

Town of Bridgewater



Vermont

2017 Annual Report

Town & School District

(For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017)

Table of Contents

3.....	Dedications
4.....	Town Reminders
5.....	Permit Fees
6-9.....	2017 Minutes of Town & School Meeting
10.....	Elected Officials
11.....	Appointed Officials
12.....	Town Warning
13.....	School Warning
14.....	Selectboard Report
15-16....	Road Foreman's Report
17.....	Lister's Report
18.....	Dog & Liquor License Report
19.....	Vital Statistics

Town Financials:

20.....	Budget Summary
21-23....	General Fund
24.....	Highway Fund
25.....	Sewer Fund
26.....	Recreation Comm.
26.....	Cemetery Funds
27.....	Schools Fund
27.....	Bridgewater School Building Expenses
28.....	Designated Fund Balances
29-30....	Balance Sheet for all funds
31.....	Explanation of Grand List
32.....	Delinquent Tax Collector's Report
33-34....	Delinquent Tax Reports

Town /Local Reports:

35-36....	Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Dept. Reports
37.....	Cemetery Commissioners Report
38.....	American Legion Report
39.....	Bridgewater Historical Society
40-41...	Committee to Save the School Building
42.....	New Building Committee
43.....	Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Report
44.....	Two-Rivers Regional Planning Commission
45.....	Green Up Day Report
46.....	Windsor County Update
47.....	VLCT

Warned Appropriations Reports:

48.....	Visiting Nurse & Hospice for VT & NH
49.....	Spectrum Teen Center
50.....	Woodstock Area Council on Aging
51.....	The Woodstock Job Bank
52.....	SEVCA
53-54...	Norman Williams Public Library
55.....	Woodstock Recreation Center, Inc.

Informational Reports:

56.....	State of VT-Department of Health
57.....	Joan Jenne Memorial Scholarship Fund

School Reports:

58.....	Report of the Superintendent
59-61...	WCSU Faculty & Staff, WCMUUSD Directors, Enrollment Report
62-63...	WCMUUSD Chair Report
64-66...	WCMUUSD Revenue & Expense Reports
67.....	Three Prior Years Comparison Report
68.....	Prosper Valley School, Joint District Report
69-75...	Prosper Valley School Revenue & Expense Reports
77-78...	Bridgewater Village School District Balance Sheet And Reserve Fund Reports
79-80....	Prosper Valley School Trust Report

Dedication



The Town of Bridgewater respectfully dedicates the town report to Coleman "Bill" Hoyt for his many years of service to the town and the community. Prior to his recent move, Coleman lived at his beloved Saddle Bow Farm in North Bridgewater for 80 years.

For 22 consecutive years he was elected Town Agent and Grand Juror. In addition he was elected to 7 consecutive 3 year terms as Cemetery Commissioner overseeing the care and maintenance of Bridgewater's 11 cemeteries.

As a World War II US Navy veteran, he served as Commander of Bridgewater's Geno-Robinson Post II for a number of years. He also presided over numerous veterans funerals as Post Chaplain. Each Memorial Day, he oversaw the placing of American Flags at several hundred veterans' graves in Bridgewater cemeteries as well as the American Flags flying along Route 4 in the village.

For all the time and energy Coleman has devoted to the town, the appreciative residents of the Town of Bridgewater say "thank you for your conscientious and generous service."

Town Reminders:

Fast Trash at the Town Garage – Saturday mornings - 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Direct questions to: ABLE Waste Management 672-3569

- ❖ **January 01, 2018 - April 2, 2018** - Remember to License your Dog/Wolf Hybrid
Call the Town Clerk if you have questions.
- ❖ **March 6, 2018** Town Meeting Day 9:00 a.m. @ 5520 RT 4 Long Trail Brewery Co.
Town Office: Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District Budget
Australian Ballot -7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **March 12, 2018** **Annual Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District Meeting At 7:00 p.m. WHS-MS Teagle Library**
- ❖ **March 17, 2018** **Rabies Clinic** – Bridgewater Mill Mall – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Also-Flea & Tick treatments available.
Dogs on leashes, Cats in carriers, please. Bring prior vaccination records.
- ❖ **April 1, 2018** Property Assessment Date – Property is assessed each year as of this date.
- ❖ **April 15, 2018** File State Form - HS 122 for residency declaration.
- ❖ **May 1, 2018** Liquor License Renewal Date.
- ❖ **June 2018** Lister Grievances
- ❖ **August 2, 2018** Tax Bills mailed.
- ❖ **November 7, 2018** Property Taxes Due – Please remember that taxes paid after this date are considered late, and subject to interest & penalty charges.

Town Permits required:

PERMIT FEES:

Permit and application fees shall be established by the Selectboard of the Town of Bridgewater, and shall be assessed by the Selectboard or their representative.

ACCESS / CURB CUT AND RIGHT OF WAY EXCAVATION

(Creating a driveway or road or altering existing driveway or road which accesses on to a town road)

A. Permit Application and Inspection Fee	\$105.00
B. Modification of existing driveway	20.00
C. Culvert replacement/addition	20.00
D. Installation of water/power lines	20.00

*** SEPTIC**

As of July 1, 2007 – State Permits required- Call 802-885-8855 with any questions.

GUVSWD LANDFILL STICKER / COUPON

A. Windshield Sticker	20.00
B. Coupon	43.00

PERMIT TO BURN BRUSH

Ken Tarleton, Warden 672-3061

*** FLOOD ZONE** - You must apply to build or alter an existing structure in a flood plain area.

NO building in Flood Way Area.

Contact Town Office for Application & Permit Fee information.

*** Reminder**-Please keep your E-911 signs clean and visible. If your sign is missing, contact Steve Hill, our 911 Coordinator.

Bridgewater Annual Town & School Meeting March 7, 2017

The 2017 Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Moderator, Bill Berry, who asked for nominations for a school and town moderator. John Hiers nominated Bill Berry which was seconded by Charles Astbury. No other nominations. Bill Berry instructed clerk to cast one ballot.

Bill made the following announcements:

- * Location of exits and bathroom facilities. Grange Members are selling refreshments.
- * Town Meeting procedure and reminded the audience that in order to vote, they must be checked off the checklist and stamped at the entrance.
- * Australian Ballot vote at the Town Office for the Woodstock Union High School Budget & ACT 46. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. A rabies clinic will be held at the Bridgewater Mill on March 25th. from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. Cost is \$11.00.

The pledge of allegiance was said and a moment of silence was held.

Article 2: Andy Bird moved and Mary Oldenburg seconded to accept all reports of the School District. Motion carried.

Article 3: Bridgewater Village School Director 3 year term: Mary Oldenburg nominated Joshua Gregg. Being no other nominations the clerk was asked to cast one ballot for Joshua Gregg. Motion carried.

Article 4: Woodstock Union High School Director 3 year term: John Heirs nominated Perrin Worrell. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Perrin Worrell. Motion carried.

Article 5: Motion made by Andy Bird and seconded by Brian Bontrager to appropriate the sum of \$1,650,695.00 as the amount necessary for the support of the Prosper Valley Joint School beginning July 1, 2017 with Bridgewater's portion being \$728,024.00. Board fielded questions regarding equalized pupils, budget line increases in principal's salary, special education and WCSU assessment. Discussion of tuition collection, money still outstanding for last year, on books as a receivable and expected to come in. Finance Director, Richard Seaman was allowed to speak to the questions of tuition collections, special education expenses have been consolidated to WCSU with the exception of paraprofessionals, and state guidelines requiring additional time for a licensed nurse. Principal Lisa Sjostrom spoke about the budget increase of the secretary for additional hours and pay raise. 90 children currently enrolled at Prosper Valley with at least 3 more expected next year. Many new programs have been instituted including drama and music, outdoor skating rink, connection to Montshire Museum. Two teachers are leaving after this year; Barb Leonard and Deanne Fitzpatrick. Principal Sjostrom is also leaving at end of school year. Great things are happening at Prosper Valley and she expects that they will continue. Vote was taken by paper ballot – 110 votes cast. 87 yes and 23 no. Budget passed.

Article 6: Motion was made by Andy Bird and seconded by Hank Smith to authorize the school directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 7: Other business: Question was raised as to the impact of ACT 46 on Bridgewater. This is a legislative act requiring districts to merge in order to improve student outcomes, create equity and quality and variety of student opportunity, increase transparency of school operations and reduce overall education costs.

Bridgewater will not see any big cost savings as we already have seen the benefit when we merged with Pomfret. All the district schools (Barnard, Bridgewater, Pomfret, Reading, Killington and Woodstock) are voting by Australian Ballot to become the Unified Union School District. Plymouth is also voting to join in this district. 4 of the area schools need to pass this article in order to merge. Each town will have 2 representatives except Woodstock, which will have 6. The schools within this merge will be governed by an 18 member board.

Being no further business, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn the town/ school meeting at 10:45 am. Motion carried.

Meeting was suspended to allow Representative Job Tate to give an update of legislative acts. Job spoke to the issues going on in Montpelier. Voted against ACT 46. Economics in Vermont are very poor, does not think that raising minimum wage to \$15.00 will pass. Would like to see term limits (Job will not be running again) for representatives. Would like to see governor term changed from 2 to 4 years. Feels that ACT 250 needs to be changed to enable businesses to expand, agrees with some early prisoner release.

Town portion of meeting came to order at 11:25 am.

Chairman, Nope Martin thanked David Jenne for his 28 years of service to the town highway department.

2017 Town Report was dedicated to David Jenne.

Article 2: Andy Bird moved and Owen Astbury seconded to accept all reports as submitted. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 3: Motion made by Andy Bird and seconded by Coleman Hoyt to appropriate the sum of **\$4,900.** to support the home health maternal and child health and hospice care provided to patients in homes and community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of VT/NH. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 4: Motion made Andy Bird and seconded by Coleman Hoyt to appropriate the sum of **\$300.** to the Woodstock Area Job Bank. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 5: Motion made by Brian Bontrager and seconded by Coleman Hoyt to appropriate the sum of **\$5,750.** to run the Thompson Senior Center. Larry Kasden gave a brief outline of the services offered by the Senior Center. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 6: Motion made by Andy Bird and seconded by Hank Smith to appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.** to Woodstock Recreation Center. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 7: Motion was made by John Hiers and seconded by Brian Bontrager to appropriate the sum of **\$750.** to support the programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 8: Motion made by Andy Bird and seconded by Hank Smith to appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.** to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA). Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 9: Motion made by Joan Tarleton and seconded by Joan Oppenheimer to appropriate the sum of **\$1,500** to support the programming of the Ottauquechee Community Partnership (OCP) and OCP's Mentor and Buddy Program. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 10: Motion made by Andy Bird and seconded by Hank Smith to appropriate the sum of **\$3,500.** for the Norman Williams Public Library. Board member, Linda Smiddy spoke of the services offered by the library and availability of library cards for Bridgewater residents. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 11: Motion was made by Andy Bird and seconded by Hank Smith to see if the town will vote to raise **\$15,000.00** to be used toward research and engineering plans for a new community building to include a handicap accessible meeting room, fire station and rescue squad. Questions fielded as to use of money and how this amount was determined. Fire Dept. had gotten plans that were viewed last fall, Selectboard should be involved with process and funding as this is to be a town community building. Board would also like to have a committee consisting of a couple fire department members, a couple town officials and a couple towns' people.

Heather Kennedy made a motion to amend the amount to \$1,000.00, this was seconded by Warren Blanchard. Discussion of this amount, Josh Maxham explained that the Fire Dept. has spent \$5,000 of their money on preliminary plans and that \$15,000.00 was a more appropriate number.

Paper ballot vote was taken on the amendment. 90 voters Yes-27 No-63. Motion defeated. Back to main motion of \$15,000.00. Joan Tarleton asked to move the question. Vote was taken by paper ballot. 89 voters Yes-54 No-35. Article carried.

Article 12: Motion made by Andy Bird and seconded by Hank Smith to see if the Town will vote a budget of **\$1,209,660.00** of which **\$702,831.57** shall be raised by taxes and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax sufficient to pay its current expenses and any part of its debt. Discussion of Southgate building line items and anticipated revenue. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 13: Motion made by Andy Bird and seconded by Steve Tarleton to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay current expenses. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 14: Motion made by Andy Bird and seconded by Owen Astbury to see if the Town will vote to place its taxes or any part thereof in the hands of the Current Tax Collector for collection on August 2, 2017 and to be paid on or before Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 15: The following Town Officers were elected as required by law.

- a. Selectboard (3 yrs.) Lynne Bertram was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Lynne Bertram. Motion carried
- b. Lister (3 yrs.) Thomas Standish was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Thomas Standish. Motion carried.
- c. Cemetery Commissioner (3 yrs.) Paul Hutt was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Paul Hutt. Motion carried.
- d. Town Constable (1 yr.) Mike Sawyer nominated. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot.
- e. Town Agent (1 yr.) Coleman Hoyt. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried
- f. Grand Juror (1 yr.) Coleman Hoyt. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried
- g. Trustee of Public Funds (1 yr.) Henry (Hank) Smith Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried

Article 16: Other business – Moderator Bill Berry instructed body that no legal or binding business could be done at this time. Discussion street lights, GMP will be changing to LED bulbs within the next year, suggestion made to check into solar energy for town building. Discussion of current status of school building. Vote that was taken in November to demolish building was discussed and questioned as to procedure to re-vote or reconsider action. Suggestion made to contact Sec. of State's office or attorney to address these questions. Selectboard was asked to hold off on taking any action on the school building for 90 days to be given time to act on re-vote or reconsideration. Board agreed.

Being no further discussion, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting at 1:20 pm. Motion carried.

William Berry, Moderator Norman Martin II, Selectboard Chair Seth Shaw, BVS
Director
118 legal voters were in attendance

Results of Australian Ballot Questions: 136 votes cast

Article 4: Appropriation of Funds (budget) Yes-96 No-40

Article 8: Forming the WCUUSD Yes-98 No-37 Blank-1

Article 9: School Director to the WCUUDS Justin Shipman was elected to a one year term

Article 10: School Director to the WCUUDS Perrin Worrell was elected to a three year term

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator:	
William Berry	2017-2018
Town Clerk:	
Nancy Robinson	2016-2019
Town-School Treasurer:	
Victoria Young	2016-2019
Selectboard:	
Norman Martin II	2015-2018
Mary Oldenburg	2016-2019
Lynne Bertram	2017-2020
Woodstock Unified School District	
Justin Shipman	2018-2019
Perrin Worrell	2018-2021
Bridgewater School Director:	
Justin Shipman	2015-2018
Seth Shaw	2016-2019
Joshua Gregg	2017-2020
WUHS Director:	
Sandra Sawyer	2016-2019
Perrin Worrell	2017-2020
Listers:	
William Young	2015-2018
Victoria Young	2016-2019
Tom Standish	2017-2020
Cemetery Commissions:	
Jim Bulmer	2015-2018
Coleman Hoyt	2016-2019 *
Paul Hutt	2017-2020
Delinquent Tax Collector:	
Joni Kennedy	2015-2018
Town Constable:	
Mike Sawyer	2017-2018
Grand Juror:	
Coleman Hoyt	2017-2018
Town Agent:	
Coleman Hoyt	2017-2018
Trustee of Public Funds:	
Henry Smith	2017-2018

- Resigned

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Health Officer:

Ellen Quinn 2020

Deputy Health Officer:

Vacant

Road Commissioner:

Norman Martin II 2018

Fence Viewers:

Clifford Geno 2018

Andy Bird 2018

Owen Astbury 2018

Tree Warden:

Gerry Hawkes 2018

Poundkeeper:

Woodstock Animal Care 2018

Forest Fire Warden:

Kenneth Tarleton 2022 (state appointment)

Planning Commission: (4 year terms)

Owen Astbury 2019

Brian Bontrager 2019

Marge duMond 2022

Bruce Maxham 2020

Roy Wardwell 2018

E 9-1-1 Coordinator:

Steve Hill 2018

Emergency Management Coordinator: 2018

Josh Maxham

Representative to TROP:

Lynne Bertram 2018

Representative to GUVSWMD:

Lynne Bertram 2018

Board of Civil Authority/Justice of the Peace: (Terms Expire 2/01/19)

Jim Bulmer

Gregory Jenne

Gloria Martin

Jerry Oppenheimer

Donna Williamson

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING 2018

The legal voters of the Town of Bridgewater, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at Long Trail Brewing Company, #5520 US RT 4, Bridgewater Corners, in said town on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

1. To elect a Moderator for the term of one year.
2. To accept all reports as submitted in the 2017 Annual Report
3. To see if the Town will vote to the sum of **\$19,315.00** to the following social service agencies:

a. Visiting Nurse and Hospice of VT & NH	\$4,900.00 (report page 48)
b. Spectrum Teen Center	750.00 (report page 49)
c. Woodstock Area Council on Aging (Thompson Senior Center)	5,865.00 (report page 50)
d. Woodstock Area Job Bank	300.00 (report page 51)
e. Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	1,000.00 (report page 52)
f. Norman Williams Public Library	3,500.00 (report page 53-54)
g. Woodstock Recreation Department	<u>3,000.00</u> (report page 55)
	\$19,315.00
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to **\$170,000.00** to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department (to replace the 2012 Freightliner) to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund.
5. To see if the Town will vote a budget of **\$1,225,128.00** of which **\$669,460.42** shall be raised by taxes and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax sufficient to pay its current expenses and any part of its debt.
6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay current expenses.
7. To see if the Town will vote to place its taxes or any part thereof in the hands of the Collector of Current Taxes for collection on or before August 1, 2018 and to be paid on or before November 1, 2018 (1st. Wednesday)
- 8 To elect all Town Officers as required by law:
 - a. Selectperson – three years
 - b. Lister – three years
 - c. Cemetery Commissioner – three years
 - d. Cemetery Commissioner – one year (remaining term)
 - e. Delinquent Tax Collector – three years
 - f. Town Constable – one year
 - g. Town Agent - one year
 - h. Grand Juror – one year
 - i. Trustee of Public Funds – one year
9. To do any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Bridgewater, VT this 25th. day of January, 2018

Bridgewater Selectboard:
 Norman Martin II, Chairman
 Mary Oldenburg
 Lynne Bertram

**WARNING FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Bridgewater School District of Windsor County, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at Long Trail Brewing Co., # 5520 US RT 4, Bridgewater Corners, Vermont, in said district, on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. for the purpose of transacting the following business:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of the Bridgewater School Directors for the school accounts.

ARTICLE 3: To elect one School Director to the Bridgewater School Board for a term that will expire on the date the District ceases to exist pursuant to the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on February 21, 2017.

ARTICLE 4: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated this 31st day of January, 2018.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Seth Shaw, Chair
Justin Shipman
Joshua Gregg

Selectboard's Report

Life along the Ottauquechee and its headwaters continued to be a positive and quiet year for the Town of Bridgewater in 2017. There were no untoward events to interfere with the lifestyle we have come to embrace and enjoy. There are a number of ongoing initiatives that continue to be addressed.

The Selectboard has accepted the resignation of Coleman Hoyt as Cemetery Commissioner, Grand Juror and Town Agent. Coleman and Cecelia Hoyt moved from town, therefore, he may no longer to hold these positions. We thank Coleman for his many years of service and dedication to our town.

The Bridgewater Highway Department under the direction of Randy Kennedy, Road Foreman continues to keep our roads well maintained. The Selectboard and Road Foreman are developing and initiating a long range plan to replace/upgrade culverts, grade and cut ditches as well as do some tree cutting where necessary on roads that have required repeated maintenance over the years. New legislative requirements involving storm water runoff will have an impact on Bridgewater in so far as how we line and dig out ditches. Highway employee, Peter Oldenburg retired after 5 years with the town and Justin Sterling was hired as the third highway crewmember.

The select board continues to assess the future of the Bridgewater Village School building. At present there are two committees that are looking at options that include rehabilitating the building, demolition or incorporating it into a possible new firehouse/community building. We have put \$25,000.00 in the proposed budget to continue the building maintenance until a decision on the building has been made. We have also included in the new budget the amount of \$20,000.00 for continued research and development.

At last year's town meeting an article was approved to appropriate \$15,000.00 to research a new community/fire station building. A committee of two firemen, three local residents and two town officials has been appointed; it is investigating the options for either a standalone building on the field or using the back portion of the school building to include a new community room and fire station. The town has contracted with a Civil Engineering firm to begin the study of either option.

The municipal website (www.bridgewater.vt.gov) remains an important resource for all residents. All meeting agendas, minutes and the town calendar are updated and posted to the site on a regular basis, as regulated by State Statute.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to operate under the competent management of Simon Operating Services. The board has strived to maintain the annual user fee while keeping the treatment plant functioning properly and state compliant. As part our state compliance requirement we are in the process of completing a building and line assessment and capital asset plan.

The Recreation Field is once again used by the Men's Softball League during July and August. There will be a new net on the tennis court in 2018. We would like to report that we see an increase in the usage of the playground equipment and picnic area. The "boat" is a favorite for the children.

The Historical Society continues to make improvements to The Brick Schoolhouse as well as hosting informative and enjoyable lectures. The website, which can be found at www.bridgewaterhistory.org , provides interesting insights into Bridgewater's heritage.

The Fire Department and Neighbors Helping Neighbors continue to work together to plan and execute our annual Bridgewater celebration event in August of each year. They have been able to bring the community this event by getting donations from local businesses and generous supporters. We thank everyone for their support of this wonderful day!

Once again, the Selectboard owes a huge debt of gratitude to all of the employees, elected and appointed officials, volunteers, and you, the townspeople that make Bridgewater such a great town.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman (Nope) Martin, Chairman, Mary Oldenburg, Lynne Bertram

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT 2017

I'd like to start off this year's report by saying 'Thank You' to Pete Oldenburg for his time with the Highway Department. Pete retired on September 1st. I'd also like to extend best wishes from the Highway Crew to our former crewman David Jenne and his family through their recent tough times.

This year, we did a lot of brush cutting and ditching, along with the usual grading, plowing, and daily road maintenance. Heavy winds and heavy ice & snow loads bring down a lot of trees into the roads during storms so we're trying to keep ahead of potential hazards whenever possible throughout the year. Also, our "rainy day" old shop building project is now complete. We finally finished insulating and installing plywood over the last of the unheated bays. Overhead Door replaced the 3 old door panels with insulated ones. We reused the existing door track and openers which saved quite a bit of money. The old shop is a lot more organized and efficient to use now.

A larger project also done this year was the tar section of the Curtis Hollow Rd/Blanchard Rd intersection with the firehouse bridge. Our crew did the project prep work and flagging. The replacement of the culverts by the Hutt house required an excavator. This work was put out to bid and the town received bids from Mosher Excavating and Jeffrey Bridge Excavating. Jeff won the bid. Springfield paving was the winning bidder for the repaving portion of that job. They also paved a new Handicap access ramp that our crew built up to the south door of the Town Office. Another project that went out to bid this summer was a repair job on the wharfing section of the Bridgewater Center Road. Olmstead Property Maintenance and Martin Excavating put in bids and Martin Excavating won the bid. That project was to build wall of large rocks into the brook bank to support the old concrete wharfing which had gotten undermined over the years.

Now for the bad news. Starting this year, new State of Vermont storm water regulations previously voted in will start being enforced. This means that there is going to be a lot of new wider stone-lined ditches, stoned-lined water turn outs, and culverts required on our roads by the state. These new laws mean that our department will now have to use more of the town right of way land for these bigger ditches. We will have to take trees and lawns in many places throughout town in order to bring our roads up to these new codes. We won't like doing this any more than you will but this is the new Vermont law and we must obey it. The town is required to be 100% compliant by 2036. We have a very big job ahead of us to get the whole town done in time. Also know that these new drainage laws apply to new driveways, site work, logging, and farming as well so keep that in mind when working on your land anywhere.

In preparation for so many more upcoming road storm water runoff projects, I have recommended to the Selectboard that we use some of the Highway Department reserve funds from Tropical Storm Irene to finally buy our own excavator along with a rock hammer and equipment trailer. I have given prices to the Selectboard for an excavator that could handle most of these jobs at a more efficient cost to taxpayers. There will still likely be occasions where the town will have to put a project out to bid from time to time but this machine will allow us to be the most productive department we can be at the lowest cost to you. Hopefully, the Selectboard

will give me permission to finally buy this equipment this year. Many other towns are doing the same thing and it would be good to order things before there's a waiting list.

On the good side of things, we hope to have some grant money coming this summer from the state to get us started with projects on Cox Road, Bridgewater Center Road, and on the back side of Bridgewater Hill Road so expect wider, stoned-lined ditches coming soon to those neighborhoods. I also expect to work on 3 culvert areas on the Chateauguay road that will all need to be brought up to this new storm water runoff standard. Each year, we have to submit our year's plan to the state. I hope to keep you all informed of these plans as best as I can. These new storm water rules will change the landscape of our roads forever and are going to be a lot of work. Most of us won't be happy about a lot of this so I want everyone to understand in advance that this has not been a Town of Bridgewater decision. The Selectboard and Highway Department have no control over this....it is a State law now. I want to thank the taxpayers for your patience and support as we work hard to do our job for you. As I mentioned earlier, Pete Oldenburg retired a few months ago. Our newest Highway department employee is Justin Sterling from Chateauguay Road. While Justin came to us with very little experience, I think he is presently doing well at his new job. Our other crewmember, Tyler Waters, continues to do a very good job as well.

As always, please be sure to apply for the proper permits in advance when working in the town right of way, please don't rake your leaves into our ditches and leave them there, and please.....remember to slow down and proceed carefully when meeting the road crew out on the road. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Kennedy
Bridgewater Road Foreman

REPORT OF THE LISTERS TO THE TOWN 2017

The Board of Listers report to the Town that:

- The Municipal Grand List increased from **\$1,794,769.37** to **\$1,798,969.93**
- The Education Grand List (Non-Resident) decreased from **\$1,765,151.22** to **\$1,764,532.82**.
- **The net result of assessed values in both Grand List was an overall increase of \$728,341.00**
- **Approximately 90 properties with changes**

For the 2017 Tax year –Three property owners lodged Grievances with the Listers. This resulted in two properties being adjusted down and one denied, which then went on to the BCA where it was lowered.

We would report to the Town for the year 2017-According to the State Sales Study determination - that our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) has risen from 89.31 to **92.93** -- indicating that our listed values of property in Bridgewater are within 93% accurate as measured by actual property sales when compared with the assessed values of properties sold in the past three years. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) –determined by the State to be **19.33%** a decrease from previous 19.99% for 2017.

By Statute- if the CLA drops below 80% or the COD goes above 20% - the Town is mandated to do a full revaluation. The last full revaluation was done in 2007 – with a statistical Market Update done in 2013.

As always, the objective of your Board of Listers is to maintain a fair and equitable system of property valuation and we encourage everyone to come in and review your assessment at any time.

Lister Board:

Thomas K. Standish

Victoria L. Young

William G. Young

DOG LICENSES
07/01/2016-06/30/2017

106 @ \$ 9.00 (Neutered)	\$ 954.00
79 @ 11.00 (Late Neutered)	869.00
14 @ 13.00 (Un-Neutered)	182.00
20 @ 17.00 (Late Un-Neutered)	340.00
Totals:	
219	\$2,345.00
Sent to State:	1,095.00
Town Share	\$1,250.00

All dog and wolf-hybrids, six months of age or older, Must be licensed each year on or before April 1st. Proof of rabies vaccination, (a current rabies certificate), is required for licensing.

Cats and Ferrets are also required to have a rabies vaccination. Even though we do not license them, we do request a copy of the rabies certificate to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

LIQUOR LICENSES

3 @ \$ 70.00	\$ 210.00
4 @ 115.00	460.00
Totals:	
7	\$ 670.00

Vital Statistics

DEATHS

NAME	AGE	DATE	BURIED/CREMATION
Jacob Z. Dayton	82	08/28/2016	Cremation
David R. Burton	73	09/16/2016	Cremation
James F. Beauregard	70	10/24/2016	Mt Pleasant
Jamie L Cogswell	60	11/23/2016	Cremation
Robert E. Ammel Jr,	62	11/29/2016	Cremation
June S. Mitchell	82	12/15/2016	Cremation
Bonnie L. Potwin	68	01/07/2017	Cremation
Joseph H. Herbert	100	01/29/2017	Cremation
Yvonne M. Rogers	74	05/16/2017	Cremation

BIRTHS

(Names not listed due to confidentiality)

CIVIL MARRIAGES

NAME	NAME	DATE	PLACE
Sadie Phillips-Harlow	Michael Robinson	07/28/2016	Pomfret
Rachael Polnerow	Matthew Nabhan	09/04/2016	Bridgewater
Donna Locke	David Finney	09/17/2016	Bridgewater
Shaye Manning	Andrew Klotz	09/19/2016	Hyde Park
Morgan Billings	Chad Earle	09/24/2016	Plymouth
Stephanie Coonce	Jeremy Guerin	06/06/2017	Windsor
Giovanna Boisvert	Cade Bowen	06/17/2017	Fair Haven

BUDGET SUMMARY	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	%
	2016/2017	2016-2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Change
General Fund Expenses:	602,886.00	584,434.71	622,660.00	639,613.00	
Warned Articles:	<u>17,020.00</u>	<u>17,020.00</u>	<u>20,700.00</u>	<u>19,315.00</u>	-6.69%
Total Expenses:	619,906.00	601,454.71	643,360.00	658,928.00	+2.41%
Non-Tax Revenue:	-309,880.00	-329,707.50	-336,280.00	-353,900.00	
Sub-Total:	310,026.00	271,747.21	307,080.00	305,028.00	
Surplus/Deficit	<u>-1,136.94</u>	<u>-42,271.88</u>	<u>-44,238.05</u>	<u>-42,271.88</u>	
Amount to be raised in Taxes:	308,889.06	314,019.09	262,841.95	262,756.12	.03%
Highway Expenses:	581,510.00	560,022.91	566,300.00	566,200.00	-0.01%
Surplus/Deficit	-20,031.08	-67,495.70	- 34,310.38	-67,495.70	
Non-Tax Revenue:	<u>-92,000.00</u>	<u>-158,039.69</u>	<u>-92,000.00</u>	<u>-92,000.00</u>	
Amount to be raised in Taxes	469,479.00	469,478.92	439,989.62	406,704.30	-7.56%
Total General & Highway Expenses:	1,201,416.00	1,161,477.60	1,209,660.00	1,225,128.00	
Non-Tax Revenue:	-401,880.00	-487,747.19	-428,280.00	-445,900.00	
Surplus / Deficit	<u>-21,168.02</u>	<u>-109,767.58</u>	<u>-78,548.43</u>	<u>-109,767.58</u>	
Town Taxes to be Raised	778,367.98	783,498.01	702,831.57	669,460.42	-4.00%
Schools:					
Payments to Schools	1,624,499.00	1,624,499.00	1,532,285.00		
Net to State	1,107,841.08	1,079,093.51	1,239,194.26		
Town Retains	<u>6,161.92</u>	<u>6,247.05</u>	<u>6,249.49</u>		
Total Schools:	2,738,502.00	2,709,839.56	2,777,728.75		

Estimated Tax Rates:

	FY- 2018	FY-2019	%Change
School Tax Rate is: (Actual) Resident	-\$1.7612	*Estimated-Resident - \$1.7771	+0.9
Town Municipal Tax Rate to be: (Actual)	-.3907	*Estimated - .3721	- 4.8%
*Combined estimated Tax Rate to be: (Actual)	\$2.154	*Estimated - \$2.1492	-0.2%

*(using current GL)

(Please note-these are estimates only – These numbers could change based on the State set Education rates – Residential / Non-Residential- and property valuation changes to the Grand List for April 2018)

	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY - 2018	Budget FY - 2019	%Change
General Fund:					
Current Taxes (Gen. Fund)	308,889.06	314,019.09	262,841.95	262,756.12	-0.03%
Current Use Reimbursement	65,500.00	77,749.77	70,000.00	73,000.00	4.29%
Interest on Taxes	10,000.00	12,229.10	10,000.00	12,000.00	20%
Federal & State PILOT Payment	8,500.00	8,970.63	8,700.00	9,000.00	3.45%
Clerk Fees	12,500.00	13,202.56	13,000.00	12,500.00	-3.85%
Traffic Fines	205,000.00	206,055.69	226,000.00	238,000.00	5.31%
Dog Licenses	1,200.00	1,250.00	1,300.00	1,250.00	-3.85%
Liquor Licenses	700.00	670.00	700.00	670.00	-4.29%
Interest on Investments	400.00	1,167.29	500.00	1,200.00	140%
Box Rent	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	
Flood Permits	-	300.00	-	-	
Act 68 -Town Retains	6,000.00	6,247.05	6,000.00	6,200.00	3.33%
Deficit/Surplus	1,136.94	1,136.94	44,238.05	42,271.88	-4.44%
Misc./Donation/Reimb.	-	648.47	-	-	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Revenues:	619,906.00	643,726.59	643,360.00	658,928.00	2.42%
General Account Expenses					
WAGES					
Clerk Wages	35,854.00	35,854.00	36,400.00	36,400.00	
Treasurer Wages	35,854.00	35,854.00	36,400.00	36,400.00	
Selectmen	3,000.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Listers	4,000.00	1,212.60	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Constable	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	
Treasurer School Stipend	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	
Health Officer Stipend	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	
Fire Warden Stipend	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	
Misc. Wages	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Travel Reimbursement	500.00	554.42	500.00	500.00	
Accrued Vacation Payout	-	2,037.00	-	-	
Sub-Total:	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	81,208.00	80,012.02	82,300.00	82,300.00	0.00%
BENEFITS					
FICA-Medicare Taxes	7,000.00	6,975.36	7,200.00	7,200.00	
Insurance	33,500.00	28,962.78	31,000.00	32,000.00	3.23%
VMERS (Retirement)	2,000.00	2,005.20	2,000.00	2,100.00	5%
Training/Seminars	500.00	505.00	550.00	550.00	
Work. Comp. Insurance	325.00	331.00	350.00	350.00	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sub-Total:	43,325.00	38,779.34	41,100.00	42,200.00	2.68%

	Budget FY 2017	Actual FY 2017	Budget FY 2018	Budget FY 2019	% Change
OFFICE EXPENSE					
General Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,155.86	3,000.00	2,800.00	-6.67%
Clerk Supplies	3,000.00	2,791.82	3,000.00	2,800.00	-6.67%
Treasurer Supplies	1,500.00	889.42	1,600.00	1,600.00	
Lister Supplies	300.00	348.58	350.00	350.00	
Election Expense	500.00	446.86	200.00	450.00	125%
Computer/Copier Contracts	6,500.00	5,721.42	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Telephone	2,000.00	2,015.10	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Electricity	9,000.00	8,835.81	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Heat	4,000.00	3,081.59	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Sewer Fee	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,590.00	1,590.00	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sub-Total:	31,300.00	28,786.46	30,240.00	30,090.00	-0.50%
OPERATING EXPENSE					
Advertising	150.00	180.00	150.00	200.00	33.33%
Printing/Town Report Exp.	3,000.00	2,595.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
VLCT Dues & Fees	2,000.00	2,060.00	2,100.00	2,200.00	4.76%
Legal Services	5,000.00	822.00	5,000.00	2,500.00	-50%
Flood Admin. Expense	-	80.00	-	-	
Audit Services	9,000.00	9,315.63	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Dog Pound/Fees	300.00	200.00	300.00	300.00	
Property & Liability Insurance	9,000.00	8,291.00	9,000.00	6,500.00	-27.78%
Southgate House Maintenance	6,000.00	3,158.32	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Southgate House Repairs	2,500.00	485.29	2,500.00	2,000.00	-20%
Sewer Upgrade Bond Payment	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	
County Taxes	15,100.00	15,062.04	15,243.00	14,360.00	-5.79%
GUVSWD Assessment	11,240.00	11,232.00	10,296.00	10,296.00	
Recycling Program	5,625.00	5,622.24	5,746.00	5,700.00	-0.80%
Southgate House Reserved Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	50%
Memorial Day Flags	250.00	123.85	250.00	250.00	
Two-Rivers Regional Plann Comm	1,282.00	1,282.00	1,320.00	1,357.00	2.80%
Cemetery Fund Appropriation	15,000.00	15,000.00	28,000.00	29,000.00	3.57%
Planning Commission	-	-	-	2,000.00	100%
Office Capitol Reserve	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Landfill Monitoring/Testing	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	-25%
Green Up VT	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
Misc./Bank Fees	450.00	433.92	450.00	450.00	
Reappraisal/Maint. Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
E-911 - Signs Reserves	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	50%
Southgate Project	5,000.00	3,386.23	5,000.00	-	-100%

	Budget FY 2017	Actual FY 2017	Budget FY 2018	Budget FY 2019	% Change
Sub-Total:	118,197.00	106,629.52	132,655.00	128,913.00	-2.82%
EMERGENCY SERVICES					
Sheriff & Constable					
Constable Exp./Travel	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Sheriff's Dept. Contract	205,000.00	205,249.50	226,000.00	238,000.00	5.31%
Police Liab. & Work. Comp.	600.00	530.00	600.00	450.00	-25%
Sub-Total:	205,750.00	205,929.50	226,750.00	238,600.00	5.23%
Fast Squad					
Fast Squad Appropriation	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	-50%
Fast Squad Liab.& Work Comp.	1,200.00	1,276.00	1,300.00	1,000.00	-23.08%
Woodstock Ambulance Assess.	29,020.00	29,016.00	29,955.00	30,888.00	3.11%
Ambulance Bills Uncollected	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Dispatch Services	936.00	936.00	1,410.00	1,872.00	32.77%
Sub-Total:	35,156.00	35,228.00	36,665.00	36,760.00	0.26%
Fire Department					
Fire Dept. Appropriation	12,250.00	12,250.00	12,250.00	12,250.00	
Fire Dept. Property & Liability Ins.	9,000.00	9,632.00	9,000.00	7,000.00	-22.22%
Fire Dept. Work. Comp.	1,600.00	1,432.00	1,600.00	1,400.00	-12.50%
Fire Truck Improvements	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Dry Hydrant Program	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Sub-Total:	37,950.00	38,414.00	37,950.00	35,750.00	-5.80%
Total Emergency Services:	278,856.00	279,571.50	301,365.00	311,110.00	3.23%
Sub-Total General Fund Expenses:	552,886.00	533,778.84	587,660.00	594,613.00	1.18%
WARNED APPROPRIATIONS					
Woodstock VNA	4,900.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	
Woodstock Council on Aging	5,570.00	5,570.00	5,750.00	5,865.00	2%
Woodstock Recreation Dept.	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Woodstock Job Bank	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Spectrum Teen Center	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	
Ottauquechee Comm. Partners	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	-100%
SEVCA	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
<u>Norman Williams Public Library</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	
Total Warned Appropriations:	17,020.00	17,020.00	20,700.00	19,315.00	-6.69%

	Budget FY 2017	Actual FY 2017	Budget FY 2018	Budget FY 2019	% Change
BVS OPERATING EXPENSE					
BVS Building Expense	50,000.00	26,303.59	20,000.00	25,000.00	25%
Research & Engineering	-	-	15,000.00	20,000.00	33.33%
BVS Transfer out	-	23,696.41	-	-	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total School Building Expenses:	50,000.00	50,000.00	35,000.00	45,000.00	28.57%
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total General Fund Expenses:	619,906.00	601,454.71	643,360.00	658,928.00	2.42%
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	42,271.88	-	-	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
HIGHWAY REVENUE					
Current Taxes (Highway)	469,479.00	469,478.92	439,989.62	406,704.30	-7.57%
St. of VT - Highways	92,000.00	91,380.09	92,000.00	92,000.00	
Grants-Paving	-	46,018.52	-	-	
Permit Fees	-	-	-	-	
VLCT-Reimbursement	-	598.00	-	-	
Surplus/(Deficit)	20,031.08	20,031.08	34,310.38	67,495.70	96.72%
Misc.	-	12.00	-	-	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Highway Revenues:	581,510.08	627,518.61	566,300.00	566,200.00	-0.02%
Highway Expenses:					
Payroll & Benefits					
Highway Salaries	128,000.00	126,272.17	126,000.00	125,000.00	-0.79%
FICA /Medicare Taxes	9,800.00	9,651.72	9,800.00	9,600.00	-2.04%
Benefits	50,000.00	39,041.39	45,000.00	55,000.00	22.22%
Work. Comp. Insurance	11,000.00	11,273.00	11,500.00	11,000.00	-4.35%
Unemployment	310.00	250.00	300.00	300.00	
VMERS (Retirement)	7,000.00	6,944.98	7,000.00	7,000.00	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sub-Total:	206,110.00	193,433.26	199,600.00	207,900.00	4.16%
GARAGE					
Phone	2,600.00	2,737.94	2,600.00	2,600.00	
Electricity	1,100.00	1,096.21	1,100.00	1,000.00	-9.09%
Heat	4,500.00	3,696.89	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Building & Liability Insurance	8,400.00	8,261.00	8,400.00	6,500.00	-22.62%
Equipment Insurance	7,400.00	7,409.00	7,400.00	6,500.00	-12.16%
Prof. Liability Insurance	2,200.00	2,430.00	2,500.00	2,000.00	-20%
Mileage Reimb/Medical Test	200.00	431.75	200.00	200.00	
Misc.	-	120.00	-	-	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

	Budget FY 2017	Actual FY 2017	Budget FY 2018	Budget FY 2019	% Change
Sub-Total:	26,400.00	26,182.79	26,700.00	23,300.00	-12.73%
MAINTENENCE					
Equipment Hired	18,000.00	13,980.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	
Equipment Fuel	35,000.00	21,289.14	30,000.00	25,000.00	-16.67%
Equipment Repairs	14,000.00	6,032.65	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Materials	100,000.00	103,533.49	100,000.00	100,000.00	
Equipment Maintenance	15,000.00	21,313.92	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Class 4 Road Maintenance	5,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Storm Water Regulations	-	-	-	25,000.00	100%
Sub-Total:	187,000.00	168,149.20	178,000.00	198,000.00	11.24%
SPECIAL PROJECTS					
Grant -Road & Bridge Inventory	-	5,675.01	-	-	
Yearly Projects	85,000.00	89,582.65	85,000.00	60,000.00	-29.41%
Sub-Total:	85,000.00	95,257.66	85,000.00	60,000.00	-29.41%
CAPITOL SINKING					
Building Improvements Reserves	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Equipment Fund Reserves	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	
Bridge Fund Reserves	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Sub-Total:	77,000.00	77,000.00	77,000.00	77,000.00	0.00%
Total Highway Expenses:	581,510.00	560,022.91	566,300.00	566,200.00	-0.02%
Surplus/(Deficit)	0.08	67,495.70	-	-	
SEWER DEPT. REVENUE					
Quarterly Fees	79,360.00	79,025.00	78,096.69	81,500.00	4.36%
Delinquent Interest	500.00	2,688.30	500.00	915.00	83%
Previous Year Surplus	-	-	3,488.31	885.00	-74.63%
Misc.	-	3.25	-	-	
Total Sewer Revenue:	79,860.00	81,716.55	82,085.00	83,300.00	1.48%
SEWER DEPT. EXPENSES					
Plant Labor	54,760.00	54,723.33	56,410.00	58,100.00	3%
Supplies	1,500.00	1,646.97	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Electricity	3,500.00	4,404.49	4,000.00	4,200.00	5%
Heat	1,000.00	753.69	750.00	1,000.00	33.33%
Phone	300.00	359.94	375.00	375.00	
Administrative Fees	200.00	320.00	300.00	325.00	8.33%
Outside Testing	4,000.00	4,123.50	5,000.00	4,500.00	-10%
Chemicals	500.00	785.70	550.00	800.00	45.45%

	Budget FY 2017	Actual FY 2017	Budget FY 2018	Budget FY 2019	% Change
Maintenance	4,500.00	5,383.75	4,500.00	4,000.00	-11.11%
Sludge Disposal	6,000.00	4,710.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Property & Liability Insurance	2,100.00	2,120.00	2,200.00	1,500.00	-31.82%
Sinking Fund Appropriation	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	50%
Misc.	-	-	-	-	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Sewer Expenses:	79,860.00	80,831.37	82,085.00	83,300.00	1.48%
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	885.18	-	-	
Recreation Committee Fund					
Donations	2,500.00	1,250.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Interest on Investments	2,610.00	2,610.00	2,610.00	2,610.00	
Misc.	-	-	-	-	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Total Recreation Committee Rev.	5,110.00	3,860.00	5,110.00	5,110.00	
Recreation Committee Exp.					
Account Maint. Fee	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	
Rec. Field Electricity	250.00	228.18	250.00	250.00	
Insurance	100.00	80.00	100.00	100.00	
Grounds Maintenance	4,710.00	3,414.50	4,710.00	4,710.00	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Total Rec. Committee Expense:	5,110.00	3,722.68	5,110.00	5,110.00	
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	137.32	-	-	
Cemetery Fund Revenues					
Appropriations	15,000.00	15,000.00	28,000.00	29,000.00	
Sale of Lots	300.00	-	1,000.00	-	
Cemetery Corner Stones	-	300.00	500.00	-	
Donations	100.00	625.00	-	-	
Cemetery Book Sales	-	170.00	-	-	
Misc.	-	-	-	-	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Total Cemetery Revenues:	15,400.00	16,095.00	29,500.00	29,000.00	
Cemetery Fund Expenses					
Mowing	13,400.00	24,000.00	26,000.00	27,000.00	
Maintenance/Clean up	2,000.00	2,350.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	
Corner Stones	-	350.00	-	-	
Repairs (Stones & Road)	-	-	1,500.00	-	
Misc./ Legal Exp.	-	366.50	1,000.00	-	

	Budget FY 2017	Actual FY 2017	Budget FY 2018	Budget FY 2019
Total Cemetery Expenses:	15,400.00	27,066.50	29,500.00	29,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	(10,971.50)	-	-

School Revenue

Homestead Education Tax	843,747.51	843,747.51	797,529.26	-
Non-Residential Education	780,751.49	780,751.49	734,755.74	-
Non Resident Ed Liability to State	1,079,093.51	1,079,093.51	1,239,194.26	-
Retained by Municipality	6,247.05	6,247.05	6,249.49	-
Total School Revenue:	2,709,839.56	2,709,839.56	2,777,728.75	-

School Expenses

Payments to Schools	1,624,499.00	1,624,499.00	1,532,285.00	-
ACT 68 - Net Payment to State	1,079,093.51	1,079,093.51	1,239,194.26	-
ACT 68 - Town Retains	6,247.05	6,247.05	6,249.49	-
Total School Expenses:	2,709,839.56	2,709,839.56	2,777,728.75	-

Bridgewater Village School Building Expenses

	2016-2017	2017-2018 YTD-01/31/18
	Budget \$50,000	Budget \$20,000
GREEN MT POWER	\$ 1,374.75	\$ 705.50
VTEL	\$ 881.40	\$ 515.43
DEAD RIVER	\$ 6,631.96	\$ 6,253.81
BRIDGEWATER SEWER DEPT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
MAINT (Mowing/Shoveling)	\$ 2,038.33	\$ 1,550.00
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$ 3,880.00	\$ 2,474.00
SPRINKLER SYSTEM	\$ 543.00	\$ 375.00
ELEVATOR	\$ 150.00	\$ 450.00
ALARM SYSTEM/MONTHLY MON	\$ 823.50	\$ 245.00
FIRE ALARM ANNUAL TESTING	\$ 193.40	\$ 369.00
PAYROLL	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 626.25
PLUMBING	\$ 2,234.47	\$ 186.11
MISC.	\$ 50.28	\$ -
LEGAL	\$ 1,137.50	\$ 75.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 26,303.59	\$ 13,825.10

Designated Fund Balances:

Current Year	Balance 7/1/16	Appropriations	Income	Expenses	6/30/17
General Fund:					
Town Reappraisal	54,359.96	5,000.00	7,173.00	5,259.74	61,273.22
Fire Truck Improvements	103,143.42	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	118,143.42
Southgate House	23,184.17	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	33,184.17
Planning Commission.	4,453.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,453.43
Office Capitol	2,423.89	500.00	0.00	0.00	2,923.89
Veteran's Monument	1,431.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,431.88
Landfill	2,917.86	2,000.00	0.00	3,760.70	1,157.16
E-911 Road Signs	2,110.70	1,000.00	0.00	829.22	2,281.48
Undesignated Fund Bal.	947.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	947.13
<u>BVS Building Reserve</u>	<u>51,300.98</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>26,284.76</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>77,585.74</u>
Totals:	246,273.42	33,500.00	33,457.76	9,849.66	303,381.52
Highway Restricted/Reserved Funds:					
Excess Flood Money	183,072.83	0.00	731.91	0.00	183,804.74
Bridge	141,377.76	1,000.00	0.00	2,944.04	139,433.72
Highway Equipment	12,572.13	75,000.00	0.00	62,010.07	25,562.06
Salt Shed & Bldgs.	19,604.22	1,000.00	0.00	3,755.31	16,848.91
Totals:	356,626.94	77,000.00	731.91	68,709.42	365,649.43

Town Indebtedness:**Paid off:**

Compensated Absences	7,760.00	
Sewer Upgrade Loan Payable	17,500.00	04/2019
Freightliner '14	23,170.00	11/2018
Western Star '17	84,540.00	01/2022
Total Indebtedness:	132,970.00	

**BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2017
GENERAL ACCOUNT**

ASSETS:

Checking Account	617,391.99
Due to other funds:	-545,181.72
Health Equity	12,477.46
Pre-Paid Assets	4,805.46
Landfill Coupons	158.00
Landfill Stickers	0.00
Petty Cash	100.00
AR-Delinquent Taxes due	<u>83,383.31</u>

Total Assets **173,134.50**

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	80,689.68
AFLAC Deductions	380.99
Pre-paid Taxes	3,249.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	69.22
State of VT- Dog Licenses	<u>180.00</u>

Total Liability **84,568.89**

TOTAL FUND BALANCES

Fund Balance Prior Year	46,293.73
Total Fund Balance Current Year	<u>42,271.88</u>
Total Fund Balance	88,465.61

Total Liability, Fund Balance **173,134.50**

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

Assets:

Due from General Account	30,969.93
Flood-FEMA Reimb.CD	183,804.74
Highway Grants Receivable	<u>5,078.00</u>

Total Assets **219,852.67**

Liabilities:

Encumbered Project Funds	<u>7,601.92</u>
Total Liabilities	7,601.92

Fund Balance Prior Year:	141,949.04
Undesignated Fund Balance	2,806.00
Fund Balance Current Year	<u>67,495.70</u>
Total Fund Balance	212,250.75

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE **219,852.67**

SEWER ACCOUNT**Assets:**

Due from General Account	22,290.84
AR-Delinquent Sewer Taxes	19,584.34
Capital Assets-Infrastructure	<u>241,868.00</u>
Total Assets	283,743.18

Liabilities:

A/D Infrastructure	<u>241,868.00</u>
Total Liabilities	241,868.00

Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Prior Year	8,763.05
Fund Balance Restricted	<u>32,226.95</u>
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	40,990.00
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>885.18</u>
Total Fund Balance	41,875.18

Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	283,743.18
---	-------------------

RECREATION COMMITTEE ACCT.**Assets:**

Due from General Fund	12,089.56
Robert Thomas Sec. Investment	33,248.96
Fidelity Invest.	<u>39,767.74</u>
Total Assets	85,106.26

Liabilities:

None	<u>0.00</u>
------	-------------

Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Prior Year	81,854.13
Undesignated Fund Balance	3,114.81
Total Prior Year Fund Balance:	84,968.94
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>137.32</u>
Total Fund Balance	85,106.26
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	85,106.26

CEMETERY FUND**Assets:**

Due from General Fund	25,458.81
Total Assets	25,458.81

Liabilities:

Cemetery Reserved-Corner Stone's	<u>710.00</u>
----------------------------------	---------------

Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Prior Year	35,720.31
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>-10,971.50</u>
Total Fund Balance	24,748.81
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	25,458.81

*The numbers presented in this report of FY 2016-2017 have been audited by Pace & Hawley CPA, the Town's contracted audit firm. The complete audit report is available for inspection at the Town Office.

**Explanation of 2016 Grand List
Town Fiscal Year 2016/2017**

Fair market and Listed Value of
Real Estate and Personal Property
Taxable Parcels: 777
Acres: 29,394.48

Municipal Grand List: 1,794,769.37
Education Grand Lists: 1,765,151.22

	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Resident	Total Education
Listed Value:				
Real Property	196,567,067.00	68,064,368.00	125,439,924.00	193,504,292.00
PP & Cable	3,481,267.00		418,492.00	418,492.00
(-)Vet Exempt.	40,000.00	40,000.00		40,000.00
(-) Vet Exempt>10K	40,000.00			
(-) Land Use Exempt.	16,814,230.00	3,389,600.00	13,424,630.00	16,814,230.00
(-) Non-Approved Contracts	195,900.00			
(-) Special Exemptions (2)			134,940.00	134,900.00
<hr/>				
Total Municipal Grand List:	1,794,769.37			
Total Education Grand List:		646,347.68	1,118,803.54	1,765,151.22

STATEMENT OF CURRENT TAXES

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2017

Taxes Billed:

<u>R.E. & P.P.</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>		<u>Grand list</u>	<u>Taxes Raised</u>
Local Agreement	.0022	+ / -	1,794,769.37	3,948.57
<u>Amounts to be Raised in Taxes:</u>				
Municipal	.4333	+ / -	1,794,769.37	777,673.71
Homestead Ed.	1.6898	+ / -	646,708.68	1,092,808.26
Non-Residential	<u>1.6661</u>	+ / -	1,116,083.54	<u>1,859,506.85</u>
				3,739,587.90

Total Taxes Raised: 3,739,587.90

Resident Tax Rate: \$2.1253

Non-Resident Tax Rate: \$2.1016

Receipts:

School Taxes Paid:	2,709,839.56	
Highway Taxes:	469,478.92	
Town Taxes:	314,019.09	
Municipal Portion of Credits:	12,264.46	
State Tax Credits (net)	258,511.90	
State Penalty's- Late Filed	7,994.55	
Misc. adjustment	2.89	
Net Taxes after adjustments:		3,739,587.90

*** Note: Due to ACT 68 - Amounts Billed and Amounts received change over the course of the year – Late filed HS 122's change the totals of the Grand List – thus changing the amounts due causing either a shortfall or collecting more than anticipated.**

Delinquent Tax Collectors Report

January, 2018

Dear Bridgewater Residents,

I always like to take a moment to say thank you once again for the opportunity to serve as the Delinquent Tax Collector for the Town of Bridgewater. I thoroughly enjoy working with the taxpayers and community members and always enjoy meeting new people.

I'd like to share with you the progress that has been made in the collection of delinquent taxes. In November of 2016 **\$163,085.18** in property taxes became delinquent for the fiscal year 2016-2017 and as of January 8, 2018 all but **\$23,923.55** has been collected for that tax year. The balance on all the remaining delinquent property taxes which are listed in this year's town report (which lists totals as of June 30, 2017) is currently at **\$21,210.53** as of January 8, 2017. This is the combined total for tax years 2013, 2014, 2015. It is my hope to get these remaining balances paid off. It has been a very busy year.

This past November 2017, the new property tax year for the fiscal year 2017-2018 became due. An amount of **\$160,985.12** in property taxes became delinquent. This amount is down **\$2,100.06** from last year's delinquent property taxes 2016-2017 which is listed above. As of January 8, 2018 almost half of the amount due (**\$68,092.49**) has been collected over the past two months bringing the balance down to **\$92,892.63** for this current tax year 2017-2018 as of January 8, 2018. Many of the taxpayers have payment arrangements or installment agreements to resolve these delinquent accounts.

I hope to continue to lower the amount of delinquent taxes in our town and continue to serve as the towns Delinquent Tax Collector for the Town of Bridgewater. If you ever have any questions or if I can be of any help please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Joni Kennedy
Delinquent Tax Collector
P.O. Box 372
Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
672-3402

Delinquent Sewer Report

Name	FY	Paid
Bellimer, Lyle	16 & 17	*
Blanchard, Brian	17	*
Bontrager, Jean	17	*
Booth, Harold	17	*
Bruck, Gina	16 & 17	pp
Caizzi, Lawrence	17	
Carr, Samuel	17	*
Doyle, Vernon	17	*
Femino, Meg	17	*
Flannigan, Patricia	17	*
Goudreau, Shari	16&17	
Herdeggen, Gillian -99-002	17	*
Herdeggen, Gillian-99-002-001	17	*
Mattsson, Claus	15-17	
Old Mill Marketplace	17	
Pedicino, Adam	17	*
Testa, Glen	17	
US Bank Trust	17	
Wheeler, Angela	17	*
<u>White, John</u>	<u>17</u>	*
Total due for FY 2015:		1,951.97
Total due for FY 2016:		1,704.28
Total due for FY 2017:		15,928.08
Total amount due as of June 30, 2017		\$19,584.33

Total Does Not Include Interest & Penalty charges.

* = Paid in full after June 30, 2017

pp=partial payment

Delinquent Taxes due- breakdown by Year:

2013 – 1,538.50

2014 – 7,712.17

2015 – 19,084.55

2016 – 55,048.09

Delinquent Tax Report – FY's 2013 - 2016

Delinquent Tax List	FY:	*
Alsdorf, Charles	2016	*
Anderson, Steven	2016	*
Andrews, J.F.	2016	*
Bellimer, Lyle	2014-2016	*
Biamonte, David	2016	*
Bivens, Carrie	2016	pp
Bixler, Parker, McGonagle #06-020	2016	*
Bixler, Parker, McGonagle #06-022	2015-2016	pp
Blanchard, Warren Sr.& Brian	2015-2016	pp
Brooks, Rodney	2016	
Bruck, Gina	2015	*
Carbino, Theodore	2015	
Danforth, Maureen	2016	*
Dayton, Bonnie	2015-2016	*
Flannigan, Patricia	2016	*
Fleming, Sean	2016	*
Fondulas, Theodore	2016	*
Geno, Thomas	2016	*
Hoisington, Anthony	2013-2016	
Joyce, Michael	2016	*
Kelly William	2015-2016	
Lewis, David, Daniel #01-113.002	2016	
Lewis, David, Daniel #01-113	2016	pp
Makkonen, Sylvia	2016	*
Mattsson, Claes # 02-037	2014-2016	
McLeod, Andrew	2015-2016	*
Miller, William	2016	pp
Mingarelli, Ronald # 04-011	2015-2016	pp
Mingarelli, Ronald # 04-011.006	2016	*
Morse, Ronald	2016	*
Prior, David	2015-2016	
Sprint Nextel	2016	*
Teeter, Claudia # 03-027	2015	
Teeter, Claudia #02-096.002	2015	
Webb, Larry, Leon,& Worth, Lorraine	2016	*
Wood, Beverly	2016	*
Worth, David	2016	*

Total of All Years: 83,383.31

Balance as of June 30, 2017

***=Paid in full after June 30, 2017 - pp= Partial**

Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report 2017

The B.V.F.D. responded to a total of 47 incidents in 2017. Thirty eight of these incidents were in-town calls and the remaining nine incidents were mutual aid calls. The in-town calls consisted of one structure fire, one grass/leaves fire, four motor-vehicle accidents, one tractor-trailer rollover, three D.H.A.R.T. landings, one swift water rescue, one rescue of person over a steep embankment with injuries, one L.P. gas leak, ten fire alarm activations, two C.O. alarm activations, five lift assist to B.F.S./ambulance, three calls cancelled en-route, three unintentional calls, and two service to the public calls for a total of 125 hours spent on scene. The B.V.F.D. spent 491 hours on training and 410 hours on maintenance of fire apparatus, our station, and dry hydrants. We received mutual aid from Woodstock Fire Department.

The B.V.F.D. responded to nine mutual aid calls including Killington for one chimney fire, two structure fires, and one called cancelled en-route, total of 40 hours. We went to Woodstock for one structure fire and one auto accident, total of 18 hours. We went to Plymouth for one smoke in a building and one auto accident, total of 12 hours. We stood by at our station for one structure fire in Pomfret, total of 3 hours.

We were able to host another successful Father's Day fishing derby, chicken BBQ, and ham supper. We look forward to having these events again in the year to come.

Plans for the possible new Fire Station are progressing with the formation of the building committee. We appreciate all the positive feedback, support, and ideas from the community. We believe this will be a tremendous asset for the Town as our roles, and needs, as first responders continue to evolve and grow.

If anyone is interested in joining the Department you can stop by the station any Monday night around 6pm to talk with us, or approach any of the current members.

Don't forget to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms as well as make sure that your 9-1-1 sign (your house number) is clearly visible year round. If we can't find you, we can't help you!

As always the Department would like to thank the community for all their continued support making it possible for us to continue to support all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Zach Bowley, Captain/President

BRIDGEWATER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**2017****RECEIPTS:**

General Donations/Misc.	\$ 1,301.37
Fund Drives	\$ 20,425.00
Coin Drops	\$ 2,412.00
Chix BBQ/ Raffle	\$ 7,439.24
Ham supper	\$ 1,909.16
Interest Income	\$ 20.29
Fire Extinguishers sales	\$ 62.00
Town Appropriation	\$ 12,250.00
Fundraisers- misc.	\$ 946.03
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 46,765.09

DISBURSEMENTS

Auxiliary shirts	\$ 139.00
Auxiliary expenses	\$ 299.19
Building repairs/replacement	\$ 28.30
Communications	\$ 465.14
Fire gear/ equipment	\$ 7,068.21
Fire extinguishers sales	\$ 246.50
Fund raiser expenses	\$ 3,821.36
Membership dues	\$ 467.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 339.82
Office expense/postage	\$ 1,143.82
Equipment repairs/Maint.	\$ 457.45
Supplies	\$ 825.41
Telephone	\$ 1,229.15
Training	\$ 845.82
Truck expenses-Fuel/repairs	\$ 2,551.54
Electric	\$ 1,093.50
Fuel oil/ propane	\$ 3,142.68
Sewer expense	\$ 530.00
Trash pickup	\$ 306.00
Dry hydrant expenses	\$ 1,118.38
Insurance	\$ 366.00
Transfer to Bunker Gear acct	\$ 5,000.00
Transfer to SCBA reserve	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 35,484.27

BANK ACCOUNTS

Checking- general acct	\$ 53,755.63
Bunker gear reserve acct	\$ 21,260.52
Bldg fund reserve acct	\$ 46,237.86
Auxiliary account	\$ 3,943.84
SCBA reserve acct	\$ 4,000.00

CHECKING- GENERAL ACCT

JAN 1, 2017 BEGIN BALANCE	\$ 42,474.81
Receipts	\$ 46,765.09
Disbursements	<u>\$ 35,484.27</u>
DEC 31, 2017 END BALANCE	\$ 53,755.63

BUNKER GEAR RESERVE ACCT

Jan 1, 2017 Begin Balance	\$ 16,249.95
Receipts- interest income	<u>\$ 10.57</u>
Dec 31, 2017 End Balance	\$ 16,260.52

BUILDING FUND RESERVE

Jan 1, 2017 Begin Balance	\$ 46,099.75
Receipts- transfer from ckg	\$ -
Receipts- interest income	<u>\$ 138.11</u>
Dec 31, 2017 End balance	\$ 46,237.86

AUXILIARY ACCOUNT

Jan 1, 2017 Begin balance	\$ 3,644.65
Receipts	\$ 958.76
Disbursements	<u>\$ 659.57</u>
Dec 31, 2017 End Balance	\$ 3,943.84

BRIDGEWATER CEMETERY COMMISSION
2017 ANNUAL REPORT

There are 13 cemeteries in Bridgewater:

Six are under the Town's supervision (Baker Hill, Bridgewater Hill, Mendell, Mount Pleasant, North Bridgewater, and Topliff) and are regularly mowed at the Town's expense.

An additional two are in remote off-road locations (Angell and Kellogg)

Plus five Private family owned Cemeteries located on private land (Josselyn, Martin, Pratt, White, and Woodward).

All 13 are inspected regularly and we urge you all to visit these cemeteries in their peaceful settings. The oldest section in Mt. Pleasant contains the monuments of Revolutionary War and Civil War veterans.

The Town pays for the mowing while the cost of repairing fallen or broken stones is the responsibility of the Cemetery Commission using funds derived from burial plot sales and private donations. We invite such contributions to be made to Bridgewater Cemetery Commission Repair Fund in the memory of lost loved ones.

This summer the sign on the Topliff Cemetery was repainted and refurbished.

As noted in last year's report, negotiations were under way to expand the North Bridgewater Cemetery through the generous donation of adjacent land by the Atwood family. The new parcel has been accepted by the Town and will be designated as the John and Lucille Atwood Annex. This welcome addition will provide room for 230 new burial sites. The Cemetery Commission is most appreciative for this much needed and welcome addition.

Having served seven terms as Cemetery Commissioner, I, Coleman Hoyt, have submitted my resignation as I have moved to nearby Pomfret and am no longer eligible to hold office in Bridgewater. I have enjoyed my years of service to the town and thank all who have provided so much wonderful advice and help over these past years.

This year the Cemetery Commission wishes to pay special tribute to retiring Commissioner, Coleman Hoyt, who has spent countless hours over many years working to insure that the Town's Cemeteries received the best of care. Both Paul Hutt and Jim Bulmer have been privileged to follow his dedicated leadership.

James Bulmer
Coleman Hoyt
Paul Hutt

Cemetery Commissioners

Geno-Robinson American Legion Post # 11 – Bridgewater, Vermont

Our Purpose: to provide Patriotic Services for the Town of Bridgewater

Our History: Chartered August 1, 1919, one of Vermont's oldest Posts

Named in Honor of: William Geno of WW 1 and Clyde Robinson of WW 2

Our Membership: Includes Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force veterans of Bridgewater

2017 was another busy year for us, providing United States Flags to our community:

We placed decorative Flags on utility poles along Route 4 as it passes through Bridgewater, helped by the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department and with many generous donations from people and friends in Town. We began this service in 2015.

We placed Gravestone Flags on over 200 Veterans' graves in Bridgewater's 13 Cemeteries in May (Over 10% of Bridgewater's graves are occupied by Veterans) and removed them in November, saving them for Memorial Day 2018, when they will be handed out to children and viewers of the Woodstock Parade -- in which we participate.

We provided Memorial Day Services at the WW 1 and WW 2 memorials on the grounds of the Bridgewater Town Office, with reminders of the countless contributions the U.S. Armed Services have made over the years to this country and to the world.

We loaned our Color Guard Flag to the annual Town Meeting in March, and we provided a Flag and patriotic remarks about the 1941 "Four Freedoms" to the Prosper Valley School serving Bridgewater and Pomfret.

It is our privilege and honor to perform Military Remembrance Burial Services for all veterans, with prayers by our Chaplain, a rifle salute, and the presentation of a folded United States Flag to the next of kin. In 2017, thankfully, there was no need for this duty

Our ranks are thinning due to age, and we always welcome new members in Post # 11, to enjoy our companionship, to help us to be of service to our Town and its citizens, and to share our many experiences of serving in the defense of our country.

Richard Brackett, Commander
Coleman Hoyt, Chaplain and past Commander
John Griggs, past Commander

Bridgewater Historical Society

President's Report

Annual Meeting October 22, 2017

The Bridgewater Historical Society is proud to be able to continue to provide the Town of Bridgewater with a welcoming and secure place for historical records and artifacts, as well as continuing our excellent programs

The “DeAlgeroy Thompson and the Sharpshooters from Bridgewater” exhibit was created with research done by member Jeannette Sawyer and the very generous donation from the Thompson family of the Sharp's Rifle. Accompanying the exhibit was a talk given by Howard Coffin on “Vermont Sharpshooters and the Civil War”. The VT Standard, the Valley News, Public Access Channel 8 and the VT Humanities Council covered the standing room only event.

BHS members, Bob and Sue Kancir worked on the Topliff Cemetery. They updated the cemetery map, took photos of new stones, and entered all of the information onto a database. The information was shared with the town office. Members Sondra Stevens and Greg Robinson cleared the Kellogg Cemetery.

Membership continues to be very strong, with 107 families representing 15 states and Canada. Bridgewater Corners leads the count with 21 members. Thanks to a devoted corps of volunteers, the Schoolhouse was open 21 Saturdays, from Memorial Day to Columbus Day.

BHS welcomed Jeff Leich, of the New England Ski Museum, to talk on “Tales of the 10th – The Mountain Troops and American Skiing.” It was a bittersweet moment, honoring one of our founding members, Wendall Cram, of 1940 US Olympic Ski Team fame, who passed away in June.

The bi-annual newsletter was published and a Christmas Gift Calendar created. Maintenance included new porch steps and a freshly painted roof. An alarm system was added.

BHS hosted a table at the Bridgewater town-wide Celebration with “Name That Face”, a project set up for people to record who they recognized in our collection of school photos. Facebook is active with members identifying photos for us.

The Annual Meeting was hosted on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017, with Linda Radtke presenting “Vermont History Through Song”. The Vt. Humanities Council sponsored the event.

We hope that by providing a safe place for artifacts and holding programs for the public, we can continue to provide the Town of Bridgewater with fun and meaningful ways to remember their history. None of this would be possible without your generous donations and support.

Committee to Save the Bridgewater Village School Building Report

January 2018

Dear Community Members of the Town of Bridgewater,

On March 22, 2017, over 80 Bridgewater residents came together at a community gathering at the Bridgewater Grange Hall to express their feelings about the Bridgewater Village School and the notion of demolishing it, despite its good condition, historical significance and importance to our community. Our central goal is to preserve this important building and ensure its continued use in our community and economy. We have met with the Select Board several times and on September 12, 2017, the Select Board formally approved and sanctioned our Committee to save the Bridgewater Village School Building.

This school building holds a wonderful place in our town's history and it could keep doing that. It has fostered friendships and bonds for many generations and has been a place of gathering for over one hundred years. We hope that the Village School will remain a vibrant part of our town for another hundred years, or more! We have an opportunity to work together as forward thinking citizens to build upon the strong foundation this wonderful facility has given us.

We, as a Town, have the option of using state and federal grants to help us preserve this building. We see great value in making this building a viable contributor to our local community and economy. We would be preserving an irreplaceable historical landmark/cultural icon. A prime example of Vermont craftsmanship, the building has many good years left.

Potential repurposed uses of the building:

- 1) Meeting House for Town /Multi-Purpose Community Center/
Emergency Shelter for Town
- 2) Cultural Arts/Enrichment Center, After School Activity Center
- 3) Educational Classes, Trade, Tech, Musical, Arts, Yoga
- 4) Adult/Child Daycare
- 5) Laundromat
- 6) Post Office
- 7) Pop up Maker Space

Next Steps:

Two planning experts we have consulted will meet with the Select Board to discuss the "application process for Planning Studies and Implementation Grants and share how that typically unfolds. The experts are Robert Haynes, Jr., executive director of the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation; and Richard Amore, a certified planner with the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development.

Community Development Block Grant Program - Planning Grants

Federal grants are available for community development planning, downtown planning studies, and project development planning for individual buildings. Range \$3,000 to \$30,000. <http://accd.vermont.gov>

Here is a list of some of the Agencies we have collaborated with and/or met with.

Executive Director, Robert Haynes, Jr., Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation

Peter Gregory, Executive Director, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC)

Lisa Ryan, Field Services, Preservation Trust of Vermont

Richard Amore, AICP | Planning & Project Manager

Community Planning + Revitalization, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development

Josh Hanford, Deputy Commissioner, VT Department of Housing and Community Development

Garry Holloway, Downtown Program Coordinator, VT Department of Housing and Community Development

Commissioner Joan Goldstein, VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Ben Doyle, Community and Economic Development Specialist, USDA - VT and NH

VT Regional Development Corporation Executive Directors (all 12)

We would like to thank the Select Board for their support and cooperation. We would also like to give a special thanks to Executive Director, Robert Haynes, Jr., Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation and Peter Gregory, Executive Director, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) who have been so supportive and such great mentors throughout this process.

The Committee meets on the **first Tuesday of every month at the Bridgewater Grange Hall at 5:30 pm.**
All are welcome to join us!

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Bontrager – Chairperson, Hank Smith – Co-Chair

Victoria Young, William Young, Collen Doyle, Joni Kennedy-Clerk

NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE

At last year's Town Meeting, the voters approved \$15,000 for research and planning for a new community building to include a handicap accessible meeting room, fire station and rescue squad. The Selectboard formed a committee consisting of firemen, town officials and community members in the summer of 2017 and it officially began work in late summer. Since then, the committee has been investigating how to use the only Town-owned property that is not in a flood zone and has easy access to a main highway.

Why do we need a new Fire Station and Community Center?

The old school building is out of compliance for public use. It has electrical issues, water leakage, ceiling tile damage and mold, among other problems. Maintaining the building is costly and inefficient. We believe that the old school building's potential for repurposing is limited by other problems. The large meeting space is wheelchair-accessible only by a lift at the end of a long hallway entered from the back of the building. Restrooms are another floor up, accessed by stairs or with the lift. Parking is limited.

The Fire Station is in various states of disrepair, with some of the exterior structure cracking and separating. The location itself inhibits a fire engine's safe and quick egress for call outs. The top floor (bays on RT 4) cannot support the weight of the newer trucks. The bays in the back are barely long enough for the vehicles garaged there. Responders cannot service their trucks or equipment indoors, because the space is so cramped. The last truck that the town bought (in 2005) was chosen not so much to fit the needs of the fire department, but rather because it could fit in the bay. Firefighters have insufficient space to store their gear and often must take home dirty, sooty and fouled outerwear.

We have worked with Fire Department members to identify their needs for housing their equipment, operations, and training. We have explored a Community Center component that can not only serve as a clean and efficient public meeting place, but will be a multi-use facility, suitable for private gatherings, meetings, enrichment classes, etc. We have considered a number of scenarios, and have settled on two approaches to siting the new Community Building and Fire Station. Here they are, with pros and cons.

1. **A new standalone building** on the property behind the town offices. This option appears to be the easiest to design and manage, and allows for future growth if needed. But it does occupy the space that is currently a field, and does not answer the question of what to do with the old school building.
2. **Re-purposing the old school building** by removing the newer sections, leaving the school's original front portion facing RT 4, and constructing a new Community Center and Fire Station on the footprint of the former structure. This would likely be more costly and would limit options for traffic flow and for future growth.

To date, we have secured a civil engineering study of the two sites—showing various parking arrangements, traffic patterns, site circulations, storm water runoff, fire truck exits—to get an idea of pros and cons of each site.

Next, we plan to engage specialists to provide deeper assessments of environmental and geotechnical issues, electrical and mechanical systems, code and zoning regulations and fire safety for each building option. These studies, when completed, will give us a better understanding of each location's design possibilities. Then we can solicit bids or at least estimates on the proposed designs. We will present two detailed options to the Selectboard, for their decision and approval, and hopefully present the chosen option to the public for a bond vote.

We believe a new community building and fire station is in the best interests of the town and will be a gathering place, a learning place, a safe place and a source of pride for years to come. Please don't hesitate to contact any member of the committee with questions, ideas or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Quinn, Chair

Nope Martin, Josh Maxham, Bruce Maxham

Steve Tarleton, Nancy Robinson, Bruce Seely

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District (GUVSWMD) is composed of 10 Upper Valley towns. The GUVSWMD, established in 1992, provides an integrated system for waste management for both solid waste and unregulated hazardous waste through recycling and reuse programs, food diversion and composting. The District also provides special collection events for bulky waste, household hazardous waste, paint, electronics, tires, and fluorescent bulbs. In addition, GUV offers technical assistance, outreach, and education programs to area residents, businesses, schools, and municipalities.

Direct services provided by GUV to Bridgewater and District residents in fiscal year 2017:

- Events were held in Thetford, Sharon, Strafford, Bridgewater, Woodstock, and Hartford where we collected 19.2 tons of tires; 1.38 tons of scrap metal; 12 tons of electronics; 12.6 tons of “big” trash/construction & demolition debris; and thousands of fluorescent bulbs and batteries.
 - 399 GUV residents (6 from Bridgewater) participated in household hazardous waste events held in Woodstock in September 2016 and Hartford in June 2017.
- 8.1 tons of hazardous material was collected, including 651 gallons of paint.
- GUV held two backyard compost workshops in May/June 2017, led by VT Master Composter Cat Buxton. Soil Saver composters and Sure-Close food scrap pails were sold at greatly reduced prices thanks to a grant from the VT Agency of Natural Resources.

In FY 17, Lynn Bertram and Nancy Robinson (Alternate) were Bridgewater representatives to the GUV Board of Supervisors. We thank them for their ongoing service and support of our work.

Tips to remember:

- The next household hazardous waste collection will be Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Hartford Recycling Center. Stay tuned for other 2018 HHW dates and locations.
- Recycle **paint, fluorescent and LED bulbs**, and all batteries (except vehicle/lawn mower) at the transfer station. Visit www.paintcare.org or www.call2recycle.org/vermont/ for more info.
- Food scraps will be banned from residential trash as of July 1, 2020.

The District’s annual “Green Guide” will be available at Town Meeting and then at your Town Clerk’s office or at www.guvswd.org. For information contact GUV at 802-674-4474 or hgillet@swcrpc.org.

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION (TRORC)

TRORC 2017 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. Our staff provides technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. The following are highlights from 2017:

Technical Assistance

In 2017, TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, ranging from minor updates to comprehensive, substantive overhauls and assisted towns with Municipal Planning Grant applications.

Emergency Management & Preparedness

TRORC helped coordinate the Hazardous Materials Statewide Commodity Flow Study to inform and update emergency response plans, hazard analysis and response procedures. Our LEPC #12 efforts with local emergency responders and town officials continue across the region. TRORC assisted all member towns with their Local Emergency Operations Plans and have been working with the final towns to complete the updates to municipal Hazard Mitigation Plans. Following the flooding event of July 1, TRORC worked with the majority of towns in our region on flood assistance and FEMA coordination. TRORC continues to work on closing out buyout properties and re-use park projects from the 2011 Irene flooding. To date, we have coordinated the purchasing of 142 homes damaged in Irene, helping to avoid future flood damage to structures on those sites.

Regional Energy Plan

The Vermont Department of Public Service has approved TRORC's Regional Energy Implementation Plan and Regional Plan and awarded a "Determination of Energy Compliance." The Plans outline a pathway to implement the goals and policies of the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan at the regional level by setting regional targets for specific energy conservation, generation and fuel switching strategies, helping the state meet 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC is currently working with a number of towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to meet the new state standards and recommendations so that Town Plans can be given greater weight in Section 248 proceedings.

Transportation

TRORC is administering the Grants-In-Aid program in our region to provide funding for towns to implement best management practices on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Some of the projects include grass and stone-lined ditches, improvement and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. TRORC staff has also been busy with Road Erosion and Culvert Inventory projects with many municipalities, and we have continued sponsoring Transportation Advisory Committee meetings and facilitating meetings with our region's road foremen.

Specifically in Bridgewater this past year, we prepared a Municipal Planning Grant application for a town plan revision, conducted a Road Erosion Inventory, prepared a Better Road grant application for Chateauguay Road, and coordinated a municipal roads Grants-In-Aid project for Bridgewater Center Road and Cox District Road.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret





GREEN UP VERMONT

P.O. Box 1191
 Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191
 (802)229-4586, or 1-800-974-3259
greenup@greenupvermont.org
www.greenupvermont.org

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

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

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

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

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

Windsor County Update **Assistant Judges Jack Anderson and Ellen Terie**

FY 2018-19 County Budget

The Assistant Judges held the preliminary budget meeting at 5 PM on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. The budget calls for \$439,858 to be raised by taxes, a *decrease* of \$1,853 from the current FY 17-18 budget. The new budget calls for \$541,025 in total spending, a significant *decrease* of \$16,709 from the current FY 17-18 budget. The county tax rate *decreased* slightly, from .0049 to .0048. This is the third straight year it has dropped.

According to the Vermont Department of Taxes, the Equalized Grand List for the entire county grew by \$87,762,000. This is the third year in a row where the value of the grand list has increased markedly. It is now \$9,094,596,000.

Pursuant to Title 24 Sect. 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1, 2018, requiring the tax to be paid in two installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2018.

Courthouse Renovation Bond

2018 marks the fifth year of the \$2 million bond repayment. (The first bond payment was in November 2014). This year, the amount to be billed to the towns will be \$234,896 (\$200,000 principal; \$34,896 interest). This billing is NOT part of the county budget, but a separate assessment. Last summer, the borrowing rate was renegotiated resulting in a savings of several thousand dollars in interest.

Other County News

2017 has been a busy and productive year for the Assistant Judges and Windsor County. Here are some of the happenings in the past year:

With the installation of interior storm windows at the court house at 12 The Green in 2015, the county continued to save thousands of dollars in fuel costs.

For the fourth year in a row, the county finished the 2016-2017 fiscal year solidly in the black and continues to roll the surplus into the next budget year.

Judge Terie completed the 40 hour Civil Mediation course at the National Judicial College in Reno, NV. last summer.

The County has established the Windsor County Mediation Center in its building at 62 Pleasant Street and Windsor County Bar members use it for civil mediation.

Lastly, in 2017 we said goodbye to our Building Superintendent Carl Tancreti, who retired and headed west for the winter. We welcomed our new Building Superintendent, Bruce Page.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2017 Overview

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 138 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

Local governments in Vermont provide essential services to residents and visitors alike. From maintaining roads to providing safety services, recreational programs, water and sewer infrastructure, street lighting, and libraries, the work carried out by appointed and elected officials and community volunteers is both critical and challenging. The demands on local government are complex and require resources that are not always available in every city, town or village in the state.

VLCT is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. The organization provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. VLCT represents cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and loudly, and also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities.

VLCT offers opportunities to purchase risk management products and services that directly meet the specific and specialized needs of local government through the VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust and the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF).

During the 2017 calendar year, in addition to providing responses to more than 3,700 telephone inquiries, holding 16 training sessions, and following approximately 300 separate pieces of legislation, 13 summer study committees, and developing VLCT's legislative platform with five municipal policy committees, VLCT celebrated its 50th anniversary. Throughout the year, VLCT recognized local officials and employees who have served a number of communities for 50 years, and highlighted some of the many successes of the organization and local government during the last 50 years. It was also an important year to look ahead, to consider new ideas, and to think about new programs and ways of delivering services to members that will address their changing needs in the coming years. VLCT launched a new website in June 2017 that, despite a few initial glitches, has functioned well and serves as a better connection point for members, thanks to consistent updates, new information, and easier navigation tools. VLCT has also moved the majority of its mission-critical IT systems to the "cloud" in an effort to provide more security for member information, greater protection against hacking attempts, and greater redundancy of access that will help the organization remain operational following a disaster scenario. The move to the cloud also reduces the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the continued progress being made in that effort. Members are welcome to visit the VLCT office anytime to review the operations of the organization, to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each individual official and employee carry out the important work of local government.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at www.vlct.org.

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Bridgewater, VT

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

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

Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 VNH made 785 homecare visits to 23 Bridgewater residents. This included approximately \$19,504 in unreimbursed care to Bridgewater residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 261 home visits to 18 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 1 home visit to 1 resident with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 523 home visits to 4 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

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

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

Sincerely,



**2018 Annual Report
Spectrum Teen Center
70 Amsden Way
Woodstock, VT 05091**



January 2018

The Spectrum has been serving teens for 21 years in grades 9-12. Last years, we opened our program up to middle school teens. Our program serves teens from the six sending towns that make up the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. We are under the umbrella of the WCSU.

The Spectrum had a banner year in 2016-17! We changed things up and took our programming out into the community this year as we noticed that teens wanted to “get out” more. Over the past year we have worked collaboratively with other groups, organizations and businesses in an effort to offer great teen events. We were able to offer three teen pizza nights at Pizza Chef, partnered in nine Branch Out Teen Nights at ArtisTree which had open art studios, story slams, barbecues, volleyball, tie dye, teen bands and much more, partnered in five teen movie nights at the Town Hall Theater with Pentangle, two nights of rock climbing at Green Mountain Rock Climbing in Quechee, a night of swimming at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center, along with a night of bowling at Rutland Bowlerama and much more! The average attendance was approximately 40 teens with a number of events bringing in over 65 and another one which brought in 100 teens. All these events were provided for FREE!

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provides great events for teens!

Enthusiastically,
Heather Vonada & Joni Kennedy
Co-Directors



The Woodstock Area Council on Aging (The Thompson Center)

Your First Resource for Aging in our Community

The Thompson continues to provide daily meals, rides, and other resources for Bridgewater residents at the Center and at home on a daily basis. Participants enjoy a wide variety of exercise, education, wellness, socialization programs, Aging at Home support, volunteer opportunities, and much more.

As the local resource and advocate for more than 1,500 seniors in Barnard, Bridgewater, Pomfret, Woodstock, and surrounding communities, The Thompson is so much more than our building located in West Woodstock. This year we launched our Aging at Home initiative as a result of a community-wide survey where more than 500 local seniors responded telling us what they need to successfully age at home. We now provide referrals to vetted service providers and “days of service” to help support residents desiring to remain at home.

The senior population in our area continues to grow in size and in age, and we see the utilization of Thompson services growing as well. Meals served increased by nearly 1,000 meals again this year to 19,695 meals served, and the rides provided increased from 3,601 to 4,014. Participation in exercise and other programs has increased as well. This year alone, we’ve had more than 35,000 unique interactions with participants, guests, and volunteers. Your continued support will help to ensure the success of this valuable community resource. Together, we truly can enrich the experience of aging in our area.

Please contact us at info@thompsonsSeniorcenter.org or 457-3277 with any questions or needs. You can also see the menu and program calendar online at www.thompsonsSeniorcenter.org or find us on Facebook. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Jones, Executive Director

The Woodstock Area Job Bank

*“Bringing together people who need work
with people who need workers.”*

Since 1974 the Woodstock Area Job Bank has helped people in our community by matching those looking for work with those having jobs to be done.

Today the jobs listed vary from full-time professional to hourly household work – and everything in between. This valuable referral service has always been offered free of charge.

What’s happening at the Job Bank?

- We provide individuals in our community with valuable work experience, exposure to new work environments, and opportunities to sharpen their skills.
- We provide businesses and families the opportunity to connect with workers in our community and even serve as mentors on the job.
- We support volunteers! We’re continuing our effort to promote volunteer opportunities in the area.
- We maintain an interactive website that allows employers to post jobs directly online AND the ability for job-seekers to register their skills online.
- We’re collaborating with area nonprofits to better serve our community by developing and maintaining a “Bit Time” List of workers available for small and one time jobs.

How are we doing?

- Our requests for workers continue to grow each year. There are over 500 active job seekers on our list. In 2017 employers posted 631 jobs.
- The Job Bank serves job-seekers, volunteer-seekers and employers throughout the greater Woodstock area.

How are we funded?

This year our funding request to the Town of Bridgewater remains level with last year.

While we do receive some funding from area towns - Woodstock, Hartland, Bridgewater, Barnard, Pomfret and Reading - our budget is limited. These funds will help toward operating expenses as we continue offering in-person, online, and telephone resources and strive to expand service hours.

*The Woodstock Area Job Bank is a 501 c-3 organization
We thank the voters of Bridgewater for supporting
this worthy organization!*

Board of Directors

Sara Norcross, President
Ann Marie Boyd, Treasurer
Kathleen Robbins, Secretary
Patrick Fultz
Leo Lacroix

Staff

Beth Crowe, Director

Location: Woodstock Town Hall, 2nd Floor, 31 The Green, Woodstock, VT 05091

802-457-3835

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30-2:30 Closed Thursdays Fridays by appointment

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; reduce the causes, and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Weatherization, Head Start, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services/Crisis Resolution (fuel, utility, food, and housing assistance), Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts (asset building & financial literacy), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, Homelessness Prevention, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Bridgewater we have provided the following services during FY2017:

Weatherization: 2 homes (6 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$15,667

VT Health Connect Navigation: 1 household (1 person) received assistance with enrolling in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$121

Family Services: 4 households (7 people) received 48 services, valued at \$144
(Including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition information, forms assistance, referral to Assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 2 households (2 people) received 2 assists valued at \$1,343

Housing Assistance: 2 households (3 people) received 2 assists valued at \$2,978

Thrift Store Vouchers: 3 households (5 people) received goods & services valued at \$334

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of state, federal, private and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Bridgewater for their support.

Stephen Geller
Executive Director



Annual Report to the Town Of Bridgewater

January 2018

Mission:

The Norman Williams Public Library mission is to enrich the intellectual and cultural life of the greater Woodstock community by providing access to literature, culture, current information, and technology; promote the love of reading; foster the free and open exchange of ideas; serve as a gathering place for people of all ages; and support lifelong learning for all.

Bridgewater and NWPL – A Positive Partnership:

2017 proved to be another exciting year at the library. In 2017 the residents of Bridgewater voted to support the NWPL in their town appropriation and the NWPL opened up free membership to all Bridgewater residents. Free library memberships for Bridgewater residents resulted in increased usage of library services by Bridgewater adults, children and families.

The NWPL currently has 105 registered library users who reside in Bridgewater. When we sign new patrons up we ask them to provide us with their official town of residence rather than the address where they pick up mail, so all Bridgewater library patrons are Bridgewater residents.

- 11 of the 105 registered Bridgewater library users are children under the age of 18.
- 94 Bridgewater patrons are adults.
- 25 of the total 105 users are parent heads of households who primarily use their library cards to borrow children's books for their families.

Bridgewater children are frequent visitors to the library during the afterschool hours. They participate in Tuesday "Crafternoon." They play games, socialize with peers in a safe environment as well as read and do their homework in the library. The NWPL has also connected with the Bridgewater community in other meaningful ways. On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department was invited to hold their annual homemade pie sale fundraiser on the library lawn. The library also invited the Bridgewater artist Rae Newell to display her artworks in the NWPL community art gallery. Please see the Vermont Standard article from January 11, 2018 for more information on the Newell art exhibit.

Future Plans for Bridgewater Community Outreach:

- **Library Trustee:** The NWPL would like to have a Bridgewater resident on the library board of trustees. We encourage any interested Bridgewater resident to reach out to the library executive director, Amanda Merk to learn more.
- **Book Mobile Service to Bridgewater:** The executive director is reviewing plans to provide book mobile service to the town of Bridgewater.
- **Library card sign-up in the town of Bridgewater:** the executive director plans to come to Bridgewater to set up a library card sign-up table during good weather. This will help Bridgewater residents get to know the library director and learn more about the services and benefits of library membership.

Upgrades to Building and Grounds:

The NWPL, built in 1883, is one of the treasured historic buildings of the local region. The trustees and staff of the library are devoted to preserving and enhancing the integrity of the historic building and grounds. Thanks to several generous anonymous donors the children's room (basement level) was completely overhauled, repainted and carpeted in vibrant colors. Library grounds were beautified and several dead trees were removed to make the area safer and more attractive. The front steps of the library were repaired to provide a more beautiful and safe entrance to the library. In 2017 an energy audit was undertaken and library staff are now working to implement the recommendations of this audit. In 2018 the trustees and staff will work together to continue to care for the historic building and grounds. Future plans include addressing HVAC upgrades and continuing with the second phase of a library-wide re-carpeting plan.

Streamlined Staffing Models and Technology Training:

There were several changes in staff at the NWPL in 2017. The library welcomed Amanda Merk as new Executive Director in

July. Three library staff found opportunities elsewhere or moved out of the area. Open positions were filled with current NWPL staff. Staff roles were consolidated and reorganized resulting in efficient, streamlined workflow. NWPL is now led by four full time professional staff and a dedicated group of part-time librarians and volunteers. In 2017 NWPL inaugurated a new technology training development program to help staff and volunteers better serve the public with emerging technologies.

Increased Public Service Hours:

In 2017 NWPL staff responded to requests from the public to keep the library open longer hours and increase staffing in the children's room on Saturdays. NWPL is now open until 8PM on Tuesday evening and until 5PM on Saturdays. The library is open six days per week for a total of 49 hours per week. In addition to adding more open hours the library also added additional staff and volunteers in the children's room on Saturdays. NWPL has received positive feedback from the community on our increased public service hours. NWPL will remain open and fully staffed by librarians and volunteers 49 hours each week in 2018. The staff at NWPL recognizes that residents of Bridgewater often come to Woodstock to shop in the village or to pass through on the way to points west. With longer library hours in the evening and on Saturday afternoons we hope more Bridgewater residents will make use of the NWPL.

Increased Community Outreach:

NWPL has always been a leader in community engagement. In 2017 library staff embarked on a campaign to "lead beyond the walls of the library." All library staff were encouraged to get out of the building and meet patrons where they are. One result of this push to engage the community is a new partnership with the Thompson Center to provide technology training and support bi-weekly at the Thompson. NWPL Director of Technology visits the Thompson Center twice a month to help individuals solve technology issues with laptops, tablets and other devices. The NWPL director and staff also invited members of the community to come to "brainstorming" and "listening sessions" at the library. These community led sessions have resulted in more community involvement in programs for adults and children. NWPL now offers afterschool programming in partnership with volunteers and other non-profit groups. In 2018 NWPL staff will continue the trend of strengthening community engagement through surveys, listening sessions and bringing library services beyond the walls of the building.

Increased Patronage of the Library:

2017 saw a continuation of the trend of increased usage of the library with an average of 6,000 – 10,000 visits to the library per month. Each month the library circulated between 2,500 and 4,500 items including museum passes, print books, electronic books, audio books, music and film CDs and DVDs. The most frequently checked out item in 2017 was the Billings Farm Museum pass!

NWPL is governed by a board of fifteen trustees who are elected by Library Corporators

at an annual meeting in October. The library board meets at the library on the third Monday of each month at 5:15PM. All members of the public, and especially Bridgewater residents, are encouraged to attend these open meetings to learn more about the library. If Bridgewater residents would like to inquire about serving on the NWPL board they should contact the president of the board, Anne Marinello. The trustees and staff of NWPL are very grateful to our patrons, volunteers and donors. We look forward to serving the children, families and adults of Bridgewater in 2018. For more information about the library or to sign up for our e-newsletter visit: <http://normanwilliams.org/>

Sincerely,

Amanda Merk, Executive Director

Trustees:

Anne Marinello, President
William Colson, Vice-President
Gary Horsman, Secretary
Chris Lloyd, Treasurer
Laurie Chester
Ann Debevoise
Peggy Fraser
Regina Lawrence
Roland Moore
Ann Sadowsky
Barbara Trippel Simmons
Linda Smiddy

Staff:

Kathy Beaird
Meg Brazill
Ellen Desmeules
Maria Heinz
Clare McFarland
Lori Mitchell
Michael Ricci
Danelle Sims
Sherry Wian

Woodstock Recreation Center, INC.

The Woodstock Recreation Center (WRC) is 70 years old in 2017. There have been many positive changes over the years; I will give a brief timeline below:

- In August of 1958 the first “small” pool was built, with funding from the Woodstock Rotary club.
- In June 1968 the “big pool” was built
- In February 2007 a major renovation project was completed removing the bowling alley and adding a Fitness Center and dance studio where many fitness classes, dance classes, and other programs are taught today.
- Included in this renovation is a new teen center
(This used to be the old gym)
- In April 2008 the construction of a new “big pool” began.
- The small pool is still used today.
- In June 2009 the new “big pool” was ready for use.
- In 2010 the lower level of WRC was fully renovated with new bathrooms, showers, floors, walls, electrical, and plumbing.
- In August 2011 Tropical Storm Irene came through with flood waters filling the small pool with silt, entering the lower level of WRC and rising to 5ft. In the theater.
- This amounted to over 250,000.00 in damages.
- The lower level of WRC had to have all the recently completed renovations ripped out from 4ft and below due to water damage. This was all repaired within two months.
- The Theater had so much water and silt, all of the electrical, plumbing, and heat was ruined, the entire lower level had to be gutted from the ceiling down, there was no heat, or electricity in the building.
- In October 2012 all repairs to the theater were complete. The theater was again habitable and rainbow preschool moved back in and all classes resumed upstairs.
- In 2015 The original wood floors in the theater were refinished and the exterior side doors replaced.
- In 2016 the Carpet in the front office was replaced with wood, and we replaced two treadmills as well as two pieces of weight lifting equipment in the gym.

The WRC is home of the Spectrum teen center, and the Options program. Both of these valuable entities rent from the Woodstock Rec Center. The teen center has a teen lounge with games and electronics. The teen center has had many special events at the WRC and utilizes the little theater for its dances. The options program is an alternative education program for Woodstock high school students where 12 to 15 students are taught daily. This gives students who have a difficult time learning in the school environment an incredible opportunity to learn in an environment that will enable them to do well and earn their diploma.

The Bridgewater community is a vital part of what we offer here at the Woodstock Rec Center, with a total of 12 Bridgewater resident children signed up for our summer camp program over 8 weeks, 6 in basketball, 9 in soccer, 9 in baseball, 4 in lacrosse, and numerous families in our swim lesson, swim team, and pool membership program. For adults and teens, we have an average of 40 Bridgewater residents using our fitness center and 15 who regularly take fitness classes.

Your continued community support and input is invaluable to us, we hope you continue to see the benefit in your partnership with the WRC. Please contact Gail Devine Executive Director, for further details or to offer your support, contribution, or expertise.

Current WRC Staff:

Gail Devine – Executive Director
 Joel Carey – Assistant Director
 Kerri Elkouh – Office Administrator

The staff and board of the WRC are committed to the goals that have been set forth and continue to strive toward improvements that will benefit the entire community.

Sincerely,
 Gail Devine
 Executive Director

Current Board members:

Chair,– Dave Doubleday - Vice,– Kent McFarland, Secretary, Jim Giller – Treasurer, Sarah Weiss – Select board Rep. Preston Bristow – board members at large: - Tom Emery - Emma Schmell .

State of Vermont
Department of Health
White River Junction District Office

Phone: 802-295-8820
Fax: 802-295-8832
Toll Free: 888-253-8799

State of Vermont
Department of Health
[White River Jct. District Office](#)
[118 Prospect St. Suite 300](#)
[White River Jct. VT 05001](#)
HealthVermont.gov

[phone] 802-295-8820
 [fax] 802-295-8832
 [toll free] 888-253-8799

Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Bridgewater

Your local health district office is in [White River Junction](#) at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2017 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: [The Health Department's 3-4-50 initiative aims to engage multiple sectors – business, education, municipalities – in implementing policies and strategies that will reduce the three \(3\) behaviors of tobacco use, physical inactivity and poor diet that lead to four \(4\) chronic diseases of cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes and lung disease that result in more than 50% of death in Windsor County. The local office is working to get these sector partners to sign-on to 3-4-50 and make a commitment to take action that will help to reduce the chronic disease in our state.](#)

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served 1,199 pregnant women and children to age five in the White River Junction district with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2017 we responded to [123 potential](#) cases of infectious disease in [the White River Junction district](#). In 2017, \$1,052,545 worth of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers in Windsor County.

Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse: Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. In Windsor County, Prevention Partners distributed media messages to encourage proper disposal of prescription drugs and to support parents in reducing substance use among youth, and worked with municipal partners to incorporate health promoting policies into town plans and ordinances.

Joan Jenne Memorial Scholarship Fund

Balance July 1, 2016		\$ 2,079.92
Interest Earned	\$ 1.12	
CD Interest	\$ 283.50	
Withdrawal from CD	\$ 1,000.00	
		\$ 1,284.62
Total Receipts:		\$ 3,364.54
Disbursements:		
16/17 Scholarships	\$ 750.00	
Balance as of June 30, 2017		\$ 2,614.54
Assets:		
Certificate of Deposit	\$26,000.00	
1.05%		
Committee Members		
David Jenne		
Henry Smith		
Nancy Robinson		

Report of the Superintendent January 2018

Superintendent's Message

As I finish my first six months as the new Superintendent of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union, I feel very fortunate to have landed in an educational community that cares so deeply for its children and is so invested in providing outstanding learning experiences for its youngest citizens. I spent the first few months in my role engaged in an entry study that was focused on getting to know the schools and the communities that make up our union. I have visited classrooms in all of our schools, met with town, board, school, and community officials, studied student performance data, participated in parent and community forums, held one-on-one meetings, and attended student events.

The results of this entry study pointed to four key areas of development for our new unified district:

- **Opportunity to Move from Good to Great**
The Windsor Central Supervisory Union has “good” schools; however, there are indicators that it is not yet operating at its full potential. Our collective communities also have resources and a mindset that can position the district to be an educational leader both at state and national levels.
- **Move from Silos to a Unified K-12 System**
Each individual school has its own unique character and resources to offer its students. The challenge ahead is integrating each of these distinctive communities into a well-functioning system while still maintaining the qualities that makes each building a special place for students and families. To have an effective system, it is also critical to have all contributors be clear around their function in the organization.
- **Clarity of Goals and Vision**
Across the district there are numerous dedicated individuals and teams excited about building high level learning experiences for the students of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. Much like our individual schools, these groups have the potential to be much more impactful if they are able to be organized behind a clear vision and to act in concert with one another to achieve the goals of the District.
- **Build and Enhance Foundational Systems**
The district enjoys talented and dedicated staff who put forth exemplary effort in order to be sure that the district functions effectively. However, there are numerous situations in which strong systems are not in place. This has resulted in numerous inefficiencies across our buildings, with basic tasks taking much longer than needed and slowing down progress towards identified goals. The Act 46 merger transition is a real opportunity to address some of the deficits around strong foundational systems.

I am excited to work on addressing these key areas of development within our Supervisory Union. This is an exciting time for all of our district schools and I look forward to partnering with all of our community members as we continue to work together in service of our children.

Warm Regards,
 Mary Beth Banios
 Superintendent, Windsor Central Supervisory Union

WINDSOR CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION



Barnard • Killington • Prosper Valley • Reading • Woodstock • Woodstock Union Middle/High

2017-2018 Faculty & Staff

Superintendent.....	Mary Beth Banios
Executive Assistant.....	Rayna Bishop
Director of Instructional Support Services.....	Sherry Sousa
Administrative Assistant.....	Shelly Parker
Director of Finance & Operations.....	Richard Seaman
Human Resources, Payroll & Benefits.....	Linda Loprete
Accounting and Grants Manager.....	Sharon Mezzack
Accounts Payable.....	Julie Stevens
Director of Instructional Technology.....	Raphael Adamek
Early Essential Ed Coordinator.....	Maria Gelsomine
Early Essential Ed Consulting Teacher.....	Jean Bontrager
Speech & Language Pathologist.....	Marijke Russo
Speech & Language Assistant.....	Sally Hayes
Occupational Therapist.....	Nancy Nicholas
School Psychologist.....	Sue Hagerman
Title I Reading Teacher.....	Nancy LaBella

WINDSOR CENTRAL MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS 2017-2018

Your Board of School Directors is comprised of eighteen members who are elected throughout the district. The Board sets policy, approves the budget and expenditures, and sets goals for the future.

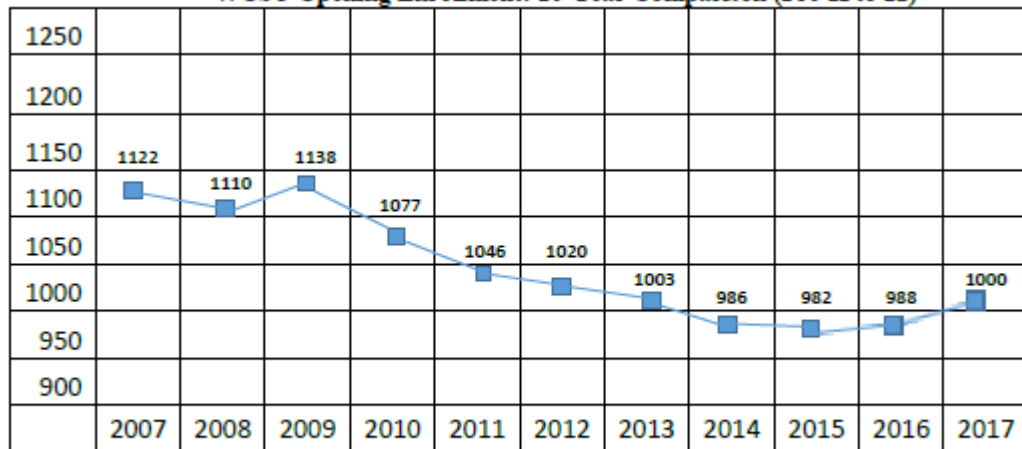
Board actions are governed by state and federal laws and a specific philosophy dedicated to provide quality education in an atmosphere of mutual respect among students, faculty, and parents. The philosophy of the Board emphasizes the mastery of basic skills, problem solving skills, self-discipline, a positive self-concept, aesthetic appreciation, community partnerships, and specific educational goals to be accomplished by the superintendent each year. Board meetings are held monthly and citizens are invited to share their opinions and concerns at the meetings.

			Term Expires	Year Elected
<u>BARNARD</u>				
Pamela Fraser*	P.O. Box 4 Barnard, VT 05031	pfraser@wcsu.net	2018	2017-appointed
Bryce Sammel	6444 VT Route 12 Bethel, VT 05032	bsammel@wcsu.net	2021	2018
<u>BRIDGEWATER</u>				
Justin Shipman	7429 Route 4 Bridgewater, VT 05034	jshipman@wcsu.net	2019	2018
Perrin Worrell	410 Upper Road Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035	pworrell@wcsu.net	2021	2018
<u>KILLINGTON</u>				
Jennifer Iannantuoni	604 Schoolhouse Road Killington, VT 05751	jiannantuoni@wcsu.net	2021	2018
Jim Haff	P.O. Box 528 Killington, VT 05751	jhaff@wcsu.net	2020	2018
<u>PLYMOUTH</u>				
Susan Mordecai	22 Dead End Road Plymouth, VT 05056	susan.mordecai@trs.org	2019	2018
Rebecca Geary	7817 VT Route 100 Plymouth, VT 05056	rgeary4@gmail.com	2020	2018
<u>POMFRET</u>				
Bob Coates	1884 Stage Road South Pomfret, VT 05067	bcoates@wcsu.net	2021	2018
Patti Kuzmickas	1811 High Pastures Road Woodstock, VT 05091	pkuzmickas@wcsu.net	2020	2018
<u>READING</u>				
Justin Sluka*	3967 Tyson Road South Reading, VT 05153	justin.sluka@gmail.com	2018	2018-appointed
Tim Bishop	4155 Route 106 Reading, VT 05062	tbishop@wcsu.net	2020	2018
<u>WOODSTOCK</u>				
Paige Hiller	19 Mountain Avenue Woodstock, VT 05091	philler@wcsu.net	2021	2018
Malena Agin	23 Elm Street Woodstock, VT 05091	magin@wcsu.net	2021	2018
Louis Piconi	3300 Hartland Hill Road Woodstock, VT 05091	lpiconi@wcsu.net	2020	2018
Samantha DiNatale	215 Westerdale Road, Apt. 2 Woodstock, VT 05091	sdinatale@wcsu.net	2020	2018
Jessica Stout	3420 Cox District Road Woodstock, VT 05091	jstout@wcsu.net	2019	2018
Matt Stover	76 Grove Hill Road Woodstock, VT 05091	mstover@wcsu.net	2019	2018

* = To serve from the time appointed until Town Meeting Day, March 6, 2018, when positions will be filled via Australian ballot.

Windsor Central Supervisory Union												
Enrollment Report for Opening Day: August 30, 2017												
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL K-6	TOTAL PreK-6	TUITION PreK	TUITION K-6
Barnard	16	13	5	9	11	14	7	6	65	81	2	1
Killington	11	13	5	13	17	10	11	17	86	97		34
Prosper Valley- Bridgewater	2	9	6	3	6	4	6	6	40	42		3
Prosper Valley- Pomfret	5	3	9	6	7	8	7	9	49	54		0
Reading	19	7	5	7	4	6	6	4	39	58		
Woodstock	23	19	28	20	15	22	26	32	162	185		14
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	76	64	58	58	60	64	63	74	441	517	2	52
DISTRICT STUDENTS AT WUHSMS:												
TOWN:	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total Secondary	Total K-12				
Barnard	6	11	9	6	6	5	43	108				
Bridgewater	7	6	9	2	9	4	37	77				
Killington	8	10	6	7	5	4	40	126				
Pomfret	4	6	14	8	8	9	49	98				
Reading	3	4	6	6	3	6	28	67				
Woodstock	26	30	33	31	30	28	178	340				
	54	67	77	60	61	56	375	816				
	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	TOTAL TUITION				
Woodstock Union Middle School	60	84					144	23				
Woodstock Union High School			95	88	75	74	332	78				
SUBTOTAL SECONDARY	60	84	95	88	75	74	476	101				
School Choice			2	3	0	2	7					
Foreign Exchange			0	0	0	0	0					
GRAND TOTAL SECONDARY	60	84	97	91	75	76	483					
	MS GRAND TOTAL				HS GRAND TOTAL							
	144				339							
WCSU DISTRICT K-12 TOTAL (w/tuition)	924											
WCSU DISTRICT K-12 TOTAL (w/o tuition)	771				TUITION TOTAL K-12		153					
WCSU DISTRICT PreK-12 TOTAL (w/tuition)	1000											
WCSU DISTRICT PreK-12 TOTAL (w/o tuition)	845				TUITION TOTAL PreK-12		155					

WCSU Opening Enrollment: 10-Year Comparison (Pre-K to 12)



■ = Student Count

WCMUUSD Chair Report

I am Paige Hiller, the chair of your new Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District. I am a School Board Member as well as the parent of 9th and 11th grade daughters who are fortunate enough to attend Woodstock Union High School.

This is an exciting year for our District. Last year six towns voted to join together to form a single School District. The towns of Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock all now have seats on a single board charged with operating the schools in our District. Barnard also has representation on the Board, as it supports the Woodstock Union High School/Middle School (WUHSMS). It is the sincere hope and clear intention of these member towns to find financial and operational efficiencies by working together and to raise the quality of the academic experience for all of our students. Additionally, this past July our District welcomed Mary Beth Banios as our new Superintendent. She brings a wealth of experience from her years in school administration in Massachusetts to us here at the WCMUUSD. Her record is stellar in providing truly world-class educational experiences to her students while doing so at a cost-per-pupil well below state averages. We have already been impressed by her innovative thinking and creative problem solving and look forward to all that we can do for the students and taxpayers of our district with Superintendent Banios at the helm.

The schools in our District act as models for others in the State in many different areas, and our District can take pride in them as among their greatest assets. We know that there is always room for improvement and our newly formed Board, along with our new Superintendent, is focused on the opportunities ahead as well as the areas in which we can improve. As we all know, it costs a lot of money to operate any school in the State of Vermont and I would like to take the time that I have to explain to you how we arrived at our proposed budget.

I would like to remind you that the budget we are presenting to you this year is a very different budget than you are used to seeing. We have not broken out individual elementary school budgets, but instead are presenting them as one because we are now a single board operating multiple campuses. The total number of students in the WCMUUSD is used in calculating our cost per pupil spending and shared Merged Equalized Homestead Rate. Each town will, however, have varying tax rates depending on that town's Common Level of Appraisal.

As part of the Act 46 consolidation legislation, a few financial incentives were tied to the process. First, the towns in the new WCMUUSD were able to retain their Small Schools Grants (totaling approximately \$310,000 for FY19). Additionally, there is a tax incentive resulting in 8-cents off the FY19 tax rate. It is important to note that while this 8-cent tax incentive benefited our tax rate, the State reduced the Homestead Property Yield that caused a 9-cent tax increase. There is no local control of this Yield; it is recommended by the Tax Commissioner by December and finalized by the Governor later in the year. We are subject to it by law.

I would like to bring certain parts of the budgeting process to your attention so that you might better understand what decisions we made to arrive at this proposed budget and so that you might also understand how the State calculations and budgeting process impact our tax rate.

- 1) We have estimated a raise for our teachers and staff of approximately one step (which equals approximately 2.1-2.5%), subject to negotiations. We are moving, for the first time, to a single unified contract with a common pay scale. We are working to blend the various employee groups into this common pay scale and to do so, some employees will see the full benefit of a step increase and others will be worked into the scale as is appropriate.
- 2) I am sure that you noticed that Special Education expense in the budget decreased substantially from last year. That is because of a 2015 state law requiring Supervisory Unions to consolidate all special education costs in an effort to streamline efforts and spending. So, in other words, our Direct Instructional Special Education spending has been taken out of our local and elementary or HS/MS budgets and put into our Supervisory Union budget. Until this year, there were a few line items relating to Special Education that were still directly paid by the individual towns, namely all Special Education para-professionals. As of this budget, all the special education para-professionals will be included in the WCSU budget. Control of Special Education costs continue to be challenging but as a result of this further consolidation of services, and strong management, we are confident that we can see efficiencies and cost containment.
- 3) The health insurance premiums, set by the Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust, will increase by 10% for FY19. The encouraging news is that we have finally reached an agreement between all the employees of the SU and the Board that for FY19, the teachers and staff will pay 15% and the Board will pay 85% of health insurance premiums. Prior to this agreement, boards in the district have paid anywhere from 100% to 86% of the cost of the premiums. This is a huge step forward and we can be proud to have accomplished the benchmark that Gov. Scott set last summer.
- 4) Next I would like to comment on our revenues. We plan on receiving \$1,750,000 from other towns that tuition their students to WCMUUSD schools next year. This tuition is paid on behalf of students who are not residents of the WCMUUSD towns but who live in towns with school choice. These students are essential to the continued success of our schools but please understand that the State of Vermont does NOT allow us to count tuition students into our Equalized Pupil Count. Tuition students make up approximately 10% of WCMUUSD students this year.
The tuition that we have set this upcoming year for the elementary schools is \$15,000 and the MSHS is \$17,500. Note also that the towns that send us students pay both tuition and ALL special education costs associated with those students.

Furthermore, it is important to understand that although we cannot count non-residents as equalized pupils in calculating our per-pupil cost, many of the costs to maintain the quality of this school would remain the same, with or without the tuition students. In every way, the tuition students are a HUGE benefit to our schools.

- 5) The Board voted at our January WCUUSD meeting to allow school choice within our District. This means that all students living in the towns of Bridgewater, Killington, Reading, Plymouth, Pomfret, and Woodstock will have choice about which elementary school in the district they will attend. There will be parameters on this choice and this will not affect the HS/MS in any way. We are very excited about this new initiative because we believe this will help inform the new Board as to where the population of our District lives and where they want to go to school. This new program will help us to understand the many demographic factors at play in the District and how we might make smart choices about the placement of classrooms around our District. It is an exciting time for our District. This type of out-of-the-box thinking is exactly what will keep our District relevant and appealing to new families looking to move to the area.
- 6) As an important part of our Board unification process we have reassessed our collective food service program. In doing this assessment we were alarmed to see that, in the aggregate, our district is among the most expensive food service programs in the State of Vermont. We have made a commitment in this first year of our Unified District to cut costs in our food service program by at least \$200,000 with a goal of cutting costs by an additional \$100,000 next year. We are going to find a solution that allows us to continue providing healthy, high quality, locally sourced food to our students in a more cost effective manner. We understand how much many of our community members value the food service experience in our schools but we also understand that we must be fiscally responsible to all taxpayers.
- 7) Finally, we have moved to a 7-12th organizational model at WUHS/MS. This move to a single administration has allowed us to find some administrative efficiencies, and we will be able to reduce our administrative needs by 2.0 FTE and professional staff 3.2 FTE due to enrollment trends.

Superintendent Banios started in July, and per State statute we were only able to start meeting as a Unified Board in September. In four months we have made some big changes that we believe will benefit student learning and will save money. We have much work to do. As Mary Beth is known to say, "We are a good District, but we can be a GREAT one". I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. We have a big job, but fortunately we have Board members who are inspired to make meaningful changes that move our District forward. I encourage you to join us at our meetings. All voices are welcome, and the more engaged our community the better off our schools and students will be.

To conclude, thank YOU for your support. Jennifer Iannantuoni, Jim Haff, Matt Stover, Superintendent Mary Beth Banios, Finance Director Richard Seaman, and I have worked hard to prepare a proposed budget to present to you that accurately reflects our efforts to contain our costs, increase our revenue, and work within the constraints imposed by the State. Please know that our main focus when we meet each week and each month is to maintain the standards of academic excellence that this district is known for while managing our constant concern to exercise fiscal responsibility. We know that it is your money we are spending when we craft this budget and we do not take our responsibility lightly. We budget your money as if it is our own...because it is. We own homes and businesses here. We understand what an increase in this budget means to you.

I would like to thank you, the taxpayers of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Reading, Plymouth, Pomfret and Woodstock, as a Board Member and as a parent, for supporting our schools and for helping us to create and maintain an environment that yields such remarkable achievement in our students. Our children truly reap the benefits of being educated in a place where the teachers and staff take such pride in their work and where a community supports and recognizes their success. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Paige Hiller, Chair
Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District

Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District FY2019 Revenue Budget - Proposed				
	FY18B	FY19P	Change	
Local Revenue				
Tuition From Other LEA's	2,256,683	1,750,000	(506,683)	
Tuition By Parent/Patron - Pre School	32,356	32,000	(356)	
Interest Earned	54,025	54,000	(25)	
Rental Income	162,000	162,000	-	
Donations	34,000	34,000	-	
Miscellaneous Local Revenues	900	-	(900)	
WCSU Rental Income	12,000	-	(12,000)	
Prior Year Surplus Applied	453,157	300,000	(153,157)	
Total Local Revenue	3,005,121	2,332,000	(673,121)	
State and Local Revenue				
Education Spending Grant	14,070,761	14,279,181	208,420	
Ed Fund Paymt to Tech Ctr	107,224	107,000	(224)	
Small Schools Grant	279,455	310,439	30,984	
State Transportation Reimb	218,386	218,386	-	
Driver's Education Reimb	5,800	5,800	-	
Vocational Ed Transportation	25,000	25,000	-	
Place Based NPS Grant	30,000	30,000	-	
Total State and Local Revenue	14,736,626	14,975,806	239,180	
Special Education				
Special Ed Excess Cost Revenue	557,825	300,000	(257,825)	
Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	1,598,216	-	(1,598,216)	
Tuition from VT LEAs	8,000	-	(8,000)	
Title I Subgrant	96,951	85,000	(11,951)	
Early Essential Education Grant	20,290	-	(20,290)	
Total Special Education	2,281,282	385,000	(1,896,282)	
Food Service				
Food Service Revenue	264,000	264,000	-	
Annual State Match - LUNCH	3,000	-	(3,000)	
Annual State Match - BRKFST	524	-	(524)	
State Addtl Breakfast	500	-	(500)	
Federal School Lunch	83,000	-	(83,000)	
Federal Sch Brkfst/Start Up	20,650	-	(20,650)	
Total Food Service	371,674	264,000	(107,674)	
GRAND TOTAL	20,394,703	17,956,806	(2,437,897)	

Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District FY2019 Expense Budget - Proposed

Department	FY18 Budget	FY19 Proposed	FY18 vs FY19
Regular Instruction	4,098,635	3,740,801	(357,834)
Agriculture	125,319	122,121	(3,198)
Art	375,167	373,103	(2,064)
Tech Integration	113,097	111,457	(1,640)
English	537,965	524,647	(13,318)
Foreign Language	426,545	424,427	(2,118)
Physical Education/Health	250,972	249,541	(1,431)
Life Skills	84,582	86,054	1,472
Math	560,040	564,490	4,450
Music	183,549	173,645	(9,904)
Science	532,649	451,506	(81,143)
Social Studies	500,890	480,480	(20,410)
Technology	97,048	96,706	(342)
General Education	22,255	22,897	642
Drivers Education	53,907	57,100	3,193
Excel	2,000	2,000	-
Language Arts	102,103	78,644	(23,459)
Special Education	1,617,819	48,065	(1,569,754)
Title I	84,068	85,834	1,767
Vocational Tuition Paid By State	182,224	182,224	-
Athletics	442,906	446,466	3,560
Student Activities	126,872	129,393	2,521
Student Support	16,625	16,883	258
Guidance	636,763	654,776	18,013
Student Appraisal Services	3,000	3,000	-
Health Services	278,710	272,794	(5,916)
Staff Support Services	100	-	(100)
Curriculum Development	91,728	82,270	(9,458)
Instructional Staff Training	125,950	126,927	977
Educational Media Services	319,547	290,310	(29,237)
Audio-Visual Services	8,200	8,200	-
Technology Services	174,789	164,613	(10,176)
Computer Assisted Instruction	9,128	8,978	(150)
School-Wide Technology	273,482	185,107	(88,375)
Board of Education	47,467	2,153	(45,314)
Board Secretary	1,807	-	(1,807)
Board Treasurer	4,468	-	(4,468)
Legal Services	22,250	-	(22,250)
Audit Services	6,200	-	(6,200)
Office of the Superintendent	681,394	796,812	115,418
Principal's Office	1,578,392	1,528,811	(49,581)
Special Area Administrative Services	2,100,621	1,656,838	(443,783)
Fiscal Services	34,000	34,000	-
Interest on Current Loans	17,000	-	(17,000)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,833,705	1,833,392	(313)
Care and Upkeep of Grounds	81,800	82,600	800
Vehicle Maintenance	800	800	-
Security Services	17,000	17,000	-
Transportation	491,985	505,318	13,333

Co-curricular Transportation	39,415	32,415	(7,000)
Accreditation Services	3,500	3,500	-
Food Services	777,193	756,433	(20,760)
Facilities Acquisition & Construction Act	2,500	-	(2,500)
Debt Service	83,573	82,601	(972)
Fund Transfers	111,000	358,675	247,675
GRAND TOTAL	20,394,703	17,956,806	(2,437,896)

Three Prior Years Comparisons					
Tax Rate Calculations					
LEA: T028					
District:	Bridgewater				
County:	Windsor	Joint School	Joint School	Joint School	Merged District
SU:	Windsor Central	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
Expenditures					
Local Budget		653,701	691,868	728,024	17,956,806 1.
Gross Act 68 Budget		653,701	691,868	728,024	17,956,806 2.
Revenues:					
Local Revenue - grants, donations, tuition, surplus		206,661	175,479	185,130	3,677,625 3.
Capital debt aid for eligible projects		2,146	-		- 4.
Education Spending		447,040	516,389	542,894	14,279,181 5.
Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)		41.61	42.28	39.31	818.04 6.
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil		10,744	12,214	13,811	17,455 7.
Less net eligible construction costs per EP		-	-	-	- 8.
Allowable Cost per Pupil Threshold		17,103	NA	17,386	17,816 9.
Per pupil figure used for calculating Dist. Adj.		10,744	12,214	13,811	17,455 10.
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized		\$1.1244	\$1.2590	\$1.3593	\$1.7736 11.
		<i>based on \$9285</i>	<i>based on yield \$9,701</i>	<i>based on yield \$10,160</i>	<i>based on yield \$9842</i>
Percent of equalized Students in Merged District		37.78%	39.78%	41.09%	100.00% 12.
Equalized Homestead Rate - Merged		\$0.4248	\$0.5008	\$0.5585	\$1.7736 13.
Less: \$.08 incentive		-	-	-	\$1.6936 14.
Final Eq. Rate based on 5% restriction - Merged		-	-	-	\$1.6515 15.
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)		96.82%	92.13%	89.31%	92.93% 16.
Estimated Actual Homestead Rate - Merged		\$0.4388	\$0.5436	\$0.6305	\$1.7771 17.
		<i>based on \$0.99</i>	<i>based on \$1.00</i>	<i>based on \$1.00</i>	<i>based on \$1.00</i>
Anticipated Income cap percent to be prorated		2.04%	2.25%	2.30%	2.62% 18.
		<i>based on 1.80%</i>	<i>based on 2.00%</i>	<i>based on 2.00%</i>	<i>based on 2.00%</i>
Household Income Percent for Income Sensitivity		0.77%	0.90%	0.96%	1.18% 19.
		<i>based on 1.94%</i>	<i>based on 2.00%</i>	<i>based on 2.00%</i>	<i>based on 2.00%</i>
Percent of equalized pupils at Woodstock UHSD		62.22%	60.22%	58.91%	- 20.
ESTIMATED TAX RATES 2018-2019					
ESTIMATED TAX RATE SUMMARY					
Elementary Equalized Rate		\$0.4248	\$0.5008	\$0.5585	-
High School Equalized Rate		\$1.0865	\$1.0560	\$1.0144	-
Total Equalized Rate - Merged		\$1.5113	\$1.5568	\$1.5729	\$1.6515
Common Level of Appraisal		96.82%	92.13%	89.31%	92.93%
Estimated Actual Homestead Tax Rates		\$1.5609	\$1.6898	\$1.7612	\$1.7771

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 have changed 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%.

The Prosper Valley School, Joint District Report

Enrollment: The Prosper Valley School (TPVS) is in its 3rd year of operation as the joint school for Bridgewater and Pomfret students in kindergarten through 6th grade. After a 10% increase in student enrollment last year, enrollment increased by 1 for a total of 90 students as of January 15, 2018. Bridgewater sends 37 pupils; Pomfret contributes 50 pupils; and 3 students are tuitioned from Plymouth.

Current Staff: TPVS has 14 full-time and 13 part-time employees for a total of 27 people working with your children. New to the school this year were teachers Joe Boisvert, kindergarten and Heather Durkel, 2nd grade. New para-professionals joining the staff were Lois Fein and Ashley Moore. Assisting TPVS as long-term substitutes during teacher medical leaves were Barbara Leonard in 2nd grade and Devyn Workman in 1st grade.

Artist Residency: *No Strings Marionette Company* puppeteer Barbara Paulson joined forces with TPVS Music Teacher Christine Morton, Art Teacher Lisa Kaija, classroom teachers and students in an awesome artist residency. Student made puppets were featured in a winter concert and puppet show called "December around the World".

Supporting Organizations: It's always a bit risky to highlight organizations that support the school for fear of missing some. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) provides outstanding support for our staff and students. One highlight of that support was this year's Harvest Supper, raising more money than ever before. Thank you to the PTO for its organizational prowess and all the volunteers who made the event such a huge success. The Prosper Valley Trust deserves mention and thanks. This Trust is managed by a volunteer board with the responsibility of distributing thousands of dollars each year for the benefit of children of the school. ArtisTree has been a partner of ours since its founding. We recognize and appreciate the collaborations with ArtisTree including Art Runners, the Brown Girl Dreaming project and after-school programming. Pentangle Arts is also a partner with TPVS. Its support for *No Strings Marionettes*, visiting artists and local performances is greatly appreciated.

Building Improvements: During the summer of 2017, new stone tile was installed in the foyer and the hallways were newly carpeted. In December 2017, a major lighting improvement was made to the school with the replacement of all fluorescent lighting with LED lighting. The cost of the fixtures was covered entirely through grants and installation costs will be recouped in less than two years of electricity savings. Two new white boards were installed in classrooms, and upgrades to the technology infrastructure permit higher speed internet service. More than 30 new Chromebooks and 20 new iPads were purchased during the year, some with the support of the Prosper Valley Trust.

Bridge and Outdoor Classroom: The bridge over the Barnard Brook from the playground to the outdoor classroom is in need of replacement. An anonymous donor contributed \$10,000 towards the cost of this project, with any extra funds allocated to repairs to the outdoor classroom and any other outdoor education needs. We are working with the Engineering Department at Norwich University on plans for a replacement bridge.

TPVS School Board: TPVS is a great school because of the support and efforts of our Joint District School Board. Bridgewater members Joshua Gregg, Seth Shaw (Chair) and Justin Shipman join with Pomfret members Jody Eaton, Patti Kuzmickas, and Seth Westbrook in a solid team that has shepherded the new school through three years of stability and achievement. We are grateful for their service, and wish to recognize them as this Board is dissolved on June 30, 2018 and its duties assumed by the new Windsor Central cooperative school district board.

Respectfully submitted,
John Hansen, Principal

January, 2018

**The Prosper Valley School
Revenue Report
Through FY2018**

	TPVS Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018
Local Revenues			
Tuition From Pupils/Parents			23,000
Tuition From Other LEA's	18,000	27,000	
Interest Earned	-	9	
Prior Year Surplus Applied	62,000	62,572	16,343
Total Local Revenues	80,000	89,581	39,343
State Revenues			
Education Spending Grant	1,148,928	1,148,928	1,285,707
Small Schools Grant	125,805	98,462	127,547
State Transportation Reimb	29,420	29,361	29,420
Postage			
Total State Revenues	1,304,153	1,276,751	1,442,674
Sub-Total	1,384,153	1,366,332	1,482,017
Special Education			
Special Ed Excess Cost Revenue			
Special Ed Block Grant	35,867	35,867	
Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	90,000	100,933	168,678
Early Essential Education Grant	12,487	12,487	
Total Special Education	138,354	149,287	168,678
Food Service			
Food Service Revenue	7,300	12,380	
Subgrant - Annual State Match - LUNCH	250		
Subgrant - Annual State Match - BRKFST	100		
Subgrant - State Additional Breakfast	50	361	
Subgrant - State Additional Lunch		782	
Subgrant - Federal School Lunch	6,700	12,876	
Subgrant-Federal School Breakfast/Start Up	1,000	4,350	
ST Of VT Lunch Match	3,000		
Total Food Service	18,400	30,749	-
GRAND TOTAL	1,540,907	1,546,368	1,650,695

**The Prosper Valley School
Expenditure Report
Through FY2018**

	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018
Regular Instruction			
Teachers' Salaries	520,584	537,503	488,096
Art/Music Salaries			
Aides' Salaries	19,520	19,526	-
ELL Salaries		9,475	12,300
Instruction - Substitute Salaries	5,253	9,325	5,384
Regular Instruction - Health Insurance	157,187	143,076	143,979
Regular Instruction FICA	41,720	32,350	38,692
Life Insurance	-		-
Municipal Retirement	1,261		492
New Hire VSTRS Retirement		4,388	-
Workers' Comp. Ins	2,591	5,272	2,403
Dental Insurance	3,720	3,464	3,255
Postage			
Pentangle			
Nature's Classroom		5,170	4,000
Regular Ed Excess Costs	4,000		4,000
Purchased Educational Services	5,579	1,122	
General Supplies	6,925	6,572	6,925
Pre-K Tuition	15,000	22,417	30,000
General Texts	-	143	
Photocopier Supplies	-		
Supplies Kindergarten	-		
Supplies Grades 1-2	-		
Supplies Grades 3-4	-		
Supplies Grades 5-6	-		
Field Trips	-		
Art Supplies	500	597	750
English Supplies	500	354	500
Foreign Language Materials	550	151	300
Phys Ed Supplies	450	34	450
Equipment	500		-
Math Supplies	750	928	750
Math Texts	500	1,705	1,500
Music Supplies	750	903	750
Music Equipment			-
Music Dues & Fees	400	20	-
Science Consulting	-		
Purchased Educational Services	850	175	-
Science Supplies	900	753	900
Social Studies Supplies	700	544	700
Language Arts Supplies	2,000	3,816	3,000
Language Arts - Textbooks	1,000		1,000
Title I Supplies	-	5,153	-
Total Regular Education	793,690	814,937	750,126

Guidance	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018
Counselor Salary	13,510	10,475	13,749
Health Insurance	2,846	2,642	2,977
FICA	1,033	727	1,052
Life Insurance	-	4	
Workers' Comp. Ins.	64	126	65
Dental Insurance	84	79	101
VCAT Program Expense	-		
IST/504 Services	-		
Supplies	500		250
Dues and Memberships	-		
Standardized Testing	1,000	666	1,000
Total Guidance	19,037	14,719	19,194

Health Services			
Contracted Nurse Services			
Nurse Salary	10,459	6,235	15,245
FICA	800	477	1,166
Life Insurance			
Workers' Comp. Ins.	50	97	72
Hearing/Vision Screening		46	
Supplies	400	454	500
AV Materials	-		
Equipment	-		
Periodicals	-		
Total Health Services	11,709	7,309	16,983

Instructional Staff Training			
Professional Development - Stipends	-	203	-
FICA		12	-
Course Reimbursement - Teachers	5,000	3,549	5,000
Staff Conference	1,000	70	1,000
Professional Development - General	-	3,511	
Inservice Expense	-		
Staff Travel	250	766	250
Total Instructional Staff Training	6,250	8,110	6,250

Education Media Services			
Salary	20,566		12,315
Assistant Salary			6,552
Health Insurance	5,439		4,182
FICA	1,573		1,443
Life Insurance	-		
Workers' Comp Ins	98		90
Dental Insurance	166		159
Supplies	-		
Library Books	1,200		1,200
Newspapers and Periodicals	500	970	500
Total Education Media Services	29,542	970	26,441

Audio-Visual Services		Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018
Audio-Visual Materials		400		400
Ed Media - Software		1,500	551	1,500
Total Audio-Visual Services		1,900	551	1,900
Technology				
Salaries				3,785
Health Insurance				952
FICA				290
Workers' Comp Ins.				18
Dental Insurance				19
Purchased Technical Services	4,500	1,935	4,500	
Repairs and Maintenance	400	-	400	
Communications	3,700	2,088	3,700	
Ed Media - Computer Supplies	200	-	200	
Software	800	314	800	
Equipment	1,000	1,270	4,000	
Total Technology	10,600	5,607	18,664	
Board of Education				
Legal Liability Insurance	4,000	3,961	4,080	
Postage	300	-	300	
Advertising	1,000	747	1,000	
Supplies	300		300	
Expenses	350	94	350	
Dues and Fees	850	984	984	
Treasurer	600	-	600	
Legal Services	750	342	750	
Negotiations Expense	-		-	
Total Board of Education	8,150	6,127	8,364	
Office of the Principal				
Salary	82,000	85,000	87,125	
Secretary Salary	19,719	25,920	28,939	
Health Insurance	33,726	37,074	35,274	
FICA	6,273	5,983	6,665	
Secretary Social Security	1,508	1,669	2,214	
Municipal Retirement	789	1,037	1,158	
Workers' Comp Ins.	484	948	551	
Professional Development	1,500	435	1,500	
Dental Insurance	800	768	768	
Copier Lease	2,125	2,602	2,125	
Postage	1,500	374	500	
Travel	500	369	500	
Supplies	500	2,328	750	
Administrative Expenses	-			
Professional Dues	800	235	500	
Total Office of the Principal	152,224	164,742	168,569	
Operation/Maintenance of Plant				
Maintenance Salaries	11,852	12,399	12,148	
Summer Salaries	5,000	-	5,000	
FICA	907	758	929	

	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018
Municipal Retire.	-		
Worker's Comp Ins	282	157	282
Dental Insurance	-		
Water Testing	600	223	600
Disposal Services	2,500	2,255	2,500
Contracted Maintenance	43,000	51,639	18,000
Building Repairs		415	20,000
Custodian Contract			30,000
Equipment Repairs	-		
Property Insurance	4,865	5,082	5,100
Communications	4,800	4,045	4,800
Maintenance Supplies	7,700	7,994	7,700
Maintenance Materials	-		
Lamp Replacement	-		
Electricity	17,000	18,405	17,000
Propane Gas	1,500	348	1,500
Heating Oil	19,500	10,615	14,950
Equipment	1,000	-	1,000
Furniture	1,600	2,309	2,600
Dues and Fees	400	360	-
Total Operation/Maintenance of Plant	122,506	117,004	144,109
Care and Upkeep of Grounds			
Sewage Services	-		
Repairs and Maintenance	5,500	4,350	7,500
Supplies	800	113	800
Total Care and Upkeep of Grounds	6,300	4,463	8,300
Student Transportation			
Contracted Services	60,971	63,596	65,186
Field Trips	4,570	3,344	7,000
Pentangle	-		
Total Student Transportation	65,541	66,940	72,186
Fund Transfers			
Transfer to Health Reimbursement Account	-	-	
Total Fund Transfers	-	-	
Total Elementary	1,227,449	1,211,478	1,241,086
Special Education			
ESY Salary	-		
Paraprofessionals	21,108	24,768	40,667
Health Insurance	7,115	7,920	14,522
FICA	1,615	1,483	3,111
Municipal Retirement	1,104	854	1,627
Workers' Comp	131	257	193
Dental Insurance	435	389	768
ESY Purchased Services	-		
Consultations	-		

	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018
Evaluations	-		
Mileage Reimbursement	-		
Excess Costs	-	30,747	33,237
General Supplies	-		
Instructional Materials	-		
Equipment	-		
Evaluations	-		
Total Special Education	31,508	66,417	94,125
Special Education Transportation			
ESY Transportation	-	-	
Mileage Reimb.	-	-	
Total Special Education Transportation	-	-	
EEE			
EEE Evaluations	-		
EEE Salary	6,500	9,863	
EEE FICA	497	603	
EEE-Pre-School Tuition	-		
Total EEE	6,997	10,466	
WCSU Assessments			
Technology Integration	8,701	8,701	10,936
Executive Admin.	61,749	61,749	71,335
Special Ed	146,428	146,427	165,864
Special Ed - Other Expense	22,075	22,075	31,349
Administration Services	238,953	238,953	279,484
Food Service			
Salaries	-		
Municipal Retirement	-		
Workers' Comp	-		
Staff Training	-		
Dental Insurance	-		
Contracted Services	36,000	49,938	36,000
Mileage	-	644	
Supplies	-	516	
Food Purchases	-	18,920	
Equipment	-	1,500	
Milk Purchase	-		
Dues and Fees	-		
Total Food Service	36,000	71,518	36,000
GRAND TOTAL	1,540,907	1,598,832	1,650,695

The Prosper Valley School

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2017 (unaudited)

Assets

Checking Account	\$ 19,049
Due From Bridgewater & Pomfret	\$ 62,970
Due from Other Districts	\$ 9,558
Accounts Receivable	\$ 8,397
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 21,833

Total Assets		\$ 121,807
--------------	--	------------

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 15,211
Due to Bridgewater & Pomfret	\$ 77,074
Due to Other Districts	\$ 38,444
Accrued Benefits Payable	\$ 1,180

		\$ 131,910
--	--	------------

Designated for F18 Budget	\$ 42,295	\$ 42,295
---------------------------	-----------	-----------

Undesignated Fund Balance

	\$ (52,397)	
--	-------------	--

Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2017		\$ (52,397)
---	--	-------------

Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance		\$ 121,807
---	--	------------

**Bridgewater School District
Revenue/Expenditure Report
Through FY2018**

	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018
REVENUE			
Prior Year Surplus Applied	52,255	52,255	-
Education Spending Grant	516,389	516,389	542,894
Interest Earned		199	
Miscellaneous	3,000	719	
Contribution from Reserves			41,419
Total	571,644	569,562	584,313
EXPENSE			
Board of Ed Stipends		925	
Board of Ed - Legal Services	3,000	-	-
Prior Year Deficit			17,263
Special Ed - Teachers Salary		-	
Special Ed - FICA		-	
TPVS Assessment	516,389	516,389	567,050
Prior Year Surplus to TPVS	52,255	52,255	
TOTAL	571,644	569,569	584,313
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	(7)	-

Bridgewater School District

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2017 (unaudited)

Assets

Checking Account	\$ 58,775	
Investment Account	\$ 16,479	
Petty Cash	\$ 100	
Due From Other Government Entities	\$ 14,144	
Due from Other Districts	\$ 9,215	
 Total Assets		<u><u>\$ 98,713</u></u>

Liabilities

Due to The Prosper Valley School	\$ 31,027	
Due to Other Districts	\$ 515	
Accrued Benefits Payable	\$ 440	
		<u>\$ 31,982</u>

Reserves

Reserve for HRA	\$ 34,278	
Fancher Trust	\$ 16,479	
Other Designated Reserves	\$ 7,141	
		<u>\$ 57,898</u>

Designated for F18 Budget	\$ 8,840	<u>\$ 8,840</u>
----------------------------------	----------	-----------------

Undesignated Fund Balance

	\$ (7)	
 Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2017		<u>\$ (7)</u>

Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance		<u><u>\$ 98,713</u></u>
---	--	-------------------------

Bridgewater School District Reserve Fund Activity

Year Ending June 30, 2017

Reserve Fund	Balance 06/30/16	Revenues	Expenses	Balance 06/30/17
After School Program	\$ (1,267)			\$ (1,267)
Bottle Money	\$ 891			\$ 891
Box Top for Education	\$ 868			\$ 868
Building Maintenance	\$ 2,588		\$ (2,588)	\$ 0
E-Rate	\$ 346			\$ 346
Library Fund	\$ 16,479			\$ 16,479
Health Reimb Accts	\$ 34,278			\$ 34,278
Technology Reserve	\$ 687			\$ 687
TPVS Kitchen Project	\$ 10,000		\$ (4,385)	\$ 5,615
	\$ 64,871	\$ -	\$ (6,973)	\$ 57,898

The Prosper Valley School Trust - 2017 Annual Report

The Prosper Valley School Trust provides funding for educational enrichment for the children of Bridgewater and Pomfret who attend The Prosper Valley School beyond that which can be fairly and reasonably raised through local and state taxes. Originally founded in 1992, we are excited to celebrate our 25th year! The Prosper Valley School Trust is a private foundation that conforms to all provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the IRS. All funds held by the Trust are privately raised through donations.

Programs funded by the Trust in 2017:

- Spring Fling Seminar Series - Every student, K-6, participated in one of 12 hands-on mini-courses that met on six consecutive Friday mornings. Children had the chance to broaden horizons beyond typical school studies in courses that ranged from learning to create a podcast, dog training, Jr. Iron Chef and cartooning.
- The school's new drama club, The Prosper Valley Players, met afterschool for six weeks last spring. They were led by our 1st grade teacher Katie Jacobsen.
- Band instrument scholarships were provided for six students in The Prosper Valley School Band. Long term rentals that cover the purchase of instruments will now become the property of TPVS. We also provide funds for repair and maintenance for school instruments.
- Dreambox Math is a sophisticated online program to help students improve their mathematical knowledge and skills through games. This is available for all students to log into from school or home.
- The Trust contributed to an Artist in Residence program hosting puppeteers from the No Strings Marionette Company. They created amazing puppets with each grade and organized our Winter Concert to showcase them off to the community.
- The Trust purchased 15 additional iPads for grade K-2. This allows each student in grade 1 and 2 to have their own tablet as well as 5 for Kindergarten.

The Board of The Prosper Valley School Trust wishes to thank the community for its continued support to nurture excellence in education for our children.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Trustees: Michelle Hough, Nicola Shipman, Geraldine Fowler, Bruce Seely, and Emily Harrington

The Prosper Valley School Trust

Financial Statement 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017

Balance forward including Checking Account (\$27,880.91), Savings
Account, Investments and Donations received after 12/31/16 (\$10,575.)
Total 2016 Assets Forward: \$99,343.52

Revenue

Direct Public Support – Individual Contributions	\$4,600	
Bridgewater Educational/Library Grant	\$16,743.82	
Carpet Tile Grant	\$5,987.705	
Investment Income	\$5,224.53	
Savings Interest	\$10.76	
Total Revenue		\$32,566.81

Operations

Office Supplies	\$7.29	
Annual Appeal	\$1,997.11	
Raymond James ACATS Delivery Fee	\$100	
Operations Expenses Sub-total		- \$2,104.40

Disbursements

School Carpet Tile	\$5,987.70	
iPad Purchases	\$4,435	
Spring Fling	\$2,100	
Band - Scholarships/Instrument Repairs	\$1,091.12	
The Prosper Valley Players	\$790	
Dreambox Collaboration with PTO	\$700	
Climbing Team Scholarships	\$300	
Drum Corps - Instrument Repairs	\$244.89	
Disbursements Sub-total		-\$15,648.71

Checking Account Balance (12/31/2017)	\$5,402.80
Savings Account Balance (12/31/2017)	\$16,143.76
Investment Portfolio Balance (12/31/2017)	\$92,610.66

Total Assets of The Prosper Valley School Trust (12/31/17) \$114,157.22

FYI - Phone Numbers -

Town Office	672-3334
Town Office Fax	672-5395
Town Highway Garage	672-5379
Health Officer-Ellen Quinn	(603)-727-8027
Town Constable-Mike Sawyer	(802)-369-0099
Bridgewater Corners Post Office	672-5345
Bridgewater Village Post Office	672-5166
Town Fire Warden – Ken Tarleton	672-3061
Town Fire Chief –Edwin Earle	672-5032
Emergency Phone Numbers:	
Fire, Police, Ambulance	911
State Police (Bethel Barracks)	(802)-234-9933

**Town Meeting March 6, 2018
9:00 a.m.**

Long Trail Brewery Co. 5520 US RT 4, Bridgewater Corners

Town of Bridgewater
7335 US RT 4
Bridgewater, VT 05034

Please bring this report with you to Town Meeting