	-	5,000	0%	-
Fire Protection	17,765	17,026	17,765	17,318	18,319	3%	554
Insurance & Bonding	5,500	5,108	5,500	5,136	5,500	0%	-
Cemetery Commission	12,500	12,500	6,000	-	6,000	0%	-
Solid Waste Alliance	2,100	1,057	2,100	329	2,100		-
ISWAP/Haz Waste/Recycling	2,100	1,698	2,100	1,124	2,100	0%	-
VLCT Dues	1,396	2,838	1,442	-	1,442	0%	-
TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES	55,574	54,108	49,268	23,907	50,661	3%	1,393
TOTAL GF TO BE VOTED	132,799	106,251	127,121	48,295	124,961	-2%	(2,160)
	FY16/17 Budget	FY16/17 Actual	FY17/18 fill in	FY17/18 to Date	FY18/19 Budget to Vote	Proposed % change	\$ Change
APPROPRIATIONS							
Benn/Rutland Opp Council	137	137	137	-	137	0%	-
Arlington Recreation Park	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	0%	-
SWVT Area Council on Aging	500	500	500	-	600	20%	100
Arlington Nursing Service	1,200	1,200	1,200	-	1,200	0%	-
Center Independent Living	95	95	95	-	95	0%	-
Arlington Area Childcare	500	500	500	-	500	0%	-
Arlington Rescue Squad	7,000	7,000	7,000	-	7,500	7%	500
VT Assoc of Cons. Districts	100	100	100	-	100	0%	-
Martha Canfield Library	3,400	3,400	3,400	-	3,400	0%	-
Center for Restorative Justice	250	250	250	-	250	0%	-
Benn. County Cons. District	300	300	300	-	300	0%	-
Benn. County Child Advocacy					200		
Burdett Commons	75	75	75	-	75	0%	-
Arlington Community Club	100	100	100	-	100	0%	-

Tutorial Center	200	200	200	-	200	0%	-
Lothar Wuerslin Scholarship	350	350	350	350	350	0%	-
PAVE	-	-	-	-	100		100
Green-Up Day	50	211	150	-	50	-67%	(100)
APPROP. TO BE VOTED	17,257	17,418	17,357	350	18,157	5%	800
TOTAL GF & APPROP.	150,056	123,669	144,478	48,645	143,118	-1%	(1,360)

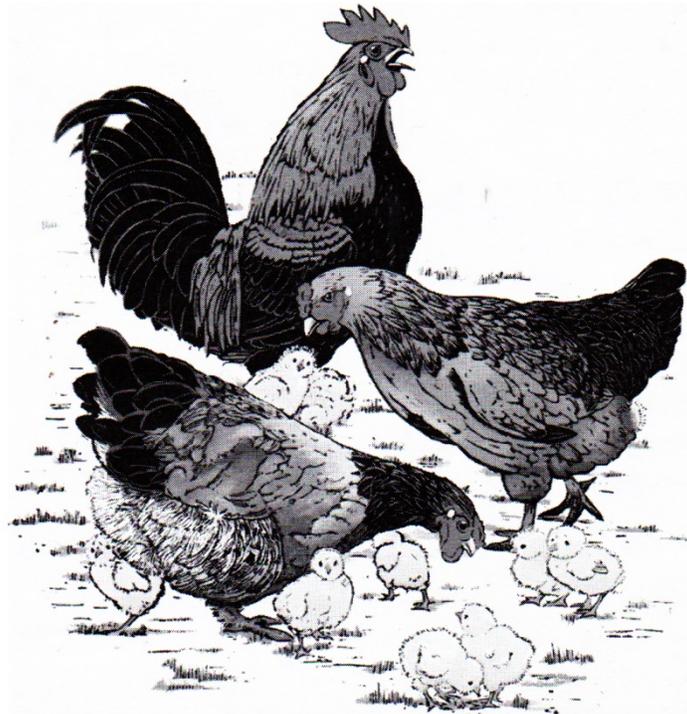


PROPOSED 2017-2018 SANDGATE BUDGET – HIGHWAY

	FY16/17 Budget	FY16/17 Actual	FY17/18 Budget	FY17/18 as of 12/31/17	FY18/19 Budget to Vote	Proposed % change	\$ Change
Salaries / Wages / Expenses							
Road Foreman Salary	42,771	42,349	44,054	22,426	52,000	18%	7,946
Road Foreman Overtime	9,624	6,002	9,624	2,971	9,624	0%	-
Road Worker Pay	37,149	24,659	27,000	6,116	32,000	19%	5,000
Road Worker Overtime	8,359	1,600	5,000	-	-	-100%	(5,000)
Uniforms/Shop Towels	1,500	1,600	1,500	570	1,500	0%	-
Payroll Tax Expenses	7,832	5,763	7,000	2,242	8,000	14%	1,000
Retirement Contribution	3,916	2,210	3,000	1,182	4,000	33%	1,000
Health Insurance	31,480	6,750	15,000	-	15,000	0%	-
Unemployment Insurance	650	350	650	-	650	0%	-
Workers' Comp Insurance	8,000	7,241	8,000	6,080	8,500	6%	500
Training/Mileage	400	80	400	58	400	0%	-
Drug Testing	250	-	250	-	250	0%	-
Total Salaries/Wages/Expenses	\$151,931	\$98,604	\$121,478	\$41,645	\$131,924	8.6%	10,446
Garage Equipment and Maintenance							
Garage Maintenance	2,000	1,150	2,000	3,104	2,000	0%	-
Heating Oil	3,000	2,055	3,000	107	3,000	0%	-
Electric	816	731	816	238	816	0%	-
Phone/Internet	1,500	1,023	1,500	572	1,500	0%	-
Equip Maint/Parts/Repairs	15,000	15,940	15,000	9,278	15,000	0%	-
Tires & Chains	3,000	2,313	3,000	1,261	3,000	0%	-
Fuel & Oil (Trucks & Equip)	17,000	11,077	17,000	3,693	17,000	0%	-
Oil & Lube (break out of fuel oil)	3,000	1,588	3,000	1,290	3,000	0%	-
Tools & Supplies	2,500	2,315	2,500	373	2,500	0%	-
Ins & Liability (Garage/Vehicle)	6,700	6,554	6,700	6,391	7,000	4%	300
Construction Account	-	-	25,000	9,725	25,000	0%	-
Total Equip. and Main.	\$54,516	\$44,745	\$79,516	\$36,032	\$79,816	0%	300
Materials & Hauling							
Road/Ditch Materials & Hauling	35,000	32,121	35,000	28,609	45,000	29%	10,000
Sand (delivered)	17,000	20,713	25,000	17,872	25,000	0%	-
Salt (delivered)	22,000	18,566	25,000	3,800	25,000	0%	-
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	5,000	5,241	6,000	4,080	6,000	0%	-
Total Materials & Hauling *	\$79,000	\$76,641	\$91,000	\$54,361	\$101,000	11%	10,000

Projects							
Pavement Maintenance *	30,000	-	30,000	12,810	30,000	0%	-
Bridge/Culvert Program *	20,000	13,997	20,000	6,519	20,000	0%	-
Guard Rails /Signs	2,000	1,616	2,000	708	2,000	0%	-
Contracted Services/Equip Rental	10,000	7,356	10,000	8,095	10,000	0%	-
Mowing	4,500	350	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	-
Tree & Brush Removal	2,000	-	2,000	1,800	2,000	0%	-
Total Projects	\$68,500	\$23,319	\$64,000	\$29,932	\$64,000	0%	-
Other							
Misc. Expenses *	1,000	818	-	572	1,000	#DIV/0!	1,000
Equip Reserve Fund Appropriation *	38,000	38,000	38,000	-	40,000	5%	2,000
Total Other	39,000	38,818	38,000	572	41,000	8%	3,000
TOTAL H.W. EXPENSES	392,947	282,126	393,994	162,542	417,740	6%	23,746
Less Anticipated State Aid	64,583	64,583	66,520	66,520	62,748	-6%	(3,772)
SUBTOTAL	328,364	217,543	327,474	96,022	354,992	8%	27,518

** End of year balance will transfer to reserve funds*



SANDGATE PROPERTY TRANSFERS

January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Helge Hilding Mansson and Roberta Jellinek-Mansson of New York, New York to Dorothy Bassett of Imperial, PA

Suzanne DePeyster of Sandgate, VT to John Thrasher Trustee Bentley Farm Nominee Trust of Sandgate, VT

Mary C. Hines of Weston, MA to Kevin J. Hines of East Wareham, MA

Nelson J. Housman of Granville, NY to Housman Family Irrevocable Trust 12/15/16 of Granville, NY.

Jeffrey B. Mitchell of Barre, MA to Amanda S. Frank of West Roxbury, MA

Walnut Hill Enterprises, LLC of Sunderland, VT to Tony L. and Bernadette Campbell of Stoneham, MA

Estate of Natalie Dezaro of Bennington, VT to Walnut Hill Enterprises LLC of Sunderland, VT

Estate of Edward Walling of Sandgate, VT to Jessica M. Hill of Arlington, VT

Rosalind Wolff of Bennington, VT to Mark R. Neff of Sandgate, VT

William A. Petit, SR of Plainville, CT, Larry Joyce of Plainville, CT, Eugene L. Beaulieu of Hobe Sound, FL., and Barbara T. Petit of Plainville, CT to Michael T. and Sandra K.O. Merrow of Dobbs Ferry, NY

Dorothy L. Sundquist 10-4-2013 Revocable Trust, Dorothy L. Sundquist, Trustee of Sandgate, VT to Dorothy L. Sundquist of Sandgate, VT

Stephen D. Lerner of San Francisco CA to Benjamin W. Lerner of Silver Spring, MD

Suzanne DePeyster of Sandgate, VT to Suzanne DePeyster of Sandgate, VT and Crystal Lacross of Sandgate, VT

Estate of Gene Bishop of Granville, NY to Suzanne DePeyster of Sandgate, VT

Scott Agresta and Lisa Robinson of Bennington, VT to The Bank of Bennington of Bennington, VT

Harry and Lisa Spear of Sandgate, VT to CGC Logging & Trucking of Arlington, VT

Estate of Robert C Melvin of Marshfield, MA to Robert M. Melvin of Marshfield, MA., Kathleen L. Nee of Marshfield, Ma., and Helen M. Bossie of Marshfield, MA

Randy Novotny of Arlington, VT to Nicholas James Stroffoleno and Lindsay Rae Brambley of Sandgate, VT

The Bank of Bennington of Bennington, VT to Kathleen F. Wagner of Sandgate, VT

Kevin P. and Cheri M. Weber of Arlington, VT to David M. Roberts of Sandgate, VT

Estate of Natalie Dezaro of Bennington, VT and Estate of Ellen S. Richardson of Bennington, VT to Walnut Hill Enterprises of Sunderland, VT

Erin Ingebretsen of Exeter, RI to The Bank of Bennington of Bennington, VT

Cowee Forest Products, LLC of Chapel Hill, NC to Bly Hollow, LLC of Arlington, VA

Kevin J. Hines of Weston, MA to Kevin J. Hines Living Trust of Weston, MA

Andrew I. and Zoraida K. Olson of Weston, VT to John and Linda Navarro of Bristol, CT

Christopher J. and Nancy E. Durrschmidt of Derby, CT to Robert J. Clark and Rebecca E. Sheppard of Woodbine, NJ.

Joseph S. and Elizabeth W. Lovering of Bedford, NY to Julian and Phoebe Sheres of Sandgate, VT

The Bank of Bennington of Bennington, VT to Robert F. and AnneMarie E. Peters, Jr of Sandgate, VT

Eleanor Lacross of Sandgate, VT to Peter J. and Marjorie R. Peff of Sandgate, VT

DOG LICENSES

Marjorie Peff, Town Clerk

In 2017 there were 100 dogs licensed in the Town of Sandgate. I would like to thank all the people who cooperated with the licensing process.

I turned a list of unlicensed dogs over to the Select Board. It is up to the Select Board to levy fines for non-compliance. The Board is in charge of compliance and any enforcement or penalties.

We have not heard from the following owners this past year: Beverly Bice, Debra Alford, Catherine Paz, and Greg Nilsen. If your dog has passed away, please contact the office, otherwise we need to see a current Rabies certificate and you need to license your dog.

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

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

SCHEDULE OF DOG LICENSES AND FEES

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

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

A person who fails to license a dog or wolf-hybrid in the required manner shall be fined up to \$500 (20 V.S.A. § 3550). The Rabies Control Hotline number is 1-800-4-Rabies.

RABIES VACCINATION LAW

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

SANDGATE ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

as of December 31, 2017

		Term Ending
Town & School Moderator	Chris Barlow	2018
Town Clerk	Marjorie Peff	2019
Assistant Town Clerk	Pat Hall (appointed by town clerk)	
Assistant Town Clerk	Eleanor LaCross (appointed by town clerk)	
Treasurer	Sandra Reidy	2018
Assistant Treasurer	Eleanor LaCross (appointed by treasurer)	
Selectboard, 3 Years (Chair)	Suzanne dePeyster	2020
Selectboard, 3 Years	Karen Tendrup	2019
Selectboard, 1 Year	Karen Dzialo	2018
Selectboard, 1 Year	Thomas Santelli	2018
Selectboard, 3 Years	Mike Hill	2018
State Officer & Constable	Richard Dahm	2018
Delinquent Tax Collector	Eleanor LaCross	2018
Auditor, 3 Year	Rachel Barlow	2018
Auditor, 3 Year	Valerie dePeyster	2019
Auditor, 3 Year	Katie Kenny	2020
Lister, 3 Years	John Zak	2018
Lister, 3 Years	Shelley Finn	2019
Lister, 3 Years	Jeanne Zoppel	2020
Town Agent, 1 Year	Jean Eisenhart	2018
Town Grand Juror	Jean Eisenhart	2018
Cemetery Commission, 3 Year	Julie Robertson	2020
Cemetery Commission, 3 Year	Kathleen Hill	2018
Cemetery Commission, 3 Year	Charles Pike	2018
School Director, 3 Year	Celeste Keel	2018
School Director, 3 Year	Allan Tschorn	2019
School Director, 3 Year	Jeanne Zoppel	2020
Justices of the Peace	Valerie dePeyster	2019
	Dona McAdams	2019
	Julie Robertson	2019
	Phoebe Sheres	2019
	Nancy Tschorn	2019

SANDGATE APPOINTED OFFICERS

as of December 31, 2017

CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Harry Rich	2015-2018
Sonja Jaffe, Phoebe Sheres	2015-2018
PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD	
Judy Boehlert, Chair	2017-2020
Brad Kessler	2017-2020
Joseph Nolan	2016-2019
Michael Mazzola	2016-2019
Betsy LaVecchia	2017-2020
Jean Eisenhart	2016-2019
911 ADDRESSES	
Mike Hill	2017-2018
Marjorie Peff	2017-2018
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR / HEALTH OFFICER	
Hal Wilkins	Hired
FIRE WARDENS	
Lynn Fielding	2017-2018
Jim Gunn	2017-2018
POUND KEEPER	
Erin McDermott - Small Animals	2017-2018
Suzanne dePeyster - Large Animals	2017-2018
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	
Dayna Mazzola	2017-2018
EMERGENCY FUEL COORDINATOR	
Dayna Mazzola	2017-2018
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	
Marty Irion	2017-2018
BCRC REPRESENTATIVES	
Suzanne dePeyster & Judy Boehlert	2017-2018
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES & WOOD	
Dona McAdams	2017-2018
GREEN-UP DAY COORDINATOR	
Marjorie Peff	2017-2018
Ed Gust	2017-2018
FENCE VIEWERS	
Suzanne dePeyster, Mike Hill, & Mike Mazzola	2017-2018
TREE WARDEN	
Mike Hill	2017-2018
SIGN CONTROL	
Selectboard	2017-2018
ARTS GRANT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE	
Jean Eisenhart, Patricia Hall, Dona McAdams, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel	2017-2018

2017 Sandgate, Vermont Annual Town Meeting Minutes

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, Vermont were warned and notified to meet at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, March 6th, 2017 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of acting on the following articles, with the exception of Article 1 which was voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Absentee and early voting was permitted on all matters to be voted on by Australian Ballot. The polls were open at the Town Hall on March 7, 2017 between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

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

- Town Moderator – one year term
- School Moderator – one year term
- Selectman – three year term
- Selectman – one year term
- Selectman – one year term
- School Director – three year term
- Auditor – three year term
- Auditor – balance of three year term
- Lister – three year term
- Lister – balance of three year term
- Cemetery Commissioner – three year term
- Constable – one year term
- Delinquent Tax Collector – one year term
- Town Agent – one year term
- Town Grand Juror – one year term

Rick Dahm, Town Moderator, brought the meeting to order at 7PM
Australian Ballot took place March 7, 2017 from 10 AM to 7 PM
There were approximately 50 people present.

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

There were no questions for the Lister's report. The Town Clerk's report received a comment from Betsy Gunn requesting Sandgate publish minutes from Selectboard meetings on Front Porch Forum. This was discussed and not available at this time. The Auditor's report had no comment. The Road Foreman report had no comment. The Cemetery commission had no comment. Selectboard report had a comment regarding presence of all selectman at the Town Meeting. The Zoning/Planning Commission report was updated to announce the addition of Hal Wilkins as the replacement for retiring John LaVecchia. The Delinquent Tax Collector Report was updated by Eleanor LaCross stating that the delinquent taxes had been reduced to \$40,000 dollars, with additional payments being added on March 7, 2017.

The Treasurer's report was well received with some minor comments regarding the funds used in the first 6 months of Fiscal 2017. Since the budget was drawn up before the final paychecks, there were differences between the budget figures and Cash Disbursements on page 22 of the report. There was a typo connected to the Hold Harmless Fund on page 10 which should be changed from Paid November "2015" to "2016" and the Lomberg CD on page 31 which should have read "\$11,000" instead of "\$11,330". The Town residents at the meeting stated that

Treasurer Sandy Reidy was doing a terrific job and that they were very appreciative of all her efforts in converting to the Nemrc software program of accounting.

There were no more comments about the remaining reports.
Rick Dahm moved the question and the article passed.

ARTICLE 3. Shall current property taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before Oct 1, 2017?

Valerie dePeyster made a motion to vote and Judy Boehlert seconded the motion.
Rick Dahm moved the question.
Article 3 passed.

ARTICLE 4. Shall the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the Town's expenditures prior to the collection of taxes?

James Gunn made a motion to accept Article 4 and Georgia Ruocco seconded.
Rick Dahm moved the question.
Article 4 passed.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the line item balance for the construction account be carried forward in the individual account into the following year?

This article was eliminated and withdrawn by Suzanne dePeyster, Chairman of the Selectboard.
The construction account was being created for this coming year and did not exist in prior years.

ARTICLE 6. Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$23,457 in support of the organizations listed in the Appropriations section of the General Budget?

Tambra Reap questioned why an organization she was working with, Bennington County Children Advocacy Center, had not had their request listed in the report. She stated no one had contacted her about coming before the Selectboard. Suzanne dePeyster recommended that the request be sent in October and that the Selectboard be contacted to be added to the agenda.

Julie Robertson from the Cemetery commission stated that there was a 52% drop in funding request because they had received the appropriation in last year's funding for the cemetery projects, so that this year's request reflected money for only the general cemetery activities.

Sheila Kerns remarked that the Martha Canfield Library was very appreciative of Sandgate's generous support.

Rick Dahm moved the question.
Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the town appropriate \$144,478 to defray the general expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

James Gunn had questions about the Independent Audit Account on page 26 and whether it was enough funding to accomplish this kind of audit. Judy Boehlert stated that the previous audit had cost \$10,000 dollars and now it could be \$15,000 dollars. She also stated that the previous audit had recommendations for future financial recording and that there was no wrong doing found. Generally, every 10 years was an adequate audit schedule.

James and Betsy Gunn suggested that an additional appropriation of \$1000 dollars be added to this year's \$1000 dollar amount to build the audit fund at a faster pace. Dottie Sundquist suggested the additional money be prorated over the next several years, but it was decided to recommend the full extra \$1000 dollars making the appropriation \$2000 dollars instead of \$1000.

Town report costs for postage were discussed. Katie Kenny stated it was \$690 for postage and 410 reports were printed, down from 500 last year.

The Sheriff's hours and rates were also discussed. They give the town 5 hours a week and their rates have gone up slightly this year.

Betsy Gunn made a motion to Article 7 changing the amount appropriated from \$144,478 to \$145,478 to defray the general expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List.

James Gunn seconded the motion.

Rick Dahm called the question

Judy Boehlert seconded.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the town appropriate \$327,474 to defray the highway expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

There were questions about the addition of the new Construction account. Suzanne dePeyster stated that we may not get as many grants as years past and that there were new mandates. The Selectboard wanted to start putting money aside for future repairs should grants not be available.

Don Trachte wondered if contractors' costs were to come out of the reduced salary created by a part-time as opposed to a full-time person. It was also stated that the part-time person did not have benefits, only uniform costs.

Sand budget was reviewed and it was clarified that it could be used in the future if not used during the year, once purchased.

Judy Boehlert had questions about the restricted funds on page 28. Suzanne dePeyster stated equipment was very expensive. Judy Boehlert requested that a plan for the use of restricted funds be put in the report each year to encourage continuity between boards. Eleanor LaCross noted that the pavement over the new culverts was breaking up. Suzanne dePeyster stated the contractor was coming back to correct this problem.

Jean Eisenhart called the question and Valerie dePeyster seconded.

Article 8 passed.

ARTICLE 9. Shall the town provide notice of the availability of the annual town report by postcard at least 30 days before the annual meeting in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report to the voters of the town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682.

Katie Kenny stated the Town Report must be printed and made available according to state law. A postcard mailed 30 days before town meeting would state its availability. The Internet is not enough since many people do not have access. The postcard stating that reports would be available in the town office, Martha Canfield Library, or mailed, if necessary, would save costs and the amount of reports that had to be printed. Mailing has become cumbersome with new post office rules and changing addresses. Several members of the meeting stated their preference for paper over digital.

Jean Eisenhart called the question.
Article 9 passed with 3 negative votes.

ARTICLE 10. To hear and transact such further business as may be lawful and appropriate for the annual meeting.

Judy Boehlert noticed that Article 6 appropriation amount was actually supposed to be only \$23,357 as listed on page 7 of the Town Report. We voted and extra \$100 dollars because Article 6 used the amount of \$23,457. That matched the \$100.00 Tandra Reap request, but unfortunately Article 10 does not allow for the change in donations, only community comments.

Rick Dahm reported for the Constable and stated that he continued to enjoy checking on properties and could be called any time to help with a disturbance or problems. He also stated that a resident could call the Sheriff's department if they were having problems with speeding at a particular time and the Sheriff's deputy would visit at the times the problems were occurring.

Julie Robertson noted that the garbage on West Sandgate Road had dramatically increased in the last year. Karen Tendrup stated the Boy Scouts and her sons would be able to do some extra pick up.

Jim Gunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Valerie dePeyster seconded.
Rick Dahm adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

SANDGATE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Legal voters of the Town of Sandgate School District of Sandgate, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Sandgate Town Hall on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018** to transact the following business:

- Article 1 To hear and act on the report of the School District Officers.
- Article 2 To authorize the School Board to borrow money by issue of notes not to exceed of anticipated revenue for the school year.
- Article 3 To see if the Town of Sandgate will vote a sum of \$6,000 to put into the School Bus/Transportation Fund for the replacement of a school bus.
- Article 4 To elect one School Board Director for a three year term by Australian ballot March 6, 2018.
- Article 5 Shall the voters of Sandgate School District approve the school board to expend \$975,521, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the fiscal year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019. It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,413. per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.95% lower than the spending for the current year.
- Article 6 To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

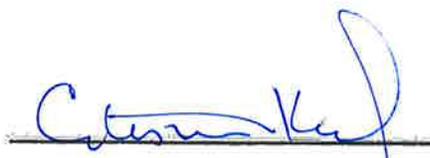
Absentee voting is permitted on all matters to be voted by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 10:00a.m. until 7:00p.m. on March 6, 2018.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2018

Sandgate Board of School Directors:



Jeanne Zoppel, Chairperson



Celeste Keel, Board Member



Allan Tschorn, Clerk

SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Annual Officers Report

Report on 2017-2018 (FY2018)

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

The Sandgate School District currently has 62 students attending 12 schools. Students attend a Pre-K program at Bennington Early Childhood Program, Fisher Elementary and Happy Days. Elementary schools attended by Sandgate students include: Fisher Elementary, Hiland Hall, Long Trail School, Manchester Elementary (MEMS), Maple Street, Red Fox School, Southshire and Sunderland. Secondary Schools receiving Sandgate students include Arlington Memorial High School, Burr & Burton, Hiland Hall, Long Trail and Mount Anthony.

Our average daily membership (ADM), this year calculated on student enrollment for a period of 20 days beginning the 11th day of school and ending the 30th day of school, is 65.9. Comparatively, our ADM for last year was 59. The equalized pupil is a two year average of the average daily membership of the school district, and weights students needs, such as poverty level, English as a second language, and students at the secondary level to establish an “equalized pupil” figure. Our State calculated equalized pupil this year is 58.02 (compared to last year’s 51.38). We are projecting an equalized pupil figure of 63.24 for FY19.

The Sandgate School District pays the prevailing tuition rate to public schools and up to the announced State average to approved private or independent schools. Currently, the State announced average for elementary tuition is \$13,496; the State announced average for 7th through 12th grade is \$15,130. It is important to note the State averages are only among larger union schools and do not average in the higher tuition rates common to smaller non-union schools. The allowable tuition at Arlington – the prevailing public school – for last year (FY17) was \$13,239 for elementary education; \$17,391 for secondary education. The announced tuitions to Arlington schools this year (FY18) is \$14,135 for elementary school and \$15,117 for grades 7 - 12. Announced tuition for FY19 at Arlington is \$14,450 for elementary and \$15,400 for grades 7- 12.

The total budgeted expenditures for FY18 as approved at the annual meeting were \$949,318. Currently our fund balance from previous years is approximately \$38,000 and we are anticipating a slight budget deficit this current year of \$10,000 or so. For FY19, the board has proposed a spending budget of \$975,521 (plus \$6,000 for the bus sinking fund if approved), reflecting an increase of \$26,203 or about 2.76% from the previous budget. The educational tax rate for the current year is 1.5285. Based upon several factors, including increased State aid to education due to increased student counts and a projected decrease in the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), the projected tax rate for FY19 is estimated to be 1.5469.

The BVSU budget, projected to be \$1,066,495 for FY19, is funded based on the percentage of student population from a respective district, and the Special Education portion will be allocated on the actual number of students receiving services. Projected for FY19, based on Equalized Pupil Counts, there will be 417.88 students in the BVSU, 63.24 from the Sandgate District – representing 15.13% of the student population of the SU; therefore, next year - 15.13% of the SU budget will be funded by the Sandgate District, and

the Special Education assessment will be based upon the number of students receiving services as of December 1.

Article 3 on the warning asks to vote the sum of \$6,000 to continue funding the bus sinking fund. The current value of that fund is \$46,000. The current bus is about 7 years old now, and expected lifespan of a school bus is ten to twelve years. Currently bus replacement is a \$70,000 to \$80,000 purchase.

Act 46 - the initial school district merger legislation, and Act 49 - a bill extending tax incentive for districts that voted to merge by November of last year, have proved to be difficult for the Sandgate School District to comply with. Several attempts were made to launch a study with the closest non-operating districts to Sandgate - Stratton and Winhall. In addition to a prospective significant tax rate increase to Sandgate residents in the event that the merger took pace, there were also some challenging issues concerning tuition rates and transportation policies that ultimately just made no sense to even bring these issue before the voters. Ultimately, the intent of the legislation was to establish sustainable governance structures, create an efficiency of scale by moving up to larger districts, enhance educational opportunity for students and hopefully incorporate some financial stability or cost containment to respective district budgets through merging districts. In lieu of complying with Act 46, our Superintendent has prepared and filed a section 9 report and submitted it to the Agency of Education. The section 9 report basically outlines the steps districts have taken to comply with the law, challenges they have met with merger options and how the districts are currently meeting or exceeding the founding principles of Act 46. The report in no way certifies or guarantees the future of the Sandgate District, but demonstrates our efforts to comply. School district mergers and a realignment of local supervisory union boundaries are still very real possibilities and we as a board wait to hear what the State Board recommendations are in light of the filing of the section 9 report. We believe we have already met some of the founding underpinnings of the law with lower per pupil spending and enhanced opportunity through universal school choice. The board remains committed to preserving school choice and to not make decisions in a merger that will adversely impact our school taxes and tax rate.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Tschorn, Clerk
Jeanne Zoppel, Chair & Celeste Keel
Sandgate School District

January 17, 2018

Superintendent's Report
Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union
2017-2018

It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the new Superintendent of the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union (BVSU). I am one of many new faces this year as central office underwent a major reorganization after the departure of key personnel. The crux of the reorganization was combining positions and responsibilities to maximize efficiencies in a small supervisory union. There are new faces in some and a shift of work in others.

My former position in the BVSU was Director of Special Education. I still maintain those duties, but also assumed the role of the Superintendent. Randall Morton is the new Business Manager and he also acts as our human resource person as well. Kendell Jennings, who was the Special Education Administrative Assistant, is now the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. She also retained all her special education duties. Elizabeth Blum still works for the district in a part time capacity as our Accountant Associate.

The new organized central office has been working well this year and has resulted in conservative SU assessments to both Arlington and Sandgate. While much of this year was spent assessing and performing current central office work we have set some future goals. We will strive to become paperless as possible by converting existing paper procedures to electronic platforms. We are exploring better methods of recruiting high qualified employees and training of current employees. Lastly, we really want to bring a focus of work place respect and civility to both employees and students.

There were some other changes at the SU level as well. Dr. Luisa Millington went from part time curriculum coordinator to full time. She has been guiding the SU through many state wide initiatives and mandates with a large one being the three year internal field review performed by the Agency of Education. In the transportation department Michael Wood has become the coordinator and his staff and he have done an excellent job keeping children safe in this slippery Vermont winter. Rachel Boisvert, our Deaf Education Teacher, has added the responsibility of Special Education Team Leader to her work. Her longevity and knowledge has been a benefit to the students of the BVSU.

As one can see there is a lot going on at the BVSU and the days are very busy. However, we will always take time to meet our community members. Please stop by to chat, ask questions or sit for a cup of coffee. We have a new location too. We have moved into the Arlington Memorial Middle High School.

Respectively Submitted,

William Bazyk
Superintendent

**Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union
FY19 Budget Summary**

Central Office

Description	FY17 Budget	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY19 Proposed	Variance	%
School Board 2300	\$10,464	\$12,543	\$10,441	\$10,458	\$17	0.16%
Curriculum 2200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$108,448	\$108,448	0.00%
Administration 2320	\$204,600	\$200,379	\$209,913	\$118,537	-\$91,376	-43.53%
Finance 2520	\$150,675	\$144,808	\$147,120	\$160,426	\$8,306	5.65%
Audit 2526	\$20,050	\$20,050	\$20,450	\$20,850	\$400	1.96%
Operation & Maintenance of the Plant 2600	\$20,972	\$12,995	\$18,720	\$18,120	-\$600	-3.21%
Transportation 2711	\$203,958	\$212,345	\$204,320	\$208,517	\$4,197	2.05%
Total Central Office	\$610,718	\$603,120	\$610,964	\$645,355	\$29,391	4.81%

Special Education

Description	FY17 Budget	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY19 Proposed	Variance	%
Sped Administration 2420	\$107,791	\$105,220	\$112,233	\$76,511	-\$35,722	-31.83%
Preschool Special Education 1200	\$51,091	\$21,504	\$70,698	\$58,231	-\$19,318	-27.32%
Preschool Psychological Services 2140	\$15,161	\$15,451	\$15,168	\$16,705	\$1,537	10.13%
Preschool Speech & Language 2150	\$10,305	\$7,036	\$10,313	\$7,627	-\$2,686	-26.04%
Preschool Occupational Therapist 2160	\$5,000	\$6,360	\$8,303	\$10,357	\$2,054	24.73%
Preschool Contracted Services 2190	\$13,769	\$12,788	\$13,774	\$0	-\$13,774	0.00%
Total Preschool Sped	\$95,326	\$63,138	\$118,256	\$92,919	-\$32,188	-27.22%
Elementary Special Education 1200	\$545,321	\$464,762	\$464,315	\$448,288	-\$21,765	-4.69%
Elementary Psychological Services 2140	\$15,161	\$15,451	\$15,170	\$16,754	\$1,584	10.44%
Elementary Speech & Language 2150	\$12,134	\$15,883	\$17,139	\$14,536	-\$733	-4.27%
Elementary Hearing Impaired 2152	\$98,019	\$97,619	\$98,056	\$53,963	-\$41,968	-42.80%
Elementary Occupational Therapy 2160	\$0	\$6,252	\$6,803	\$8,832	\$2,029	29.83%
Elementary Contracted Services 2190	\$21,326	\$42,093	\$31,971	\$20,000	-\$11,971	-37.44%
Elementary Sped Transportation 2711	\$2,000	\$660	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Total Elementary Sped	\$695,961	\$642,719	\$638,454	\$565,373	-\$72,824	-11.41%
Secondary Sped Direct Instruction 1200	\$526,758	\$528,788	\$491,465	\$551,851	\$60,386	12.29%
Secondary Support Services 2100	\$2,400	\$1,654	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0	0.00%
Secondary Psychological Services 2140	\$30,329	\$31,254	\$30,352	\$32,901	\$2,549	8.40%
Secondary Speech & Language 2150	\$10,305	\$14,357	\$15,702	\$13,120	-\$2,582	-16.44%
Secondary Hearing Impaired 2152	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$53,934	\$56,059	0.00%
Secondary Occupational Therapy Services 2160	\$0	\$12,503	\$13,616	\$17,751	\$4,135	30.37%
Secondary Behavior and Commun. Facilitator 2190	\$33,467	\$46,673	\$43,834	\$59,240	\$15,406	35.15%
Secondary Special Education Transportation 2711	\$51,620	\$9,749	\$7,000	\$27,000	\$20,000	285.71%
Total Secondary Sped	\$654,879	\$644,979	\$604,369	\$758,197	\$99,894	16.53%
Contingency			\$47,000			

	FY17 Bud	FY17 Act	FY18 Bud	FY19 Prop	Variance
Special Education Administration	\$107,791	\$105,220	\$112,233	\$76,511	-\$35,722
Total Preschool Special Education	\$95,326	\$63,138	\$118,256	\$92,919	-\$25,337
Total Elementary Special Education	\$695,961	\$642,719	\$638,454	\$565,373	-\$73,081
Total Secondary Special Education	\$654,879	\$644,979	\$604,369	\$758,197	\$153,828
Total Special Education	\$1,553,957	\$1,456,056	\$1,473,312	\$1,493,000	\$19,688
Contingency			\$47,000		-\$47,000
Total Central Office	\$610,718	\$603,120	\$610,964	\$645,355	\$34,391
Total SU & Special Education	\$2,164,675	\$2,059,176	\$2,131,276	\$2,138,355	\$7,079

**Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union
FY19 Assessment Summary**

	BVSU 100.00%	Arlington 84.87%	Sandgate 15.13%
General Education	\$645,355	\$547,690	\$97,665
Revenues			
Transportation Reimb.	\$93,138		
Vocational Transp. Reimb.	\$62,350		
Interest	\$2,000		
Offsetting Revenues	\$157,488		

Equalized Pupils		
District	Number	%
Arlington	354.64	84.87%
Sandgate	63.24	15.13%
	417.88	100.00%

Expenditures Less Offsetting Revenues			
Administration	\$129,010	\$109,486	\$19,524
Finance	\$153,280	\$130,083	\$23,197
Audit	\$20,850	\$17,695	\$3,155
Maintenance	\$18,720	\$15,887	\$2,833
Transportation	\$52,864	\$44,864	\$8,000
Curriculum Director	\$108,448	\$108,448	\$0
Remaining Amount to Assess	\$483,172	\$426,463	\$56,709

	BVSU 100.00%	Arlington 92.31%	Sandgate 7.69%
Special Education	\$1,493,000	\$1,378,154	\$114,846
Revenues			
EEE	\$35,793		
Mainstream Block	\$195,377		
Intensive Reimbursement	\$640,703		
Extraordinary Reimb.	\$15,000		
Offsetting Revenues	\$886,873		

12/1/2017 Child Count		
District	Number	%
Arlington	72	92.31%
Sandgate	6	7.69%
Total	78	100.00%

Expenditures Less Offsetting Revenues			
Administration	\$76,366	\$70,492	\$5,874
Early Education	\$57,126	\$52,732	\$4,394
Elementary	\$200,873	\$185,421	\$15,452
Secondary	\$248,958	\$229,807	\$19,151
Remaining Amt to Assess	\$583,323	\$538,452	\$44,871

Total Budget	\$2,138,355		
Total To Be Assessed	\$1,066,495	\$964,915	\$101,580

Sandgate Tuition

%
103.00%

Pre-Kindergarten

	FY18 Anticipated			FY19 Budgeted			Variance	
	Rate	Students	Tuition	Rate	Students	Tuition	\$	%
Tuition - Public								
Bennington Early Childhood	\$3,178	1	\$3,178	\$3,267	1	\$3,267	\$89	2.80%
Fisher	\$3,178	2	\$6,356	\$3,267	2	\$6,534	\$178	2.80%
Total Public		2	\$6,356		2	\$6,534	\$178	2.80%
Tuition - Private								
Happy Days	\$3,178	1	\$3,178	\$3,267	1	\$3,267	\$89	2.80%
Total Private		1	\$3,178		1	\$3,267	\$89	2.80%
Total Pre-Kindergarten		3	\$9,534		3	\$9,801	\$267	2.80%

Elementary (K - 6)

	FY18 Anticipated			FY19 Budgeted			Variance	
	Rate	Students	Tuition	Rate	Students	Tuition	\$	%
Tuition - Public								
Arlington Memorial HS	\$14,135	1	\$14,135	\$14,559	3	\$43,677	\$29,542	209.00%
Fisher	\$14,135	18	\$254,430	\$14,559	16	\$232,945	-\$21,485	-8.44%
Manchester Elementary	\$13,950	2	\$27,900	\$14,000	2	\$28,000	\$100	0.36%
Sunderland	\$13,800	2	\$27,600	\$14,000	2	\$28,000	\$400	1.45%
Total Public		23	\$324,065		23	\$332,622	\$8,557	2.64%
Tuition - Private								
Hiland Hall School	\$8,500	7	\$59,500	\$8,755	4	\$35,020	-\$24,480	-41.14%
Long Trail School	\$13,496	2	\$26,992	\$13,901	0	\$0	-\$26,992	-100.00%
Maple Street School	\$13,496	4	\$53,984	\$13,901	4	\$55,604	\$1,620	3.00%
Red Fox Community School	\$13,496	0	\$0	\$13,901	2	\$27,802	\$27,802	
Southshire Community School	\$13,496	1	\$13,496	\$13,901	1	\$13,901	\$405	3.00%
Total Private		13	\$153,972		11	\$132,326	-\$21,646	-14.06%
Total Elementary		36	\$478,037		34	\$464,948	-\$13,089	-2.74%

Secondary (7 - 12)

	FY18 Anticipated			FY19 Budgeted			Variance	
	Rate	Students	Tuition	Rate	Students	Tuition	\$	%
Tuition - Public								
Arlington Memorial HS	\$15,117	14.1	\$213,150	\$15,571	12	\$186,846	-\$26,304	-12.34%
Mount Anthony High School	\$15,500	1	\$15,500	\$15,965	1	\$15,965	\$465	3.00%
Total Public		15.1	\$228,650		13	\$202,811	-\$25,839	-11.30%
Tuition - Private								
Burr & Burton	\$15,130	4	\$60,520	\$15,584	4	\$62,336	\$1,816	3.00%
Hiland Hall	\$8,500	0	\$0	\$8,755	3	\$26,265	\$26,265	
Long Trail School	\$15,130	4	\$60,520	\$15,584	6	\$93,503	\$32,983	54.50%
Total Private		8	\$121,040		13	\$182,104	\$61,064	50.45%
Total Secondary		23.1	\$349,690		26	\$384,915	\$35,225	10.07%
Total		62	\$837,261		63	\$859,664	\$22,404	2.68%

District: **Sandgate**
County: **Bennington**

T181
Battenkill Valley

Property dollar equivalent yield **9,842**
11,862
Homestead tax rate per \$9,842 of spending per equalized pupil **1.00**
Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income

Expenditures		FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$791,974	\$890,087	\$951,738	\$975,521	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$791,974	\$890,087	\$951,738	\$975,521	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$791,974	\$890,087	\$951,738	\$975,521	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$104,334	\$84,783	\$800	\$800	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$104,334	\$84,783	\$800	\$800	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$687,640	\$805,304	\$950,938	\$974,721	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	47.84	52.05	58.02	63.24	15.
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,373.75	\$15,471.74	\$16,389.83	\$15,413.05	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00	Allowable growth NA	threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00	threshold = \$17,816 \$17,816.00	25.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$14,374	\$15,472	\$16,390	\$15,413.05	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	151.958% based on \$9,285	159.486% based on \$9,701	161.317% based on yield \$10,160	156.605% based on yield \$9,842	28.
Prorating the local tax rate						
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$15,413.05 + (\$9,842.00 / \$1,000)]	\$1.5044 based on \$0.99	\$1.5949 based on \$1.00	\$1.6132 based on \$1.00	\$1.5660 based on \$1.00	29.
30.	Percent of Sandgate equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.57)	\$1.5044	\$1.5949	\$1.6132	\$1.5660	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	107.36%	102.01%	105.54%	101.24%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.5660 / 101.24%)	\$1.4013 based on \$0.99	\$1.5635 based on \$1.00	\$1.5285 based on \$1.00	\$1.5468 based on \$1.00	33.
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>						
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(15,413.05 + 11,862) x 2.00%]	2.74% based on 1.80%	2.85% based on 2.00%	2.73% based on 2.00%	2.60% based on 2.00%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.60%)	2.74% based on 1.80%	2.85% based on 2.00%	2.73% based on 2.00%	2.60% based on 2.00%	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.
37.		-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,842 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,862 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.629. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**Sandgate School District
FY19 Proposed Budget**

Expenditures	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Budget	FY18 Projected	FY19 Prop	Variance	%
Early Education	\$18,552	\$9,534	\$9,534	\$9,534	\$0	0.00%
Instructional Program	\$733,125	\$828,449	\$837,261	\$859,664	\$31,215	3.77%
School Board	\$2,642	\$3,488	\$3,488	\$3,488	\$0	0.00%
Regular Education Assessments	\$73,321	\$61,988	\$61,988	\$56,709	-\$5,279	-8.52%
SPED Assessments	\$150,571	\$45,359	\$45,359	\$45,626	\$267	0.59%
Interest / Prior Year Adjustments	\$689	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Total Expenditures to be Voted	\$978,900	\$949,318	\$958,130	\$975,521	\$26,203	2.76%
Warned Articles	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total District Expenditures	\$978,900	\$949,318	\$958,130	\$975,521	\$26,203	2.76%

Revenues	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Budget	FY18 Projected	FY19 Prop	Variance	%
1510 Interest		\$800	\$800	\$800	\$0	0
1900 Miscellaneous	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
5400 Return of Prior Year Tuition	\$658	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
Total Local	\$40,658	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$0	0
3150 Transportation Reimbursement	\$13,122	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
3201 SPED Block Grant	\$22,471	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
3202 SPED Intensive Reimbursement	\$54,971	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
3204 EEE Block Grant	\$3,937	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
Total State Reimbursements	\$94,501	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
3100 Education Spending	\$805,304	\$948,518	\$948,518	\$974,721	\$26,203	2.76%
Total Revenues	\$940,463	\$949,318	\$949,318	\$975,521	\$26,203	2.76%

SANDGATE TOWN SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 7, 2017

Legal voters of the Sandgate Town School District of Sandgate, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Sandgate Town Hall on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017** to transact the following business:

Rick Dahm School Moderator brought the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

Approximately 15 people were present as well as representatives of BVSU, Judith Pullinen, Superintendent, Eleanor Frechette BVSU Business Manager, and William Bazyk Director of Special Education.

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on the report of the School District Officers.

Judith Pullinen and Alan Tschorn stated that there were not enough students in the group organized to meet ACT 46 mandate after Stratton withdrew from the study group to make Sandgate and Arlington viable.

Currently the Sandgate School Board is adopting a “wait and see” mode for adopting partners in a non operating group (school Choice). There are no options available and there also may be upcoming changes to ACT 46 making it more flexible.

Rick Dahm moved the question.
Article 1 was accepted.

ARTICLE 2: To authorize the School Board to borrow money by issue of notes not to excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.

Rick Dahm moved the question.
Article 2 passed.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town of Sandgate will vote a sum of \$6,000 to put into the School Bus/Transportation Fund for the replacement of a school bus.

Discussion regarding the number of students on average for the Sandgate bus indicated 15-20 students.

Judith Pullinen let the voters know that there also might be the availability of an EPA grant for school bus purchase.

Rick Dahm moved the question.

ARTICLE 4: To elect one School Board Director for a three year term by Australian ballot March 7, 2017.

Rick Dahm moved the question.
Article 4 passed.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$949,318, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,087 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 10.4% higher than the spending for the current year.

Ron Weiler had a question about why spending per student was 10% higher. Judith Pullinen stated that it was how Special Education funds were reported. The grants and expenditures for Special Education and Transportation are now in the BVSU budget. The actual increase was more like 7.4 % related to more students moving into Sandgate. Last year there were 52 and now there are going to be 58. She also stated that the equalized student rate was arrived at by weighting different aged students in a complicated process. High school students had a higher cost while younger students had a lower cost and this was done by a 3 year average to arrive at the equalized student rate on page 44.

Philip Frost asked what can we change about the budget? Judith Pullinen and Alan Tschorn stated that the taxes were going up over last year by 6.7 %

Rick moved the question.
Article 5 passed.

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Additional information centered on new security cameras on the school busses. Because there are cameras, there are no longer bus monitors riding with the bus drivers. The cameras record from several angles and clarity is excellent. The information is kept for 30 days. Bus drivers are encouraged to come in to the principal and report an incident immediately. Very strict privacy standards are adhered to and there is no streaming system. After the report is created, parents are notified. If there needs to be more input, William Bazyk is notified and there is further discussion.

It was also noted that any school professional is required to report episodes of a bullying behavior even after school hours.

The meeting broke at 10:40 AM to hear from Cynthia Browning. She has been appointed to the WAYS and MEANS committee in the Legislature. Now she is in. An example of this improvement would be making income sensitive payments for position to help with Tax policy, perhaps making the policy less complicated property taxes more clear in their generation. The current formula is quite complicated. It would make planning easier for tax payers.

She also discussed making public utility rates decided in a public forum and open meeting rather than the current practice of a small group of regulators.

Finally, she commented on efforts to make internet faster and cell phone availability greater in rural areas. The internet improvements are going at a faster pace than cell phone reception. Getting a personal enhancer seems to be the best solution for increased cell reception in rural areas.

Cynthia Browning is available Saturday morning at Chauncey's restaurant if you want to voice citizens concerns.

The meeting resumed at 11:05 AM

Rick Dahm moved to end the meeting and it closed at 11:05 AM



TOWN OF SANDGATE DIRECTORY

Emergency Calls (Ambulance, Fire & Police) - 911

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Large Animals	Suzanne dePeyster	375-6005
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Small Animals	Erin McDermott	375-2201
ARLINGTON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL		375-2589
ARLINGTON POST OFFICE		375-6904
ARLINGTON TOWN CLERK		375-2332
BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION		442-0713
CASELLA LANDFILL		362-4082
Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 7:00-2:00; Sat, 7:30-11:30; Closed Wed, Sun & Holidays		
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	Eleanor LaCross	375-2801
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	Eleanor LaCross	375-2801
FIRE DEPARTMENT (Other Than Emergency)		375-2323
FIRE WARDEN - Burning Permit	Lynn Fielding	375-2211
FIRE WARDEN - Burning Permit	Jim Gunn	375-9481
FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		375-6409
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Town Garage	375-8358
	Mike Hill	375-6543
LISTER'S OFFICE	Jeanne Zoppel	375-9270
MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY		375-6153
PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD	Judy Boehlert	375-8343
POUND KEEPER, ARLINGTON		375-6121
POUND KEEPER, RUPERT		379-3004
RECREATION & PARK SCHEDULING		375-9564
RESCUE SQUAD (Other Than Emergency)		375-6589
RUPERT TOWN CLERK		394-7728
SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SHELTER		375-0249
SELECTMAN'S OFFICE	Suzanne dePeyster	375-6005
STATE POLICE (Other Than Emergency)		442-5421
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS		375-9744
BENNINGTON SHERIFF'S OFFICE		442-4900
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	Marjorie Peff	375-9075
TREASURER'S OFFICE	Sandra Reidy	375-9075
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Hal Wilkins	375-9075

FIRE WARNING

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

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

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

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

NO SMOKING IN THE TOWN HALL

FOR EMERGENCIES (POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE) CALL 911

For non-emergencies:

Police Department: 442-5421

Fire Department: 375-2323

Rescue Squad: 375-6589

ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIRE MINUTES

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

That's Miracle on the front cover and Sandy on back

